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Tornado & Storm Damage Strikes Sheridan County and Northwest Kansas



Storm Damage in Sheridan County

KWCH News Facebook post, May 18, 2026

Storms in northwest Kansas over the weekend heavily impacted Sheridan County, with the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office sharing photos of damage in multiple areas. From downed trees, fences and irrigation pivots to roofs being torn off of buildings, the damage is extensive.

(Photos from Sheriff Brandon Carver)

One Year ~ Remembering Grinnell's Tornado

Facebook post & photo by Jewell Maier

One year ago on May 18, 2025, everything changed for Grinnell.

A day none of us will ever forget.

The sirens. The fear. The silence after the storm passed. The moments of not knowing what came next.

But what stands out most a year later isn't just the destruction — it's the people.

Neighbors digging through debris together. Farmers showing up with equipment before anyone even asked. First responders running on exhaustion. Volunteers arriving from every direction. Donations dropped off with handwritten notes. Communities across Kansas reminding us over and over that small towns are never truly alone.

This past year has been exhausting, emotional, frustrating, and inspiring all at once. There were days that felt impossibly heavy.

Yeah... today hit hard even when life has technically "moved forward." A year later people see rebuilt buildings and reopened spaces, but the emotional part of surviving something like that doesn't follow a clean timeline.

It's remembering the exhaustion, pressure, grief, chaos, and responsibility that came with it too.

There were projects that seemed endless. There were moments many of us wondered if normal would ever exist again.

And yet somehow, piece by piece, Grinnell kept moving forward.

Homes rebuilt. Businesses reopened. Grants awarded. Infrastructure repaired. New plans made. Countless

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Pocket Park Project Moves into Major Construction Phase



Hoxie - The Pocket Park Project is moving into a major milestone phase of development, with full site clearance, mural installation, and long-term park construction now actively underway in downtown Hoxie.

Thanks to the continued work of Campbell Concrete and Construction, the Pocket Park site is set to be fully cleared by the end of May. Once site preparation is complete, construction crews will pause onsite activity to allow the mural installation team to complete their work without interruption.

Following clearance, a dedicated mural team will begin work on a community-centered public art

installation, supported by a grant from the Kansas Art Commission. The mural must be completed by the end of June to meet grant requirements.

The mural will be created by artists Jen Carder, working alongside her daughter Sarah, as well as Jordan Dardis, and assistant artist Chloe Johnson. The artwork will focus on the history of Hoxie's Main Street, highlighting local stories, identity, and community heritage.

During this phase, Ed Lowery, and Simon Arteaga of Story Pocket Productions will continue documenting the project as part of the "Stories on Main" video series. Their videography will capture both the artistic process and community engagement surrounding the mural's creation.

After mural completion, Campbell Concrete and Construction will return to the site to continue infrastructure development for the Pocket Park. Full park construction is currently scheduled for completion by the end of October 2026.

Additional support for the project includes contributions from Roch Meier, Vitus Meier, and numerous community volunteers who have played a key role in moving the project forward.

The Pocket Park Project represents a collaborative investment in Hoxie's future—blending infrastructure, public art, and storytelling to create a space that reflects the identity and history of the community.

Five Years ~ Remembering Selden's Tornado

Posted on Facebook by the Sheridan County Fire Department on May 25, 2021 (Photo by Midwest Energy)

Let's recap the last 30 hours or so for our firefighters. At about 6 pm Monday night a tornado struck the City of Selden. Selden station firefighters were on scene before it struck, warning the residents to take cover. Damage was extensive from this EF1 tornado and covered most of the town. This is not an event we ever thought would occur.

However, Sheridan County firefighters have trained for this scenario and that training paid off Monday night. Crews from other Sheridan County Fire stations soon arrived, shut off all traffic into the community and commenced a rapid primary search. Fortunately, no injured persons were found but then firefighters conducted a secondary, more thorough search. Both searches were done systematically and methodically just as we were trained. These searches were walking searches. One of our firefighters logged five miles walking through debris. This is a dangerous process with downed electric wires, gas meters broken, and sharp objects everywhere.

Once these searches were complete, this allowed firefighters to then authorize a cleanup of the streets since no victims were found. Finally, now that firefighters could drive the streets, a damage assessment was completed by firefighters, which documented destruction on a structure-by-structure basis. It's a tiring process but necessary.

We were joined in this process by firefighters from Rexford, Grainfield, Colby, Grinnell, and Gove. Without their able assistance we could not have completed the tasks in record time. Search and rescue teams from Goodland and Hutchinson were put on standby by Sheridan County Fire Department but, thankfully, not needed. Finally, residents were allowed back into their homes and businesses so that they could check on their properties.

EMS from Sheridan and Thomas Counties stood at the ready — fortunately, their services were not needed. Law enforcement agencies from Sheridan County, Thomas County, Decatur County, Kansas Wildlife & Parks and what seemed to be the entire Kansas Highway Patrol looked after us in so many ways. Your firefighters did exactly as they were asked and exactly as they were trained - we could not be prouder of them.

We probably didn't do it all by "the book", but what we saw was a group of firefighters backed up by our EMS and law enforcement family that did everything they could to take care of our people. We would be remiss in not thanking our dispatchers who were the glue in everything! They were outstanding. Today (Tuesday) was a LONG day but by nightfall the trees were mostly cleaned up, and a lot of the other debris was in piles thanks to about 300 volunteers and the incredible efforts of the Sheridan County Road Department, local contractors, and farmers.

For many of our firefighters their own homes

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Scouts to Place Flags



On Thursday, May 21, Scouts BSA Troop 160, Cub Scout Pack 160, and the Hoxie American Legion will be placing flags at both Hoxie cemeteries. Their goal is to ensure that every veteran's grave is honored.

The Scouts will make every effort to identify all marked graves. In the case that your loved one's grave does not receive a flag, extra flags have been placed in the main kiosk for public use.

Words of Wisdom	Grain Report	Weather Report	Thought of the Week
<p><i>Do not complain about the farmer with your mouth full of food.</i> ~South African Proverb</p>	<p>Reported on: Tuesday, May 19</p> <p>Corn 4.17</p> <p>Milo 3.70</p> <p>Beans 10.89</p> <p>Wheat 6.14</p>	<p>Date High Low Moisture</p> <p>5/10 68 49 .24"</p> <p>5/11 81 48 --</p> <p>5/12 81 56 --</p> <p>5/13 82 49 --</p> <p>5/14 88 59 --</p> <p>5/15 93 58 --</p> <p>5/16 87 59 1.33"</p>	<p><i>The child who is not embraced by the village will burn it down to feel its warmth.</i> ~African Proverb</p>



The monthly luncheon at the Sunflower Senior Center in Jennings on May 13, was enjoyed by Ken & Julie Carter; Doyle & Kay Brown; Dorothy Vacura; Stanley Shimek, Ramona Shaw, and Chad Meyer representing the Decatur Health System. After a bountiful meal, socializing was enjoyed. The next lunch will be June 10, at noon, at the center. Everyone is welcome to the pot-luck meal.

The 2026 Memorial events for the Jennings area are as follows:

Jennings Rural High School Alumni banquet will be held Saturday, May 23, at the Senior Center. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The social hour begins at 4:00.

