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Schieferecke Receives Quilt of Valor



Bill Schieferecke was honored at the Quilt of Valor ceremony on July 1st for his years of service in the Army. Jan Juenemann shared Bill's story of his service in the Army and presented him with the Quilt of Valor. Karen Lewis nominated him for this award. We thank Jan, Karen and Julia Colson for their hard work and thoughtfulness that went into this beautiful celebration. We were joined by lots of family and long-time friends, which meant the world to Dad and all of us.

Gleason Attends FCCLA National Conference in Denver

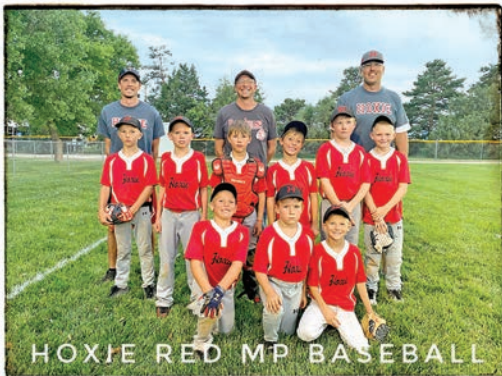
This last week, incoming Hoxie High School Senior, Levi Gleason, attended the 2023 FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) National Conference in Denver, CO.

As he is an elected Kansas State officer for the 2023-2024 school year, he attended various state office trainings and ran recognition sessions alongside his fellow officers to recognize Kansas competitors who competed at the national level.

Levi said, "This experience has truly been one of the most memorable I've ever had. From networking with people from each state across our nation, to bonding with my fellow executive council members, I will never forget it. Thank you to Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Tice, and all other administrators and teachers who have supported, encouraged, and pushed me to get where I am today in FCCLA."



'Ball Season Ends for Area Teams



The ballfield season was officially wrapped up last week. Hoxie Rec thanked their coaches for all their time invested in our area youth this summer. "It's so much fun to see kids enjoying the summer sports!", Hoxie Rec Facebook page. (Photo by Hoxie Recreation)

Impact Community Center Gets New Sign



The Impact Community Center has been implementing improvements over the last few years; interior redesign, exterior redesign with new facade, and now, the latest is their new sign. Their renovations look great!

The Center is located at 820 Main Street and is available to rent. To request a rental, contact Jodi Rogers by email at hoxierec@hotmail.com or text 785-675-8447. Be sure to include your name, event description, date, and start & end time of event.

Your Invisible Public Service Heroes

The unsung heroes at Dispatch are your literal lifeline to first responders when you have a situation or emergency requiring immediate assistance. Without them, you may not receive the rapid care response you need. We will be presenting a few articles on what the job of Dispatch entails, the dispatchers' duties, as well as those of administration, and how current or former dispatchers see and felt about the job.

911 Dispatcher Job Description and Requirements

As a 911 emergency dispatcher in a rural Kansas county, we are responsible for answering calls from people in distress and coordinating emergency response teams to provide assistance. We work in a small, close-knit community where everyone knows each other, and we are the only dispatcher on duty at any given time. We must be able to handle a wide range of emergencies, from medical emergencies to natural disasters, and be prepared to work long hours during times of crisis. We work closely with local law enforcement, fire departments, and ambulance services to ensure that emergency services are dispatched promptly and efficiently. Our job is to provide comfort, reassurance, and guidance to those in need while ensuring that emergency services are delivered in a timely and effective manner. It is a challenging and rewarding career that requires excellent communication skills, attention to detail, and a strong sense of community spirit.

Job Summary: Communications Dispatcher's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, providing the link between those requesting public safety services, both emergency and

non-emergency, and evaluating and dispatching the required resources as needed. Communications Officers are a critical link in the protection of life and property.

Primary Functions of Work:

- Handling communication relay for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and, other emergency and non-emergency service units as needed for Sheridan County and Hoxie Police Department.
- Deploying personnel to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service.
- Utilizing multiple forms of technology to provide responses for lifesaving actions.
- Responsibility for radio, telephone, KCJIS, CAD entries, computer, in-person, and, written communications relay of information both public and confidential in nature.
- Must be able to act without supervision. Work is reviewed by supervisor(s) through reports and observations.

Essential Functions:

- Receiving and responding to calls for service for police, fire or medical assistance
- Relaying vital information to responding units and/or summoning the proper authority in an expedited manner
- Assisting intelligence gathering for responding units
- Maintenance of accurate radio and telephone logs
- Accurately entering information into the computer

- Retrieving and completing accurate data entry into the Computer-Aided Dispatch system.
- Retrieving and completing accurate data entry into the KCJIS Open Fox system
- Staying current and proficient on all technology, certification and educational requirements of the position
- Staying at positive compliance level of quality for law enforcement, emergency medical and emergency fire calls
- Duty to maintain a positive work atmosphere by acting and communicating in a manner so that employee gets along with customers, citizens, co-workers, and management
- Being pleasant, respectful and civil with others on the job and displaying a good-natured, cooperative attitude
- Maintaining composure, keeping emotions in check, controlling anger, and avoiding aggressive behavior, even in very difficult situations

Marginal Functions:

- These include but are not limited to:
- Handling non-emergency calls for service
 - Accurately completing warrant, PFA (protection from abuse) Orders and NCIC entries and validations
 - Receive and send teletype communications on NCIC
 - Accurately completing civil process entries into Record Management System
 - E-filing civil process returns with Kansas Judicial Courts

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Swim Meet Fun



Olivia Walker, Amber Vaughn, Regina Baldwin (front), and Addison Bieker participated in the Plains Tsunami Swim League qualifying meet, hosted in Hoxie Saturday, July 8. (Photo by Jackie Baldwin)

The 'Bell-Dozers' Compete at Sunflower State



Drew, Josie, and Dayton Bell were the wrestling champs in both the Folkstyle and Takedown Tournaments at the Sunflower State Games. Great job! (Photo by Micki Shipley)



BY MARSHA ROGERS

The Selden Pinochle Group gathered to play their game of pinochle and enjoy lunch together last Thursday. Last week's group included Pat Wessel, Robert Wessel, Boyd Wilson, Margee Wilson, Alfred Albers, Bernadine Spesser, Ellis Walker, Don Juenemann, Charlene Shaw, Kaylee Shaw, Shirlee Emigh, Steve Skubal and Marsha Rogers. Pat Wessel won first with 575; Alfred Albers took second with 466; No one had the kings needed.

Local Students Earn CCC Spring Honor Roll

The Colby Community College Registrar's office released the names of students earning a place on the President's and Vice President's honor rolls for the spring 2023 semester. Those listed completed at least 12 credit hours with no failing grades.

The President's Honor Roll includes 99 students who earned a 4.0 grade point average.

President's Honor Roll

Grainfield: Livia Schultz

Hoxie: Emily Diercks, Reagan Koster

Rexford: Amie Cheney

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Area Churches

Christ Community Church
2008 Sheridan Ave, Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen, Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church
900 12th St, Hoxie

Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church
Hwy 223, Leoville

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1400 Locust St, Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship
454 Hwy 24, Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
14988 E Rd 70 S, Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
202 S Missouri, Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church
924 17th, Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
Seguin

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Upcoming EVENTS Mark Your Calendars!

2nd Monday:
City of Hoxie ~ BOE Mtg

1st Tuesday: HAMA

2nd Tuesday: Scrappy Quilters
7pm TBD

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

Last Wednesday:
5:30pm Am. Legion Stag/Stagette
Dinner ~ Grainfield **NONE IN JUNE**

Every Tuesday:
8am Commissioners' Mtg
12pm Rotary
7pm Fire Dept Mtg
6pm Grief Share @ Christ Community Church-online (Monday in-person)

Every Wednesday:
Hoxie Golf Club
6:30pm Men's Golf Night

2nd Wednesday:
American Legion
7pm @ Prime Seed

Every Thursday:
Hoxie Golf Club
6:30pm Women's Golf Night

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

3rd Thursday:
Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance
4-6pm @ Hoxie UMC
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What do you have happening soon?
Share Your Event Here - FREE



Elks Summer Bash

at
Hoxie Elks Lodge
Saturday, July 15

Golf - 9am
Liquor Tasting - 6:30pm
Dinner - 7:30pm




7pm Friday, July 14
3pm Sunday, July 16


Hoxie HS Auditorium



Sheridan County Fair
July 18-22



Mealsite Menu



July 17 ~ July 21

Monday: Goulash, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Hot Cinnamon Pears

Tuesday: Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Winter Blend Vegetables, Bread, Rosy Applesauce

Wednesday: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Brownie, Bun, Cantaloupe

Thursday: Roast Turkey in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread, Pineapple Upside Down Cake

Friday: Taco Salad, Rice, Chips, Mandarin Oranges

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

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 675-2154 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.



