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## TAXPAYERS' REPORT

This week, I thought it would be useful to make a comparison of Property Taxes in the surrounding areas. I have listed various counties along with their property tax amount. However, the most important factor would be how much tax we are paying per person in these counties. As you can see some of these counties are taxing excessive amounts compared to the population of the county. In most of these counties the population has remained almost the same but the tax has increased significantly during the past several years.

2019 Tax Comparisons			
County	Population	Levy Tax	Tax per Capita
Decatur	2871	\$6,605,168	\$2,300
Ellis	28710	\$25,028,696	\$872
Gove	2612	\$8,011,548	\$3,067
Graham	2492	\$9,856,064	\$3,955
Grey	6033	\$10,010,124	\$1,659
Logan	2844	\$7,550,726	\$2,655
Norton	5430	\$8,522,937	\$1,570
Osborne	3475	\$7,354,463	\$2,110
Phillips	5317	\$8,839,147	\$1,662
Rooks	5013	\$9,143,297	\$1,824
Scott	4897	\$14,377,118	\$2,936
<b>Sheridan</b>	<b>2533</b>	<b>\$8,547,332</b>	<b>\$3,374</b>
Thomas	7711	\$8,688,851	\$1,127

For clarification, I have compared the current Sheridan County tax with the tax amount for 2010. The inflation rate from 2010 to the present was 17%. However, the Sheridan County tax has increased more than 100% since 2010. Our Sheridan County tax has more than doubled since 2010. The result is we have about the same population, but we are all paying more than twice as many tax dollars to operate Sheridan County as we did in 2010. **We need to put the brakes on this run away spending!**

Sheridan County Tax			
2010 Sheridan	2500	\$3,154,012	\$1,261
2019 Sheridan	2533	\$8,547,332	\$3,374

Thank you for reading and God Bless!  
WES BANTER, Sheridan County Commissioner.

## KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM

Expanding its Collection of Sheridan County's Written History

By Rachel Farber

On Friday, December 6, 2019, we picked up the latest donation to the Kenoxie Archives & Museum, Inc. Kendra Salyers-Barnes was trying to finish clearing out things abandoned in the building she purchased to move her insurance agency into. She found neatly packaged newspapers, many of them from the late 1800's. We were called about adding them to our collection.

It was like an early Christmas present for us! The names of the newspapers and publish dates were written on the edges of the paper packaging. When looking through them, we found that the volume from 1907 that was missing from our collection was there. This gives us a complete collection for *The Sentinel*, from 1884 in Kenneth to current with *The Sheridan Sentinel*.

Also, in these packages, were several other publications. The *Sheridan County Tribune* was published in Kenneth from July

1881 to August 1882, this is the oldest publication in Sheridan County. *The Kenneth Democrat*, which changed its name to *The Hoxie Democrat* about the same time as *The Sentinel*, was published from December 1885 to August 1891. *The Sheridan Times* was published in Sheridan, along the North Fork Solomon between Hoxie and Selden, from May 1887 to June 1888. It then moved to Selden, where the name was changed to *The Selden Times*, and continued publication until December 1888. *The Hoxie Times* published for a very short time in 1892. There are only three issues in the package (see its first page in the Now & Then section). *The Sheridan County Democrat* was published in Hoxie from May 1892 to April 1896. We had a bound book with several issues of *The Democrat*, but it was missing several throughout the set in our morgue (newspaper archive).

The last of the other publications is *The Sheridan County News*. It was published by W. B. Daniels from April 1929 to August 1929 in Hoxie. At this point he purchased *The Hoxie Sentinel* and called it *The Hoxie Sentinel and Sheridan County News*. After the first three of the six years he owned *The Hoxie Sentinel*, he dropped the "Sheridan County News" from the title.

These newspapers have been well preserved, although not with the proper humidity level. They are in great condition with the exception of the edges, which flake off small pieces when touched.

According to the Library of Congress, there have been 23 different newspapers registered in Sheridan County. The Kenoxie Archives & Museum, Inc. now has possession of most newspapers published in Hoxie. We know that *The Hoxie Palladium* was published in Hoxie and there are several that were published in Selden (*The Selden Advocate*, *The Selden Courant*, *The Selden Independent*

[two publications] and *The Selden Observer*) that we do not have. We would love to add these to our collection.

There were also several small publications all over the county that were not registered with the Library of Congress. We

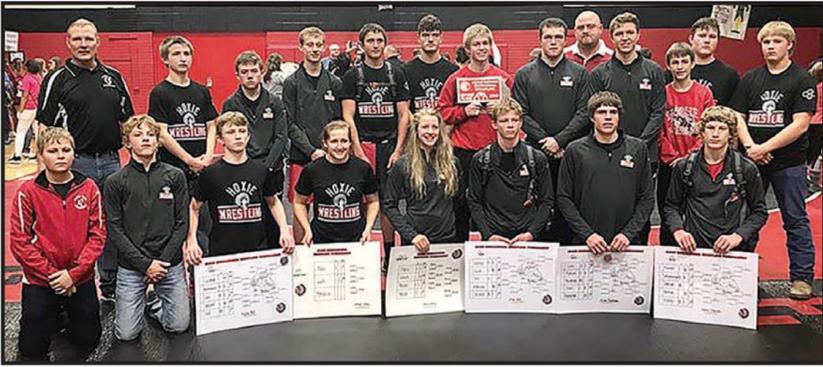
have found the names of these publications in reading *The Sentinel*. We would love to add these to our collection as well.

We invite everyone to come in to see what we have acquired for the Kenoxie Archives & Museum, Inc.



A photo of the oldest newspaper published in Sheridan County that is a part of our collection. (Archives photo)

## HOXIE WRESTLING SEASON BEGINS



The Hoxie Wrestling Team has started out the season strong. There is a new Girls' Wrestling League as well. Hoxie has two female wrestlers, Ashlyn Kaus and Marissa Porsch. Marissa Porsch 136G was awarded the Outstanding Girl wrestler of the tournament. (HHS Wrestling photo)

## Senior Spotlight: Kyler Haffner



By Jessi Bernbeck, Staff Reporter

Senior Kyler Haffner was born on May 1, 2002, in Quinter, Kansas. He is the son of Rodney and Kay Haffner. Kyler has lived his whole life in small town Grainfield, KS and he has two older sisters. Kyler said his favorite high school memory was winning sub-state basketball his freshman year. "It was the most exciting and thrilling moment of high school because we beat our biggest rival in double overtime to go to State." Kyler explained that he doesn't really have a favorite sport, he enjoys both basketball and golf for their own reasons. "I enjoy playing basketball because it is a

team sport where everyone has to come together to be successful, but I also like golf because it is based on our own individual scores, but is still a team sport."

Kyler and I started talking about school and he mentioned his favorite school lunch is steak fingers and mashed potatoes. "I wish school was only six periods so I wouldn't have so many electives that I don't need." Kyler stated. I asked him which teacher he thought was most social media tech savvy. "Defiantly Coach Bix," he replied.

Kyler plans on attending Kansas State University and majoring in Business. He described his senior year in three words, "Easy, fun and eventful." Throughout high school he has participated in football, basketball, track, golf, student council, electric car and is also involved in CYO.

Kyler enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing basketball and golf in his free time. In ten years, he plans on living in the Kansas City area and starting a family and having a great career.

## Donation of 15,000 Pounds of Food

The Colby Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (President Elmer Schielke presiding) has partnered with local churches and food banks to provide food assistance to the needy in five Northwest Kansas Counties.

Approximately 15,000 pounds of packaged food is being donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from their Bishop's Storehouse in Aurora, Colorado. A semi-truck will pick up 10 packed pallets on December 12 and bring them back to Colby. The following morning at 9:00 am (Friday, December 13), food banks from Colby, Oakley, Hoxie, Atwood and Quinter, will meet at the Colby Ag Center to pick up the food for their banks.

The semi-truck and driver are being donated by CASE IH from the Colby Ag Center, thanks to General Manager James Rehmer, who also

supported last year's food donation.

The food banks receiving and distributing the food are:

**COLBY** (Thomas County)  
Genesis—Thomas County  
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Pastor Angie Holzmeister (785-671-3275)  
Contact: Jackie (785-953-1181)

**HOXIE** (Sheridan County)  
The HAMA Food Pantry  
United Methodist Church  
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**ATWOOD** (Rawlins County)  
Rawlins County Food Pantry  
Pastor David Todd (573-253-5146)

**QUINTER** (Gove County)  
Gove County Food Pantry  
Director: Janice Trist (785-769-4030)

## Kids Bring Christmas Cheer



The Golden Plains second and third grade students sing *Winter Lights* at the Golden Plains Elementary Christmas Concert in Selden on December 3. The group also sang *Small Star* and performed to the song *Christmas Tree Feud*. (photo by Kloie Jones)



The Golden Plains MS/HS Band performed three songs at the Christmas Concert held in Rexford on December 6 including *The Twelve Songs of Christmas*, *Midnight Carols*, and *A Visit from St. Nicholas*. The final song included the narration of *The Night Before Christmas* by middle school teacher Russ Aumiller. The audience also enjoyed performances by the MS/HS Choir, the HS Choir, and the HS band. The concert was directed by music instructor Michael Karnes. (Photo by Rojelio Loya)

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### Words of Faith

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: For he shall save his people from their sins.  
-Matthew 1:21

### Grain Report

Grain	Price
Wheat	3.64
Corn	3.25
Milo	2.94
Beans	7.59

### Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Moisture
12/1	--	--	--
12/2	--	--	--
12/3	--	--	--
12/4	NEW METER		
12/5	55	30	--
12/6	47	25	--
12/7	57	25	--

\*\*\*State Cost Share funds still available!

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### Words of Wisdom

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. - Burton Hills

# Community News

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

Saturday dawned a beautiful crisp winter morning. Several people gathered at a little before 10:00 to go to the Jennings City Cemetery and on to the Big Timber Cemetery to attend the Wreaths Across America ceremonies. Then, coming back to join the others for soup (hot, spicy chili and vegetable) and desserts of all kinds served by the Lions Club. The walls of the Hall were vibrating from the lively talking of all the people.

Soon, it was announced Santa would be showing up, so the children and some parents hurried to the front door. After Santa was seated in his chair on the stage, children lined up. Each

sitting on his lap and telling what they wanted him to bring to them for Christmas. Santa gave each child a sack of candy as they left him.

Following this the children's drawing was held. Many nice donated gifts were given with some of the children receiving two. The adult drawing consisted of two turkeys donated by the Lions Club and some packages of hamburger donated by Stann Hartzog and Eric Fleckenstein.

A big Thank You goes to the Girl Scouts for decorating the Hall and to those who donated gifts for the drawing. The drawing of cash from Lions Club sales of tickets was the last event of the day.

## SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

Birthdays & Anniversaries:  
 December 1: Mark Juenemann, Mike & Jackie Neff; December 2: Addie Wessel, Francis Porsch, Pam Washington; December 3: Tammy Miller; December 4: Steve Finnesy, Nicole Schiltz; December 7: Don Juenemann; December 9: Lavina Paulson, Jacob Astalosh; December 10: Dale Smith, Rick Shaw; December 12: Paul Zodrow; December 13: Emmie Pauls, Kyle & Tasha Carman; December 14: Travis Smith, Chris Koerperich; December 15: Casey Gould; December 16: Steve Carman, Dana Broeckelman; December 17: Todd Walker, Nick Koerperich, Robyn Mendiola, Tyson Paulson; December 18: Kamy Miller; December 19: Renee Bruggeman Filmore, Chad Focke, Avery Spresser, Ben & Christa Wessel.

On December 5, during Senior Citizens, the group enjoyed a good meal prepared

by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinochle. Alfred J. Albers won high with a score of 503, Gail Mumm took second with a score of 423 and Don Quackenbush had the most Jacks. Others enjoying the day include Lillian Sulzman, Boyd Wilson, Margee Wilson, Pat Wessel, Bob Wessel, Don Juenemann and Carl Mumm.

The Selden Community Christmas Party will be December 15, at the Community Center in Selden. Bingo starts at 4:00 pm (one free card per person - \$5 for each additional card. proceeds go to the Blackout Game). Soup Supper is from 5:00 to 6:30 pm and Santa arrives shortly thereafter. The Christmas Party is Sponsored by The Selden Community Foundation, The City of Selden, The Selden Senior Citizens and all the business. Please take time to thank them.

