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Senator Moran Visits HHS



By Rachel Farber

Wednesday, November 2, Senator Jerry Moran visited Hoxie High School. His main focus was a tour of the school. This tour was led by Student Council President Gavin Schippers, Willow Washington, and Levi Gleason. The senator visited with several students and staff members during the day.

Students showed Senator Moran the auditorium because of the updates that it has had over the past several years, the updated Home Ec room, the music rooms, wrestling room and finally the ag shop and green house. While touring, they were asked many questions about the type of education they are getting and the sports programs. When asked if they thought their education lacked anything, they said absolutely not.

Senator Moran enjoyed visiting with the students. As we walked out, he told me that he was impressed that the students were able to visit with him. Several places he has gone, they don't even hardly speak to him, let alone be able to hold a conversation.



QOV FOUNDATION QUILTS OF VALOR



The Quilts of Valor Presentation on Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11, at the Long Term Care dining room honored Dr. John Neuenschwander (left) and Paul Oelke (right). They were honored by the guest appearance of Astronaut Col. Nick Hague, who was welcomed back to Hoxie as its "Hometown Hero". It was a very special Veteran's Day for these Quilts of Valor recipients. (Sentinel Staff photo)

It was standing room only at the Long Term Care dining room for the Quilts of Valor presentation. (Sentinel Staff photo)



A very delicious cake for a very special occasion! (Sentinel Staff photo)

(See more on Nick Hague's visit on pages 8 & 9)



Sheridan County Conservation District Annual Nut Day

The Sheridan Co Conservation District recently held their annual Nut Day with local 2nd graders in both Hoxie and Selden. We gathered walnuts and acorns and learned how to prepare them to germinate. We talked about the importance of trees. Hoxie second graders are pictured with their teachers, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Baar. (SCCD photo)



Recognizing Our Nurse Practitioners During Nurse Practitioner's Week



Shannon Herl



Deanna Sulzman



Eberle Insurance Sells to Edgewater Insurance



Eberle Insurance Agency, LLC has some exciting news that they would like to share! After being a family-owned agency for the past 40+ years with Ron and Ellen Eberle starting the business in 1981 and then transitioning to Kim and Kenny Rumbach, Kim and Kenny have decided to make a move to Manhattan, KS in May 2023 to be closer to their kids and grandkids. With that decision, they reached out to some long-time acquaintances in the ag and crop insurance industry that they felt would be a good fit to serve current and future clients of the agency. It didn't take long for Edgewater Insurance and Eberle Insurance to reach an agreement in which Edgewater Insurance would acquire Eberle Insurance.

Edgewater Insurance + Real Estate, also a family-owned business, is excited to serve the surrounding communities in all lines of insurance. Eberle Insurance carries a strong legacy, and our goal is to continue the outstanding service that their clients have valued over the years. In addition to selling and servicing crop insurance, we will be adding farm, home, auto, life, health and commercial coverages that can protect families, farms, main street businesses and more in the coming months.

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The community extends condolences to the family of Dave New. Dave died Thursday, November 10.

Word was received on Friday, November 11, that Keith Muirhead, formerly of Dresden, was in the McCook hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The Jennings City Library will host Peggy Ritter on November 21, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and November 22, from 9:am to noon. Call Peggy Ritter at 785-470-7896 to set up an appointment for assistance with health insurance options and open enrollment. She is a certified Navigator for the Federally Funded Marketplace and a Senior Health Insurance Counselor for Kansas. The fall Medicare open enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7. The Health Insurance Marketplace open enrollment is from November 1 to December 15.

On Wednesday, November 9, eleven people gathered at the Jennings Sunflower Senior Center for a delicious potluck dinner at noon. Those attending included Ken Carter; Kay and Doyle Brown; Dave and Paula Krizek; Carolyn Rauch; Martin Titus; Stanley Shimek; Dorothy Shimek; Ramona Shaw and Louise Cressler. A short business meeting followed. Insurance premium was discussed and voted to pay in December. Voted also to give a monetary gift to the Food Pantry at Oberlin. After our December potluck dinner, Dirty Santa will be played. Each person brings a wrapped gift (\$ 5.00).

