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SOIL CONSERVATION WEEK



Nut Day with 2nd graders! We gather acorns and learn about germination. (SCCD photo)



Congratulations to Jay and Talona Niermeier on your 2025 Windbreak Award. (SCCD photo)



Jay Niermeier started his windbreak in 2020. He planted 165 Eastern Red Cedars the first year, two rows along the road and more on the north side of his house. He also planted 18 Austrian Pines. They have grown nicely with the help of weed barrier and drip irrigation. Jay has noticed that the trees already help with slowing the wind and blowing snow. An added benefit is the number of pheasants and quail he notices. (SCCD photo)

Soil Conservation Week is an annual event organized by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to raise awareness about the importance of conserving natural resources. Celebrated since 1955, it remains one of the world's largest conservation-focused observances. The event encourages community action to protect and enhance our environment through various activities like field days, educational workshops, and community cleanups. The theme for 2025 is "Home is Where the Habitat Is," celebrating 70 years of Stewardship Week and highlighting the vital role that natural and managed habitats play in supporting biodiversity and ecological balance.

Our Worm Unit is well accepted with Hoxie's 3rd graders. We learn the value of worms and how they help with soil health. (SCCD photo)



KSHP Promotes Hoxie Native Clayton Hill



The Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent, Colonel Erik Smith announced that Master Trooper Clayton Hill has been promoted to Lieutenant. He will serve as Lieutenant for the Troop S Special Response Team (SRT).

Hill joined the Patrol on July 6, 2016, as Class President of Class #56. His first duty station was Nemaha County, Troop B. In 2021, he was promoted to Master Trooper and served in that role until his recent promotion. In addition to his primary duties, Hill served as an SRT Sniper, a Rangemaster, Sniper Instructor, Field Training Officer, Recruit Coach, and Vice-President on the Executive Board of the Kansas Peace Officers Association. He received several awards, including a Top Producer Award for the largest currency seizure, Commander's Commendation for a homicide arrest, and a Life Saving Award.

A native of Hoxie, Kansas, Hill is a graduate of Hoxie High School. He attended Colby Community College, where he earned an associates degree, and Emporia State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree. Prior to joining the Patrol, he worked at the Hays Police Department and served as a Patrol Sergeant and Assistant Team Leader of the Special Situation Response Team. He spends much of his free time outdoors hunting, fishing, and riding dirt bikes.

The Patrol congratulates Lieutenant Hill on his promotion and wishes him the best in this position.

Local Work Group Meeting
 Hosted by Logan, Gove & Sheridan County Conservation Districts
 February 26, 2026 9:00 a.m.
 Logan County Courthouse Meeting Room
 710 West 2nd Street, Oakley KS

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information and make recommendations to the NRCS state Conservationist, as well as other state and local leaders, related to addressing natural resource concerns identified at the local level. The recommendations gathered locally, as well as consolidated report for the entire state of Kansas, will be shared with all interested parties.

Please RSVP to Dana by February 24, 2026 to reserve
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 dana.charles@ks.nacdnet.net

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Upcoming Blood Drive, Tuesday, February 3

There was a very informative article in last week's *Sentinel* about a severe blood shortage recently throughout the United States. I will just summarize it by saying that inclement weather and high flu activity are the two main reasons that are causing the 35% draw-down of blood products. With that in mind, we are hoping for a good turnout on February 3, at the 4H Building in Hoxie. The Red Cross will be receiving potential donors from noon to 5:45. Anyone donating blood in February will receive a \$20 e-gift card. You will also receive a nice meal and sincere thanks for your donation.

You may call or text Marty Cressler at 785-675-8765, or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment. You may also call 1-800-RED-CROSS with any questions.

The shortage that is being experienced is especially serious for platelets and types O, A-, and B- blood. Please consider making a blood donation in February; it's a very worthwhile habit to form!

Sheridan County Community Foundation Paid Internships Offered Through Nex-Gen Program

Hoxie - The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to announce its 2026 Summer Internship Program, offering two paid internship positions for high school and college students interested in gaining hands-on experience in nonprofit work, philanthropy, and local economic development.

These paid internship opportunities are made possible through SCCF's participation in the Nex-Gen Internship Program, a workforce development initiative of Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth, Inc. Through the Nex-Gen program, students are placed in meaningful, paid internships while receiving professional development, mentorship, and exposure to career opportunities across northwest and north central Kansas.

"We are excited to welcome students who want to learn more about how communities grow and thrive," said Karl Pratt, SCCF Executive Director. "Through this internship, students will gain practical skills, learn how philanthropy and fundraising work, and see firsthand how local organizations support long-term community success."

Summer interns will assist with donor database entry, e-communications, basic graphic design, website and social media updates, and general office projects. Interns will also help distribute event and program fliers and may assist with creating promotional and marketing materials, including video, highlighting Foundation programs, economic development initiatives, and community assets.

In addition, interns will gain exposure to grantmaking, fundraising, and philanthropy, learning how charitable dollars are raised, managed, and awarded to support local projects and nonprofit organizations throughout Sheridan County.

The internship is open to students age 16 and older. Applications are coordinated through the Nex-Gen Internship Program and must be submitted online by March 1, 2026, at <https://nex-generation.secure-platform.com/site>.

For more information or to apply, visit the Nex-Gen Internship Program website at www.nex-generation.org/internships or contact Pratt at the Sheridan County Community Foundation.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The Foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life for Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, contact Pratt at 785-677-5090, director@growsheridancounty.org, or visit www.growsheridancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancfcf.

