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HHS WRESTLING WINNING STREAK!!



Hoxie Makes History: Indians Capture Sixth Straight State Championship

By Shane Swords

On a clear Friday morning, March 27, inside the historic Gross Memorial Coliseum in Fort Hays, the Hoxie High School Indians didn't just show up.

They arrived trained. Disciplined. Focused.

And they came with one mission — dominate the 3-2-1A State Wrestling Championships and bring the hardware back home to Hoxie for the sixth consecutive year.

The tone had already been set a week earlier at regionals. The Indians walked away with top seeds in multiple men's brackets and strong qualifiers in the women's division. Momentum was real. Confidence was earned. The work had been done long before the bright lights of State.

Now it was time to finish.

Day One: Setting the Pace

With more than 240 wrestlers converging from across the State to compete at the highest level, the atmosphere inside Gross Memorial was electric. The best of the best. Every match mattered.

By the end of the first day, Hoxie was rolling.

Five Indians had advanced to championship finals matches. Eight wrestlers remained alive heading into Saturday's action. The bracket was shaking — and Hoxie was at the center of it.

Keiley Kincaid battled through two high-action matches in a valiant effort, representing Hoxie with grit and heart despite tough losses. Every match was fought to the final whistle.

The Indians were not just competing — they were setting a tone.

Day Two: Championship Grit

Saturday delivered everything State wrestling promises — intensity, emotion, heartbreak, and glory.

Several Indians battled through the wrestlebacks, showing true pride in every exchange. Gunner Wenthe and Molly Rahier fought hard, representing their school and community with relentless effort.

Top Placers

Simon Watkins (126 lbs) - Battled through scrambles and hard-fought matches to earn sixth place in a loaded bracket.

Mat Bretz (215 lbs) - Often outweighed but never outclassed, Bretz powered his way to a sixth-place finish with toughness and grit.

Porter Meyer (106 lbs) - A class act from start to finish, Meyer wrestled with heart and resilience, capturing fourth place.

Chase Meyer (144 lbs) - Left everything on the mat, battling his way to a fourth-place finish through sweat and determination.

Noah Nicholson (150 lbs) - Flipped and scrambled through tight matches to secure fourth place.

Beau Koster (138 lbs) - Twisted, battled, and fought his way to a third-place State finish with relentless effort.

The Finalists

When the spotlight shined brightest, Hoxie answered.

Carter Giancola (165 lbs) - Displayed skill, heart, and discipline all tournament long, advancing to the State finals and finishing as runner-up.

Travis Johnson (157 lbs) - Controlled positions, created scrambles, and wrestled with poise all the way to the championship match, earning second place in the State.

Josie Bell (120 lbs) - Explosive and aggressive, Bell fought her way to the finals before finishing as State runner-up in a thrilling performance.

Champions Rise

Brady Wilson (113 lbs) - The firecracker of the tournament. Wilson dominated from the opening whistle all the way through the finals, capturing the 113-pound State Championship with authority.

Ian Giancola (132 lbs) - The returning State Champion entered his senior year with focus and purpose — and delivered. Never wavering, never backing down, Giancola captured his second State title, cementing his legacy with discipline, respect, and love for the sport.

A Team Built on More Than Medals

But this championship wasn't built by finalists alone. It wasn't built in one weekend. It was built in the practice room. In conditioning drills. In backup reps. In teammates

Six in a Row

By Lily Bird

The Hoxie Indian boys wrestling team won their sixth consecutive state championship title in Hays this past weekend on February 28. The Indians brought eleven wrestlers to compete in the tournament with ten of them placing in the top six. Qualifiers included freshmen Porter Meyer and Simon Watkins, sophomores Beau Koster, Bradyn Wilson, Carter Giancola, Noah Nickelson, and Travis Johnson, juniors Chase Meyer, Gunner Wenthe, Mathew Bretz, and senior Ian Giancola. As a team, the boys won the tournament, outscoring second place by 97.5 points. Both Bradyn Wilson and Ian Giancola took first place in their individual brackets without losing a match in the tournament. Carter Giancola and Travis Johnson both had a record of 3-1 on the weekend and earned second place in their weight class. Beau Koster took third place in the tournament with a final record of 4-1, and Porter Meyer, Noah Nickelson, and Chase Meyer all finished the tournament in fourth place with records of 3-2. Simon Watkins and Mathew Bretz rounded out the tournament in sixth place, and they both had records of 3-3. Gunner Wenthe wrestled hard and earned his team points, but did not place. "I thought everybody wrestled very well and keeping the streak of winning six team titles feels good," said Ian Giancola. "I couldn't be more proud of this team."

On the girls' side of the state tournament, the Lady Indians brought three wrestlers to state: Keiley Kincaid, Molly Rahier, and Josie Bell. This has been the most girls Hoxie has brought to a State tournament. Josie Bell placed second in her weight class with an overall record of 3-1. Molly Rahier went 2-2 on the weekend, with her final loss happening in the heartbreak round, and Keiley Kincaid went 0-2 at her first-ever state tournament appearance. Junior Josie Bell shared, "I thought the weekend went really good with the team. For me personally, I wish it went way differently, but it'll be revenge time next year." (Photo by Lily Bird)

pushing each other through exhaustion.

Every wrestler who wore the Hoxie singlet this season helped build this championship. Starters. JV. Practice partners. Wrestleback warriors. Those who fell short and those who stood atop the podium. Each one played a role. Championship teams are forged together, and every Indian deserves to revel in this moment.

Small-Town Power

The crowd inside Gross Memorial told the rest of the story. Parents. Alumni. Friends. Neighbors. It felt like half of Hoxie made the trip. The stands were filled with pride, emotion, and unwavering support. And when the final team scores were posted, the numbers spoke for themselves:

Hoxie — 196½ points

Closest competitor — 99 points. Nearly doubling the field. For the sixth consecutive year, the Hoxie Indians stood alone at the top. Six-time State Champions.

What makes this group special isn't just the medals. It's the humility in victory. The composure in defeat. The respect for opponents. The discipline taught by coaches. The foundation built by parents. Boys becoming men. Girls becoming women. Athletes representing their town with pride. In Fort Hays, history was made again.

And in Hoxie, the dynasty rolls on.

Mark Your Calendars ~ It's Pi Day!

The Sheridan County Historical Society, along with the Sheridan County Public Library, is once again asking you to channel your inner mathematician and your love of pie to help us celebrate Pi Day with our annual Pi Day fundraiser. This day celebrates the mathematical number, π (3.14), which is useful when solving geometry problems when circles are involved. It is a number that is taught in schools across the nation. The best way to celebrate Pi Day is with a delicious PIE. We will be selling pies made by local bakers on Friday, March 14, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church on 12th and Royal in Hoxie. There will be two sizes of pie available that will be sold at \$20 for a 9" pie and \$5 for a mini pie. This sale will run until we are out of pie. All proceeds will be divided between the Historical Society and the Library. We hope to see you at the Methodist Church on Friday, March 13!

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Kansas Office Veterans Services

The KOVS Itinerant schedule for Hoxie will be at the Sheridan County Library from 2-4pm the 3rd Tuesday of April, June, August, October, and December.

The KOVS mobile unit out in Hoxie on March 10 & 11 at the City Building to provide VA Benefit information and claim assistance. If you have any questions, please call 785-443-0120.

FHSU's Next Science Café March 9

By FHSU University Communications

Hays - Fort Hays State University's upcoming Science Café is set for Monday, March 9.

