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SHERIDAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU®  
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## KFB to Honor Tradition, Heritage of Family Farms



Kansas Farm Bureau is continuing in 2022 its recognition for “Sesquicentennial Farms” in conjunction with its annual “Century Farm” program. The Century Farm program honors farms with ownership of at least 80 acres within the same family for 100 years or more. The Sesquicentennial Farm recognition goes beyond that to farms in the same family for 150 years.

“Kansas farmers and ranchers have a lot to be proud of,” Rich Felts, Kansas Farm Bureau president, says. “One thing we take pride in is our value in the traditions and strong family ties through generations of rural living. Kansas Farm Bureau is honored to celebrate those through the Century Farm and Sesquicentennial Farms programs.”

The deadline for consideration to be part of the 2022 programs was May 15. Since the year 2000, Kansas Farm Bureau has recognized more than 3,100 family farms. Complete details for qualification and applications for both programs can be obtained at county Farm Bureau offices across Kansas or on the KFB website, [www.kfb.org/centuryfarm](http://www.kfb.org/centuryfarm).

This year, Roger and Ronda Johnson are the recipients of the Century Farm Award in Sheridan County. Stop by our Sheridan County Far Bureau Association booth at the fair this week to read the history of how this heritage farm began.

*Complete, as written by the Sheridan County Historical Society and Mickey Museum*

This story is about Merlin Watkins and his sister Liona Watkins, Johnson.

You may have known them both, but did you know their family's story?

Merlin was born in Garden Prairie, Illinois on August 21, 1913, and Liona was born on July 5, 1918, near Holden, Missouri. Their parents were Albertus and Sarah Ella (Batman) Watkins. In 1918-19, the Spanish Flu outbreak took place and took the lives of both of their parents. Albertus passed away in December of 1918 and Sarah passed away in January of 1919. This left 5-year-old, Merlin and his sister Liona, 6 months of age orphaned. Their parents had just gotten married October 15, 1912. They had only been married about 7 years.

Sara Ella's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan M. Batman took their grandchildren in and raised them. They made their home in Sheridan County in the 1920's. They bought land just west of Hoxie where they resided until her death in 1921 and his death in 1927. The land was deeded to Merlin and Liona when they were nothing more than youngsters. After their grandparents' deaths, Merlin lived with various aunts and uncles and Liona stayed with their Uncle W. P. and Aunt Margaret Batman.

Merlin returned to Sheridan County as a young man and began farming. He was united in Marriage to Goldie Ellen Moss on August 4, 1935. They began their married life in the middle of the depression. Merlin milked cows and sold cream, and Goldie taught school during these lean years. They raised their family of three on the family farm and attended church at the First Christian Church of Hoxie, KS. He served as a church deacon for years and helped with many church activities. He and Goldie were married almost 60 years.

Merlin passed away on June 24, 1995 and was laid to rest in the Hoxie Cemetery.

Liona grew to womanhood in Sheridan County. She was then united in marriage to Melvin Johnson on September 8, 1939. She was a member of the Hoxie Presbyterian Church where she was a member all her life. The essence of meaning in her life was a profound love for her family. Giving unselfishly, she radiated a sense of benevolent goodness to her husband, to her children, to her grandchildren and others who knew her. She and Melvin raised their five children on a farm near Hoxie until they moved to town in 1975.

Liona passed away on December 28, 1975 and was laid to rest in the Hoxie Cemetery.



## KFB Announces Safety Poster Program Winners

According to Sheridan County Farm Bureau Association President Clint Milliman, preventable injury is one of the leading causes of death for Kansas children. In fact, more children die annually from preventable, unintentional injuries than from all childhood diseases combined. This year, one child in four will suffer a preventable injury serious enough to require medical attention. The great tragedy is that most of these injuries can be prevented.

In an effort to reduce accidents by developing “safety minded” youth, Kansas Farm Bureau has sponsored a Safety Poster Programs since 1950. Every year, hundreds of students in first through sixth grade participate statewide.

Posters are judged on the county level and the top poster from each division is submitted for judging at the state level. Those posters were narrowed down to the top entries in each division then judged by a team of volunteers to determine the winning posters.

Sheridan County is proud to announce that Jaylen Herl, from Hoxie, was awarded first place in the state for Division III. Jaylen is a 6th grade student of Mrs. Bainter. Mrs. Bainter received a \$50 gift card to buy supplies for her classroom. Jaylen is the daughter of Darrin and Korey Herl. Jaylen also place at the state level in 2021.

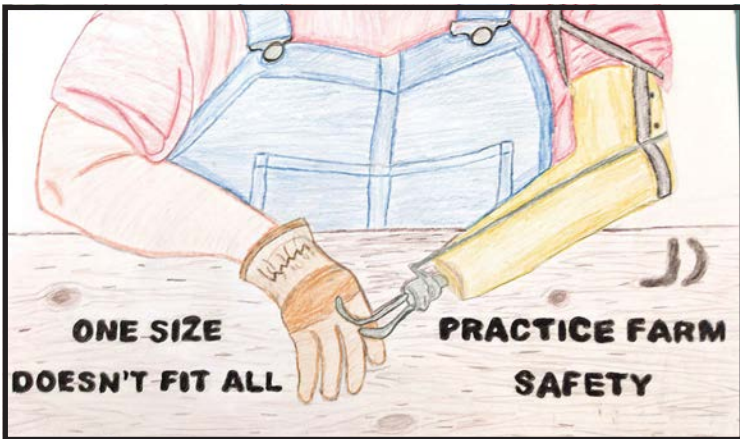
Receiving honorable mention at the state level is Lexi Heskett, 4th grade student of Mrs. Johnson. Lexi is the daughter of Steve and Monica Heskett. Lexi also placed at the state level in 2021.

Both were first place winners at the local level, along with Camille Moss, for division I.

Second place winners locally were Kalleigh Baier division III; Silas Wessel Division II; and Molly Roudybush division I.

Third place winners locally were Jade Dible Division III, Madi Watkins Division II and Ariel Pratt Division I.

Congratulations to all the winning entries and thank you to all the Sheridan County Elementary School teachers for having their students participate in this event. Sheridan County students have place at the state level for the past several years. There is obviously a lot of talent among our youth. The top three artists in each division also receive a medallion, amusement company ride tickets, a free small cone from Red's, and a coupon for a free drink



Jaylen Herl, Division 3, 1st Place (KFB photo)



Lexi Heskett, Division 2, Honorable Mention (KFB photo)

and slice of pizza from Town and Country.

Stop by the Sheridan County fair July 19-23 and see the posters and more at our booth. Enjoy the fair.



## Main Street Arts Council Shows Honk

*By Levi Gleason, Sentinel Intern/Staff Writer*

Once again returning to Hoxie Kansas this year was the Main Street Arts Councils Theatre Festival. The chosen show for Hoxie was Honk Jr. created by Anthony Drewe and George Stiles. The nights of performance were Friday the 8, and Sunday the 10.

Directed by Karl Pratt, Executive Director of the Main Street Arts Council, the show took advantage of the Nex-generation internship program hosting six different interns which helped with everything from set building to choreography.

An event annually marked on community members colanders only saw progress this year. The musical “Honk” is an adaption of the 1843 Hans Christian story The Ugly Duckling, incorporating a message of tolerance, and portraying the battle to self-acceptance, with comedy of course. The stage work for the show was impeccable, with full dance numbers to a simple but detailed set that was useable for almost every scene.

The show starts with Mother Ida (Jentry Rhodes) awaiting the birth of all her baby chicks. After three very “normal” birds are born and go off swimming with their father the last egg finally hatches and out comes Ugly played by Viley Pridey. From the moment she meets her siblings she feels different, with grey feathers instead of a shiny golden coat, and a honk instead of a quack. Even after warnings given by her mother Ida, she becomes acquainted with The Cat (Adison Shipley) and decides to accompany her to lunch, because what could go wrong? Soon enough The Cat shows her true colors, and Ugly finds herself separated and alone. After quite some time, and after many interesting encounters Ugly finds herself back with her mother, but now with a silky white coat of feathers. In the end, she realizes this whole time she was a goose, not meant to fit in rather express her differences.

Such a heartwarming, yet heavy show the entire cast did an amazing job with capturing the audience, using a strong confident stride on stage, and delivering 100% of themselves.



## Commemorative Bricks Being Installed at SCHC



The commemorative bricks have arrived at SCHC and are being installed by Adrian (no last name given). The project should be finished in a week. The Sentinel will have a photo of the finished project as soon as we are notified. (Sentinel Staff photo)



We apologize for the black & white issue. Hopefully, the press will be working properly soon so we can have our color pages back!

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Words of Faith	Grain Report	Weather Report	Contents	Words of Wisdom
When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. <i>Proverbs 31:26</i>	Reported on: Tuesday, July 19 <b>Beans</b> 13.90 <b>Corn</b> 7.42 <b>Milo</b> 5.97 <b>Wheat</b> 8.00	Date High Low Moisture 7/10 107 72 -- 7/11 87 61 -- 7/12 97 66 -- 7/13 105 76 -- 7/14 107 75 -- 7/15 101 74 -- 7/16 98 69 -- <b>STAY COOL!!!</b>	Community News 2-3 Now & Then 4 Fair Work Schedule 5 Candidates 6-9 Agriculture 10 Public Notices 11 Fun Page 12 Classifieds 13 Business Directory 14	<i>There's no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter. It all matters.</i> ~Pres. Barack Obama



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What a beautiful day it was Wednesday, July 14, when the senior group gathered at the Sunflower Senior Center for potluck dinner and social time. Those who attended included Ken and Julie Carter; Pastor Gordon Pettibone and Carolyn of Oberlin with two of their grandchildren, Carter and Addie Pettibone, Colby; Kay and Doyle Brown; Dave and Paula Krizek with her mother, Carolyn Rauch; Dorothy Shimek; Ramona Shaw; Martin Titus; Violet Krizek; Stanley Shimek, and Louise Cressler.

On Sunday, July 17, some of us from the group enjoyed going to Golden Age Center at Oberlin for potluck and bingo. Those included were Ramona Shaw; Dorothy Shimek; Marin Titus; Ken and Julie Carter; Stanley Shimek, and Louise Cressler.

Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton and Ramona Shaw attended a birthday party on Saturday, July 16, at the home of Adam and Sierra Wahlmeier, Asher and Blakely, Norton. Asher was celebrating his 3rd birthday.

Remember the American Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, July 22, in Jennings at the United Methodist Church. Shelley McKenna (785-678-3050) is setting up appointments.



The Selden Pinochle group gathered to play their game of pinochle and enjoy lunch together last Thursday. Last week's group included Charlene Shaw and Robert Wessel. Pat Wessel had second high score with 380; Alfred J. Albers held the most kings; and Shirley Emigh had high score of 465. Bernadine Spresser, Ellis Walker, Steve Skubal, Lillian Sulzman, Andrew Sulzman all joined for lunch only.

The game and meal were enjoyed by everyone.

**Submission Guidelines**  
**Print-ready** ads and content deadline: noon Tuesday  
**Non-print-ready ads** MUST be in by 3 pm Monday.  
 Due to time constraints, all ad & content submissions must be emailed in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format; photos in .jpg or .png format. **All non-print-ready ad submissions are subject to a design fee (starting at \$10).**  
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## FHSU Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 Graduates

### By FHSU University Communications

A total of 2,239 students completed associate, bachelor, or graduate degrees at Fort Hays State University in the fall of 2021 and spring of 2022 terms.

Graduates are listed by semester, with their degrees. Graduates who requested privacy are included in the count but omitted from this listing. Graduates without hometowns on file were also omitted from the listing.

FHSU does not release degree lists until transcripts have been verified as having met all requirements for graduation.

Graduates from Kansas are arranged alphabetically by home county and city. Graduates from other states are listed alphabetically by state. International students are listed by country.

#### GOVE:

##### GRAINFIELD

Kimberly B. Dohm, Education - Master of Science in Education

##### GRINNELL

Sharita Marie Schwarz, Nursing - Doctorate of Nursing Practice

##### SHERIDAN:

##### HOXIE

Rhiannon Rosalie Mullins, Bachelor of Music

##### SELDEN

Kaylin Marie Schaben, Bachelor of Business Administration

##### STUDLEY

Spencer Alan Goff, Education - Master of Science in Education

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## A BIG Thank You...

To each and everyone of you who planned and assisted with Laura's benefit event.

A BIG Thank you...

For the donated auction items and the buyers of the items.

A BIG Thank you...

For all the monetary donations made to Laura's medical account. Many of you are anonymous to us, so we are unable to thank you personally.

We appreciate all of your kindness and generosity.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Laura Rietcheck & Family

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**VOTE DAVID STITHAM FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

More than 34 years of experience in state and local government, and NO personal agendas.

