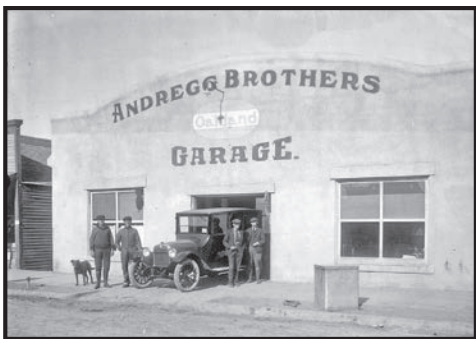




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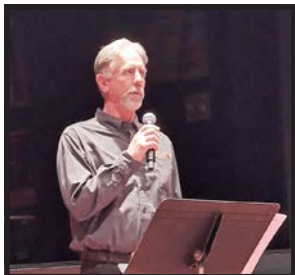
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Sheridan Lake Meeting Was Informative and the News Exciting!

Planned Opening is July 1, 2027



Stuart Schrag,
Deputy Secretary,
KDWP



Dave Spalsbury,
Fisheries Biologist,
KDWP



Rebecca Johnson,
Engineer,
KDWP



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Sheridan State Fishing Lake was constructed in 1959 by the Kansas Forestry, Fish & Game Commission, now the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks (KDWP). The 50-acre lake sits on an unnamed tributary of the South Fork Solomon River within a 316-acre property that serves as a place for the community to fish, picnic, camp, and hold family gatherings. KDWP is investing \$3.6 million in a full renovation of Sheridan State Fishing Lake that includes dredging the entire lake, stabilizing the shoreline, and fully restoring the fishery to ensure this community resource can thrive for decades into the future.

Opening statement: Stuart Schrag, Deputy Secretary, KDWP

“We’ve never seen this level of community involvement anywhere else. It says something for the community. It’s a unique opportunity for the community and the agency to work together to showcase for the rest of the state. We’ve never had a Friends group get established for a state fishing lake, so you guys are the pioneers, and we appreciate that.”

Dave Spalsbury, Fisheries Biologist, KDWP

Has worked with Sheridan Lake for almost 20 years, and is very familiar with the lake and has seen it change over the years.

“I sample the fish every year to monitor their numbers and health, and over the last 10 years I’ve noticed a lot of stagnation in terms of fish growth and population. We tried several things; carp removal and other things to try to improve the situation, but it did not help. It’s rare to see a bass or saugeyes that’s 15”. Bass is supposed to be 18” and saugeyes should be 20” to 25” long. If they’re in a healthy situation. All the larger fish were long and skinny, which led me to believe there was a problem with food. A lake window is like a window that sunlight passes in. Sunlight is the basic energy that gets passed up the food chain to grow your fish. Over time, Sheridan Lake’s sediment has accumulated enough that the wind can easily stir those bottom sediments and cloud up that window and shade the lake and reduce the amount of energy coming into the system. There’s a ton of competition due to the number of shad, and basically, they’re dead weight. They’re no good for forage for the larger sport fish. So, the larger sport fish, the bigger they get, the skinnier they get.”

Sediment removal turns back the clock on the lake, which is when he hatched the new plan in 2023. While reducing the water in the lake, they saw the water control structure and the lake bed’s condition, all of which necessitated the changes to the project.

“Once the dredging is done in spring of 2027, we will close the gate to allow the lake to refill, and quickly get in there with fish toxicant to treat any of the flowing or standing water in the lake bottom to kill out any fish that are there. To get out all the undesirables, so we can start with a clean slate. We will then do habitat work: rock work, crushed rock, build rock piles, rock trees, accentuating the dredge area. We’ll also use brush and cedar trees from the area for the deep stuff for wintertime cover, and springtime spawning cover. As the lake starts filling, we’ll start deep and work our way shallow. That way we stay out of the water, and from a land-based perspective, is a lot more efficient. Then, we’ll start stocking fish, pretty much immediately too. Late spring/early summer 2027, we’ll put in fathead minnows and blue gill. The blue gill will eventually become sport fish for certain people, but they will also constitute a major forage fish in the lake. The fathead minnows will be a short-term forage fish.

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Golden Plains Homecoming Court



Golden Plains High School held their Homecoming ceremonies during the high school football game in Rexford on September 25. Candidates and Attendants included (l-r) Liam Wright, MaKenlea Focke, Cristian Garcia, Elizabeth Weiner, Jesus Dominguez, Katie Carter, Javier Romero, Amia Durham, Ruxin Arnberger, and Estrella Aguilar. Crown Bearers were (front) Bennett Korte and Brixxon Bruggeman. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Deputy Cody Johnson Graduates Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center



The Sheridan County Sheriff’s Office proudly recognizes Deputy Cody Johnson for successfully graduating from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center as a member of the 363rd Basic Training Class. Johnson completed 14 weeks of training to prepare him to serve and protect communities throughout Kansas.

Born in Greeley, Colorado, Johnson moved to Hoxie from Nebraska approximately two and a half years ago. His background includes working at Norton Correctional Facility and three years in armed and unarmed security, including one year as an owner.

Outside of work, Johnson enjoys working on his truck, riding his sport bike, shooting pool, bowling, and spending time with friends and family, especially his wife, Melinda.

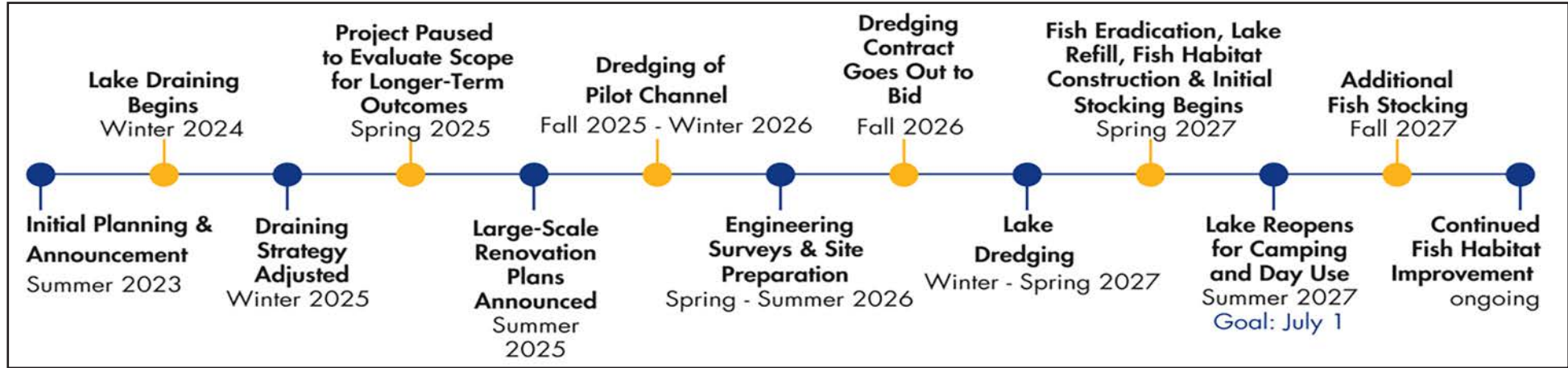
The Sheriff’s Office also extends its appreciation to Dr. Arash Mafi, University of Kansas Provost, for his exceptional speech during the graduation ceremony.

Please join the Sheridan County Sheriff’s Office in congratulating Deputy Johnson on this accomplishment as he continues serving the residents of Sheridan County.

Jeff Pratt Joins Pratt Real Estate



Pratt Real Estate in Hoxie, KS, is pleased to announce that Jeff Pratt has joined the team as its newest real estate agent, working alongside Les Pratt - Broker and Harry Joe Pratt - Sales Agent. Jeff grew up in Sheridan County and is a proud graduate of Fort Hays State University. He recently returned home following a successful and rewarding career in education administration in the Tulsa area. Jeff is excited to join the team as Pratt Real Estate continues its 60+ year tradition of serving the community’s trusted local service. Contact Jeff at 785-657-7541. (Pratt Real Estate photo)



Words of Wisdom	Grain Report	Weather Report				Thought of the Week	
 There will be many chapters in your life. Don't get lost in the one you're in now.	Reported on: Tuesday, Oct. 6		Date	High	Low	Moisture	 Some of your favorite days haven't even happened yet, and that's the magic of being alive. -unknown
	Corn	4.88	9/28	77	61	.02"	
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	Wheat	4.44	10/1	63	49	.21"	
			10/2	68	45	--	
			10/3	78	47	--	
			10/4	73	52	--	



The Selden Senior Citizens met on Thursday, October 1, at the Community Center for a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Steve Skubal, Betty Hickert, Barb Jones, Carlene Bruggeman, Helen Carman, Margee Wilson, and Boyd Wilson. Those staying to play cards included Elaine Koerperich with a score of 478, Tammy Shaw with a score of 551, JR Albers with a score of 446, Steve Carman with a score of 359, and Jacquie Boultinghouse with a score of 465.