## Area Calendar

**Every Monday:**  
 5:30pm Health & Wellness Classes for Body & Mind - Free! Midwest Energy Bldg Meeting Room. Topics rotate each month. For more information call 785-675-3018.  
**Every Tuesday:**  
 12pm Hoxie Rotary Club-upstairs at Oscar's  
**Every Wednesday:**  
 Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478.  
 9am Commissioners' Meeting at the Courthouse. To be placed on the Agenda, call the Clerk's Office 785-675-3361.  
 6pm Connect-UMC  
 7:30pm FOUNDRy-Hoxie UMC (6:30pm-3rd Wednesday)  
**Every Thursday:**  
 1:30pm Bible Study at Ridgewood Manner.  
**2nd Monday - each month:**  
 5pm Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary Meeting-

SCHC Conference Room  
**1st Wednesday - each month:**  
 6pm Grinnell VFW monthly supper at VFW Hall  
**Last Thursday:**  
 7pm Jennings Book Club Meeting-Jennings City Library

**Hoxie**  
**Wednesday, December 18:**  
 12pm-6pm Hoxie Community Blood Drive at 4-H Building.

**Grainfield**  
**Saturday, December 14:**  
 7pm Hays Community Theater Group presents "Fruitcakes" at the Grainfield Opera House. "It's a moving story of alienation, understanding, and reconciliation, providing the audience with a heaping helping of holiday warmth and Christmas cheer."

### Thank You!

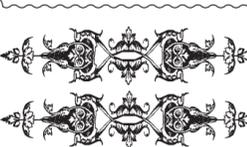
We would like to extend our thanks to those people who went above and beyond the call to treat my wife Susan, EMS, Deputy Babcock, doctors, nurses, and everyone that attended.

Also, our thanks go out to Colby Hospital, Hays Medical Center, Sheridan County Health Complex, and Colby Clinic for the excellent care Susan received while at these facilities.

The family of Susan Milton ~  
 Roger, Sam, Owen & Riley

### Thank You

A special THANK YOU for the \$500 Chamber Scrip I won at the Winterfest. My family looks forward to coming home this time of year and participating in all the Christmas activities.  
 Thank you, again!  
 Jessica Alles



### Thank You

THANK YOU to the Hoxie Area Chamber of Commerce for the \$500 Chamber Scrip I won at the Winterfest.  
 What a wonderful community!  
 Kim Bruggeman

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## Sheridan County Commissioners' Meeting Agenda

Weekly Agenda is posted Monday afternoon to the Sheridan County Clerk's Office Facebook page and the Sheridan County website.  
 (http://www.kansas.gov/sheridan/).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019**

Sheridan County Courthouse  
 Agenda Subject to Change ~ Public Invited

**9am** Jerol DeBoer w/ Penco Engineering  
**9:30am** Ross Carder, Road & Bridge Dept.  
**10am** Jim Lohmeyer, BCBS  
**10:30am** Don Koerperich  
**10:45am** Sheriff Brandon Carver  
**11:15am** Old Business



### Meetings

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
 Please arrive early for a prompt start at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4 ~ 7 p.m., location TBD  
 Tuesday, April 7 ~ 7 p.m., location TBD

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### Daily Menu

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 Full Breakfast Menu Every Morning  
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Sunday Noon: 6-Meat Buffet  
 w/ Sides & Dessert

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*celebrate*  
 the season!

December 18  
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# Community News



## Mealsite Menu

December 16 ~ December 20

**Monday:** Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Asparagus, Bread, Peaches

**Tuesday:** Chicken Dressing Casserole, Corn, Sweet Potato Casserole, Roll, Cranberry Fluff

**Wednesday:** Hamburger Patty w/lettuce, onion, tomato, Potato Salad, Bun, Mandarin Oranges

**Thursday:** Pork Cutlet, Hashbrown Casserole, Catalina Blend Vegetables, Bread, Pineapple-Upside Down Cake

**Friday:** Tuna Salad, Tomato Soup, Tropical Fruit, Crackers, Pudding

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday - Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.50 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.50 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

## News from the Outside



with John Liestor

Firearms deer season is upon us, and as is normal, so far I have not done well. I didn't get out opening day or the next but was hoping to get after the does

Friday afternoon. The plan was to clock out, change clothes and go hunt, but halfway to work I realized that I had left my boots at home. The area I was going to hunt is north of Oberlin. So, I would have had to drive all the way back to Hoxie, get my boots, and drive all the way back, so about half way home I thought, "No, I'll just stay home and find out the issues with my car." Found out that's an issue I can fix easily myself!

Saturday, we left home well before daylight to deer hunt. We saw one doe right off but chose not to shoot it. That proved to be a bad idea because we didn't see another deer until right before sundown. Did we see deer? Oh yes, probably forty to fifty. All wandering around in sunflowers so thick we couldn't get a clear shot, and of course, since we had filled our buck tags during muzzle loader season, we saw bucks. Including one giant! I've taken some big deer, but this guy was a toad! Compared to the rest of the herd, he dwarfed them all! So, as normal, another hunt goes south. But we had a blast! And we saw snow geese overhead all day! They seemed to be flying around for the sheer fun of it because they fly a couple of miles one way, come back, go a couple the other way, fly around the lake a bit, and do it all over again. I will sure be glad when the cold weather gets here and stays! I haven't shot a goose since November 6.

Most area lakes are still

open. We saw boats yesterday (Saturday) and today (Sunday) with folks fishing. What gets me is their blatant disregard for the refuge boundary buoys, and of course, where is KDWPT when this is happening? I have no idea.

Ah, the impeachment sham. I wonder how many Democrats are just so proud of their elected officials knowing they have wasted three years and millions of dollars on a temper tantrum. Your congressmen have done absolutely nothing worthwhile, other than waste enormous amounts of time and money on this charade. Do you honestly think Trump has done anything impeachable? I'd sure like to hear what it is. Hurting your feelings by winning is no reason to make up lies and try to ram through phony accusations.

What I want to see is the real criminals held accountable. Hillary, Schiff, the Biden boys, just to name a few. Joe Biden actually bragged on a live camera about forcing a foreign country to fire a prosecutor that was investigating his son. Also, ever notice that whenever the Clintons start to draw heat, the witnesses die? Hmm, funny stuff there.

For those of you that think socialism is a good thing, do you not pay attention? Or do you honestly think that you're so much better than the rest of us, you won't be affected by it? I actually had a liberal try to tell me that it was fine for them to own firearms, but not

us conservatives because we just can't be trusted to make rash decisions. The biggest lie EVER told is, "Hi, I'm from the government, and I'm here to help you." Liberal socialism isn't about helping you, it's about power and controlling every aspect of your life. I, for one, will fight to the end to stop it. Will you?

This last week has been especially entertaining. Did you ever notice that when the Democrats game is unraveling on them, another shooting or similar crisis comes along? Just enough to distract us from their dirty dealings. It never ceases to amaze me. I also saw where, right now in the U.S., there are over 40 million firearms in private ownership, and Democrats think they can actually confiscate them? Delusional comes to mind, right alongside certifiably insane.

Schiff is still claiming Trump has broken laws and broken the Constitution, even though he can't provide real evidence. They don't have one shred of real proof, but by golly that sure doesn't get in the way of shit sham. Honestly, they're scared. Trump said he'd drain the swamp. They're scared their illegal deeds will be exposed and they will go to prison. So, what do they do? Get rid of the prosecutor. Hey, kit worked for Bidens' kid didn't it?

Well, enough for this week. Stay tuned for more adventures in hunting, fishing, and ranting about crooked politicians. Until next time my friends, be safe.

## Area Churches

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Hoxie

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Hoxie Baptist Church  
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Hoxie

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Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ  
1541 Oak  
Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church  
1325 15<sup>th</sup> St  
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Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship  
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Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
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Hoxie

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## Preacher's Point

By  
Pastor Timothy Johnson



### Wise Guys and A Toddler

As the calendar pages flip through the passing centuries, the misnomers of Christmas have continued to grow.

The misinformation of the first Christmas grew from tradition and experienced a growth spurt during the twentieth century with the increase of media through movies and television.

One error, in particular, is seen in nearly every place that has a manger scene - books, movies, drawings, tv shows, church programs, and decorations in front yards, all portray it wrong.

The wise men never made it to the manger.

Let us recap the story of the wise men.

They come "from the east" (Matthew 2:1). Their original location is not recorded, but the Bible often uses the Euphrates River as the division between east and west. Therefore, many believe the origin of the wise men is no closer than western Iraq and could be as far away as the orient. Regardless, wherever they came from, they probably traveled for weeks, if not months.

The wise men tell King Herod that they "have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2). At this point, it does not say they have followed the star, only that they have seen it. They understand that He is the "King of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2), so it would only be natural to go to the capital of the Jews - Jerusalem.

King Herod inquires of the priests and scribes where the Christ was to be born. Bethlehem is the answer he receives (Matthew 2:4-6; Micah 5:2). Herod then sends the wise men

to Bethlehem (Matthew 2:8).

The wise men leave King Herod, but on their way to Bethlehem, something happens; the star appears once again, and now is when the wise men follow the star. Matthew 2:9, "When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

Matthew 2:11 tells us the wise men went into a house to see the child, not a manger, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."

Here is where Biblical wording becomes essential. The Bible refers to infants as babes, usually from birth until they begin to walk or toddlerhood. A child or children in the Bible is from walking age to puberty; therefore, a "young child" would be someone of toddler age.

In the story of the manger (Luke 2:1-20), the Scriptures use the word "babe." However, in Matthew 2:9-21, the story of the wise men, the term "young child" is used every time, six times in total. The Greek word translated "young child" in Matthew is paidion; the Greek word used in Luke 2 is brephos; translated "babe." The Bible is making a differentiation between the Babe in the manger and the toddler in the house.

So, what is the timing of the star?

In an attempt to thwart a future uprising by the Jews, Herod uses the timing of the star provided to him by the wise men to determine the age of the children he should kill to get rid of the King of the Jews. Matthew 2:16, "Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men."

The star probably appeared when Christ was born. The wise

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## NOTICE -Taxpayers- DECEMBER 20, 2019 is the Deadline for the First Half 2019 Taxes

Reminder - Please bring your copy of receipt off your statement

The first half of the 2019 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before December 20th, 2019 your taxes will draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968. All delinquent real estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302 and 79-2304. All delinquent personal property taxes will be published by name, last known address and tax amount as per K.S.A. 19-547

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# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

**From The Hoxie Times -  
Published on Saturdays  
April 30, 1892**

Fred Fay was limping and using a cane on Friday.

The first quarterly meeting for this conference year will be held today and tomorrow. The new presiding elder will preach on both days.

C. W. Ellithorpe, the jeweler, and he is the only one in our city, wishes *The Times* to tell the public that he is still at Weida's drug store and doing lots of work, but could do more; so bring it in.

Quisenberry informed us that the duties of his office was taking up all the time he had to spare, and could not write up what he wanted in this mammoth sheet, but that we should tell the people that his furniture store contained everything that could be found in one of the same kind in a larger city, and was selling his goods down to bed rock prices. Try him and see.

The trial of the State of Kansas vs. P. I. Jones was decided in favor of Jones. The trial was held before his honor, M. E. Thorpe chief justice of the justice of the peace bench. The attorneys in the case were his eminence John Hedge, States attorney for Sheridan county, M. A. Chambers Esq., ring master of the republicans in this county assisting him. The defense was conducted by A. D. Urquhart and roarer Patterson. It was a honey of a trial all the way through Pat., lost his temper and roared so that some of our timid citizens thought another hurricane was coming. It seems that the old factional fight in Sheridan township with Vandiver at its head has again broken loose and both parties are to blame and no case can be made and instead of Jones, the county pays the freight.

**125 Years Ago  
December 13, 1894**

Uly Massingall is again laid up with the rheumatism.

Two Ellis county men were recently arrested for stealing a school house.

Those that we heard say anything about the dance at Foster Brother's ranch last Friday night report a tip top time.

Geo. C. Evans spent several days in the city last week.

Solomon township was well represented in Hoxie Saturday.

A young lady over at Gove City celebrated her 34<sup>th</sup> birthday by marrying an editor.