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For Better Health ~ Get Up and Move

This is the first article beginning our new health column, which will cover any subject or aspect of physical or mental well-being, and the many integrative methods available to help you develop and live a healthy life.

By Monica Reuber, Sheridan County Health Department Administrator

When comparing the United States to ten other developed nations, such as Canada, Sweden, Germany, and Australia, the United States consistently comes in last according to studies. Across our nation, our life expectancy is not keeping up with the other nations and what life we do live, it's not as good of a quality because of complications from chronic diseases. Here in Sheridan County, we are fairly typical compared to the nation overall. That said, we still rank higher, which is a worse/less desirable rating, than both Kansas' average as well as the national average for adult smoking, obesity, physical inactivity, and excessive drinking. We also have fewer opportunities to access exercise comparatively. Added to this is our aging population. We have a higher percentage of elderly population compared to the rest of Kansas or the nation, and age commonly brings about declining positive health outcomes.

In no way am I trying to be critical toward our community. I love Sheridan County and am proud to belong here. However, I am trying to bring awareness to an issue that is affecting many of us either directly through our own health or indirectly through a family member's or friend's poor health. As a community, there are things that can be done to protect ourselves and our loved ones, but it takes deliberate action.

If I had to guess, I think most people would agree that they should be doing some exercise and eating healthy. But what that actually means can vary from person to person. Please don't stop reading because I am mentioning diet and exercise. We all have to eat something and hopefully we are moving at least a little bit. Our movement doesn't have to be traditional 'exercise' like at a gym. What we eat and how we move can have a profound impact on our length and, perhaps more importantly, our quality of life. It is also never too late to start making changes to get benefits from our diet or exercise. If you haven't been doing much activity, it's ok to start small. Maybe this is walking to the mailbox instead of stopping to grab it in your car. Consider making it a family affair. Take children to see a grandparent and visit while on a family walk to the park. Everyone can benefit from exercise. Exercise can help control blood pressure, diabetes, some cancers, and even arthritis pain. It can help us live longer and better lives. Please visit your doctor if you have any concerns about starting to exercise.

Unsung Heroes

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- Processing tickets/warnings for local District and Municipal Courts
- Knowledge of geographic layout including highways, buildings, hospitals, courts, and schools
- Understanding addressing, map reading, and analysis
- Complete logging entries for jail checks & visitor logs for inmates
- Hourly monitoring of inmates, logging activities, meals, and medication
- Delivering meals and medication to inmates
- Female employees will help officers with female inmates; to include search and/or transport
- Learning field units radio frequency assignment, 10 codes and phonetic alphabet
- Makes status checks on field units
- Performs all functions possible to keep first responders safe
- Works cooperatively within the office, and with other agencies as needed
- May be required to work long hours, weekends, holidays, and/or scheduled days off
- Clean communications area
- Typing at least 40 wpm
- Visual acuity that is correctable to 20/20
- Ability to hear and accurately interpret what is heard
- Other related work as required or directed

As you can see, the Dispatcher's job is huge. Without our Dispatch Service we would be reliant on other counties for these services, which would lengthen the response time. In an emergency, time is of the essence. Next week we will cover the administrative duties of Dispatch.

2023 Sheridan County Fair

Wednesday, July 12

9 AM..... 4-H Dog & Small Pet Show
11 AM..... King & Queen Judging
12 PM..... Clothing Buymanship & Construction Judging
12 PM—4 PMLife Skills/Photography Judging
6 PM.....4-H Public Fashion Revue
6 PM..... Pet Parade

Saturday, July 15

8 AM—12 PM..... Fair Set-Up
Monday, July 17
8 AM—8 PM..... Set Up Booths
8 AM.....4-H Horse Show Check-In
9 AM..... Horse Show

Tuesday, July 18

8 AM—8 PM..... Set Up Booths
5 PM—8 PMLivestock Exhibit ONLY Check-In
Wednesday, July 19

11 AM—9 PM.....4-H Food Stand Open
9 AM—Noon Entry & Judging of All 4-H & Open Class Exhibits
9 AM—Noon Tallest Corn Contest
10 AM..... Poultry & Rabbits
2 PM Sheep & Goat Judging
5:30 PM Food Auction
6:30 PM Swine Judging

Thursday, July 20

11 AM—8 PM.....4-H Food Stand Open
10 AM..... Beef, Bucket Calf & Dairy Judging
3 PM Round Robin Showmanship
7 PM—11 PM Carnival

Friday, July 21

11 AM—8 PM.....4-H Food Stand Open
9 AM..... Livestock Judging Contest
6:30 PM Parade
7—10 PM Food Stand at Rodeo Open
8 PM Rodeo (Sponsored by Fair Board)
7 PM—Midnight..... Carnival

Saturday, July 22

8 AM—11 AM.....Exhibit Check-Out
10 AM..... 4-H Livestock Sale
11 AM—2 PM.....4-H Food Stand Open
6:30 PM—10 PM Food Stand at Rodeo Open
8 PM Rodeo (Sponsored by Fair Board)
7 PM—Midnight..... Carnival

Tuesday, July 25

5 PM Fair Clean Up
4-H & Exhibit Buildings Open
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SHERIDAN COUNTY HEALTH COMPLEX



Dr. Joshua Gaede is a board-certified family medicine physician. He is a native of northwest Kansas, being born and raised on a farm outside of Hoxie.

Dr. Gaede graduated with a degree in comprehensive chemistry with an emphasis in biochemistry from the University of Nebraska - Kearney. From there, he attended the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Salina campus. Following medical school, Dr. Gaede went on to become a resident in the Cox Family Medicine Residency program in Springfield, Missouri. He worked at the Norton County Hospital from September 2020 to June 2023. He practices full-scope family medicine.

Dr. Gaede is married with three sons. He enjoys spending time with his family, gardening, and golfing

Both the Sheridan County Health Complex and the Hoxie Medical Clinic are very excited to have Dr. Josh Gaede joining our team in early August. Appointments with Dr. Gaede will be opening very soon; please call 785-675-3018 for more information or to schedule your next visit!



Sheridan Times
July 14, 1887
Bank, at Sheridan.
We are under obligations to M. R. Vandiver for a supply of antelope meat.
A social at W. R. Moore's Tuesday night, last, all report an enjoyable time.
Elias Jones, brother of Lee, came in yesterday, on a visit, from Smith county.
N. A. Bryan is kept busy putting up the celebrated Monitor wind mill.
Tatum, Brooks and Wright of the Hoxie club came over to see how the boys played.
Charley Chandler, of Oberlin, was taking in the sights of our town the last of the week.
R. B. Gray's little boy, Rube, while playing was overcome with the heat, last Saturday.
Boys, don't forget that next Saturday is the day that the Sheridan boys goes over to play the Solomon Reds.
V. M. Gray and Mrs. R. B. Gray returned Monday from Plainville where they went to celebrate the fourth and visit with friends.
E. E. Richardson, John Shoemaker and Ole Hutchison went to Oberlin, and brought the safe and fixtures for the bank at Sheridan.
District No. 84 in Decatur count elected a full board of women as follows: Director, Mrs. T. B. Hughes, clerk, Mrs. W. H. Bishop; treasurer, Mrs. Ira Kellogg. The Opinion thinks the business of 84 promptly and efficiently transacted.
Mr. Hughes is home visiting his family for a short time, when he will return to Holdredge, Nebraska, where he is engaged in the hotel business.
The M. E. society at Jackson operated a refreshment stand at Shibboleth, on the 4th to procure funds to pay of the debt on the parsonage at their place. They succeeded in getting enough to pay off the old score, and leave them a surplus of ten dollars.
M. F. Vandiver, and Joe Jenkins came in town last Friday afternoon and took R. B. Gray and Harry Horner and started out antelope hunting. They drove about 6 miles north-east and took in a fine large antelope, when they returned "as happy as a boy with a new shirt" when Van draws the Winchester on an antelope it are his meat; he has killed six this spring.
Items from Township 7
The weather has been quite showery for the last few days.
Mr. Williams has been improving his farm by erecting a new wind mill.
Mrs. John Williams presented her husband with a fine girl on the 26 of last month.
Died: Friday, June 24, "little Nora" nine month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blue. The bereaved have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood.
Mr. Harper's folks have moved into their new house.
Joe Harper is building on his claim this week.
Miss Ida Packet has gone to Nebraska on a short visit.
Mame
125 Years Ago
July 14, 1898
M. A. Chambers is in Kansas City this week on business.
H. L. Korb is running his header now gathering in the golden grain.
Hoxie Water Works are all right. The big tank is full for the first time in many a day.
Presiding Elder McDowell of Salina Kan. conducted services at the church Sunday.
Otto Gregg is no longer wit us. He enlisted with Boanheur Brothers Show and is with them now.
A boy working on the Tolliver ranch was severely hurt last week by the upsetting of a hay bucket.
Chas Faust, of Illinois, a brother-in-law of Albert Saathoff is here on a visit and may invest in Sheridan county land he seems so favorably impressed with the country.
Saturday August 6th promises to be a hot date on Hoxie's calendar. Several matched horse races will be run on the Hoxie track and a good game of ball may be played here.
At their meeting Tuesday night, the City Council authorized the committee on streets and alleys to go ahead and in conjunction with the township officers have Main street graded.
Uncle Dorsey McClellan reports the loss of 41 young chickens Tuesday night in a mysterious manner. They were shut up in a pen and next morning they all lay dead their heads being taken off.
There is just one thing we regret in regard to the war outside of some of our boys being sent to their everlasting, is that we have no one at headquarters to write letters home to be handed to the editor.
Arrangements for the normal ball are progressing nicely and the various committees report that nothing is being left undone that will insure its success, coming on Friday evening August 12 one week before examination it will not interfere with the studies of the normalites.
A picnic will be held in the grove on the Walker farm one mile east of town on next Friday afternoon July 15th. Ice cream with cake will be served at 5 cents a dish. All are invited to attend and a good time is promised.
Selden Department
C. F. Monteith has erected a new wind mill.
Miss Fox, Sister of Mrs. J. D. Bell came in from Jewell county on last Saturday.
Born to Prof and Mrs. E. J. Messmore on July 4th a daughter. All parties doing well.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jenkins on last Wednesday morning a boy all parties doing well.
W. H. Hurst sold a two-year-old colt to J. G. Sutherland for one hundred dollars this week. The right kind of horse flesh is worth something.
W. W. Warner harvested his barley early this week and it was a fine piece.
100 Years Ago
July 19, 1923
A Man Murdered at Selden, Kansas