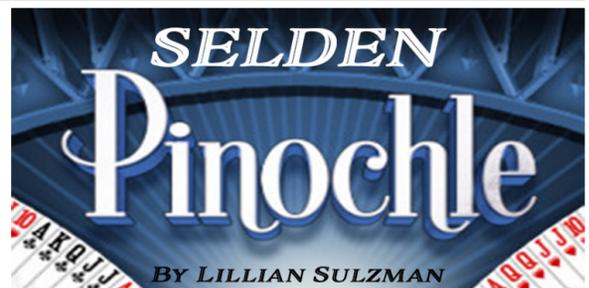
On Saturday, November 19, there will be a potluck meal at noon at the Jennings United Methodist Church. This will be followed by decorating the church for Advent.

Brandon Wagoner and Steve Parker, Joplin, MO, spent from Wednesday to Sunday, at the home of Ramona Shaw. Other guests at her home on Saturday included Tom Neff, Marion; Aaron Gillespie and Jackson, Hays; and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs.

EDGEWATER
Insurance + Real Estate
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We value small communities; much of our success is based in rural and agriculturally dominated markets across our footprint in NE. This opportunity with Eberle Insurance was created through relationships and networking over the years. It has been a fun process. We feel it's a great fit and are looking forward to becoming a trusted member of the region.

JD Gall, who has worked for Eberle's for the past 4½ years and has 10 years' experience in the crop insurance industry, will be Edgewater's primary agent, Kim and Kenny Rumbach will be working behind the scenes, and Shane Sis will be onsite regularly. Shane has 28 years of experience with Edgewater as an agent/producer and manager and is part of the Edgewater ownership group. He was raised on a farm, is committed to agriculture and small communities, and respects the values of those they serve. Edgewater is looking to hire a full-time customer service representative in the Grainfield office and possibly the same for a part-time position in WaKeeney. If you are interested in joining a great team that offers a competitive wage plus a robust benefits package, please call our offices, and get in touch with us for more details. Our offices can be reached at 785.673.4789 272 Main Street Grainfield KS 67737 and 785.743.5398 318 Barclay Ave WaKeeney KS 67672. For more information about Edgewater, visit us at www.edgewaterins.biz.



The Selden Pinochle group gathered to play their game of pinochle and enjoy lunch together last Thursday. Last week's group included Bob Wessel, Lillian Sulzman, Marsha Rogers, Alfred J. Albers, Charlene Shaw. Pat Wessel had a high score of 626, Bernadine Spresser held 2nd high score of 586, and Don Juenemann had the most queens. The game and meal were enjoyed by everyone.

NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liestner

What crazy weather lately. I've been trying to get into goose hunting mode but the weather changes so much it's almost impossible. That being said, I did get out for a couple of days on the 3rd and 4th to hunt with my son Joe and friend Justin. The first day saw a lot of driving and looking for birds. We kept being told we were wasting our time but I'm stubborn. And, lo and behold, Wednesday afternoon we found some geese, and in a place we could hunt. They were all wandering around on what we call a loafing spot. Some place they spend the day between feeding flights. Thursday morning, we get set up. Like clockwork, we see the geese fly out to feed. An hour later they come back to water, and not fifteen minutes later, they come gliding right into our setup. Now, I wish I had a story of awesome shooting and limits being taken, but no, we ended up with two big Canada geese and spent three hours looking for two others. I was amazed at how that big of a bird can just disappear. Also, during this venture, I managed to take a fall and tear open my left arm. So, not only did we lose two birds, but I ended up bleeding again. Such is my life.

This last Monday, I decided to play a hunch and looked at a set of ponds that tend to hold a few geese. A few is an understatement! Close to two thousand small geese are there. Now, it's a waiting game to get our group all lined up to get after them! Friday afternoon, I went to the usual hunting spot and found a big increase in birds. Here's a little note for new duck hunters, don't just drive your boat out and flush a big raft of ducks, then expect to kill birds with an open boat and four decoys. I don't think they did well. I was going to go today, Sunday, but a cold has ahold of me and won't let go! So, maybe next Friday afternoon. I tell you folks; this cold bug is mean. I thought I was over it a week back but oh no, still fighting it.

Wasn't this last election a disappointment? To say I'm disappointed is an understatement. Once again, I kept hearing "Why should I vote? It won't make a difference." And, thanks to this attitude, here we are. We are still stuck with a Democrat governor who spends like there's no tomorrow. Here's my question: To all of you who get government help, why aren't the rest of us being helped the same way? Oh yes, because I learned long ago to earn my own way, and if I didn't like the way life was, get off my butt and fix it. Not constantly asking for government handouts.