This month's presentation, "Eco Acoustics: Harmonizing Humans and Nature," is sponsored by FHSU's Science and Mathematics Education Institute (SMEI) and will begin at 7 p.m. at The Venue in Thirsty's Brew Pub & Grill, 2704 Vine.

Dr. Luke Helker, Assistant Professor and Percussion Assistant Director of Bands at Fort Hays State University, will present a lecture-recital of works for percussion and electronics that engage with sonification and acoustic ecology to demonstrate different relationships between humans and the natural world. With this recital, audiences will be exposed to sounds unheard of or unimaginable, with the hope that the natural world will be imaginable like never before.

Please note, while drinks will be available for purchase, NO FOOD WILL BE SERVED during Science Café.

Science Café presentations are free and open to the public. Questions can be directed to Cari Rohleder at crohleder@fhsu.edu or 785-628-4743 or by visiting:

www.fhsu.edu/smei
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Child Care Aware of Kansas Recognizes NWKS Childcare Champions

Child Care Aware of Kansas recently recognized 18 Northwest Kansas counties and communities as Child Care Community Champions, honoring their dedication to strengthening local childcare systems.

Northwest counties and communities recognized include:

- Cheyenne County Childcare Initiative
- Decatur County Child Care
- Ellis County Child Care Task Force
- Ellis Community Child Care Coalition (community of Ellis)
- Victoria Community Coalition, Inc.
- Quinter Community Development
- Graham County Little Roosters Day Care Foundation
- Jewell County Strong, Inc.
- Oakley Child Care Coalition
- Bennington Child Care Coalition
- Rawlins County Childcare Stakeholders
- Growing Children Republic County Foundation
- Plainville Wellness Coalition
- Russell County Childcare Coalition
- Saline County Early Childhood Initiative
- Sheridan County Community Foundation
- Sherman County Childcare Coalition
- Wallace County Community Child Care Coalition

Childcare is an important issue to Northwest Kansas, said Innovation Center Childcare Program Specialist, Dana Jo Stanton. "We have worked hand-in-hand with Child Care Aware of Kansas to help establish and support child care coalitions across the region. These coalitions are comprised of local volunteers who just want to improve childcare in their community."

Childcare coalitions are often formed to address a shortage of childcare slots but often go beyond that need. "I am pleased to see many of our childcare coalitions working to better support current childcare providers," said Stanton. "Adding new childcare slots is only part of the solution. It is critical that we also support the current childcare workforce."

For more information on how to get involved in community childcare support, contact Dana Jo Stanton at 785-874-5150.



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Angelus 4-H



Members of the Angelus 4-H Club made 66 Valentines at their January meeting. They will deliver them to the residents of the Oakley and Hoxie Long Term Care homes. After making the Valentines, members enjoyed a challenging game of chess while they enjoyed refreshments. (Angelus 4-H photos)

"Home on the Range" in honor of Kansas Day was the song led by Oliver at the January meeting of the Angelus 4-H Club when they met on January 18, in the church basement.

President, Jude, called the meeting to order and then Henry led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read with a correction made. Dominic gave the Treasurer's Report, and three bills were presented to be paid. Parliamentarian, Jonathan, told us about the role of the main officers of the Club. Peter gave us a good laugh with his Joke of the Month. Roch shared information about junior beef producer's day on April 1. Lucy Anne and Margaret Mary taught us how to say "love" in Spanish and Latin. There was one birthday to celebrate. Oliver told us the highs this week would be in the 40's and 50's. Club leader, Amanda, handed out the Record Book Incentives.

The Ostmeyer family had decided to serve soups and desserts for the Golden Age Dinner we will serve in February. They will check which Sunday is available at the senior center in Grinnell.

Addison suggested the club perform a square dance for County Day in March. Club leader, Linda, will check into lessons and music for the dance. Jayden would like to perform a skit on the history of 4-H. Members should give this some thought and come back to the February meeting to make a decision.

Lucy Anne gave a presentation titled "If You're Out, Swap It Out". She had suggestions for how to replace ingredients if you do not have what the recipe calls for.

Isaac shared his football card collection. Recreation was making Valentine Day cards for the residents of the Manors in Hoxie and Oakley.

The Mishler family brought lots of decorations and various colored paper for the members to create the cards.

WPAA Presents "Classic Meets Cool" Pianist Barron Ryan

Western Plains Arts Association will have in concert Pianist Barron Ryan who will present "Classic Meets Cool" on Sunday, March 8, at 3:00 in the Cultural Arts Center, Colby.

This project is generously funded by Mid-America Arts Alliance, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the state art agencies of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, the Dane Hansen Foundation and in part by the state of Kansas through the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. Admission to this show is with a WPAA season ticket or an individual program ticket which may be purchased at the door.

Barron Ryan's love for music has always been divided. The son of two musicians, he grew up in a house filled with the sounds of artists ranging from Mozart to Motown. So when it comes to his own work, he's not content drawing on just one influence. He combines them all into a musical adventure that's vintage yet fresh, historical yet hip, classic yet cool.

Barron is following in his favorite composers' footsteps by publishing his original works in the public domain. He offers his work as a gift to the world, and as a chance to collaborate with artists from around the globe.

What's next? You'll have to wait to find out, but rest assured that in all Barron Ryan's music, Classic Meets Cool.

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Break the Circle

We talk a lot about community, but sometimes what we call community is just a comfortable circle. The same people. The same conversations. The same quiet judgments about someone who isn't in the room. It's easy to critique someone else's walk with God. It's harder to let God examine your own. When was the last time you looked honestly at your heart — not the version you present in public, but the version only God sees? Many of us never outgrew the playground. We still form cliques. We still avoid people who challenge us. We still choose affirmation over accountability because correction feels uncomfortable. But biblical love is not designed to keep you comfortable. It's designed to make you holy. Real love tells you when you're drifting. Real love risks awkwardness to pull you back toward truth. Real love doesn't protect your pride — it protects your eternity. And our children are watching. They're learning how we treat people. They're learning who we include and who we exclude. They're learning whether truth matters more than popularity. Jesus didn't build a clique. He built a kingdom. He walked beside fishermen, tax collectors, and outcasts — people others overlooked. He didn't wait for them to clean themselves up. He called them close and transformed them through relationship. Even while hanging on a cross, mocked and beaten, He said, "Father, forgive them." That is love. And yet we struggle to forgive small offenses. Some of us worship boldly in private but stay quiet in public. We protect our image more than our witness. We fear standing alone more than we fear compromising our faith. But one day, we will stand before God alone. No circle will follow us there. No reputation will speak for us. Only the life we chose to live. God did not call us to fit in. He called us to stand. And sometimes standing for Christ means breaking the circle.



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Lady Bulldogs Advance in Sub-State

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldog Basketball team advanced to the semi-finals of Sub-State with a 57-20 quarterfinal win over Triplains/Brewster in Rexford on February 24.

The Bulldogs opened their last home court game with a 9-0 run over the Titans. The Titans added a couple baskets but the Dogs led 12-4 at the end of the first quarter.

The Dogs stayed strong in the second pumping in another 17 while holding the Titans to a single free throw early in the quarter. The Dogs held a 29-5 half time lead.

The Lady Bulldogs continued to control the court in the third as they added another 24. The Titans stepped up their game to put in an additional 6. Everyone on the team played in the fourth with the Titans outscoring the Dogs 9-4 but the Bulldogs dominance in the earlier quarters gave them the win 57-20.

Sophomore Brenlynn Rath played consistent throughout the first three quarters to lead the Bulldogs offense with 22 points along with 16 from senior Anais Cepeda—including 4 three's. Adilyn Meier added 9, Elizabeth Weiner 4, Kailee Wessel 4, and Searee Bruggeman 2.