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**VOTE FOR WES BAINTER**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2**

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**Upcoming EVENTS**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Every Tuesday:**  
 8am Commissioners' Mtg \* 12pm Rotary \* 7pm Fire Dept Mtg  
 6pm Grief Share ~ Christ Community Church

**Monthly:**

**2nd Monday:**  
 City of Hoxie ~ BOE Mtg

**1st Tuesday:** HAMA

**2nd Tuesday:** Scrappy Quilters  
 7:30pm Midwest Energy Bldg Mtg Rm

**4th Monday:**  
 Hospital Board of Trustees, FQHC 8am following Wednesday

**2nd Wednesday:**  
 American Legion  
 7pm @ Prime Seed

**Monthly:**

**2nd Thursday:**  
 SC Economic Development Mtg  
 12pm Bottle KAP Studio

**3rd Thursday:**  
 Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance  
 4-6pm @ Hoxie UMC  
 for emergency food bags call  
 785-475-7015 or 571-991-8679

**Swap Shop Hours**  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am ~ 4pm

What do you have happening soon?  
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**County FAIR**  
 Sheridan County Fair  
 July 19-23

**Oberlin Speedway**  
 8pm Friday, July 22  
 IMCA Modifieds, Stock Cars, Hobby Stocks, Sport Mods, Sport Compacts

**Art Walk Hoxie**  
 Downtown Hoxie  
 5pm Friday, August 19

**Every VOTE Counts!**  
 Tuesday, August 2

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Call the Sheridan County Clerk's Office to Book Appointment: 785-675-3361 or Area Agency on Aging (Leann Simon): 785-627-4875

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Mealsite Menu

July 25~ July 29

Monday:

Smothered Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Bread, Mandarin Oranges

Tuesday:

Hamburger Patty w/lettuce, tomato, onion, Macaroni Salad, Bun, Peaches

Wednesday:

Pork Roast w/sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Strawberries & Bananas

Thursday:

Goulash, Brussel Sprouts, Bread, Fruit Crisp

Friday:

Chef Salad, Pudding, Crackers, Watermelon

Substitutions may be more frequent as we experience food supply shortages.

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 675-3164 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A montly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

New 9-8-8 Mental Health Crisis Hotline Launched

Sen. Moran Co-Authored Law to Designate 9-8-8 as Mental Health Crisis Hotline

Beginning last Saturday, July 16, people experiencing a mental health or substance use crisis, or families worried that a loved one may need suicide intervention assistance, can dial a simple three-digit number (988) to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The lifeline is a nationwide network of crisis centers linked through a 24/7 toll-free number that connects callers in crisis to immediate intervention services and care with trained counselors. It provides free and confidential support, prevention, and crisis resources.

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) Jack Reed (D-R.I.), and Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) co-authored the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act (Public Law No: 116-172) in 2020 with then-Senator Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) to designate 9-8-8 as the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline.

The hotline is currently accessible -- and will continue to be accessible -- using the 10-digit number: 1-800-273-8255 (TALK).

Even after the 9-8-8 launch on July 16, people experiencing life-threatening emergencies should still call 9-1-1 for immediate police, fire, and medical assistance. People can dial 9-8-8 for suicide prevention help, mental health assistance, or substance-use crises, or any other kind of severe emotional distress. If people are unsure, they should call 9-1-1, which is for immediate police response, whereas 9-8-8 connects callers to a trained counselor who can listen, directs callers to the right support resources and prevent the need for serious medical intervention.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes: "Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States, with 45,979 deaths in 2020. This is about one death every 11 minutes. The number of people who think about or attempt suicide is even higher. In 2020, an estimated 12.2 million American adults seriously thought about suicide, 3.2 million planned a suicide attempt, and 1.2 million attempted suicide."

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15- to 24-year-olds in the U.S. NAMI reports that nearly 20 percent of high school students report serious thoughts of suicide and about 9 percent have tried to take their lives.

Dining in Sheridan County

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5003

A PROPOSITION to amend the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto stating that there is no constitutional right to abortion, and reserving to the people the ability to regulate abortion through the elected members of the legislature of the state of Kansas.

WHEREAS, This proposition to amend the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be known and may be cited as the Value Them Both Amendment.

Now, therefore:

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: The bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

"§ 22. Regulation of abortion. Because Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother."

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

"Explanatory statement. The Value Them Both Amendment would affirm there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion, and would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion, including, but not limited to, in circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or when necessary to save the life of the mother.

"A vote for the Value Them Both Amendment would affirm there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion, and would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion.

"A vote against the Value Them Both Amendment would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and could restrict the people, through their elected state legislators from regulating abortion by leaving in place the recently recognized right to abortion."

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 a special election which is hereby called on August 2, 2022, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the primary election held on such date.

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Vaccines for Children

Protecting America's children every day

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program helps ensure that all children have a better chance of getting their recommended vaccines. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives.

CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2018 will:

prevent 419 million illnesses (26.8 million hospitalizations)

help avoid 936,000 deaths

save nearly \$1.9 trillion in total societal costs (that includes \$406 billion in direct costs)

more than the current population of the entire U.S.A.

greater than the population of Seattle, WA

more than \$5,000 for each American

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram

HOXIE MEDICAL CLINIC

"Healthcare From the Heart"



**The Hoxie Democrat**  
**July 20, 1888**

Mrs. M. H. Horton is now convalescent.  
H. P. Finley has returned to his labors at Grainfield.

F. A. Boller is at Selden this week starting his new store.

Dr. John Healy returned last Wednesday from his trip east.

Mr. Millirons lost a valuable horse last Tuesday evening from colic.

Tom McClelland is in the city and report says he will start a barber shop.

I. C. Bowen is working with Phil Kleeman on the new residence of Harvey Colby south of town.

Mr. Preston, contractor on the L. & C. R. R., had his buggy to break down last Saturday two miles west of Guy.

Miss M. W. Clearman, sister of Ed and Tom, started last Wednesday for her home in Iowa City. She will take Ed's baby with her.

Henry Patterson brought a fine load of potatoes to the city this week which found a market at good prices. They were hand picked and of a good variety.

A nice, large railroad outfit passed though town early in the week going two miles east of town to work. They belong to a Mr. Morris who is a live man.

A cyclone passed through the east part of the county last week. It did not do much harm, the only ugly caper it cut was to move Mr. Carson's barn two feet off its foundation.

The league at this place have ordered 100 caps, torches, capes and American flag handkerchiefs. What a grand thing it is that they can have their fun and laugh now. It will be pretty cold for them after the 13<sup>th</sup> of Nov., 1888.

Cal Waite is working for Charley Taylor at St. Paul Ranche.

F. W. Wallingford and W. L. Acton are in Oberlin on a contest.

N. Anstine and brother were in the city and report says he will start a barber shop.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Elston were in the city Wednesday purchasing groceries and supplies.

W. C. Zook, of Lucerne, was in the city this week on business and looking up a trade for a jewelry store.

W. C. Hausafus and G. W. Duncan were at Selden this week. They report the town as booming and all the people happy over the move.

Sheriff Hopkins of Gove county, son of our J. O. Hopkins at Guy, was in the city last Tuesday on business. He was a pleasant caller and knows how to entertain the boys.

The father of Mrs. F. W. Fay who has been making a two weeks visit to his daughter left last Monday, and he is convinced that this country is the coming corn country of the world. All that is necessary is to plow deep and cultivate.

**125 Years Ago**  
**July 22, 1897**

Tuesday mornings train was delayed four hours by the rain.

John Cooper and his crew cut 45 acres one day last week. How is that?

W. S. Quisenberry is in Missouri this week rustling buyers for Sheridan county land.

Mrs. Lucinda Summerson, Al Kessler and Frank McIvor proved up on their homesteads last Saturday.

Mrs. A. L. McCallum, son Howard and Miss Anna Hedge visited John A. Hill and family near Studley last Sunday.

C. H. Beers and Grover Walker have each got new typewriters and they are spending all their spare time practicing up.

County Treasurer Evans is preparing a continued story which will probably appear in our next issue. Its name will be "Delinquent Tax List" and will run for four weeks.

Grover Walker and wife, Mrs. Graddy, Mrs. Pratt, D. L. and Sam Wiggins and their ladies went out from town Sunday and spent the day with T. L. Pratt and family on the South Fork.

Mrs. Eck Haynes, of Bow Creek, was thrown from a wagon one day last week and quite severely bruised. However, at this time she is improving, but it will be some time before she will be able to be out.

Crate Herron, who lives on the extreme west side of the county in Solomon township lost five stacks of headed grain from fire last week. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is presumed to have been started by lightning.

Some little excitement was caused in town yesterday when a report was circulated that Fred Close or somebody else had laid a north and south road just west of town that a train was then passing. The mystery was finally cleared up when it was discovered that the train in sight was Halley Oltman's threshing outfit.

Mr. Berry, of Beatrice, Nebraska, who owns a quarter of land in the Cooper neighborhood northwest of here, is here looking after his wheat crop, of which he has quite a bit. He says the chances for corn are as good as they are any place along the road.

H. L. Korb and his men spent Sunday resting up. They had just completed a job of harvesting 300 acres and intended starting on another equally large field last Monday morning.

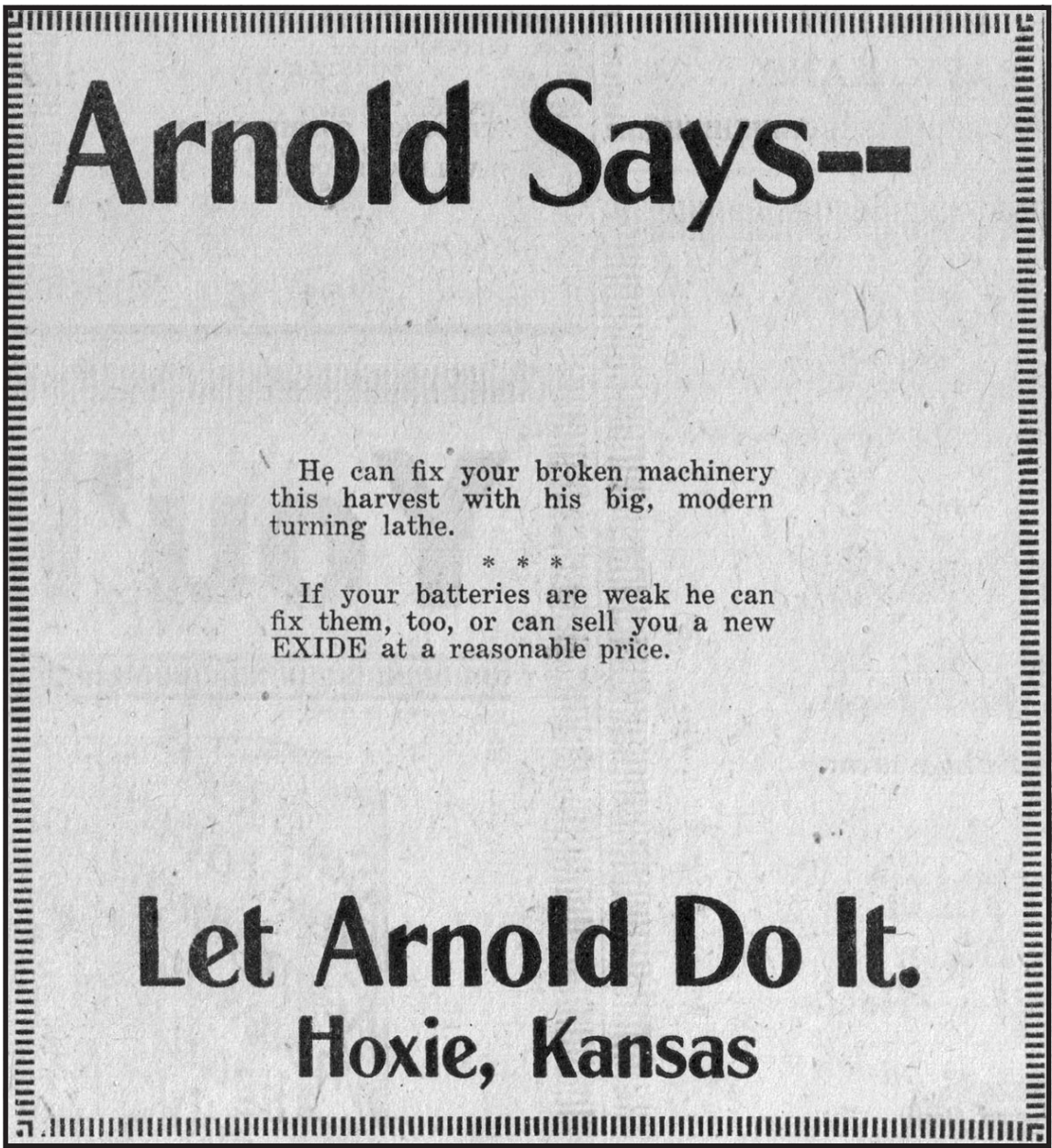
**Selden Department**

C. F. Reed's youngest child is very sick.  
Spenburg, the butcher is strictly in it these days.

Frank Bowen, the horse trainer has gone to Butte, Montana.

County Attorney Hopkins and County Clerk Percival spent Saturday last in Selden.

W. H. Hungerford and family left on Tuesday's morning train for their new home in Paradise, Texas. Bill says there is more in it and he can live



From *The Hoxie Sentinel*, 1922. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

down stairs.

**100 Years Ago**  
**July 20, 1922**

**Legion Will Put on 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration**

The Hoxie American Legion Post intends to make September 14, 15, and 16 red letter days in Hoxie's history.

Plans are already being worked out to make the Legion's Third Annual Celebration the biggest event of the season. There will be three big days of entertainment and pleasure, without a dull moment.

**Another Burglar Apprehended**

Sometime Sunday night Percival & Sons' store was broken into. The glass was broken from the rear door which enabled the burglar to reach in and turn the Yale lock, thus opening the door.