This debacle of the House votes is a joke. I'll bet a dollar to a dozen donuts that somehow the Democrats once again found those magical votes that let them win. And then, do you know what will happen? Not a damned thing because the people are too damned lazy to actually fight for what's right. It's depressing beyond belief that these same people that cry out for change will do nothing to actually make it happen. They don't want to upset anyone. Me? I could care less if I upset someone if I can help make this country the great nation it once was. But now, we're viewed as a joke by the world. To those who voted the liars and cheats into office, thanks. Just thanks.

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6pm Grief Share ~ Christ Community Church

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Tuesdays: Weekly Support Group 6pm Christ Community Church	2nd Thursday: SC Economic Development Mtg 12pm Bottle KAP Studio
1st Tuesday: HAMA	3rd Thursday: Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance 4-6pm @ Hoxie UMC for emergency food bags call 785-475-7015 or 571-991-8679
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Mealsite Menu

November 21 ~ November 25

- Monday:** Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Broccoli, Bread, Applesauce
- Tuesday:** Ground Beef Veg Soup, Cottage Cheese, Crackers, Pineapple
- Wednesday:** Sausage Gravy, Potatoes O'Brien, Mixed Vegetables, Biscuit, Peaches
- Thursday:** CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- Friday:** CLOSED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING & WINTER-FEST

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 \$5.50 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.

Trojans are National Cross-Country Champions

The Colby Community College men's cross-country team capped a magical season with the program's first NJCAA Division I championship on Saturday at Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee, FL.
 The Trojans had five All-Americans, including sophomore Emily Diercks, who finished sixth in the women's 5K race with a time of 18:29.0. Additionally, Coach Brady Johnson was named the Men's Coach of the Mee.
 The men's squad won the 8K decisively as they finished with 38 points, placing four runners in the top 10 and six in the top 20. Sophomore Sanele Masondo remained undefeated on the season and took the individual title with a 24:08. Rounding out the championship performance were sophomore Ricardo Barbosa (3rd, 24:30), freshman Mohammed Baghati (7th, 24:49), freshman Kgadi Monebodi (10th, 25:08), sophomore Remi Chavenaud (17th, 25:29), sophomore Tom Thierry (20th, 25:43), and sophomore Aled Jones (58th, 27:22).

NOVEMBER 2022 MATCH MONTH

Help us raise \$50,000 in Sheridan County that will be matched \$1:\$1 by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation!

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November 2022 Match Month Challenge Giving Form

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Please help us reach our goal of raising \$50,000 locally to be matched \$1 for \$1 by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Gifts of all size make a difference! Thank you for contributing to the future betterment of Sheridan County!

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Sheridan County Health Complex

IMPORTANT DATES

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Marketplace Nov. 1 - Jan. 15

Contact Alydia Offutt, Community Resources (785) 677-4172

The Hoxie Democrat Friday, November 16, 1888

E. K. Streeter is in the city.
Hoxie now has two shoe makers.
Lookout for your chickens this week.
Hoxie's band took everyone by surprise.
Prepare your turkey for thanksgiving.
Mr. Vandiver, of Selden, was in town Tuesday.
E. A. McMath of Grainfield was attending court in this city.

L. K. Pratt as usual acquitted himself with honor during this term of court.

Somebody will get left on the post-office business unless they start several new ones in Hoxie.

Hoxie is the only town on the road which was granted a free excursion.

The Sabbath school convention was a grand success is report of which will be found in another column.

John Woollums has gone to Kellerton Iowa where he will spend the winter.

Our streets are lined with people this week - court is in session.

Moser has moved into the Winkelman house and the house he had occupied has been rented for a year.

Uncle Billy Hausafus for once got down to business and told the strangers what an elegant country this was and said what fine crops they raised.

S. W. Batty brother of our Batty, the butcher, is in the city on a visit, he is on his way from Colo., where he has been holding down a claim to Nebraska, he thinks that we have as fine a country here and as good prospect for future prosperity as any place he has ever been.

On last Wednesday evening the house of J. B. McPherson caught fire from the stove pipe and burned the roof from the house and the household furniture consisting of an organ, sewing machine, bed, bedding and other utensils.

John F. Wells, of Lucerne, leaves this week for Southern Illinois to be gone all winter.

Mrs. Grinnell secured a divorce from her husband Frank.