Merchant Hoskins says he is doing a good business. Another evidence that advertising pays.

Miss Grace Handback left last week for her home at Wyandotte, after a visit of a month at Dr. Hall's.

Uncle Will Kessler of Spring Brook township was in the city Saturday looking after some business affairs.

Henry Suffecool is still confined to his home as a result of getting out a little too soon after his attack of fever.

The circle rabbit hunt down the river last Thursday resulted in the decapitating of 135 of the long eared inhabitants of the prairie.

A gold pen is a very appropriate Christmas present for either lady or gentleman. The Citizen's Drug Store has a fine line from which to choose.

The editors of the *Palladium* and *Democrat* keep slurring each other and we are afraid that it will be our painful duty to turn a rule if they don't let up.

We understand that Jake Mosier will soon be prepared to go to housekeeping if the neighbors keep giving him furniture. A friend of his living over on the Saline recently presented him with a high chair and a table.

Miss Effie Pope of this county was elected Secretary of the Northwest Kansas Teachers Association at Norton last week. Miss Pope is one of Sheridan county's very best teachers, is highly accomplished and the association could not have made a better choice.

The deeds and blanks are now ready and the city authorities are anxious to get the cemetery lots straightened up.

**Guy Currants**

Me thinks I can almost hear the sound of wedding bells.

Mr. Hansen is putting in a irrigating plant on his farm east of Guy.

E. E. Schropp has gone into the cattle business - he is feeding a steer.

**Soberly**

**Spring Brook Hash**

Joe Patmon is now seen driving in his newly painted wagon.

Mrs. Chas Taylor was visiting at Tom Pratt's last week.

Charley Rowilson began teaching school in district No. 29, last Tuesday.

**Little Snowflake**

**100 Years Ago  
December 11, 1919  
Road Meeting**

There will be a road meeting at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock p.m. Everyone interested in advancing the cause of good roads in Sheridan county is invited to attend.

**Guild Club Holds Meeting**

The Guild Club held its annual meeting for the election of officers November 21, at the home of Mrs. Tom L. Pratt, Jr. At which meeting the following officers were chosen of the ensuing year: Mrs. Margaret Funk, president; Mrs. T. L. Pratt, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Victor Newland, secretary-treasurer.

A sumptuous three-course dinner was served at six o'clock.

The following members were present: Medames Crofoot, Newland, Sloan, Davidson, Steinsouer, Funk, Beers, Pratt and Misses Moore and Crum.

**Local News**

Hoxie has but one freight train a day now owing to the fuel shortage.

John W. Schlicher loaded a car of stock for Kansas City market Sunday afternoon.

James Donovan helped out on the *Colby Free Press* during the illness of the *Free Press* foreman last week.

Our teachers who live away from Hoxie have gone home to spend the enforced vacation made necessary by the fuel situation.

The Hillman Company had to cancel their show dates here owing to the fuel shortage. The Hillmans have been making Hoxie for a number of years and always do a nice business here.

Rev. Sherman, of Topeka, who travels throughout Kansas in the interest of the Friendless Children's Home, an institution located at Topeka, made his regular semi-annual visit to Hoxie this week.

E. A. Monteith added a late model Underwood typewriter to his office equipment last week. Mr. Monteith has had an extraordinary run of abstract business this season and his old machine became inadequate.

Miss Margaret Logan, formerly of Selden, but now of Colby, was married to Mr. Frank Dean, of Gem, on November 24. Miss Logan is a graduate of the Thomas County High School and for several years was assistant postmistress at Colby. Her many Sheridan county friends offer her and her chosen companion hearty congratulations.

C. L. Calhoon is kept busy installing oil burners in stoves nowadays. *The Sentinel* office had to have one installed and so far it is doing nicely and looks like it is a good thing, and will tide the people over the coal shortage period if the oil supply doesn't run out.

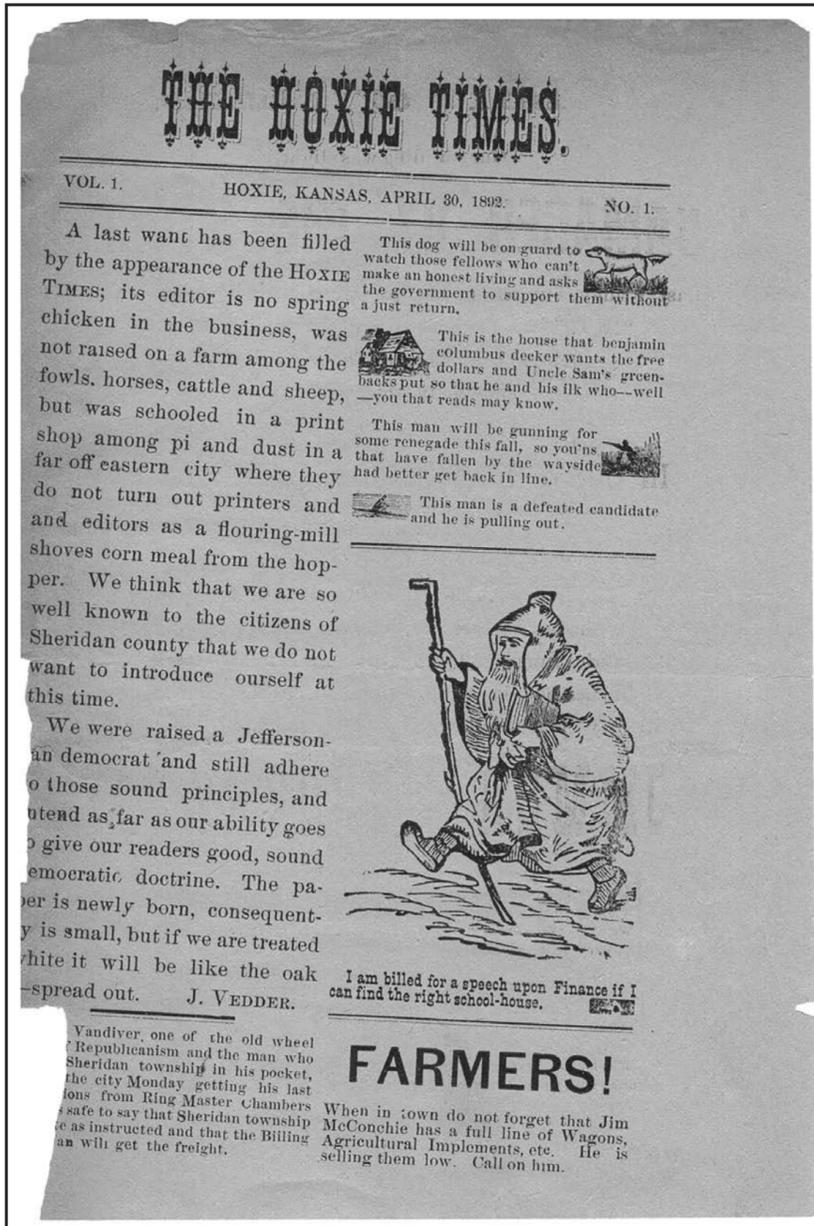
Jake Weist for many years a resident of the Selden country during the early days, but who has resided in Colorado for a number of years, spent the greater part of last week in Hoxie, the guest of his old-time friends, M. D. Gallogly and wife, and other acquaintances.

**Saline Pick-ups**

By X. Y. Z.  
The Alton threshing crew have disbanded until spring.

We are certainly having some winter for the time of year which is hard on the scant coal bin.

We are glad to report that Mr. Borger, who is in the hospital at Hays is improving. But sorry to



The Hoxie Times was published on Saturdays, beginning on April 30, 1892. We have three issues of the original *The Hoxie Times*. We believe there were only three issue published. (Kenoxie Archives and Museum photo)

hear Mrs. Borger, who is with him, not so well, she having been confined to her bed for several days last week.

**75 Years Ago  
December 7, 1944  
Garden Club**

The December meeting of the Hoxie Garden Club was postponed until next week - Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. with Mrs. Grover Walker. Program suitable to the season. Bring your fancy work, if you wish.

Remember the date, Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Free Show Saturday**

There will be a free show Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Pix Theatre. Time, one o'clock and three o'clock.

Children will be box seat holders. Any seats not occupied by Grade School and High School children will be available to adults.

The show is with the compliments of the Hoxie Chamber of Commerce.

**Local Happenings**

Cpl. Louis Thomas arrived home Wednesday, November 29, from New Guinea, feeling fairly well but is tired and everything. He reports back to a camp in California December 28<sup>th</sup>. He says it seems strange not to get up and go to a fox-hole two or three times every night.

Miss Kathryn Burkepile has been initiated into DIE DEUTSCHEN. This is an organization for students interested in a study of the German language, customs and literature.

Mrs. Nannie Adams returned Monday morning. She had attended the Kansas Council of County Officials at Topeka and then visited a sister and brother in Kansas City, Missouri. She also visited the Arlie Coffman's at Fort Madison, Iowa and spent two days with the Vic Mutert's at Washington, Missouri.

**Studley Items**

The Hoxie Cultus Club met with Mrs. Norman Twell at her

home west of Studley Saturday. The G and G Club from Studley were invited guests.

Earl Stout was in Hill City part of last week, helping overhaul his tractor.

James Foster was in Studley Saturday.

**Leoville News**

Mrs. Joe Moeder and children of Wichita came Thursday for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Anna Berls.

Ten ladies surprised Mrs. John Zodrow Thursday afternoon, it being her birthday. Each presented her with a hankie. They spent the afternoon at cards. They enjoyed a cooperative lunch at the close of their entertainment. A birthday cake was baked by Mrs. Gene Fortin.

Elaine Kruse spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mary Cathleen Karls in Dresden.

**Society News**

Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Dawes and Marylan spent Saturday with Mrs. Houseworth.

Mr. and Mrs. David Paintin were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Tom Thompson and Mrs. Marion Deibert.

The Rebekahs and Oddfellows had an enjoyable Thanksgiving party November 30<sup>th</sup>. The entrance fee was a gift of food for the Oddfellows Home. Action games and paner games kept all happily busy until refreshments late in the evening. The Rebekahs will have a Christmas party the night of December thirteenth. This is also their next regular meeting.

The Harmony Club met November 29<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Laura Morgan. After a fine dinner together the ladies tied a comfort for the hostess and did some embroidery work. The next meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Carrie Barr. This will be a Christmas Party.

**50 Years Ago  
December 11, 1969**

**Hit in Eye with BB**  
Selden - Fredrick Mumm, 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs.

Fritz Mumm was accidentally hit in the eye Saturday, Nov. 29 with a BB from an air rifle. He was rushed to the hospital in Hays where in surgery it was necessary to remove the eye.

**Thimble Circle Club**

Thimble Circle Club met with Doris Trueblood Dec. 4 with all members present. We did embroidery work for the hostess. Helen Hedge received the hostess gift. After a short business meeting we adjourned to meet with Ethel Karnes on Dec. 18 for our Christmas meeting.

**Items from our members:**

Carol Treu was a Wednesday supper guest of Sheryl Hedge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Liester and Dan, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Liester Jr. and family and Bill Nondorf were Sunday dinner guests of the Willard Treus.

Mamie Hedge, Merle and Clarence had Thanksgiving dinner at David Schlingloffs at Hill City. Mildred Watkins was also there.

**Studley Items**

Mrs. Arvilla Bell and Mrs. Rachel Stout of the Studley Methodist church attended the Grief Workshop at the Morland Methodist church Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dr. Patti of Hays Hadley Hospital as in charge of the workshop.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bretz Jr. were hosts to a Thanksgiving dinner for the Mr. and Mrs. Pete Eitel and Mr. and Mrs. Estel Van Pelt and family of Dighton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bretz Sr. and Anna Laura of Hoxie, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Van Pelt, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bretz of Hays and Jan Bretz of Colby.

Kevin Bainter was sick and under the doctor's care last week.

**McGraw News**

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh helped Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaspar paper their house Friday. The Launchbaughs visited Mrs. Mabel Bainter Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter

and Mrs. Mabel Bainter called at the Dwane Tice home in Hoxie Tuesday. Mabel Bainter was a Tuesday overnight and Wednesday guest of the Roy Bainters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Tice of Oberlin spent from Sunday night until Tuesday with Mrs. Helen Tice.