- Birthdays & Anniversaries:**
- October 13: Bri Stevenson
October 15: Ellie Sprester
- Reminding everyone to be careful with recycle items. Please make sure your items end up in the compartments they belong in.
- School Calendar:**
- October 8: Junior High Volleyball @ Triplains in Winnona at 4:00, Junior High Football at 5:30
October 9: High School Football @ Northern Valley in Almena at 7:00
October 10: High School Volleyball WKLL Tournament in Goodland at 9:00
October 12: NO SCHOOL in-service, FFA Greenhand Conference in Goodland at 9:00, School Board meeting in Rexford at 7:00.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

In recent years, more than 20% of Kansas pharmacies have closed their doors. The primary driver of these closures has been the practices of Prescription Benefit Managers (PBMs), which have forced pharmacies to dispense prescriptions at extremely low profit margins – and often at a loss. The Legislature passed a PBM reform bill last session, and the Kansas Insurance Commissioner is now responsible for ensuring that its provisions are fully enforced.

Daniel Hawkins, Republican, and Dinah Sykes, Democrat, are candidates for this office. Many Kansans are not fully aware of the responsibilities of the Insurance Commissioner and may vote strictly along party lines, which gives Mr. Hawkins a natural advantage in a predominantly Republican state.

However, voters should be aware of several important facts. Mr. Hawkins works in the insurance industry. As Kansas House Majority Leader, he prevented the PBM reform bill from being brought forward for three years. During that time, pharmacies across Kansas continued to struggle under PBM practices, and some ultimately closed. Many pharmacists fear that if Mr. Hawkins is elected, he may work to weaken enforcement of the new PBM law, placing additional pharmacies at risk. If you live in a rural community with a pharmacy, you are blessed. Ask your pharmacist about PBMs, and you will hear firsthand how these practices have affected their ability to remain viable.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to consider voting for Dinah Sykes, Kansas Senate Minority Leader, for Insurance Commissioner. She has no conflict of interest in this matter. Mrs. Sykes has served in the Kansas Legislature for many years, focusing on consumer protection, health care access, and regulatory oversight. Her record reflects a commitment to ensuring that Kansans receive fair treatment from the systems that govern their health care.

The stakes are high for Kansas pharmacists and the communities they serve. If enforcement of the PBM reform law is weakened, more pharmacies may be forced to close – leaving residents without convenient access to essential medications and professional guidance. The future of pharmacy access in Kansas will be shaped by the outcome of this election.

VOTE DINAH SYKES FOR KANSAS INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

Sincerely, Terry W. Kepka, Retired Pharmacist
408 Bradley St.
Ellsworth, Ks. 67439
785-531-1011

Cody Johnson Among Graduates from Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center

Hutchinson — Friends and family of the 363rd Basic Training Class at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center gathered in Integrity Hall to watch the students become Kansas’ newest law enforcement officers.

The Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, a division of KU since 1968, serves as the state’s central training agency for law enforcement officers.

Under the authority of Darin Beck, Vice Provost and Director of Police Training, graduates received certificates attesting to the satisfactory completion of a full-time basic course of instruction and certification as Kansas law enforcement officers from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training, the State’s law enforcement licensing authority.

Sheridan County

- Cody Johnson, Sheridan County Sheriff’s Office

Kansas Farm Bureau Supports Water Rights Holders in GMD 4

Manhattan — Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) is supporting water rights holders in Groundwater Management District (GMD) 4 and backs efforts by Clayton and Lori Janicke and Conrad and Pamela Popp to intervene in the Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA) 5-year review in GMD 4.

“First in time, first in right has been the law of the land since the Kansas Water Appropriation Act was signed into law. Water rights are real property rights and those create fundamental value in land that state agencies and other bodies simply cannot ignore,” says KFB President Glenn Brunkow. “While we support the goals behind LEMAs, conservation measures must not violate principals that are fundamental to our laws and the Kansas economy.”

The petitions allege GMD 4’s proposed LEMA will harm the “value and marketability of the intervenors’ water rights.” The plan would unlawfully reduce water appropriation rights in addition to treating irrigation rights differently than other beneficial uses.

Clayton Janicke, who grows alfalfa, corn and wheat in Cheyenne County, says the proposal amounts to changing the rules in the middle of a game.

“My feeling is we have existing water laws,” he says. “That’s the set of rules everyone is playing with. Now they’re trying to do an end-run around it.”

The proposed reductions wouldn’t just affect the Janickes’ water rights, but it could also impact their farm income during the next growing season.

“We can make it work,” Clayton says. “It affects the bottom line anytime you can’t get that last two inches (of water) on corn or alfalfa or whatever you’re growing. It’s going to make a big difference on how much you’re able to raise.”

Division of Water Resources Chief Engineer Earl Lewis denied a separate petition filed by KFB on behalf of the organization and participating members. KFB is seeking a reconsideration of that decision.

“Property rights are the bedrock of the Kansas economy, and the state can’t choose to ignore them merely because it’s inconvenient,” says Terry Holdren, KFB CEO and general counsel. “We’re standing with Clayton and Lori and Conrad and Pamela as they seek to protect their rights and those of all rights holders in GMD 4 and beyond.”

Water rights holders interested in protecting their property interests are encouraged to contact Justin Cobb, KFB assistant director of regulatory affairs, at 785-587-6415 or cobbj@kfb.org.

REMINDER: Public hearing at 2pm on Tuesday, October 13 at the Bowen Scout House, 1041 Sheridan Ave., Hoxie; and in Colby at 9am Tuesday, October 13 at City Limits Convention Center, 2227 S Range Ave.



Don't Just Go to Church-Be the Church

SUNDAY WAS NEVER SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONLY DAY PEOPLE COULD

TELL WE BELONG TO JESUS.

Man, it’s Sunday. We go to church. Open our Bible. Worship. Pray. Spend time with family. Maybe there’s football on the TV and food on the table. And I LOVE Sundays. But something hit me: WHAT GOOD IS GETTING OUR CUP FILLED IF WE NEVER POUR ANY OF IT OUT? C’MON SOMEBODY. We can sit in church and hear about grace, then walk right past somebody who desperately needs some. We can sing about the love of Jesus, then refuse to love somebody who gets on our nerves. We can pray, “Father, use me”, then spend the week too busy to notice the person He put right in front of us. James 1:22 says: “Do not merely listen to the word. Do what it says.” That’ll preach.

Because church isn’t where our faith ENDS for the week. IT’S WHERE WE GET FILLED UP FOR WHAT GOD IS SENDING US INTO. So today, slow down. Put the phone down. Sit with our family. Rest. Open that Bible. Talk to the Father. Let Him work on our heart. Let Jesus fill the places this world has been draining all week. But tomorrow? TAKE THAT FULL CUP WITH US.

Take Jesus to work. Take Him to school. Take Him to the gas station. Take Him to the football field. Take Him into the conversation with the person everybody else ignores. Not by beating somebody over the head with a Bible. BY LIVING LIKE WE ACTUALLY BELIEVE THE ONE WE READ.

Love somebody. Forgive somebody. Encourage somebody. Feed somebody. Sit beside somebody who’s hurting. Tell somebody what Jesus has done in our life. Because somebody may be praying: “GOD, PLEASE SHOW ME YOU’RE STILL HERE.”

And maybe God is about to answer that prayer THROUGH US. Through our kindness. Our forgiveness. Our time. Our testimony. Our willingness to actually SHOW UP.

So yes, GO TO CHURCH. WORSHIP. REST. LOVE YOUR FAMILY. GET YOUR CUP FILLED. But when we walk out those doors, DON’T LEAVE JESUS IN THE BUILDING.

The preacher may say amen. The worship music may stop. The doors may close, BUT THAT’S WHEN THE CHURCH IS SUPPOSED TO WALK OUT INTO THE WORLD.



THE FULL MEASURE MINISTRY

PRESSED. SHAKEN. RUNNING OVER. (LUKE 6:38)

SODA POP SERMONS - SHANE SWORDS

C’MON SOMEBODY. **DON’T JUST GO TO CHURCH. BE THE CHURCH.**

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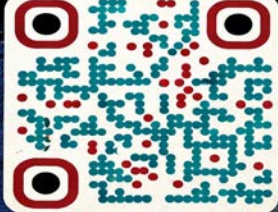
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HHS Cross-Country
Takes Trego Invitational



Senior Emily Farber strides out to run the cross-country race at the Trego Invitational. Emily finished 14th with a time of 24:40.16. Three of the Hoxie girls placed in the top 15, and the team won the meet with a score of 34 points. (HHS Yearbook Staff photo)

Bulldogs Win Homecoming Game



Golden Plains Senior Jose Rios kicks a PAT while Kelby Buehler holds the ball in the Homecoming Game against Western Plains in Rexford on September 25. The Bulldogs defeated the Bobcats 54-6. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Football team won their Homecoming game against Western Plains in Rexford on September 25. The Dogs defeated the Bobcats 54-6 at the half. “It was amazing,” said Freshman Anthony Schippers. “I was glad we won our Homecoming game.”

