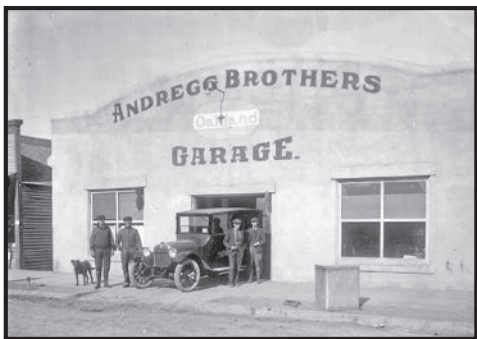




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HHS Homecoming Royalty



By Kendall Baalman
Homecoming has arrived! The candidates include: juniors (first couple) Noah Nickelson & Lilly Beckman; freshmen (fifth couple) Corbin Pope & Gabby Schamberger; and sophomores (sixth couple) Porter Meyer & Viley Pridey. The senior candidates (L-R-second, third, and fourth couples) for Homecoming King and Queen are: Chase Meyer & Lily Bird, Gabe Koster & Helaina Heskett, and Mat Bretz & Kendall Baalman. The crowning will take place at 6:40 before the Hoxie vs. Trego football game on Friday, September 18.

Public Meeting Scheduled for Sheridan State Fishing Lake Renovation

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) will host a public meeting to share updates on the ongoing renovation of Sheridan State Fishing Lake. Community members are invited to learn about the project's timeline, recent progress, and what to expect in the coming year.

Meeting Details
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Time: 7:00pm
Location: Hoxie High School Auditorium, 1625 Queen Avenue, Hoxie

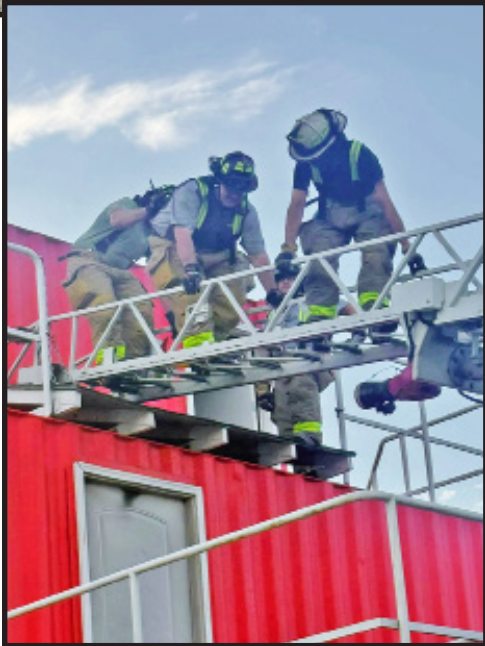
KDWP staff will walk through the renovation milestones, including work completed to-date and what's ahead for the lake's full restoration. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session to ensure attendees have time to share feedback and ask questions.

"Sheridan State Fishing Lake remains on track, and we're looking forward to sharing a deeper look at the progress with the community," said KDWP Secretary Christopher Kennedy. "This renovation is a multi-year effort designed to improve long term stability, enhance habitat, and restore the fishery. The investments we're making now will ensure the lake thrives for decades to come."



SC Fire Department Trains on Roof Rescues

Last Tuesday's training was on roof rescues. Sheridan County residents are very proud of our firefighters; The SC Fire Department has a saying about their firefighters' abilities: "Would you want you to rescue you?" The answer is, "YES! You are the ones we can count on when we need you!" (Photos by Junior Firefighter Jensen Armknecht)



Smoky Hills PBS Premieres Season 9 of Cottonwood Connections

Bunker Hill - Smoky Hills PBS is proud to announce the return of Cottonwood Connections for its 9th Season. Cottonwood Connections takes a look at how Kansas and the Great Plains have been integral in shaping our country and our world.

Kicking off the season is an episode about the Battle of Little Big Horn and the western Kansas connection to this battle. Throughout the season, viewers will also experience engaging stories on:

- Hunting High Plains Fossils
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- Electric Power
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"One of the fun things about working on Cottonwood Connections is that the stories just keep coming," said Ed Lowry, producer and director of the show. "I think this season is an interesting blend of unique discoveries, dramatic events and a look into things that made day-to-day life possible for those settling the Plains."

Tune In:
New episodes will air SUNDAYS at 6 PM CST, starting September 20.

A rebroadcast of each episode will air on Saturdays at 6 PM, giving viewers an additional opportunity to tune in.

Stream:
All episodes are available to stream on the PBS app. For more information on broadcast times and additional coverage details, please visit our website at SmokyHillsPBS.org.

Cottonwood Connections is made possible in part by these current sponsors:
Horlacher Jewelers, Colby Glass Co. Inc., Fry Eye Associates, Scott County Historical Society, United, and The Prairie Museum of Art & History

2026-2027 HHS Cheer Squad



This is your 2026-2027 HHS Cheer Squad checking in for the first time this year! They attended the Spirit Spreader Clinic at the Colby Events Center on Thursday, September 3, where they learned a bunch of new skills and material for this upcoming year. Thank you to KSHSAA, Varsity Spirit, and Colby High School for being such excellent hosts and putting on this event. They are looking forward to an incredible year supporting the Hoxie Indians!

2026-2027 Cheerleaders are: Lilly Beckman, Camden Slaubaugh, Aerabella Urban, Jordan Dardis, Madison Mader, Estefania Castaneda, Avery Koster, captain Viley Pridey, and Consuelo Valdez. This year's cheer coaches are Amanda Cheney and Caitlin Schwagerl. (Photo by Amanda Cheney)

Words of Wisdom	Grain Report	Weather Report	Thought of the Week
Don't waste your time with explanations. People only hear what they want to hear.	Reported on: Tuesday, Sept. 15 Corn Milo Beans Wheat 4.16 4.71 12.09 7.26 HI-PLAINS COOP	Date High Low Moisture 9/7 9/8 9/9 9/10 9/11 9/12 9/13 89 98 94 83 88 91 75 69 73 71 67 65 66 58 .25" .02" -- .31" .02" -- .02"	Obstacles are placed in our way to see if what we want is really worth fighting for.



A small group enjoyed the monthly potluck dinner at the Sunflower Senior Center on September 9. Attending included Doyle & Kay Brown; Ken & Julie Carter; Stanley Shimek; Dorothy Vacura, and Ramona Shaw. Visiting was enjoyed by all. The next scheduled potluck meal will be on October 14 at the senior center. All are welcome.

WPAA Presents Garth LIVE!

The Western Plains Arts Association wants to invite you and any “friends in low places” to the next concert in our 2026-2027 Season. GARTH LIVE! Is coming to the Cultural Arts Center on the campus of Colby Community College on September 27, at 3pm.

GARTH LIVE! is a stunning tribute to the music of Garth Brooks featuring Drew Baloh, who has an uncanny resemblance to the legendary country music icon. Having played to sold-out crowds across the U.S., this production is a tribute to some of the greatest music produced in the 90’s country era including monster hits such as Friends in Low Places, The Thunder Rolls, The Dance, Much Too Young (To Feel This Damn Old), Ain’t Goin’ Down (til the Sun Comes Up) and countless others. Backed by a talented band, GARTH LIVE! delivers a high-energy performance you won’t want to miss!

Admission to this show is with a WPAA season ticket or an individual program ticket which both may be purchased at the door.

This event will be sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association with assistance from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Thomas County Community Foundation, and sponsored in part by the state of Kansas through the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Hope to see you there.



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Thank God My Plan Failed

Man, I THANK GOD SOME OF THE THINGS I BEGGED HIM FOR NEVER HAPPENED.

I couldn't always say that. There were times I was mad. “God, why didn't You open that door?” “Why did You let that person leave?” “Why am I going through THIS?” I had a picture of exactly how my life was supposed to look. And when God didn't follow my blueprint, I thought something had gone wrong.