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

Wednesday morning the conductor on No. 39, fast Rock Island train, in his short stop in the Selden yards smelled the odor of a corpse in a box car, which happened to be the second car west of the depot. He didn't have time to make investigation but dropped a note to the Rexford agent when he passed through that town to wire the Selden agent to investigate the car mentioned above, with the result that a man about 35 years of age was found dead and his body starting to decompose, showing that he had been dead two or three days, supposition he was killed Saturday evening or early Sunday morning.
Local News
Prof. Thomas Flear, who is now cashier of a bank at Nortonville, Kansas, is visiting here this week. He will return home sometime next week and will be accompanied by Mrs. Flear and their little daughter who have been visiting in Hoxie for several weeks. The professor was somewhat surprised at the growth Hoxie has made in the last three or four years.
The Epworth League of the M. E. church will old a food sale next Saturday at Percival & Sons' Store.
Mrs. M. I. Woods spent the weekend in Tasco with Miss Miriam Conard. They both took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conard and family.
Mr. Nohe, of Kansas City, stopped off here a day or so on his way to Wyoming to visit relatives. Mrs. Nohe was formerly Miss Lois Chambers, a Hoxie lady. Mr. Nohe holds a good position with the Kansas City Kansas at Kansas City, Kansas.
Valley
Mrs. Dunlap and son, Jef, came in Friday evening from Kansas City for a visit with the former's daughter, Mrs. Charles Carrier, and husband and family.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Getz went to Phillipsburg Tuesday, returning on Wednesday. Robt. Getz who had been visiting his grandparents a couple of months came home with them.
Mrs. Yost left Tuesday for Indianapolis, Indiana, for a visit with her parents.
Seguin Items
All farmers are very busy at this time harvesting. The only obstacle they have to encounter with is the frequent rains and they wonder if it would not be a good idea for everybody to build boats and keep them in readiness as we may need them, if it keeps on raining, to save our lives. Neither will we be able to tell where the three-mile limit is.
Gus Weigle, two of his brothers and friends motored to Park Sunday afternoon and while there they witnessed a ball game between Park and Grinnell, which they said was worth seeing.
Bill Reinert, of Colorado, son of Peter Reinert, of Seguin, is here on a few days visit with the home folks.
75 Years Ago
July 15, 1948
Baseball Tourney
A baseball tournament sponsored by the Hoxie Club, composing of teams from Park, Gove, Selden and Hoxie, will get underway Thursday afternoon July 22, and ending July 26. Local merchants are offering prizes for various tournament plays.
Bow Creek Club
The Bow Creek Club met June 15 with Bessie Rowilson who served for Reta Lewis. Several were absent. The lesson, What's new in drugs,

was given by the leader, Alice Miley. Sulpha, Penicillin and streptomycin, were discussed. The members brought food and clothing to send to our adopted family in Austria. A letter has been received by Alice Miley from one family in Austria. We decided to have our family Edgar Williams. Everyone bring a pot luck dinner. There will be no meeting in July or August. The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday of September. - Reporter
Mickey's Want Ads
Call and see the new Automatic Bendix. No bolting down.
Centenarian: "Yup, I'm 100 years old, Bud, and I'm proud to say I ain't got an enemy on earth."
Nephew: "That is a very beautiful thought, sir."
Centenarian: "Yup. Last one died 'bout a year ago."
We now have a stock of shot guns, 20 and 12-ga., and rifles.
Menlo News
Mrs. Bertha Blackford, of Butte, Mont., arrived Saturday evening to visit all her friends in Menlo. At present she is a house guest of Mrs. Flora Steiger.
Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Christensen and family left Wednesday morning for a week's vacation in Topeka and Kansas City.
Mrs. Carl Blum had a get-together Friday afternoon of the Priscilla Club members, so they could all get a good visit with Mrs. Blackford, who was a member of the club four years ago, when she lived in Menlo.
East County Line Items
The Antelope Lake was a real scenery on July 4th when many folks gathered there for picnic suppers and there was a wonderful display of nice fireworks on all sides of the lake, which was enjoyed by everyone who came out for a pleasant evening.
Mrs. Rolland Heskett and children spent Sunday evening at the Leonard Heskett home.
Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Dawes and Marilyn spent Sunday at the Lloyd Cressler home.
Leoville News
Mrs. Ben Kruse is enjoying a visit with her sister, Margaret and two daughters, whoa re here from Denver.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kruse, Elaine, Max and David spent Sunday evening with the Jerry Vacura family.
Bonita Heim is working in the central office in Selden.
Seguin Items
Mrs. J. C. Geerdes, of Seguin, and her sister, Rose, of Colby, went to McCook, Neb., to do some shopping one day last week.
Nick Mannebach, of Ellinwood, is spending a few days at the Joe and John Mannebach homes.
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Moos, of Ellinwood, are spending a few days visiting relatives at Seguin, Menlo and Colby.
50 Years Ago
July 12, 1973
Circus Monday Night at the Fairgrounds
The Fisher Bros. Circus will be in Hoxie on Monday, July 16, with two performances. The circus is sponsored by the Sheridan County Fire Department and advanced tickets may be purchased from members of the department or at Bergmeier-Taylor Equip. Co.
Baseball Schedule
Due to harvest the Hoxie K-18 and Pee Wee baseball teams have been idle. The games that