Our people turned out well to see the excursion last Tuesday.

Some of our good people of this county tried to make trouble to one of our citizens when he was leaving the county to spend the winter in the east.

W. L. Humes while meandering down the sidewalk last Thursday set down on the cold, cold ice and Bill say it was awful cold.

Ira Beery, the liveryman in the south-east part of the city, has built a new office, and placed a new sign on his barn; also he now has baled hay for sale. You would do well when stopping in the city to give him a call.

Married - On last Wednesday evening by Rev. Wm. Boyle, Miss Anna Jackson, and Melvin McKinney, both residents of Sheridan county. The marriage took place at the residence of the husband's father where Miss Jackson had been boarding, while teaching school. The best wishes of all accompany them on their journey through life.

125 Years Ago November 18, 1897

E. T. Crum is adding an addition to his barn. Tom Crick, the Guy merchant, supplied the Hoxie market with fresh meat the first of the week.

Geo F. Wilson, an industrious young stockman of Spring Brook township.

Between trips to Kansas City with or after stock Tom Pratt is now kept busy hauling his wheat to market.

Will Cressler and Henry Law were Hoxie visitors Tuesday. This was Henry's first visit to Hoxie for a long time.

Lyman Taylor who has been attending college at Emporia, returned home the first of the week and may teach school in this county.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Seth W. Buch, on Tuesday, November 16, a boy. Mother and baby doing well and Seth able to resume his duties at the billiard hall.

Luke Miley was in from Bow Creek township, Monday and took out a load of lumber and other material with which to make extensive improvements on his ranch.

Misses Inez Cooper, Ollie Barnes and Helen Prince have received teachers permits and will take up their duties as weilers of the birch in different parts of the county.

About all that can be seen in driving across the country is farmers drilling wheat and there is little prospect of their letting up before the ground freezes up so hard that they can not work.

Mrs. Nora Deupree is assisting W. S. Quisenberry on his abstract books.

S. G. Hopkins and family are out of town on a visit.

Charley Marshall returned Thursday from a two weeks visit with his family.

The mill resumed operation last week and is keeping up its record for first class flour.

The 100 acres of wheat sown by McDonald just west of town is up and looking fine.

There will be a Mask Ball at Grainfield, November 24, 1897, in the Opera Hall. Everybody come.

A shooting match for turkeys is on the board for Wednesday the 24. Here's a chance to get a Thanksgiving turkey.

Had frost kept off a short time longer Ed Lupton would have cut his second crop of oats and barley off of the same pieces of ground. The first crop averaged 43 and 30 bushels respectively and the second crop that is headed out gave promise of doing much better. This is no snake story and the fields are there to speak for themselves.

Selden Department

J. G. Rouse and wife made a flying trip to Hoxie on Sunday last.

M. D. Gallogly and family were in Selden for a short time on Sunday last.

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

Our little daughter Grace has been very sick of the past week. Dr. Eddy of Colby has been treating her.

Mrs. Boyles sold her home place one mile east of town to J. G. Sutherland. Consideration \$1,600.

C. H. Mathews made a well at his dwelling house last week. Dell Hutchinson did the boring act.

100 Years Ago November 16, 1922

Leoville Church Burns

Sunday the Leoville church, one of the largest and best church edifices in this part of the state, was totally destroyed by fire.

The citizens 'phoned to Hoxie for the fire department and in a few minutes 'phoned again stating that the fire had gotten so great a headway that it was impossible to extinguish the flames.

We didn't learn how the fire originated.

It was a catholic church and everyone of the large membership was justly proud of this beautiful, commodious structure and is grieved at its destruction.

Delphian Club

The Hoxie Delphian chapter met at the regular meeting hour, on Tuesday, November 14, at the courthouse. Eleven members were present. Meeting was called to order by the president, and two letters of communication, and the monthly lecture on "Civic Responsibilities" were read, which were found to be very interesting and helpful.

Local News

A. J. Mowry made a business trip to Topeka last week.

Mrs. P. C. Ackerman and daughter, Miss Martha, took in the big Legion celebration at Colby Armistice day.

Miss Corinne Clark returned home Tuesday evening from Lawrence, Kansas, where she spent a week with her friend, Miss Hazel Hillstead, who is attending the University of Kansas.

County Attorney Clark attended district court in Thomas county last week. He was attorney in some cases there this term.