Turns out—I WAS TRYING TO GIVE DIRECTIONS TO THE ONE WHO

ALREADY KNEW THE DESTINATION. C'mon.

We pray: “Father, I surrender everything...” then turn around and tell Him exactly how we want Him to do it.

That ain't surrender. THAT'S GOD RIDING SHOTGUN WHILE WE KEEP THE WHEEL.

Maybe life doesn't look like what we prayed for. The relationship ended. The opportunity disappeared. The timeline changed. The door closed. And we're asking: “God... what are You doing?”

Look at Joseph. A pit wasn't his plan. Slavery wasn't his plan. Prison wasn't his plan. But Joseph eventually told the brothers who betrayed him: “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.” — Genesis 50:20

Joseph couldn't see the whole plan from inside the pit. NEITHER CAN WE.

That's where faith gets real. Faith isn't trusting God because we understand the route. FAITH IS TRUSTING GOD WHEN THE ROUTE MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE.

Some things we thought were destroying our story God was using to rewrite it. Some doors needed to close. Some things needed to break. Some versions of us needed to die. Because God wasn't building the comfortable life we imagined. HE WAS BUILDING THE LIFE HE COULD USE.

And ultimately—HE WAS LEADING US TO JESUS.

Proverbs says: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” Maybe today our prayer changes. Not, “Father, make Your plan look like mine.” But “FATHER, MAKE ME TRUST YOURS.” Even when I don't understand. Even when You close the door. Even when the road goes somewhere I never expected. Because, MY PLAN WAS BUILT AROUND WHAT I COULD SEE. GOD'S PLAN WAS BUILT AROUND WHAT HE ALREADY KNEW.

So, Father, take the pen. Take the blueprint. Take the wheel. We're done asking You to bless the life we designed. BUILD THE ONE YOU CREATED US FOR.

And maybe one day we'll look back at the unanswered prayer, the closed door, the road we never would've chosen, and finally understand, “THANK YOU, FATHER. MY PLAN LOOKED NOTHING LIKE THIS. YOURS LOOKED BETTER.”



SCHOOL NEWS

Indians Win Big at Home

By Emma Schamberger

On Thursday, September 10, the Hoxie Lady Indians hosted the Hill City Ringnecks and Scott City Beavers in competitive volleyball matches. The Hoxie Indians had beaten both teams before and were looking to do it again.

The Lady Indians started the night with their first game against the Hill City Ringnecks. The first set was competitive, with both teams battling for the lead. The Lady Indians pulled away late in the set to take the win, 25-21. Hoxie carried that momentum into the second set and came out strong. The Lady Indians kept the pressure on the Ringnecks and finished the set with a 25-18 victory to secure their first win of the night.

The high intensity from Hoxie's first game carried into the second game against the Scott City Beavers. The Lady Indians started strong and shut down the Beavers, capturing the first set 25-16. Hoxie continued to play with the same energy as they began the second set. The Beavers fought hard, but the Lady Indians took the second set with a 25-22 win, adding another win to their season.

Hoxie has a deep bench this year, with each member playing an important role. This year's varsity team includes seniors Kendall Baalman, Josie Bell, Carley Cooper, Emma Schamberger, Evie Schippers, and Claire Watkins; juniors Harper Mauck and Camryn Gourley; sophomore Jentry Rhodes; and freshman Gabby Schamberger.

The Lady Indians JV and C teams also played and won competitive games against the Ringnecks and Beavers. JV team members include juniors Kalleigh Baier, Rylan Moss, and Jaylen Herl; sophomores Viley Pridey, Adison Shipley, Arely Mandujano, Olivia Walker, and Keiley Kincaid; freshmen Lexi Heskett, Blayke Mauck, Emily Haffner, Priscila Meraz, Aubree Carver, Campbell Scanlon, and Camden Slabaugh.

Hoxie is looking to continue adding wins to their record during Homecoming week. On September 14, the C team will travel to Norton to face off against the Bluejays and the Scott City Beavers. Varsity and JV have a busy week with games on September 15, at Russell with the Broncos and the TMP Monarchs, September 17, at home against the Colby Eagles and McCook Buffaloes and rounding out their week on September 19, at the annual Dighton Tournament.



Senior Kendall Baalman wipes her shoes and gets ready for the next ball. (HHs photo)

Bulldogs Open Season with a Win

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Bulldog football team opened their season with a 42-6 win over the Palco Roosters in Palco on September 4. This is Palco's first year to play as a team since 2013 when they began a cooperative with Logan. “It was a good start to the year,” said Cristian Garcia. “Our attitude was good, but we got tired. We need to condition more and work on staying mentally strong.”

The Bulldogs received the ball to begin the game but punted to the Roosters after several downs. On defense, the Dogs held the Roosters with repeated tackles from Cristian Garcia, Tannor Todd, Kelby Buehler, and Parker Vahling forcing the Roosters to turn the ball over. Back on offense, the Dogs advanced the ball ending with a touchdown pass from Ruxin Arnberger to Todd to end the quarter with a 6-0 lead.

The Dogs held possession to open the second quarter. Adam Ritter ran the ball before Arnberger connected with Vahling close to the goal. Arnberger completed the drive with a touchdown run and a 12-0 lead. Jesus Dominguez kicked the ball back to the Roosters who could not convert giving the Dogs another possession. Arnberger connected with Garcia for a gain followed by a touchdown run by Ritter. Arnberger then intercepted a Rooster pass carrying it to the 5. Vahling completed the drive in the end zone to put the Dogs up 24-0.

Dominguez kicked again to the Roosters who were brought down by Koen Schaben. They broke through on the next play to score their only touchdown of the game. Kelby Buehler blocked their PAT attempt to put the game at 24-6 at the half.

The Bulldogs took care of the ball for the remainder of the game. Their defense was strong with Anthony Schippers bringing down the Roosters and interceptions by both Vahling and Arnberger. Arnberger connected with Todd for a third quarter touchdown and Ritter ran in another near the end of the quarter for the Bulldogs to lead 36-6 going into the fourth.

The action continued throughout the final quarter. The Roosters struggled to hike the ball successfully, but connected on some passes and played good defense. The Dogs also worked hard to gain yards with runs by Vahling and Ritter. Arnberger connected with Garcia who ran to the five. Ritter and Vahling each carried the ball with Ritter crossing the goal line for a final touchdown and the 42-6 win.

Arnberger finished the game with 173 passing yards for 2 touchdowns. He also rushed for 7 yards and 1 touchdown. Parker Vahling rushed for 50 yards and 2 touchdowns with 1 fumble recovery. Adam Ritter ran 14 yards and had 2 touchdowns.



Golden Plains Junior Cristian Garcia (4) brings down a Palco Rooster in the Bulldogs season opener in Palco on September 4 as Anthony Schippers (8), Kelby Buehler (44), and Adam Ritter (3) rush to assist. The Bulldogs defeated the Roosters 42-6 to start the season. (Photo by Elizabeth Weiner)

Pages from the Past

The Decatur County Museum would like to thank LaMoine Wolfram once again for his time and talent in making this beautiful stand for the original fire bell purchased by the City of Oberlin in October of 1888 - after a terrible fire on September 12, 1888.

The history of the bell and the beginning of Oberlin's Fire Department:

Warning! From the Proprietor and Editor of the Oberlin Eye (Columbus Borin) to the Good People of Oberlin - May 19, 1887

"Above all things, Oberlin needs a well-organized hook and ladder company. A city as this - where so many frame buildings are joining each other - a company of this kind is indispensable.

"Some fine morning, the people of this city will awake to the stern fact that a native Kansas zephyr has driven the fire demon through the city and perhaps destroyed \$100,000 worth of property; then they will go to work and organize a hook and ladder company and establish a regular fire company with all the modern appliances.

"In other words, the barn will be locked after the thieves have stolen the horses and have gone to Missouri."