Words of Faith	Grain Report	Weather Report	Contents	Words of Wisdom
<p><i>Without faith in your heart, you can do nothing.</i> ~Old Irish Saying</p>	Reported on: Tuesday, Jan. 27	Date High Low Moisture	Community News 2	<p><i>You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind.</i> ~Irish Proverb</p>
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The Selden Senior Citizens met on January 22, at the Community Center for a delicious meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of Pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Betty Hickert, John Milner, Margee Wilson, Helen Carman, Steve Skubal, Carlene Bruggeman, Barb Jones, Joan Austin, Sandra Dahl. Those staying to play cards included Bob Wessel and Elaine Koerperich with a score of 449, Pat Wessel with a score of 311, Rose Bainter with a score of 314, Shirley Emigh with a score of 586, JR Albers with a score of 565, Boyd Wilson with a score of 608, and Jacque Boultinghouse with a score of 470.

Birthdays & Anniversaries
 January 31: Micah Wenger, Eric Korte
 February 1: Jerry Rall, Marsha Rogers, Aaron Emigh, Don Rall
 February 2: Mary Carroll
 February 3: Rachael Ritter Still, Brian & Linda Schroer
 February 4: Ron Rogers, Mary Goalden
 February 5: Grant Shaw, Paul Best, Clay Phillips
 Sacred Heart Parish will be sponsoring the Mardi Gras on Sunday, February 15, at the Parish Hall in Selden. Spaghetti Dinner will be from 11:30 to 12:30, followed by games. Bake Walk, Spinning Wheel, Quilt Raffle, CYO Raffle, Fish Pond/Dart Game. Fun for all and everyone welcome to come join the fun.

Fall Honor Rolls Announced

Colby — Colby Community College recognized 206 students who earned academic distinction on the President's and Vice President's honor rolls for the fall 2025 semester. The individuals completed at least 12 credit hours with no failing grades.
 The President's Honor Roll includes 135 students with a 4.0 grade point average. Seventy-one students on the Vice President's Honor Roll had GPAs between 3.75 and 3.99.
President's Honor Roll
 Hoxie: Taylor Russel
 Rexford: Dylan Wark
Vice President's Honor Roll
 Hoxie: Charlotte Walker



Angelus 4-H Club

The December meeting of the Angelus 4-H Club was called to order by president, Jude, in the Angelus Church basement. Members stood as Henry led them in the Pledge of Allegiance, Adleigh led the prayer, and Hudson led them in singing "Jingle Bells". Roll call "What do you want for Christmas?" was answered by nineteen members and five adults.

Officer reports were Dominic gave the Treasurer Report. Linda reported they made a profit on the pies they made for the Angelus Church's Fall Bingo. Linda presented a bill for the Veterans Day Breakfast and Alex presented a bill for the Special Events candy. Peter's good humor was, "What do grapes sing for Christmas?" (Tis the season to be JELLY!) For Roch's Kansas Events Report, he presented a list of Christmas celebrations happening around Kansas. Lucy Anne taught us how to say Merry Christmas in five languages. Safety tip by Blaise was to always unplug your phone charger so it does not start a fire.

Nathan asked those with December birthdays to come forward to select a treat from the special events sack and we sang "Happy Birthday" to them. Trace told us about the 4-H flag being taken into space in 1989. Kilian told us the temperatures are forecasted to be in the mid-60's for Christmas week. Thaddeus informed the members that Christmas trees are grown in all fifty states and that there are around 15,000 tree farms in the United States.

Blaise gave the 4-H Council Report:
 Large animal weigh-in is February 22, at the veterinary clinic north of Hoxie at 1:30
 YCCA will be held March 16, at the 4-H Building in Hoxie beginning at 10:30
 County Club Day is scheduled for March 23, in Hoxie beginning at 5:00
 District Day is scheduled for March 31, in Norton.

Small animal weigh-in is April 19, at the fairgrounds in Hoxie. Committee reports:
 As one of our community projects, the Mishler family will bring supplies so members can make Valentine cards as recreation at the January meeting. The Ostmeier family is in charge of the Golden Age dinner and will have a report at the next meeting.

There was no old business.
 New business:
 Members are to bring ideas for what they want to perform at County Day to the next meeting. Jayden moved and Dominic seconded a motion to pay the bills. The motion carried. Rylan presented many ideas for the members to update their record books. For the program, Dominic gave a slide show about Andy Warhol's works and Jude gave a presentation about how to stop wood from tearing when it is cut. Margaret Mary led members in the 4-H Pledge and the meeting adjourned.

The families then drove to Oakley to bowl, eat pizza, and have a white elephant gift exchange. They agreed it was a fun time!

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Don't Stop the Fight... Strengthen My Faith

Listen up...
 I don't want God to prevent the fight...
 I want Him to provide the faith.

Because let's be real—some of us keep praying like this:
 "God, don't let it get hard."
 "God, don't let me hurt."
 "God, don't let me go through it."
 "God, remove the pressure."
 But hear me...
 God ain't raising babies.
 He's raising warriors.
 And if you keep asking Him to cancel every battle... you're gonna stay weak in every season.
 See we want a God that keeps us comfortable... but we serve a God that makes us STRONG.
 We want Him to remove the storm... but He wants to teach us how to STAND IN IT.
 Because faith ain't real when life is easy.
 Faith shows up when you're tired...
 when your mind is screaming...
 when your heart is heavy...
 when your marriage is shaking...
 when your money is low...
 when temptation is loud...
 when people leave...
 when you're fighting a war nobody even knows about.
 That's when faith becomes faith.
 And some of y'all know exactly what I'm talking about...
 You've been praying for peace...
 but God's been giving you POWER.
 You've been praying for the door to open...
 but God's been teaching you how to KNOCK UNTIL IT BREAKS.