The meal is at 6:00.

Late reservations may be made by calling Gayle White at 316-772-3896.

Methodist Church services Sunday morning at 8:00.

Military services at Big Timber Sunday morning at 10:00 with the Jennings American Legion and SAL.

Potluck dinner at the Senior Center Sunday at 12:00. Bring your own table service.

100th birthday party for Imogene Keenan Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church from 1:00 to 3:00.

Military services at the Jennings cemetery Monday morning at 10:00 with the Jennings American Legion and SAL.

Community Wide Town Hall

By Kerissa Payne, Economic Development, Sheridan County Community Foundation

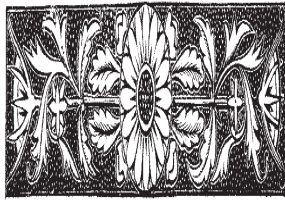
Hoxie — The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) will host a Community Town Hall on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at the 4-H Building in Hoxie. Dinner will start at 5:30 p.m. and the town hall will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event is part of Grow Sheridan County, a community-led strategic planning effort. Residents are invited to come when they can and stay as long as they want.

Discussion will focus on community priorities, future investments, housing and infrastructure, building on feedback from the recent Grow Sheridan County Community Survey. The work is guided by Dr. Carolyn Chrisman of Chrisman Consulting LLC, and follows a Discover-Develop-Do framework — moving from listening, to building a plan, to acting on it.

Earlier the same day, SCCF will host a Grow Sheridan County Business Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for area business owners and employers. If you own a business, please reach out for more information, we would love to have you there.

Dinner at the town hall is free and open to the public; chicken alfredo and beef & broccoli will be served. RSVPs help organizers plan the meal and can be made at <https://www.growsheridancounty.org/event-details-registration/town-hall> or by calling (785) 657-7679.

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POOL RENTAL (2 HOURS): \$100

American Legion Grainfield
Stag/Stagette
Last Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm
Serving:
Lamb Fries, Chicken-Fried Steak, Chicken Strips, with all the trimmings \$20 ~with Carry-Out available
Everyone welcome!



The Selden Senior Citizens met on Thursday, May 7, at the Community Center for a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Marge Wilson, Helen Carman, Carlene Bruggeman, Barb Jones, Joan Austin, Ellis Walker, Steve Skubal, Alice Foster and Cheryl Guest. Those staying to play cards were Boyd Wilson with a score of 500, Shirley Emigh with a score of 649, Pat Wessel with a score of 547, Bob Wessel with a score of 649, JR Albers with a score of 577, and Jacque Boultinghouse with a score of 613.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

May 21: Dennis & Marla Rogers

May 22: Brandy Spresser, Wade Zodrow

May 23: Steve & Sara Juenemann, Mike & Billie Beckman, Dylan Spresser

May 24: Ashley Arnberger, Tom & Maureen Bruggeman

May 25: Vickie Vandement, Mandy Vaughn, Koen Schaben

May 26: Linda Schroer, Sonya Stanton, Kou Lovin

May 27: Drew Stevenson, Tasha Carman

The Selden Senior Citizens met on Thursday, May 14, at the Community Center for a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Sandra Dahl, Barb Jones, Helen Carman, Margee Wilson, Ellis Walker, Steve Skubal. Those staying to play cards include - Boyd Wilson with a score of 715, JR Albers with a score of 528, Steve Carman with a score of 377, Bob Wessel with a score of 518, Pat Wessel with a score of 531, Shirley Emigh with a score of 414 and Kou Lovin with a score of 522.

On May 2, Leta Meitl celebrated her 60th birthday with a "Boots 'N Bling" party at Aunt Shannons Bar & Grill in Selden. Lots of people turned out for the event with a DJ at 8:00pm. Leta's goal was to celebrate her Birthday as well as raise funds for the Selden Fire Department. Leta achieved her goal on both counts by raising a little over \$3,000 for the Fire Department. Thank You so much Leta!!!!

Mark your calendars: The 4th of July celebration in Selden this year will be on July 4. All kinds of festivities are being planned for the city park and ending with the fireworks at dark. It's always fun in Selden!!!

Memorial Weekend services will be in Leoville at the cemetery on May 25, at 9:30 am and in Selden at 10:30 am.

Wheatland VFW Post 2864 Memorial Day Cemetery Service Schedule

- 8:00 am Orion
- 8:45 am Grinnell Township
- 9:15 am Grinnell Catholic
- 9:45 am Angelus
- 10:30 am Seguin
- 11:10 am Hoxie City
- 11:35 am Hoxie Catholic



If It Costs You Nothing...It Probably Ain't Real Faith
(1 Peter 4)

Listen up... We got a generation that

wants the crown but doesn't want the cross. We want blessings without sacrifice, healing without surrender, victory without obedience. We want God to save us, but not change us.

But 1 Peter 4 doesn't talk soft to us. It says if we belong to Christ, we can't keep living like the world owns us anymore.

The world says:

"Do what feels good."

"Live for yourself."

"Chase pleasure."

But Peter says that old selfish life is supposed to die.

And some of us got bodies alive while our spirit is starving to death because we keep feeding the flesh nonstop. We normalize sin, celebrate it, build our lives around it, then

wonder why we still feel empty inside. Because nothing outside of God can feed a starving soul.

And following Jesus was never supposed to be easy. Real faith costs something. It may cost comfort, friendships, approval, relationships, or the old version of yourself people were comfortable with.

Because once God starts changing you, people start acting different toward you. Peter literally says they think it's strange now that you don't run with them anymore.

That verse hits hard today.

Some of us already tried everything else:

the drinking,

the attention,

the money,

the relationships,

the pretending.

And after all of it, we still felt empty because the soul was never designed to survive disconnected from God.

And maybe suffering is not proof God abandoned you. Maybe suffering is burning fake things off your life. Pain exposes what we're really standing on.

Anybody can trust God when life is easy. But when life falls apart, when prayers feel unanswered, when people walk away, can you still trust Him then?

That's where faith becomes real.

Peter says don't be surprised by fiery trials. Following God comes with battles because the enemy attacks people becoming dangerous to darkness.

But suffering with Christ is different than suffering without purpose. When God is in it, pain becomes refining fire, not destruction.

And through all of it, Peter keeps bringing us back to love.

Love deeply.

Forgive each other.

Serve each other.

Carry each other.

Because people don't need fake religion anymore. They need real faith and real love.

So maybe tonight instead of asking God to make life easier, we should ask Him to make us holier, stronger, more faithful, and more real.

Because if faith costs us nothing, it probably isn't deep enough yet.

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Monday, May 25

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

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SUNDAY, MAY 24 2026
9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM
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COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETING

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TUESDAY, MAY 26

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**SHERIDAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Hoxie Democrat

Friday, May 22, 1891

Rain Saturday kept the farmers out of the city.

S. K. Emery wants about 35 head of cattle to herd.

Miss Hattie Young, the *Sentinel's* Satan took a ride in the country Saturday.

This is the last week of school and the scholars are glad to get a rest from their books.

The boys arrived safely in Denver and are at work. They report lots of work and things booming.

Men are wanted to work on the sections in the west by the K. P. railroad. Enquire of the agent at this place, Mr. L. G. Hester.