were scheduled at Winona on July 3 have been rescheduled for Sunday, July 15, with a Pee Wee game at 6:30 followed by two five-inning K-18 games.
Broadway News
Mr. and Mrs. Vergil Simon and Greg came June 30 and visited relatives at Hill City and in this area. Vergil and Neva returned to Topeka Thursday. Greg stayed and is enjoying farm activities and is at Edwin Simons at present.
Mrs. Edith Breeden and Mrs. Bernice Perrin took James Edgell and David Simon to Camp Christy on Monday, July 2 for Junior Camp.
Mrs. Stan Crawley and Shawn of Newton and Mrs. Elaine Wagoner and Dwight called at George Elmons Monday evening.
Studley Items
Mrs. Anna Burgess, Mrs. Goldie Haferfield, Mrs. Betty Spencer and daughters visited Molly Davis on Monday morning.
Ladies Aide met with Mrs. Grace Spencer Wednesday afternoon. Eleven members and one visitor were present. Lesson leader was Mrs. Beryl Covalt. Grace served refreshments.
Leoville News
Mrs. Jack Herl and her brother, Herman Dickman of Grinnell were visitors at the A. J. Fortin home Saturday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schieferecke and boys of Denver came Friday and are visiting the Barney Schiefereckes and other relatives here.
Carol Ritter of Topeka came Saturday and is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ritter and family.
Mickey's Want Ads
Lloyd spring steel porch and lawn chairs, real comfortable and durable. Stands the weather.
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Woman: Don't worry about John. He's been a sleep walker since he was a child.
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Hoxie Girls Take Part in Softball Tourney at Garden
Sixteen girls from Hoxie took part in the annual slow-pitch softball tournament held at Garden City July 1-4. A total of 15 teams were entered in the tournament.
Hoxie lost their first game 16-15 to Garst & Thomas of Garden City in nine innings. Coming back through the losers bracket they then won 19-8 over Appel Sheet metal of Scott City and 11-7 over Double D Pharmacy, also of Scott City. The win over Double D moved Hoxie into the top eight teams, however they were beaten 7-3 by B & H Builders of Garden City in their fourth game and were eliminated from the tournament.
25 Years Ago
July 16, 1998
History Day Presentations Planned During County Fair
Hoxie High School students who recently competed in the finals of the National History Day contest at the University of Maryland will be presenting their programs to the public at the Sheridan County Fair.
This program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on July 24 and 25 in the new concession stand on the Midway. The community is invited to view these presentations. There is no charge.
McGraw
Saturday night a party was held by the family and friends of Warren Bainter to celebrate his 50th Birthday. Mrs. Gayle Bainter was among those who attended.
Brenda Bainter of Tulsa was among those who attended the funeral of Peyton Grace Bainter in Greeley.
Rev. and Mrs. Bern Sundberg of Colby were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter. Mrs. Jim Bainter and Mrs. Pauline Loughry attended the funeral of Mrs. Evelyn Loughry on Thursday in Norton.
Jennings-Allison
Dean Dagg of Topeka, spent from Friday until Tuesday at the Elwood Bailey home.
There was a surprise birthday party for Mary Votapka on Saturday evening at the Senior Center. Her family brought cake and ice cream.
Lois Scott and Josephine Kinser drove to Minneapolis for the 34th Supreme Camp of Royal Neighbors of America on June 24-27 at the Airport Hilton. They picked up Mereta Duncan of Indianola, Neb., at Holdrege.
Broadway
Alma Maude Smith was a Sunday dinner guest of Don and Oneita McWilliams.
Christa Claes, of Colorado Springs, is visiting her grandparents, Dr. Leroy and Gwen Herder.
The Mt. Pleasant ABW was held at the church Wednesday morning. Lisa Popp, Antonia Babcock and Kristal Brooks gave a short lesson on the activities planned for their mission trip in August.
Rexford
The Rexford Community Church service was held on July 5 at the park with a good crowd attending and almost perfect weather under the trees. Besides the regular service, a special reading was given by Diana Taylor and a women's sextet sang a beautiful song.
Barbara and Ray Farmer of Salina were here visiting Ray and Berneda Zoberst the last two weeks. Last Friday Berneda and Barbara went to McCook to have lunch with Murlin and Luella Krizek.
Mindy Rogers returned home July 3 from the trip with the Lions band to England. There were 81 in the group including the sponsors and directors. The band presented a concert in Kansas City before leaving and also played for the opening session of the Lions over there.
The Kansas band won second place in the parade that was held on Tuesday. The group visited several places of interest including London, Shakespeare's home and the Warwick Castle, which Mindy said she enjoyed very much.



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KDWP's Special Hunts program offers hunting opportunities with limited access to public and private lands, including select refuge areas, for deer, upland game, waterfowl, doves, turkey, and furbearers.

Applications must be made online here, <https://programs.ksoutdoors.com/2023-Fall-Winter-Hunts>, and a random drawing will determine who is selected.

This fall and winter, KDWP is offering more than 350 individual "Special Hunt" opportunities.

The application period opened July 8, 2023, with the application draw dates as follows:

- First Draw Hunts (hunts occurring in September and October) – Aug. 7, 2023
- Second Draw Hunts (hunts occurring in November and December) – Sept. 25, 2023
- Third Draw Hunts (hunts occurring in January and February) – Dec. 11, 2023

Resident or nonresident hunters may apply, though some hunts are restricted to residents only. When applying online, hunters will select hunts by species, date, and category, which include "Open," "Youth," or "Mentored" hunts. All applicants are eligible to apply for Open Hunts, regardless of age or hunting experience. Youth Hunts require parties to include at least one hunter age 18 or younger, accompanied by an adult age 21 or older (who may not hunt). And Mentored Hunts are open to both youth and novice hunters supervised by a mentor age 21 or older (who may also hunt).

E-mail notifications are sent to both "successful" and "unsuccessful" applicants within two business weeks of the drawing. Successful applicants will also be emailed their hunt permit, as well as area maps and other pertinent information. Hunters are responsible for purchasing necessary licenses and permits required by law.

For more information on KDWP's Special Hunts Program, visit <https://ksoutdoors.com/Hunting/Special-Hunts-Information>.

Member Appreciation Tailgate at Dodge City Roundup Xtreme Bulls Event

Farm Bureau members in Kansas are invited to join Kansas Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Financial Services for a member appreciation tailgate Tuesday, August 1, at the Dodge City Roundup Xtreme Bulls 2023 event. The tailgate is free to attend and will be open from 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. We ask that you RSVP with your membership account number by July 25 to Kelsey Hailey at haileyk@kfb.org or 785-587-6114.

You will also be able to purchase discounted Xtreme Bulls 2023 tickets by calling the Dodge City Roundup ticket office at 620-225-2244 and mentioning you are a Kansas Farm Bureau member. Discounted pricing is good until July 15.

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Winners will appear in an upcoming issue of Kansas Farm Bureau's printed magazine, Kansas Living, and/or online at www.kansaslivingmagazine.com. Photos chosen for the print publication will receive \$25 per winner, and if an overall winner is chosen to appear as the cover of the printed magazine, the 4-H member will receive \$50.

The deadline to enter photos is October 1, 2023.

Medicare for All Means Tax Increases and Long Waits for Everyone

By Sally C. Pipes

This month, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., launched his latest bid to ban private health insurance and force all Americans into a government-run health plan.

The Vermont socialist gets points for consistency. He's introduced legislation that would establish "Medicare for All" in the last four sessions of Congress and has been stumping for single-payer health care for his entire political career.

But passion is not a substitute for wisdom. And Medicare for All is deeply unwise. It would extract hefty taxes from Americans and force them to endure long waits and rationed care in return.

Medicare for All is a bit of a misnomer. The bills would effectively nationalize health insurance. The feds would have a monopoly on paying for health care in this country, with the exception of things like cosmetic surgery. Primary care, surgery, vision, dental, prescription drugs, mental health, substance abuse, long-term care, reproductive care -- all would be under the purview of the federal government.

According to testimony last year by Charles Blahous of George Mason University, the program would cost between \$32.6 trillion and \$38.8 trillion over 10 years.

Sen. Sanders and his supporters argue that that's a good deal. But adding upwards of \$3 trillion a year to the federal budget would require huge tax increases.

American households would experience an average decline of \$5,671 in annual disposable income. For nearly two-thirds of households, the new taxes would exceed the savings associated with no longer paying premiums and out-of-pocket expenses under their current insurance plans.

The only households that would benefit are those without any workers -- mostly fully retired households. Are young workers excited by the prospect of transferring yet more of their income to their elders?

Those higher taxes wouldn't buy much in the way of care. Just look at how patients in government-run systems abroad are faring. In England, a record 7.3 million people are waiting to start hospital treatment. That's equivalent to more than 10% of the population. Last year, almost 350,000 people in England waited 12 hours or more in the emergency department before being admitted to the hospital.

Britons are frustrated by long wait times and rationed care. Public satisfaction with the NHS was 29% in 2022 -- the lowest level since record-keeping began in 1983.

Canada's single-payer system is also struggling to meet the needs of its citizens. British Columbia's health minister recently announced that thousands of patients awaiting radiation treatment for breast or prostate cancer would be eligible to cross the border to clinics in Bellingham, Wash., to receive the care they need.

Medicare for All may be a potent rallying cry for Sen. Sanders and his fellow progressives. But it would leave most Americans with less money and worse care. Let's not go down this road. Once single-payer is implemented, there is no off ramp.

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *False Promise, False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All* (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes. This op-ed originally appeared in the Detroit News.



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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan, KS - For the week ending July 9, 2023, there were 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 8% very short, 21% short, 61% adequate, and 10% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 13% very short, 32% short, 53% adequate, and 2% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat mature was 92%, behind 100% last year and 98% for the five-year average. Harvested was 59%, well behind 93% last year and 84% average.