You've been praying for the pain to disappear...
 but God's been building your back so you can carry what used to crush you.



Because God doesn't always remove the fight... Sometimes He uses it. He uses it to show you what you're made of.

He uses it to expose what you've been hiding.
 He uses it to break the pride.
 He uses it to kill the fake.
 He uses it to build a real man.
 A real woman.
 A real believer.
 And here's the part that hits deep...
 Some of us don't want faith.
 We want a shortcut.
 We want a life with no pressure...
 but still want the testimony.
 We want the blessing...
 but don't want the stretching.
 We want the crown...
 but don't want the cross.
 Nah.
 Not this time.
 Because you don't grow in comfort.
 You grow in conflict.
 You don't get stronger by avoiding the battle...
 you get stronger by learning how to fight it with Jesus in your chest.

So today I'm not praying "God stop the fight..."
 I'm praying:
 "God give me faith when my feelings lie."
 "God give me faith when my strength is gone."
 "God give me faith when my past tries to talk."
 "God give me faith when the devil gets loud."
 "God give me faith when I'm shaking but still standing."
 Because I'd rather go through the fire with God... than live a safe life without Him.
 And hear me loud...
 If you're in a fight right now...
 That doesn't mean God left you.
 That might be proof He's working in you.
 Because the enemy doesn't waste attacks on people who ain't dangerous.
 So if hell has been pressuring you...
 Maybe heaven sees something in you.
 So stand up.
 Wipe your face.
 Fix your posture.
 Lift your head.
 And say it again:
 "God... I don't want You to prevent the fight...
 I want You to provide the faith."
 Isaiah 41:10
 "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

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Hoxie FFA Competes in Leadership Development Event



By Carley Cooper

Hoxie FFA competes in this year's district discussion meet on January 26, held at Hoxie High School. The competition was a Leadership Development Event (LDE) that simulates a committee meeting to solve agricultural-related problems. Students talk in a group format, similar to a meeting rather than a debate or speech. Competitors work together to exchange ideas and solutions to whatever problem is at hand. Students improve their communication skills and problem-solving during this meet. (Photo by Emily Mong)

Hoxie FCCLA Dominates STAR Events and Elections



By Luis Rivero Juarez

On January 21, Hoxie High School FCCLA members traveled to Oakley for the District A STAR Events competition. The acronym STAR stands for "Students Taking Action with Recognition." Students are tasked with picking a category and creating a project. They can choose to go solo or team up with partners.

The following students competed in the STAR events, and they are listed along with their categories: freshmen Kellen Cressler, Ethan Baker, and Madison Mader - Fashion Design; senior Nick Robben - Job Interview; seniors Iauna King and Sarah Dardis - Food Innovations; freshman Jordan Dardis - Fashion Construction. The following students earned silver, securing their place in the state competition: Iauna King and Sarah Dardis; Jordan Dardis; Ethan Baker, Madison Mader, and Kellen Cressler. Nick Robben was the only competitor from Hoxie to earn gold.

Along with the competition, Teagan Slabaugh and freshman Keiley Kincaid were the voting delegates from District A. They voted on the district officers for the next year. In these elections, Jordan Dardis was selected as the District A Secretary/Treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year.

"Our FCCLA members did amazing at our district STAR Events in Oakley," exclaimed Hoxie sponsor and District A Advisor Jen Carder. "All of our projects made it to our state competition in April! I couldn't be prouder!" The next event the Hoxie FCCLA organization will be participating in is National FCCLA Week, which takes place February 9-13. Be on the lookout for the activities the organization will have planned!

(Photo by Jen Carder)

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Lady Indians Start Strong at MCL Tournament



By Emma Schamberger

The MCL Basketball Tournament was held the week of January 19, and the Hoxie Lady Indians had a dominant start. As the number one seed for the tournament with an 11-0 record, the Lady Indians earned a home court advantage for the first round.

On Monday, January 19, the Lady Indians faced off against the Norton Bluejays in the first round. Hoxie came out strong and established a 19-9 lead. Maintaining the momentum throughout the game, Hoxie went into halftime ahead with a score of 34-20. The third quarter continued their lead with a score of 40-29 and secured the victory with a final score of 56-40. "We definitely had moments of struggle during this game, but a win is a win," said junior Kendall Baalman. "I think I speak for the team when I say we are looking forward to the rest of the tournament."

Following the first-round success, the Lady Indians advanced to the semifinal round on the champion side of the bracket. All semifinal games were scheduled to be played in Plainville, and due to inclement weather, the game times were adjusted. The Lady Indians played at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 23, against the TMP Monarchs, a team they had previously defeated in the regular season the week before. Hoxie started the game with a 12-8 lead after the first quarter. By halftime, the Lady Indians extended their lead to 27-12. In the third quarter, Hoxie widened the gap further to 46-21. The game concluded with an exciting 54-25 victory.

Due to weather concerns, all remaining tournament games, except the championship games, were postponed. The Hoxie Lady Indians are set to face the Oakley Plainsman on Saturday, January 31, in Plainville for the Championship game.

(Photo by Helaina Heskett)

Lady Bulldogs Play Bobcats at Home

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs played the Western Plains Lady Bobcats for the third time this season on their home floor in Rexford. They defeated them in a close game at the Sagebrush tournament in December and lost to them by ten in Ransom the week earlier.

The girls were eager to claim this third game but fell to the Bobcats 32-36. "We played good defense," said Brenlynn Rath, "but the rim was not our friend. We put up good shots, but they weren't falling."