**Tasco Notes**

Tasco Community Club met with Ina Hill on Dec. 5. Thirteen members were present to enjoy the delicious dinner at noon, and quilting was done. Bernice received a gift from her peanut sister. Ida Schropp won the hostess gift. Our Christmas meeting will be with Joan Taylor on Dec. 12. There will be a Christmas gift exchange and there will be election of officers. The dinner will be potluck.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

Gifts for all members of the family - even a good practical one like a fish pole or reel and other sports supplies.

A soldier in a carrier pigeon outfit was singing one day as he was cleaning out the cages. A passing officer commented, "Don't tell me you enjoy doing that?"

"Sir," replied the GI, "before I transferred here, I was in the cavalry."

Electric blankets, heating pads, vibrators and massagers, denture cleaners, humidifiers, and other items.

**Seguin Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rietcheck and Joe Bange attended the Co-op convention in Kansas City last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Wiley of Colby were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Geerdes.

St. Ann's Sodality - Fourteen members attended St. Ann's Sodality meeting on Dec. 8 in Seguin Church hall. Mrs. John Geerdes won the door prize. Hostesses were Mrs. Joe Mannebach, Mrs. Al Meier and Mrs. Clarence Wegman.

**25 Years Ago  
December 8, 1994**

**Hospital Auxiliary Holds Meeting**

The Sheridan County Hospital Auxiliary met at 2 p.m. on Nov. 28, 1994. The annual Pheasant Hunters Dinner and the Co-op auction netted them about \$1500, thanks to all who participated.

Our project for '94 and '95 will be to purchase an aviary for the LTC. We watched a video on the aviary and had some discussion about birds, etc. There are 85 nursing home and hospitals in Kansas that already have an aviary.

No meeting in December. The next meeting will be Jan. 23, 1995 at 2 p.m. in the Hospital family room. Guests are welcome.

**Boys Ranked Second in Tourney**

First round of action for the Hoxie Indians in the Quinter tournament was Tuesday, Dec. 6 against Ransom at 5:15 p.m.

The Indians were surprised by the Quinter Bulldogs Friday, Dec. 2, as they came up short 48-84.

**Plainville Wins Hoxie Invitational**

The HHS wrestlers got out to a bit of a rocky start last Saturday at a very tough Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Plainville ended up edging out Scott City for the team championship with 125 points. Scott City was right behind with 121.5 points. Dodge City finished third with 114 team points.

Hoxie had four wrestlers in the finals, and one in the consolation finals. In the consolations at 171, Jade Meyer lost to Amos Alstrom of Oberlin by the score of 9-5. In the finals, Kyle Jones, wrestling at 106, lost by a fall in the second period to Daniel Reling of Russell. Jayson Woofert won Hoxie's first championship of the year after pinning Jesse Zerr of Oakley in the 119 lb. weight class. Next, Peter Koster won a close decision at the 126 lb. wight class by defeating Derek Stanley of Oberlin by the score of 8-7. Finally, Eric Meier lost by fall to Matt Ramsey of Scott City at 160.

# NWKS News & SCHC

## Governor Kelly Sends Invite to Import 'Refugees' to Kansas

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 GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

November 27, 2019

President Donald J. Trump  
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

This letter is in reference to Executive Order 13888, "On Enhancing State and Local Involvement in Resettlement."

Kansas has a long and proud history of welcoming the world's refugees to our state. Refugees are not simply looking for a better home, they are fleeing some of the most horrific violence, war, famine, religious and cultural persecution of our time. Our country and our state can provide the security they need for a safer place to call home. The citizens of Kansas have shown time and again a strong commitment to welcoming refugees into communities statewide.

Refugees come to our country and state looking for a better place to live. Our country and our state benefit as they also make positive contributions in significant ways. They contribute to our economy, workforce and the cultural fabric of our state and nation.

As Governor of Kansas, I not only consent to the initial refugee resettlement in Kansas as per the terms of the Executive Order, I also welcome them into our state. Additionally, to alleviate the need for subsequent consent to be given, this consent is given until revoked.

We are committed to working with your administration to ensure that refugees are properly vetted and arrive here in a legal, orderly manner. Kansas are among the most welcoming, kindhearted people in the nation. They will continue to embrace these peaceful refugees into their communities.

Sincerely,



Laura Kelly  
 Governor of Kansas

cc: Secretary Michael R. Pompeo

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Carol T. O'Connell  
 Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration  
 U.S. Department of State

This is a disaster in the making, and the only way to stop it is to send the governor a clear message from the people. On her website (<https://governor.kansas.gov/>) there is no email address to contact via email (the link sends you right back to the top of the page). So, the next best thing is to call her office at 785-296-3232, or snail mail your opinion letter to:

Office of the Governor  
 Capitol, 300 SW 10th Ave. Ste. 241S, Topeka, KS 66612-1590.

I've seen first-hand what this sort of open-arms policy will do

to a city, county, and state...and it is in no way good!

Another avenue in conjunction with contacting the governor's office is to contact our representatives in Topeka. Their contact information is:

Sen. Rick Billinger - [rick.billinger@sentate.ks.gov](mailto:rick.billinger@sentate.ks.gov)

Rep. Adam Smith - [adam.smith@house.ks.gov](mailto:adam.smith@house.ks.gov)

Rep. Don Hineman - [don.hineman@house.ks.gov](mailto:don.hineman@house.ks.gov)

If these 'refugees' want to BE Americans, great! But, if they're here for the welfare - NO!

## DOT Wants Input on Rural Needs

Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success: Request for Information

On October 28, 2019, the Secretary of Transportation issued an order launching the Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES) initiative. ROUTES will help the Department of Transportation (DOT)

address disparities in rural transportation infrastructure to tangibly improve safety and economic competitiveness in all parts of the country. This notice requests comments on unmet transportation infrastructure needs in rural transportation, barriers that rural communities face in addressing these needs, stakeholders' experiences with applying to and using DOT discretionary grant and credit programs, and opportunities for DOT to improve its services and technical assistance to rural communities in relation to these grant and credit programs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before 30 days from posting of this notice.

DOT will consider comments filed after this date to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number above and be submitted by one of the following methods:

This document is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on 11/27/2019 and available online at <https://federalregister.gov/d/2019-25785>, and on govinfo.gov

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Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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FURTHER INFORMATION: Visit <http://www.transportation.gov/rural>, or contact Robert Hyman at [rural@dot.gov](mailto:rural@dot.gov) or 202-366-5843.

## Kansans Continue to Benefit as U.S. Economy Roars Forward

Unemployment rate falls to 50-year low as nation hits 110 consecutive months of positive job growth

The United States economy added 266,000 jobs in November greatly surpassing economists' predictions of only a 187,000 positive monthly job gain. The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) also indicated the national unemployment rate fell to a half-century low of 3.5%.

"This is a clear sign that the United States is powering through a global shutdown. America's 31 million small businesses are expanding, raising wages and hiring more. More than 7 million jobs have been created under President Donald Trump and almost 160 million people are working - the highest amount in our nation's history," said SBA Regional Administrator Tom Salisbury who oversees the operations of the U.S. Small Business Administration throughout its Great Plains Region of Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa.

BLS revisions also added a net total gain of 41,000 jobs for September and October, bringing the three-month average positive job growth gain statistic to 205,000, a ten-year high. Further, the average monthly job growth figure for 2019 jobs is a net positive of 180,000 according to the BLS. Since 2017, 2.1 million prime-age workers have joined the labor force.

## Congress, Put Politics Aside and Pass USMCA

By Gary Locke and Erik Paulsen

While Washington is often dominated with partisan gridlock, Congress can put politics aside and improve the everyday lives of Americans by passing a new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), a trade deal that would replace the outdated North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

NAFTA needed to be modernized and the USMCA is a 21st-century upgrade that benefits all Americans. It includes pro-growth reforms that sustain businesses while bolstering labor and environmental protections. We know our former colleagues and friends on both sides of the aisle value American workers over partisan politics. They can prove us right by passing USMCA quickly.

Consider how USMCA boosts America's farmers. The pact requires Canada to raise import quotas for a variety of U.S. agricultural products, including dairy, poultry, eggs, and sugar. That'll generate new sales opportunities for farmers and create jobs across the nation.

USMCA also sustains America's 30 million small businesses, which form the backbone of the economy and employ 60 million people. If enacted, USMCA will be the first-ever trade pact to include an entire small business chapter. It establishes special legal protections for small firms and removes outdated red tape that governs cross-border sales. Small businesses need USMCA's safeguards to gain new footholds in international markets.

USMCA would help America's creative industries and stop other countries from stealing our intellectual property and trade secrets. The pact extends copyright terms in Canada, which will ensure American authors and artists generate more revenues from their intellectual property. Similarly, the deal strengthens Mexican and Canadian

protections for biologic drugs -- a cutting-edge class of medicines used in the fight against cancer and other serious conditions. These IP protections will benefit American innovators and spur additional research investments, which create jobs.

USMCA also dedicates an entire fully enforceable chapter to the environment. That's a big improvement over NAFTA, which only dealt with environmental protections in a side agreement.

The new pact includes robust labor provisions that will protect American jobs, especially in the auto manufacturing industry. The deal requires that manufacturers make 75 percent of auto parts in North America to escape tariffs. And at least 40 percent of all those parts must be made by workers earning at least \$16 per hour.

These provisions will keep factories in the United States and provide better job security for America's nearly 10 million auto workers. Companies will no longer have a reason to outsource jobs to countries with cheap labor like Mexico or China.

Labor standards also get a facelift under USMCA. The deal bans all forms of compulsory labor and promotes equality in the workplace, neither of which were completely guaranteed in NAFTA. And it explicitly shields migrant workers from exploitation under Mexican, Canadian, and U.S. labor laws.

In other words, there's no reason for Democrats or Republicans to delay any longer. It's time for Congress to come together and pass USMCA as quickly as possible.

Gary Locke, a Democrat, served as governor of Washington, the U.S. ambassador to China, and as secretary of commerce. Erik Paulsen, a Republican, represented Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2009 to 2019. Both currently serve as honorary co-chairmen of the Pass USMCA Coalition. This op-ed first appeared in Fox News Opinion on [www.FoxNews.com](http://www.FoxNews.com).

December marks two years

since President Trump signed the landmark Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) into law, putting the focus back on the economy and its job creators - small businesses. As a result, unemployment has reached historic low levels and unemployment in minority communities such as African Americans, Hispanic Americans and Asian Americans have reached their lowest levels ever.

Small businesses are responding to the TCJA's economic incentives and increased options for health coverage, international trade, and training program expansions by entering new global markets, raising wages, and hiring more employees.

All this has resulted in positive news for small business owners and entrepreneurs served by the Wichita and Kansas City SBA District SBA Offices, which can be reached at [www.sba.gov/ks](http://www.sba.gov/ks) and [www.sba.gov/mo](http://www.sba.gov/mo).



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- FQHC Clinic**
  - Full-Time Medical Assistant or LPN
  - Full-Time Provider Scribe
  - PRN, MA, or LPN

## HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24th Closing at 12:00pm  
 December 25th Closed all Day  
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Sheridan County Health Complex and Hoxie Medical Clinic would like to wish all our patients, residents, community and staff a safe and happy holiday this year. We appreciate each and every one of you. Sending peace and joy to all this holiday season!

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# Area Schools



## HHS WRESTLERS PLACE 2ND AT HOXIE INVITATIONAL

By Peggy Eland

Hoxie High School hosted the Hoxie Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, December 7. Hoxie placed second as a team behind Colby. Four wrestlers placed first: junior, Aidan Baalman 152; freshman, Derek Johnson 132; sophomore, Drew Bell 126; and freshman, Dayton Bell 113. Two wrestlers placed second: sophomore, Brandon Baker 285, and freshman, Drew Bretz 120. Senior, Andrew Foote 160 and freshman, Tate Weimer 106 placed third, and freshman

Ryan Shaw 138 and freshman Wayne Shepard 113 placed fourth.

Team placings are Colby first 187, Hoxie second 152.5, Plainville third 115, Oberlin fourth 89, Hugoton fifth 84, Oakley sixth 77, Cimarron seventh 61.5, and Lakin eighth 36.