Corn condition rated 5% very poor, 8% poor, 32% fair, 47% good, and 8% excellent. Corn silking was 36%, near 32% last year and 35% average. Dough was 4%, near 2% last year, and equal to average.

Soybean condition rated 2% very poor, 7% poor, 34% fair, 51% good, and 6% excellent.

Soybeans emerged was 95%, equal to last year, and near 96% average. Blooming was 32%, ahead of 14% last year and 27% average. Setting pods was 10%, ahead of 1% last year and 3% average.

Sorghum condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 42% fair, 44% good, and 4% excellent.

Sorghum planted was 93%, near 97% last year, and behind 98% average. Headed was 8%, near 5% last year and 6% average. Coloring was 2%.

Cotton condition rated 7% very poor, 10% poor, 33% fair, 42% good, and 8% excellent. Cotton squaring was 57%, behind 64% last year, but ahead of 52% average. Setting bolls was 5%, near 4% last year and 2% average.

Sunflowers planted was 88%, behind 93% both last year and average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 10% very poor, 18% poor, 38% fair, 31% good, and 3% excellent.

When Words Inspire Actions

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Four years ago, I was asked to become a contributor to this column and had no idea that this would become a regular part of my world. I also didn't realize how much fun it would be to share experiences and thoughts about farming, rural life, community and the lessons that have formed my values.

It hasn't always been easy -- balancing deadlines with a busy schedule, and the sometimes-daunting task of coming up with something every month worth writing about that hasn't already been done.

The most surprising part of this experience was hearing about the impact of the column. I don't think I have written a column yet that didn't generate fan mail, a note from a friend or a conversation about how the column struck a note with a reader.

However, the biggest impact has been planting a seed that grew into a great program. In one of my first columns, I wrote about hosting an etiquette dinner for our collegiate Farm Bureau students to help them understand a prepare to follow etiquette in the working world.

After the column was published, I received an email from Beth Gaines, executive director of the Kansas FFA Foundation. She inquired if I would be willing to hold an etiquette dinner for the newly elected Kansas FFA Officers to help them better prepare for the business meals they would be attending during their year of service.

Plans for the etiquette dinner soon turned into a day of training focused on helping the student officers to prepare for all aspects of the business meetings and visits with sponsors or supporters in the year ahead. With the support of several businesses in the Pratt area, we put together an event that has become an annual training for the newly elected officers.

Most of the students come into the training far ahead of their peers as polished public speakers and great conversationalists. But these 18- and 19-year-olds will be facing CEOs and elected officials; they will be expected to rattle off important facts, eloquently sharing personal examples of how FFA is impacting the future of agriculture and have the confidence to handle any situation they encounter.

We train the students to prepare to lead conversations with powerful adults, to emotionally connect over common values with stakeholders and how to make sure to balance great conversation with a purposeful meeting. These are skills that a lot of adults don't even possess; skills that will be valuable beyond their time in FFA setting many on the path to becoming CEOs and elected officials themselves.

Every time I hear someone talk about the lack of interpersonal skills in young people or how that they are too dependent on technology, I shake my head know it isn't true. Here is a group of students who defy those expectations. The difference is that this group of students has been equipped to do the hard things. As someone who personally benefited from the same types of training, I am grateful to be the person teaching and coaching a new generation of leaders.

We often don't see the impact we are making quickly or clearly. In this case, I am lucky to see how the words from this column sparked an idea that led to actions and outcomes making a group of people better prepared to help those around them.

Sharing my thoughts and experiences with all of you has been a joy. I hope my words continue to inspires great ideas and each of you to share your experiences and skills with the world around you.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
LOREN A. BILTOFT, Deceased.

Case No.: SD-2023-PR-000011

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a petition dated July 5, 2023, has been filed in this court by Kathleen Biltoft, as a surviving spouse of Loren A. Biltoft, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Kathleen Biltoft as executor of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the appointment of Kathleen Biltoft as executor of the estate on or before August 7, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. in this court in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Kathleen Biltoft
Kathleen Biltoft, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estates of
ALBERT J. HEIER, Deceased

AND

RENÉE A. HEIER, Deceased

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

No. SD-2023-PR-000010

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED
NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on July 3, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Elizabeth Heier Hopewell, an heir, devisee, legatee and named fiduciary in the Last Will and Testament of Albert J. Heier, deceased, dated February 2, 2017, and an heir, devisee, legatee and named fiduciary in the Last Will and Testament of Renee A. Heier, deceased, dated February 2, 2017 requesting Informal Administration and to Admit the Foreign Wills to Probate.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in this Court, in the City of Hoxie, in Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Elizabeth Heier Hopewell, Petitioner

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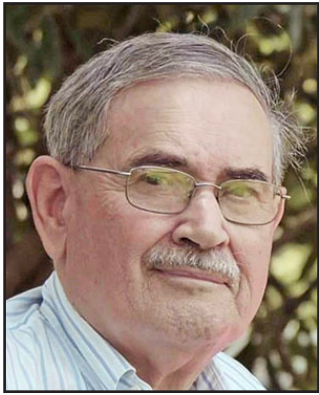
At 11:10 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, July 4. The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 10, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Mike "Buck" Mader, Chairman



Dr. Donald Sumner

September 20, 1937 ~ July 7, 2023



Dr. Donald Ray Sumner, 85 of Tifton died July 7, 2023, at Tift Regional Medical Center in Tifton, GA.

Dr. Sumner was born on September 20, 1937, to Roy Dale Sumner and Myrtle Elston Sumner in Sheridan County, KS. Dr. Sumner started his education in a one room schoolhouse in Hoxie. After graduating high school from Hoxie High School, he attended Kansas State University for his bachelor's degree, then he left to volunteer for IVS in Vietnam from 1959-1961. Following two years in Vietnam, he finished his education at University of Nebraska with a Doctorate in Plant Pathology.

Dr. Sumner loved traveling. He traveled a lot with his job as a Plant Pathologist with the University of Georgia and with his wife, JoAnn taking Road Scholar trips all over the world. He enjoyed collecting tractors and elephants, and watching his favorite college football teams, which were Nebraska, Kansas, and Georgia. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Tifton and the Tifton Lions Club for over thirty years where he helped with the Sight Seeing program and served in many positions including president. He is described as a great dad, who was also available to play ball even after a long day at work.

Along with his parents, Dr. Sumner was pre-deceased, by his stepbrother, Duane Simon and his sister, Ruth Diebert. Survivors include his wife of fifty-five years, JoAnn Troyer Sumner of Tifton, GA; daughter, Karena Elizabeth Couey of Rome, GA; his grandchildren, Zachery Nolen and Madeline Couey, both of Rome, GA; his brother, Patrick Allen Sumner and his wife, Lois, of Colby; his stepbrother, Lawrence Simon of Morland; his nieces, Christina Price of Ashland, OH, and Lisa Ribble of Arlington, TX.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Tifton at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to First Presbyterian Church of Tifton, P. O. Box 304, Tifton, Ga. 31793.

Albritton Funeral Directors is handling the arrangements. You may sign the online guest register at www.albrittonfuneral.com.

Kevin Schiltz

May 31, 1955 ~ July 2, 2023



Kevin G. Schiltz of Oakley, Kansas died Sunday, July 2, 2023, at Citizens Medical Center in Colby Kansas.

Born May 31, 1955, he was adopted by John "Jack" and Norlene (Baalman) Schiltz. He was the oldest of four children. Kevin grew up in rural Sheridan County, attending school at Seguin and Menlo, graduating from Hoxie High School in 1973.

His work-life consisted of driving a semi and helping on the family farm. He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, tending to his yard, and taking a drive in his Polaris Ranger. Kevin never met a stranger.

In 1979, Kevin married Barbara Hansen. He gained two stepdaughters, Mindy Baalman and Lori Baalman. Together, Kevin and Barbara had one daughter, Linsey. Barbara sadly passed away in an automobile accident in 1984. Linsey also tragically passed away in an automobile accident in 1996.

Kevin married Tina Maier in 1985. They have three girls, Jackylee, Katelyn and Merit; and three grandchildren, Caydence, Canon, and a granddaughter due in November.

Kevin is survived by his siblings: Kelly (Bonnie) Schiltz, of Menlo; Kendra (Joe) Hartman, of Denver, CO; and Kristen (Steve) Ostmeyer, of Colby; step-daughters, Mindy (James) Bieker and Lori (Jeff) Beaman; his three daughters: Jackylee Schiltz and Merit Schiltz, both of Oakley; and Katelyn (Michael) Halbleib, of Colby; his grandkids and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Kevin was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Barbara, his daughter, Linsey, and wife, Kathy Bergin.