Weiner led the Dogs with 13 rebounds along with 10 from Rath. Wessel had 7, Meier 4, Cepeda 3, Madison Focke 3, and 1 each by Wendy Garcia, Molly Ritter, and Bruggeman. Rath and Meier each had 3 assists, with 2 each from Weiner, Cepeda, and Focke. The Bulldogs defense was strong with steals by Rath 7, Cepeda 6, Meier 5, Weiner 3, and Wessel 3.

"The crowd was super fun; the boys really got into it," said Rath. "It's a lot more fun to play with an enthusiastic crowd." The Bulldogs will travel to Grainfield on March 2 to play Wheatland/Grinnell in the semifinal round of Sub-State. "We hope everyone travels to Grainfield for the next round against Wheatland," added Rath.



Golden Plains Freshman Molly Ritter dribbles around a Triplains/Brewster Titan in the quarterfinal sub-state game in Rexford on February 24. The Bulldogs defeated the Titans to advance in the tournament. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Bulldogs Win Final Home Game

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Bulldog basketball team won their final home game of the season over the Logan/Palco Trojans in Rexford on February 20. The boys defeated the Trojans 53-27 in an action-packed gym filled with Bulldog support!

The Trojans struck first to open the game, but the Dogs quickly answered with a shot by Cristian Garcia. The Trojan made a free throw but it was all Bulldogs after that as Kelby Buehler hit a shot and Dylan Wark and Diego Perez went on a senior run to give the Dogs a 12-3 lead at the end of the quarter.

Wark and Perez added to the Dogs total and Ruxin Arnberger hit three in a row while the Trojans only made two free throws in the second for a 26-5 half time lead for the Bulldogs.

The Dogs continued to control the game in the third with additional shots from Perez, Wark, Buehler, Javier Romero, and Arnberger who made a personal best five three's in the game. The Trojans were able to increase their score by 9 but the Dogs led 47-14 by the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs rotated in most all of their younger players in the fourth as Perez made three shots for the Dogs. The Trojans were able to add 13 but the Dogs claimed the win 53-27.

"It was a fun game," said Perez. "We appreciate all the energy the crowd brought to the game." Arnberger led the Bulldogs with a career high 17 points along with 14 from Wark and 12 from Perez. Romero and Buehler each added 4 and Garcia 2.

Perez led the Dogs with 10 rebounds, Arnberger 7, Wark 6, Buehler 4, Romero 3, Garcia 2, Adam Ritter 1, and Taitum Roach 1.

Wark and Perez each dished out 4 assists along with 2 apiece by Arnberger, Romero, and Garcia, and 1 each from Ritter and Buehler. Wark had 3 steals, Buehler 2, and Arnberger 1, and Perez and Buehler each had 1 block.

The Bulldogs enter the Sub-State tournament as they travel to McDonald to play the Cheylin Cougars on February 23.

Golden Plains senior Dylan Wark puts in a layup against the Logan/Palco Trojans in Rexford on February 20 in the Bulldogs 53-27 win. Wark is one of the leading scorers for the Bulldogs with 310 so far this season. (Photo by Estrella Aguilar)



JV Bulldogs Win Final Game

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School JV Boys Basketball team won their final game of the season with an 18-15 victory over Logan/Palco in Rexford on February 20. This sets the JV record at 4-11 for the season.

The Dogs stepped on the floor ready to give it their all in this two-quarter game. They had lost to the Trojans earlier in the season at Logan and were ready to show what they could do. The Bulldogs hit first with a free throw from Javier Romero. Ruxin Arnberger added a three for a 4-0 lead. The Trojans came back to tie the game up and take the lead. Another Arnberger basketball tied up the score once more but with 30 seconds left in the quarter, the Trojans hit two quick shots to lead 10-6 at the end of the first.

Nash Ziegelmeier made a basket for the Bulldogs to start the second quarter but the Trojans continued to maintain the lead. Romero added a couple more baskets to tie the game at 13 but the Trojans pulled ahead with just over a minute to play.

Arnberger hit another three and made two final free throws to give the Bulldogs the win 18-15.

Arnberger finished the JV game with 10 points along with 6 from Romero and 2 from Ziegelmeier. "This was a good game," said Romero. "We have all improved a lot since the beginning of the season. We are better at knowing our assignments and with supporting each other as a team both on and off the court."

"I feel like we do have a lot of potential still and can still do better," added Adam Ritter. "We can step up and do well on varsity with further practice and experience."

"We definitely had our ups and downs," continued Taitum Roach. "We got better and handling the ball and we improved our shooting form."

"We improved quite a bit from start to finish," said Brandon Karnes, "but we still have a lot of room to improve," continued Parker Vahling.

"We improved a lot on making crisp passes," added Nash Ziegelmeier. "Our goal is to keep improving on fundamentals and get a few more wins next year."



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The Hoxie Democrat

Friday, March 6, 1891

O. F. Ellithorpe is seriously ill.
W. F. Schultheis is in Nebraska this week.

The cost in the two Harwi cases amount to over \$600.

Rev. Bair is attending conference at Washington this state.

J. B. McPherson's family have been ill during the past week.

A communication from Judge Lucas is crowded out this week.

County surveyor Carson was in the city Thursday on business.

W. J. Barnes will not be able to return to Topeka, as his children are ill.

John Hickman has returned to this county. The spring brings them all in.

Fred Mulholand's school is out and Fred is at leisure to move around the city.

Last Monday Chas. Beers and Grover Walker shipped a car load of broom corn.

County clerk Farrar, of Rooks county, was in the city several days this week.

Giles Humes made us several calls this week, and is mad because he cannot get his witness fees.

Thos. Palmer and his family will arrive this week, and this is what makes John Woltzen appear so happy.

Rev. Breckon of Phillipsburg will preach morning and evening in the church at this place next Sunday week, March 15.

A letter from E. H. Lupton, dated Salt Lake City, says he is well and will perhaps become a Mormon.

The case of Robt. Young vs T. J. McKinney was decided in favor of Young and McKinney for the costs which amounts to \$90.

The early farmers who left a couple of weeks ago have returned with the exception of the barber, and all report fine prospects for early vegetables. Seth has his cabbage and onions planted, George will have lettuce in a few days, and John will have all the radishes that this market can take care of. They say that they will make Hoxie their home for a few months at least.

The verdict in the Harwi case was \$00 for Bradley, Wheeler & Co., and Harwi for the costs. It seems to be satisfactory to both and no appeal will be taken.

Skelton Letter

Miss Mattie Hill began school Monday.

Some of Mr. Todd's children have had the whooping cough quite bad.

Dickey Turtle has been sick but is better; also Ray and May Davis lost some school on account of bad colds.

Miss Circea Percell who has been in the eastern part of the state returned to Graham county last week and began school Monday in the district where Miss Stuart taught last winter.

Xerxes

125 Years Ago March 7, 1901

Charley Cissa and wife expect to move to Hoxie to reside in the near future.

Robt. Lovine has leased the John Bird ranch in Valley township and expects to take possession at once.

John Bird and wife, of Valley township, have been spending the past week visiting J. M. Deupree and family and attending court.

J. S. McGlasson and family are now residents of Hoxie, they having moved in the first of the week.

Mrs. M. N. Berry, mother of Mrs. Thomas Graham, and Miss Cora Wilcox, of Beatrice, Nebr., are visiting friends and relatives in Hoxie and vicinity.

Rev. Liggett, of Colorado, a Presbyterian minister occupied the pulpit at the church last Sunday, morning and evening and was greeted by good sized audiences.