Uncle Billy Hausafus has rented the front room of his house to Waite and McCallum. Now Billy, your days of peacefulness and quietude are over.

The school gave a picnic Monday afternoon and all repaired the Sand Creek, where fishing and the gathering of flowers was engaged in until evening.

Reports say that Joseph Sparrow is working in the mill at Chicago and making good money, also Geo Ford has built himself a good house and is doing well.

Gravestones have arrived for three of the old soldiers' graves in this county and more on the road. Those that are here should be put in place before Decoration Day.

Many of Seth Green's scholars were lying along the banks of Sand Creek and the Solomon river last Sabbath amusing the tiny tribe. No extraordinary catches are reported.

J. L. Zeigler and his son Otto have gone to Denver and Fort Logan, where Zig will put in the summer on fatigue duty while Morg draws the sow bosom, black coffee, beans and hard tack.

L. S. Sprague has moved into the Worley building and last Monday as we went home the crutch and he were making garden in good shape, with the fond hope of reaping a great harvest.

We are glad to be able to note that R. M. Herron has recovered so as to attend his duties. While he will be considerably spotted no bad results are feared for the future. So says Billy Waite.

The entertainment last Saturday evening was a grand success, though the weather looked threatening the house was crowded and the performance was pronounced first-class and much praise is due Mrs. Chambers for the selection of the performers and their clear pronunciation.

Grant Talbot was in the city Monday. He says John is in Barton county working on a farm.

125 Years Ago

May 23, 1901

John Shoemaker and wife, of Adell township, shopped in Hoxie Monday.

Len Miller, wife and son, Hiram Lewis Korb Miller, spent Sunday in this city.

James Smith, of Grainfield, was here the first of the week soliciting accident and hail insurance.

Gaylord Shafer and John C. Steinetter, of Park, passed through this city Monday on their way north on a business trip.

Uncle Jake Sager and son, of Sheridan township, were in Hoxie Tuesday after having completed sowing a large acreage to alfalfa.

Frank Phelps, of Saline township, was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday and reported that he never had as fine a show for a big wheat crop as he now has.

Ulrich Andregg, of the west side of the county, was in Hoxie Tuesday and insured his wheat against damage by hail. Ulrich has several hundred acres of as fine wheat as ever grew.

Early last week Sheriff Korb received notice from Iowa that a reward was offered for the arrest of Alfred Kendrick, who was visiting his brother-in-law who resides near the Graham county line and he at once went after his man. The Iowa Sheriff arrived Thursday night with requisition papers and they left the next morning. The charge on which Mr. Kendrick was taken back was, bigamy and larceny.

Ed Patterson, of Bloomfield, accompanied by his brother-in-law, Mr. Harper, of Rexford, was in Hoxie, Saturday. Plenty of good wheat and prospects never better in Bloomfield is Ed's report.

Joseph Bossert, the impersonator and lightning costume change artist, at the Opera House next Saturday evening, under the management of the Grainfield Cornet Band. Don't miss it.

Drs. Larrick and Morrison the well known and reliable dentists, from Oberlin, will be here June 5, and 6.

Saline Siftings

Rev. Long preached at South Slope Sunday.

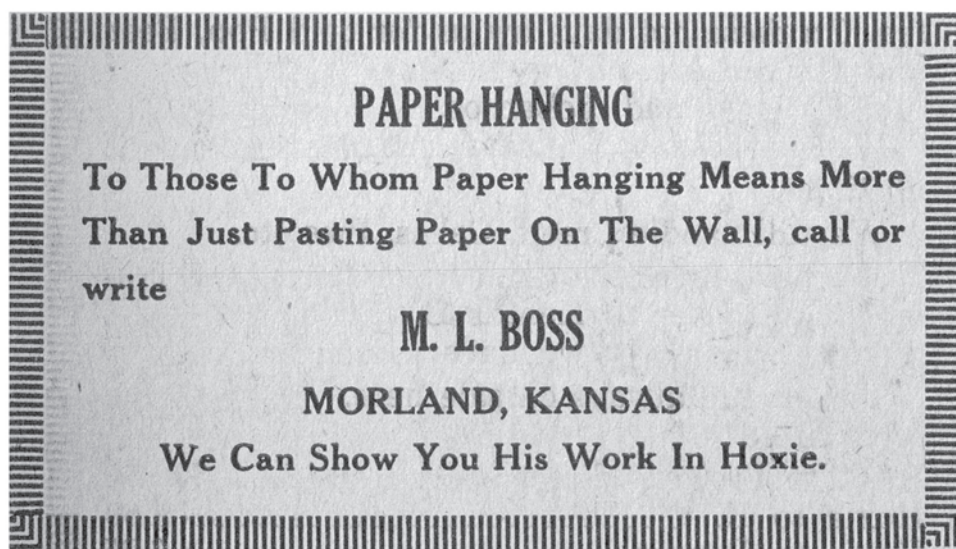
Roy Turner visited Mr. Long one day last week.

S. A. Sutton and family visited at Mr. Chechster's Sunday.

Reporter

Bloomfield Items

There was a dance Doubleday's last Friday night.



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

L. S. Meeks has just complete a new addition to his house.

Byron Burr is farming Mrs. Kast's farm this season.

A Farmer

Selden Items

J. Goodridge, of Oberlin, was in town one day last week on business.

Dr. Salcup and wife, the magnetic healers, are in town and having a fine trade.

Selden intends celebrating the 4th of July and she usually celebrates right.

100 Years Ago

May 20, 1926

Surprised Him

When Mr. Dollar Morse went home for dinner Friday, he first thought that he had made a mistake and gotten into the wrong house, as a number of his relatives and [friends] had gathered before he came and on second thought he remembered that it was his birthday. Mr. Morse is seventy-seven and still young and active and in good health.

Local News

Editor Gross, of the *Menlo Leader*, and Edward Liester, were down from Menlo on business Friday.

B. R. Reed and Chas. Adams left Tuesday for Hays on business.

J. B. Arnold, of Sheridan township, added his name to our growing list of readers Monday.

J. O. Morrow and Mr. Burnett were Hoxie visitors last Thursday. The latter is known as Gove county's "wheat king", as he has out several hundred acres and he says it is looking fine.

Mrs. D. C. Fuller also believes it pays to advertise. She advertised some fresh cows last week and Tuesday she came in and told us to discontinue the ad as the cows were sold.

John Haffner will apply to the June term of the Sheridan County District Court for naturalization papers. Mr. Haffner is a native of Russia. His hearing will be at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of June 1.

Mrs. D. M. Freeman returned to Hoxie this week after spending five months in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She reports the "flu" bad in Oklahoma and while she was there she was a victim of it and has not yet fully recovered.

Mrs. J. B. Wilson, of Mill Valley, California, sends us the wherewithal this week to keep *The Sentinel* a regular weekly visitor at their home for another year. She sent along best wishes to all their relatives and friends here.

Valley

Miss Velma Karnes spent the weekend from May 6 to May 9, with her friend Miss Ina Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor and sons, Lester and Allen, and dale Conard took dinner last Sunday with Mrs. M. I. Woods.