Monday, Elmer Percival found the thief and because of his youth, he gave him a good talking to and let him go. Mr. Percival informed a *Sentinel* scribe that the kid confessed it all and said that he only took a pair of shoes and a cap, as that was all he needed. He had been sick and couldn't work and probably was to be pitied more than censured, at least the Percivals showed him mercy and preferred no charges against him.

**Local Happenings**

Elry Wyant was here from Selden on business Wednesday.

Miss Violet Hanchett, of Phillipsburg, is assisting Dr. Becker with his office work.

Ben Smith, the Studley banker, was attending to business matters here Monday.

The stork left a nice little baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Adams July 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roll are the happy parents of a little harvester who took up his home with them July 6.

Mrs. John Hill left Friday for Denver where she intends to make an extended visit with her daughters, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Walden. She intends to escape the hay fever, too, while away.

F. H. Simon was a Hoxie visitor Saturday. He was in good spirits because of the fact that he had just finished harvesting the last of the week, and says he thinks the yield will be quite good.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Faires, of Denver, Colorado, are helping with the rash of work at the Tip Top Café. C. M. Turner, Mr. Faires' uncle, came down with them and is helping Mr. Babcock with his short order department.

Sunday there will be two good ball games on the home diamond. The first game will be called at 2 p. m. Rexford will play Hoxie. Collyer will play the home team the second game. All lover of this great national sport are cordially invited to witness these games.

**Emerald Grove**

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Green and children, Melvin and Edna May, spent the afternoon with Mrs. Ed Simon and Mrs. F. H. Phelps last Friday.

Miss Ethel Simon spent Tuesday with her grandma. Just helping keep house.

**75 Years Ago**  
**July 24, 1947**

**A Bit Unusual**

When gathering the eggs Wednesday evening of last week, Mrs. O. L. Babcock found what might be termed an ostrich egg in one of the hens nest. After closer examination the large egg measuring 8 inches in circumference, and 9 ¼ inches the long way, was found to be a hen egg. It is probable that another egg was inside, as it could be heard bumping the shell by shaking the large object. Just what prompted the hen to try and set some sort of a record is anyones guess. It could be she was trying to compete with some of the big wheat yields we hear so much about, and

it's our guess she did the job well.

**Has Wheat Fire**

Fire, caused by the back-fire of a truck, Sunday afternoon, resulted in a 15 or 20 acre loss of uncut wheat, yielding about 25 bushels per acre, to Irving Hoffeditz. The fire, 4 miles west and 2 north started about 6:30 and attracted several from town as well as passers-by who all pitched in and fought the fire thereby saving the remainder of the field. Mr. Hoffeditz says he is grateful to those who endured the heat and fought the fire with scoop shovels and other tools.

**Broadway News**

Grace Parde, of Beatrice, Nebr., came Sunday evening for a few days visit at I. P. Borgers.

Carl James is treating his buildings to a coat of paint.

Mrs. Lee Minium helped her mother with her work the past week.

**Bow Creek News**

Mrs. Elma Brewster and Betty spent Wednesday with Mrs. Oscar Karnes.

Frank Voyles returned to his home in Colorado Springs, Colo., Friday evening with Orval Parker.

Mrs. Oscar Karnes and Gladys called on Mrs. Clyde Cass Sunday afternoon.

**Leoville**

Barney Schieferecke is the owner of a new Chevrolet truck. Flora Ypma has a new Studebaker truck purchased last week.

Marion Fortin underwent an appendectomy at the St. Thomas hospital, in Colby, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fleckenstein visited their son, Joe, and family, Sunday.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

We have in a very nice kitchen sink and cabinet set, also good sinks.

"Well, Jimmy, how did you get along in school today?"

"Okay, mom, but that new teacher is always asking us some fool question. Today she asked everybody where they were born."

"Did you tell her that you were born at the Woman's Hospital?"

"No, I didn't want the whole class to think I was a sissy. I said the Yankee Stadium."

Just received, some nice tools in open stock and sets. Socket sets, end wrenches, box end vises.

**Jennings News**

Fred Alaska had the misfortune to get a wheat beard in his eye which is very painful.

Zal Morton, who got his hand hurt in a combine last week, is getting along fine.

Edgar Carroll is helping at the east elevator during harvest, after mail hours.

**50 Years Ago**  
**July 20, 1972**

**Hoxie Elks Softball**

In a game played on Monday evening, July 17, the Hoxie Elks girls softball team defeated the WaKeeney nine by a score of 9 to 1. Lana Stewart pitched allowing only 4 hits.

On Tuesday evening the Hoxie team was defeated by Oakley 11 to 8. The winning pitcher for Oakley was C. Hermes. She gave up three hits to the Hoxie team.

**K-18 Win From Selden**

The K-18 baseball team set up the showdown with Grinnell by defeating Selden 15 to 4 Tuesday evening. David Adams led the hitting with 4 hits,

including a triple.

The Hoxie Pee Wees were defeated by Selden 5-2.

There will be a short practice Thursday evening for K-18 and the Pee Wees beginning at 6:30.

**Troop 160 Enjoy Camping Trip**

Twenty-five Boy Scouts of Troop 160 and four adults returned to Hoxie Tuesday evening from several days of camping near Buena Vista, Colo.

**Hi-Plains 4-H Girls Hold Project Meeting**

The girls of the Hi-Plains 4-H Club met on June 22 at the Joe Winter home. Both clothing and food projects were discussed. Geraldine Campbell, foods leader, told the girls how they can judge the food they want to take to the fair. She had several experiments on how color and taste also affect the judges decision. Ellen Wasserman gave a demonstration on how to prepare a cookie exhibit for the fair.

The clothing leader, Agnes Winter, gave the members instructions and felt to make a sewing equipment caddy. Cindy and Anne Carman each hemmed a tea towel.

Agnes served refreshments after the meeting. - Ellen Wasserman, reporter.

**Day Camp Set for Hoxie Girl Scouts**

Day Camp for the Hoxie Girl Scouts will be held Aug. 7 thru the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Buffalo Bill Park.

The camp is being opened to non-scouts this year. The fee will be \$4.00 which will include a camp patch and insurance.

**Leoville News**

Mrs. Bob Moellering and Donna visited her mother, Mrs. Ray Jacobs Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Colling and sons of Aurora, Illinois and Sister Dolores Ritter of Boston were visitors at the Ben Ritter home last week. Sister Dolores left for Hawaii on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacobs and daughters left for their home in Buchanan, Mich., after spending two weeks here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs and other relatives.

**Broadway News**

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Simon of Sutton, Nebr. are visiting relatives here this week.

Dwight Wagoner spent the past week at Stan Crawleys at Newton.

Mrs. Clarence Perrin cared for Edith Breeden's family on Thursday.

Mrs. Albert Popp and N. F. McWilliams were Sunday dinner guests at the Albert Smith home. The men folks were at the Men's Retreat at Camp Christy.

**25 Years Ago**  
**July 24, 1997**

**Feedyard Undergoing Major Expansion**

When the new year began, Sheridan County was ranked fifth highest of the eight Northwest Kansas counties in number of cattle on feed. A total of 13,300 head placed it well behind Thomas County's 25,700 head and Decatur's 22,100.

But under the current expansion plan which Hoxie Feedyard, Inc., has entered into, Sheridan County can be expected to zoom into the top ranking spot almost overnight.

Before the ink had dried on the contract changing ownership of the local feedlot to Wayne Tilly and Bob Foote, plans were moving ahead to double the feeding capacity of the yard.

**Piano Students Perform Recital**

Summer piano students of Carol Klewer presented a program of piano duets on Sunday, July 20, in the social hall of the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

**Jennings-Allison**

William and Rachel Carter went to Bethany, Mo., July 6, to visit their daughter Ann and husband, Dick Graner. On Monday, Ann, William and Rachel went to Clear Lake, Iowa to visit Nancy and Zeke Plornis.

Jerry and Sandi Kinser and their grandson, Stephen McMillan, were weekend guests of Josephine Kinser. They attended the performance of "Hello Dolly" in Hoxie in which Kay Reedy was a member of the chorus. Susan Reedy and friend, Christian Rosauer were supper guests of Kinser Monday evening.

**Rexford**

In an effort to clean up several fire hazard sites in Rexford, the Volunteer Fire Department used their training night in July to remove trash, trees and other debris from a neglected spot in Rexford.

Six ladies met for "Make and Take" at The Barn Thursday afternoon. A wall hanging was made with instructors Grace Cheney and Zula Horinek.

Edna Colson hosted the Happy Hour Unit at the Red Barn Tuesday afternoon. Her lesson was on "Youth Violence" with a fact sheet telling about it compiled by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

**Selden**

On July 17, at the Senior Citizens, Elsie Wessel won high, Mabel Andrews took second and Dorothy Lovin took low.

On Sunday, the Porschs and Julia attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Mottin in Clay Center. There were 27 cousins, nieces and nephews in attendance. Some of the relatives Francis and Leone had not seen for years and a few they had never met until this reunion.