This year there was an addition of a girls' division in the tournament format. Hoxie has two female wrestlers, sophomore Marissa Porsch and senior Ashlyn Kaus who both placed first.



Marissa Porsch begins her match at Saturday's Hoxie Invitational. Marissa took first place. (HHS Wrestling photo.)

### Results for Hoxie at the Hoxie Invitational 2019:

**106: Tate Weimer (Hoxie)**  
3rd Tate Weimer (Hoxie) over Aaron Garcia (Cimarron) (Fall 2:58)

Cohen Kaiser (Plainville) over Tate Weimer (Hoxie) (Fall 3:29)

Josh Junemann (Oberlin-Decatur Community) over Tate Weimer (Hoxie) (Fall 1:28)

Tate Weimer (Hoxie) over Imiric Duncan (Cimarron) (Dec 6-2)

Round 1: Tate Weimer (Hoxie) over Aaron Garcia (Cimarron) (Fall 2:59)

Round 2: Cohen Kaiser (Plainville) over Tate Weimer (Hoxie) (Fall 3:26)

Round 3: Josh Junemann (Oberlin-Decatur Community) over Tate Weimer (Hoxie) (Fall 1:29)

Round 5: Tate Weimer (Hoxie) over Imiric Duncan (Cimarron) (Dec 6-2)

### 113: Dayton Bell (Hoxie)

1st Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) (Fall 1:20)

Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Luis Guzman (Hugoton) (Fall 0:43)

Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Aiden Cook (Colby) (Fall 3:34)

Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Logan Normandin (Plainville) (SV-1 15-13)

Round 1: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) (Fall 1:08)

Round 2: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Luis Guzman (Hugoton) (Fall 0:43)

Round 3: Dayton Bell (Hoxie)

over Aiden Cook (Colby) (Fall 3:34)

Round 5: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Logan Normandin (Plainville) (SV-1 15-13)

### 113: Wayne Shepard (Hoxie)

4th Aiden Cook (Colby) over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) (Fall 0:52)

Logan Normandin (Plainville) over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) (MD 13-2)

Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) over Luis Guzman (Hugoton) (Fall 0:49)

Round 1: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) (Fall 1:08)

Round 2: Aiden Cook (Colby) over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) (Fall 0:52)

Round 3: Logan Normandin (Plainville) over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) (MD 13-2)

Round 4: Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) over Luis Guzman (Hugoton) (Fall 0:49)

### 120: Drew Bretz (Hoxie)

2nd Drew Bretz (Hoxie) over Luis Cruz (Hugoton) (Fall 0:21)

Drew Bretz (Hoxie) over Zackary Zambrano (Hugoton) (Fall 1:11)

Drew Bretz (Hoxie) over Houston Hayes (Lakin) (Fall 1:26)

Tyler Voss (Colby) over Drew Bretz (Hoxie) (Dec 3-1)

Round 1: Drew Bretz (Hoxie) over Luis Cruz (Hugoton) (Fall 0:21)

Round 2: Drew Bretz (Hoxie) over Zackary Zambrano (Hugoton) (Fall 1:12)

Round 4: Drew Bretz (Hoxie)

over Houston Hayes (Lakin) (Fall 1:27)

Round 5: Tyler Voss (Colby) over Drew Bretz (Hoxie) (Dec 3-1)

### 126: Drew Bell (Hoxie)

1st Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Gage Millershaski (Cimarron) (Fall 0:16)

Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Trey Stramel (Colby) (Fall 1:48)

Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Bly Gosch (Lakin) (Fall 0:24)

Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Breckin Savage (Oberlin-Decatur Community) (Fall 0:48)

Round 2: Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Gage Millershaski (Cimarron) (Fall 0:15)

Round 3: Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Trey Stramel (Colby) (Fall 3:49)

Round 4: Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Bly Gosch (Lakin) (Fall 0:25)

Round 5: Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Breckin Savage (Oberlin-Decatur Community) (Fall 0:48)

### 132: Derek Johnson (Hoxie)

1st Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Zach Harmon (Cimarron) (Fall 0:55)

Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Alex Eskew (Oberlin-Decatur Community) (Dec 7-2)

Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Tyler Schoenberger (Oakley) (TF 16-1 5:23)

Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Landon Plummer (Oakley) (Fall 0:45)

Round 2: Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Zach Harmon (Cimarron) (Fall 0:55)

Round 3: Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Alex Eskew (Oberlin-Decatur Community) (Dec 7-2)

Round 4: Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Tyler Schoenberger (Oakley) (TF 16-1 0:00)

Round 5: Derek Johnson (Hoxie) over Landon Plummer (Oakley) (Fall 0:43)

### 138: Macon Sekavec (Hoxie)

DNP Thomas Dennis (Colby) over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) (Fall 2:43)

Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) over Corbin Wessel (Oberlin-Decatur Community) (Fall 0:40)

Thomas Dennis (Colby) over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) (Fall 2:43)

Quarterfinals: Thomas Dennis (Colby) over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) (Fall 2:44)

Cons. Round 1: Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) over Corbin Wessel (Oberlin-Decatur Community) (Fall 0:51)

Cons. Semis: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) (Fall 0:22)

(Hoxie) over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) (Fall 0:22)

**138: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie)**  
4th Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) over Trenton Wray (Plainville) (Fall 2:26)

Adam Mendoza (Hugoton) over Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) (Fall 1:59)

Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) (Fall 0:23)

Colby Johnson (Cimarron) over Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) (TF 16-1 6:00)

Quarterfinals: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) over Trenton Wray (Plainville) (Fall 2:28)

Semifinals: Adam Mendoza (Hugoton) over Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) (Fall 1:59)

Cons. Semis: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) over Macon Sekavec (Hoxie) (Fall 0:22)

3rd Place Match: Colby Johnson (Cimarron) over Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) (TF 16-1 0:00)

**152: Aidan Baalman (Hoxie)**  
1st Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Conner Stahl (Plainville) (Fall 0:25)

Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Daryan Edgington (Lakin) (Fall 1:02)

Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Tristan Ryburn (Oakley) (Fall 1:20)

Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Wyatt Tubbs (Colby) (Fall 2:00)

Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Wyatt Tubbs (Colby) (Fall 2:00)

Round 2: Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Conner Stahl (Plainville) (Fall 0:26)

Round 3: Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Daryan Edgington (Lakin) (Fall 1:03)

Round 4: Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Tristan Ryburn (Oakley) (Fall 1:20)

Round 5: Aidan Baalman (Hoxie) over Wyatt Tubbs (Colby) (Fall 1:58)

**160: Andrew Foote (Hoxie)**  
3rd Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Christian Harmon (Cimarron) (Fall 2:14)

Ben Hansen (Plainville) over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) (Dec 4-1)

Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Kyler Henry (Cimarron) (Fall 3:34)

Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Kade Lovelady (Lakin) (Fall 2:31)

Quarterfinals: Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Christian Harmon (Cimarron) (Fall 2:15)

Semifinals: Ben Hansen (Plainville) over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) (Dec 4-1)

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Derek Johnson works to break down his opponent at Saturday's Hoxie Invitational. Derek took first place. (HHS Wrestling photo.)

## COUNSELOR CORNER

By Chris Lee

The Kansas Masonic Foundation has opened its scholarship program for 2020. The easiest way to find it is to Google Kansas Masonic Scholarship, click that entry to open the page. Once the page opens read the material and find the link to enter about 7/8 of the way down the page. Then create an account, and you can apply.

Here's a quick summary: The Legacy Scholarship is for students who have a connection to Kansas Masons, DeMolay, Rainbow for Girls, or Job's Daughter. The Cynthia Russell Scholarship is for students with a medically proven disability.

General scholarships cover all the state universities, such as FHSU, KSU, KU, etc. There will be 10 awarded to students of each school. There will also be 10 scholarships awarded to students of each technical school (Northwest Tech, North Central Tech, etc.) and 25 awarded to students of any of the 19 community colleges (Colby, Garden City, Barton, etc.).

My Undocumented Life is a website for up to date information and resources for undocumented immigrants. To find scholarship info go to [mydocumentedlife.org](http://mydocumentedlife.org), then hover over "high school students." A link will appear with scholarships.

Emporia State will host auditions for music scholarships on February 12 and March 25. If these dates do not work for you, contact

Dr. Ward at 620-341-5436 or at [rward7@emporia.edu](mailto:rward7@emporia.edu). To make the day even more worthwhile, a complimentary lesson will be provided as part of your audition. ESU will also provide free concert tickets if you are on campus the right time.

Speaking of ESU, it has a different philosophy about admissions/scholarships. Its priority deadline for most scholarships is not until February 1. To apply to ESU go to [emporia.edu](http://emporia.edu), then hover over "Admissions+Costs." Under this tab you can click on "Apply," or "scholarships," or other informative tabs. It is best not to wait until January, however, since a few scholarships like the Rudd are due much sooner.

Another scholarship for incoming males attending Kansas State: Acacia is awarding one leadership scholarship for \$1000 and two for \$500. Find out more at [www.kstateacacia.org](http://www.kstateacacia.org). The priority deadline for applications is December 18.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
Dec. 13: Deadline for Rudd Scholarship (ESU, FHSU, WSU)

Jan. 10: Deadline to apply for February 8 ACT

February 1: Priority deadline for ESU

February 12: Junior Day at Barton CC

February 28: Registration deadline for April 4 ACT

May 8: Registration deadline for June 13 ACT

June 19: Registration deadline for July 18 ACT

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# Area Schools



## HOXIE

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Cons. Semis: Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Kyler Henry (Cimarron) (Fall 2:35)  
3rd Place Match: Andrew Foote (Hoxie) over Kade Lovelady (Lakin) (Fall 2:32)

**170: Ben Aumiller (Hoxie)**  
DNP Carter Coziahr (Hugoton) over Ben Aumiller (Hoxie) (Fall 2:47)  
Kyle Wener (Plainville) over Ben Aumiller (Hoxie) (MD 13-5)  
Champ. Round 1: Carter Coziahr (Hugoton) over Ben Aumiller (Hoxie) (Fall 2:48)  
Cons. Round 1: Kyle Wener (Plainville) over Ben Aumiller (Hoxie) (MD 13-5)

**182: Donovan Balluch (Hoxie)**  
DNP Nick Rehmer (Colby) over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) (Fall 0:38)  
Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) over Jace Bonsall (Hugoton) (Dec 13-9)  
Abraham Garcia (Hugoton) over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) (Fall 1:00)  
Nick Rehmer (Colby) over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) (Fall 0:38)

Quarterfinals: Nick Rehmer (Colby) over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) (Fall 0:38)  
Cons. Round 1: Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) over Jace Bonsall (Hugoton) (Dec 13-9)  
Cons. Semis: Abraham Garcia (Hugoton) over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) (Fall 1:59)

**285: Brandon Baker (Hoxie)**  
2nd Brandon Baker (Hoxie) over Cutter Hawks (Hugoton) (Fall 0:20)  
Gerardo Rubio (Hugoton) over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) (Dec 10-4)  
Brandon Baker (Hoxie) over Dakota Yost (Plainville) (Fall 1:17)  
Brandon Baker (Hoxie) over Hunter Renick (Cimarron) (Fall 0:29)

Declan Ryan (Colby) over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) (Fall 3:11)  
Round 1: Brandon Baker (Hoxie) over Cutter Hawks (Hugoton) (Fall 0:20)  
Round 2: Gerardo Rubio (Hugoton) over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) (Dec 10-4)  
Round 3: Brandon Baker (Hoxie) over Dakota Yost (Plainville) (Fall 1:17)  
Round 4: Brandon Baker (Hoxie) over Hunter Renick (Cimarron) (Fall 0:30)  
Round 5: Declan Ryan (Colby) over Brandon Baker (Hoxie) (Fall 3:11)

**136g: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie)**  
1st Round 1: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) over Suheila Rosas (Hugoton) (Fall 1:37)  
Round 2: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) over Olivia Flores (Hugoton) (Fall 0:49)  
Round 3: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) over Harley Scheck (Oakley) (Fall 1:07)

**143g: Ashlyn Kaus (Hoxie)**  
1st Round 1: Ashlyn Kaus (Hoxie) over Payton Walk (Tribune-Greeley County) (Fall 3:57)  
Round 2: Payton Walk (Tribune-Greeley County) over Ashlyn Kaus (Hoxie) (Fall 3:26)  
Round 3: Ashlyn Kaus (Hoxie) over Payton Walk (Tribune-Greeley County) (Fall 0:29)

## Oh, Christmas Tree!



Kindergartener Dominic Benavidez adds his ornament to the Christmas tree in the lobby of Golden Plains Elementary School in Selden. Each student in the grade school made an ornament to decorate the tree prior to the Christmas concert on December 3. (Photo by Amy Patmon)

## Scholar Bowl Team Competes in Sharon Springs

*By Adrian Grontvedt*  
The Golden Plains Scholar's Bowl team competed in the Wallace County meet in Sharon Springs on Monday, November 25. There were 12 teams competing at the meet. The Bulldogs competed in pool play with wins over Colby and Brewster but lost to Cheylin, Wheatland and Rawlins County. All of the contests were within 10-20 points.