As Columbus Borin predicted, a year later - on Wednesday, September 12, 1888 -- nearly half of the west side of Penn Avenue was a mass of smoldering ruins.

A fire destroyed ten businesses on the west side of Penn Avenue from what is now the north building of Hickok's Hardware store to the Land Mark Inn. The total loss was estimated at \$58,700 (Oberlin Opinion Sept. 15, 1888), which would be over \$2 million today.

The fire started in Tim Crowe's building adjoining Liepold & Co.'s brick building to the south at about one o'clock.

"The fire spread to the other buildings, and by three o'clock, every building down to the Bank of Oberlin was either burned down or pulled down" (The Oberlin Eye



September 13, 1888).

Two days later in the Oberlin Eye: "Now let us have a hook and ladder company and a hose team" (Oberlin Opinion September 15, 1888).

A month later, the Oberlin newspapers announced that a special city election would be held November 13 "for the purpose of voting bonds to buy hose carts and other necessities for a complete fire department, which is certainly most urgently needed" (The Decatur County News October 18, 1888).

The vote passed easily with 98 of the 104 voters in favor of \$5,000 in bonds for fire equipment, and by the end of the year, Oberlin had two hose carts, a hook and ladder wagon, and a fire bell (Decatur County News December 20, 1888).

In the spring of 1889, "a tower with a bell on the apex for a fire alarm" was erected on the corner of Penn Avenue and Commercial Street (Oberlin Opinion May 1, 1889).

For 40 years, the bell tower was a landmark in Oberlin until it was taken down in 1923:

The Oberlin Times - January 11, 1923

"One of Oberlin's oldest landmarks has passed from existence. The old fire bell and tower have been removed.

"The bearer of bad tidings, during the forty years it has stood, has stricken terror to the hearts of many in the wee hours of night. It had called out the fire department and the citizens, to the fires, both great and small, saving thousands of dollars' worth of property.

"The old tower had become weather beaten, marring the fine appearance of the newly paved streets and the white way. Therefore, it was considered best to remove it. The bell has been stored for the present, there being



no need for it, since the siren was installed some time ago."

The Decatur County Museum is proud to have on our grounds one of Oberlin's original hose carts, the city's first two fire trucks, and the fire bell, which used to sit outside the second annex at the museum. Thanks to LaMoine and John Nelson, who poured the concrete pad, the old bell now has a new home right outside our fire house.

The 1888 fire hose cart was restored by Werner Wagon Works in Horton, Kansas, in 2022. It joined the 1928 and 1958 fire trucks in the museum's fire house, which opened August 4, 2022. And now the bell is there as well.

[September is National Firefighter Appreciation Month. Thank you to all Decatur County firefighters - past and present - for their service.]

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Newsstands	Grain Report	Weather Report			
	Reported on: Tuesday, Sept. 15	Date	High	Low	Moisture
Vivo Travel Store	Wheat	9/7	91	68	.65"
Crossroads Express	Corn	9/8	100	72	.12"
Raye's Grocery	Milo	9/9	89	69	.06"
	Beans	9/10	83	64	.12"
		9/11	89	62	--
		9/12	93	66	--
		9/13	73	55	--

Bulldogs

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Tannor Todd received for 72 yards and 2 touchdowns. Cristian Garcia received for 53 yards, Vahling 46, and Kelby Buehler 20. The Dogs strong defense was led by Kelby Buehler with 8 tackles, Schippers 7, Garcia 6, Ritter 6, Arnberger 5, Vahling 5, Koen Schaben 2, and Kasch Buehler 1. Kelby also had 1 interception and 3 fumble recoveries. Arnberger had 2 interceptions, and Vahling had 1 interception and 1 fumble recovery. Schippers also had a fumble recovery.

"We were all surprised," said Adam Ritter. "They were a good team for their first year coming back to six-man on their own. They had some good athletes. We had trouble during the week but pulled it together and remembered our plays well in the game." The Bulldogs will be on the road again as the travel to Cheylin on September 11 to face the Cougars.



Miss White listens as her students ask a question. (WHS photo)

Newest Addition to WES!!

By Emma Thomas, Staff Editor

One of Wheatland Elementary School's newest additions to their staff is a fourth-grade teacher from Hoxie, Kansas. Miss White has quite a bit of family from Northwest Kansas! White has a dad, brother, stepmom, and three stepsisters that currently reside in Hoxie. White's grandmother Reba White is well known in the Grainfield and Grinnell communities; Mrs. White even taught FACS in WHS.

White was asked what made her want to become a teacher. White said that there are many answers to the question. White has always wanted to become a teacher because she loves watching students grow, learn, and become successful. When choosing her career, White wanted something that was meaningful but very rewarding at the same time. That is when she knew that teaching was her calling! Being able to make a positive difference

A Heartfelt Thank You

By Emily Hrabe, Staff Reporter

At the volleyball game Tuesday, September 8, 2026, our community came together to give a big thanks to Kay Haffner. Everyone in our community knows she has been taking pictures at sports games for a long time, and the school appreciates her for doing that out of her own time.

Kay is also a sponsor for the youth Grainfield Community Development Committee, and the girls love having her mentorship. One of her accomplishments is helping finish repaint the Wheatland gym over the summer as a youth GCDC project. Her dedication to work and friendliness makes students strive to be like her. The lessons Kay is teaching about fundraising and grant writing are valuable tools.

Thank you, Kay, for everything you do.

Kay Haffner smiling with gratitude. (WHS photo)



in students' lives while helping them reach their goals is something White finds incredibly fulfilling.

One thing White is excited for this school year is getting to learn and grow alongside her students. White claims that her favorite subject to teach is math because there are so many different ways to solve a math problem. She says that there are ways everyone can find success. "If your

class had a theme song, what would it be?", White said that if her class were to have a theme song it would be "We're All In This Together" from High School Musical because her students are so close to one another. White states "Our classroom truly feels like one big family, and I love the sense of community they have with each other!"

White currently lives with her yellow lab, Oak.

White stated, "She is not a very good roommate because she gets to live for free, but she does come in handy when she is retrieving birds!"

Have a great first year at Wheatland Elementary School this year Miss White!



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KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S Now & Then

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Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

The Sheridan County Democrat September 17, 1892

W. S. Quisenberry, A. L. McCallum and Wid Comer took in the races at St. Joe this week.

Ovis Post, who has been confined in the insane asylum at Topeka, was sent home last week as cured.

Dick Lynam, the general roustabout of Saline township, was in town last Saturday, giving the boys lots of chin music.

John Conard, formerly of Jackson county, has become a resident of this county and settled near Guy. He was in town Monday in company with N. J. Sherwood.

Brother Decker last week said that we ridiculed the candidates on the people's party ticket. We did no such a thing but made a little fun of the sticks nominated.

Sam Davidson sold his dun pony team to Calico Mc last week. Too bad, Sam, that you will now have to borrow rides to and from your usual haunts or else come critter back.

L. Fogel and wife of Valley township, were in Hoxie last Saturday with a load of garden truck. They left with us a pumpkin that weighs 74 pounds. Com in and see it.

Jesse Warner and John Huber of the northwest part of the county, were in attendance at the speaking Tuesday night. It suited Jesse to a T, but John squirmed in his pants.

Miss Cassa Wiggins, of Morland, was in the city this week paying her brother D. L. a visit. It is rumored that she and her mother may become residents of our city in the near future.

Henry Huff was around Tuesday morning setting up the cigars upon his good luck in selling a lot in Kingfisher for \$1200. If some of the other Sheridan county boys had held on to their lots they might have done as well.

Charley Beers of the firm of Colby & Beers, left today for Chicago to buy a large stock of fall goods. Lookout in this paper for what he has to say when he returns.

Our fellow townsman H. C. Junken deserves the thanks of the whole community for his liberality. He has furnished the lumber to seat the hall and will leave it there until after the election for the use of all parties. While, perhaps, the democrats may not use it much it will undoubtedly be a blessing for their adopted brethren who will howl much during the next two months.