**WHEAT GROWERS**

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**WHEAT LAND A SPECIALTY**

**Hoxie, Sheridan Co., Kansas**



2022 MIDWAY WORK SCHEDULE							
RIDE/BOOTH	ORGANIZATION	THURSDAY, JULY 21		FRIDAY, JULY 22		SATURDAY, JULY 23	
		6:45 - 9:00	8:45 - 11:00	6:45 - 9:30	9:15 - 12:00	6:45 - 9:30	9:15 - 12:00
Airplanes	BTI & Volunteers	LYNN ETHAN	GERRY DEREK	PAT LEOPOLD & FRIEND	ANDREW BECKER	THAD & JILL LAMBERT	JOE DECHANT
Carousel	Hoxie Hot Rodders & Volunteers	RICHARD & GLENDA HEIER HOXIE HOT RODDERS	RICK & JEANNIE SHIPLEY HOXIE HOT RODDERS	BUCK & JENNIFER MADER HOXIE HOT RODDERS	CINDY ELLER ROGER MILTON HOXIE HOT RODDERS	LANDON HEIM ALAN HEIM HOXIE HOT RODDERS	JADRIEN CARSON JEFF PFEIFER HOXIE HOT RODDERS
Cars	Hoxie Christian Church	HOXIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	HOXIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	HOXIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	HOXIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	HOXIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH	HOXIE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Train	Bob Heim & USD #412	MORGAN SLIPKE MICHELLE SCHIPPERS	WHITNEY BAINTER DANA BAIER	MIRANDA SCANLON MANDY SHIPLEY	LEAH HESKETT LICHELE BAAR	HANNAH FRANKLIN CHRISTY HEIM	LISA WEIMER GINA SCHAMBERGER
Gravitron	Volunteers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Ferris Wheel	Hoxie Elks Lodge	LES SEALOCK DON PRATT STUART BECKMAN DAVE SCHAMBERGER	MATT SCHIPPERS CHRIS POPE MICHAEL SCHAMBERGER WILLIAM SLIPKE	BRITTON SEALOCK PJ CARTER DAVID SCHIPPERS JEFF TORLUEMKE	DERRICK JUENEMANN RYAN STEVENSON TYLER STEVENSON	BRENT BECKMAN BRETT OELKE SAM SCHIPPERS	TODD SCHWARZ VIC SCHWARZ TRENT LAMBERT AIDAN BAALMAN
Scrambler	Volunteers	RONNIE KAUK SEAN OTTER DOUG GILLILAND	WESTON & TAYLOR BAINTER CHRIS & TAYLOR HEIM	COLIN & ELISE HEIM TRAVIS ARNOLD ALEX CAMPBELL	JOSH HEIM JARED KENNEDY CHASE & GABI KENNEDY	LAUREN JONES MACALEE WHITE ASHLYN SLIPKE CADEN WHITE	NICK HEIM ERIC MOORE BRIAN KING GAVIN TREMBLAY
Spyder	Knights of Columbus	STEVE HEIM CHRIS HEIM COLLIN HEIM	BRETT OELKE LEONARD WEBER CLAYTON SCHAMBERGER	CASS BAALMAN BRIAN DIERCKS EASTON SLIPKE	ROBERT SCHAMBERGER PETER KOSTER CHAD KOSTER	TATE TREMBLAY PATRICK WEBER ED WEINER	BRETT LINDEN MATHEW JUENEMANN JASON WEIMER
Roller Coaster	Hoxie Feedyard/PSI	JESUS KEVIN	DANIEL TORRES RICARDO RODRIGUEZ	BRUCE SCOTT	JUAN R. VICTOR PEREZ	LUIS JOSE	LUIS JOSE
Tilt A Whirl	Hoxie Fire Department	HOXIE FIRE DEPARTMENT	HOXIE FIRE DEPARTMENT	HOXIE FIRE DEPARTMENT	HOXIE FIRE DEPARTMENT	HOXIE FIRE DEPARTMENT	HOXIE FIRE DEPARTMENT
Plinko #1	Catholic Church	MEGHANN GOURLEY	RICHARD & GLENDA HEIER	RON & SHARON SCHAMBERGER	DANA & KAYLA GEERDES	EASTON & MORGAN LEIKER	PAT KENNEDY JILL SCHOENDALER
Plinko #2	Catholic Church	BRIDGETT & LORI KOSTER	HERB & MARTY CRESSLER	JENNIFER & JAYDEN FENNER	MIKE & ANDREA TAYLOR	DARRIN & KOREY HERL	NIKKI & ADDI CAMPBELL
Radar Gun	Hoxie Kids Wrestling	ZAC & TAYLOR	PETE & BOYS	SAM & BOYS	RYAN & BOAZ/JOLEEN	JR & BOWDEN	BRYAN & BOYS
Duck Pond	Lutheran Church	ALEX & MEGAN GAEDE	DON & KAYLENE OELKE	GRANT & RHONDA GAEDE	KAREN LEWIS	SHERRY FRANKLIN	NICOLE & LORELEI BROCKLEHURST
SkeeBall	Christ Community Church	TENNILLE GIANCOLA IAN GIANCOLA	TONY SCHWARZ JEFF SPILLMAN	SCOTT SHAW JENTRY RHODES	BEN & KELS Y RHODES	MARY HANSEN TANNER HANSEN	SHANE & JANEL BECKMAN
Dime Toss	Christ Community Church	BARB SAMPLE BEV SETTLE	SARAH CASTLE	KATLYN SCHAMBERGER	JARROD & DENISE SPILLMAN	KRISTAL WALKER OLIVA WALKER	RYAN & CRYSTAL EHTERTON
Wheel of Fortune	Methodist Church	SUEANNE HILL LEANNA SLOAN	BARBARA OLSON MARY ROSE	CLARA LOU SPILLMAN ROBERTA SHIPLEY	JOY BRETZ JUDY CALDWELL	DALE & JANICE BROWN	MIKE & TAMI PORSCH
Sinko	Sheridan County Health Complex & Medical Clinic	DALENE BABCOCK KRISTAL WALKER CHAD KOSTER	DEB KINDERKNECHT KATHY TUBBS ERICA KINDERKNECHT JANICE LEWIS	BECCA BIRD TREVOR SCHNEIDER MONICA RUEBER	JUSTINE WADE SABRINA LANG RENEE MADER DYLAN MADER	PAULA MCKENNA ANNA MARIE JOHNSON ADAM BIEKER	9:15 - ISAAC DIERCKS, KANE EPP & ANDRE VAUGHN 10:45 - MACY SCHAMBERGER, EMILY DIERCKS & CONNOR DIERCKS
Fish Pond	First State Bank	BRITTANY EGGLESTON KATI RHODES	SHEYENNE DILLEHAY ASHLEY BAKER	TY BREEDEN CALVIN OCHS	ERIK & COURTNEY GAEDE	KAYANN SCHAFFER AUDRA WENTE	TRENT & ASHLEY BAKER
Zapped	Hoxie Masonic Lodge	JIM BALDWIN MAC MAYFIELD	DEVAN CASTLE ROGER JOHNSON	DALE BROWN DOUG CASS	GARY SHIPLEY BRIDGER REESE	BRAD HOWARD CARSON REESE	GARY SHIPLEY MAC MAYFIELD
Basketball Throw	Hoxie Implement	ED & LUCIELLE HEIM	BRYCE MCKENNON ERIN MCKENNON	PHIL MOORE KADEN CARTER	SETH MCKENNA TAYE WASHINGTON	TANNER SMITH JOSH HEIM	HAYDEN OPAT COLE SALMANS
Water Tent	Volunteers	MIKE & CHERI MENSE	HARRY JOE PRATT KEN ELAND	VIRGINIA KRAUS BOBBY KAY NERY	CHERYL SCOTT CAROLYN FUCHS	CAREY & NETTI GOSSEN	CINDY SCHNELLE CHARLENE SPILLMAN
Ticket Booth	Volunteers	ROYAL & GAYLE TACHA ADAM HEIM	GARY & BETTY NEWMAN LADONNA NEWMAN	LEROY & RENEE SPRESSER HARRY JOE PRATT	LENNY & MICHELLE PATMON	BOBBY KAY NERY MARY ELLEN WELSHON & AARON HEIM	LEROY & RENEE SPRESSER
	WEST CONCESSION STAND	DEB WADE & CREW	DENNIS & SHAWN SPRESSER JODI WEIMER DOUG HEIM TOM & DEB CAMPBELL ALIS WEIMER	KARL & LU NEUENSCHWANDER DON & KAYLENE OELKE HEATHER & RON BRACHT	SHANE & JANEL BECKMAN MATT JUENEMANN NATHAN & CASEY GOETZ DEREK & CHERYL PRIDEY DAVID NEFF	KYLE & BETSY AHLENSTORF KEVIN & HANNAH SCHOENDALER JAN & TERESA BRETZ MISTY STEWART JOY BRETZ	HARRY JOE PRATT MARVIN KAUS KARRI SCHIPPERS LEE & JANELLE COOPER MISTY WOODWARD SHIRLEY POPP
	EAST CONCESSION STAND	LORETTA HAFFNER CREW  KELLIE TICE - FC	CLINT & ANNETTE FOLLIS PJ & STACEY HEIM FRED & NANCY NIERMEIER DAVE & SHIRLEY NIERMEIER	TYLER EBERLE ADAM & KRISTA MAUCK TREVOR POPP & TAYLOR FUNK TRENT & ASHLEY LAMBERT BRETT & MICHAELA LINDEN	DON & DIAHN MOSS MIRANDA SCANLON CHERYL SCHWARZ JENNIFER DOWELL MORGAN FARBER MISTY WOODWARD MADI NIBLOCK - HAYLEY HEIM CHERYL PEDIGO- FC	DEANNA KENNEDY JUSTIN & AMY ARMKNECHT DOUG RALL KELLY ISOM BRENT & JODI ROGERS TAMMY SCHAMBERGER	KELLY VICKERS WALT & CAROLYN NELSON KEN ELAND BILL & LEA HERL DEB WADE LADONNA JOSLYN DONNA ARIZMENDIS CHERYL PEDIGO - FC

# MEAT THE FUTURE: BEAT THE HEAT AT COUNTY FAIR!

**By: Jenilee Godsey**, Twin Creeks Extension District Youth Agriculture Agent

Take one look at the forecast for the next couple of weeks, and you just might end up sweating as you think about upcoming county fair activities! Whether we have animals at home or are heading to the county fair soon, it is important to put our animal's health and hydration at the forefront of our priorities. Keep reading for tips on how to keep your livestock, horses, poultry, rabbits and even yourself safe in these brutal summer temperatures.

Extremely warm temperatures can easily cause heat stress in our animals, especially pigs as they are not able to sweat. Some possible signs of heat stress could include panting, open mouth breathing, excessive salivation, lack of coordination, body trembling, inability to stand, and a fever. Heat stress can cause effects such as: reduced feed intake, weight loss, or even death. The best method of avoiding/reducing heat stress in our animals is to maintain their body temperature. Temperatures over 90 degrees are ultimate cause for heat stress concern and are considered an "Emergency Stress Index".

It's important to note that many of the actions it takes to get animals to the county fair add additional stress. Taking them to a fair or show with a new environment, a new pen, new water and other factors can add even more stress.

I have put together a list of helpful tips for animal exhibitors to keep in mind as they prepare for, travel to and enjoy their time at a local county fair. To view this list of important things to consider, visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/nn69nrps>

Now, as important as it is for our fair animals to say cool and hydrated -- it is equally as important for exhibitors and spectators to take the appropriate steps to stay safe as well! Here are a few things to consider as you visit your local county fair:



- Be sure to stay hydrated - first and foremost!
  - Take breaks in the shade
  - Limit strenuous outdoor activities, especially during the heat of the day
  - Make sure to wear sunscreen
  - Wear light-colored clothing
  - Visit the indoor exhibits
  - Bring a cool, wet rag to place around your neck and/or a fan for extended visits
- According to the National Weather Service, heat-related conditions are one of the greatest weather threats. **Be sure that you know the signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke and always take proper precautions for you and your family when spending the day in these blistering temperatures!**
- We at Twin Creeks Extension District would like to wish all of our county fair exhibitors the best of luck as you showcase your hard work and talents over the next few weeks! We also invite the public to come out and support our local youth and open class exhibitors, it is always appreciated.
- For more information about Decatur, Graham, Norton & Sheridan County Fairs, visit our website at: <https://tinyurl.com/4vmy8vwv>
- Jenilee Godsey is a Youth Agriculture Agent for the Twin Creeks Extension District which covers Decatur, Graham, Norton and Sheridan counties. Email her at [jenileem@ksu.edu](mailto:jenileem@ksu.edu) or reach her by telephone at the Graham County Office, (785) 421-3411.

Cheers to 100 Years!

Happy Birthday Rita,

with love from your family!

Born July 23, 1922, Rita (Lindeman) Beckman has lived in Sheridan County for 100 years. She grew up near Grinnell and is the second oldest child of Louis and Anna (Moellering) Lindeman, and sister of Oliver Lindeman, Louis "Dyke" Lindeman, Mary Ann (Lindeman) Andersen, Dennis Lindeman, Adele (Lindeman) Thomas, Ray Lindeman, Betty Jane Lindeman, and Bob Lindeman.

In 1922, a pound of bacon cost \$0.45... a dozen eggs \$0.39.... a dozen bananas \$0.30... a loaf of bread \$0.05... a pound of butter \$0.43... a new car \$1,595. The U.S. President was Warren Harding, and the NY Giants won the World Series that year. Top songs were: "My Man", "Do It Again", "In May Time", and "Some Sunny Day". Also born in 1922: Ava Gardner, Stan Lee, Ruby Dee, and Judy Garland.

Rita married Stuart Beckman on April 22, 1947, and has four children: Carlotta "Lottie" Ignacio, Lynette Andregg, Stuart Beckman, and Nancy Beckman.

The family is celebrating with a reunion in Oakley, KS on July 23rd. They would like to honor her with a card shower. Cards may be sent to: Sheridan County LTC PO Box 167 Hoxie, KS 67740.



# DISTRICT 1 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## \*Kyle Ahlenstorf

How long have you lived in Sheridan County?  
My family and I moved to Hoxie, KS in September 2020.

### What experience do you have that qualifies you to be a county commissioner?

I have been involved with several organizations both professionally and community based. I am currently serving as the Treasure of the Kansas Occupational Therapy Association and an appointed member for the Kansas Workers Compensation Fee Schedule Panel. I was previously a member of the Rooks County Library Board of Trustees. I have spent the past 10 years working in healthcare. As an Occupational Therapist I learned to be an advocate for the patients that I served, this relates directly to being a voice of the people that I would represent in District 1. In October of 2021 I was hired to be the project director of Hoxie Medical Clinic. In this role I have the responsibility to lead the other members of the clinic to serve the mission of providing quality care to Sheridan County and surrounding communities. I am also responsible for managing the funding to help operate the clinic, using these funds responsibly to expand services. My educational background includes a Bachelors of Kinesiology from Kansas State University, Masters of Occupational Therapy from Nova South-eastern University and Masters of Business Administration from Avila University.

### Are you a business owner?

No

### Do you believe running a county is the same or different from running a business? Why?

The ability to run the county has similarities to running a business. The goal as a county commissioner would be to create a long-term sustainable operation. In terms of the county, this would mean having sustainable tax revenue. The purpose of raising and lowering taxes should be based on the needs of the county. Lowering taxes and not being able to afford the maintenance of the county does not benefit the taxpayer but creates a decreased value for residence. The raising of taxes without purpose or need creates an unneeded surplus and penalizes the taxpayer.

### How much (\$ or %) should there be in carry-over taxes each year? For what purpose should the carry-over taxes be held for and when should they be spent?

After reviewing the budgets from Sheridan County and researching other counties, there was a reserve of between 5-10% of budgeted expenditures, I feel that this an acceptable reserve. The purpose of these funds is to cover increased department budget request, unexpected cost, or in case of unforeseen emergency.

### How should county tax revenues be spent, aside from regular county operations?

The tax revenue could be used for incentive to attract people to move back to the county. The county is currently eligible for the Rural Opportunity Zone reimbursement for student loan reimbursement. This opportunity presents a match from the state to eligible participants. The program reimburses \$3000/year for up to \$15000 over 5 years with a 50% match from the state. This could be an advantage to attracting a younger generation to Sheridan County. Other incentives could be for property tax incentives for building new homes or remodeling existing homes, gradually increasing property tax to full amounts.

### What are the priorities for tax revenue spending?

The need to improve the Road & Bridge Department has been a complaint I have heard from several residents. There have been concerns about the status of the Public Health Department, and creating a sustainable solution for EMS.

### If a department wants an increase in funding from the previous year, what do they need to do to prove & justify the increase?

If a department has a need to request additional funds the department would present the need and the request should be evaluated by the commissioners. If the request is reasonable and demonstrates that it meets a need then the request should be considered.

### WHY are you running for County Commissioner? What improvements do you feel are needed in Sheridan County?

I am running for County Commissioner to be a voice for the residents of Sheridan County, I come to the table without a personal agenda. I feel that as a resident of Sheridan County I have the ability to represent District 1 with fresh ideas and a vision to grow the communities. The Road & Bridge Department needs to be addressed, improving the condition of the roads and spending money on effective solutions for water drainage. Another area of concern is the current status of our EMS. The shortage of people on-call creates a risk for the safety of Sheridan County and no longer being able to maintain an EMS Department would increase response times during the times of need.

### How will you work to implement these changes?

To implement the changes for the conditions of the roads and bridges: The change would start with hiring qualified candidates to operate equipment and consult engineering for affordable and effective solutions. The solution for EMS will require a collaborative discussion with commissioners and residents of Sheridan County. The EMS has fiscal concerns of being able to afford the salaries or incentives to staff the needs of the residents and concerns to the well-being of the residents if the service would not be sustainable.