Competing for the Bulldogs were Taryn Fleckenstein, Flint Hodge, Karrington Schaben, Alisha Brantley, and Wyatt McDonald. "We were struggling a bit," said Schaben, "but we will continue to get better."

The next meeting will be at Greeley County in Iribune on December 3.



## Wheatland Scholars Bowl Team Earns a Win



The Wheatland Scholars Bowl team attended the Greeley County Scholars Bowl Meet on Tuesday, December 3. The students who attended were (left to right): Senior Jessica Heier, Junior Jailey Gallentine, Senior Colter Allemang, Senior Harrison Stephens, Senior Ethan Beckman, and Junior Elliot Godek. (WHS photo)

*By Laredo Allemang, Staff Reporter*

The Thunderhawk Scholars Bowl Team earned a win at Greeley County on Tuesday, December 3. They went up against 6 different teams in the pool play; Wichita County, Dighton, Sharon Springs, Deerfield, Goodland, and Greeley County. Wheatland took two losses to Greeley County and Goodland in

pool play but won in the finals giving the Hawks 1st place overall.

Senior Ethan Beckman answered a majority of the questions with a total number of 17 questions answered correctly. Junior Elliot Godek said, "The team turned around from getting fourth from our last meet to getting first this week."

## Student Interaction

*By Morgan Zimmerman, Co-Editor*

On Tuesday, December 3, the WHS National Honor Society went to Wheatland Elementary and did a T-Hawk Talk. This event happens the first Tuesday of every month, with different activities planned.

The elementary students got the privilege of coloring and filling out a Seatbelts Are For Everyone booklet. The book contains coloring pages, reading, and other activities for the kids to complete. The high school students helped the elementary students fill out the book and explain what it means to be safe and how to promote traffic safety.

Senior Jett Schmidtberger said, "I love going down there and being with the little kids. I think it makes them enjoy their morning when they get to hang out with the high schoolers."

## EMT's Donate Slip Mat



Linda Romo-Cruz and Katina Knowles, EMT's for Thomas County EMS in Rexford present to Activity Director Travis Smith a slip mat from the Rexford EMT's, for use during the season, at the first basketball game of the season on December 6. They encourage safe play by all the teams. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

## MS Boys Play First Games of Season

*By Ethan Weiner*  
On November 21, the Golden Plains Middle School boys' basketball team traveled to Damar to play Logan/Palco. Both the B and A teams lost. The B-team started off slow. They put up 2 points in the first quarter on a lone basket by Dominic Stout, while allowing the Trojan/Roosters to score 4 points in the first quarter. The Bulldogs matched their point total in the second quarter while allowing the Trojan/Roosters to score 6, making the score 4-10, Trojan/Roosters, at the half.

The Bulldogs came out of halftime feisty putting up 7 points but allowed

Logan/Palco to score 6 more making the score 11-16, Trojan/Roosters. The fourth quarter was a slow one for the Bulldogs not putting up any points but allowing 5 more. The game ended with the Bulldogs falling to the Trojan/Roosters, 11-21.

Leading the scoring for the Bulldogs was Ezekiel Weiner with 4. Other scores were Michael Moore with 3, Stout and Keyth Masoner each with 2. "Overall I think the team played well," said Weiner. "We need to work on not fouling."

The A team fell behind quick in the first quarter. With a lone bucket from Tayten Barnett the Bulldogs scored 2, while allowing the Trojan/Roosters to score 15. The Bulldogs came out of the first

quarter a little bit stronger. They were able to put up 6 points with 5 of them coming from Josh Rath. The Bulldogs played some solid defense holding the Trojan/Roosters to 10. The score at the half was 8-25, Trojan/Roosters.

In the third quarter the Bulldogs failed to put up many points. Rath hit a 3, while the Bulldog defense allowed 17. This made the score 11-42, Trojan/Roosters. The Bulldogs were able to score 4 more points in the fourth quarter, while only allowing 1 point. The game ended with a final score of 15-43, Logan/Palco.

Scoring for the Bulldogs included: Rath with 10, Owen Patmon and Barnett with 2 apiece, and Jerrit Koerperich with 1. "We never quit even when we were down by so much," said Rath. "We also need to work on fouling less."

Next up for the Bulldogs is Triplains/Brewster on December 10 in Rexford.

## WHS Test Their Skills

*By Saige Meier, Staff Reporter*

On December 4, Wheatland High School participated in the Western Kansas Liberty League Testing. The students involved in league testing were Seniors: Ethan Beckman, Jessica Heier, Jordyn Vincent, and Morgan Zimmerman. Juniors: Jailey Gallentine, Elliot Godek, Kirsten Schroeder, and Trevor Zarybnicky. Sophomores: Anna Godek, Ryan Heier, Isabella Ostmeier, and Livia Schultz. Freshmen: Kerri Heier, Mary McDonald, Emma Thompson, and Jett Vincent.

Sophomore Livia Schultz said, "It is always good to see our school competing alongside other schools with academics even though the tests are long and timely."

WKLL testing helps challenge the top four students of each class through all the league schools.

"The WKLL testing is hard but challenging for others that are gifted. I am glad I got to take this opportunity. The test is like the ACT, but a little different as there being 5 tests instead of 4. I am glad we get to go against other people in our league, not only in athletics but academically" said Junior Kirsten Schroeder.



## Pie as the Main Course



Junior Elliot Godek was the second place winner of the WHS pie eating contest on Monday, November 25. (WHS photo)

*By Eidree Chapin, Co-Editor*

What is the most famous Thanksgiving pie? Pumpkin pie, of course! On Monday, November 25, the WHS student council put on a pumpkin pie eating contest for WHS students. This was the second year the contest was held.

Student Council President, Morgan Zimmerman said, "I think there was great participation and it was entertaining to watch the participants fill themselves with pumpkin pie. It was a great way to start our Thanksgiving break!"

The contest had two divisions: girls and boys. The objective of the contest was to see who could eat the pie the fastest. In each division, first place received \$20, second place received \$10, and third place received \$6. In the boys' division, Senior Harrison Stephens placed first, Junior Elliot Godek placed second, and Freshman Treven Humphries placed third. For the girls' division, Sophomore Tyra Schultz placed first, Freshman Marry McDonald placed second, and Senior Jett Schmidtberger placed third.

**INDIANS CALENDAR**

**MONDAY 12/16/2019**

7pm Music Concert-HS Auditorium

**TUESDAY 12/17/2019**

7pm BB V/JV @ Wallace Co.

**THURSDAY 12/19/2019**

1/2 Day of School

**FRIDAY 12/20/2019**

NO SCHOOL

4pm BB V/JV vs Atwood

**SATURDAY 12/22/2019**

NO SCHOOL

10am WR Goodland Tournament

Questions or more information call District Office 785-675-3258 www.hoxie.org

**BULLDOGS' CALENDAR**

**MONDAY 12/16/2019**

7pm BOE Meeting

**WEDNESDAY 12/18/2019**

1/2 Day of School

End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

**THURSDAY 12/19/2019**

NO SCHOOL

4pm BB MS @ Almena

**FRIDAY 12/20/2019**

NO SCHOOL

6pm BB HS @ Northern Valley

Questions or more information call District Office 785-386-4560 www.usd316.k12.ks.us

**THUNDERHAWKS CALENDAR**

**MONDAY 12/19/2019**

BOE Meeting

**TUESDAY 12/17/2019**

4pm BB HS vs Ellis

**THURSDAY 12/19/2019**

4pm MS MS @ Palco

**FRIDAY 12/20/2019**

End 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

4pm BB HS vs Weskan

Questions or more information call District Office 785-673-4313 www.usd292.org

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**HOXIE INDIAN SPORTS**

**BASKETBALL**

6pm Dec. 13 Hoxie vs Wheatland/Grinnell (G)

7:30pm Dec. 13 Hoxie vs Wheatland/Grinnell (B)

TBA Dec. 14 Hoxie @ Castle Rock

6pm Dec. 17 Hoxie @ Wallace County



# Farm News

## Kansas Crop Production Report

Cotton production in Kansas is forecast at 280,000 bales, down 18 percent from last year according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics.

Record acreage for harvest, at 160,000 acres, is up 8,000 acres from 2018. Yield is forecast at 840 pounds per acre, down 237 pounds per acre from a year ago.

## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending December 8, 2019, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 11 percent very short, 39 short, 48 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10 percent very short, 31 short, 57 adequate, and 2 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 6 percent very poor, 18 poor, 38 fair, 35 good, and 3 excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 94 percent.

Cotton harvested was 82 percent.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5 percent very poor, 12 poor, 30 fair, 48 good, and 5 excellent.

This is the last weekly Crop Progress and Condition report for the 2019 growing season. We would like to extend our appreciation to the dedicated county FSA and extension staff who supplied the necessary information for these reports. For December through February, we will issue monthly reports. The first monthly report (for December) will be issued January 2, 2020.

Weekly reports will begin March 2nd for the 2020 season. KFB Seeks Information to Help Serve Members Better Kansas Farm Bureau is working on an initiative to gather more information about its current members and update information already on file. This information will help KFB serve you better and provide you with information and resources you're interested in.

Your response is completely voluntary. The website link to contribute is <https://p2a.co/vs8z7z5>.

## State Board of Agriculture to Meet December 13

The Kansas State Board of Agriculture will meet for its regular board meeting on Friday, December 13, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Kansas Department of Agriculture office at 1320 Research Park Dr. in Manhattan.

The meeting is open to the public. Individuals who have questions about the meeting, including how to access call-in information, should contact Brittney Grother at 785-564-6797 or [Brittney.Grother@ks.gov](mailto:Brittney.Grother@ks.gov).

Persons who require special accommodations must make their needs known at least two days prior to the meeting.

## U.S. Soy Leads the Way in Sustainable Global Aquaculture

By Colby Pinkstone, USSEC Dec 4, 2019

What do U.S. soybean farmers and global aquaculture have in common? Quite a bit, actually, especially in helping to make fish farming more sustainable and scalable.

### Working towards Sustainability in Global Fish Farming

For nearly 30 years, the U.S. Soybean Export Council's (USSEC) aquaculture program, funded by the soybean checkoff, has provided critical training and technical knowledge for global aquaculture – ranging from small family fish farms in Asia to large international operations that provide fish for your local supermarket and large global retailers like Costco and Walmart.

Beginning in the 1990s, the program worked to transition Chinese fish farms from manure-based feed to formulated pellet feed, and over the years has provided training to improve feed and farming methods that improve food safety and sustainability, while lessening environmental impact.

### Four Areas of Focus Help to Shape Sustainable Aquaculture

In aquaculture, USSEC focuses on four areas: feed, technology advancements, aquaculture investment, and sustainability. USSEC works to optimize and demonstrate the value of U.S. Soy through all of these efforts. Let's take a look at each.

**Feed:** USSEC's technical experts work with feed mills and farmers to develop feed formulations, feed demonstrations, and best feed practices. USSEC's partnership with business and academia on the International Aquaculture Feed Formulation Database provides valuable training for feed formulators. And aquafeed formulation research made possible by soy industry support is archived for public use.

**Technology Advancements:** Hatchery improvements, genetic/breeding advancements, and the In-pond Raceway System (IPRS) technology transfer ensure better fish health and safety, water conservation, less environmental impact and higher yields. USSEC holds educational field trips and seminars to share best practices of successful farms.

**Aquaculture Investment:** U.S. Soy's renowned Aquaculture Investment Workshops promote investment in aquaculture infrastructure in Latin America so that industry can expand to meet global demand.