The C. C. Club met last Thursday with Mrs. T. A. Conard. They cut and pieced quilt blocks for the hostess and as always the usual good time prevailed. The next club meets with Mrs. John Henry May 27.

Kil Kare Klub

Kill Kare Klub met April 29, with Mrs. Ed Jaderborg. The day was spent embroidering guest towels for the hostess.

At noon a delicious dinner was served. Those present were: Mesdames Emberly, Hedge, Stewart, Sloan, Hendrix, Eminigh and the hostess.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Joe Hendrix on May 13.

75 Years Ago

May 24, 1951

Golf Tourney Results

A good crowd of players and spectators turned out for the Hoxie golf tournament, among local players, held on the local course last Sunday. Three flights of matched players took part in the tournament with all flights playing two rounds.

In the first flight high individuals in

order were: Cliff Crum, Vic Newland, Frank Martin and Bob Williams. Second flight: Dr. Percival, Loren Mallory, Ken Miller and Cecil Nyfeler. Third flight: Tom Thompson, Bruce Treu, John Lukinchook and Larry Baalman.

Allison News

Mrs. Blaine Steele is still in Hoxie caring for her mother, who is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley spent Mother's day in Hays with Mr. and Mrs. S. Carley. Mrs. Grace Simonton accompanied them to Hays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bader were Oberlin shoppers last Tuesday.

East Co. Line Items

Chas. Heskett accompanied Geo Olson to Lenora Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Gertie Long and Mrs. Florence Martin papered for Mrs. U. S. Lloyd Friday.

Mrs. Ella Jamison took dinner Sunday with Mrs. Cora White.

Band Party

The band members of S.C.H.S. had a very enjoyable evening on May 8 when they had a picnic and skating party at Colby.

When they arrived at the park, everyone was a little tired and cramped from riding so they proceeded to amuse themselves on the slipper-side, merry-go-round and swings. While some were doing this, the more responsible ones were preparing supper.

After supper everyone adjourned to the skating rink for a wonderful evening. - T. T. Tribune

Mickey's Want Ads

We have plenty of metal lawn chairs and you will soon need them. Get one now.

Landlady: "I thought I saw you taking a gentleman up to your apartment last night, Miss Smith."

Miss Smith: "Uhuh. That's what I thought, too."

We have a good gas water heater for less than a hundred dollars.

Fairview

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McGinnis, of Salina, were visiting in this community recently. We are always glad to see our good neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Quakenbush went to Oakley Saturday to attend funeral services for Martin Asbridge who was accidentally killed.

Mrs. Lucye Spillman spent the week end at W. I. Transues.

Morland News

This correspondent will be away for the next three months, but will resume writing upon my return.

50 Years Ago

May 20, 1976

Hartzog World Champion Barbed Wire Splicer

Earl Hartzog was named the World's Champion Barbed Wire Splicer at the 10th annual Barbed Wire Swap and Sell session held at LaCrosse, Kansas, recently. Hartzog captured the World's Championship title with 81.8 points.

This was the fourth year that Hartzog had competed in the World Championship contest at LaCrosse, but the first time he placed in the top contenders.

Cultus Club Members Tour Oakley Museum

On May 11, the Cultus Club met for their final meeting of the 1975-76 club year. Some of the members attended the tour of the Fick Museum in Oakley in the morning, returning for the 12 o'clock luncheon at the Old Sheridan Inn.

Mrs. Ad Smith and Mrs. Keith Caldwell hosted the luncheon. The tables were decorated with fresh cut flowers from their gardens. Hand made nut cups made from sugar molds and decorated, were filled with petite fresh flowers were lovely and a conversation piece.

Following the luncheon, President, Mrs. John Olson installed officers for the

coming year.

Ladies Golf

There were ten ladies who enjoyed golf and the noon luncheon on Tuesday, May 18. Darlene Schaffer won the prize for having the longest drive on Hole #4 last week.

Prize next week is for the longest putt on Hole #5. Bring you salad and join us. - Reporter

Bow Creek Unit Birthday Dinner

The Bow Creek EHU met on May 11 at the Sheridan Inn at 12:30 for dinner to celebrate our 1976 birthdays.

After enjoying the delicious lunch, Sue Stickel and Mary Lindahl showed slides entitled "Bird's Eye View of Sheridan County." These slides showed attractive scenes of Hoxie, the agricultural progress in Sheridan County, the recreation available here and some nature pictures.

Valley EHU News

The Valley EHU met at the home of Ellen Shipley on May 4. Roll call was answered by seven members on a refinishing tip.

Teresa Bretz told us about the District Tea, which was held at Norton in April. Teresa and Pam Popp attended the tea.

Mickey Want Ads

Fairlawn by Swan: Reinforced vinyl garden hose with weather-flex additives, flexible below zero, kink resistant, coils easily, solid brass couplings, Reb. \$13.99 - Now \$11.99.

A missionary plodding through the jungle was suddenly confronted by a lion and immediately fell to his knees in serious prayer. The lion looked him over, then knelt beside him. "How nice having you join me in prayer," said the missionary.

"Please don't interrupt me," said the lion. "I'm saying grace."

Scotts spot dandelion control and Scotts grass and spot week control now in stock.

25 Years Ago

May 17, 2001

Cowboy Gathering Slated

The first annual "Cowboy Gathering" will take place at Cottonwood Ranch State Historical Site on June 9 and 10.

According to Don Rowilson, curator of the ranch, both days of the gathering will feature vendors, cowboy entertainment, historical programs, chuck wagon meals, and various vendors.

Rexford

Peg Greenwood, the manager of The Red Barn Senior Center, attended the Governor's Conference on Aging on May 3-4 in Topeka. There were 525 people enrolled for the conference.

Twenty-five people attended the Pioneer Day at the community hall on May 6. The carry-n dinner was served at 12:30 p.m. and included many mouthwatering dishes of food. The program was given soon afterwards.

The Worthwhile Club met at The Red Barn on Wednesday afternoon with Edna Colson as hostess and all members were present. They voted to give a donation to the museum. Refreshments were served and the afternoon was spent visiting.

Broadway

Alma Maude Smith had singtime at the Quinter LTC Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo McBuerney, and Mr. and Mrs. Don McWilliam took Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Chestnut out to supper on their 67th wedding anniversary Wednesday evening.

The ABW held their monthly meeting at The Solid Rock on Thursday with six ladies attending. Mary Stillwell was hostess and Alma Maude Smith gave the lesson.

Selden

On May 10 at the Selden Senior Citizens, Anna Albers won high, Irene Kruse took second, Don Shaw got low and Clara Schieferecke had all kings.

The Selden Rural High School's 45th Alumni will be at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 26 at the parish hall. The program will honor the Veterans and we would like to ask them to wear their service caps.

The 8th Annual Antique Tractor and Car Show will be June 3 on the Main Street in Selden. Registration will be from 9-11 a.m. Plaques will be awarded to the top exhibitors (10 tractors, 10 cars, and three small engines).

Jennings

Over 30 people attended the Senior Citizens potluck supper last Tuesday.

Everyone welcomed Eugene and Donna Mrstik who are moving to the community.

Don Ammons and Grace Oren of Hoxie entertained.