125 Years Ago September 19, 1901

W. S. Quisenberry is at Norton this week acting as judge of the races.

Roy Deupree wants the public to remember that he is still barbering at the old stand.

Everybody attend the dances and concert in the Opera Hall during the ball tournament next week.

Mrs. T. F. Poole, daughter, Helen and Miss Lizzie Emma Sutcliffe, of Grainfield, were Hoxie shoppers last Saturday.

M. J. Gallagher returned home last week from eastern Trego county where he finished a big contract of plowing.

Charley Beers returned home Saturday morning from Chicago where he has been to buy his fall and winter stock of dry goods.

J. M. Hall, the new barber, expects his new furniture this week and says he will have the neatest shop in the west when he is ready for business.

Clem Lipton, of Osborne, an experienced hotel man, was here the latter part of last week for the purpose of negotiating for the Commercial Hotel, but we understand that no definite understanding was arrived at between he and Landlord Fay.

O. L. Gregg is taking in the Norton county fair this week.

Editor Hopkins went on Monday morning's train to Plainville.

The two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Talbott, of Bow Creek township, met with a horrible accident one day last week, which nearly resulted in death. The little fellow had gone out to where his father and brother were plowing with a gang plow on a weedy patch of ground, and becoming tired crawled into the weeds, soon dropped off to sleep, his father thinking he had returned to the house, paid no further attention to him until he heard a scream and at the same time saw that the plow was passing over the child. The rolling disc cut a frightful gash on the back and hip and the point of the plow had penetrated the stomach, inflicting a dangerous and unsightly wound, aside from all this, the little fellow received severe bruises about the head and shoulders, and the wonder is that he was not killed outright. Dr. Freeman was immediately summoned and after dressing the wounds and relieving the sufferer in all possible manner, could give but little hope of his recovery, but he told us yesterday that the little fellow was doing nicely Tuesday evening and stood a good show of recovering.

100 Years Ago September 16, 1926

Young Man Missing

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Hoxie Bakery

Chas. R. Adams, Prop.

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

Officers were notified early last Sunday morning that Virgil Cogdill of Dresden was missing. Late Saturday night a note was discovered at the cream station which young Cogdill operated in Dresden stating that he had been kidnaped. The note apparently was written in the handwriting of the young man, but due search failed to reveal anything as to his whereabouts and his parents becoming alarmed notified local officers who made a thorough search. A description of the missing young man has been supplied officers in adjoining counties and it is expected that he will be located within the next several days. The parents of the young man live at Menlo, Kansas, but for the past few months, young Cogdill has been operating a cream station in Dresden. - Oberlin Times

Local News

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jacobs were Hill City visitors Sunday.

Mrs. F. D. English was summoned to Iowa Sunday owing to the death of her brother.

Mrs. Almon preached a most able sermon at the Presbyterian church in Hoxie Sunday evening.

Carl Baxter spent a few days in Hoxie this week. He was a guest at the Forsythe home.

Mrs. R. H. White and daughter, Bettie, returned home Friday from Rochester, Minnesota.

Miss Dorothy Butler, of Morland, Kansas, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Lindeman this week.

Miss Helen Tucker, who is working in her uncle's restaurant at McDonald, Kansas, spent a few days last week visiting her home folks in Hoxie.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Howard, of Miami, Florida, are the happy parents of a fine baby daughter. Mrs. Howard was formerly Miss Vida English, of Hoxie.

Miss Ethel Lovin, who was the winner of the county spelling contest, left the first of the week for Topeka where she will take part in the state contest.

Pleasant Ridge

Mrs. Will Dawson and children visited at the home of V. P. Berger Monday and Monday night.

Little Verna Clarke has been on the sick list for several days. She has been having the summer "flu."

Bethel Ladies Aid met with Mrs. O. A. Meade Wednesday.

North Fork News

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Young and family moved to Missouri last week.

Herman Rodel returned home from Norton, Saturday. He reports that his daughter, Millie, will leave to be taken to Kansas City to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Bishop and family visited Saturday afternoon at M. Dunlap's.

75 Years Ago September 20, 1951

Indians Open Season at Colby Friday Night

The S. C. H. S. Indians will travel to Colby this year to open the current season of league football play. The game will be held at the Colby fair ground and will get under way at 8 p.m.

Coach Williams has not announced his starting lineup pending another day or so of workout of his squads, but those who follow the team will find plenty of

action on this evening when the two teams get together. If you like football and want to boost the boys along plan now on attending the opening game.

Kil Kare Klub

Club met with Eula Farber Thursday, Sept. 13 with 13 members present. Visitors were: Mrs. Ted Mank, Mrs. Nannie Schroek and Mrs. Fern Hedge, a former member. After a lovely roast chicken dinner, the meeting was called to order and new officers were elected. Mrs. Betty Pope was voted in as a new member.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cooper and girls were Sunday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moss and boys called on Willard Farbers' Sunday. Roy and Fern Hedge and Donna were visitors also.

Morland News

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson from the Norton sanatorium called on Mr. and Mrs. Grover Engleman Sunday.

Mrs. Marinda Heakett, Mrs. Dot Katih and Mrs. Chas. Critchfield called on Mrs. Loof Sunday afternoon.

The Mt. Pleasant Aid met with Mrs. Loof Wednesday with 14 ladies and children present.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Pratt returned from the Topeka fair the middle of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Madden and daughter spent Sunday with H. E. Madden and family.

Earl Stout called on Dallas Jonas Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Jones expect their son, Lee Smith home from Korea soon.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pavlicak attended a picnic dinner at the Atwood lake held for relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winter and son were visitors at the Hugh Campbell home Sunday.

Bob Sultman is attending St. Benedict's college in Atchison.

Mickey's Want Ads

Be sure to investigate our line of gas heaters. I think you will want one of them.

A business man remarked recently that the Washington situation reminded him of a little boy trying to find his bubble gum on the floor of the chicken coop.

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50 Years Ago

September 9, 1976

Open House Saturday at Hoxie Implement

Jerry Heim of Hoxie Implement Co. has announced an open house on Saturday, Sept. 11, highlighting a completely ne line of International Harvester farm tractors for 1977.

This special event follows the dealer's recent return from Chicago, where he witnessed the unveiling of the new equipment during a huge, two-day show at McCormick Place.

To Open Sears Catalog Store Here Next Month

Mrs. James (Arlene) Wigginton will be opening a Sears Authorized Catalog store in Hoxie next month.

Mrs. Wigginton will offer Sears catalog service, and she plans to carry a line of appliances, TV's, etc. on the floor.

Grand opening of the store is scheduled for the middle of October.

Ringneck Campers

Ringneck Campers met at the lake near Cambridge, Nebr., Sept. 3-4-5 with 22 members and one visitor, Christy Jones present. The first evening was spent visiting and enjoying watermelon.

During the regular meeting President Frank Sawyer appointed Rex Barnett, Roy Cooper and Ted Andrews to the nominating committee.

The next meeting will be held at Cookson Hills Park in Oberlin, Oct. 1-2-3. - Reporter

Studley Items

Mrs. Anna Moore, Mrs. Amelia Floeger, Trella Kay and Stephanie Martin called on me Thursday evening. Flavel Twell, Esther Brandt and Rachel Niblock called on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin went to Winfield Wednesday as Roberta had surgery Thursday. She is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Twell's sale Aug. 31 was well attended and things sold well.

Mickey Want Ads

Mickey Hardware and Furniture would like to announce our affiliation with the Ace Hardware Corp. We are still independent. Ace is a buying group to help us serve you, the consumer better, with Best Buys of the Month, and better prices on name brand products. You will see this emblem in and on various media. When you do, think Mickey Hardware and Furniture.