Western Plains won the toss and elected to receive. The Bulldogs’ strong defense, led with tackles by Kelby Buehler, Cristian Garcia, Adam Ritter, and Schippers, forced them to punt. The Dogs moved the ball with carries by Ritter and passes from Ruxin Arnberger to the 7-yard line. Sophomore Parker Vahling finished in the end zone for a 6-0 Bulldog lead. The Bobcats quickly turned the ball back over to the Dogs who connected with a pass from Arnberger to Tannor Todd for a second Bulldog score. Jose Rios kicked the conversion, putting the Dogs p 14-0.

Back on offense, the Bobcats fumbled the ball allowing Conner Kier to recover for the Bulldogs. He advanced the ball and Vahling made a first down. Ritter ran in another TD for the Dogs and Kasch Buehler ran in the extra point to give the Dogs a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Dogs opened the second with Kier running the ball to the 4 yard line. Arnberger ran in the score extending the Bulldog lead. Jesus Dominguez kicked back to the ‘Cats who proceeded to make their only score of the night. The Dogs answered with a kick return by Ritter. Kelby Buehler ran in the extra point for GP.

The Bobcats continued to struggle to move the ball as the Dogs stopped them repeatedly. Kier made another long run allowing Arnberger to finish the drive across the goal line midway through the second quarter. Koen Schaben ran in the PAT putting the Dogs up 41-6.

The Bobcats tried to gain yards by putting the ball in the air but were unable to connect. Back on offense, Kier scored for the Dogs with just a few minutes left to play. Ritter finished the game with one final Bulldog touchdown with .37 on the clock. A PAT pass from Javier Romero to Adam Ritter ended the game at half with a 54-6 Bulldog win.

Parker Vahling had 41 rushing yards and 2 touchdowns. Adam Ritter added 39 yards for 1 touchdown and Conner Kier had 31 yards for 1 touchdown. Ruxin Arnberger had 19 rushing yards and 1 touchdown, and Kasch Buehler had 3 rushing yards. Arnberger passed for 85 yards and 2 TD’s. Javier Romero and Jose Rios each passed for three yards.

Tannor Todd received for 8 yards and 1 touchdown, Ritter 28 yards/1 TD, Cristian Garcia 25 yards, Kelby Buehler 27 yards, and Nash Ziegelmeier 3 yards. Tackles were made by Ritter 7, Schippers 6, Arnberger 5, Kelby Buehler 4, Garcia 2, Rios 1, and Kasch Buehler 1.

“This was a great game as everyone had time on the field,” continued Schippers. “Running the ball was hard because of the rain; throwing worked better for us. We also had some good kicks with Jose Rios and Jesus Dominguez sharing the kicking duties.”

The Dogs, with a 3-1 season record, will play at home again on October 2 when they host the 0-4 Brewster Bulldogs. “Our goal with Brewster is to play more physical and reduce turnovers,” added Schippers. “We want to make sure we do not go into the game overconfident.”

Indians Face Off Against Cardinals
in Hard-Fought Game



Max Foote (Sr), Kellen Cressler (So), Griffin Zerr, and Noah Nickelson (Jr) line up on defense to prevent the Ell-Saline Cardinals from scoring. The Indians fought hard but fell to the Cardinals in a tough 12-22 loss on October 2nd. (Photo by Lyla Vang, HHS Yearbook)

By Lyla Vang

On Friday, October 2, the Hoxie Indians traveled to Brookville to take on the Ell-Saline Cardinals for some Friday Night Football. Hoxie and Ell-Saline fought through a muddy game Friday night, with the Indians ultimately losing 12-22. Despite the loss, the Indians’ performance showed immense resilience, as well as gaining valuable experience through the defensive game that remained scoreless all through the first half.

The game opened with Hoxie’s ball, and the Indians immediately took the initiative when sophomore Gage Epp connected with senior Chase Meyer on a deep pass that nearly resulted in a touchdown. From there, both teams settled into a defensive struggle. Rather than taking risks on a fourth down, the offenses relied heavily on field position, with the punters repeatedly pinning their opponents deep in their own territory.

Field conditions proved challenging for both teams. Ell-Saline had received several inches of rain earlier in the week, leaving big portions of the field muddy and slick. Snaps became difficult to control, players repeatedly lost their footing, and the wet football slipped through the fingertips of the receivers. Despite these obstacles, Hoxie’s defense kept the Cardinals from finding much of an offensive rhythm. Multiple opportunities for Hoxie to break the stalemate appeared before halftime, including a drive that reached the Cardinals’ 31-yard line, but an interception from the Cardinals ended the threat. The Indians went into halftime with a score of 0-0, leaving the crowd eager for the second half.

The third quarter finally brought a breakthrough. Nearly halfway through the quarter, Epp handed the ball to junior Noah Nickelson, who cut back across the field before freshman Hadley Juenemann made a crucial block to spring Nickelson for a 20-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion fell incomplete, but Hoxie had seized momentum.

The Cardinals answered with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, taking a 6-14 lead before another score extended the advantage to 6-22. Hoxie refused to quit. Chase Meyer broke through for a beautiful 13-yard touchdown run, bringing the Indians within striking distance with a score of 12-22, with just over five minutes remaining in the game.

Hoxie continued to push downfield in the final minutes, but the muddy conditions kept creating problems. Ell-Saline’s determined defense made the comeback incredibly difficult, and with several passes falling incomplete, the Cardinals ultimately ran out the clock to secure their 12-22 victory over the Indians.

The Indians battled through difficult conditions, persevering until the final whistle. “I think the field conditions played a role in such a low-scoring game,” said head coach Lance Baar. “It was tough to get a footing. But there’s lots of important lessons we can learn from that game.” The Indians will host the Oberlin Red Devils on Friday, October 9. We wish the boys luck and hope to add another win to Hoxie’s record!

Leaders in Action



WHS STUCO members standing proud with new leadership skills. (WHS photo)

By Emily Hrabe, News Reporter

On September 30, Wheatland High School Student Council visited Hays High School for a conference held by Kansas State High School Activities Association.

The members got to listen to the Hays High School marching band to start off the morning. After the marching band got everyone pumped up, the members of STUCO listened to a leadership speaker. Everyone then split up into smaller groups and listened, shared, and made new connections with other members of STUCO from other schools. It was good for the members to learn new ideas that they could bring back to their schools.

Spencer Beckman, STUCO president, stated, “it was a great opportunity to meet with surrounding schools and bounce ideas off each other, which we hope to bring back and implement to our school.”

STUCO sponsor Ms. Iseman stated, “STUCO Conference is always a great experience for our student leaders and allows some of our newer members to get out of their comfort zone and meet new people and hear new ideas. It’s always great to have them come back and share that excitement with the rest of our council and student body.”



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Tom Cooney and his son William were in the city Monday.

Grover Walker has purchased the Mulholland property in the north part of the city.

Jesse Warner gave us a call Monday.

An itinerant doctor is in town.

Prof. Johnson's family has arrived and are domiciled in the Tucker residence.

Charles Eilers purchased this week Gehod Bressler's homestead. Consideration \$1000.

Dan Hedge of Bow Creek township had some friends of Marshal county visiting him last week.

E. M. Woodworth and wife of Dubuque, Iowa, uncle and aunt of our John, was paying him a visit this week.

The upper bin of Crum's elevator caved in Thursday and let down three hundred bushels of wheat into a bin of rye.

George Battey of Portsmouth, Shelby county, Iowa, is in the city visiting his brothers Sandford and Marshall.

It beats all how the county is increasing in population. A little girl came to the home of O. P. McGinnis and wife last Sabbath.

Mr. Daniel Ingle and wife, of Oakland, Indiana, are visiting J. S. Turner and family this week. Mrs. Ingle is a sister of Mrs. Turner.

Someone changed Dr. Freeman's "nig" from his usual moorings on Monday night and Doc thought he was out a horse. C-l-a-m-s.

Strayed away from my premises 6 miles east of Hoxie on Monday night two brown horses, weight about 1300 pounds each. Anyone taking them up and returning them to me will be paid for the trouble.

J. V. Nelson

John Hedge and Mrs. George W. Robinson have returned from their trip to Indiana, where they went to see a sick daughter and sister Mrs. Isiah Courtright, who, with her husband and accompanied by Mrs. James S. Townsend are now within this county.

The following letters remain in the Hoxie post office uncalled for this 3rd day of October, and unless called within two weeks will be sent to the dead letter office: Miss Alie Maugum, J. M. McBaliard, Henry Holland, Charles Holtman, Frank Craig.

J. S. Turner, P.M.

I. O. O. F.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, a lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows was organized in Hoxie, and was named Hoxie Lodge No. 415, of the jurisdiction of Kansas. The organization was conducted by Deputy Grand Master Gill of Colby, assisted by quite a number of brothers.

125 Years Ago

October 10, 1901

The commissioners are in regular session this week.

Ed Gregg lost a good horse Saturday by the colic route.