### Kyle:

**Do you consider it a conflict of interest working at the hospital, a county entity, and as County Commissioner (if elected)? How will you maintain neutrality? Will there be issues from which you will abstain from voting, such as the hospital?**

I have been in contact with the Kansas Attorney General's office and the Sheridan County Attorney to verify if this would be a conflict of interest and have been advised that this is not a conflict. The ability to maintain neutrality is based on the ethical standard of being honest and representing the community and not personal interest. The reason for abstaining from voting would be based on the conflict of interest, currently there are no conflicts of interest.

The ability to hold both positions, clinic director and county commissioner, will require the ability to prioritize situations as they arise. The flexibility of my position as the clinic director allows me to be reachable both in and out of the office and during business hours and after. The same would be true for the commissioner position. Over the course of my career, I have been able to develop skills that allow me to prioritize and achieve results for multiple situations simultaneously. In the last 18 months I was able to work a full-time job and complete a Masters of Business Administration degree.

*Editor's Question: A commissioner must be able to take calls from citizens at all times of the day and night. As busy as the hospital is, and your responsibilities there, how will you balance fielding calls from citizens and maintaining your duties at the hospital?*



## \*Wes Bainter

### Wes Bainter, County Commissioner, District 1, Incumbent

#### How long have you lived in Sheridan County?

My family moved back to the family farm in 1957, and I have resided here since that time. Our family farm was started in the late 1800's.

### What experience do you have that qualifies you to be a county commissioner?

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year since I started my business here in Sheridan County. During this time, I have had the advantage of many, many blessings that have given me a very clear picture of people, business, banking, and how government is entwined into all aspects of our lives.

For example, with people, if a person has never run their own business and employed people, they do not know how to manage employees and people fairly and appropriately.

The next is business experience. Government could not exist without county businesses, farmers, residents, and all property owners within our county. I, and my family, along with many, many others in our community all pay property taxes and contribute to the success of Sheridan County. I have skin in the game, here in Sheridan County, which gives me a firsthand understanding of all the people that are paying property taxes, and I know the challenge they face in doing so. There is nothing easy about paying taxes. In my case, I pay commercial tax, residential tax, ag land tax, family residential rental, and senior residential rental tax.

### How much (\$ or %) should there be in carry-over taxes each year? For what purpose should the carryover taxes be held for and when should they be spent?

This is a very good question. Given the size and budget amount of Sheridan County, an appropriate carryover amount would be 10-20% of our yearly budget, which would be about \$2 million on the top end. Our current carry-over is in excess of \$7 million.

So, why is our carryover cash at this level? It is because county commissioners want to make sure that nothing is ever their fault and have taxed for excessive amounts that are not needed and have never been needed.

During my term as county commissioner, we have reduced our county budget by \$750,0-00, and we still have about \$7 million in carryover cash, which proves that Sheridan County has been taxing for more money than is needed to operate our county. This is where business experience is important in understanding budgets.

### How should county tax revenues be spent, aside from regular county operations?

**This is a question for the taxpayers. All monies collected from property taxes belongs to the taxpayers. It is totally up to them to direct the county commissioners on how much and to whom we should contribute monies that do not pertain to the operation of Sheridan County.**

**There is a long list of funding that has been going on for many, many years. Once a funding occurs, the recipients believe that this funding should continue every year forever. This is why we have a tax hearing every year right before we approve the budget for the next year.**

**Right now, the commissioners are putting together the budget for the next year 2023. Starting now, and at our upcoming tax hearing, is the perfect time for taxpayers to come to a commissioner meeting and voice your concerns and your thoughts about funding for any an all requests for funding.**

**Also, since I have been Chairman of our Commission, I have made it clear that anyone who walks in the door who wants to talk with the Commissioners is free to do so, regardless, if you are on the agenda. If you are not on the agenda, we will amend to include you, and we are all glad you came.**

### What are the priorities for tax revenue spending?

According to the various Kansas statutes, every county is required to have and maintain the various county departments to provide services to the county. These requirements are first and foremost to be funded and implemented. After all our departments are funded, all additional funding is elective. This is where the commissioners have authority and responsibility to fund and maintain our county departments as required by Kansas Statute, and then to provide additional funding that should be directed and requested by the majority of the taxpayers.

Sheridan County DOES NOT belong to the county commissioners. *This county belongs to the residents and taxpayers of Sheridan County!*

A county that has more input from the taxpayers is more fair, more transparent, and more equitable to everyone. Please get involved and ask questions. Attend a commissioner meeting to voice your concerns and help direct Sheridan County spending.

### If a department wants an increase in funding from the previous year, what do they need to do to prove & justify the increase?

During the budget process, we review the previous year's budget & spending, and try to make an informed decision about how much funding is appropriate for the next year based on the current year. The downfall of this system is we are supposed to create a budget before the end of August, which is before the end of the third quarter of the current year. So, we are creating a budget for the next year with more than three months left to go in our current year. Therefore, we don't know exactly where we are going to end up the year financially, so we base it all on where we are financially by the end of August.

This system does allow us to come really close to knowing where we are and where we need the funding to be for the next year, although it is not a perfect system. This is mostly responsible for the excessive cash carryover amounts. Government usually sides with "Tax plenty, just in case we need more money". This is where I differ. I know numbers, and I can tell where we need to be.

### Why are you running for County Commissioner? What improvements do you feel are needed in Sheridan County?

I am willing to serve another term as your Sheridan County Commissioner because this is a very important position, and it needs to be done very well, and occupied by a person of integrity, honesty, and commitment to the people of Sheridan County, to guide and direct all aspects of this count government for the good and betterment of all the residents of the county.

During the past 3 ½ years, we have made numerous improvements to our county.

- We have mowing contracts across the county, which has resulted in a program that is, in fact, getting our road ditches mowed.

- We have road dragging contracts across the county, which has resulted in the primary roads smoothed as quickly as the road has dried a little, with the dragging getting done before the road has dried out and become too hard.

- We have contracted with private dirt contractors to rebuild sections of roads and replaced 40 coverts.

- We have contracted with private contractors to haul sand onto the roads.

- We paved the Hoxie Feedyard Road, which is a huge improvement for all the truck traffic hauling commodities to the feedyard, as well as all the cattle trucks hauling the fats away from the feedyard.

- We restructured the Public Health Department to include variety of our medical profession-als in order to broaden the range of services to the residents of our county.

- We built a new Recycling Center and have cardboard trailers throughout Sheridan County to collect cardboard, which helps to NOT fill up our landfill so fast.

- Our county landfill people are already digging the next landfill cell as they have to, so that this new cell will be ready when our current cell is full, which is saving taxpayers hundreds of thou-sands of dollars.

- We have started integrating our Sheriff's Department with the City of Hoxie law enforce-ment to better cover the 24-hours of service that they provide every day. This is spreading the work-load among the personnel, as well as saving the taxpayers money.

- We have a closer working relationship with the City of Hoxie and the City of Selden, as well as all areas of our county. We are working together to achieve much better results, no matter what we are working on.

The "WE AGAINST THEM" attitude is GONE! We are all working together to make our county better. This mandate will never end. There will always be work to do! We will never get done! That's why we need commissioners who recognize the needs of the county and are willing to do the work!

### How will you work to implement these changes?

This is the big difference between me and anyone else who wants to seek the position of county commissioner. I, and my fellow commissioners, have been implementing changes that have made our county better, and we have been doing the work. It is so easy to be a commissioner and do nothing

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DISTRICT 1 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

\*David Stithem

**How long have you lived in Sheridan County?**  
25 Years. My wife Diane and I raised our four children in Hoxie.

**What experience do you have that qualifies you to be a county commissioner?**  
I believe my education and work history gives me a unique qualification to be county commissioner. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree from Fort Hays State University. I have more than 34 years of experience serving the public in state and local government, and more in the private sector.  
The private sector includes working for a bridge construction company and a road construction company.  
The following is a list of pertinent employment/work activities in state and local government:  
Kansas Department of Transportation, supervising road construction  
County Appraiser  
As County Appraiser, worked directly with numerous county commissioners, clerks, treasurers and register of deeds.  
County Computer Technician  
State Board of EMS  
AEMT and EMS Instructor Coordinator  
Chairman of NW Kansas Region EMS  
Kansas Incident Management Team Member  
Deputy Sheriff, Reserve Deputy Sheriff, and City Police Officer  
Dispatcher  
Member, Chairman, and Interim CEO of Sheridan County Hospital Board  
Additionally, I have been appointed to numerous state committees, have held multiple certifications, and have extensive training through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute.

**Are you a business owner?**  
Yes. I have a private appraisal business, but I am not currently taking any new clients.

**Do you believe running a county is the same or different from running a business? Why?**  
While there are obviously similarities, running a county is not like running a business. The county is a service organization. It exists for the sole purpose of providing the best possible services to the residents in the best possible manner. Businesses tend to be geared to benefit the few, not the many.

**How much (\$ or %) should there be in carry-over taxes each year? For what purpose should the carry-over taxes be held for and when should they be spent?**  
I do not believe there is a specific percentage or dollar amount that should be carried over. What I believe is there should be plans in place for the future. As an example, if the plans show a specific need, such as replacing heaters and air conditioners in 10 years or a motor grader in 15 years, a portion of the anticipated amounts should be carried over each year, so taxpayers don't get hit with a huge expense all in one year.  
In addition to carry-over, the county has money in reserve. The reserves are there for unforeseen or unexpected incidents and can be used to help protect the taxpayers during these times. With it looking more and more likely that the country is heading into another recession, our current reserves are more important than ever before.

**How should county tax revenues be spent, aside from regular county operations?**  
Sheridan County is comprised of 900 square miles. Of this, our cities make up around 2 square miles. While it is important to work for the benefit of all taxpayers, we are mostly agricultural. One of the biggest and most persistent complaints are our roads. Farmers need to be able to get to their fields and get their crops to market. Since it doesn't appear that road building and repair is part of the "regular county operations", I believe money should be spent there.

**What are the priorities for tax revenue spending?**  
My priorities would be as I stated in the previous answer. There are the "regular" county operations and those improvements necessary to get our roads in a usable condition. We can't keep putting band-aids on gaping wounds.  
I have a strong working knowledge of budgets, levies, and levy calculations. This will be a valuable tool when determining how your tax dollars should be spent.

**If a department wants an increase in funding from the previous year, what do they need to do to prove & justify the increase?**  
This would come down to three basic questions. First, what is the increase for? Is it for cost of living, for additional or replacement equipment or is it something else? Second, what is the cost-benefit analysis of the increase? In other words, what is going to be gained from the increase? Who will it benefit and is that gain worth the amount spent? And third, is it a "want", a "need" or a government mandate?

**WHY are you running for County Commissioner? What improvements do you feel are needed in Sheridan County?**  
I am running for commissioner to help make Sheridan County a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Current actions and expenditures are not helping our county as a whole. I would like to work with the other commissioners to try to get the county back on track. I will bring our current road conditions up again. I have driven many of our county roads recently and have seen truck parts that have literally fallen off the trucks as they were being driven down the road. This should be unacceptable to everyone. Fixing this won't be accomplished overnight, but it has to start sometime.

**How will you work to implement these changes?**  
I have no personal agendas. I will work for the taxpayers of Sheridan County. I will work with the other commissioners, and I will work with the other county departments. Recently, county employees have become viewed as the enemy of the taxpayers. This is unacceptable. These people work for us. It is important to make sure we have the right people as department heads, then give them the support and training necessary to accomplish what is necessary to improve our county. We have several issues that cannot be fixed immediately. For those issues, we, as a board, need to develop one-year, five-year, 10-year and possibly even 20-year plans for improvement. It's time to be proactive and not just reactive.