Ed Zeigler received word from The Cutler-Batton Theatre Co. Saturday to join them at Colby and travel with them. Late that night as he was bidding loved ones and friends goodbye he received word that the company was quarantined at Colby on account of small pox and for him to await further orders. He is still with us.

Elliott Clippings

Jack Shaeffer came home over Sunday.

Arthur Carlton is slowly improving in health.

J. H. Heroy and Mrs. Knotts went to Hoxie Saturday.

Earl Miley stopped school last week so as to herd.

Katie Dyd

Union Items

Richard Spillman took a load of hogs to Dresden last week.

Mrs. Levi Slover has been on the sick list for some time.

Lindsey Boldozer attended lodge at Selden last Saturday night.

Pearl Boldozer visited with Arthur Moore Saturday evening.

A Scribbler

Lucerne Grind-Outs

Mrs. Martha Cauten is still very low.

William May has his cistern nearly completed.

T. M. Small was seen on the streets of Lenora Saturday.

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Bloomfield Items

Ed Patterson purchased a two-row corn cultivator at George Jackson's sale last week.

Len Teel had about as noisy a set of visitors on Saturday night after he was married as one often hears.

Harry Moore expects to erect his new windmill next Monday.

A Farmer

Saline Siftings

Rich Fore has a new windmill.
Mr. Borger has a new blacksmith shop.
The Philps boys began drilling last week.

Earl Mickey took charge of the Hoxie creamery last Wednesday.

A Scribbler

Valley Items

Tom Conard is breaking prairie.
Ed Schropp is still drilling in wheat.
Johnny Jones shipped in a car of cattle.

John Morrison is finishing up his new stone house.

Reporter

100 Years Ago March 4, 1926

Delphian Club Meets

The Delphian club met Tuesday afternoon of last week. Seven members were present and an interesting program was enjoyed. Mrs. E. V. Newland directed the study program. The subject was, "The Formation of the German Empire." Seven members were present and all took part in reporting on various topics which included, "Germany and the Germans from the Fall of Rome to Modern Times," "The Rise of Prussia," "Stein and the German Confederation."

Those in attendance were: Mrs. Nigel Wilson, Mrs. Grover Walker, Mrs. F. E. Bear, Miss Sara Graddy, Mrs. C. E. Montgomery, Mrs. M. M. McKinney and Mrs. E. V. Newland.

Harmony Club Meets

The Harmony Club met on February 25, with Mrs. F. R. Robinson. Sixteen ladies were present and the time was spent quilting and knotting comforts and piecing quilt blocks for the hostess.

At the noon hour a bounteous dinner was served.

Local News

A. R. Boutz, of the Jennings country, was a Hoxie business visitor Monday. Mr. Boutz was wearing his usual smile and expressed himself of course, that a little moisture would be acceptable but felt we would get it ere long.

Tom McWilliams was over from Quitner on business Monday. Tom found time while in the city to hunt up the *Sentinel* editor and while away a few moments discussing the old ways of running schools, and we both agreed that we are back numbers.

Miss Emma Hedge returned Sunday from Kansas City where she spent several days visiting and inspecting the new spring styles in ladies' clothing.

Will Schlicher and daughter, Nola, were callers at the home of Henry Schlicher last Thursday.

Mrs. Blum and daughter, of Menlo, visited last week in Hoxie with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. English. They returned to their home in Menlo, Sunday.

North Fork News

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Godfrey and son, Lawrence, returned from Norton, Saturday. Lawrence underwent a mastoid operation while in Norton.

Dayton and Dee Bishop spent the weekend with their aunt, Mrs. Manie Dunlap.

Frances Sulzman visited Joe Sulzman's Friday night.

Studley News

Mr. Robert Fyler and Mr. Frank Stover came down from Hoxie and spent Sunday with their families. They are serving on the jury.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hurlbut are in Colorado for a few days.

The H. O. A. Club, of Studley, raised money by having some food sales and bought a carpet for the rostrum and rubber matting for the aisles of the church.

75 Years Ago March 8, 1951

Want a Red Bud Tree?

The Hoxie Garden Club has ordered one hundred or more Red-bud trees to distribute to Hoxie home owners who want to beautify their grounds. It is expected the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will assist in selling these young trees. If any one is interested in reserving a certain number, call Mrs. Shatzell and the order will be cared for. The young trees will be here in good time before Arbor Day.

Menlo is Winner

The Menlo high school team, who have outclassed all other schools in their bracket the past season, were the winners of the elimination tournament at Rexford last week. The Menlo team met the Jennings team in the finals on Friday night and came out ahead 77 to 61.

Thimble Circle Club

Club met with Mrs. Willard Treu Thursday. Mrs. Clifford Karnes and Mrs. T. E. McClelland were guests. Eight members were present. Embroidery work was done for the hostess. Next meeting will be with Betty Brewster for a St. Patrick's Day meeting. Everyone wear green.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Treu and Marilyn went to Hoxie Sunday afternoon to surprise Clyde Liester on his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ponath attended Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lutz's 50th wedding anniversary.

Allison News

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shipley and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley were hosts to thirty-six friends and neighbors Friday evening. Nine tables of pinochle were played. A delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. Jim Mowry, Lenetta and Terry stayed Saturday night at the Louis Randolph home.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pouts called on Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley Sunday evening.

Northwest Sheridan

Lola Cyrus, of Oberlin, has been with Augusta Geisenhener and Agnes Carswell since last week.

Henry Korte and Patsy have been on the sick list with the flu.

Herman Schlageck, Floyd Shaw and Tony Wachendorfer were in Hoxie on business Tuesday.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Corke and Mr. and Mrs. Don McWilliams spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Simon and son at Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sample and family were Sunday afternoon visitors at H. M. Eplers.

Homer Breeden suffered a cut on the head Wednesday while trying to straighten his machine shed. A two by four slipped off the jack and hit him on the head. It took several stitches to close the cut.

50 Years Ago March 4, 1976

An Addition to Getz IGA

Construction began this week on an addition to the Getz IGA store building in Hoxie. A 37 x 66 foot addition is begun constructed to the east past of the store.

It will be of block construction to match the existing building.

Included in the building is 1,200 square feet of additional display area. Plans for other facilities will be announced later.

Hoxie Speech Squad Second at Phillipsburg

The Hoxie Speech squad completed in the speech and drama tournament at Phillipsburg on Saturday, Feb. 28. Three trophies were awarded. Oberlin placed first with 131 points, Hoxie placed second with 126 points and Phillipsburg placed third with 11 points. Other schools in Competition were Stockton, Hays, Natoma, Victoria and Hill City.

Mexican Supper is Big Success

The Mexican Supper which the Foreign Language Club held Feb. 15 turned out to be a great success. With long lines from the kitchen to the outside doors, about 350 people were served.

About every hour the Foreign Language Club Singers entertained by singing Mexican songs.

The club would like to thank the community for all their support on this project.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rodgers visited at the Leonard Schneider home on Wednesday.

Stan Smith was home part of last week with the flu. The others in the family were having the flu over Sunday.

Ray Corke is home from the hospital. He was able to be at church Sunday.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moellering and Donna of Hoxie ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs Friday. In the afternoon they went to Oberlin to have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schieferecke and boys visited Sunday with her mother in Colby.

Gene Fortin went to Denver Thursday and will visit his daughter, the Duane Bolligs and children.

Hoxie Tigers Lose Opener

The Hoxie Grade School Tigers lost to Goodland 52-30 in a wrestling match held at Hoxie on Thursday, Feb. 25. The B-team also lost by a score of 44-21.