Mrs. Earl Zimmerman left on Wednesday of last week for Wamego, Kansas, to be at the bedside of her mother, who died the following Friday.

Prof. Ellenberger is a happy man this week, so is his able corps of teachers, as they think they will be domiciled in the splendid, new building next week.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Oelke on November 10 and left them a wee baby boy. John's face is all smiles these days since the arrival of this little man.

Joe Broeckelmann is advertising a public sale to be held at the Ben Broeckelmann place in Solomon township Thursday, November 23. He is offering a nice lot of property at this sale and those interested should keep his sale in mind.

Miss Mabel Currier, accompanied by her brother, Grant, left last week for Sturgis, Michigan, where Miss Currier has accepted a position in a ladies' furnishing establishment. This position offers a splendid opportunity for rapid advancement.

Menlo

The Menlo business houses were closed all day November 11 and their proprietors took in the day at the Legion celebration at Colby where they report a large attendance and a good time.

W. C. Wicke, the hustling garage man, has put in a radio phone that is quite a curiosity for those that never happened to be where one was located and to install one in a day and be able to listen in on concerts the same evening in moving lively for one that has had no previous experience

along that line.

75 Years Ago November 20, 1947

Attends BPW Conference

Those who attended the Eighth District Business and Professional Women's Conference, at Norton, either Saturday or Sunday were: Nina McGurk, Mesdames Ward Gilliland, Henry Eavis, Delbert Taylor, and W. E. Rogers. The group accompanied Mrs. Delbert Taylor in her car both days.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sapp and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Simon and baby came Thursday from Albany, Ore., for a visit with relatives here.

Mrs. W. C. Morgan visited Mrs. Oscar Borger Thursday afternoon.

N. F. McWilliams called on Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Morgan Wednesday morning.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Ferron, of Concordia, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs and family.

Miss Geneveive Meitl, of Lincoln, Neb., is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Meitl.

Mrs. Joe Zimmerman is on the sick list and has been under the doctor's care.

Bow Creek Club Meets

The Bow Creek Home Ec. Club met Wednesday, Nov. 12, with Mrs. Maude Karnes. Twelve members and two visitors were present. The meeting was called to order by our president, Maude Karnes, and the club creed was recited by all. Roll call was answered by, "What we are thankful for." The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A shower was given for Mrs. Bessie Rowilson, she received many nice presents. Mrs. Alice Miley, our leader, gave a lesson on the Symptoms and Prevention of Diseases. Appropriate contests were given for recreation. Mystery pal packages were passed. We made plans for our Christmas meeting and adjourned until then.

Sunshine Club Meets

The Sunshine club met with Mrs. Ethel Karnes. All members were present but four. Mrs. Murl Jones and daughter, Mrs. Alta Karnes and Mrs. Wilda Cressler, were visitors. Embroidery work was done for the hostess. The next meeting is to be with Myrtle Sumner.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have a wonderful assortment of Christmas tree lights.

A meek little man entered a ladies' specialty shop. "I want a brassiere for my wife," he trembled. "What bust?" asked the clerk. "Nothin'," the little man replied with more confidence, "It just wore out."

We have on hand Coleman, Norge and Siegler oil burning stoves.

Tasco Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Taylor and Benny spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Orval Taylor.

The Tasco Community club met Nov. 13 with Mrs. Beulah Simonton. A comfort was tied for the hostess and quilt blocks pieced. Thirteen members were present and one visitor, Mrs. Lovenstein. We were glad to have Mary Paugh join our club as a new member. The next meeting will be in three weeks, Dec. 4th, with Mrs. Inez Haynes.

50 Years Ago November 16, 1972

Claude Bell to State Checkers Tourney

Claude Bell of Hoxie has received word from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Kansas State Checker Association that the annual tournament

will be held on November 24-25. The tourney will be held at the Garfield Recreational Center in Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. Bell is a member of the Kansas State Checker Association and is looking forward to participating in the tournament, with the "old timers" and professional players.

Sunshine 4-H Club

Foil Art for Christmas gifts was the demonstration given by Evelyn Pratt, at the last meeting of the Sunshine 4-H Club, Nov. 4, at the 4-H Building. The meeting was called to order by president, Mike Pratt. Roll call was answered by saying what your 4-H projects were for this year.