Visitation was Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at the Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Grinnell. The Funeral Mass was held Thursday, July 6, 2023, at the Immaculate Conception Church, Grinnell, with burial in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Kevin Schiltz Memorial Fund, for his grandchildren's education, and sent in care of Baalmann Mortuary, PO Box 391, Colby, KS 67701. For information or condolences visit www.baalmannmortuary.com.

Commission Minutes
6/27/23

Now on this 27th day of June 2023, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman, Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, Kyle Ahlenstorf, County Attorney, Joe Pratt, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht. Guest was *The Sheridan Sentinel*.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised they would work on road 80E/160S, working north and south.

A blade went down last week. Repair estimate is \$78,379.60 which includes a reconditioned axle and transmission. The Board did not make a decision on the repair. Herskowitz will get the price for a used blade with 2000 hours on it.

The 2008 grader is still out and not repaired. The Board advised Herskowitz to get prices for extended warranties for all the equipment.

Herskowitz stated they are trying to get over the roads still. Several employees are out.

Area at the "Elk Ranch" bridge needs millings put down. There was discussion about roads and grading.

Pratt presented the Settlement Documents and Corporation General Warranty Deed for the home located at 1241 Pine, Hoxie, that the Board sold. Mader made a motion to approve and sign the documents, seconded by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0

Angel Cushing came to the table to discuss the Chisholm and Western Trail designation and the effect on landowners in Sheridan County. On a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf

Doug Cressler

March 25, 1959 ~ July 9, 2023



Douglas Eugene Cressler, 64, of Jennings, KS, passed away July 9, 2023, at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, NE. He was born March 25, 1959, in Norton to Alfred E. and Betty A. (Benedict) Cressler.

Doug lived in Selden until he was six years old and then his family moved to Jennings. He was a 1978 graduate of Jennings High School. He began working for KDOT at the age of 19 and worked there for 43 years. He enjoyed traveling and going antique shopping, watching western and hunting shows, and hunting in his earlier years. On his travels, he liked going prospecting for gold in Arizona and watching steam engines. Doug also enjoyed farming and working on his vehicles.

Doug is survived by his wife, Nancy Lovin, of the home; mother, Betty Cressler, of Jennings; brothers: Don (Trish) Cressler, of Norton; Alfred Duane (Stephanie) Cressler, of Arlington, KS; and Jonathan Cressler, of Oberlin, KS; sisters: Marsha (Bernie) Chavies, of Las Vegas, NV; Beverly (John) Harris, of St. Johns, AZ; and Penny (Jeff) Hayward, of Oberlin, KS; stepchildren: David (Meghan) Obermeyer, of New Almelo; and James Obermeyer, of Norton; 12 nephews, 1 niece, and many great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10:00 am Saturday, July 15, 2023, in the Jennings Cemetery, Jennings, KS. Visitation will be from 1-7:00 pm Friday, July 14, at Pauls Funeral Home. The family will greet friends from 5-7:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and may be sent in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N. Penn Ave., Oberlin, KS 67749 Condolences may be left at www.paulsfh.com.

Loren Biltoft

November 22, 1965 ~ June 21, 2023



Loren Andrew Biltoft, age 57, of Hoxie, passed away, after a short battle with lung cancer, June 21, 2023, at the Hays Medical Center. He was born in Valentine, NE, November 22, 1965, to Robert Wayne and Carolyn Beth (Keith) Biltoft. He grew up in Thedford, NE, and graduated from Thedford High School in 1984. After

graduating from high school, he entered the United States Air Force and proudly served his country for four years. He received his basic training at the Carswell Air Force Base, Dallas-Fort Worth, and was assigned to the Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, Loren spent several years working as a ranch hand on a ranch near Elsmere, NE.

In 2005, Loren moved to Hoxie to work for his cousins, Sam and Bob Morgan. He also worked as a farm hand and truck driver for Les Sealock and more recently Broc Kuntz. He loved to tinker with any vehicles and any project he came up with. Loren was very artistic and created some beautiful art projects. He was an excellent welder. He was a lover of fast cars and enjoyed working on them. He did like to go hunting and fishing when he could.

Loren recently married Kathleen (Francis) Biltoft. They had been together for six years and lived in Hoxie. Loren battled lung cancer and wanted more time on earth, but it was not to be. He leaves a hole in the hearts of his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by them.

Loren is survived by his wife, Kathleen of Hoxie; daughters, Amber Biltoft of Valentine, NE; Brandy Biltoft of Litchfield, NE; and Logan Biltoft of Lincoln, NE; stepdaughters, Amber White of Goodland, KS, and Kassie (Trent) Gray of Brewster, KS; brothers, Leigh Biltoft of Spokane, WA, and Lynn (Kaylen) Biltoft of Columbus, NE; Aunt Kathryn (Dale) Brown of Gooding, ID; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Carolyn Biltoft.

A Celebration of Life Service is planned for July 15, 10:30 A.M., at the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home. Visitation will be prior to the service 8:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. Inurnment will be at a later date. The family suggests memorials to the Sheridan County Benefit Walk or the Loren A. Biltoft Memorial Fund. Memorials may be sent to the Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Word of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

Resolution No. 23-53 - A Resolution Opposing Chisholm National Historic Trail and Western National Historic Trail Designation was approved and signed. Motion carried 3-0. Cushing presented examples of a letter that concerned citizens could type and submit to congress opposing the trail.

Mader made a motion to approve the June 20, 2023 Minutes as amended. Ahlenstorf seconded. Carried 3-0

On a motion by Bainter and second by Ahlenstorf, three Treasurer Abatement's were approved and signed. Carried 3-0

The revised Vyve Business Service Order removing the Fire Department was approved and signed by the Chairman on a motion by Mader and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0

The June 27, 2023 Warrants were approved on a motion by Mader and second by Ahlenstorf. Carried 3-0

District Court Administrator JoEllyn Agrabright and Rhonda White, Clerk of District Court, came to the table. The Court is looking for \$41,000 in funding from the County to pay for new courtroom video presentation and video conferencing equipment. They have received \$45,000 in SPARK funding that will go toward courtroom audio recording/reinforcement/control. Agrabright stated installation is set for the 2nd week in September and they need to know within the next two weeks whether the County will fund additional equipment. Agrabright and White exited the meeting. No decision was made.

Deb Kaufman, EMS Director, came to the table. At 10:05 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Kaufman, Bracht, and Pratt. At 10:25, the door opened and Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 20 minutes. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 10:48. Kaufman will advertise for full-time EMT at an hourly rate of \$15.65/hr. They would be eligible for regular full-time employee benefits. Kaufman would set their schedule, working at least a day shift, middle of the night and one Saturday or Sunday.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the

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ORDINANCE NO. 733

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDWEST ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOXIE, KANSAS:

Section 1. That, in consideration of the benefits to be derived by the City of Hoxie, Kansas, and its inhabitants, hereinafter called “City”, there is hereby granted to Midwest Energy, Inc., hereinafter called “Grantee” or “Company”, its successors and assigns, the right to use and occupy the streets, avenues, alleys, and other public places within the City of Hoxie, Kansas, for the purpose of constructing, erecting, operating and maintaining electric transmission and distribution lines and all necessary facilities and appurtenances for use in the transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity for all purposes to said City and its inhabitants for a period of twenty (20) years from the date of passage of this Ordinance through the 10th day of July, 2043.

Section 2. The Company is hereby given the right, under the supervision of the Governing Body of the City, and within the City limits, to trim and cut such trees and foliage as may be reasonably necessary to prevent the same from interfering with the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of its transmission lines, distribution system, street lighting equipment, and to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of its business.

Section 3. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee hereby undertakes and agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain good and adequate service to the City hereunder, but it is understood that the Company does not guarantee that the supply of electrical energy will at all times be continuous and it is agreed that temporary cessation of Company’s service hereunder occasioned by fire, explosion, flood, strike, insurrection, mob violence, governmental interference, breakdown or injury to machinery, or transmission or distribution lines or from other accidents or causes not reasonably within its control, shall not constitute a breach of this Ordinance or any obligation arising hereunder on the part of the Company; and, that Grantee shall not be liable to City or to any other person, firm or corporation for any damages resulting from such temporary cessation of service.

Section 4. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee, its successors and assigns, shall locate its distribution lines in the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in such manner as not to interfere with the use of said streets, avenues, alleys and public places. At times when City causes public improvements to be made to any of the streets, avenues, alleys, or other public places within the City that are occupied by Company’s electric facilities, Company shall, at City request, relocate its electric facilities at Company’s expense to conform to the City’s planned improvement. If said Grantee is required to move, alter, or rebuild any of its electric facilities not located on public right-of-way, the cost of moving, altering or rebuilding said facilities shall be borne by the requesting party. In the event City vacates or otherwise abandons City right-of-way on which Company facilities are located, or planned to be located, the Ordinance vacating or abandoning such City right-of-way shall provide City granted easement to Company.