The Dogs got off to a 4-0 start in the first quarter with shots from Rath and Kailee Wessel. The Bobcats came on late in the quarter to lead 6-5 at the end. The Bobcats added another 7 in the second while the Dogs only made a single basket to extend the Bobcat lead 13-7 at the half.

The Bulldogs came out with energy in the third and worked their way to 10 additional points while their strong defense held the 'Cats to 7 making it a three-point game 17-20 going into the fourth. A 6-point run in the fourth extended the Bobcat lead but the Dogs worked their way to keep it close. A final 3 point shot from Adilyn Meier—she made 2 in the fourth—finished the game with a 32-36 loss for the Bulldogs.

Rath led the Bulldogs with 13 points. Adilyn Meier and Kailee Wessel each added 8 and Jade Dible 3. The GP girls return to the court on January 20 in Logan. Rath claimed 7 rebounds and Elizabeth Weiner 6. Anais Cepeda had 5, Wessel 4, and Dible 2. Assists were dished out by Cepeda 5, Wessel 3, Rath 1, and Dible 1. Wessel grabbed 4 steals, Weiner 3, Cepeda 3, Meier 2, and Dible 1. The girls return to the court in Logan on January 20 to play the Logan/Palco Trojans.

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JV Boys Win Over Bobcats



Golden Plains freshman Nash Ziegelmeier puts up a shot against the Bobcats from Western Plains in Rexford on January 19. The Bulldogs defeated the 'Cats 25-20 in a three quarter game. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plain High School JV Boys Basketball team claimed a three quarter win 25-20 over the Western Plains Bobcats in Rexford on January 19. The Bulldogs had defeated the Bobcats earlier in the season and were looking forward to another win.

The boys got off to a slow start with the Bulldogs only posting up 4 points in the first with baskets from Cristian Garcia and Javier Romero. The Bobcats only scored 2 to give the Dogs the lead. The teams played an aggressive second quarter with 25 free throws between the two teams. With a couple of baskets thrown in, the Dogs added 11 and the Bobcats 12 to make it a close game 15-14.

The Dogs stepped up in the fourth with 7 from Adam Ritter and 3 from Parker Vahling as the defense held the Bobcats to 6 to give Golden Plains the win 25-20.

Ritter finished the game with 11 points, along with 4 from Kelby Buehler, 3 each by Nash Ziegelmeier and Vahling, and 2 apiece by Romero and Garcia.

"We could have played better," said Kelby Buehler, "but our younger guys really stepped up. Everyone is getting a lot better as the season progresses." The JV boys will play again in Logan on January 20.



Golden Plains sophomore Brenlynn Rath puts up a jump shot against the Western Plains Bobcats in Rexford on January 19. Rath led the Bulldogs with 13 points and 7 rebounds in this third match-up between the two teams. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

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James Whittington has returned to this county and will stay with it in the future, so he says.

Ed Crum's team ran off yesterday, giving Ed the fastest ride he has had for a long time; no one hurt.

Mr. Hester, the depot agent, seems to be making many friends by his genial and accommodating manners.

The ice business has ceased for a short time. Many of our people made it a success while the freeze lasted.

The Misses Etta Taylor and Ida Dedrick spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives in the country.

Marshall Barry returned to his place of business last Monday. He reports a pleasant time while away and the family well.

If there is a lady in this county by the name of Wigle she can bear something to her benefit by calling on Postmaster Turner.

Grover Walker returned from his southern trip last week. He says he had a fine time and enjoyed himself among the scenes of his childhood and with his old friends.

Notice the clubbing rates we give with Mrs. Frank Leslie's illustrated periodicals and when in need of something good to read come in and see us. They are the best in the world.

Nothing new in the bank movements. They have not opened yet and it is doubtful if they will shortly. A meeting of the stockholders of the American national takes place today, at which time they will decide what to do.

The rest of the braves have gone into the fold and laid down their arms. Kicking Bear, H. L. Korb is at the Main street building; Fire Thunder Cressler, American Horse Sloan and Two Strike Pearson are at the courthouse.

The entertainment at the Macgraw school house last Friday evening was a grand success. A long and interesting program was rendered, each one acting their part well. Good order was maintained through the entire evening, and all returned to their place of abode feeling that the evening had been well spent.

Skelton Letter

Miss Benton is not attending school at present. Several persons are suffering from the effects of severe colds.

The attendance at Sunday school last Sunday was very good and much interest taken.

We are glad to state that Mrs. Stout is able to get around the house even if she is compelled to use a cane.

The young folks have been enjoying several nice skates at the skating pond. Some of the beginners are improving rapidly.

Xeres

125 Years Ago
January 31, 1901

A. R. Cumpston made final proof on his homestead Saturday.

Mrs. L. L. Gregg and son Otto visited at Leopold Poneth's in Adell township Friday and Saturday.

M. C. Zeigler is "dickering" for a farm in the vicinity of Merlo and if he makes a go of it will move his family thereon in the early spring.

Charley Miles, of Bow Creek, who has been a sufferer from rheumatism for some time, was in Hoxie Saturday. He showed the effects of his suffering.

The people of Hoxie have been yearning for something in the theatrical line all winter and now they are going to have a whole week's amusement. Beginning with Monday night, February 18, The Cutler-Batton Theatre Company will occupy the opera house for a week, presenting an entire change of program each evening. The first night Jason Joskins from Squash Town will be presented.

Mayor Gallogly, of Studley, found some one to leave the arduous duties of his office with Wednesday and paid Hoxie a brief visit. He says he is doing a most satisfactory business.

Bloomfield Items

Will Teel has gone back to the east side of the county on a visit.