**Sustainability:** All of the U.S. Soy aquaculture program's initiatives are based on making global aquaculture more sustainable. The U.S. Soy Sustainability Assurance Protocol (SSAP) allows for soy feed ingredients to be certified sustainable, and USSEC works closely with aquaculture sustainability certification programs such as BAP and ASC so that the SSAP is accepted as a standard for sustainable soy.

### U.S. Soy: A Sustainable Alternative

High quality U.S. soybeans help to increase the affordability and sustainability of the world's supply of healthy, farm-raised seafood and can replace much of the fishmeal in feeds for many farmed species, thus reducing the pressure on wild fish resources.

<https://ussoy.org/u-s-soy-leads-the-way-in-sustainable-global-aquaculture>

## USDA Helps Rural Businesses

Investments will Help 640 Businesses Boost Their Bottom Line

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10, 2019 – Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$237 million to help farmers, ag producers and rural-based businesses lower energy costs (PDF, 229 KB). The Department is providing 640 awards to applicants in all 50 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Western Pacific. USDA is providing the funding through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

"Businesses grow and create more jobs when their energy costs are lower," LaVoy said. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Perdue, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural businesses, because we know that when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

Recipients can use REAP funding for energy audits and to install renewable energy systems such as biomass, geothermal, hydropower and solar. The funding can also be used to increase energy efficiency by making improvements to heating, ventilation and cooling systems; insulation; and lighting and refrigeration.

For example:

- In Alaska, four commercial fishing boat operators will receive a total of \$74,153 to purchase equipment to reduce energy costs and keep their catch fresh. One of the operators, Jasper P. Allbrett, in Sitka, will receive a \$48,618 grant to upgrade the insulation of fish holds, pumps, the refrigeration unit's electrical system and the auxiliary generator on his boat. The REAP grants will save each operator about \$5,000 annually and will reduce fuel oil consumption by an estimated 34 percent per year.
- Vicksburg Forest

Products LLC in Vicksburg, Miss., will receive a \$250,000 grant to upgrade lighting and make improvements to a compressed air system, which will lower electrical consumption by an estimated 63 percent a year, enough to power 462 homes.

• Panek Farms, in Albion, N.Y., is receiving a \$185,470 grant to purchase and install a 320-kilowatt solar array. The project will save the farm \$32,675 each year and replace enough demand to power 36 homes.

In April 2017, President Donald J. Trump established the Interagency Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity to identify legislative, regulatory and policy changes that could promote agriculture and prosperity in rural communities. In January 2018, Secretary Perdue presented the Task Force's findings to President Trump. These findings included 31 recommendations to align the federal government with state, local and tribal governments to take advantage of opportunities that exist in rural America. Supporting the rural workforce was a cornerstone recommendation of the task force.

To view the report in its entirety, please view the Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity (PDF, 54 MB). In addition, to view the categories of the recommendations, please view the Rural Prosperity infographic (PDF, 190 KB).

USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to help expand economic opportunities and create jobs in rural areas. This assistance supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community facilities such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov).

## Japan Approved Trade Deal with U.S.

Both houses of Japan's Parliament have now approved a trade deal with the United States which will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

"Now that the final hurdle to a deal with Japan has been cleared, American farmers and ranchers can count on increased market access for their products – from beef and poultry to fruits, vegetables and nuts," AFBF President Zippy Duvall said in a statement.

"This is a big win for farmers,

and we hope it's the first of many trade deals to be approved that will open markets and level playing fields for American agricultural exports," Duvall said. Further, "It's time for Congress to act now to bring USMCA across the finish line. Farm Bureau is calling on members of Congress to take action this week and come together to get something very positive done for agriculture and our whole economy."

## Safety Stop: Agricultural Safety – Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is a gas, which emits no color or odor. It is produced when household items such as automobiles and furnaces burn fuels such as gasoline, propane, wood, etc. Especially during the winter months, be aware there could be deadly concentrations of this gas in our homes, shops and garages. More than 200 people die each year in the U.S. from carbon monoxide poisoning, which is why we must follow these steps towards prevention.

- Install carbon monoxide detectors in your home, shop and garage.
- Test your carbon monoxide detector each month.

- Change the batteries of your carbon monoxide detector twice a year.
- Have annual inspections on chimneys or furnaces, to be sure there are no blockages, corrosion, leaks or loose connections.
- Gas-powered heaters should be used in well-ventilated spaces, never in closed barns, workshops or garages.
- Open the fireplace flue completely when it is in use.
- "Warm-up" your car either outside the garage or by opening the garage door.

RESOURCE: Ohio State University Extension's "Be Aware of Winter's Silent Killer"

## Increase in Truck Capacity is Decreasing Truck Rates

By Alan Barrett, Doane Advisory Services Dec 3, 2019

In 2018, the impact of the electronic logging device (ELD) mandate in tandem with a strong U.S. economy translated into a lack of truck capacity and higher freight rates. Any moves to or from the farm that are located within 150 air miles of the farm are exempt from ELD regulations. Carriers responded to the higher rates by ordering new trucks, paying drivers more, and increasing driver recruitment efforts. FTR reported Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) building capacity was booked for 2019 or approximately 420,000 units.

The long-term answer is that a steady supply of new drivers is needed. While the answer sounds simple, a potential driver must meet age requirements, commercial driver's license testing standards, strict drug and alcohol testing regimes, and have a safe and clean driving record. Many communities and transportation companies have truck driving training programs to increase the number of drivers available to potential employers. Early returns in 2019 suggest these efforts are paying dividends.

Truck capacity is booked either by spot market or through a contract rate. The spot rate is the market rate while the contract rate is a forward contract. The advantage of a contract rate is knowing the future freight price and ensuring available truck capacity. Due to the world soybean market being dependent on unpredictable

variables, such as weather patterns and government policy, the origination and destination locations are not always known a year prior. As a result, most soybean truck volume is spot business transported by small trucking companies and farming organizations.

Actual truck freight rates per loaded mile indicate the available truck capacity and more truck drivers are having a positive impact on spot rates from a shipper's point of view. The truck freight rates within the Midwest region peaked in July 2018 and have fallen below \$2.50 per loaded mile. The data is actual rates versus minimum rates. It is interesting how the truck rates jump around more than most people believe. It appears if a shipper is in the right position, truck rates are very low. This is likely due to the shipper sending cargo to a location that has an available cargo for a paid backhaul versus the trucker having to deadhead or returning empty with no revenue. The truck rate difference also explains why a shipper might ship a further distance to a location that will be more likely to have a backhaul opportunity, such as St. Louis, Missouri. The bottom line is that the combination of lower truck freight rates and lower barge freight rates enable soybean buyers to pay a higher cash price for soybeans, which is important in the current low-price environment.

<https://ussoy.org/increase-in-truck-capacity-is-decreasing-truck-rates>

## KLA Members Approve Policy Addressing Business Issues

Policy focused on labeling of imitation meat and dairy products, stockwater permits, the lesser prairie chicken and other key issues was approved by members of the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) during the group's annual business meeting December 6 in Wichita. Ranchers, feeders and dairymen provided input during regional roundtable meetings in the fall and committee and council meetings at the convention, with final approval coming from the general membership.

"Many KLA members were involved in creating policy for 2020," said KLA President Harry Moser, a rancher from Wheaton. "This broad participation makes for strong policy that will help KLA effectively represent the business interests of its members."

KLA members believe consumers should be equipped to make informed decisions when purchasing meat food products versus imitation meat products. Therefore, existing policy was amended to oppose allowing fake meat and dairy products, and lab-grown meat to inappropriately use nomenclature associated with actual meat and dairy products. In addition, the policy supports legislative, regulatory or judicial action to protect consumers by ensuring fake meat and dairy products, and lab-grown meat are labeled accurately.

Members approved a new resolution regarding stockwater facility permits. Policy supports a permit that would allow an

individual water right(s) to exceed the annual authorized quantity of the individual water right(s), as long as the facility's total authorized quantity was not exceeded and did not impair a senior water right from the same local source of supply.

The membership recognized the important role the chief engineer, chosen by the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture, plays within the livestock industry. Consequently, a new resolution was approved to support the secretary, in conjunction with the Kansas Legislature, adjusting the compensation of the chief engineer to be competitive with surrounding states. The policy also supports changes to state law necessary to allow the Kansas Secretary of Agriculture to appoint any capable and qualified person to be chief engineer, regardless of professional degree or certification.

Existing policy focused on the lesser prairie chicken was amended by the membership. While KLA continues to support voluntary, incentive-based efforts like the Lesser Prairie Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan as means to preserve and enhance the population of the birds in Kansas, KLA members took the step of disapproving of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' (WAFWA) management of the Range-Wide Plan. KLA policy calls for WAFWA to resign as the plan's

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## KLA

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administrator or make public a recent audit that identified specific areas of mismanagement and work with stakeholders to correct shortcomings identified in the audit. KLA members continue to oppose listing the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

Members voted in favor of an amendment to policy addressing water conservation programs. The policy supports state law authorizing Local Enhanced Management Areas (LEMA), as long as any proposed LEMA has the support of local affected water right holders.

KLA policy on statutory liens was reaffirmed during the business meeting. Members support the current agricultural lien laws dealing with the feed and care provided to livestock and oppose any efforts to eliminate these liens or their priority.

Members reaffirmed a resolution focused on the protection of private property rights and use of eminent domain. The policy supports legislative, judicial and administrative initiatives to prevent the use of eminent domain powers by governmental entities as a tool to take private property from one party and transfer to another party for profit or private gain. In addition, members support legislation that provides for full compensation to property owners for any property interest taken using eminent domain by governmental entities for public or private projects.

Policy on zoning of agricultural land and buildings also was reaffirmed by the membership. It supports current state laws that prohibit local governments from enacting any regulations that apply to agricultural land use or the construction and maintenance of buildings used for agricultural purposes outside of city limits and oppose any attempt to weaken those exemptions.

KLA members approved 62 resolutions for 2020. Other issues addressed in KLA policy range from cattle marketing to animal health to noxious weeds.

KLA is a 5,500-member trade organization representing the state's livestock business on legislative, regulatory and industry issues at both the state and federal levels. The association's work is funded through voluntary dues dollars paid by its members.

## Preacher's Point

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men seeing the star, start their trek toward Jerusalem. Upon their arrival, they are sent to Bethlehem by King Herod. On the way to Bethlehem, the star reappears, and they follow it to the young child in a house (most likely in Nazareth).

Herod kills all the male children from two years old and younger. He probably gave himself some extra time to make sure he kills the Child King; therefore, the wise men may have first seen the star about a year before their arrival in Jerusalem.

If the wise men, with their caravan of supplies and servants, travel an average of twenty miles a day, it would take roughly 270 days, about nine months to go from modern-day Beijing China to Jerusalem. Also, they would need some time to organize the trip, gathering supplies, choosing the animals, and who to accompany them.

In the grand scheme of things, it will not matter if you include the wise men in your nativity. Our focus needs to be on the Babe, the child, and the man Jesus Christ. He was born so He may perform His purpose as the Lamb of God and shed His blood for our sins. The Babe in the manger, the Child in the house, and the Man on the cross are the Lamb. Where else but a manger should a Lamb be born?

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## A Spirit of Giving

By Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

The countdown for Christmas officially has begun in our house. This year, aside from a little felt Advent calendar we hang on a door to help the kids understand how many days are left until Christmas, we also added two chocolate Advent calendars — one for my son and one for my daughter. We figured it'd be easier to maintain the peace by giving them each their own calendar and allow them to enjoy their own candy each day as we prepare for Christmas.

Our farm dog Rosie is a whip-smart Australian Shepherd. She's a good dog, but sometimes she can get herself into some interesting situations.

My daughter and I recently came home to find Rosie had let herself into the house after my son and husband had walked out to a nearby shed. They had left the backdoor open and Rosie seized the opportunity to go inside.

As my daughter and I opened the door, Rosie happily greeted us. I immediately wondered what she had gotten into this time. Because when Rosie gets into the house and is unattended, she can get herself into some trouble.

In the past, she has rummaged through my daughter's room and taken stuffed animals to claim as her own. She has picked up my son's dirty socks and added them to her collection. She has devoured loaves of bread and destroyed the bags, leaving the evidence scattered throughout the house. She has shredded cereal boxes and eaten all of the contents. Afterward she'll either let herself out the door she came in or takes a break and relaxes on the couch until her humans arrive to discover the path of destruction she has created.