School Competes in News Bowl

Golden Plains School recently participated in the News Bowl 2001 March Contest. News Bowl is a state and national current events contest open to third through eighth graders. The contest was administered on the internet and tested student knowledge of current events from January 1 to February 28. Teams competed in six different grade level divisions. The contest was administered in the individual schools during March.



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Rath Sets School Long Jump Record

By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains Sophomore Brenlynn Rath set a new school record in Long Jump at the Dighton Invitational Track Meet on May 8. She jumped 17' 7.25" breaking the record set by KayCee Miller in 2019.

"Records are goals for younger athletes to strive to break," said KayCee (Miller) Bretz. "Congratulations to Brenlynn and the work she has put in to achieve this. I wish her the best of luck for the rest of the season. Even though it's her name on the board now, I hope she continues to reach to break the mark in the future."

Rath also holds the Golden Plains Middle School Long Jump record of 16' 8.5" set in 2024 and the Middle School Triple Jump record of 34' 6.5" also set in 2024. She is just over 1 1/2 feet shy of the high school Triple Jump record and is hoping to set that record before the end of the season. "I've been gunning for the long jump record since the beginning of the season," said Rath. "I'm relieved to have finally gotten it. I hope to PR before the end of the season and qualify for state."



Golden Plains sophomore Brenlynn Rath jumps at the Dighton track meet on May 8. She set a new school record of 17' 7.25" in long jump placing 2nd at the meet. She also placed first in triple jump. (Photo by Kaytlin Kennedy)

GPMS Awards Night



Golden Plains Middle School held their annual Awards Night on May 12. They concluded the evening with the Promotion of the eighth-grade class. Students include (front) Genesis Rios-Mendoza, Emma Kier, Makynslee Vargas; (middle) Breeze Durham, Anyeli Peralta, MaKenlea Focke; (back) Solan Bruggeman, Jaxon Juenemann, Liam Wright, Blake Durham. (Not pictured Cameron Sweigart, Mariah Geishler) (Photo by Judy Rogers)

KSHSAA Citizenship Awards



Eighth graders Jaxon Juenemann and MaKenlea Focke received the KSHSAA Citizenship Award at the Golden Plains Middle School Awards Night on May 12. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

MS Girls Set PR's at League

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School girls track team set several PR's at the WKLL league meet in Oakley on May 14. The team scored a total of 28.25 points to finish their season.

Makynslee Vargas placed second in the triple jump with a PR jump of 28' 0.5" and Bailey Spresser placed second in the 200m dash with a PR run of 28.81. Spresser also placed third in the 100m with a 13.76 run and sixth in the 200m hurdles at 35.49. MaKenlea Focke jumped 4'4" in high jump to finish in a three way tie for third. Also earning points was the 4 x 100m relay team of Focke, Anyeli Peralta, Brookelynn Vahling, and Vargas with a fifth place run of 1:03.16.

Spresser set a PR in the 100m hurdles on 20.71. Genesis Rios finished her season with a PR in Shot Put (22' 7.25"), in Discus (48' 11"), and in the 200m (37.94). She just missed out on points in seventh place in the 3200m with a 20:09.07 run. Breeze Durham also set 2 PR's in both Shot Put (22' 2.5") and Discus (50' 9"). Isabel Bieker threw a season best 43' 9" in Javelin, Brookelynn Vahling ran a PR of 31.76 in the 200m, Emma Zeisler ran a PR of 1:20.47 in the 400m, and Vargas finished the 200m with a season best run of 31.93.

Additional result from the league meet include: High Jump-Vahling 3' 10", Vargas 3' 10", Shot Put-



Bailey Spresser and Brookelynn Vahling clear the hurdles for Golden Plains Middle School at the WKLL league meet in Oakley on May 14. (Photo courtesy GPMS)

Bieker 25' 0.5", Peralta 20' 4.75", Emma Zeisler 19' 3.25", Discus-Bieker 47' 1", Peralta 45' 5", Javelin-Peralta 36' 8", Durham 31' 4", 100m Hurdles-Vahling 20.27, Focke 21.68, 100m-Zeisler 16.52, Durham 16.99, 200m Hurdles-Zeisler 40.13, 200m-Rios 37.94.

Seventh Grade Girls Score in Hoxie

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School girls track team competed in Hoxie on May 8. The sixth and seventh grade girls combined in the seventh-grade division. They scored a total of 15 team points.

Sixth grader Bailey Spresser placed in all four of her events. She third in the 100m dash with a run of 14.13 seconds. She also placed third in the 200m at 29.59, fifth in the 400m with a 1:14.21 run, and sixth in the 100m hurdles at 20.98.

Emma Zeisler set a PR in both the 200m (33.18) and the 800m (3:15.18). "I'm improving a lot more," said Zeisler. "A lot of new friends have helped me understand the importance of setting a PR. My goal is to get through all of my events at league and to PR."

Results of additional events include: Javelin-Isabel Bieker 39' 9", Long Jump-Brookelynn Vahling 10' 6",

100m hurdles-Vahling 21.43, 100m-Vahling 15.76, Zeisler 16.88, Discus-Bieker 53' 10". The girls will finish their season at the WKLL Meet in Oakley on May 14.

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OBERLIN~DECATUR COUNTY NEWS

Decatur County Fire & Rescue Battles Multiple Wildland Fires

Facebook post from Decatur County Fire & Rescue/ Oberlin City Fire Department, May 17, 2026

"What a humbling day! We went out last night and fought multiple Wildland fires due to lightning strikes. Today this great group of volunteers donated the majority of their Sunday away from their families to clean and maintain equipment! The citizens of Decatur County can sleep well at night knowing that we are here for you! Being a firefighter is a passion, not a get rich quick scheme. As per usual I was fielding multiple phone calls from the local farmers last night while actively fighting fire. Every one of them willing to drop everything and render aid to us! The Decatur County Fire Department is so thankful for all of you, and very proud to serve you! God Bless each and every citizen of this great county!"



Oberlin Elementary Receives Playground Grant

GROW Decatur County Foundation Facebook post & photo, May 7, 2026

Big things are happening on the OES playground! GROW is excited to announce a \$25,000 grant award to USD 294 for the installation of new play turf at the OES playground! Designed to look and feel like real grass, this turf will provide a safer, more comfortable place for children to run, play, and learn together.

This project will be a wonderful addition to the ADA-friendly playground that GROW previously helped fund – a space that has already become an amazing asset for students and families in our community. We're proud to continue investing in projects that create inclusive, safe, and fun environments for our kids!

GROW Decatur County Foundation is an affiliate of GNWKCF (Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation).



Cruise Night in Oberlin This Friday!

GROW Decatur County Foundation Facebook post & photo, May 6, 2026

Cruise Night is coming up on the 22nd, and we'd love to see everyone out enjoying a great evening in downtown Oberlin!

Bring your family, invite your friends, and come hungry—GROW will be serving up delicious pork burgers, the Museum will have homemade ice cream, and Gateway Youth Center will be keeping things cool with refreshing limeaid. You won't want to miss it!

It's always such a fun night to walk around, check out the cars, connect with neighbors, and just enjoy being part of this amazing community. If your group or organization would like to join in on the fun by setting up a booth, we'd love to have you—just give GROW a call at 785-475-6321.

Mark your calendars for the 22nd—we can't wait to see you there!