Al Smith, of near Lucerne, was a Hoxie visitor Tuesday and reported every body busy, up in that quarter, putting in fall grain.

J. D. Hawkins, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, has bought the Ben Schlicher place in Parnell township, and expects to take possession at an early date.

Brady Deuell and his father, of Parnell township, have leased their farms to Missouri parties and moved to Decatur county where they will reside permanently.

Oliver P. McGinnis of Saline township had part of his cane mill intown one day last week for repairs. He is making sorghum this week for all comers and it is said he understands his business.

W. J. Earley, who a short time ago rented the section of land immediately west of the Broks place, has arrived with his stock and household goods and at present is busy fixing up for winter.

"Pate" Goss, who for a number of years has conducted the Opelt House at Colby, has sold that popular hostelry and will move to Seattle in a short time to assume control of a large hotel recently built in that city.

Fred Henry, the new restaurant man, went to Osborne county week before last to visit his folks, so he said then, but when he returned to Hoxie last Friday, he brought a wife back with him. The *Sentinel* extends congratulations.

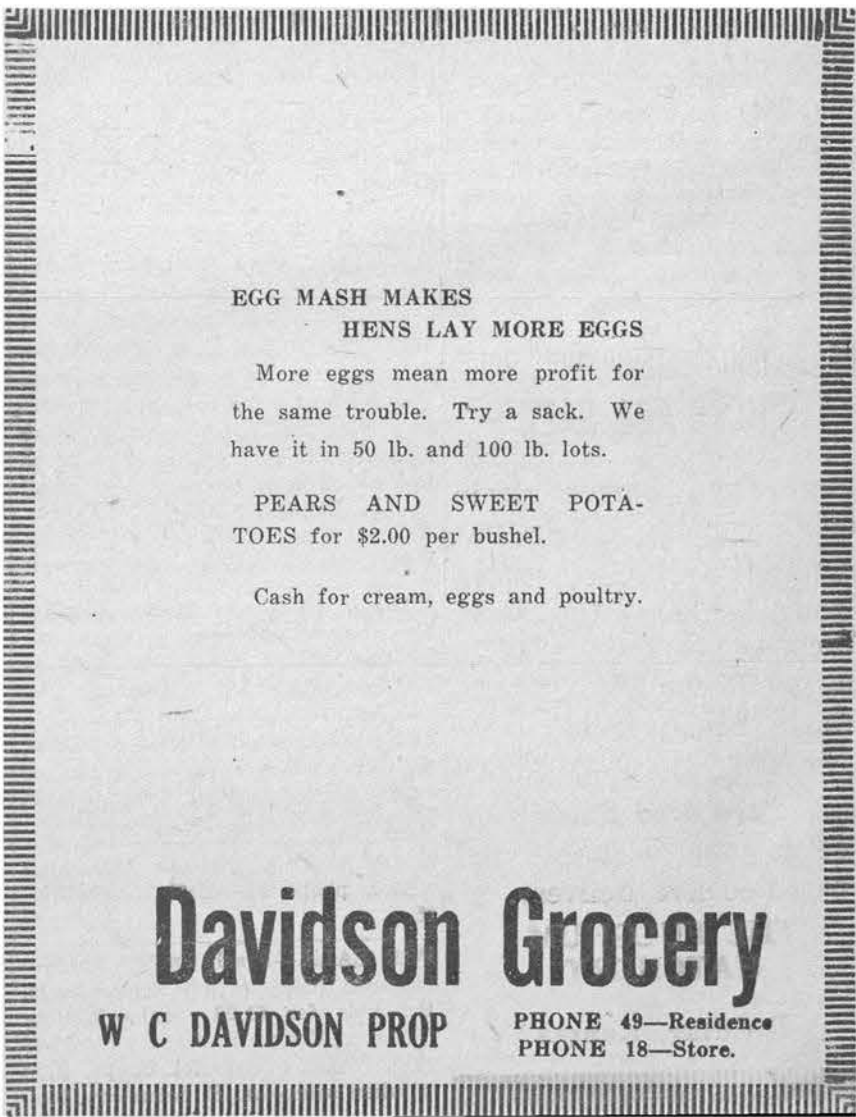
Frank Dawes, the Bow Creek township well man and a successful farmer, was a pleasant caller at this office Tuesday. On the 22nd of last month Mrs. D., presented Frank with a son and he was hardly over feeling good when in town. Frank says he will do his best to raise the youngster a republican.

Tony Griffin has sufficiently recovered from his recent attack of paralysis to be able to get around with the assistance of a cane. He was in Hoxie yesterday.

Phelps Phacts

Porter Breeden came down from Norton Saturday.

Art Clemons ran the engine for Dingle's thresher in Graham county last



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

week.

John Bird and wife, of Hill City, have been visiting old acquaintances in this community the past week.

Bloomfield Items

Johnny Thompson has been busy threshing until the rain.

W. J. Gilchrist had to stop threshing again on account of the rain.

Herman Kast is back home again, he has been in Nebraska.

A Farmer

100 Years Ago

October 30, 1926

Fire Destroys Wade's Wash House Saturday

Saturday, about the noon hour, the fire alarm was sounded announcing a fire at the M. F. Wade home in the east part of the city.

Before the fire boys could reach the place the wash house, where the blaze originated, had made such headway that they could not save it.

It was a small fire but netted quite a heavy loss to Mr. and Mrs. Wade, which was partially covered by insurance, so Mr. Humphrey, of the Schultheis agency, informed a *Sentinel* scribe.

Local News

Carl Curtis was down from Selden on business Tuesday.

Mrs. Sarah Frazier is visiting in the country this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rouse and little son, Dorsey Lee, were down from Colby, Sunday, visiting relatives.

C. E. Montgomery has a good assortment of heating stoves and stove accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt Hamil returned home Tuesday evening from an extended visit with relatives at Natoma, Salina and Topeka.

Rev. Dick and Lon Gorrell got to dickering last week and when they got through the former owned the latter's nice residence in the east part of Hoxie. Mr. and Mrs. Gorrell have moved to the Dr. Hall property for the winter.

L. B. Crotchett was called to Demming, New Mexico, two weeks ago owing to the illness of his father, who passed away there on September 24. Mr. Crotchett was a pioneer citizen of Miami county, Kansas, but a dozen or more years ago moved to New Mexico. L. B. brought back some cotton which he says they row with profit around Demming.

Delmer Harris was a Hoxie visitor the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin moved into their new home Wednesday. They have purchased the McGlasson property.

C. H. Matthews will hold a public sale on October 14, at his farm in Union township. Mr. Matthews and his estimable wife intend to move to Hoxie, where they have bought property. See his sale ad in this week's *Sentinel*.

C. L. Williams, of Los Angeles, California, visited Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Moos, this week. Mr. Williams was on his way home from Sioux City, Iowa, where he was called to attend the funeral of a brother.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet Tuesday noon, October 12. The M. E. Ladies Aid society will serve luncheon. The program committee is making a special effort to secure an out-of-town speaker for the occasion.

75 Years Ago

October 11, 1951

Two Local Men On Trip to Havana

Fred Conard, parts manager and

Bill Hendershot, shop foreman, of the Northwestern Motors, are cashing in on their abilities of serving the public. These two men received an expense paid trip that will feature a visit to Havana, Cuba, by plane. They left Hoxie Sunday morning, caught the train out of Oakley to Kansas City. Early Monday morning they boarded a special chartered Braniff plane which took them to Havana, Cuba, for a three-day sight-seeing trip. They expect to return home this weekend.

Broadway News

Mrs. Murl Simon and Mrs. W. C. Morgan ate Tuesday dinner with Mrs. Jim Hilburn and Dolores Morgan in Hoxie.

Mrs. Ralph Carder and Pam visited at the Frazey home in Hoxie, Tuesday.

Dwayne Simon was a Sunday dinner guest in the Harry Richards home.

Morland News

Mrs. Laura Shapley is ill at the Robert Rawson home and under the care of Dr. Lottie.

Mrs. Gene Olson and sons, of Lenora, spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Minium.

Mrs. Sarah Dodd called on Mrs. Loof Thursday.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have a number of new sample rugs on Mohawk carpeting. Consequently we have some drop rugs at a very good price.

Cowhand: "Aren't you putting your saddle on backward, sir."

Dude Rancher: "That's all you know about it, cowboy - you don't even know which way I'm going."

We received a shipment of corrugated galvanized roofing, 9, 10 and 12 foot lengths.

The Party Line

Stan Winter and Decker Mosier baled alfalfa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shaw, of Norton, spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Onan Yale and boys, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sapp called on Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patmon Sunday afternoon.

Fairview

Mr. and Mrs. Roy James visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Transue, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Transue and Vicki. Sunday was Mrs. Minium's birthday.

Gracie O'Dell spent Sunday after church with Lois Corke.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Transue and Vickie spent Friday evening at the Lee Minium home in Morland.

South West Items

Mr. and Mrs. John Mannebach and family were visitors at the Alfred Lager home Friday night.