The oldtimers were talking. "The old women ain't speaking to me," said one, "and I ain't in no mood to interrupt her."

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fleckenstein and sons, Willie and David of Denver, are visiting at the August Karls' home. ON Tuesday the Karls' celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Fleckenstein took them to the Sheridan Inn at Hoxie for dinner on Tuesday.

Little Kelly Schieferecke returned home from the Norton Hospital Wednesday. She had been a patient there since Sunday. Her condition is improved.

Mrs. Amelia Jaenemann of Selden visited in the Barney Schieferecke home Wednesday evening.

25 Years Ago

September 13, 2001

Young Gridders Head to Battle on the Plains

The Hoxie Youth Football team will face off against the Jill City Jr. Ringnecks at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, as part of the Battle on the Plains IV.

The game will take place at Hill City's Ringneck Stadium, and admission to the game is free.

Readford

Marjorie Leh hosted the Social Hour Club at The Red Barn on Wednesday afternoon with 10 present. Roll call was answered by reading funny jokes. Some discussion was held on when and where to hold the Christmas party. Vesta Roth received the hostess gift. Sandwiches and snacks were served for a time of visiting.

The 80th anniversary of the Readford Community Church was a great success. The theme for the weekend was "To God Be The Glory" and the song was sung during the services.

Broadway

Dale Harper delivered the Sunday morning message again. Stan and Deb Simon were in charge of the church van from Quinter, which was full as usual. Twila Bainter sang a very pretty song for the special music. A film was shown at the evening service, then watermelon was served.

Alma Maude Smith was a supper guest of the Steve Smith family last Friday evening. They enjoyed fresh fish from the Sheridan Lake that Steve had caught.

Katherine Simon and Stella Sumner dropped in for a bit Friday afternoon.

Jennings-Allison

Labor Day weekend callers at the home of Eugene Mratik was Cloese Fiala and Eugene's Aunt, Alice Fiala of Colorado Springs, Colo. On Saturday, Eldon and Wanda Breiner of York, Neb. were visitors.

The Jennings Coyote junior high volleyball team traveled to McCook and played the St. Pat's team on Tuesday. They were defeated 0-2 as the A team, but they came back to win 3-1 the B team.

The junior high football team traveled to Herndon on Thursday, and defeated them with a score of 35-0.

McGraw

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter had dinner in Oberlin with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bainter.

Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mauch and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weiss. Later in the week Mr. and Mrs. Jason Pope stayed with them. On Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Cech and Josh were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weiss.

Thursday through Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh visited Mr. and Mrs. Mike Metro in Salina.

I-70 Roadwork Planned in Russell County

The Kansas Department of Transportation plans to begin a resurfacing project on approximately 10 miles of I-70 in Russell County the week of Sept. 14.

Work will include milling and overlaying both the eastbound and westbound lanes starting at the Ellis County line and ending at Exit 184 at Russell. Traffic will be reduced to one lane through the work zones, with a lower speed limit in effect. Motorists should plan for minor delays.

Venture Corporation, of Great Bend, is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of \$8 million. Work is expected to be complete in late October, conditions permitting.

KDOT reminds motorists to stay alert, follow posted signs and refrain from using hand-held mobile devices in all active work zones. For current road conditions, visit KanDrive.gov or call 511. For updates on highway projects in northwest Kansas, visit ksdot.gov/NorthwestNews.

KANSASWORKS Virtual Statewide Job Fair September 24

Topeka –Jobseekers and employers are invited to take part in the September Virtual Statewide Job Fair, hosted by KANSASWORKS, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 24.

The Virtual Job Fair format allows anyone searching for a new job to fill out applications, chat live and interview virtually with participating employers.

This month's Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal features helpful information such as a jobseeker training video, a list of participating employers, and channels for attendees to register and log in. Jobseekers are encouraged to dress professionally, as they might be asked to engage in an interview.

Candidates can participate through any digital device. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation by contacting their nearest workforce center at (877) 509-6757 prior to the event.

Registration is required to participate in Virtual Job Fairs, regardless of previous participation. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/46VtZkv>.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending September 13, 2026, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 30% very short, 36% short, 30% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 27% very short, 39% short, 31% adequate, and 3% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 4%, equal to last year, and near 6% for the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 16% very poor, 19% poor, 23% fair, 32% good, and 10% excellent. Corn dented was 93%, equal to last year, and near 90% average. Mature was 75%, well ahead of 53% last year, and ahead of 57% average. Harvested was 29%, well ahead of 9% last year, and ahead of 18% average.

Soybean condition rated 10% very poor, 19% poor, 32% fair, 33% good, and 6% excellent.

Soybeans setting pods was 96%, near 95% last year and 94% average. Dropping leaves was 43%, well ahead of 23% last year, and ahead of 30% average. Harvested was 1%, equal to average.

Sorghum condition rated 14% very poor, 23% poor, 35% fair, 21% good, and 7% excellent. Sorghum headed was 95%, near 99% last year and 97% average. Coloring was 72%, near 74% last year and 73% average. Mature was 36%, ahead of 28% last year and 25% average. Harvested was 3%, equal to both last year and average.

Cotton condition rated 8% very poor, 28% poor, 40% fair, 21% good, and 3% excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 68%, well ahead of 20% last year and 44% average. Harvested was 3%.

Sunflowers harvested was 1%.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 16% very poor, 24% poor, 34% fair, 24% good, and 2% excellent.

Area Churches

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2008 Sheridan Ave, Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Temple

1000 Valley 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

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454 Hwy 24, Hoxie

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Federal Court Strikes Down Kansas In-State Tuition Law for Illegal Aliens

Topeka – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach today announced a decisive victory in federal court. U.S. District Judge Holly L. Teeter ruled that federal law preempts a Kansas law giving in-state tuition to illegal aliens. The ruling permanently prohibits Kansas from enforcing its law granting in-state tuition to illegal aliens.

“For years, Kansas universities have been violating federal law by giving in-state tuition rates to illegal aliens, while nonresident US citizens have to pay much more in tuition. The governor tried to intervene in this case, because she wanted to continue giving in-state tuition benefits to illegal aliens. With this decision, the court rejected her illogical arguments, and once again, US citizens will be treated better than illegal aliens by Kansas universities,” Kobach said.

The United States Department of Justice sued Kansas on June 24, 2026, alleging that the 2004 statute unlawfully extended in-state tuition to aliens who are not lawfully present in the United States while U.S. citizens from other states pay higher nonresident rates.

Attorney General Kobach immediately joined the United States in a joint motion for consent judgment.

Judge Teeter held that the Kansas statute confers a postsecondary education benefit on unlawfully present aliens on the basis of a state-defined residency determination without making the same benefit generally available to United States citizens and nationals regardless of residence. That arrangement violates federal law. The court denied as futile the motions to intervene filed by Governor Laura Kelly and Kansas Students for Affordable Tuition.

In February 2026, Attorney General Kobach issued Attorney General Opinion 2026-5 concluding that K.S.A. 76-731a conflicts with federal law. The statute deems certain people without lawful immigration status to be Kansas residents for tuition and fees if they attended an accredited Kansas high school for three or more years, graduated or earned a Kansas GED, and filed a required affidavit. The court agreed that this residency-deeming mechanism, not merely high-school attendance, is what triggers the benefit—and that isolated exceptions for military members or reciprocity agreements do not satisfy the federal law.

Filing Now Open for Commodity Commission Candidates

Manhattan - Grain growers in western Kansas who plan to campaign for a seat on one of the state's five grain commodity commissions — corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat or sunflowers — should be gathering petition signatures now to meet the November 30, 2026, filing deadline. Voting will take place in January–February 2027. The 2027 election will cover districts I, II, III — or the western third of Kansas.

District I: Cheyenne, Decatur, Graham, Norton, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman and Thomas counties.

District II: Gove, Greeley, Lane, Logan, Ness, Scott, Trego, Wallace and Wichita counties.