Carol Weis led us in singing, Clint Follis gave a talk for music appreciation. Tina and Julie Sealock led us in recreation. The Don Petersen family were hosts. Reporter, JaNell Petersen.

Tom Tom Tribune

Hoxie High Debaters Win Trophy Again - Janeece Breit and Elaine Wegman won their third trophy of this debate season at the Satanta Cross X Debate Tournament last Saturday. Twenty eight teams from fifteen high schools competed in that tournament.

Janeece and Elaine defeated teams from Johnson, Scott City, Southwestern Heights, and Dodge City. They lost to a team from Ulysses. At the conclusion of the tournament, the first place trophy was awarded to Coldwater, second place to Garden City, and third place to Hoxie.

Cagers Open Season - The Hoxie Indians opened their 1972-73 basketball season Tuesday, Nov. 7. Twenty players reported for varsity practice including two returning letterman Dan Kennedy and Ed Pratt.

The Cagers will open Friday, Dec. 1 with the Norton Bluejays in Hoxie. All regular season games will include a varsity and junior varsity tilt.

State Honors 4-H Boy From Selden

Kent Ashley, Selden, is the state award winner in the 4-H weed control program for 1972.

Announcement of the honor is made by Dr. Glenn M. Busset, state 4-H and youth leader, Kansas State University.

Kent receives an award from the Kansas Weed Supervisors Association.

American Legion Auxiliary Met Nov. 8

Twenty-five members of the American Legion Auxiliary enjoyed a Thanksgiving Day luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 8 with a turkey dinner served by Anna Follis, Ola Vinson and Wilma Liester.

President Nellie Keeler opened the meeting, after which Wilma Liester, Chaplain, led us in prayer. The Star Spangled Banner was sung, and Florence Miles and Jennie Nichols carried the flags.

Mary Courtney and Becky Schlicher gave very enjoyable talks about their week at Girls State in June at Lawrence.

Ona Brewster, Maudie Shipley and Katie Weeks will be hostesses for the December Christmas meeting. There will be a one dollar gift exchange. - Reporter

25 Years Ago November 27, 1997

Chamber to Sell Potholders, Oven Mitts

If you're looking for that perfect stocking stuffer, the Hoxie Chamber of Commerce may have the answer.

The Chamber has announced a fundraiser in which it is selling potholders and oven mitts constructed by consumers of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas.

Tices to Retire as Theater Managers

After 20 years of service, Mike and Gwynne Tice will be retiring as managers of the Hoxie Theater.

The Board of Directors of Hoxie Recreation, Inc., would like to the Tices for their outstanding and friendly service to the Hoxie Theater for the past 20 years.

Hoxie Elks Host Official Visit

After weeks of planning, the Hoxie Elks Lodge underwent its annual visit with District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Jim Malone, from the Russell Elks Lodge.

The district deputy meets with the exalted ruler, leading knight, chairman of the trustees, chair of the auditing committee, and the accident prevention manager during his visit. During this visit, the physical, fiscal and benevolent aspects of each lodge in the total fraternal chain of lodges are reviewed.

Selden

On Nov. 20, Lillian Heim was hostess at the Senior Citizens Center. Carol Shaw won high, Lillian Heim took second and Dorothy Lovin got low.

The second grade class from Golden Plains came and read to the group.

The Golden Plains High School boys will be having their basketball soap scrimmage on Saturday, Nov. 29.

McGraw

Bill Bainter visited Russel Bainter on Saturday. Jim Bainter and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter were callers this week.

Edith Wasserman and G. G. Launchbaugh spent the day in Oberlin on Saturday.

Auxiliary to Meet Dec. 17

The regular meeting night for Auxiliary #2864 Grinnell is Wednesday, Dec. 17. The annual Christmas party will be the same night beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a potluck supper.

At this time the members are asked to bring three dozen cookies, wrapped in wax paper back to back for the VA hospital. For gift exchange, bring a \$3 gift, men bring a man's gift and women a woman's gift.

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Seeing Western Kansas Possibility

By Karen Madorin

In late November of 1996, we moved to a rural property on a limestone hilltop west of Ellis. By the time we got into the house, leaves swirled about the yard, hinting at greenery we could expect to see once spring arrived. A deep draw filled with standing and fallen trees as well as lots of bushes ran into Big Creek west of the house. I impatiently awaited warm weather and longer days to see what grew in that wildlife-rich habitat. I loved discovering not only ash, hackberry, cottonwood, and cedar trees, but also chokecherry bushes and wild grape vines filled that drainage. Over time, thick vines had climbed so high into the trees that birds had far greater odds of harvesting grapes than we did. Though our soil appeared rocky and barren, in reality, it suited wild grapes perfectly. It made me wonder how a vineyard would do in this region.