Bobby Mannebach was a Sunday afternoon guest of Don Hasik.

Mrs. Bill Feldt had a Stanley party Friday.

50 Years Ago

September 30, 1976

Indians Win at Oberlin

On a rainy Sept. 24, the Hoxie Indians went on warpath again. This time the victim was the Oberlin Red Devils 28-13.

Coach Adams said, "I was extremely pleased with our kids this week. We played one of the best games we could have this early in the season. We had some kids that came off the bench and showed us they could pay which really helped out."

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Borger and children,

Linda Denio and David and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Borger were Tuesday supper guests of Bob Lovin.

Mrs. Gertie King spent Wednesday at Albert Smiths.

Mrs. Nella Simon spent Tuesday noon with June Simon. She called at Bill Browns later.

McGraw News

Mrs. Ben Tribble accompanied Mrs. Russel Bainter and Jean to Denver Thursday for Valeria and Jean's check-ups. They returned home the same day.

Mrs. Dwane Tice visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Dee Lewis called on Mrs. Jim Bainter Wednesday afternoon.

Mickey Want Ads

Air Hockey - Just right for Xmas gift giving. Air Hockey a fun game for kids and parents alike. Just \$35.95.

He was eighty. She was seventy-five. It was their wedding night. They went to bed. She gazed at George. George gazed at Dora. He squeezed her hand, and they went to sleep. The second night they gazed at each other, he squeezed her hand, and they went to sleep. The third night they gazed at each other, he squeezed her hand, and they went to sleep. Finally, on the fourth night, they gazed at each other, and just as he was about to squeeze her hand, she said, "Not tonight, George, I've got headache!"

Five sofas in stock, from Early American to Contemporary. All in beautiful decorator colors.

Hoxie Grade Girls Win Volleyball Games Against Colby

The Hoxie 7th grade girls posted their third straight victory of the season by beating Colby on Thursday, Sept. 23, here in Hoxie. Hoxie won the first game 15-8. In the second game, Hoxie beat Colby 15-6.

Leoville News

Mrs. Joe Radnor and children of Scott City came Wednesday and were overnight guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Shieferecke. They returned home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schieferecke and children of Studley were callers at Paul Schiefereckes Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Magdalen Gassman and girls spent Saturday evening in Park.

25 Years Ago

October 4, 2001

Cottonwood to Host Fall Harvest Festival

The Friends of Cottonwood Ranch and the Kansas State Historical Society are co-sponsoring a Fall Harvest Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Cottonwood Ranch near Studley.

Hill City Lighthouse Aglow

The next meeting of Hill City Lighthouse Aglow will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the Graham County Community Center.

Donna Thomas from Norton will be our speaker. She is a life long resident of northwest Kansas. She will be sharing on God's faithfulness in the face of many obstacles and trials.

VFW Post #2864 Auxiliary

After a bountiful carry-in lunch, the meeting of the Auxiliary to the VFW Post #2864, Grinnell was called to order by President Kathy Zerr with 11 members and Connie Miller present. Eight officers answered roll call.

Two new members are awaiting initiating, Tonya Beckman and Kayla Beckman. It is wonderful to have two more young members.

Rexford

Lula Thieler accompanied JoAnn Miller, Jane Hudson and Carol Bell to Greeley, Colo., last Thursday afternoon to attend the funeral of her sister, Ella Sharrah who died Sept. 18, 2001, at the Bonell Good Samaritan Center in Greeley. She had been a resident there about three years.

Seven members of the Royal Neighbors attended the annual Decatur County Convention on Sept. 22, in Oberlin. Those attending were Grace Cheney, Marge Leh, Betty Carswell, Deb Stepper, Zula Horinek, Darlene Robben and Jean Hawkins.

Many Rexford people toured the McCarty Dairy located southwest of Rexford last Friday. The dairy hosted an open house and gave tours through the buildings. It is a very busy place with the milking going on all day long and immediately shipped out on trucks. Ice cream, milk and chocolate milk, were served to the guests.

Jennings-Allison

The Tuesday Study Club members and guests met for lunch at the Broken Wheel on Sept. 25. Following lunch they met at the former Royal Neighbor Hall for the business meeting.

The Bob Tachas spent two days in Belleville helping their relatives who have been in the hospital. Their aunt is in rehab recovering from a stroke.

The Jennings High School senior class in collecting telephone books for recycling. They may be left at the school, Post Office or arrangements can be made for students to pick them up by calling the school at 678-2414.

Sheridan Lake Meeting

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Right now, the fisheries are hatching out channel catfish to be stocked in late 2027; they’ll already be harvestable. That will be an immediate fishing opportunity. That fall, we’ll also stock largemouth bass and black crappies. The following spring of 2028, we’ll restock the saugeyes. We will not be restocking the wiper. For camping, we’re hoping for July 1, 2027.”

Rebecca Johnson, Engineer, KDWP

“I was in on the project from the beginning. The goal of the project was to improve the fishery and increase the depth of the lake by dredging out the sediment. The original design of the plan was to remove up to 65,000 cubic yards of sediment adjacent to the dam; approximately a two-foot depth of sediment that would be dredged out from the lake.”

Draining was to be done by opening the main gate to let the lake drain as it was designed to do. The inlet is located at the bottom of the lake and had silted over so much that it prevented the lake from draining. Siphons were used until the inlet was exposed and could be cleaned out. The lakebed was too wet to accommodate the original plan. Sheridan Lake’s natural spring kept the ground saturated. This constituted a revision of the original plan.

A pilot channel was to be constructed to direct the spring water out of the basin, which added time to the original project timeline. Engineering plans, permitting, and the bidding process were necessary. This part of the project has been completed, and the bed is dried out. With the lakebed exposed and dried out, it allowed for a much larger scaled restoration.

KDWP now had to decide whether to continue as planned or to move forward with a much larger plan.

Stuart Schrag, Deputy Secretary, KDWP

“Once the lakebed was exposed and we could see what was going on, that’s when I got involved. We had to decide the feasibility of what we have. What are we going to have to take on? The what ifs; and at the end of the day how we’re going to budget to make this happen? There are 24 lakes across the state of Kansas and many of them are on the list of needs. So, how do we make this work? We make a collective decision that this is a high-priority project. We’re going to tackle this and get it done; and we don’t want to just put a Band-Aid on it. We didn’t want to have to come back and do this again within the next 10 years. So, we made the commitment and the investment that we’re going to do it right so that it will sustain for decades. We had to delay some other state fishing lake projects; and instead of only 65,000 cubic yards of sediment removal, we would remove 185,000 cubic yards. What started out as a half-million-dollar budget, we now had increased it to \$3,600,000 overall. Longterm stability is the ultimate goal.”

Brandon Jacobs, Project Manager with Engineering Department, KDWP

“I took over the project in 2025. Our first obstacle was to get the lake dry, see how deep the silt was in the areas of the lake. Using drawings from 1957-1959 to help with the planning. Considerations that became apparent were the impact of the shoreline stabilization so that after dredging, that which was removed didn’t re-enter the water system. Ecological reviews had to be done. An archeological survey. A couple of permits. A geomorphologist on the pilot channel. Since then, the engineers and surveyors have the design work done and it’s out to bid, currently with a base bid of 185,000 cubic yards of material with an additional 70,000 cubic yards as an add-on to that. So, we are looking at three to four times the size of the original project.”

They are hoping to begin the full mobilization of the project by the end of 2026 and be finished by the spring of 2027 and an opening date of July 1.

Once the lake is rebuilt, then they will begin on rebuilding the fisheries.

Luke Winge, Public Lands Manager, KDWP

“When they first started talking about this project and developing the ideas for it, it was time for me to allocate more budget to that lake and make the improvements on the terrestrial side of it. Some of the bigger projects that we’ve done are erosion control on the parking lots by digging out and putting in drainage channels that were filled with rock; built up some of the parking lots; dug out both boat ramps and put in rock to slow any new erosion; repaired the handpump so there is a source of non-potable water; replaced the electrical system to the well with a new reliable service coming into the well; the well will also provide supplemental water so that when the lake is done, then we’re not just depending on rain to keep it filled. Before opening the drain, we had to clean out the outlet structure, remove the fence around it, we removed a lot of the vegetation around it so we could open the drain and let the water run out. After the pilot channel was cleaned out, we reshaped the road to the northwest campground. As the water receded, there is a lot of trash that still needs to be picked up. New picnic tables, fire rings, and kiosks will be brought in, rather than just repairing and re-painting the old ones. We want this property to look brand new when it is done. With an additional grant, we were able to clear out undergrowth and cedar trees on the northern end of the property. Once the project is done, there are plans to improve the access roads: gravel, re-shaping, parking lot improvements, campground, toilets.”