District III: Clark, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Meade, Morton, Seward, Stanton and Stevens counties.

To be eligible to run, candidates must have been actively engaged in growing that commodity (corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat or sunflowers) within the preceding five years and must reside in and represent the district where they maintain their primary residence. To be included on the 2027 ballot, candidates must gather 20 signatures from eligible growers, with no more than five signatures from any one county. Eligible growers are Kansas residents who will be at least 18 years old by January 1, 2027, and who have actively grown corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, wheat or sunflowers for the last three years.

Candidates may choose to collect signatures either on paper or online, or by using a combination of both. The online petition portal is available at: <https://portal.kda.ks.gov/enrollment/CommoditiesCandidatePetition>. After creating an account, candidates will receive a unique URL to share with eligible signors, who can then provide their contact information and sign the petition electronically. Paper candidate registration packets are also available from the Kansas Department of Agriculture or the grain commodity commissions.

Commodity commissions are grower-led organizations committed to supporting the economic

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In an effort to streamline the call process with calls for service the Hoxie Police Department phone number has changed to 785-675-3481. This will ring you into Sheridan County Communications as they already dispatch for the police department. This will allow trained dispatchers to take your information/complaint and dispatch the police department to you. This will also provide 24/7 phone coverage when the City Office is closed. As always, the Hoxie Police Department is here to serve you and assist with any issues you may have.

Paul Wisinger, Chief

Hoxie Police Department

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Annual KVEC Butterfly Festival September 26

By FHSU University Marketing and Strategic Communications

Hays – The Kansas Wetlands Education Center's 13th annual Butterfly Festival will be held on Saturday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Each year, millions of monarch butterflies undertake their annual fall flight to Mexico. Nets and tags will be available during the event for those who want to capture and tag monarch butterflies.

Participants head out into the flower-filled fields and the shelter belt around the KVEC to capture monarchs, with tagging leaders stationed along the trail to assist with tagging. For the past several years, monarchs tagged at the event have been recovered at three roost sites in Mexico.

On the way to Mexico, data collected from tagged monarchs helps support Monarch Watch's research. Tagging helps answer questions about the origins of monarchs that reach Mexico, the timing and pace of migration, mortality during the migration, and changes in geographic distribution.

Kansas City-based StoneLion Puppet Theatre will present the Bubba and Trixie show in our auditorium at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:15 a.m. Bubba is a scaredy-cat caterpillar too afraid to leave his leaf until he meets the fearless Trixie, a crimped wing ladybug. Amazing adventures happen until winter sets in, and Bubba must make a new journey ... into a butterfly; a story of true friendship and facing your fears. When you arrive at the festival, be sure to secure free tickets to attend the show at one of the scheduled times.

Kellie Honey Farm from Larned will be present, with a demonstration hive on display in the exhibit hall, to educate visitors about the importance of honeybees.

KVEC will also feature an invertebrate zoo, with giant walking stick insects, butterflies, caterpillars, chrysalises, fluorescing scorpions, a tarantula, and more.

Kids can make a Perler bead butterfly magnet craft in our classroom, race through a pollinator obstacle course, and earn a temporary butterfly tattoo. They can also contribute to community art by helping replace the mural panels in the Melody Marsh with fresh designs. Other activities include using a slingshot to shoot seed bombs, full of potential pollinator blooms, out into our prairie, and taking home their very own packet of seeds.

New this year is Agents of Discovery, an AI-powered augmented reality experience. Using a smartphone, visitors can learn more about pollinators and butterfly migration by completing challenges at learning stops along our nature trail.

For more information, contact the KVEC at 1-877-243-9268 or visit: wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.

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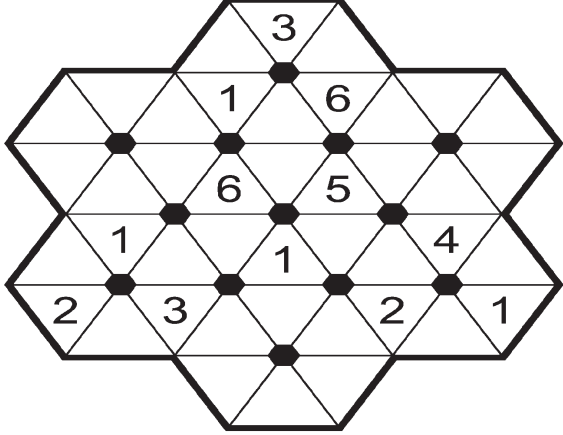
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by Japheth Light

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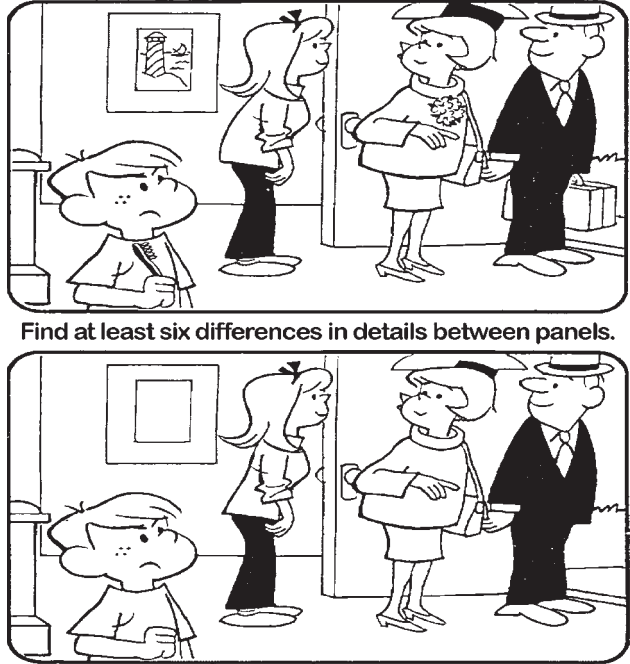
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14 Entry
20 Muckety-muck
21 Spain and Portugal, collectively
22 Produce
23 Start of a riddle
25 There since birth
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28 "— Three Lives" ('50s TV series)
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53 Riddle, part 3
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60 Neighbor of Egypt
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62 Italian farewells
63 Baseballer Aparicio
65 Clark of "Hee Haw"
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67 A fire sign
70 Threaded fastener
71 Pop singer Goulding
73 Gunky stuff
74 Perm parlor
76 Ph.D. hopeful's test
77 Riddle, part 4
83 Pedal for a floor loom
84 Domain
85 11 hours before noon
87 Lead-in to Magnon
90 "I'm — loss"
91 Bikini part
92 Acting unthinkingly, informally
93 End of the riddle
100 Cry to a good dog
101 18-wheeler
102 "I — Say No" (show tune)
103 Cheese-topped chip
104 Help to do wrong
106 Jiggly treat
108 Real heel
111 Torino locale
113 Riddle's answer
117 Stop, legally
118 "Seinfeld" gal pal
119 Via E! or FX
120 Will concern
121 Prison boss
122 Harmful flies