Mrs. Belle Shae expects to go to Nebraska on a visit before long.

W. J. Gilchrist has written east for prices on thoroughbred Herefords.

Fred Cook says the next time he goes to Macgraw he will stop at another place.

A Farmer

Valley Items

Harry Pratt is down making improvements on his homestead.

Minor Young is taking care of the Bird ranch until the renter comes on.

Mr. Fundis has bought a quarter section at Guy, the one the depot is situated on.

Little Julia Woods has not been to school for a couple of weeks on account of being sick.

Reporter

Elliott Clippings

E. P. Townsend threshed Tuesday.

Frank Phillips rides in a new buggy now a days.

Thomas Law moved to the city of Dresden last week.

E. E. Pickersell will work for J. H. Heroy for another month.

Kattie Dyd

Adell Sparklets

A. B. Shoemaker is in Topeka this week.

W. S. Carpenter is fencing the quarter south of his store.

Luther Shoemaker made a trip to Jennings for fencing Monday.

H. T. Wilcox is cutting stalks and getting ready for spring work.

Poppersnapper

Saline Siftings

G. T. McWilliams visited with his brother in Saline last Saturday and Sunday.

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

Roy Turner, who is teaching the Seguin school, has the grip and came home Saturday to stay until he recovers.

Mr. Long filled his regular appointment at Square Top and Mr. Clemons his at the Beehive, a week ago Sunday.

Sunday school was organized at Henry Jan. 27, with S. A. Sutton as superintendent. Square Top Sunday school closed New Years.

Reporter

100 Years Ago
January 28, 1926

Gets Hair Caught on Power Washing Shafting

Mrs. Delmer Harris received the sad news Monday that her mother, Mrs. Francis, near Alton, Kansas, was seriously injured when her hair was caught on the shafting of a power washing machine.

She was lifted off the floor and completely scalped, and if Mr. Francis had not been present to throw off the engine she would probably have been killed.

She is getting along as well as can be expected and with no infection will recover.

Local News

Miss Sara Graddy returned home Saturday after a week's stay in Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter, of Lincoln, Nebraska, are here this week in the interests of Cotner College.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Canaga and Mrs. Smith, of Dresden, were transacting business in Hoxie Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Percival are in Kansas City where they attended the automobile convention last week.

B. N. Unterreiner was over from Grainfield Monday on business. While in town he set up his *Sentinel* subscription a notch.

Will Davidson went to Topeka on Tuesday night to attend a two-day convention of the county assessors who will meet with the Public Service Commission.

J. G. Rouse, of Norton, who is managing Rouse's Variety store at Colby this week, spent Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. F. E. Bear and family.

Miss Clara Kallman, of Rexford, is back again at her post in Percival's store, which is a pleasure to her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beattie entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nichols and little daughter Sunday in honor of Mrs. Nichols' birthday which was Sunday.

T. J. Teater was over from Lucerne Tuesday. He informed us that everything over his way was moving along nicely and that nearly everyone was installing radios and enjoying life.

Miss Opal Flowers left the first of the week for Salina where she intends to again attend the Wesleyan University. Miss Opal was forced to give up her work there last year on account of the state of her health.

East Saline

Paul Huff and Paul Sample transacted business in Hoxie Thursday of last week.

Ethel Simon spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks, returning to Hoxie Sunday evening.

Bert Phelps and wife were shopping in Quinter Saturday.

E. H. Simon and son, Ed Simon, shelled corn for Paul Corke Saturday forenoon.

Pleasant Ridge

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simon spent Monday evening at the home of Sammie Knobel.

Paul Huff and Jess Spillman helped W. I. Trause butcher some hogs and a beef Tuesday.

Earl Breeden is helping Ray Corke such corn.

Bert Phelps and family were shopping in Quinter Saturday.

75 Years Ago
February 1, 1951

Win One, Lose One

The Hoxie Indians motored to Oakley Tuesday evening to engage the teams there in non-league games with the A team winning and the B team losing. Lacey was high point man in the A game with 17, closely followed by L. Adams with 16. End of quarter scores in order show Hoxie leading all the way: 14-4, 28-9, 51-21 and 58-44.

Sunshine Club Items

Club met last Thursday with Eva Davis with

all members present but three. Fancy work was done for the hostess. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Engleman, Thursday, Feb. 8th.

Sunday dinner guests at the Oscar Karnes home were Mr. and Mrs. James Karnes and Joan Teel.

Mrs. Henry Sandmeier spent Tuesday afternoon at the Oscar Karnes home.

Howard Haynes has been having the flu.

Seguin Items

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bangs, Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Boor, and John Rietcheck attended the meeting of the senior class parents on Thursday evening in Hoxie. The meeting was held for the parents to decide where and how the seniors would take their trip.

Mr. Ray Comeau of Hays was a caller in the Seguin community on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Meier and daughter spent Tuesday evening at the Bill Thumel home.

Miss Gertrude Reinert of Atwood is visiting at the T. M. Reinert home.

Adell Oil Pool Vicinity

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Smith and Oscar Miller spent Tuesday evening at Ray Foster's.

Alva Bartlett canvassed Union township for the polio campaign last week.

Mrs. Rosie Foster, of Jennings, ate supper Tuesday evening at Ray Foster's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stroup are remodeling their home. When it is completed it will be completely modern.

Lucerne Items

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shipley called on Mr. and Mrs. Lee on Wednesday afternoon.

Cliff and LeRoy Mowry, Art and Buck Mowry went to Wilsonville, Neb., last Wednesday. They visited with Jimmie Mowry and family.

Wilma Teel and Opal Kemper were Norton visitors on Friday.