In the A-team match, Goodland jumped to an early 25-10 lead after the first eight matches. Hoxie won four of the next five matches to take the lead at 30-28. However, Goodland won the last four matches by falls to win going away.

Studley Items

Mrs. Grace Spencer of Hill City became ill and was unable to have G & G Club Feb. 26 so she plans to have it March 4.

Mrs. Esther Brandt and Mrs. Dorothy Richards attended church at Hill City Sunday then they picked up Sylvia Wente and they enjoyed dinner and visiting together.

25 Years Ago March 1, 2001

Saline Valley 4-H

The Saline Valley 4-H Club meeting was Feb. 5 at Ross Cressler's home. President Stephanie McGinty called the meeting to order. She read the last month's minutes.

Vice President Ryan Shipley was at the council meeting and told our club what happened and the next council meeting is on Feb. 26.

Alyssa Bacock had a project talk along with Michelle McGinty. Ryan Shipley had a demo about how to make a jewelry box.

The meeting was ended then our club had refreshments.

Broadway

Mr. and Mrs. Don McWilliams went to Salina Sunday afternoon. They also visited in Olathe and returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Talbott and family left Saturday to visit relatives in Minnesota for the next three weeks.

Evening Star Circle met with Mary Stillwell Thursday evening. Attending from Quinter were Gwen Herder, Alma Maude Smith and Betty Corke.

Rexford

The Valentine bingo party at The Red Barn last Saturday evening brought 28 people out for a fun evening. Several games of bingo were played with prizes of fruit or candy as prizes then cake and ice cream were served by the senior citizens committee.

The TGIC (a church group) served a delicious Valetine's spaghetti dinner at the church after the morning service on Feb. 18. A good-sized crowd attended and many thanks go to the young people and their sponsors.

A smaller than usual crowd attended the After-Five dinner meeting at the Shepherd's Staff Center on Tuesday evening. It was the meeting which had been postponed from the week before on account of the weather.

McGraw

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Follis, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter, and Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Bainter visited Russel Bainter this week.

Callers of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis last week were Shirley Pope, Dale and Glenn Deibert, Kyle Lewis and Katie.

KAC Grant Applications Now Open to Support Community Arts

Topeka – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced that applications are being accepted for three Kansas Arts Commission (KAC) grant programs that support a wide range of arts and cultural activities across the state.

The grant programs, which are designed to foster community pride, economic growth and cultural heritage, include:

- **General Operating Support Grant:** Provides funding for day-to-day operations of established arts organizations

- **Arts Everywhere Grant:** Supports specific projects and initiatives and is open to both arts and non-arts organizations

- **Public Art & Murals Grant:** Funds permanent and semi-permanent public art installations

“Communities across Kansas are experiencing the positive impacts that the arts provide – strengthening culture, vibrancy and economic vitality statewide,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “The Kansas Arts Commission will continue to support organizations that are enriching communities, boosting local economies, and connecting Kansans with meaningful arts and cultural experiences.”

KAC has awarded more than 130 grants to organizations in 38 counties this fiscal year – distributing more than \$1.25 million to support museums, arts education, music, dance, visual arts, theatre, murals, poetry and more. Award funding is made possible through appropriations by the Kansas Legislature, federal support from the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA), and fees collected from the Kansas “State of the Arts” license plate program.

“The arts are prevalent across Kansas – across every county and every town, brilliant artists, dedicated organizations, leaders, educators and volunteers are actively bringing vibrancy and creativity to our state,” Kansas Arts Commission Director Curtis Young said. “We are excited to see what this next round of applications will bring to Kansas.”

Eligible applicants include Kansas-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, units of local government (e.g., schools, universities, libraries, art agencies, etc.) and federally recognized tribal communities. All applicants must have at least one fiscal year of completed arts programming.

The deadline for all three KAC grant applications is 11:59 p.m. Monday, March 23. The grant period runs from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and all grants require a one-to-one match. For details, guidelines and eligibility, go to <https://bit.ly/4aKuQr5>.

Applications must be submitted through the Kansas Commerce online application portal. To apply, go to <https://bit.ly/415yY8F>.

2025 Data Is In: Four Straight Years of Unaffordable Assessed Valuation Hikes -Where’s the Relief?

By **Dave Trabert**, Kansas Policy Institute
February 17, 2026

Assessed valuation changes for 2025, released this morning, reiterate the need for a constitutional amendment to limit the increases.

The average increase for existing residential property (not counting new construction) of 5.9% is more than double the inflation rate, and that’s not the worst of the story. Homeowners in a dozen counties had double-digit increases – Barton, Cheyenne, Coffey, Jewell, Kingman, Lane, Linn, Marshall, Ness, Rush, Smith, and Wallace. All but one (Linn) has been losing population, so it’s hard to imagine that the valuation hikes are driven by demand.

assessed valuation increases by county Since 2021, the average increase for existing homes is now 40%. Residents of Linn County have the worst experience, with a 91% increase. Other outrageously unaffordable increases include Cheyenne County (83%), Brown County (71%), Wyandotte County (66%), Anderson County (63%), and Osborne County (60%).

You might think that these unaffordable increases would make it easy to pass a constitutional amendment to limit the annual increase in taxable assessed valuations to 3%. After all, 75% of voters say they want the limit, with only 13% opposed.

But it’s an election year, and some powerful lobbying groups, including most cities, counties, and school districts, are opposed.

It’s also noteworthy that two House Republicans, Rep. Allen Reavis and Rep. Lon Pishny, formed a bipartisan Local Government Caucus this year with about 40 members to help fellow legislators understand “the unspoken impact state laws and regulations have on city and county governments,” according to the Kansas Reflector.

Legislators certainly need to understand how their work impacts others, but let’s be realistic. Pishny and Reavis said much of the tension between local government bodies and the Legislature is about attempts to regulate property tax increases. Local officials want the revenue-neutral transparency law to go away, they generally oppose substantive property tax relief, and they’d like the Legislature to send some more state taxpayer money their way. And based on the current status of HB 2745, the Local Government Caucus is delivering.

Here’s hoping a supermajority bipartisan Taxpayer Caucus shows up on the floor of the House and Senate to get an assessment limit on the ballot.

KDA Announces Webinar Series on Ag Workforce Topics

Manhattan - The Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the Nurture Kansas Agriculture Collaborative Coalition, announce the “Growing Strong Together” webinar series focused on workforce related topics specific to Kansas agricultural employers. The webinars will be offered at 7:00 a.m. Central time each Wednesday in March. There is no cost to participants.

The Nurture Kansas Agriculture Collaborative Coalition was established in 2021 to enhance the well-being of farmworkers and agricultural employers across Kansas by promoting access to essential services, fostering collaborative partnerships, and implementing effective outreach and educational initiatives. The NKA Collaborative Coalition, a collective effort of state and federal agencies, along with private industry, was created to address the unique challenges faced by farmworkers and to strengthen agricultural communities statewide.

The four webinars offered are as follows:

March 4 – KANSASWORKS Employer Services, Abigail Crandall, Kansas Department of Commerce

March 11 – The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Worker Protection Standard: Promoting Compliance and Workplace Safety, Jordan Galliher, Environmental Protection Agency Region 7

March 18 – Bridging the Gap: Retaining the Next Generation of Rural Workforce, Thomas Eisenbarth, Grounded Ag

March 25 – Wage and Hour Compliance under the H-2A Program, Cassie Stoner, U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division

“The sole focus of the webinar series is to help Kansas ag employers,” said Dana Ladner, KDA compliance education and workforce development coordinator.