DOWN
1 Boy of Mayberry
2 Place for hay
3 "A little dab'll —"
4 "Shameless" airt, briefly
5 Aladdin's monkey pal
6 City in southeast Wyoming
7 Big Apple opera house
8 U.S. prez, militarily
9 "Peek- —, I see you!"
10 Kylo — (Darth Vader's grandson)
11 Tater Tots brand
12 Sch. locale with microscopes
13 In no danger
14 Foe of Spinks
15 NBA position
16 Rabbinical mysticism
17 Descendant of Esau
18 Bowling aims
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35 Eastern rice dish
36 Half a fl. oz.
37 Hilo dance
38 "Modern Family" actor
39 Sofa type
40 Writer Paton
41 Grades K-12
47 Karate relative
48 "Scram!"
49 Light units
50 Vegas-to-Denver dir.
51 Tic- — -toe board
52 Peeved state
54 "— Mutual Friend"
55 Football's Tim
56 Ensnarl
57 Concert itinerary detail
58 Bone: Prefix
59 Musical score symbol
64 River buildup
66 Manage
67 Not on time
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69 "How lovely!"
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79 Sister of Tito Jackson
80 Hard cheese
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82 Not fitting
86 Labor Day, e.g.: Abbr.
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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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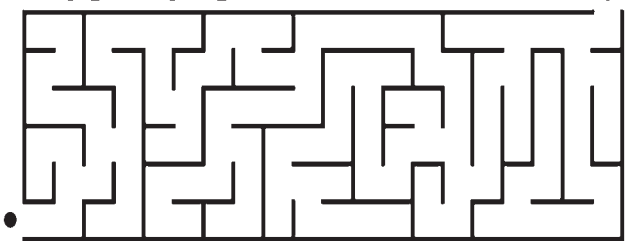
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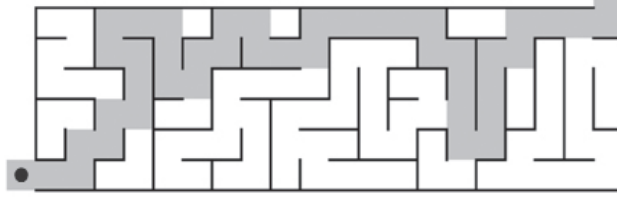
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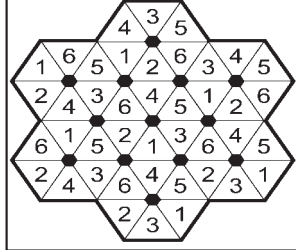


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Commission Minutes
9/8/26

Now on this 8th day of September 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Mike “Buck” Mader, Kyle Emigh, Steve Hirsch, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

O’Neill Smith, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Smith had bids for a new motor for the sprayer, a Honda 390. After reviewing a bid from Hoxie Implement and Fairbank Equipment, Mader made a motion to purchase the motor from Hoxie Implement at a cost of \$1,300. Emigh seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. This is for a Honda 13HP electric start engine.

There is a retired employee from another county who is willing to help treat prairie dogs starting in October. The Board was fine with this happening to make sure the dogs are treated. The Board requested an updated map of what had been treated in the county.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the bridge decking is still not here. Will talk with the company again today. There was discussion about the Popp bridge. Signs have been placed on Road 100N.

There was a discussion on several roads.

Recycling has had some problems. Employees have been advised of the problems, and they will get the jobs done or the County will accept their resignations.

The ad is still running for help in Road & Bridge and Noxious Weed Departments.

Signs will be put on the Selden recycling trailer.

Work will begin on 10W in a few weeks.

New lighting will be put up in the Public Health Office by Meyer Electric after a motion from Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0.

Support letter for Jake Eastes for a loan from the Innovation Center was approved and signed.

Stithem made a motion to approve

the September 1, 2026 Minutes as amended and the September 2, 2026 Minutes as presented. Emigh seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. The September 8, 2026 Warrants were approved as presented on a motion from Mader and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0.

Chad Koster, CEO from AmberMed came to the table to discuss Public Health. Koster will talk with his Board and come back to meet with the Commissioners.

Koster advised the Board the hospital needs a new roof from the storm damage. Cost is \$600,000-\$650,000. The hospital is checking into the revolving loan fund at Western Coop Electric.

The hospital is still continuing with the emergency room project. Cost estimate is \$7,500,000. There is a small information session at Oscars planned for 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 16.

Koster stated that physical therapy office needs to move closer to the hospital for additional reimbursement from Medicare. Koster continued by saying the finances are looking good for the hospital.

Sheriff Carver entered the meeting. At 9:35 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of five minutes for attorney/client privilege. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, and Carver. The door opened at 9:39.

The Board and Carver discussed the Public Safety Building. The Board still wants it made of ICF for safety. The building should go back to original size of 60x80. They would like a flat rate and percentage for the architect’s services. The Board would like to get the drawings as soon as possible so it can get out for bids on January 1, 2027. The County will get utilities to the site.

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the Board:

- General \$5,910.51
- Road & Bridge \$541.16
- Nox Weed \$290.91
- Public Transp \$49.97
- Conceal Carry \$205.10

At 10:24 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Room.

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

City Commission Minutes
8/10/26

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were Dawn Elliott, Mayor, Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner, Janet Bainter, City Clerk, Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent, and Paul Wisinger, Chief of Police.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dawn Elliott at 7:00 p.m.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2026, were read and approved on a motion made by Mayor Elliott and a second by Erwin. Motion carried 2-0.

The hearing for the 2027 Budget was opened by Mayor Elliott.

Kelsey Epp, Executive Director of the Sheridan County Community Foundation, entered the meeting and provided the Commission with a strategic planning update. She said the Foundation would like to schedule a final meeting with the City Commissioners for 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2026, before the 7:00 p.m. City Meeting. Epp will check with the City closer to that date to confirm availability. Epp thanked the City for serving as fiscal sponsor for several local organizations that received grant funds from the Foundation. She also updated the Commission on the Pocket Park project, stating that concrete work was expected to begin Tuesday, August 11. She provided details about November Match Month and exited the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

At 7:27 p.m., with no public input, Erwin moved to close the Budget Hearing and approve the 2027 Budget as published. Mayor Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

The Commission continued discussing a proposed ordinance for scooters and e-bikes. No decision was made.

On a motion by

Erwin and a second by Mayor Elliott, the Board approved Resolution 1-2026 exempting the City of Hoxie from GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) for the year ending December 31, 2026. (2-0).

Bainter presented the Commission with a \$2,650.00 quote for a new server computer. Mayor Elliott made a motion to approve the purchase of the computer from CK Technologies. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

A quote for a new printer/copier from Eakes Office Solutions was also presented, with a Ricoh, priced at \$5,175.37 and a Sharp, priced at \$3,955.00. Mayor Elliott moved to purchase a new printer/copier, and Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Chief Wisinger reported that one of the radar antennas in his pickup needed to be replaced and said he would present a quote at the September City Meeting.

Armknrecht informed the Commission that the SCADA system will need to be replaced in the future. He explained that the system sends signals to his office and activates the wells if the water tower level drops as well as pumps sewage out to the lagoons and tells the lift station when to kick in. The estimated cost to replace the entire SCADA system is approximately \$200,000.00.

Corina Cox with Wilson and Company has contacted the City about pursuing a CDBG grant.

Armknrecht reported that water loss decreased from 24% last year to 16% this year, averaging 13.5% over the past few months.

The warrants and overtime for the month of July were reviewed, approved, and signed by the Commissioners.

With no further business, Erwin made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

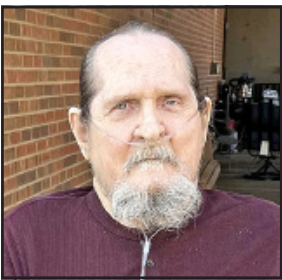
Janet Bainter, City Clerk

Dawn Elliott, Mayor
Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

OBITUARY

Ty Yahne

August 18, 1941 ~ September 29, 2026



Thain Francis Yahne (Ty) of Jennings, Kansas, passed away peacefully on September 29, 2026, at St. Catherine’s Hospital in Garden City. Born on August 18, 1941, in Great Bend, Ty lived a life marked by service and creativity.

A proud Viet Nam veteran, Ty served honorably in the United States Navy. His commitment to his country continued through his involvement with the American Legion, where he found camaraderie and purpose. He spent his last years at the Kansas Soldiers home in Fort Dodge, where he made good friends and received great care. Ty was a loving father, son, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He found joy in sculpting and wood carvings.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loyd Yahne, and a Dresden native, Francis (Foster) Yahne Williamson, and two brothers Edward and Raymond.