**David:**  
**When you were the County Appraiser, why did you allow the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) to expire?**  
The answers to this question are long. I encourage everyone to read it in its entirety.  
The first and most direct response is the County Appraiser cannot approve or renew a neighborhood revitalization program. This has to be done by the board of commissioners.  
All applicants are given a copy of the program along with their application. The information clearly states the date and duration of the plan. One of our county commissioners is by far the single largest user of this program. Given the huge number of applications he has filled out, he could be considered one of the more knowledgeable people in the county on this program. Had he simply taken this information to the board meeting, the board could have extended the program with little or no input or comments from the appraiser's office. This was not done.  
I personally do not agree with the program as it is being applied. The statute that describes the program (K.S.A. 12-17,115) clearly states what a "Neighborhood revitalization area" means. In order to apply, the property needs to be located in an area that meets at least one of the following criteria.  
(1) An area in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements which by reason of dilapidation, deterioration, obsolescence, inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation, or open spaces, high density of population and overcrowding, the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes or a combination of such factors, is conducive to ill health, transmission of disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency or crime and which is detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare;  
(2) an area which by reason of the presence of a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures, defective or inadequate streets, incompatible land use relationships, faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of site or other improvements, diversity of ownership, tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the actual value of the land, defective or unusual conditions of title, or the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes, or a combination of such factors, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an economic or social liability and is detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare in its present condition and use; or  
(3) an area in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements which by reason of

\*David Stithem~continued

age, history, architecture or significance should be preserved or restored to productive use.  
Our program is not set up following these statutory requirements. Furthermore, there is an Attorney General Opinion that states "In light of the legislative history, it is our opinion that the neighborhood revitalization act authorizes a municipality to designate only one or more areas for revitalization and not the entire municipality."  
There are only a few projects that would have fit the requirements had the program been set up correctly. To give an idea how large this program has gotten, nearly \$220,000 was rebated this past tax year. That is approximately 3 mills worth of tax dollars our local government can't use. In a time when we're trying to lower taxes, it's difficult to understand why we are not simply following the law.  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 96-38**  
"In light of the legislative history, it is our opinion that the neighborhood revitalization act authorizes a municipality to designate only one or more areas for revitalization and not the entire municipality."  
1 mill = 76418  
Rebate = 219,998.58  
Nearly 3 mills

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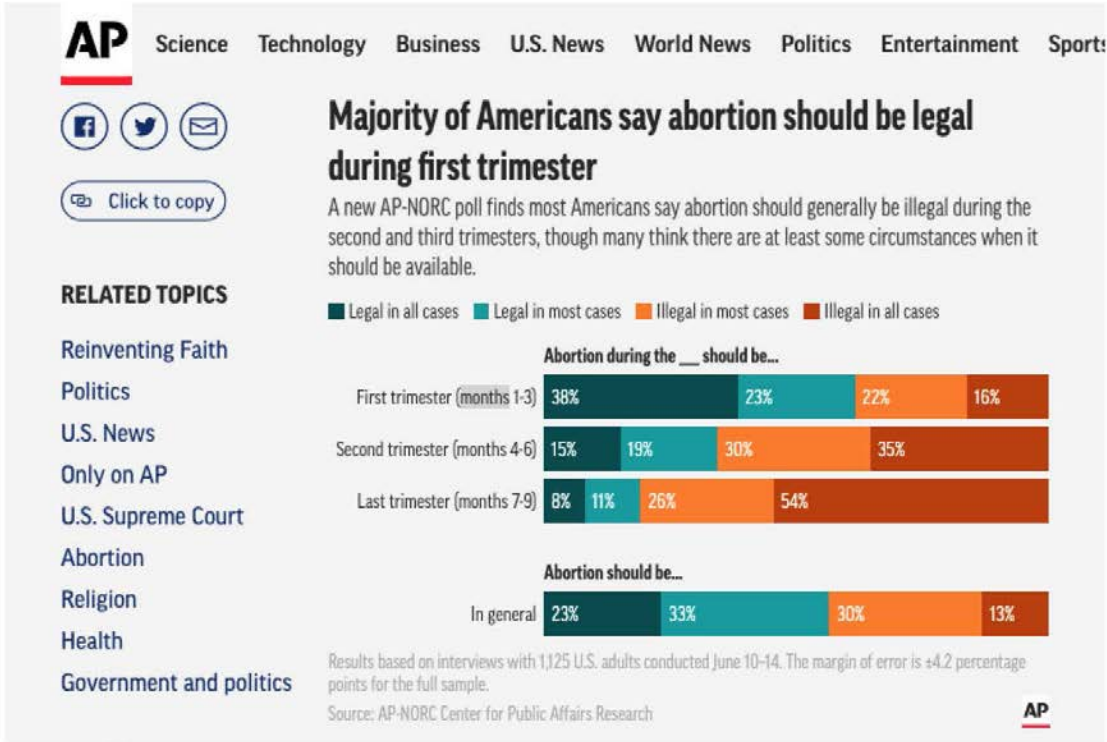
to improve our county. To be a commissioner and simply go through the motions of paying the warrants, making decisions that have always been this way, and mostly just keep things as they have always been, is the objective of many of county commissioners.  
To recognize the improvements that need to be made and make these changes is ten times more difficult and takes ten times more work, which is why a business background is such a huge advantage.  
In business, we are always looking for ways to provide more service, but at a lower and more effective cost. It is also so easy to spend the taxpayers' money. There is a widely held idea that all we need to do to fix things is hire more people, buy more equipment, and spend more money. Just throw enough money at the problem and it will get fixed.  
Here, again, my business background directs me to know that just throwing money at problems DOES NOT fix problems. It only wastes money!  
In government it is really easy to lose sight of where all this money comes from. 100% of *all* government money comes from hardworking citizens through the tax money we levy upon them. Government doesn't have any money. We tax everyone and everything to get enough tax money to run the government! This is where you need a broad perspective about people and the struggles people have in being taxed and having to pay taxes.  
I have lots of skin in the game of paying taxes, so I know the reality of paying taxes. The power to tax is also the power to destroy!  
I had a bureaucrat in Topeka in charge of helping small Western Kansas towns with housing needs. He told me that the biggest problem with small Western Kansas towns is with their high property taxes and are in fact taxing themselves by extension!  
We need taxes to operate our county and provide all county services, but the key word here is "reasonableness". I represent all the people in Sheridan County, and if you think I'm the right person for this position of commissioner, you have the opportunity to go to the polls and vote for me. This is your right, and I think it is our biggest freedom in this country that we have the right to vote and elect the people we think will do the best job of representing us.

**Wes:**  
**Why do you believe County Commissioners should not receive pay and benefits?**  
At the present time, I pay property taxes on various housing projects in 13 counties here in Western Kansas. I have had years of experience in the way counties operate and how & why the tax rates are high and always going up. It is a natural progression of elected officials to become more complacent and less concerned about the taxpayer the longer they reside in office. We see this in all aspects of government. I have firsthand experience of commissioners seemingly wanting the wages and benefits but have little or no experience in running a company, managing employees, managing a budget, or have any real experience of how taxes affect people, business, or economic development & grown in a county or local towns. Just look at the results and performance of a county and see who is doing what and who is benefiting and who is willing to work and provide service and expects NO compensation. This will tell you the story.

The last thing I want to share with everyone is how dedicated I am in the "RIGHT TO LIFE". I fully support the Value Them Both Amendment. Thanks for the opportunity to help make Sheridan County better, and GOD Bless!

WES BANTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

What Do Recent Polls Say?



Reported by AP News, June 25, 2021  
Accessed online: November 7, 2021  
<https://apnews.com/article/only-on-ap-us-supreme-court-abortion-religion-health-2c569aa7934233af8e00bef4520a8fa8>

Hidden takeaways that pertain to Value Them Both:

- As shown above, 92% of Americans believe in at least some limits on the practice of abortion and do not support unlimited abortion.
- When asked about particular circumstances, such as third trimester abortion, the number of people who support limits reaches as high as 91%.
- With this level of broad support for limits, the Value Them Both Amendment aligns with the mainstream American position, regardless of what opponents say.
- Unlimited abortion is extreme and unpopular.





The Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment

ABOLISH ABORTION or REGULATION of ABORTION???

The Ballot Reads the following:

Questions Submitted

Constitutional Amendment

Vote Yes or No

**Explanatory statement.** The Value Them Both Amendment would affirm there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion, and would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion, including, but not limited to, in circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or when necessary to save the life of the mother.

A vote for the Value Them Both Amendment would affirm there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion, and would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion.

A vote against the Value Them Both Amendment would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and could restrict the people, through their elected state legislators, from regulating abortion by leaving in place the recently recognized right to abortion."

Shall the following be adopted?

**§ 22. Regulation of abortion.** Because Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother

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Yes

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No

If the VTB Constitutional Amendment passes with a simple majority “No” vote, it would leave in place the newly discovered right to abortion first recognized in 2019, under the Hodes Supreme Court decision. That newly discovered right to abortion has evolved in short order to unfettered abortion rights that include 3rd trimester abortions; Live, painful, and cruel dismemberment abortions; “Webcam” abortions; Unlicensed Kansas abortion doctors; Doctors and mothers deciding fate of “botched” abortions where babies are born alive; Lax health and safety standards.

If the VTB Constitutional Amendment passes with a “Yes” vote, the people of Kansas would be reserved the right, through their elected state legislators to pass laws to REGULATE abortion because there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion. A “Yes” vote declares unconstitutional the previous 2019 Hodes Supreme Court Decision.

Women will have the right to an abortion whether the vote passes or not. Should women seeking abortions have rights to the highest health and safety standards? Should unborn babies have rights to not suffer painful late term dismemberment abortions or 3rd trimester abortions or have their fate decided upon the hands of doctors and mothers after a live birth?

ABOLISH ABORTION or REGULATION of ABORTION???

Mike Lindell

My Pillow CEO

Vote Tatum

August 2

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Rep. Lee's other Endorsements:



Kansans for Life

Tatum currently sits on these Legislative Committees:

- Agricultural & Natural Resource Budget
- Local Government
- Elections

“Tatum is a fighter for Election integrity, Private Property Rights and Liberty in Kansas!”



Paid for by Tatum Lee, Bridget Tiltson, Treasurer

THE AMENDMENT

Below is the full language of the bill to be voted on by the people once approved by the legislature. Only the paragraph in purple will be added to the Kansas Constitution.

WHEREAS, This proposition to amend the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be known and may be cited as the Value Them Both Amendment.

Now, therefore:

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives 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: The bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

“§ 22. Regulation of abortion. Because Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother.”

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

“Explanatory statement. The Value Them Both Amendment would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion because there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion.

“A vote for the Value Them Both Amendment would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion because there is no Kansas constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion.

“A vote against the Value Them Both Amendment would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas and could prevent the people, through their elected state legislators, from regulating abortion in many circumstances. It would leave in place the newly discovered right to abortion first recognized in 2019.”

Source: <https://valuethemboth.com/the-amendment/>

Hineman Supports Minnix

On August 2, the voters of the huge nine-county 118<sup>th</sup> Kansas House District have an important decision to make. Due to area population decline and redistricting, two incumbent Kansas House members are on the ballot for a single position. There are stark differences between the candidates.

There is a game that is sometimes used in politics to deceive the public. It involves beginning with a half-truth or even small kernel of truth and twisting it into a gross misrepresentation of the political views of one's opponent. Tatum Lee and her handlers are quite adept at that technique. Her campaign materials paint a phony picture of Jim Minnix that his many friends and associates would not recognize. By so doing, they are disrespecting the decent, honorable man that so many know Jim to be. But they also disrespect the voters of the 118<sup>th</sup> District by feeding them misleading rhetoric designed to confuse and sow doubt rather than providing clarity. If you question some of the charges she is making, please give Jim a call at 620-872-2701 and get his perspective before you form an opinion.

Jim is a respected member of the Legislature because he understands that relationships are important in the business of law-making. Tatum Lee has a practice of attacking many of her colleagues in a way that prohibits her from achieving anything on behalf of her constituents. One of her Republican colleagues, a highly respected committee chairman from Western Kansas, has referred to her as “one of the least effective and least trusted” legislators in Topeka.

Jim serves on House Agriculture Committee and House Water Committee, two areas of concern which are vitally important to the people and economy of the 118<sup>th</sup> District. Tatum Lee serves on neither and likely never will, leaving the people of the 118th without someone to go to bat for them on these vitally important issues. Those of us in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District know all too well what it's like to lose our voice on the Agriculture Committee, and we can't risk that happening again.

Jim has been endorsed by Kansas Livestock Association, Kansas Farm Bureau, Kansas Cooperative Council, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, and Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association. Tatum Lee has none of those endorsements, proving that while her rhetoric claims to support rural Kansas, the agriculture industry simply doesn't agree.

While his opponent has been busy with self-promotion, Jim has been quietly, methodically, and effectively working on issues that truly affect the lives of residents of the 118<sup>th</sup> District. Please don't be misled by ridiculous misrepresentations from his opponent and join me in voting for the candidate truly working on our behalf - Representative Jim Minnix.