Wendy Mongeau, state monitor advocate for the Workforce Services Division of the Kansas Department of Commerce, added, “We want webinar participants to come away with insights and current information that will enable them to better support our state’s farmworkers and agricultural employers and the ag industry.”

Registration and more information on the individual webinars can be found at www.agriculture.ks.gov/workforce.

For more information, contact Dana Ladner at 785-564-6660 or Dana.Ladner@ks.gov.

Lesser Prairie Chicken Removed from Threatened Species List

Major Win for Kansas Ranchers and Energy Producers

Topeka – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services’ decision to de-list the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species:

“The lesser prairie chicken battle is one that I have been fighting since the day I took office as attorney general. At last, we have a final victory in hand. This is a huge win for Kansas ranchers and energy producers, because the Biden administration’s listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species would have crippled energy production and limited when and where ranchers could graze cattle on their own properties. Our successful litigation protected private property rights, supported our rural economy and stopped federal overreach.”

The Biden Administration listed the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species in 2022. In 2023, Kobach, joined by attorneys general in Texas and Oklahoma, and other groups like the Permian Basin Petroleum Association and the National Cattleman’s Beef Association sued. Later, U.S. District Court Judge David Counts granted a federal motion to reverse the Biden-era listing.

Removal of Lesser Prairie-Chicken Listing

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) – a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry – today applauded the removal of the lesser prairie-chicken from the Endangered Species Act (ESA) list by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), following a ruling by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas:

“The removal of the lesser prairie-chicken from the endangered and threatened species list is a major win for Kansas farmers, ranchers and rural communities. For years, Kansas producers have worked to protect the bird’s habitat through voluntary, locally-driven conservation efforts, but the listing’s burdensome federal regulations put severe strain on many Kansas industries. I have worked to oppose the listing of the lesser prairie-chicken for more than a decade, and I applaud today’s decision to remove the listing and continue to support local efforts to promote voluntary solutions that will protect the bird’s habitat without placing unnecessary burdens on our agricultural community.”

USDA SNAP Data Request Finalized

Topeka – Governor Laura Kelly announced that her administration has secured an agreement from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that protects Kansans’ personal private data from being shared with foreign governments and complies with state and federal privacy laws related to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The agreement also ensures that after the data is shared, USDA will cancel its disallowance letter, ending USDA’s efforts to disallow Kansas’ SNAP funds.

From the onset of the USDA’s far-reaching data request, Governor Kelly and her administration have remained consistent that until concerns about data protection were addressed, Kansas could not legally turn over the data. Now that these concerns have been addressed, data sharing is possible.

The USDA initially demanded that DCF turn over the private, legally protected, personal information

of all Kansans and members of their households who have received, or applied for, SNAP benefits in the last 5 years. The USDA’s request included provisions allowing for Kansans’ personal information—which includes full Social Security numbers and dates of birth—to be shared with foreign governments.

After the USDA rejected DCF’s Corrective Action Proposal in response to the data request in September 2025, DCF swiftly filed an appeal with the USDA. The filing of that appeal immediately prevented the USDA from withholding \$10.4 million in administrative funding for SNAP. The State of Kansas has not lost any SNAP administrative funding, and the program continues to operate as usual.

DCF has complied with state and federal law at every stage of this process and has maintained the confidentiality of thousands of Kansans whose personal information would be at risk. Protection of this personally identifiable information is legally required by both the Food Nutrition Act (FNA) and the Kansas Cybersecurity Act (KCA).

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending March 1, 2026, topsoil moisture supplies rated 13% very short, 29% short, 54% adequate, and 4% surplus, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13% very short, 31% short, 53% adequate, and 3% surplus.

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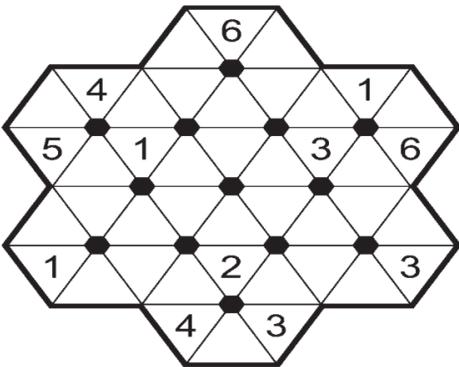
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SNOWFLAKES

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.



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Super Crossword

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- 1 China's Mao — -tung
 - 4 Thumb locale
 - 8 Cries of unveiling
 - 13 Spanish fleet
 - 19 Post-bender headache
 - 21 Poetry Muse
 - 22 One-sided views
 - 23 Old stage actress Duse
 - 24 "Things go by so fast!"
 - 26 "As far as I'm aware ..."
 - 28 Brunched, e.g.
 - 29 Kwik-E-Mart clerk
 - 30 Writer Seton
 - 31 Iris locale
 - 32 Pres. advisory gp.
 - 34 New — (Yanni, e.g.)
 - 35 Become king after being a prince, say
 - 43 Quirk of behavior
 - 46 — Schwarz (toy retailer)
 - 47 Kuwaiti royal
 - 48 A third of IX
 - 49 Totally up the creek
 - 55 Semi section
 - 58 Witty writer Bombeck
 - 59 Hornswoggle
 - 60 Actress Swenson
 - 61 Hill's partner
 - 62 Nose partition
 - 65 Piece for two
 - 67 Paid no heed
 - 70 "We've been raking in the profit"
 - 75 Advance markdown
 - 77 Requirement
 - 78 Church decrees
 - 81 Painter of melting watches
 - 82 Camera varieties, for short
 - 86 Vientiane's country
 - 88 "My Country" author Abba
 - 89 Hole-poking tool
 - 90 Phrase just before an act is introduced
 - 95 Pouchlike body part
 - 96 Incantation opener
 - 97 River of Bern
 - 98 Veer off course
 - 99 What Thomas became, in kid-lit
 - 107 Alone
 - 108 See 102-Down
 - 109 Love-letter "hugs"
 - 110 Former toy company
 - 114 Alley — (court play)
 - 115 Juicer
 - 117 Overdoing the effort
 - 123 Writer of the Tony-winning musical featured in this puzzle
 - 126 Flavored with a certain spice
 - 127 Introduced acts, e.g.
 - 128 Lenya of "Cabaret"
 - 129 IRS part
 - 130 Tallies again
 - 131 Arctic people
 - 132 Central part of a church
 - 133 Star site
 - 5 Bristol's river
 - 6 Pianist Peter
 - 7 Party to a financial transaction
 - 8 Giggled
 - 9 Yank with a #13 jersey
 - 10 Hip-hop bud
 - 11 "Listen up!"
 - 12 "— lied!"
 - 13 Help do bad
 - 14 Plentiful
 - 15 Bad start?
 - 16 Cheese in an Italian deli
 - 17 Intensify
 - 18 Make certain
 - 20 Some Spanish paintings
 - 25 Spiked staff
 - 27 Harsh cleanser
 - 33 "I dunno" gesture
 - 34 Financier Onassis
 - 36 ET ship
 - 37 Avis rental
 - 38 Unemotional
 - 39 Vietnamese New Year
 - 40 Actor Katz
 - 41 Dusk-dawn linkup
 - 42 Move quickly
 - 43 Rail supports
 - 44 Pertaining to
 - 45 Singer Glen
 - 50 Fad dance of the 1960s
 - 51 Bro
 - 52 Sonata, e.g.
 - 53 Honoraria
 - 54 Actor Scott
 - 55 Payload area
 - 56 Bitter brew
 - 57 Part of B&B
 - 61 One of Santa's reindeer
 - 63 Old Glory's nation
 - 64 Wire measure
 - 66 "Sn" element
 - 68 Sierra maker
 - 69 Actress Peebles
 - 71 Lark's home
 - 72 — confident
 - 73 Boyfriend
 - 74 Hound's clue
 - 75 High-tech "appt. book"
 - 76 Uncooked
 - 79 Zippo
 - 80 Winter drifter
 - 83 — apso
 - 84 Pat of the Christian right
 - 85 Ride a wave
 - 87 Antler sporter
 - 90 — Mart (retail chain)
 - 91 Unemotional
 - 92 Greek letter
 - 93 "Bali —"
 - 94 Suffix with southeast
 - 95 Wily
 - 99 Worker on a housetop
 - 100 Huge, in French
 - 101 Camel kin
 - 102 With 108-Across, of acceptable quality
 - 103 Department in northern France
 - 104 Near-eternity
 - 105 Noodle
 - 106 Erstwhile anesthetic
 - 111 Spun tales
 - 112 Floorboard sound
 - 113 Curiously
 - 115 Lineup 121-Down
 - 116 REO part
 - 118 Post-Q string
 - 119 Himalayan legend
 - 120 Funny Fey
 - 121 Showing via the idiot box
 - 122 Arch with a double curve
 - 124 Composer Rorem
 - 125 Manning of football