He is survived by his sister, Jeanette Hale, beloved daughter, Maryagnes (Marly) Yahne; grandchildren Hannah Cook, Kaytlynne Cook, Jacob Cook, and Isabella Kløver, and a great-grandson Xander.

Gravesite services are scheduled at the Dresden Cemetery on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 10am with Pastor Gordon Pettibone officiating. The Jennings American Legion and SAL are in charge of the military rites. The Jennings American Legion auxiliary and the Jennings United Methodist Church will provide a light lunch and fellowship at the church following the services to enable Ty’s family to become acquainted with Jennings and Dresden friends and relatives. Ty was a descendant of the Foster family, early pioneers of this area who were among the settlers involved in the Last Indian Raid in Kansas in 1878. He was a very active member of the Jennings American Legion and was a resident of Ft. Dodge after moving from Jennings.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the American Legion, Kansas Soldiers Home or any other Veterans Association. Thoughts and memories may be shared in the online guest book at www.swaimfuneralhome.com.

Commodity Commission Candidates

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viability of their industries and fostering continuous improvement in their respective commodities. Commissioners serve three-year terms, which will begin on April 1, 2027. They oversee how check-off funds are invested in areas of market development, education, promotion, and research.

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Wheat Test Weight and Protein Up from 2025

Preliminary data for the 2026 Kansas winter wheat crop show an average test weight of 60.3 pounds per bushel. This compares to 59.9 pounds per bushel for the 2025 crop and an average of 60.7 pounds per bushel for the 2016 through 2025 crops. A total of 8,789 carlot samples were tested from 50 counties across Kansas. Of the total samples tested, the largest shares came from the South Central, Southwest, and Central Districts. Samples for the 2026 crop were taken from June 12, 2026 to August 17, 2026. Samples for the 2025 crop were taken from June 16, 2025 to August 11, 2025.

Protein content averages 12.1%, up 0.1% from last year, and 0.3% from the 10-year average of 11.8%. The Northwest District has the highest protein content at 13.2%, followed by the West Central and North Central Districts at 12.8%. Protein content is expressed on a 12% moisture basis. Statewide, moisture content averages 11.3%, down 0.1% from last year and the 10-year average.

Samples of wheat grading No. 1, at 63%, are up from 45% last year. Samples grading No. 2 are 36%, down from 47% last year. Samples grading No. 3 or below are 1%.

Wheat samples average 0.6% damaged kernels, up 0.1% from last year, and 0.2% from the 10-year average. Samples tested have 0.1% foreign material on average, unchanged from last year, and equal to the 10-year average. Shrunken and broken kernels average 0.9%, unchanged from last year but down 0.2% from the 10-year average. Total defects average 1.6%, up 0.2% from last year but equal to the 10-year average. Average dockage for all samples is 0.5%, unchanged from last year.

There were 1,052 samples voluntarily submitted for inspection in the 2026 crop year. The test weight for these samples averages 59.7 pounds per bushel, protein averages 12.3% and moisture content averages 11.4%. Of the total submitted samples, 47% grade No.1, 38% grade No. 2 and 15% grade No. 3 or below.

Test weight, protein content, grade and defect samples are representative of wheat moving in commercial rail cars and truck lots (truckloads converted to carlot equivalents). Summarized data include old crop and new crop wheat moving from first point of sale, and inspected by Kansas Grain Inspection Service, Inc. The USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service summarizes all data for the Kansas Wheat Quality report. The Kansas Wheat Commission funds collection and publication services. Final numbers for the 2026 Kansas winter wheat crop, including wheat quality, top-planted varieties, acreage, and production, will be available in the Kansas Wheat History report to be released in October.

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Museum News

By Shari Buss, Director, Hansen Museum

Last week we shared some of the highlights from the 48th Annual Hansen Museum Labor Day Celebration, and this week we would like to recognize the winners from several of the day's competitions. We appreciate everyone who participated and helped make the day such a success.

The Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show, which has been a part of the Hansen Museum Labor Day Celebration since 1998, once again brought an impressive variety of vehicles to the Logan Golf Course. The Top 10 People's Choice winners were Tim & Aleta Keller, 1949 Chevy Pickup; Rhonda Bachman, 1962 Ford Thunderbird; Jack Haddock, 1969 Plymouth Road Runner; Walter Pedersen, 1952 Chevy 3100 Pickup; Dennis DeWitt, 1987 Chevrolet Pickup; Linda Artz, 1955 Ford Fairlane Crown Victoria; Ryan Lewis, 2005 Harley-Davidson Road Glide; Raymond & Carol Wakefield, 1931 Ford Model A; Larry Nelson, 1961 Chevrolet Corvette; and David & Tiffany Schneider, 1977 Ford Hi-Boy Pickup.

Entrants' Choice honors went to Walter Pedersen, 1952 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup, first; Tim & Aleta Keller, 1949 Chevy Pickup, second; and Rhonda Bachman, 1962 Ford Thunderbird, third. Carol's Choice winners were Jack Haddock, 1969 Plymouth Road Runner, first; Gary Becker, 1981 Chevy Camaro, second; and David & Tiffany Schneider, 1977 Ford Hi-Boy Pickup, third.

Todd Richardson of Spring Hill, Kansas, received the Long Distance Award, traveling 301 miles to participate. The D's Traveling Trophy was presented to JR Haselhorst with his 1956 Plymouth Fury, and Todd Richardson's 1979 Pontiac Trans Am was selected as the 2027 Feature Car. Congratulations to all of our car show winners, and thank you to everyone who brought a vehicle to share with us!

The Sand Volleyball Tournament also provided plenty of competition throughout the day. Taking first place was Loco Gringos, with team members Gracie Rains, Dylan Van Laeys, Kylor Hogan, Alyssa Herter, Josh Uhland, Garret Toon, and Taylor Elison. Ballz-N-Dollz earned second place with Beth Schemper, Ricky Dusin, Ashley Christy, Kyra Reese, Bryant Reese, and Jim Riener. Finishing in third place was Need A Name, with Jim Ashmore, Miranda Ashmore, Case Ashmore, Tate Balthazor, Aubrey Birney, Adam States, and Desiree Harmon. Congratulations to all three teams!

This year's Labor Day Celebration also featured a brand-new event—the Logan Fire Department's Cornhole Tournament. Congratulations to Dylan Van Laeys and Grady Hammer, who took home the top honors! The tournament was great fun and, even better, provided an opportunity to support the Logan Fire Department and the important service it provides for the area. We hope this first tournament is just the beginning and that cornhole will become a staple of the Labor Day Celebration.

With another Labor Day Celebration in the books, things were a little quieter this past week—but there was still plenty of creativity happening at the Hansen Museum. On Saturday, September 12th, instructor Marsha Jensen joined us for a day of basket weaving. Ten participants spent the class creating their own Gretchen Roll Baskets, learning the techniques needed to shape and weave their baskets from start to finish. There was plenty of weaving, visiting, and laughter along the way—and, as anyone who has taken a basket class knows, plenty of clothespins! We appreciate Marsha sharing her time, talent, and knowledge with us and thank everyone who joined us for another enjoyable class.

September also brings a new Artist of the Month to the Hansen Museum. We are pleased to feature Jalia Creighton, the artist and creator behind Pick Me Up Manis, a press-on nail business based in Stockton, Kansas. Jalia specializes in hand-painted press-on nails, transforming each tiny nail into a miniature canvas. Her work showcases the precision, creativity, and artistic skill involved in creating detailed designs on such a small scale. We invite you to stop by the Museum this month to take a closer look at Jalia's work and see how nail art can become a unique form of wearable art.

There is always something happening at the Hansen Museum, and we hope you will stop in soon. While you're here, be sure to explore our current exhibition, Going Places: The Technology of Transport, on view through November 1st. The Hansen Museum is located at 110 W. Main Street in Logan, Kansas. Museum hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.; Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Admission is always free courtesy of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For additional information, please call 785-689-4846 or visit www.hansenmuseum.org.

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