Lorna Mowry has been on the sick list.

Mickey's Want Ads

Let us sell you an electric heating pad. Mighty handy in sickness.

Two modern youngsters were discussing the subject of piggy banks.

"I think it's childish to save money that way," was little Mary's opinion.

"I do, too," Annie agreed. "And I believe also that it encourages children to become misers."

"And that's not the worst of it," Mary added. "It turns parents into bank robbers."

We have a roll of 8-ga. outside wire on hand.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schroer and Mrs. Anna Schroer visited the Bernard Diederich family at Jennings last Friday.

Mrs. John McCoy returned home last week after spending the past several weeks with her daughter and family at Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Jones were visitors at the John McCoy home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schmitt were visitors at the Frank Kruse home Sunday.

50 Years Ago
January 29, 1976

Winter Campout

Eighteen Hoxie Boy Scouts, Troop 180, held their annual winter campout during the week-end. The group left town about 8:30 a.m. Saturday (with full packs) and hiked to the Senlock ranch located about 4 1/2 miles southeast of Hoxie.

Ed Conrad, Scoutmaster, and Kirk Getz, Assistant Scoutmaster, accompanied the scouts with a pickup loaded with gear. Despite the cold temperatures and a light snowfall early Sunday morning, the scouts proved their ruggedness when they hiked back to town Sunday morning.

Member of Troop 180 on the campout were Brian Zortas, Kelly Stehndel, Greg Weber, Bob Helm, Steve Heten, Bob Mullins, Jimmy Ratick, Mike Bainter, Pat Heim, Mark James, Randy Selbe, David Geist, Mark Cooper, Brian Kliever, Steve Kliever, Doug Pickinpaugh, Scott Smith, and Phil Kliever, Senior Patrol Leader.

MacGraw News

Miss Carol Lee Launchbaugh came Friday to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Steve. She returned to her work in Topeka on Sunday.

Lance Bainter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Bainter, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gayle

Bainter.

Mrs. Edith Snyder of Jennings was a Friday dinner and afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith.

George and Steve Launchbaugh called at the Dwan-Tice home Sunday afternoon. Supper guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kim Tice and Mrs. Ben Tribble.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Twoll went to Hill City on Monday, Jan. 19 to help Mrs. Dorothy Campbell get her aunt, Miss Hilda Pratt moved into Dawson Place.

Mrs. Viola Riedel visited Mrs. Esther Brandt Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 20.

Mrs. Margaret Husted of Hoxie and Mrs. Beryl Covall visited Mrs. Myrtle Covall at the Dawson Place in Hill City on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Steve Bump went to Abilene Jan. 13 to stay with their daughter (Jean's) Mr. and Mrs. Bill Richardsons children while Jean went to Charleston, S. C. to see her husband leave for army service in Germany for two years. Mrs. Bump returned home Jan. 24.

Leoville News

Mrs. Ray Jacobs spent several days of the week of Jan. 12 with her daughter, Mrs. Bob Moellering, Mr. Moellering and Donna of rural Hoxie.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gassman of Grainfield are in Kansas City where Francis is having a medical check up at K. U. Medical Center. Their children, Francis Kay and Joey are staying with their grandmother, Mrs. Magdalen Gassman and girls. Francis will be in the hospital for a couple of weeks.

The Paul Schieferecke children spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Long in New Alamo. The Schiefereckes came for them Sunday evening.

Mrs. Magdalen Gassman accompanied Mrs. Gene Fortin to Hays Saturday. She visited her sister, Mrs. Al Meier who was a patient at St. Anthony Hospital.

25 Years Ago
January 25, 2001

Bank, Hospital Recognizes Employees for Longevity

Every year employers and their employees reach milestones marking their longevity with the establishment. While not all area employers have public recognition of such milestones, two local establishments recently did.

Last Friday, Deb Wade marked 25 years with the First National Bank.

Rexford

Cleda Moeder hosted the Social Hour Club meeting on Wednesday afternoon at The Red Barn with nine present. Jokes were read for toll call.

On Jan. 15, the PRIDE committee held a winter workshop at the Ranch House Cafe with Stan McAdoo of K-State in Manhattan and Bev Wilhelm of the Kansas Department of Housing and Commerce in Topeka in attendance.

On Jan. 17, the Rexford PRIDE quarterly meeting and election of officers was held at the community hall with 38 attending. A beef stew meal was served.

The museum board met at the home of Ray and Bernada Zoherat on Thursday afternoon to discuss plans for the museum. Duane Cheney came to offer some suggestions.

Broadway

Alma Maude Smith played the piano for a memorial service at the Quinter LTC Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Simon and Melanie Cooper ate dinner with Ila Pierson Monday in honor of Ila's birthday.

Mariene Boone took Velda Transue to Quinter Wednesday morning in the van for physical therapy and a doctor's appointment.

McGraw

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fleunmy visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis two weeks ago.

Visitors of Russel Bainter this week were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter, Dylan and Brady.

Jennings-Allison

The Heritage Associates will have their annual meeting at 1 p.m. on Monday at the Royal Neighbors Associates Hall. Election of three directors will be held along with due payments.

The third through sixth grades attended the Eagle Day 2001 at Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge Reservoir on Thursday. Students got a close-up and personal view of a rehabilitated Bald Eagle as wildlife rehabilitate.

Dena Gillespie's family served birthday cake and rolls to the Good Samaritan residents, staff members and several friends for her 91st birthday on Saturday, Jan. 13. Mrs. Gillespie enjoyed the cards she received.