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Kansas Changes State Noxious Weed List

Manhattan - Beginning in May 2026, updates to the Kansas Noxious Weed List will take effect following an extensive process led by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The changes update weed designations and control methods, impacting landowners, county governments and others responsible for managing land across the state.

The updates include revisions to the official list of noxious weeds and their classifications. Changes include the removal of pignut from the list and the addition of several species across three categories: spotted knapweed and diffuse knapweed have been added as Category A noxious weeds; common teasel and cutleaf teasel have been added as Category B noxious weeds; and Amur honeysuckle has been added as a Category C noxious weed.

These updates are based on weed risk assessments from the state Noxious Weed Advisory Committee, which reviews noxious weed classifications and control strategies and provides guidance to the Secretary of Agriculture. This strategy for determining which weeds are declared noxious is meant to identify invasive weeds before they become a problem statewide.

Kansas classifies noxious weeds into three categories based on their presence and level of threat. Category A weeds are not widely established in the state and are targeted for eradication. Category B weeds are present in certain areas and require control to prevent further spread. Category C weeds are more widespread and are managed to reduce their impact over time.

The KDA plant protection and weed control program works closely with county weed directors as key partners in the state's management of noxious weeds. In addition to the state's Noxious Weed List, other species may be designated as county option weeds. Check with your county weed department to know whether other species have been designated as noxious in your county.

Under Kansas law, landowners and individuals responsible for managing land are required to control designated noxious weeds using approved control methods. These changes may require some landowners and local governments to implement management practices for newly listed species. These new weeds are now eligible for reduced cost herbicides through local county weed departments.

While there may be costs associated with herbicide use or other control measures, effective weed management can improve land productivity, increase crop and forage yield, enhance overall property value, and reduce future costs of weed control if invasive weeds continue to spread.

More information about the Kansas Noxious Weed Control Program, including full details on the updated list and management requirements, is available at the Kansas Department of Agriculture website: www.agriculture.ks.gov/NoxiousWeeds. For local guidance, landowners should contact their county weed director; a list of weed directors across the state can be found on the County Weed Directors Association of Kansas website at www.cwdak.org.

Curiosity Calls



Last week, the *Sentinel* staff were visiting the businesses in Oberlin and came across this lone, sad, shoe on a planter. Curiosity has us wondering if its owner (and shoe mate) were ever joyfully reunited? (*Sentinel* Staff photo)

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Grain Report		Weather Report			
Reported on: Tuesday, May 19		Date	High	Low	Moisture
Corn	4.58	5/10	70	50	.02"
		5/11	84	49	--
Milo	3.78	5/12	81	53	--
		5/13	82	45	--
Beans	10.93	5/14	88	59	.04"
		5/15	94	53	--
Wheat	6.19	5/16	86	56	.38"

2026 Summer Reading Challenge and Out-Read the Nation

Topeka -- The Kansas Republican Party is calling on all Kansas students in grades K-8 and their families to participate in Second Lady Usha Vance's Summer Reading Challenge, running June 1 through September 4, 2026.

The nationwide effort aims to transform summer vacation into a season of discovery, helping children explore new worlds, meet favorite authors, and develop a lifelong love of reading alongside their families, schools, and local libraries.

As part of the Summer Reading Challenge, Second Lady Usha Vance is urging all children in grades K-8 to read at least 12 books. Once complete, participants will receive a personalized certificate, an America 250th anniversary-themed bookmark and a special link to receive a prize. Participants will also be entered for a chance to visit Washington, D.C. and the White House.

The official Summer Reading Challenge includes a leaderboard tracker, and Kansas Republicans are urging Kansas kids to out-read the rest of the nation.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to children nationwide in grades K-8. Participants receive free resources and a reading log designed to make tracking progress fun and rewarding. Families are encouraged to join the official Summer Reading Challenge <https://www.whitehouse.gov/read/>.

Kansas Republicans in the Kansas Legislature adopted the Blueprint for Literacy in 2024. The Blueprint makes literacy a state-level priority. Read more about the Blueprint for Literacy <https://www.kansasregents.gov/about/kansas-blueprint-for-literacy/blueprint-overview>.

With House Passage of E15 Bill, Kansas Corn Urges Quick Senate Action

May 14, 2026—With strong backing from the Kansas delegation, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 218 to 203 Wednesday to pass H.R. 1346, the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act. Kansas Representatives Ron Estes, Sharice Davids, Tracey Mann, and Derek Schmidt all voted in favor of passage.

"We appreciate the advocacy of our members on this issue, and we thank our entire House delegation from Kansas for supporting this bill. This was a bipartisan win for farmers and consumers alike," said KCGA President Matt Splitter, Sterling. "Now our emphasis is on passing this bill in the Senate, and we encourage them to take action quickly."

Splitter emphasized that year-round access to E15 benefits both farmers and consumers.

"When you look at the harsh economic outlook corn farmers are experiencing, and the high gas prices we are all facing, it is clear this is a major boost for both farmers and consumers," Splitter said. "We grow multiple crops on our farm. I'm not only a corn farmer, and it makes sense to be united on issues that clearly benefit our overall farming operations."

Year-round E15 access will give fuel retailers the certainty they need to add E15 as a choice for their customers, boosting demand for corn-based ethanol. E15 is a midgrade fuel that is priced below regular unleaded fuel. In Kansas, where it is available at over 150 stations across the state, drivers are seeing savings of up to 15 cents per gallon.

Ohio farmer and National Corn Growers Association President Jed Bower said, "We are thrilled to see that E15 legislation passed the House today and are deeply appreciative of the legislation's sponsors, co-sponsors and all its congressional supporters."

"Passage of this bill is essential to the success of corn farmers and rural communities, particularly as our growers face their fourth year of net losses and struggle with high input costs. It would also help drivers across the country who could save 10 to 30 cents per gallon on gas as fuel prices continue to rise. We encourage members of the Senate to quickly take up this bill and send it to the president's desk for signature."

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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending May 17, 2026, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 27% very short, 42% short, 30% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 26% very short, 40% short, 33% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 24% very poor, 34% poor, 27% fair, 14% good, and 1% excellent. Winter wheat headed was 93%, ahead of 82% last year, and well ahead of 72% for the five-year average. Coloring was 22%, ahead of 6% last year and 5% average.

Corn planted was 63%, behind 71% last year and 68% average. Emerged was 45%, behind 51% last year, but near 44% average.

Soybeans planted was 53%, near 54% last year, but ahead of 44% average. Emerged was 23%, equal to last year, and near 19% average.

Sorghum planted was 12%, equal to last year, and near 9% average.

Cotton planted was 45%, near 42% last year, and ahead of 38% average.

Sunflowers planted was 10%, ahead of 3% last year and 5% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 15% very poor, 24% poor, 29% fair, 28% good, and 4% excellent.

Consumer Alert: Weekend Storm Damage Could Attract Scammer Contractors

Topeka - Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach is urging Kansas residents to use caution to avoid scams by unregistered contractors following weekend storms. Tornadoes occurred in Barton and Sherman counties, and Kansans in Barton, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Ottawa, Pawnee, Republic, Rush, Russell, Sherman, Thomas and Washington counties experienced hail. Kansas also experienced high winds in Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Decatur, Doniphan, Gove, Graham, Jewell, Marshall, Mitchell, Nemaha, Norton, Ottawa, Phillips, Republic, Rooks, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, and Thomas counties.