Section 5. It is further agreed by the City and the Company, that the rates now in effect or such rates as may be approved by the proper governmental authority having jurisdiction over the Company or the Company’s Board pursuant to K.S.A. 66-104d, as applicable, shall be deemed to be a reasonable schedule of maximum rates charged the City and its inhabitants for the service provided by the Company.

Section 6. Subject to any restriction placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over the Company in consideration of and as compensation for the granting of this franchise by the City of Hoxie, Kansas, and in lieu of any licenses, fees and occupation or other revenue taxes, Company shall collect from consumers and pay to the City an amount equal to Four percent (4%) of the gross revenue derived from the sales of electric power and energy within the corporate limits of said City, such payment to be made to the City monthly for the preceding monthly period.

If and when retail wheeling becomes an option, this ordinance may be opened so that a franchise tax may be collected on such electric energy that is being wheeled through Midwest Energy’s local distribution system in the city limits of Hoxie, Kansas. The option to reopen this provision of Section 6 will not affect the other terms of this ordinance.

The City shall have access to and the right to examine, at all reasonable times, all books, receipts, files, records, and documents of Company necessary to verify the correctness of said payments.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this franchise, the fee provided for in this Section 6 shall not become effective within any area annexed by the City until 30 days after the City provides the Company with a certified copy of the annexation ordinance, proof of publication as required by law, and a map of the city detailing the annexed area.

Section 7. Without affecting the other terms of this Ordinance, as further consideration for the rights and privileges hereby granted Company and subject to any restrictions placed on Company by regulatory authorities having jurisdiction over Company, Company agrees that the City will have the option to open the provision of Section 6 relating to the percentage applied to gross receipts derived from applicable electric sales. Six (6) months prior to the end of each 5-year period that this Ordinance is in existence, the Company and the City may renegotiate the percentage to be paid to the City during the succeeding 5-year period. If the Company and the City cannot reach a mutual agreement on said percentage during such 6-month period, this Ordinance shall become null and void.

Section 8. That the Company, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance and operation of its electric transmission, distribution and street lighting system, under the rights and privileges herein granted, shall exercise all reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the City of Hoxie, Kansas, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Company, its successors and assigns, or its or their agents or servants.

Section 9. It is further provided that should any section or sections of this Ordinance be held null and void or void or illegal by any court having jurisdiction in a proper action, such decision by such court shall not affect any other part of this Ordinance not passed upon by such court.

Section 10. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 11. This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of Article 20, Chapter 12, Kansas Statutes Annotated.

Section 12. The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in The Sheridan Sentinel, the official city newspaper.

FINAL ADOPTION AND PASSAGE by the Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, this 10th day of July 2023.

Darrick Zerr
Darrick Zerr, Mayor

ATTEST:
Janet Bainter
Janet Bainter, City Clerk
(SEAL)

Pat Parke
Pat Parke CEO, Midwest Energy, Inc.

ATTEST:
Schamra Detherage
Schamra Detherage, Assistant Secretary, Midwest Energy, Inc.
(SEAL)

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ORDINANCE NO. 734

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO MIDWEST ENERGY, INC., A KANSAS CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE PRESCRIBING THE TERMS THEREOF AND RELATING THERETO AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH OR IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOXIE, KANSAS:

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Section 2. All mains, pipes, conduits, and services shall be installed and maintained so as to interfere as little as practicable with traffic over the streets, alleys, bridges and public places of said City.

When Grantee shall do any work of construction, repair, or maintenance of said system in the course of which any pavements, curbing or gutter upon any street, alley, bridge or public place shall be excavated, Grantee shall properly protect excavations and shall promptly restore such street, alley, bridge or public place as far as practicable to as good condition as before such work was done.

Section 3. That, in consideration of the rights and privileges hereby granted, said Grantee hereby undertakes and agrees to use reasonable effort to maintain good and adequate service to the City hereunder, but it is understood that the Company does not guarantee that the supply of natural gas will at all times be continuous and it is agreed that temporary cessation of Company’s service hereunder occasioned by fire, explosion, flood, strike, insurrection, mob violence, governmental interference, breakdown or injury to machinery, or transmission or distribution lines or from other accidents or causes not reasonably within its control, shall not constitute a breach of this Ordinance or any obligation arising hereunder on the part of the Company; and, that Grantee shall not be liable to City for any damages resulting from such temporary cessation of service.

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Darrick Zerr – Mayor

ATTEST:
Janet Bainter
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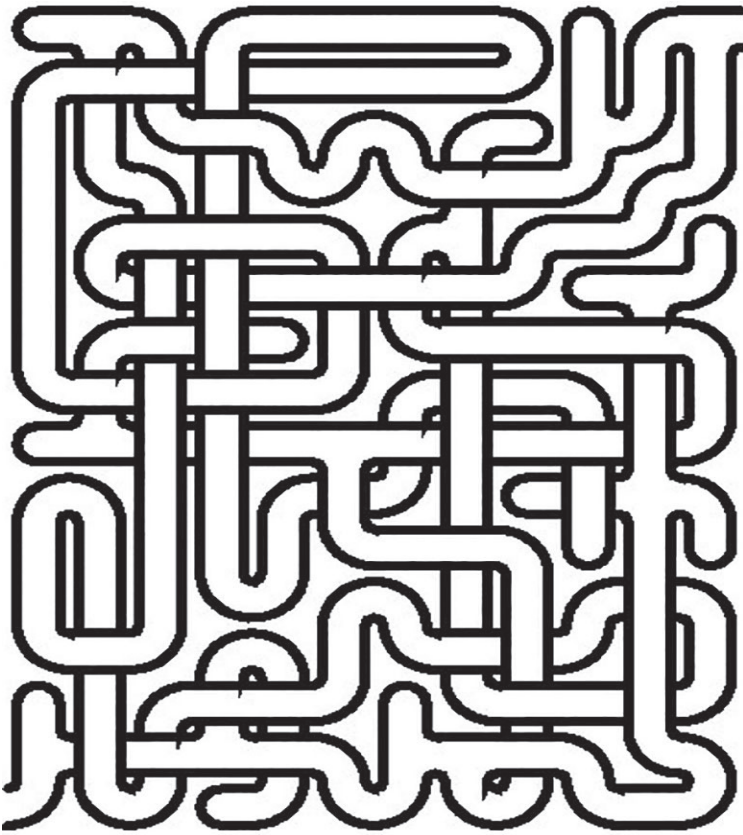


MAGIC MAZE ● WORDS WITH THREE B'S

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D B Z X V U T U B I L A A E R
Q O M K B I H F B B B I B R D
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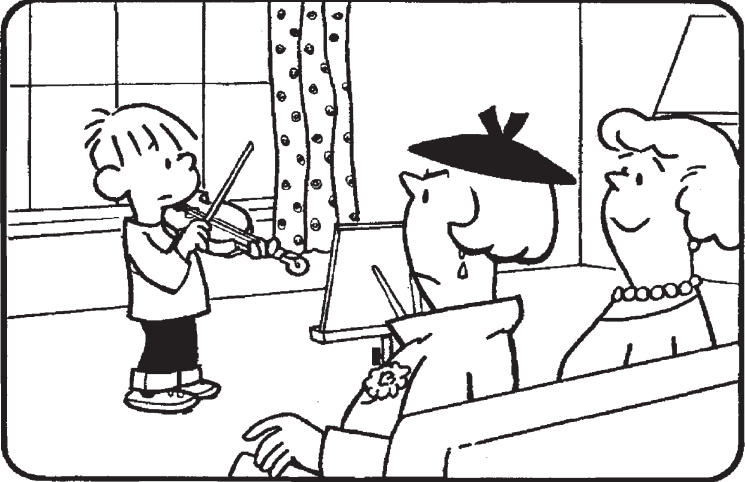
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: KIDS LOVE — GUM

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| Absorbable | Blabby | Bobble | Bumblebee |
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| Babble | Bobber | Bubba | Hubbub |
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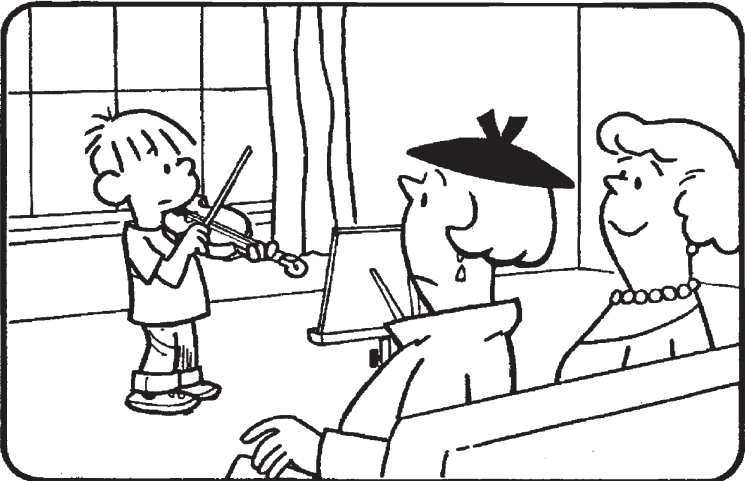


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sleeve is shorter. 2. Pants are different. 3. Drape is different. 4. Flower is missing. 5. Lamp is missing. 6. Neckline is lower.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: K equals S

CZJC HFCD, CAUX CXQD HNFTO
SJGDTX RJTQ XDC, SFC ZD RJK
LDCCAUL JGNFUO NU ENNC CN
CZD SDKC NE ZAK KCJSATACX.