Bryan Sowards, Fisheries Director, KDWP

“To bring it all together, western Kansas is a high priority for the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks; for fishing access, in particular. There are few fishing opportunities out here, and that’s why we look at Sheridan as an opportunity to renovate it into the future so we can have that opportunity out here. Those opportunities that we have must be maintained in a way that promotes quality and longevity, and that’s what we’re trying to do here. While re-examining these issues that we found out, also the potential of the project to remove more, we determined that expanding this was a high priority. The extra funds and time necessary for project completion could provide decades more functionality and a higher quality vision. The fishery was not functioning to our standard and we’re excited to restore it to its maximum capacity. In 2027, Sheridan Lake will essentially be the youngest lake in Kansas.

Why has the timeline of the project changed from what was announced in 2023?

The timeline has changed because the scope of the project had to expand significantly once work began. The original 2023 plan and budget were limited to dredging a portion of the lake and reinforcing select shoreline areas. However, several factors required KDWP to reevaluate and enlarge the project:

- Unexpected sediment conditions: The lake did not drain as expected because the inlet was completely silted over. Staff had to dredge just to uncover the inlet, and even then, the lakebed remained too saturated to work on.
- Need for additional drying measures: KDWP had to dig a pilot channel to allow natural spring flow to exit the lake basin so the lakebed could fully dry.
- Changes in soil placement plans: KDWP had to identify and plan for new locations to place the large volume of material removed from the lakebed.
- Full-scale renovation required: Once the lakebed was exposed and dry, it became clear that partial dredging and limited shoreline armoring would not address the underlying issues. KDWP upgraded the project to a comprehensive renovation, adding more than \$3 million in additional investment to ensure long-term stability, improved habitat, and a fully restored fishery.

These changes expanded the project’s scope and complexity, resulting in a longer, but far more durable, timeline.

What species of fish will be introduced?

The lake will initially be stocked with fathead minnows and juvenile bluegill to establish a strong forage base and allow them time to spawn. In Fall 2027, the lake will receive adult channel catfish, followed later by largemouth bass, saugeye (a hybrid between sauger and walleye), and black crappie. These fish will come from KDWP’s own hatcheries.

The channel catfish stocked in fall 2027 will be harvestable at the time of stocking. Other species will be large enough to catch and harvest by spring 2028, and populations will continue to grow beyond that.

How deep will the lake be after the renovation is complete? Will the lake change shape or size?

After dredging is finished and the lake refills to the bottom of the boat ramp, Sheridan State will hold up to 700 acre-feet of water, with depths ranging from 1 to 2 feet in shallow areas to 20 feet at its deepest. This reflects the restored depth created by removing decades of accumulated sediment. The lake’s overall shape and size will remain largely the same as it was when originally constructed.

Solomon Valley 4-H Kansas State Fair Results

By Bailyn Moser, Solomon Valley 4-H Reporter

Bailey Roudybush:

- 9th in Horse Showmanship
- 2nd in Hunter Under Saddle
- 3rd English Equitation
- 5th Western Pleasure



Bailey Roudybush:
3rd English Equitation

Molly Roudybush:

- Overall High Point in Horse age 9-13
- 1st in Showmanship
- 3rd in Hunter Under Saddle
- 3rd in Trail
- 3rd in Western Pleasure
- 3rd in Horsemanship

Morné Geer:

- Fiber Arts Weaving-Blue
- Fiber Arts Spinning-Purple
- Horticulture-Blue
- Horticulture-Blue
- Horticulture-Blue
- Veterinary Science-Blue

Francois Geer:

- Fiber Arts Weaving-Purple
- Fiber Arts Spinning-Blue
- Kansas Sheep Association Wool Award
- Food Preservation-Red



Bailynn Moser:
Photography, Purple
Award



Molly Roudybush (left)
Bailey Roudybush
(right)

- Food Preservation-Blue
- Horticulture-Blue
- Horticulture-Red
- Veterinary Science-Blue

Demi Schippers:

- Beef Showmanship Semi-Finalist
- 2nd place Maintainer Heifer
- 3rd place Commercial Heifer
- 4th Overall Shorthorn Steer

Bailynn Moser:

- 4-H Communication Photography & Expressive Arts:
- Black & White Photo - Purple
- Color Photo - Purple

(Solomon Valley 4-H photos)

Kansas Attorney General Candidates in Live Televised Forum

Topeka - KTWU is pleased to announce a live forum, “Election 2026: Kansas Attorney General, an IGI Special Presentation,” which will take place Wednesday, October 21, at 7 PM in the KTWU studios on the Washburn University campus. It

will also appear live on KTWU HD 11.1, livestreamed on YouTube and www.ktwu.org, and be available on demand at watch.ktwu.org.

The Washburn University Political Science Department is sponsoring this forum, featuring Kansas Attorney General candidates Kris Kobach, Republican candidate, and Chris Mann, Democratic candidate. Bob Beatty, IGI host and professor and chair of the Washburn University Political Science department, will moderate.

All forum questions will be pre-selected and/or screened by the Political Science Department. Viewers may submit questions via the KTWU forum livestream on Facebook ([facebook.com/ktwu11](https://www.facebook.com/ktwu11)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/ktwu11/](https://www.instagram.com/ktwu11/)). Approved questions will be given to the moderator, who will incorporate them within the discussion and alternate which candidate answers first.

Repeats of this election special will be scheduled through Election Day 2026. Schedule listings are available at www.ktwu.org. The forum also will be available on demand at watch.ktwu.org.

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Cost Share Assistance Available for Livestock Water Efficiency Project

Manhattan — The Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation is pleased to announce the availability of funds in the form of cost share assistance and incentive payments to assist commercial feedlots and dairy operations with livestock water efficiency technology. The Kansas Livestock Water Efficiency Project is part of the state's ongoing effort to encourage water conservation and to seek solutions for water challenges in the state.

This initiative is designed to enhance and/or upgrade current large-scale livestock watering systems in commercial feedlots and dairies by providing cost share assistance for practices such as upgrading to high efficiency livestock waterers, water controls, and water recycling systems.

KDA-DOC will accept applications from Wednesday, October 14, 2026, to the close of business Friday, November 6, 2026. Equipment purchases and subscriptions made before application approval by KDA-DOC are not eligible for this initiative. Eligible applicants must hold a current water right for stock water with the state of Kansas.

Funding is provided through appropriation from the State Water Plan Fund and the program is administered by KDA-DOC in consultation with the State Conservation Commission.

Applications for this irrigation technology cost share funding must be made through KDA-DOC. Find more information about the project including the application and more details about funding eligibility at www.agriculture.ks.gov/DOCLivestockWater or email Jake Dooling at Jacob.Dooling@ks.gov.

From the Land of Kansas Holiday Gift Boxes Now Available

Manhattan - Kansas holiday gift boxes are now available to order for the 2026 holiday season through the From the Land of Kansas state trademark program at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The Kansas holiday gift boxes contain an assortment of products grown, raised or produced in Kansas, making gift-giving easy. The gift boxes also are a popular customer gift for businesses, and can be customized for large orders.

Two premade gift box options are available:

Konza Box:

- BBQ Flavor Pork Sticks from R Family Farms, Lebanon
- Medium Garden Salsa from Holmes Made Salsa, Wichita
- Kernza Peppernut Cookies from Sustain-A-Grain, Moundridge
- Sweet & Tangy Mustard from Grannie's Homemade Mustard, Hillsboro
- Cinnamon Creamed Honey from SHoney Farm, Wamego

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The From the Land of Kansas trademark program at KDA is designed to promote and celebrate agricultural experiences and products grown, raised or produced in Kansas. For more information about the holiday gift boxes or the trademark program, visit FromtheLandofKansas.com or contact the From the Land of Kansas marketing team at 785-564-6759.

Statement Release on President Trump Dyed-Diesel EO Signing

Washington, D.C. — On Tuesday, October 5, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins issued a statement on President Trump's new executive order to provide relief for our farmers and ranchers by lifting taxes on dyed-diesel. Today's action expected to represent approximately \$640 million in combined federal and state savings across about 224.6 million harvested acres.

"President Trump is the most pro ranching and farming president in our lifetime. Energy dominance is at the core of putting farmers and ranchers first. This administration has unleashed American energy dominance, and we are now the largest energy producer in the world as a result. While the Administration has structurally changed the energy sector to secure the long-term future of agriculture, we are now taking steps to deal with short term pressures impacting our American farmers. Thank you, President Trump for signing today's Executive Order enacting enforcement discretion on on-road use of dyed diesel, which will better enable our farmers to deliver America's harvest during this critical time. And I want to thank Vice President Vance for his help shepherding it to the end."

Kansas Farmer Leaders Named to NCGA Action Teams

Manhattan — The National Corn Growers Association announced the slate of new and returning farmer leaders who will serve on the organization's action teams and committees beginning Oct. 1, 2026. Three Kansas corn growers and two Kansas Corn staff members are part of the teams.

Representing a cross-section of corn production, the teams consist of state staff, farmers and industry members. The action teams provide growers and stakeholders an opportunity to play an active role in shaping their industry's future through guiding NCGA programs, policy and priorities.