Don Hineman  
[dhineman@st-tel.net](mailto:dhineman@st-tel.net)

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★ HONESTY WITH PARENTS ★ TRANSPARENCY

★ PROTECT PERSONAL DATA ★ FOCUS ON ACADEMICS

★ REJECT WASHINGTON DC'S LIBERAL STANDARDS

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The chart below is a compilation of information gathered by iVoterGuide.com. The governor’s race candidates and the District 1 Representatives candidates did not answer the questionnaire. Their own campaign websites were lax in this information as well. For more on their specific platforms you will need to do some research. These are the candidates for governor:

Republican candidates:

Arlyn Briggs/Lance Berland  
Derek Schmidt/Katie Sawyer

Democratic candidates:

Laura Kelly/David Toland  
Richard Karnowski/Barry Franco

Election Day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
4-H Building, Sheridan County Fairgrounds

TOPIC:	Attorney General			Board of Education-5th District		State Rep-District 118	
Right to Life	Kris Kobach	Anthony Mativi	Kellie Warren	Jean Clifford	Cathy Hopkins	Tatum Lee	Jim Minnix
Circumstances allowed for some abortions		No	Life of mother		None	None	Life of the Mother, rape and incest.
Abortion providers federally funded		No	Yes			Yes	Yes
"Aid in Dying" Laws (assisted suicide & euthanasia legalized)		No	No			None	No
Economy							
Changes to tax code		Run a tight ship	Lower taxes			No: death tax, double taxation on property, 'step up basis' on generational land	Simpler forms; user fees or sales tax reliance instead of property tax
Reduction of government spending		Focus on serious, necessary litigation	Spending efficiencies to balance budget			Focus on American First, not foreign affairs	Administrative agencies
Government must ensure everyone has a livable wage					No		
Fully funded public education through college		No	No		No	No	No
Religious Liberty							
Services must be provided to all regardless of religious belief		No	No			No	No
Any circumstance government can close churches		No	Never			None	Never
10 Commandments displayed in schools					Yes		
Students should be permitted to speak freely & civilly about faith					Yes		
Healthcare							
What form of healthcare do you advocate		No one-size-fits all mandates	Medicaid and Medicare should remain available			Government was never formed to be a welfare system to take from the haves and give to the have not's	Medicaid and Medicare should remain available, but no other taxpayer-funded programs are necessary.
Should government, school, or employer be allowed to require vaccinations		Never	No			No	Government & schools-No. Private business-yes
National Security							
Should the threat of Islamic terrorism be eradicated		Yes	Yes				Federal issue-not KS issue
Should Israel be pressured to withdraw from occupied territories		No	Yes				No, but believe is a Federal issue-not KS issue.
Best way to maintain peace is through a strong military					Yes		
Immigration							
Should the government physically secure the southern border		Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
What should the US do to readicate Islamic terrorism						Stop acting like we are offended by the truth. There IS A threat of Islamic terrorism and we must understand that as truth. Islam is a religion of hate.	
Who & why should anyone be permitted to immigrate to the US		Immigrants are welcome, but must respect the laws	Legal immigration only			Refugees who have helped the US in a war.	Law-abiding individuals. Immigration reform is needed.
Education							
Should school choice (voucher programs, tax credits, charter schools, etc) be permitted		Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes. Public schools funded by taxes. Private & home schools not held to same standards.
States should mandate K-12 standardized tests					No		
Parents are their child's ultimate authority					Yes		
Permission must be obtained to teach Comprehensive Sex Ed or Social Emotional Learning					Yes		
Slavery & racism as the foundation of American history should be taught					No		
Federal dollars equates to loss of local control in education					Yes		
No healthcare diagnosis or treatment (mental, reproductive, etc) to a child without parental consent					Yes		
Values							
Judeo-Christian values established a framework of morality		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Gender identity should be a protected class		No	No			No	
Public high school students may choose to compete based on their chosen gender identity					No		
Marriage is God-ordained and between a man & a woman		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	
Critical Race Theory (CRT) says we are fundamentally racist		No	No			No	No
Spiritual Beliefs & Values							
Church/faith affiliation		Catholic	Catholic		Christian	Christian	Christian
Elections & Voting							
Vote without photo identification		No	No			No	No
Proposed voting laws to change		Enforce current laws	Strengthen election security & Prohibit private donors			We need election day to be 1 day, 1 vote, paper ballots, hand counting, NO MACHINES at all. There is a huge problem with electronic poll books and the machines being able to be hacked.	Vote to increase penalties for election fraud & abuse.
Race Relations							
Racism is a national threat to domestic security		Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
Reparations given on the basis of race		No	No			No	No
Energy & Environment							
Stricter environmental laws & regulations cost too many jobs & hurt the economy		Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes
Hydraulic fracking to extract oil & natural gas resources		Yes	No			Yes	Yes



Educational  
Resource—  
Classroom Kits

Are you a teacher preparing for the soon-approaching school year and looking for a good way to teach students a little bit about agricultural education? Kansas Farm Bureau has a great resource for you with its classroom kits. These kits are filled with everything you need to teach a lesson in agricultural education and are perfect for elementary school-age students. The kits include all of the lesson plans, supplies and resources you need for 25 students to participate. The lessons in the kits cover all areas of academics including English language arts, mathematics, science, and social sciences. For information on the kits and how to get yours, visit Classroom Kits ([kfb.org](http://kfb.org)).

Hearing for  
Proposed Grain  
Warehouse  
Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22, 2022, to consider the adoption of proposed regulations that govern the administration of the Kansas Grain Warehouse Law. The hearing will be held in person at the Kansas Department of Agriculture at 1320 Research Park Dr. in Manhattan, as well as via video conferencing system.

KDA is proposing new regulations, amendments to existing regulations, and the revocation of some existing regulations related to grain warehouses in Kansas. These changes are proposed in order to implement the recent changes to the schedule of public warehouse license fees set out in K.S.A. 34-228, as well as to implement current industry policies and practices and to provide more detailed guidance for grain warehouse requirements.

A copy of the proposed regulations, as well as an expanded notice of public hearing, may be accessed on the KDA website at [agriculture.ks.gov/PublicComment](http://agriculture.ks.gov/PublicComment). Anyone desiring to participate via video conference must pre-register at that page to be provided with a video link. Written comments can be submitted on the public comment web page prior to the hearing or sent to the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request a copy of the regulations in an accessible format. Persons who require special accommodations must make their needs known at least two working days prior to the hearing. For more information, including special accommodations or a copy of the regulations, please contact Ronda Hutton at 785-564-6715 or [Ronda.Hutton@ks.gov](mailto:Ronda.Hutton@ks.gov).

Kansas Crop Progress and  
Condition

For the week ending July 17, 2022, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 32% very short, 30% short, 37% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 28% very short, 34% short, 37% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 6% very poor, 16% poor, 31% fair, 37% good, and 10% excellent. Corn silking was 47%, behind 54% last year and 57% for the five-year average.

Dough was 9%, near 12% last year, and behind 14% average.

Soybean condition rated 2% very poor, 9% poor, 33% fair, 46% good, and 10% excellent.

Soybeans blooming was 37%, behind 47% last year and 46% average. Setting pods was 3%, behind 13% last year and 11% average.

Sorghum condition rated 7% very poor, 13% poor, 40% fair, 36% good, and 4% excellent.

Sorghum headed was 8%, near 12% last year and 10% average.

Cotton condition rated 2% very poor, 7% poor, 47% fair, 42% good, and 2% excellent. Cotton squaring was 83%, ahead of 77% last year, and well ahead of 60% average. Setting bolls was 23%, ahead of 8% last year and 7% average.

Sunflowers planted was 96%, near 97% both last year and average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 22% very poor, 16% poor, 28% fair, 32% good, and 2% excellent.



USDA To Survey County Small  
Grains Acreage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will survey producers in 32 states, including Kansas, for its 2022 County Agricultural Production Survey (CAPS) for small grains.

The survey will collect information on total acres planted and harvested, as well as yield and production of small grains crops at the county level. CAPS will provide the data needed to estimate acreage and production of selected crops such as barley, oats, and wheat in the United States.

"The data provided will help federal and state programs support the farmer," said Doug Bounds, Kansas State Statistician. "I hope every producer understands the importance of these data and will take the time to respond if they receive this survey. Producers can lose out when there are no data to determine accurate rates for loans, disaster payments, crop insurance price elections, and more. Without data, agencies such as USDA's Risk Management Agency and Farm Service Agency do not have information on which to base the programs that serve those same producers."

Farmers are encouraged to respond online at [accounts.usda.gov](http://accounts.usda.gov), by mail or fax. Kansas producers who do not respond in the next few weeks may be emailed a reminder or contacted for an interview to complete the survey.

NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents and publishes only aggregate data, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified, as required by federal law.

The CAPS data will be published in NASS's Quick Stats database ([quickstats.nass.usda.gov](http://quickstats.nass.usda.gov)) at 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022. For more information on NASS surveys and reports, call the NASS Kansas Field Office at (800) 582-6443.

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Application Period Open for Fall, Winter Special  
Hunting Opportunities

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) is currently accepting applications for 2022-2023 "Special Hunts" - hunts conducted on lands not normally open to unrestricted hunting, which include select KDWP-managed properties, refuges, Walk-in Hunting Access areas (WIHA), city and county properties, and other locations. KDWP's Special Hunts also limit the number of participants to ensure a quality experience or to achieve specific management goals, such as herd reduction.

This fall and winter, more than 370 special hunting opportunities will be held on the following properties:

- 21 - KDWP Wildlife Areas
- 6 - Kansas State Parks
- 3 - State Fishing Lakes
- 3 - County-owned Properties
- 2 - Private Lands
- 2 - National Wildlife Refuges
- 1 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake

Hunters have the option to apply in four categories, including youth, mentor, disabled, and open hunts. Youth hunts require parties to include at least one youth who must be accompanied by an adult mentor, and the adult(s) may not hunt. Mentor hunts are open to both youth and/or inexperienced (novice) hunters who are each supervised by a licensed adult mentor, during which time both the novice and mentor may hunt. Disabled hunts are designed for individuals with disabilities. And lastly, open hunts are available to all persons, with no age or experience restrictions.

Hunters should note, prior to applying, that KDWP's Special Hunts program only provides access to properties; Licenses, permits, tags, stamps, and Hunter Education are still required, unless exempt.

KDWP's Licensing staff will draw applications for fall and winter special hunts on August 8 (for hunts taking place in September/October 2022), September 26 (for hunts taking place in November/December 2022) and again on December 12 (for hunts taking place in January/February 2023).

For a complete list of available Special Hunts, eligibility requirements and instructions for applying, visit <https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Special-Hunts-Information>.

Ag Academy Applications Accepted

Ag Academy is an educational program with the purpose of providing a conduit for folks of all occupations and levels of agricultural knowledge to be exposed to the many facets of production ag, rural communities and ag policy. The program runs from October to September. Focus areas are advocacy, leadership/service, education, and rural communities/farm families. Seven capsules are framed in a way that centers on self-paced introductory information followed by an in-person session of tours and speakers. The in-person sessions will be spread across Kansas to allow participants a first-hand view of the many components and faces of production agriculture across our great state.

Applicants can be members or non-members of Farm Bureau, but the class size is limited to 20 participants. Participants will commit to attending all capsules in the year they are accepted. The participation fee is \$100 and is due before the first capsule. Meals during the seven capsules are paid but participants are responsible for travel to and from, any lodging and meals outside of the meeting. Assistance with carpooling communication will be given.

Applications are now open through Sept. 9. Learn more and apply at <https://bit.ly/3Oenz4g>.

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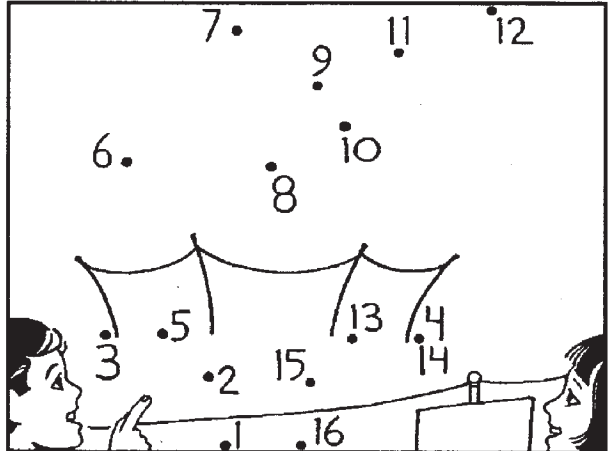
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**LIGHT SHOW!** Here it is again, lighting up the sky. What is that? Draw lines dot to dot to complete the picture.

**ROLL CALL!** Answer quickly, if you can: In calling the roll alphabetically, which U.S. states are first and last? Limit: 30 sec.

THIS, that, OR the other thing could be one of the seven terms to be placed in the diagram shown. Let's see how quickly you can identify these words from the following definitions:

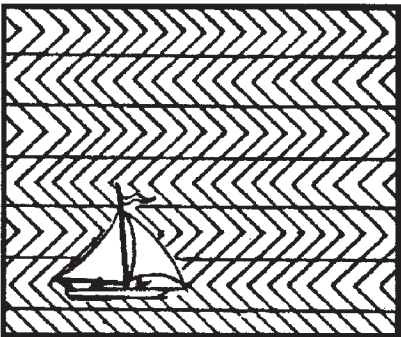
1. Opposite of against.
2. Norse god of war and thunder.
3. Important city official.
4. Stepped-up enthusiasm.
5. Bullfight principal.
6. School passageway, for example.
7. Crocodile's big-mouthed cousin.

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. For. 2. Thor. 3. Mayor. 4. Fervor. 5. Matador. 6. Corridor. 7. Alligator.

## Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman

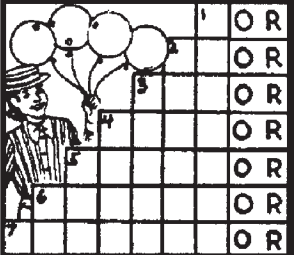


### BOUNDING MAIN EYE-BEFOUDLER

IT'S been shown time and time again that we can't always believe what we see. In the sailing scene at left, for instance, it would seem that each of the parallel horizontal lines veers either up or down.

But, if you sight these lines at eye level from the side, you will find that all are straight and parallel.

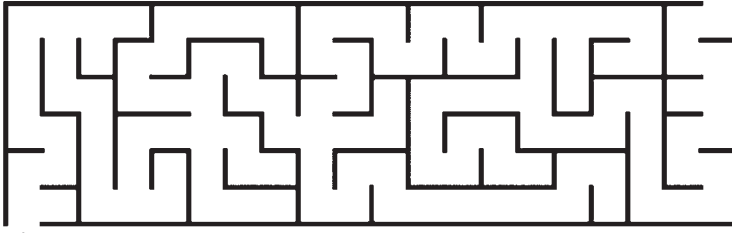
This is an adaptation of one of the oldest and cleverest of optical illusions.



**GAME TIME!** The Olympic Games trace back to ancient Greece. Yet, the 1996 event commemorates an historic 100th year. Of what significance was the year 1896?

Competition ceased in 394 A.D., were resumed in 1896, the initial year of modern games.