Grappers Place Fourth

The Hoxie wrestling team came away with a fourth-place finish at the Beloit Invitational Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The Indians ended up with a team total of 130 points to finish behind Manhattan with 265 and Clay Center with 164. Abilene took third with 138.

Hoxie put three wrestlers in the finals, including Charlie Ochs at 105 pounds, Trent Baker, 140 pounds, and Sam Schippers, 275 pounds. Ochs and Baker suffered close losses in their final matches, but Schippers came away with a 3-0 win.

Indians Lose to Quinter, Place Second at Tourney

Round three of the bout between Hoxie and Quinter went to the Bulldogs Saturday night in the championship game of the Oberlin Invitational Tournament.

In round one, Quinter handed the Indians a one-point double overtime loss in their season opener. The Indians countered with a 10-point victory over Quinter in the finals of the Castle Rock Classic.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs retaliated with a 78-57 blow that may have staggered the Indians a bit, but it certainly wasn't a knock-out punch.

Foundation Opens RFP for Trails Grant and Education Program

To advance its commitment to improving health and quality of life across Kansas through development of public trails, Sunflower Foundation has launched a Request for Proposals (RFP) for its Paving the Way - From Blazing Trails to Building Community grant and education program.

The initiative aims to support communities working to develop, strengthen and sustain public trails. Evidence shows that trails increase opportunities for outdoor physical activity and exposure to nature, enhance community health and vitality, support economic development, and strengthen social connection, civic pride and local identity. Since 2005, the Sunflower Trails program has invested in more than 200 trail projects across the state, primarily by supporting trail construction. While this type of assistance remains essential, communities looking to develop public trails also benefit from customized planning support, technical assistance, and peer learning. This multi-layered approach helps not only with building new trails, but also managing existing ones, planning future enhancements, and turning trails into lasting community assets.

"This initiative reflects what we've learned over two decades of investing in trails across Kansas," said Kelli Mark, the foundation's director of Healthy Communities. "Building a trail is only the beginning. Communities thrive when they have the planning support, leadership development, and peer connections needed to steward and activate these spaces for long-term impact."

Online applications are available in Sunflower's grant management system, Fluxx. The link to Fluxx is in the RFP, which you can read and download by clicking the image below. Deadline to apply is 4 p.m. CST Feb. 20.

Go to the Sunflower RFP web page to learn more about the trail RFP.

Key Information

RFP Release: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

How to Apply: Sunflower Foundation's online grant management system, Fluxx. Applicants must register in Fluxx to apply. A link to Fluxx is in the RFP.

Deadline to apply: 4 p.m. CST Friday, February 20, 2026

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Nex-Generation Round Up for Youth Offers Over 350 Paid Internship Opportunities

Nex-Generation is excited to announce that more than 350 paid internship positions are now available for high school and college students across northwest and north central Kansas. These opportunities connect students with local businesses and organizations while providing valuable, real-world work experience.

Students interested in applying can visit the Nex-Generation website, where they will find links to the job board and application portal. Positions are available across a variety of industries, providing meaningful career exploration and skill-building opportunities.

Participating Sheridan County businesses and organizations include:

- Amber Med-Restore Therapy
- Hoxie Veterinary Service, P.A.
- Kingdom Kiddos LLC
- Main Street Arts Council
- Mauck Medical Clinic, LLC
- Sheridan County
- Sheridan County Community Foundation, an affiliate of Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation
- Sheridan County Hospital

"These paid internships are a win for both students and employers," said Janette Meis, Executive Director. "Students gain hands-on experience, while local businesses invest in the future workforce of Sheridan County."

The application process ends March 1, so students are encouraged to apply soon. For more information and to access the internship job board, visit www.nex-generation.org.

FHSU's Next Science Café Set for February 2

By FHSU University Communications

Hays - Fort Hays State University's upcoming Science Café is set for Monday, Feb. 2.

This month's presentation, "Fossils, Museums, and 66 Million Years," 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. Amanda Peng, FHSU Assistant Professor of Geosciences and Curator of Paleontology and Geology at the Sternberg Museum of Natural History, will discuss how the landscape of the Great Plains has shaped past and present life, as well as what museums contribute to the study of biodiversity.

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 cbrohleder@fhsu.edu or 785-628-4743 or by visiting:

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New Portal for Reporting Foreign-Owned Ag Land Transactions

Washington, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is launching a new online portal to streamline reporting of transactions involving U.S. agricultural land by foreign persons, which can include businesses and governments, under the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act of 1978 (AFIDA). The new online portal is part of a broader effort to strengthen enforcement and protect American farmland as USDA continues its implementation of the National Farm Security Action Plan (PDF, 1.2 MB).

The new online portal is available at afida.landmark.usda.gov. Users can access the portal with Login.gov, a sign in service that provides secure online access to participate in certain government programs and reporting requirements.

The new digital portal will gather the same information found on the current form FSA-153 and those subject to filing may still file using the current FSA-153 hard copy form if desired. However, filers should not duplicate filings by using both submission options.

KDA Announces 2026 Custom Rates Survey

Manhattan - The Kansas Department of Agriculture is seeking feedback from Kansans for the 2026 Kansas Custom Rates Survey to collect information on rates paid for agricultural custom work. The survey is administered through the Kansas State University Land Use Survey Office and will be open through March 31, 2026.

This survey collects data on charges for custom harvesting, land work, haying, feed preparation and machinery rental. Whether you provide custom services or you hire custom services, knowing accurate, competitive prices can be crucial for the sustainability of agricultural operations. Completion of the survey should take about 15 minutes.