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals E

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NKUUYA HB ERXYO, SHEFA IHE XLI
JY'X BYLFFI ZYCO HEO HU XJLRY?

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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.

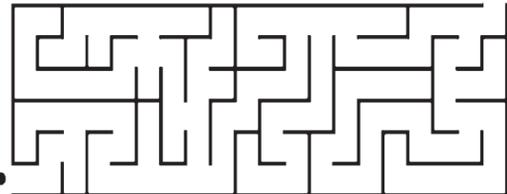
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Difficult
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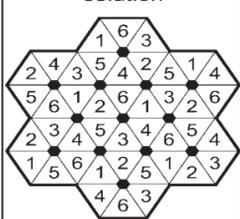
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Kids' Maze Solution



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Go Figure! answers

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CryptoQuip answer

When a contortionist becomes miffed or upset, would you say he's really bent out of shape?

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OBITUARY



Ila Pierson

January 16, 1936 ~ February 20, 2026

Ila M. (Richards) Simon, Pierson, age 90, passed away on February 20, 2026. She was born on January 16, 1936, in rural Sheridan County, KS, to Harry & Hazel (Mace) Richards.

She attended grade school in the country and then graduated Hoxie High School in the class of 1953. Ila & Dwayne Simon were married December 21, 1952. To this union five children were born: Curtis, Melanie, David, and two who died in infancy. Life on the farm was busy with cattle, hogs, chickens, and crops. Ila was a loving mother, and she made many sacrifices and cared greatly for her family. Like her mother she was a superb cook and gardener. She loved having flowers in the yard, raised strawberries and a large garden. She was particularly good at tending her houseplants. Petunias, iris, and sunflowers were some of her favorite flowers outside.

She made jelly, canned different garden vegetables and fruits which her family enjoyed. Pickles of several varieties were a specialty. The kids and grandkids knew her to be the cream pie queen—requesting her chocolate and coconut cream pies often. Brownies and cool whip were favorites as well. Her mashed potatoes were always the creamiest. She played piano and loved singing all her life. She married John Pierson in 1975. Going with him in the semi-truck she saw parts of the country she had not seen previously.

Ila was employed in different places over the years: working at Sheridan County Hospital, cooking at several restaurants, caring for elderly in their homes, and just before retiring managing the Quinter Senior Center where she was known for her dedication and warm spirit. A member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ is the hallmark of her life as she battled life's challenges.

She is survived by her children: Curtis Simon (Deb), Quinter; Melanie Cooper (Kevin), Hoxie; and David Simon (Leah), Princeville, HI. Her grandchildren are Stephen Simon (Sarah), Becky Bruna (Lance), Jaime May (Steve), Jesse Cooper (Sydney), Justin Cooper (Lindsay), Qing Xia Simon. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren: Taylor Koch (Hunter), Madison Bruna, Oliver Simon, Autumn Simon, Derrick McMillan, Colton McMillan, Hannah McMillan, Tatum Cooper, Micah Cooper, Kayden Cooper, Kolby Cooper. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry & Hazel Richards; infant children Dwayna & Danny Simon; brothers, Harold & Dean Richards; and sister Alta Gaede.

A funeral service was held Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Studley. Visitation was Friday, February 27, 2026, with family receiving friends at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to Sheridan County Long Term Care and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, P.O. Box 986, Hoxie, Kansas 67740.

OBITUARY



Edd McDonald

January 12, 1979 ~ February 21, 2026

Edmund "Edd" James McDonald, 47, of Park, KS, passed away on February 21, 2026. He was born on January 12, 1979, in Dublin, Ireland, the son of James and Geraldine (Murphy) McDonald.

Edd was raised in Ireland with strong faith, a love of machinery, and a gift for storytelling that he carried proudly with him to Kansas. He graduated from Salesian Agriculture School in Pallaskenny in 2000 with a degree in Agricultural Mechanics. Edd could fix just about anything with an engine — and if he couldn't, he'd figure it out.

On September 4, 2010, Edd was united in marriage to the love of his life, Elizabeth "Liz" Kay McDonald, at the Clairmont Inn in Stratton, CO. Together they built a life rooted in faith, family, laughter, and horsepower.

Early in his career, Edd worked in harvesting, as a diesel mechanic at Bucklin Tractor (BTI), and as a truck driver. He later became a foreman with Sporer Land Development, where he worked for 14 years. In 2013, his career was cut short by a tragic accident that resulted in a traumatic brain injury. What followed was a long and determined recovery in Colorado. Through prayer, perseverance, and the unwavering support of family, friends, and neighbors, Edd made his way back home — where he belonged.

Though short-term memory challenges prevented him from returning to full-time work, Edd never stopped working in the ways that mattered. With his beloved Kubota tractor, he mowed lawns, cleared snow, graded driveways, and especially took pride in helping at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. If there were millings to spread or a parking lot to smooth, Edd was there — often before anyone else. Being useful brought him joy.

Edd was a faithful member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Park, the Knights of Columbus, the Rodeo Club, the NRA, and Ducks Unlimited. As a boy in Ireland, he was a proud Sea Scout — a title he never quite outgrew. He enjoyed playing cards and games, watching CSI & crime dramas, history & educational programs, and traveling whenever possible. Horses — especially Clydesdales — held a special place in his heart.

Above all, Edd was a devoted husband, father, and Papa. He was overjoyed at the thought of soon adopting his grandchildren and sharing with them the McDonald name. His pride, love, and willingness to help others defined him more than any job title ever could.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Kay McDonald of Park; his parents, Jim & Geraldine McDonald of Arklow, Ireland; his children, Bobbi-Ann (Malachi) Lewis, Elissa Roberts, Evan Roberts, and Rose Roberts; his cherished granddaughters, Ravin and Sabrina; his brothers, John (Cecelia) McDonald of Arklow, Ireland, and Colum (Kristina) McDonald of Perth, Australia; his sister, Carol (Paul) O'Hart of Drogheda, Ireland; along with many beloved brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. Also surviving are children of his heart, Collin, Scott, and Jessa. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gove County Elder Care, Knights of Columbus, or for Mass Intentions, and may be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 336 North 12th Street, WaKeeney, KS 67672.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.schmittfuneral.com.

Slán abhaile, Edd. May the roads of heaven be smooth, the engines always turn over and may there always be a Kubota waiting for you.