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

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

Working with a roofer that is registered is a bare minimum to help prevent problems. The attorney

Supporting Kansas Farmers Gives Americans Choice at the Pump

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Tracey Mann (KS-01) voted to pass the Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act, legislation he cosponsors, in the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 218 to 203. The bill allows E15 fuel to be sold year-round nationwide by removing burdensome federal restrictions that currently limit sales to the summer months.

"Year-round E15 is a major win for Kansas agriculture, American energy, and families looking for more choices at the pump," said Rep. Mann. "Kansas farmers help feed, fuel, and clothe the world, and this commonsense legislation strengthens markets for our producers, supports domestic energy production, and reduces unnecessary regulatory barriers. As a member of the Rural Domestic Energy Council, I have worked directly with producers, refiners, and energy stakeholders to craft this legislation, and I look forward to getting it across the finish line."

The Nationwide Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act:

- Allows E15 fuel to be sold year-round nationwide by removing seasonal federal restrictions on its sale
- Strengthens markets for agricultural producers by increasing demand for ethanol-based fuels
- Expands consumer choice at the pump by making higher-ethanol fuel blends permanently available, but not required
- Supports domestic energy production by allowing more American-grown biofuels to reach consumers
- Adds more than 100,000 rural jobs at refineries nationwide
- Reduces unnecessary regulatory barriers that increase costs

During debate on the legislation, Rep. Mann emphasized how both American families and agricultural producers will benefit from this policy.

general's office also recommends the following tips in dealing with any unregistered contractors, including roofers:

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

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

With few exceptions, the Kansas Roofing Contractor

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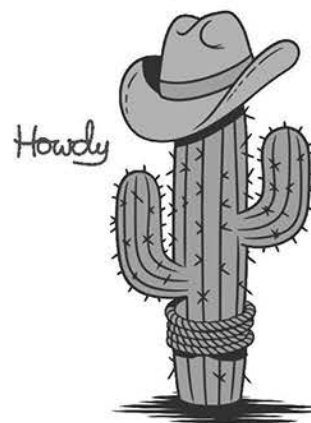
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		6	2			3		
	5		3		1			9
7					5	2		
	7			9			8	4
		4	1					5
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

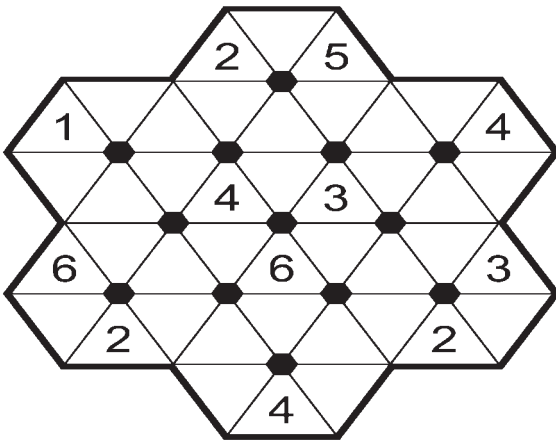
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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.



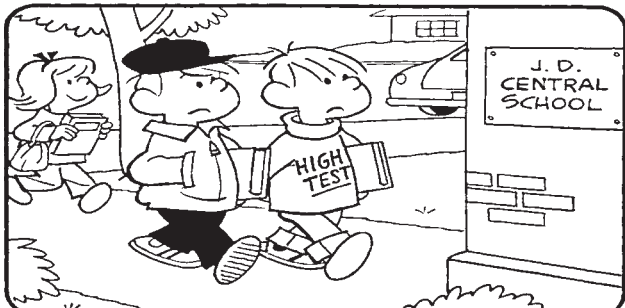
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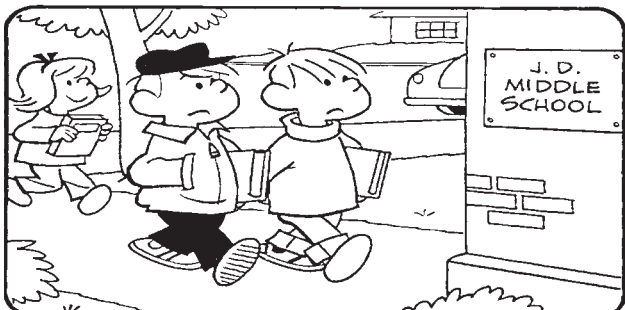
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Purse is missing. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sweater words are missing. 4. Book is moved. 5. Car is moved. 6. School name is different.

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: S equals T

XK V OIZGEQ IK VZWSTVEXVP
LVTWZGXVEW DQTQ NVSSEXPR
XS IZS, LXRBS SBVS NQ DILNVS
OILNVS?

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

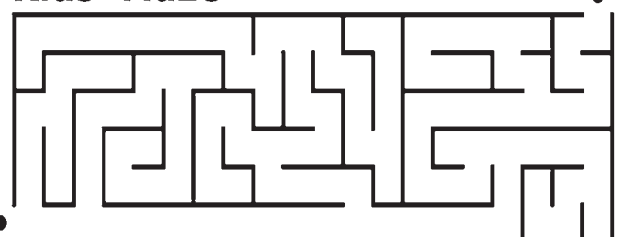
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each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

	-		x		16
÷		÷		÷	
	x		+		7
+		+		+	
	-		x		7
11		9		11	

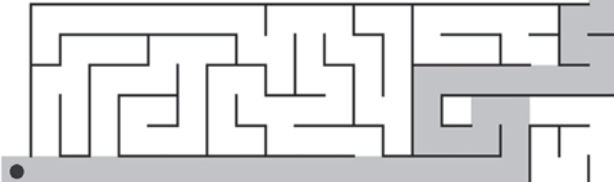
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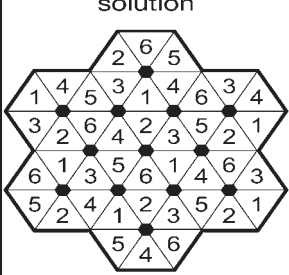


Kids' Maze Solution



SNOWFLAKES

solution



Go Figure!

answers

6	-	2	x	4	16
÷		÷		÷	
3	x	2	+	1	7
+		+		+	
9	-	8	x	7	7
11		9		11	

Super Crossword

Answers

C	A	T	G	U	T	A	M	S	D	O	F	F	R	I	V	A	L		
A	T	H	E	N	A	B	A	C	H	E	L	O	R	A	N	I	M	E	
F	L	Y	O	F	F	T	H	E	H	A	N	D	L	E	T	S	L	O	T
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E	A	D	I	E	S	E	E	R	S	E	A	S	O	N	E	N	D		
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Fun Page Solutions

CryptoQuip answer

If a couple of Australian marsupials were battling it out, might that be wombat combat?

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

4	1	6	9	2	8	7	3	5
2	5	8	3	7	1	6	4	9
7	3	9	6	4	5	2	1	8
1	7	2	5	9	6	3	8	4
6	8	4	1	3	7	9	5	2
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Commission Minutes
5/12/26

Now on this 12th day of May 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.