Biofuels Action Team

Brett Grauerholz, Republic; KCGA Vice President Production and Sustainability Action Team
Tanner McNinch, Ness City, Vice Chair; KCGA Secretary

"The Production and Sustainability Action Team focuses on what goes into raising a crop and what comes out of it: the inputs we put into the field, how we measure results and the new markets opening up for growers beyond feed, food and ethanol," McNinch says. "That covers conservation practices, crop protection tools and regulations and emerging opportunities like 45Z and other low-carbon fuel markets that could add value to every bushel.

"Growing conditions vary widely across Kansas and differ from much of the Corn Belt. Those differences bring challenges that are unique to Kansas, but finding solutions to those challenges strengthens the whole industry. I'm excited to help lead this team to make sure Kansas farmers' voices are heard, while working toward policies and opportunities that benefit growers across the country."

Risk Management Action Team

Brent Rogers, Hoxie, Vice Chair; KCGA Director
Taylor Williamson, Kansas Corn, State Staff

"The primary topic of the risk management team is the farm bill," Rogers said. Our team was integral in studies and outreach on issues such as crop insurance, base acres and reference prices, that were part of the House-passed farm bill as well as the Senate ag committee version. I look forward to continuing to bring a Kansas perspective to this team as I help lead this coming year."

Trade, Transportation, Animal Agriculture Action Team

Connie Fischer, Kansas Corn, State Staff
NCGA Board Nominating Committee
Brett Grauerholz, Republic; KCGA Vice President
Grauerholz is a returning member to the Biofuels Action Team, and Fischer and Williamson are also returning members to their posts.

The NCGA has six action teams: Biofuels; Communication and Education; Production and Sustainability; Research and New Uses; Risk Management; and Trade, Transportation and Animal Agriculture. Kansas representatives serve on four of the six action teams.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending October 4, 2026, there were 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6% very short, 19% short, 53% adequate, and 22% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13% very short, 28% short, 48% adequate, and 11% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 24%, well behind 40% for the five-year average. Emerged was 10%, behind 16% average.

Corn condition rated 15% very poor, 19% poor, 26% fair, 30% good, and 10% excellent. Corn mature was 97%, ahead of 93% average. Harvested was 54%, near 53% average.

Soybean condition rated 13% very poor, 20% poor, 32% fair, 31% good, and 4% excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 82%, ahead of 76% average. Harvested was 16%, behind 22% average.

Sorghum condition rated 13% very poor, 25% poor, 39% fair, 19% good, and 4% excellent. Sorghum coloring was 95%, near 96% average. Mature was 64%, near 66% average. Harvested was 15%, behind 19% average.

Cotton condition rated 13% very poor, 30% poor, 35% fair, 18% good, and 4% excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 81%, ahead of 72% average. Harvested was 6%, equal to average.

Sunflowers harvested was 15%, near 18% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 12% very poor, 23% poor, 32% fair, 30% good, and 3% excellent.

2026 Kansas Farmers Union State Convention Set

Kansas Farmers Union invites our members, supporters, and the general public to save the date for our 119th Anniversary State Convention to be held November 30 - December 1, at Drury Broadview Plaza Hotel in Wichita.

Hotel guest room booking is available now through October 28:

Online: <https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=10177012> or call: 800-325-0720 and provide group number: #10177012.

A detailed schedule with convention registration will be posted soon on KFU's website.

For more information, or for questions, please reach out to Nick Levendofsky, KFU Executive Director, at nick@kansasfarmersunion.org.

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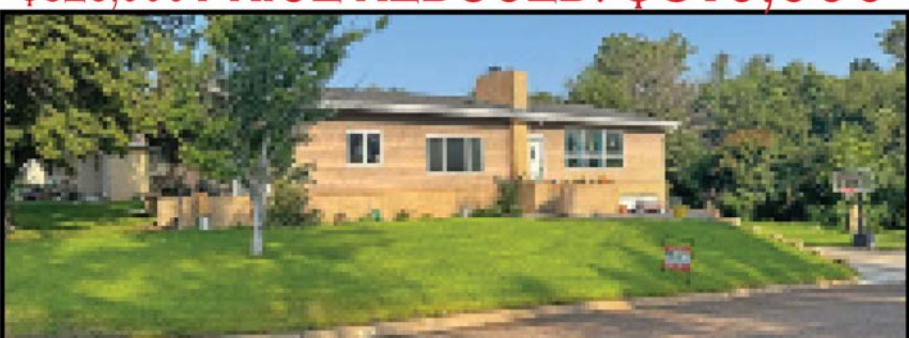


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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		5		2		1		
4			9					3
	2			8	7			4
	9		5			2	8	
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		7			1			6
		1	6				3	
3					4			9
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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.

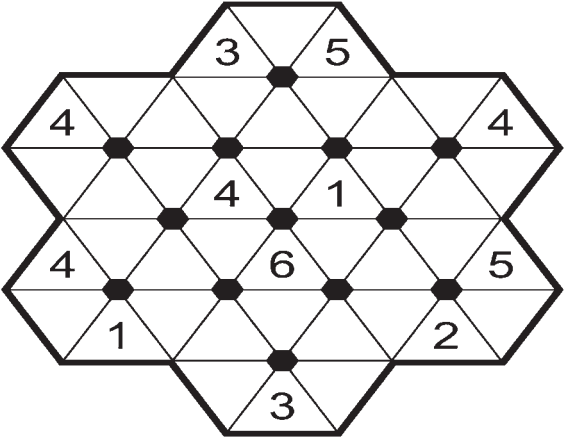
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



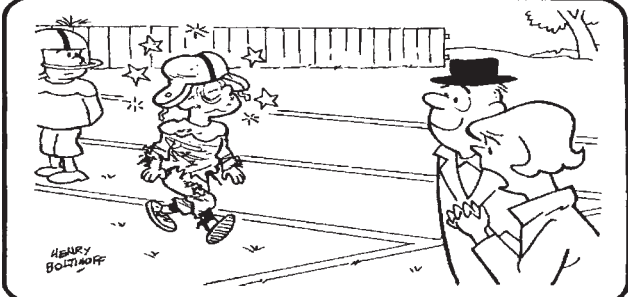
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♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

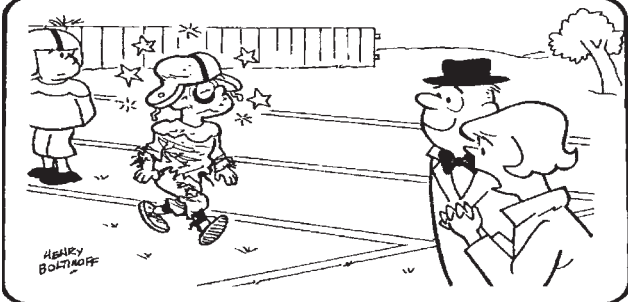
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shoes are black. 2. Man has a bowtie. 3. Tree is moved. 4. Fence guard is missing. 5. Boy has black eye. 6. Fence is shorter.

Super Crossword

PET SHOWER

ACROSS

1 Guru's practice
5 Pre- (supplant)
9 Neighbor of Georgia
16 PC pic file
19 Bedouin, e.g.
20 Actor Max or Max Jr.
21 Situated at the bottom, as of the skull
22 Primo pitcher
23 Prisms, e.g.
25 Causing to go mad
26 Drink with crumpets
27 Region largely in southwest Poland
29 Big name in shapewear
30 Seating tiers
31 Bandit-seeking band
34 Future tense of "is"
36 Business agt.
37 "I smell —!"
38 Objecting to gp.
39 Car-towing
40 Kind of eclipse
42 Calm-inducing drug

44 Stop nursing gradually
45 Actress Dana of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"
47 Cilantro
49 Concept
51 Witty remark
53 Covetous types
54 Act furtively
55 Custodial tool
56 University URL ending
57 "Nana" actress Anna
58 Bull features
59 Wood cutter
60 Oscar-winning title role for Meryl Streep
62 Sandy stuff
66 Load to bear
67 Encl. to facilitate a reply
68 — Lingus
69 Med. nation
70 Second baseman Robinson —
71 Phnom —
72 Wearing old, torn clothes
74 911 VIP
75 Like old, worn clothes
76 "Criminy!"