This time Rosie had found the trashcan. As I was cleaning up that mess in the kitchen, my daughter yelled from the living room, "Christmas is ruined!"

Rosie had discovered my daughter's chocolate Advent calendar and then thoroughly destroyed it and ate the vast majority of its contents.

As I was trying to calm my hysterical 4-year-old who had now decided that Rosie's act had not just ruined Christmas but officially canceled it, the boys returned home.

My son helped pick up the cardboard and plastic pieces and then came into the kitchen to reassure his little sister that everything would be OK, and Christmas would indeed still happen. He then brought his untouched calendar over to his sniffling little sister, opened his paper door, took out the small piece of chocolate, carefully bit it in half and offered it to his sister.

As my 4- and 7-year-old sat side by side, slowly eating their tiny pieces of chocolate, I couldn't help but think that this was a profound moment on my son's part. He recognized that his sister — who loves candy — would not be able to enjoy her chocolate because she no longer had any. He recognized that he had something that he could share, and he took action to ensure his sister could still experience the anticipation of Christmas.

May we not get overwhelmed this holiday season with events that might appear to alter the holidays. And may we recognize times where we can all provide loving acts that illustrate the spirit of giving.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

## Kansas Chamber & Tax Foundation Release "Kansas Tax Modernization" Report

Report shows changes to the Kansas tax code could improve Kansas business climate

Topeka, KAN. - A report issued Tuesday by the Kansas Chamber and the Tax Foundation found the Kansas tax code needs significant changes to help improve the business climate and grow the state's economy.

"Kansas continues to lag behind as a state competing in a global market for jobs and talent, and this study gives us insight into one of the determining factors businesses consider when deciding where to invest or expand," said Chamber President and CEO Alan Cobb. "We must modernize our tax code to allow Kansas to be a more attractive place for businesses to invest and succeed and all Kansans to flourish."

The Chamber partnered with Tax Foundation, one of the nation's leading independent tax policy nonprofit organizations, to conduct this study as part of its Vision 2025 strategic plan for the state. The Foundation has conducted state-specific studies for several states including Nebraska, Iowa, and South Carolina.

The Kansas Tax Modernization report lays out several very specific recommendations for reforming the state's tax code and an overall optimistic outlook for the future should Kansas legislators make these necessary changes. Among the changes, the Tax Foundation recommends the following:

- **Remove International Income from the Tax Base.** Kansas is currently poised to tax international income, with corporations potentially facing significant in-state liability for the activities of their foreign subsidiaries or related corporations. This would make Kansas far less attractive to multinational corporations.

- **Allow an Independent Choice of Itemization.** Kansans should be allowed to itemize on their state return even if they claim the standard deduction on their federal return.

- **Remove Barriers to Interstate Commerce.** Policymakers should enact legislation providing a safe harbor for remote sellers, disavowing retroactive collections, providing clear statutory language regarding

(Published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 12, 2019)

## LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1030, the board of directors of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will conduct on January 8, 2020, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Groundwater Management District offices, 1290 West 4th, Colby, Kansas, a public hearing to hear testimony regarding revisions to the 2020 operating budget. Said revisions consist of incorporating all 2019 unexpended funds into the previously approved 2020 operating budget. Copies of the proposed revised 2020 budget will be made available at the hearing.

Attest: Roger Zweygardt, GMD 4 Treasurer

marketplace facilitators, and eliminating Kansas' legally dubious click-through and affiliate nexus provisions.

- **Direct County Appraisers on Proper Methodologies for Appraising Big-Box Retail Properties.** The Kansas Board of Tax Appeals and Supreme Court have consistently ruled that retail properties should be appraised on the value of their land and improvements, and that appraisal formulae should not be based upon the income-potential or lease-potential of a retail property. The Director of the Division of Property Valuation should provide clear guidance to county appraisers for valuing big-box retail properties.

"We are excited by the prospect that, a few years hence, "Kansas" will cease to be a word of warning and instead be a word that connotes reform and renewal. It's time to turn the page on the debates of the past decade and chart a new course, one that makes Kansas a different kind of watchword," said Michael Lucci, the Tax Foundation's Vice President of State Projects. "In recent years many states, including regional competitors like Iowa and Indiana, have modernized their tax codes to become more competitive and are enjoying the benefits of those reforms. It is time for Kansas to join their ranks."

The full text of the report and its recommendations can be found at the following link: [www.KansasChamber.org/TaxReport](http://www.KansasChamber.org/TaxReport).

## Cover Crops - Do They Pay?

KGCLC Workshops December 9, 10 and 11

"Cover Crops - Do They Pay?" is the title of three workshops which will be led by Doug Peterson, a regional soil health specialist for Missouri and Iowa; and Candy Thomas, regional soil health specialist for Kansas and Nebraska.

Workshop locations: Sign-in begins at 8:30 and the session will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at each location.

December 9, 2019, Landoll Lanes Meeting Room, 2005 Center St, Marysville, KS.

December 10, 2019, Salina Polytechnic Campus Conference Room (KSU) 2310 Centennial, Salina, KS

December 11, 2019, Anderson Building, Lyon County Fairgrounds, 2700 US - 50 Emporia, KS

Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, KGCLC, is sponsoring the series of workshops in Marysville, Salina and Emporia for regional ranchers and cow/calf operations.

Please register online at [kgclc.org](http://kgclc.org) by clicking on the appropriate workshop location and filling in your name and information, before December 6, 2019. Cost is \$20 and lunch, refreshments and handouts will be provided. RSVP's are requested and vital for meal planning.

Featured Presenters: Doug Peterson - Peterson has been an NRCS employee for over 30 years. He is a Regional Soil Health Specialist for Missouri and Iowa teaching producers how soil health impacts virtually

all, natural resource processes. Doug also operates a cow/calf and contract grazing operation where they utilize Holistic High Density Grazing to improve soil health while eliminating the need for most purchased fertilizer and harvested forages.

Candy Thomas - Candy has been with NRCS since 1994 and is now the Regional Soil Health Specialist for Kansas and Nebraska. Thomas provides agronomic advice on soil health indicators, cover crops, water quality resource issues, Erosion control, and training in conservation planning and management systems.

Agenda: Cover Crops...Do They Pay?

8:30 a.m. Registration  
9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Introductions  
-Candy Thomas and Doug Peterson,

NRCS Regional Soil Specialists  
9:15 - 10:20 a.m. Soil Health Introduction -Doug Peterson  
10:20 a.m. Break

10:45 - 11:45 a.m. C:N Ratios and Nutrient Cycling -Candy Thomas

11:45 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Economics of Soil Health and Case Studies - Doug and Candy

2:00 p.m. Break  
2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Importance of Range Land Health  
Candy Thomas and Doug Peterson

3:15 p.m. Questions and closing discussion  
Mary Howell, [mary@kgclc.org](mailto:mary@kgclc.org) is coordinating the workshops or questions call Mary, 785-562-8726.

## Board of Education Minutes 11/20/2019

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

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regular meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE:  
BOARD MEMBERS: Leonard Weber, Billi Beckman, Margery Haas, Michael Bretz, Lola Baalman, Devan Castle, Reba White

SUPERINTENDENT: Jim Howard

CLERK: Mandy Shipley

PRINCIPALS: Mark Wildeman

GUESTS: Tiffni Carter, Daniel Ottley

Billi Beckman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.

The agenda was approved as presented (Haas/White 7-0).

The board recognized the visitors present.

Communications to the Board were reviewed and included a report from Billi Beckman, Leonard Weber and Jim Howard about the KASB Convention the prior weekend. The four Board members recently re-elected were reminded to visit the County Clerk prior to the regular January Board meeting to take their Oath of Office.

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

Margery Haas updated the Board on the latest happenings with the Toothaker Estate. She presented to the rest of the Board and the Administration a check for the school's portion of Toothaker money invested with the SCCF and let them know that the matter should be settled and the rest of the money in the trust disbursed to the four entities by the end of the year.

The Board reviewed their goals.

1. All employees will receive effective evaluations that reflect their actual performance.

- The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:15 PM to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA for 30 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 7:45 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 7-0).

- The Board moved to enter into executive session at 7:46 PM to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board only, returning to open session at 8:01 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 7-0).

- The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:02 PM to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to the exception for non-elected personnel under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board and Mandy Shipley present, returning to open session at 8:07 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 7-0).

- Elementary Teacher evaluations were mentioned but would not be discussed until later in the meeting in the executive session for non-elected personnel.

0. Technology will be developed to complement student learning.

- Jim Howard reviewed the technology report.

0. Guidance department will be developed to assist all students to have success in our district.

- The Board reviewed a report provided by Tennille Giancola updating them on the progress made with this goal in the last month.

The Board moved on to Department reports.

Jim Howard shared his principal's report for Hoxie Grade School students. He discussed enrollment and

events that had happened since the last meeting including the KAY greeters at the elementary and the elementary concert, which he stated was amazing this year.

Mark Wildeman shared his principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He shared MCL all-league honors for Football and Volleyball, let the Board know that due to a major shortage of referees in the state (especially for football) we may see some challenges in the future that would include moving High School Football games to Thursday nights. He let them know that the sound system had been completed in the gym, told them about our first vocal clinic with the MCL, and recapped the High School play, informing them he had allowed the students involved to perform it for the entire student body at the JH/HS. He concluded by informing them of next steps in setting up the student led conferences in the spring and the possibility of moving those conferences to March 16<sup>th</sup> instead of March 2<sup>nd</sup> as scheduled on the school calendar. A final decision will be made and shared closer to that timeframe.

Minutes from the latest NKESC Board meeting were provided.

The Board reviewed the Food Service report.

Jim Howard shared his Superintendents Report. He discussed events attended since the last meeting including the Superintendents council in Oakley, KESA, ACT, and CPI training. He provided an update on the greenhouse and the reading series choices for K-6. He concluded by informing them of a grant Leah Heskett was awarded on behalf of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class to go on a trip to the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene at no cost to the district.

The Board moved on to New Business.

The Board moved to approve the bid from TC Wireless for new phones and phone service as presented (Castle/Weber 7-0). The transition will not take place until the summer of 2020.

The Board moved to approve the purchase of the 2015 sixteen passenger bus from Kansas Truck as presented (Haas/Baalman 7-0).

The Board moved to declare the old audiometer as remaindered (Castle/Weber 7-0).

The Board held a brief discussion on district insurance.

Tiffni Carter and Daniel Ottley left the meeting at 8:59 PM.

The Board took a break at 9:00 PM and returned to open session at 9:03 PM.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:04 PM to discuss student discipline pursuant to the matters affecting a student exception under KOMA for 5 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 9:09 PM in the BOE room (Baalman/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:10 PM to discuss individual employee performance, resignations, new hires and the Superintendent Evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 1 hour and 40 minutes with the Board, Jim Howard, and Mark Wildeman present, returning to open session at 10:50 PM in the BOE room (Haas/Weber 7-0).

Jim Howard left the executive session at 10:06 PM and reentered at 10:21 PM. Mark Wildeman left the executive session at 10:17 PM.

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Sandra Stadheim as long term substitute teacher for the JH/HS Woods/Industrial Arts position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year at the salary presented (White/Haas 7-0).

The Board moved to approve the hiring of Sarah Lozano as part time teacher's aide for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Billi Beckman adjourned the meeting at 10:52 PM.

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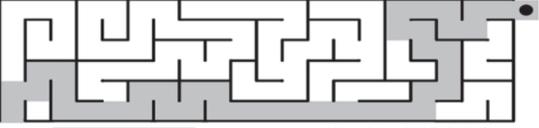
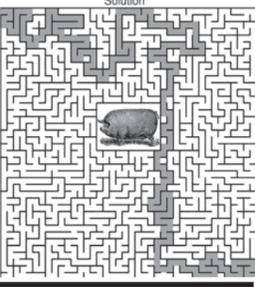
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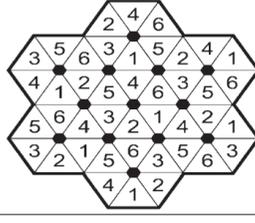
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**CryptoQuip answer**  
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