### Kids' Maze



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**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the board letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Smirk  
PRIMES  
Crafty  
STATUE  
Process  
ATONIC  
Route  
AWPATHY

"Can I offer you something while you wait for my daughter — a — perhaps?"

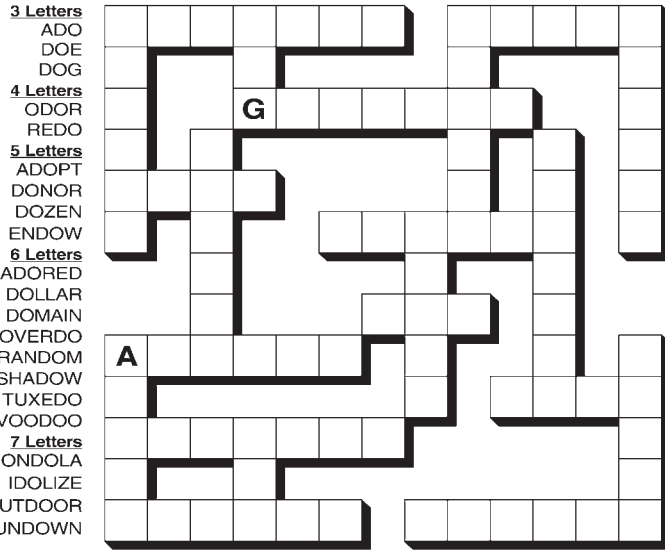
**TODAY'S WORD**

## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### CRISSCROSS – "DO" WORDS

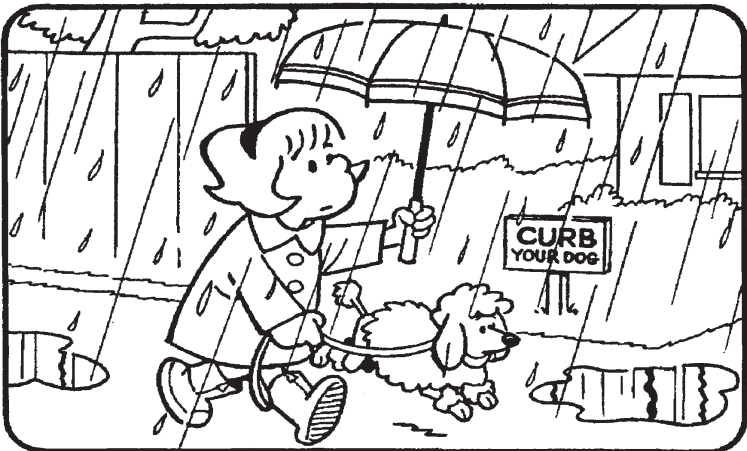
Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.



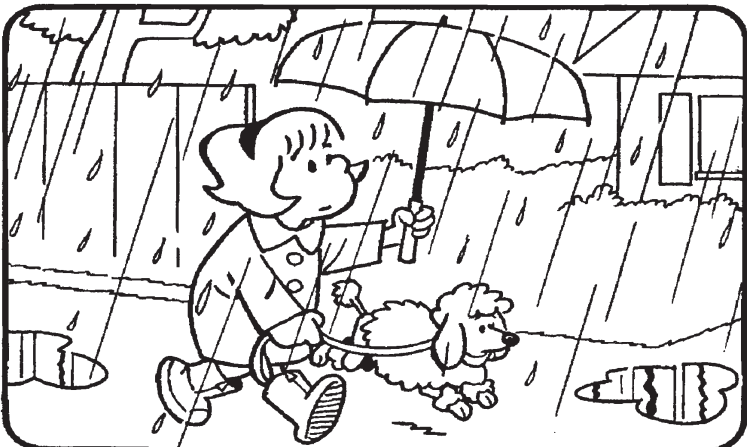
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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Raincoat is different. 3. Leash is shorter. 4. Stripe is missing. 5. Sign is missing. 6. Puddle is smaller.

## CryptoQuip

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

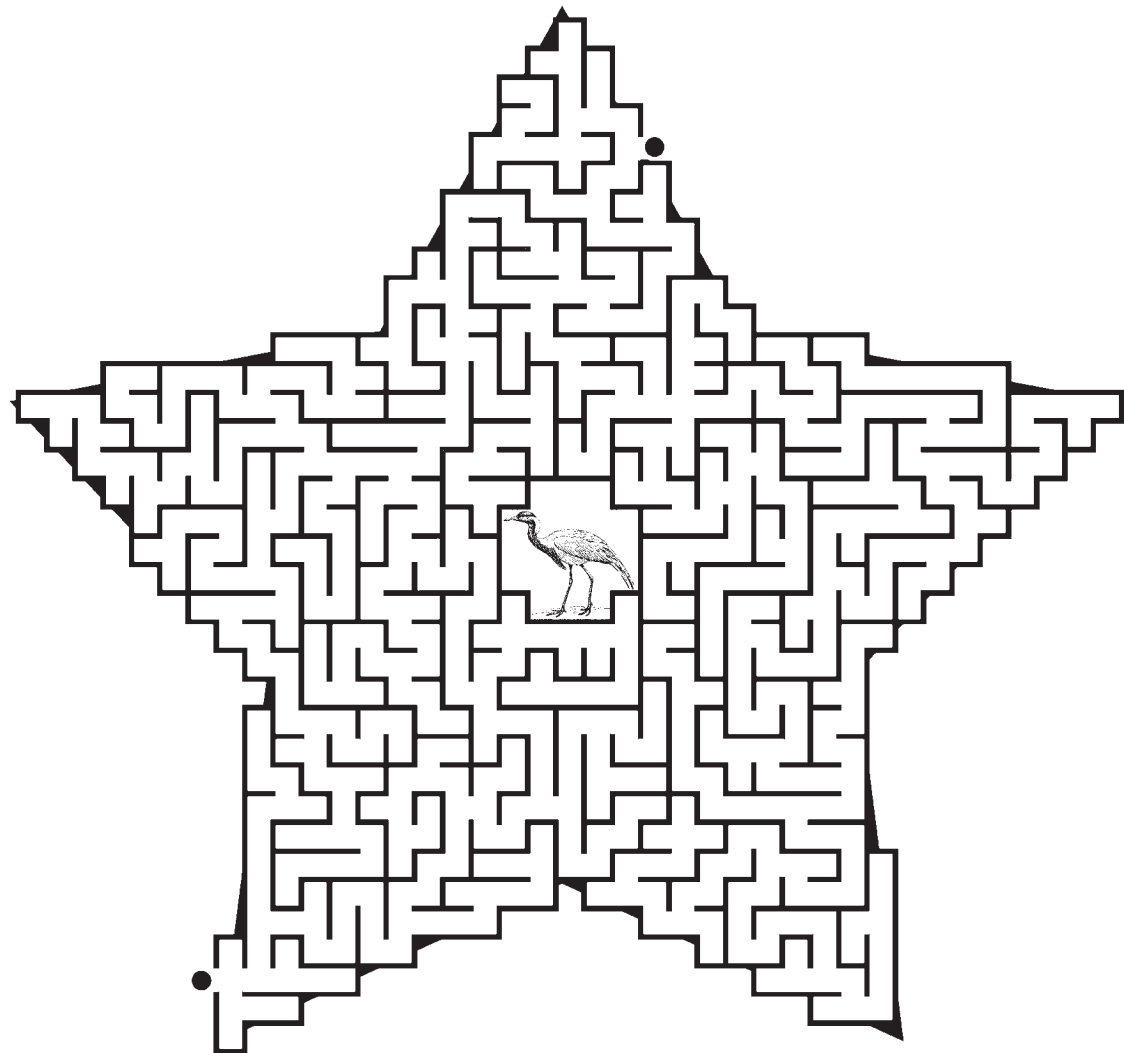
Clue: V equals L

FA J SQFVV ZBQYBJWR KCGGJWSZ  
ZCVSFBQZ RC QFZB RC REBFQ  
ABBR, F'S KJVV REJR J ZRJWSFWY  
CQSBQ.

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## Mega Maze

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## Super Crossword

ALMOST INDIVISIBLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Compositions of a classical tradition
  - 2 Title for Judi Dench
  - 3 Hearst bimonthly with beauty and dating tips
  - 4 Former U.K. record co.
  - 5 Fake
  - 6 Muhammad of the ring
  - 7 Feudal lord
  - 8 Be averse to
  - 9 What the starts of the longest answers in this puzzle are?
  - 10 One making modifications
  - 11 Helper
  - 12 Homer with nobody on
  - 13 Straightens up
  - 14 Red-ink entry
  - 15 Upper layers of fertile earth
  - 16 Feeling blue
  - 17 Cruel Amin
  - 18 People painting, e.g.
  - 19 Casa brick
  - 20 Drive away badminton
  - 21 The "P" of AP
  - 22 Hearst refuse
  - 23 Score speed
  - 24 Escargot
  - 25 Moving
  - 26 Doesn't go on the month, maybe
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## Minutes continued

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There was discussion about the mowing guys mowing over/knocking down signs and culverts being pulled out. The individuals mowing will start having to be accountable for the damage.

Herskowitz had a discussion with Jef Stewart at KDOT about the road construction planned and the millings the county will receive.

There was a landfill inspection done last week and all went fine with no violations.

Herskowitz distributed a quote from Doug Cass for ditch work, elevating roads, and culverts for the area 40N - 150W. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$4,800. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

There was discussion about the two bridges that the County plans to work on and the funds that will be available from the state. Wes Bainter will work on a drawing for the low water crossing and will bring to the next meeting.

Joe Bainter made a motion to amend the agenda to include

Noxious Weed Director Evan Turley. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. By consensus the Board approved Turley obtaining bids for 180 gallons of LV6 and purchasing the least expensive.

Letters have gone out from the County Attorney to individuals about prairie dog infestations.

Pratt distributed the revised Dispatch Agreement using the initial Agreement as an example. Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to amend the Agenda to include Dana Hess, Communications. Carried 3-0. Hess advised the Board that she has hired a part-time dispatcher who will cover 24-hrs. a week. Hess asked the Board to hold off approving the Dispatch Agreement until August. Hess was advised it is the Commissioners' decision. Bracht advised the Board that the three additional counties contacted to possibly help with dispatch per their request are already short staffed and do not have the manpower to help at this time.

Pratt stated the musk thistle letter should go out this afternoon.

The Board discussed culverts being purchased by individuals. Pratt reminded the

Board the County is not in the position to sell items but would be handled based by the case.

The Board approved and signed the Notice & Waiver for Western KS Child Advocacy, simply stating the Board supports Western KS Child Advocacy.

Bracht and Wes Bainter signed the correspondence to Jim Myers stating the County provided all information requested for the 2021 audit.

The Board agreed to remit to Sheridan County Hospital a check in the amount of \$8,444.81 representing the difference in funds received from the County, grants, and the Medicare cost report.

At 8:55, Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Pratt, and Bracht. The door opened at 9:05 with no decision being made.

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader to approve the July 14, 2022 Warrants as presented, and the July 5, 2022 Minutes as presented. Carried 3-0

Jim Myers, CPA came to the table. Myers presented the 2021 audit report and reviewed it with the Board. Myers found no problems with the 2021 audit. Myers distributed the 2023 first draft of the budget and there was discussion about the various funds and the cash balances. The tentative date for the Budget Hearing is Tuesday, August 9. All entities planning to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) have until Wednesday, July 20 to let Bracht know.

The following warrants were approved by the Board as presented:

General \$1,780.20  
Road & Bridge \$71,886.20  
VIN \$113.16  
Public Hlth \$99.50  
Public Transp \$43.91  
MV \$370.06

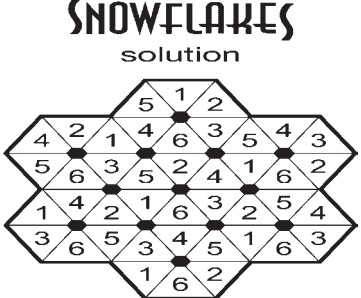
At 10:19 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 8:00 in the Courthouse main floor foyer.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Wes Bainter, Chairman



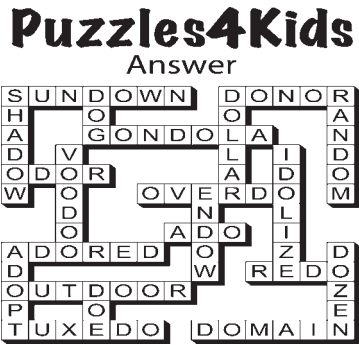
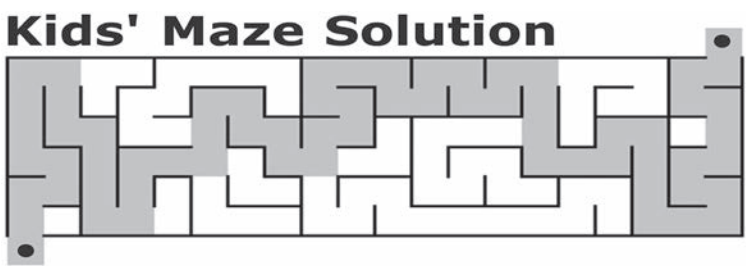
# Fun Page Solutions

**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
If a drill sergeant commands soldiers to rise to their feet, I'd call that a standing order.



Weekly SUDOKU  
Answer

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**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution  
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3. Action; 4. Pathway  
**Today's Word**  
**HAIRCUT**

**Answers**

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