OBITUARY



Dick Burkepille

May 26, 1941 ~ February 19, 2026

Dick L. Burkepille died at home in Oxford, MS on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Dick was born in Hoxie, Kansas, the only child of Robert and Louverne

Burkepille and attended Hoxie High School, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Kansas State University. While serving in the Air Force, he earned his Masters degree in Industrial Engineering at the Air Force Institute of Technology. In 1967, he met and married Judy Mullins of Jayess, MS, a bookkeeper at the airbase where he was stationed in Florida. They lived in Florida, California, and Ohio before moving to Georgia where they had their only son Deron in 1976. In 1979, the family moved to Oxford, MS, where Dick served as an industrial engineer at Chambers Corporation in Oxford before taking a job at Carrier Corporation in Collierville, TN, where he worked for over 20 years, commuting back and forth from home in Oxford.

Dick and Judy had many friends among the local birdwatching community, and during the coldest winters were some of the few who participated in the annual Christmas Bird Counts at Grenada and Sardis Lakes. He and Judy were also regulars in Tad Smith Coliseum, cheering on the Ole Miss basketball teams. But Dick really loved everything about baseball and was there in person in Atlanta when Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's career home run record. He coached several of Deron's baseball teams, and Dick and Deron visited the National Baseball Hall of Fame for his 70th birthday.

Dick stayed close with his high school graduating class in Hoxie, KS, making annual pilgrimages to celebrate homecoming every fall for many years. Dick believed in friendship and family and showed up for them through phone calls, connection over Facebook, and letters.

Dick is survived by his wife Judy Burkepille, his son Deron Burkepille, his daughter-in-law Allison Grisham, his grandsons Reid and Kellar Grisham-Burkepille, as well as many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

His funeral was Thursday, February 26, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford, MS. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Dick with a contribution to the community meals program More Than A Meal in Oxford <https://www.mtamoxford.org/>.

OBITUARY



Helen Karls

January 29, 1930 ~ February 28, 2026

Helen L. Karls of Oberlin and Selden, KS passed away on February 28, 2026, at the Good Samaritan Society in Oberlin. She was born January 29, 1930, to Raymond C.

Halbert and Emma L. (Dieleman) Halbert in Long Island, KS. She was the second of five children. She always took pleasure in saying she and Kansas shared the same birthdate, but Kansas was older.

Helen was raised in Norton and graduated High School in 1948. She married Robert Boultinghouse in 1950 in Norton. Helen was a resident of Kansas for all her 96 years. During their marriage they lived in Norton, Meade, and settled in Oberlin. To this marriage six children were born, three boys and three girls.

Helen married John Karls in 1969. They later moved to Selden where John was involved in the family grocery business, Karls Cash Store.

Helen's highest achievement was her Christian faith. She enjoyed church and civic activities, such as choir, Altar Society, helping the Condolence Committee, Xeta Nu Club and Al-Anon. But a close second was raising her six children as it was a full-time job keeping them out of Mr. Betts' office.

She always enjoyed working in the public. Over the years she worked at Sandy's Fabric Shop, the Squire Shop, United Northwest Federal Credit Union, served two terms as Decatur County Treasurer, and was owner of Helen's Glass & Glaze.

A few of Helen's varied interests were playing Bridge, crossword puzzles, ceramics, stained glass, crocheting, knitting and the many, many quilts that she made.

Sadly, vascular dementia robbed her of the remaining 15 years of her life.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers: Lyle, Ted, and Bob; husband: John Karls; son: Shawn Boultinghouse; sons-in-law: Ambrosio Mendiola and Ralph Nelson.

She is survived by one brother: Howard (Ethel) Halbert of Denver, CO; brother-in-law: Hank Ochs of Hoxie; children: Barbara Nelson of McPherson, Shane (Jill) Boultinghouse of Great Bend, Jacque Boultinghouse of Selden, Bart Karls of Ellis, and Robyn Mendiola of Lawrence, all of Kansas; 10 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

If you wish to help us celebrate Helen's life, services will be March 23, at 10:30 am at the Sacred Heart Church in Oberlin, or online at Plumer-Gobber Funeral Home. Luncheon to follow in the church basement. Private inurnment at Selden Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Churches of Oberlin or Selden or Good Samaritan Society of Oberlin and sent in care of the Plumer-Gobber Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave, Oberlin, KS 67749.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel February 26, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ALFREDA STEPHENS, Deceased Case No. LG-2026-PR-

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on February 17, 2026, a petition was filed in this Court by Michael Stephens, an heir, devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Alfreda Stephens," deceased, dated August 18, 2015, praying that the will be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 25, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Oakley, Logan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the said estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Michael Stephens
Petitioner

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Attorneys for Petitioner

(Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel March 12, 2026)

Commission Minutes 2/24/26

Now on this 24th day of February 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. Guest was Viktorija Briggs, The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road &

Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. There was a discussion about the feedlot road and a box culvert that was plugged. Mader will look at the road as there is a lot of dirt work that needs done. The hillside north of the bridge on the feedlot road was pulled. There are buried cables there so once the locate is done, they will go back and work on it some more.

O'Neill tested for noxious weed but no results yet.

Herskowitz advised the board he would be getting bids for skinny grader tires and truck tires. Some warrants were clarified.

The Board discussed the previous week's meeting and the

comments made after on Facebook. Stithem will talk with Riley and make sure that all EMT's are aware of the policy for posting on Facebook. Hirsch will clarify some information in the handbook.

Sheridan County Extension is currently

trying to hire an office professional.

At 8:59 Sheriff Carver entered the meeting. Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 30 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel.

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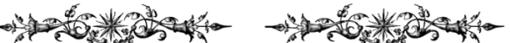
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Minutes
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Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Hirsch, and Carver. The door opened at 9:29. Carver advised the Board that the Tahoe sold on Purple Wave for

\$15,500. There was a brief discussion about the K9 that Babcock had handled. Carver is still trying to find an agency in need of a K9. There was a discussion about tires and the Board reminded Carver that the County can pick the tires up so that we are not charged for disposing of them. On a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh, the February 17, 2026 Minutes were approved as amended. 3-0

Mader made a motion to approve the February 24, 2026 Warrants as presented. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0. The February 3, 2026 Minutes were amended to correct an incorrect printed name, which had been previously approved on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0. The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the Board:
General \$109,598.06
Road & Bridge \$174,225.55

Nox Weed \$4,254.98
Public Transp. \$2,568.35
Landfill \$4,039.54
MV \$530.00
Eg11 \$2,102.80
At 9:58 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.
Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, David Stithem, Chairman



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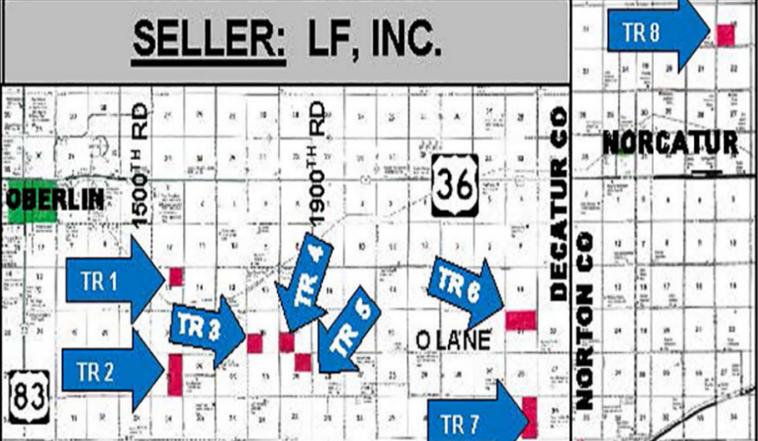
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