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

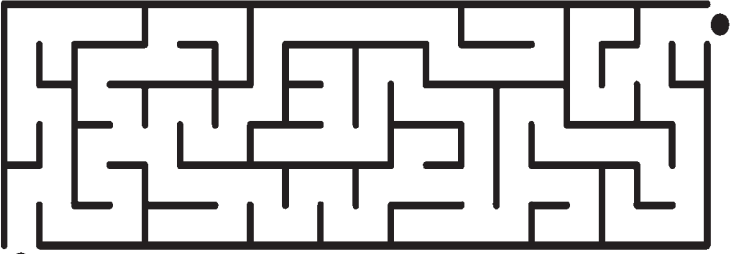
WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DOES BREAD DO ON VACATION?

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|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| LAPELS | ___ | PLEAS | LLAMAS | ___ | SMALL |
| SMOOTH | ___ | MOTHS | REUSED | ___ | SUEDE |
| CATERS | ___ | CREST | BLOUSE | ___ | BLUES |
| FASTER | ___ | STARE | USEFUL | ___ | FUELS |
| | | | TRANCE | ___ | REACT |
| | | | CANOED | ___ | OCEAN |

Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page!

| | | | | |
|---------|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| Surmise | CONKER | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Prickle | GENTIL | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Relaxed | ACUSAL | ___ | ___ | ___ |
| Fling | BEING | ___ | ___ | ___ |

... And don't forget. A pencil and pad for Mr. and Mrs. Stuart—they're not _____!

TODAY'S WORD

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

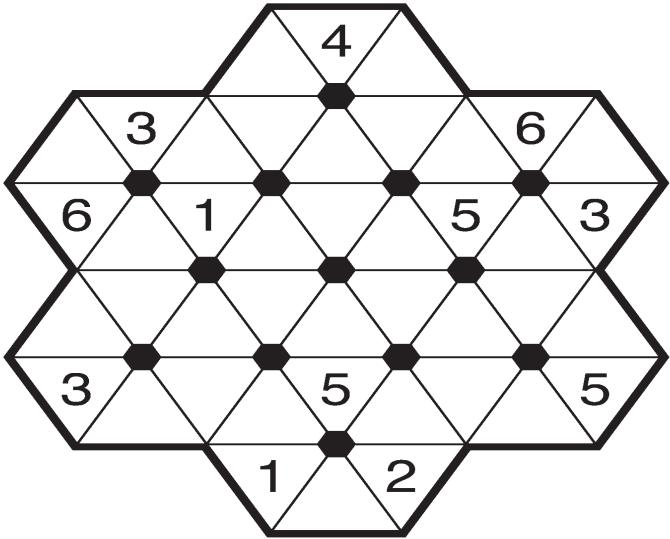
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Super Crossword

NINE FLEET

- ACROSS
- 1 By means of
 - 4 Seizes suddenly
 - 9 Niche religion
 - 13 Cousins of rumbas
 - 19 Noah's craft
 - 20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie"
 - 21 Assistant of Frankenstein
 - 22 Mount where the 19-Across landed
 - 23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter
 - 26 Set fire to
 - 27 Streisand musical film
 - 28 Diner relative
 - 29 Portion (out)
 - 31 Part of "GWTW"
 - 32 Mosque God
 - 35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect
 - 39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan
 - 43 Thing to fly in the wind
 - 44 Pertaining to
 - 45 Seat in a bar
 - 46 Seat in a church
 - 48 Things
 - 52 Give new weapons to
 - 54 Fluctuate wildly
 - 56 Cole — (shoe brand)
 - 59 Curious pet
 - 60 Gift label
 - 61 Pro- — (some tours)
 - 64 Sport fish also known as "little tuna"
 - 68 "Them's the breaks!"
 - 71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak"
 - 72 Came to rest
 - 73 Atlanta daily since 2001
 - 77 "Game of Thrones" actress
 - 78 Charlotte — (Virgin Islands capital)
 - 79 Turning out
 - 80 Windy City airport
 - 84 Adobe Acrobat file
 - 85 "— believer!"
 - 88 Almond-hued
 - 89 Actress Olin
 - 90 Plaintiff
 - 92 Turns toward
 - 94 Darling child
 - 96 Perceive
 - 99 Imitated a sheep
 - 102 — -pedi
 - 103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana
 - 106 Small, floating cephalopod
 - 109 Device used in cardiology
 - 113 Actress Eve
 - 114 Everything
 - 115 Venus de —
 - 116 9-to-5er's shout
 - 118 Of a junction point
 - 122 Gazed angrily
 - 124 Principle of capitalism
 - 129 Showing on TV
 - 130 Work to make
 - 131 Second-largest city of India
 - 132 — out a win (just prevail)
 - 133 Distant
 - 134 Californie, par exemple
 - 135 Stellar hunter
 - 136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle
- DOWN
- 1 Fluctuate
 - 2 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)
 - 3 Similar
 - 4 Car radiator covering
 - 5 Toon pal of Stimp
 - 6 "The Ice Storm" director Lee
 - 7 Plastic pail or shovel, say
 - 8 Toxin fighters
 - 9 Form a rough judgment of
 - 10 Vanity
 - 11 With 15-Down, flimflamming guy
 - 12 "Lady and the —"
 - 13 Rum cocktail
 - 14 Evita's land
 - 15 See 11-Down
 - 16 Big name in faucet filters
 - 17 Solemn vows
 - 18 Expensive
 - 24 Veteran
 - 25 Casual statement of sympathy
 - 30 Comic shriek
 - 33 Fleur-de- — (iris)
 - 34 Kitchen pest
 - 36 Fabric flaw
 - 37 Bardic verse
 - 38 Rainy
 - 39 Juicy gossip
 - 40 Draft-eligible
 - 41 Coercing
 - 42 Edifice
 - 43 Similar
 - 47 "Let's suppose ..."
 - 49 Like the study of habitats
 - 50 County in the Bay Area
 - 51 "Undo" mark
 - 53 Bryn —, Pennsylvania
 - 55 Info that's not up to date
 - 57 Pub spigot
 - 58 Preposterous
 - 62 Domestic household
 - 63 Hit hard, as the brakes
 - 65 Airline to Copenhagen
 - 66 Apnea-treating doc
 - 67 Abel's brother
 - 69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s
 - 70 Petting zoo animals
 - 73 2008-12 Mets pitcher
 - 74 Roman 151
 - 75 Suffix with planet
 - 76 Petty quarrel
 - 77 Eight: Prefix
 - 81 Doled-out share
 - 82 French inn
 - 83 2021 is one
 - 86 Diner list
 - 87 Sale rack
 - 91 Pursued speedily
 - 93 Key related to C major
 - 95 Bungle
 - 97 Lead-in to center or dermis
 - 98 Do lunch
 - 100 Gift for music
 - 101 Clunker
 - 104 Wee bit
 - 105 Note above fa
 - 107 Very strong
 - 108 One of a bowler's targets
 - 109 "Horrible" cartoon
 - 110 Actress Kemper
 - 111 Fire alert
 - 112 Credit card lure
 - 117 — -Chinese
 - 119 God, to Gigi
 - 120 Inquires
 - 121 Some blue jeans
 - 123 Brazilian city, in brief
 - 125 Hamelin pest
 - 126 Slice of time
 - 127 Yale attendee
 - 128 Pi-sigma link

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