The Treasurer's abatement was approved and signed on a motion by Emigh and second from Stithem. Carried 3-0

Hirsch gave an update on the tax sale to be held on May 26, 2026

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz presented an Easement for SMG Resources LLC to bore under a county road in 2-10-26 for a water line. Stithem made a motion, seconded by Emigh to approve and sign the Easement. Carried 3-0.

The board and Herskowitz discussed trucks. The mowers have arrived and are currently being made right at BTI. The hazardous waste trailer has been returned. The board and Herskowitz briefly discussed culverts. Emigh made a motion to approve purchasing the Star Program for the landfill. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Lydia Pratt and Kennedy Brown entered the meeting at 7:01 PM.

The agenda was approved as presented (Beckman/Carter 7-0).

Michael Bretz welcomed the guests present.

There were no Communications to the Board to review.

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented (Weber/Oelke 7-0).

a) Approve Current Bills

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e) Approve March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

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g) Approve Professional Leave

h) Approval of Gifts and Grants Awards

• \$1,000 from Midwest Energy towards track project

• \$3,395 from IPBC for sports drone kit

Department reports were reviewed.

Guidance Department: Tennille Giancola was present and reviewed her report with the Board.

Tennille Giancola exited the meeting at 7:20 PM.

Transportation/Maintenance: Travis

Arnold was present to review his report with the Board.

Large Scale Projects: No updates at the time of the meeting.

Travis Arnold exited the meeting at 7:22 PM.

FHTNW: Minutes provided, brief update from Billi Beckman.

NKESC: Minutes provided, brief update from Michael Bretz.

Food Service: The Board reviewed a written report provided by Tammy Schamberger.

Administrator Reports: Sharris Werner and Chris Gardner provided updates on their respective buildings and the district. The Board reviewed a written report from Athletic Director, Lance Baar.

The Board moved on to address the items under Old Business.

Staff Evaluations were tabled to later in the meeting.

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The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:33 PM to discuss negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 7:38 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/Carter 7-0).

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The Board moved to approve a distribution in the amount of \$1,000 from the USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools Projects Fund in support of the track project held at the Sheridan County Community Foundation (Oelke/Baalman 7-0).

There were no handbook recommendations to review or approve.

A quote for new K-6 ELA curriculum was not available for approval but should be ready by the regular June meeting.

The Board held a discussion regarding transportation for summer sports and activities. The consensus was to allow board approved coaches & sponsors the use of the transportation fleet for one team camp or tournament per sport or activity. Any use of the transportation fleet beyond one team camp or tournament is not permitted. All allowable transportation must be arranged with transportation director Travis Arnold in advance.

The Board moved to approve resignations as listed (Oelke/Herl):

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aid Clayton Schamberger: Head junior high wrestling coach

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Approved this 11th day of May 2026

MANDY SHIPLEY, BOARD CLERK

USD 412 Board of Education Minutes

UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412 SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the District Boardroom located in Hoxie, KS.

PRESENT WERE BOARD MEMBERS:

Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Mitchell Baalman, Leonard Weber, Erika Carter, Darrin Herl, Brett Oelke

SUPERINTENDENT: Sharris Werner

BOARD CLERK: Mandy Shipley

PRINCIPAL: Chris Gardner

GUESTS: Finley Schippers, Tatumn Kaiser, Dylan Mader, Ryan Bird, Shannon Bird, Dominic Mishler, Tennille Giancola, Travis Arnold

Michael Bretz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Mandy Shipley took roll call attendance. Seven Board members were present.

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OBITUARY

Betty Cressler
November 13, 1938 ~ February 16, 2026



Betty A. (Benedict) Cressler was born November 13, 1938, in rural Red Willow County, Nebraska, to Charles P. and Hazel (Fiechster) Benedict. The third of four siblings, she passed away on February 16, 2026, at the Andbe Home in Norton, Kansas.

Raised in southwestern Nebraska, Betty graduated from Wilsonville High School in 1956, briefly attended college in McCook, and taught a year at a country school near Selden. On November 1, 1958, she married Alfred E. Cressler in Jennings. They settled in Jennings, where Alfred worked for the State Highway Department for 39 years, and together they raised seven children.

Betty was a devoted homemaker, known for her baking, gardening, canning, sewing, and quilting. She cared for other families' children and always stepped in to help where needed, from school fundraisers to serving as a substitute cook. She was active in the Sunflower Quilters Club, hand-quilting heirlooms and making quilts for her children, grandchildren, and for community fundraisers. Betty also participated in the Historic Building Preservation Committee, Jennings United Methodist Church, and the Lions Club, supporting various community projects and events. Her humble service and commitment to others were evident in her involvement with the Methodist Church's prayer chain and her daily connections with friends and neighbors. She cherished time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and enjoyed Talking Books in her later years.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Edward and Elaine; her husband, Alfred; and her son, Doug. She is survived by her sister Barbara Wolfe; sons Don (Trish), Duane (Stephanie), and Jonathan; daughters Marsha (Bernie), Beverly (John), and Penny (Jeff); 13 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

For those interested in honoring Betty's life, donations in her memory may be made to: Andbe Home of Norton, Talking Books Program of Kansas, Jennings United Methodist Church, Jennings Historic Building Preservation Committee (HBPC), or Lions Club. Interment will be held Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 10:30 at the Jennings Cemetery (2327 I Lane Jennings, KS 67643), followed by a Celebration of Life at the Methodist Church.

Consumer Alert

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

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

KANSASWORKS Virtual Job Fair

Topeka – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland encourages jobseekers and employers searching for available talent to take part in this month's Virtual Statewide Job Fair, hosted by KANSASWORKS, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28.

The Virtual Job Fair format allows anyone searching for a new job to fill out applications, chat live and interview virtually with participating employers.

This month's Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal features helpful information such as a jobseeker training video, a list of participating employers and channels

for attendees to register and log in. Jobseekers are encouraged to dress professionally, as they might be asked to engage in an interview.

Candidates can participate through any digital device. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation by contacting their nearest workforce center at (877) 509-6757 prior to the event.

Registration is required to participate in virtual job fairs, regardless of previous participation. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/3RuBUAQ>.



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Grinnell Tornado

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meetings, phone calls, cleanup days, and late nights that most people will never see behind the scenes.

What I've learned this year is that resilience doesn't always look strong and polished. Sometimes it looks like tired people showing up anyway. Sometimes it looks like stubborn hope. Sometimes it looks like a town refusing to quit.

I'm incredibly proud of this community and deeply grateful to every person, organization, volunteer, agency, and neighbor who helped carry Grinnell through the hardest year many of us have ever experienced.

Today we remember what was lost, honor how far we've come, and continue rebuilding for what comes next.

Grinnell is still here.

Still fighting.

Still home.

Selden Tornado

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and businesses were impacted by this storm. A lot of our firefighters got two or three hours of sleep but it is clear that their commitment to this department and to our county is strong and proud. And how could we ever fail to thank those of you who donated hundreds of bottles of water, food, and even brand-new chain saws - WOW!

At day's end we wanted to have the first unfurling of our huge new United States flag to be at Selden to symbolize our pride - and frankly our honor - to serve you - our neighbors and friends. God bless each of you!



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