78 Winner's hand gesture
79 The, to Fritz
80 Hogs' homes
81 Car tank insert
84 Like stars
86 Vacation destination
87 Takes out of a needle, as a filament
89 Cornhusk-wrapped dish
91 Year, in Italy
92 Sea god of Greek myth
93 Old-time anesthetic
95 Thanksgiving side dish
96 Not far from 1980s
97 Chrysler line
98 Ga. hours
100 Big game venues
102 In a strange way
103 "— it my way"
104 Hauls (away)
106 Changed the label of
108 Millennia on end
109 Dewlap locales
111 Versatile
115 Fr. holy woman

116 Picks up on
117 After-bath powder
118 Slaty color
119 Danson of "Ink"
120 Bicolor
121 Do as told
122 Locality

15 Neighbor of Chile: Abbr.
16 Big name in sports drinks
17 Cold zero-calorie drink
18 Ones eating lavish meals
24 Go quickly
28 Woody of film
30 Really coming down (like it's doing in this puzzle?)
31 Hocking site
32 Private chat
33 Not operated nationally, as a lottery
35 Volleyball player on Prime Minister U Nu's team?
39 Barley bristle
41 Misbehave
43 Cover with concrete
46 Overdrink
48 Says no to
50 Says yes to
52 Bouquet
55 The folks
61 Research facility on Mount Everest?
63 Doled (out)
64 Not outer

65 Film with Buzz Lightyear
67 Traditional grub of Bangkok?
68 Gets old
73 Salt's "Stop!"
74 Hard, yellow cheese
75 Mao — -tung
77 Sage mentor
81 Most crud-filled
82 Entertaining brief tale
83 Exerted great effort
85 Less typical
86 Sleep-stage acronym
88 Michigan city
90 Mississippi River explorer
94 Go quickly
99 Artist Andrea del —
101 "Swell!"
102 Not 'neath
105 Mexican nosh
107 Gray of R&B
109 Blasting aid
110 Cairo-to-Nairobi dir.
112 Mentalist Geller
113 — "King" Cole
114 Henna, e.g.

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Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

1	5	3	1	2
5	4	1	3	4
3	4	3	1	5
4	4	2	3	3
2	1	5	4	4

1	5	3		2
5		1	3	4
3	4		1	5
4		2		3
2	1	5	4	

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

2	1	3	5	4
1	4	1	5	2
2	2	5	5	1
4	5	2	3	5
2	3	4	1	5

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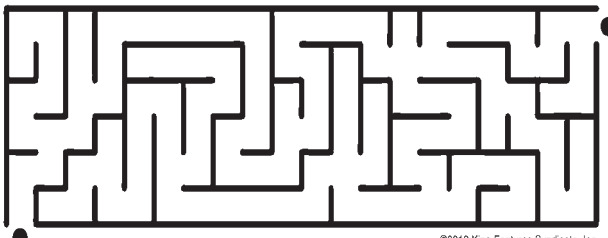
GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	-		x		9
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	+		+		17
+		÷		x	
	+		÷		5
19		1		15	

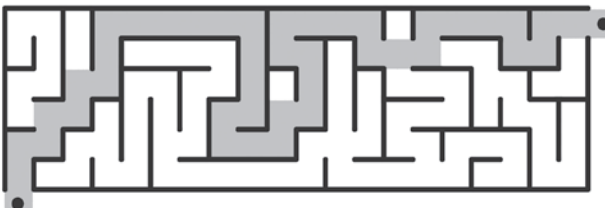
Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

Answers

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN
COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
ADAM WINTER, Deceased

Case No. SD-2026-PR-000018

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned, as an heir of the decedent, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided one-sixtieth (1/60) interest in and to: Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

The Petition also requests a determination of descent of all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death.

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

Victor Winter, Petitioner

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KDOT Announces Approved
September Bids

The Kansas Department of Transportation announces approved bids for state highway construction and maintenance projects. The letting took place on Sept. 16 in Topeka. Some of the bids may include multiple projects that have been bundled based on proximity and type of work.

District Three — Northwest
Decatur

- 83 20 KA 7926 01 – U.S. 83: From the north end of the Portland Concrete Cement Pavement (PCCP) north of U.S. 36, north to the Kansas/Nebraska state line, milling and overlay, 12.4 miles, Venture Corporation, Great Bend, Kansas, \$6,595,712.16

- 83 20 KA 8068 01 – U.S. 83: In Oberlin, from the Portland Cement Concrete Pavement (PCCP) south of West Sappa Street north to the U.S. 36/U.S. 83 junction, milling and overlay, 1.0 mile, Venture Corporation, Great Bend, Kansas, \$409,388.70

- 36 20 KA 8053 01 – U.S. 36: From the Decatur/Rawlins County line, east to the U.S. 36/U.S. 83 junction, milling and overlay, 11.0 miles, Venture Corporation, Great Bend, Kansas, \$2,614,165.03.

Sheridan

- 23 90 KA 8067 01 – K 23: From Walnut Avenue north to 0.089 mile north of the U.S. 24/K 23 junction, milling and overlay, 0.6 mile, Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc., Topeka, Kansas, \$227,167.82

- 83 90 KA 8075 01 – U.S. 83: From the Thomas/Sheridan County line north to 0.04 mile south of the U.S. 83/K 23 junction, milling and overlay, 10.6 miles, Bettis Asphalt & Construction Inc., Topeka, Kansas, \$2,484,391.13.



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Adam Hamilton Accused of Shielding
‘Child Predator’

In case you missed it, Adam Hamilton failed to report a pedophile who sexually abused children at his church's summer camp for boys.

Multiple child victims reported Scott Moore to church leadership, but their concerns were dismissed as “slander.” Hamilton never reported Moore to police, and the pedophile was allowed to return to the camp to continue abusing children.

In case you missed it...

Kansas Senate Dem Nominee Adam Hamilton Accused of Shielding ‘Child Predator’
Who Worked for His Church in Mid-2000s
New York Post
October 2, 2026

Hamilton, who has served as lead pastor at Church of the Resurrection in Leadwood for more than three decades, caught flak from a Democratic primary opponent for allowing the employment of Scott Moore, a church volunteer accused of molesting teenage boys at two retreats in 2005 and 2006.

The Marshall ad, part of a \$1.2 million buy that will run statewide on broadcast, cable and streaming services beginning this weekend, says Hamilton let the “child predator” return as a camp counselor in 2006 after allegations by two of his victims were ignored.

“What did Hamilton do when victims reported him to church leaders? Parents were ignored, and Hamilton never called the police,” the narrator says in the 30-second ad spot.

“The next fall, Hamilton welcomed him back. Free to lurk for new victims — later convicted of more child sex crimes,” the script continues. “Adam Hamilton protected a pedophile. He should never be our senator.”

Moore was convicted in 2013 of misdemeanor sexual battery for inappropriately touching his son's friend at a sleepover in 2010. Among those who testified against him were the teenagers from Church of the Resurrection whom he purportedly victimized in 2005 and 2006.

In November 2005, two boys were preyed upon in a cabin at the Methodist church's annual weekend-long sleep-away camp, according to trial testimony viewed by The Post.

One victim, 15 at the time of the abuse, testified that Moore put a hand on his penis, while a then-14-year-old recounted that Moore thrust his hand inside the boy's sleeping bag near his groin before being scared off as others in the cabin woke up.

“I felt like a hand on my private area. And as soon as I began to stir, I noticed someone rise and leave the room very quickly,” one of the victims testified, identifying the proper later as Moore.

“He came in that night and said that he had an open door policy. And he repeated it multiple times when we tried to shut the door,” the second victim testified of Moore.

Both teenagers brought their concerns to church leadership the following day — only to be accused of “slander” by one of the church's youth ministers.

“Essentially he told us that we were trying to slander Scott's name and trying to make him look bad, and basically told us that we were messing with his life, and there could be serious repercussions for that,” the first victim testified. “And besides that, he really didn't take any action to look into this further.”

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State of Kansas



ORDER
for closing
of registration books
before general election
November 3, 2026

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of October, 2026, all registration books for the general election will close at the end of regular business hours. Registration books will remain closed until the 4th day of November, 2026.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of my office this 2nd day of October, A.D. 2026.



Scott Schwab
SCOTT SCHWAB
Secretary of State

PUBLIC NOTICE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 1. Qualifications of electors. Every(a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:

(1) Is a citizen of the United States who;
(2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and who
(3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he or she such person seeks to vote

shall be deemed a qualified elector:

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if his or her such person's removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his or her such person's former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he or she such person seeks to vote, if his such person's new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

“Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same.”

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

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Wild Horse and Burro Agreement
Extended Five Years

Topeka- Today, the Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) signed a five-year service agreement to continue the wild horse and burro program at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility (HCF).

This nearly 25-year, mutually beneficial partnership allows wild horses and burros captured on public land by the BLM to be trained and cared for by staff and residents at HCF. The current agreement allows for KDOC to maintain between 350 and 400 horses at all times to be trained and cared for while prioritizing placement in private care.

“This program does more than prepare the horses for adoption,” said Jeff Zmuda, Secretary, KDOC. “This partnership allows our residents to gain significant rehabilitation, educational, and vocational opportunities that will serve them well as they return to our communities. I am thrilled that the BLM recognizes the value of our continuing this important partnership.”

Since its inception in 2001, the wild horse and burro program at HCF has been a cornerstone of the BLM's adoption efforts, providing halter and saddle training to make wild horses suitable for ownership.

The next wild horse and burro event will be at HCF on Oct. 2-3, 2026. The event begins Friday, Oct. 2, at 10:00 a.m. with a preview featuring 20 saddle-started horses and two halter-started horses, along with 60 untrained animals and untrained burros for adoption. Gates open at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, with adoptions beginning at 10:00 a.m. For more information, visit www.blm.gov/whb.



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