The 2026 Kansas Custom Rates Survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential. To complete the survey, please visit www.tinyurl.com/custom26. If you are unable to complete the online survey but wish to participate, please contact Dr. Leah Tsoodle, Director, Land Use Survey Office, at LTsoodle@ksu.edu or Heather Greer Johnson, KDA economist, at 785-564-6726 or Heather.C.Johnson@ks.gov to receive a written survey or to complete the survey over the telephone.

The Kansas Custom Rates Survey is a collaborative effort between the KDA Division of Agriculture Marketing and the Land Use Survey Office within the Department of Agricultural Economics at K-State.

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by Linda Thistle

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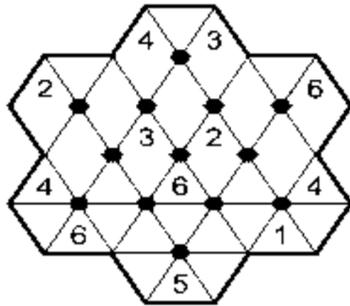
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SNOWFLAKES

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.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

Super Crossword

HOLLYWOOD HEDGING

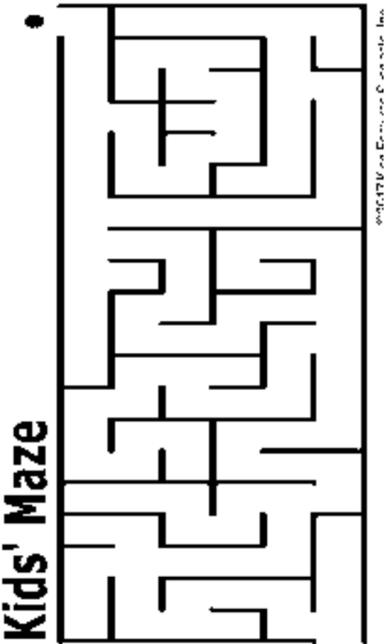
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 - 27 Seal in 'Ocean's 11'
 - 28 Figure
 - 29 Also include
 - 30 E-mail article
 - 31 Spoke 'Main' computer
 - 34 On-line, informally
 - 35 Spouse of 'pursed' son
 - 37 'Shah' for
 - 38 Reading, part 2
 - 42 Romantic 'duo'
 - 46 Very 'regretful' one
 - 47 'Phonetic'
 - 48 Local 'State' Fair
 - 49 Reading, part 3
 - 55 Jewish holiday in spring
 - 56 Given 'on' the tank
 - 57 'Darius' 'spit' 'kiss' on
 - 58 'Lungs of' 'construction'
 - 62 'Manna' 'number' for 'Ullah'
 - 65 'Custer' 'ambush'
 - 67 Many 'ten's' 'angels'
 - 69 'Larkin' of 'films'
 - 70 'Lasker', part 4
 - 73 'Bum' in 'Bats'
 - 74 'Cuddles'
 - 76 'That's all' 'things'
 - 77 'Travis' by 'fee'
 - 79 'Hey, you' 'there'
 - 80 'Duff' with 'wails'
 - 82 Brand of 'Laur' 'hardware'
 - 84 'Probs' with 'talking'
 - 88 Reading, part 5
 - 91 'Mars' like a 'kangaroo'
 - 94 Stock detail 'for' great
 - 95 'Oh, uh-huh'
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Kids' Maze

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: M equals S

UFPOYI RURPSDFGM SYC
CRMKOMYOI MDSOGM, ZRMDRGCSZ
WR GRMFUPRC DF KBUU FBD SUU
DWR MDRKM.

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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.

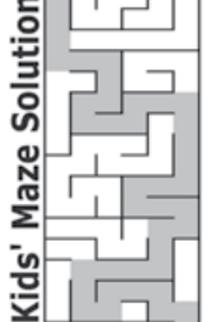
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9	6	4	5	3	1	8	7	2
8	2	3	6	9	7	5	4	1
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Go Figure!
Answers

1	+	2	x	9	27
x		+		-	
8	-	4	x	6	24
x		x		x	
3	x	4	+	7	19
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CryptoQuip
answer
Loving elevators and despising stairs, yesterday he resolved to pull out all the steps.

Super Crossword
Answers

H	A	I	L	L	A	I	L	A	M	S	I	G	M	A	I	S	H
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Commission Minutes
1/20/26

Now on this 20th day of January 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.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Hirsch advised the Board that the seeding company will be moving equipment this week.

The roads will be inspected again and see if there is anything that needs to be gone over. Goetz has the culverts in on a piece of his property.

The bridge in the southeast part of the county has been torn out and the crew is moving along with the clean-up.

The Grinnell Road has been graveled and the gravel ripped in.

There was a discussion about closing a road/enforcing the erection of a fence.

The Board and Herskowitz discussed noxious weed and the treatment of prairie dogs. The discussion will continue.

Herskowitz advised the Board that three of the mowers need repaired and traded off. He would like to get John Deere's to replace them.

The Board and Herskowitz discussed employees and water in Selden.

The metal posts have been put in place at the south wall of the recycling building. They will continue on the west side.

Hirsch discussed Fairview Cemetery with the Board. Hirsch will do some additional research.

The Board and Hirsch discussed various employment questions.

Hirsch will review SB314 and get back with the Board.

Mader made a motion, seconded by Emigh, to approve the various 2026 Resolutions presented. Carried 3-0

The January 13, 2026 Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0

Emigh made a motion to approve the January 16, 2026 Payroll as presented. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

The following payroll was reviewed and approved by the Board:

- General \$64,133.35
- Road & Bridge \$21,488.33
- Nox Weed \$1,279.10
- Public Transp. \$705.00
- Landfill \$1,712.09

At 9:57 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

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

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