Apparently, others shared my question. A decade later, a WaKeeney/Voda farm family with necessary skills and resources saw potential in raising grapes. They planted scores of vines, and birthed Shiloh Vineyard. Their dream has grown enough so they not only produce regional wines, but they also host weddings, business, family, and friend gatherings, and 70th birthday parties. Yep, a friend invited me to her milestone birthday held last week at Shiloh Vineyard. Who knew adding a year could be so much fun.

Attending that celebration offered 15 of us the chance to see how Kirk and Treva Johnston have worked hard to turn their family farm into a successful winery and event destination. Guests can enjoy the western Kansas prairie while learning more about the vineyard and wines. I'd guess listening to a meadowlark serenade or watching a stunning sunset while sipping local wine creates favorite memories. The Johnstons offer a tour of their operation that includes a peek at huge casks where wine chemistry takes place as well showing off their rustic dining venue where guests can celebrate weddings, anniversaries, work, graduations, or just because. The tasting room and outdoor gathering area sit north of the barn.

My friend chose to celebrate her seven decades in the tasting room. It's cozy enough to encourage visiting across the room between samples of wines and nibbles of crackers and cheese. During my decades, I've watched a movie or two where knowledgeable folk sniff and swirl glasses of wine, but I never understood that smelling the bouquet business or the differences between dry, semi-sweet, sweet, whites, reds, and dessert wines. Kirk and Treva offer down-to-earth guidelines to help guests who know nothing make sense of wine tasting. Many party guests knew more than I, but all of us learned something. My favorite lesson involved discovering a coffee flavored dessert wine that made my taste buds tap dance. I would never guess you could ferment coffee and grapes to create after-dinner magic.

I counted it a blessing to help a dear friend celebrate a milestone birthday but doing that while enjoying an afternoon on the prairie paired with an opportunity to learn something new about our state's agriculture made the day extra special. Kansas grapes and wine may end up as famous as its wheat.



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FHSU Honors Veterans Through Gift Match Fundraising Effort

By: FHSU Foundation

Each November, Americans pay tribute to veterans across the country who have served honorably for the freedom and safety of our citizens. To further efforts to help veterans, Fort Hays State University has joined the Heart of America Patriot Foundation to raise awareness and funding for the dependents of fully disabled or deceased veterans.

The Heart of America Patriot Foundation has an incredible mission - to educate its veterans' legacies by providing scholarships to spouses and/or dependents of deceased or 100 percent disabled veterans. The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 35, provides support for educational goals, for dependents of veterans with service-related injuries.

Gifts to Fort Hays State University will be matched dollar for dollar by the Heart of America Patriot Foundation for this effort. Because of this generous match, FHSU hopes to raise as much funding as possible to support the families of our veterans.

You can help by making a gift this Veterans Day - November 11. Give online by visiting www.ifedthetiger.com or mail your donation to FHSU Foundation, PO Box 1060, Hays, KS 67601. Make your check to FHSU Foundation with "Heart of America Patriot Foundation" written in the memo line. Celebrate Veterans Day by having your gift to FHSU doubled while honoring those who have served.

For more information about the Heart of America Patriot Foundation, visit <https://hoapf.org> or contact Schuyler Coates with the FHSU Foundation at 785-628-5692 or smcoates@fhsu.edu. To read more about Fort Hays State University and its military-connected student services, visit <https://www.fhsu.edu/military>.

Governor Laura Kelly Statement on Governor's Race Victory

Wednesday, November 9, Governor Laura Kelly released the following statement on her victory in the race for Kansas Governor.

The following statement is attributable to Governor Laura Kelly: "The people of Kansas sent a very clear message at the polls yesterday. Kansans said we will keep moving forward as a state, full steam ahead - there will be no turning backward."

I want to thank Attorney General Derek Schmidt for his service to the state. We had strong, healthy disagreements on the issues, but I do believe he cares about this state, and that we stand united in our commitment to Kansas and its future success.

Kansans voted for strong public schools, for economic growth, for balanced budgets, and for protecting individual rights - including a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions.

Perhaps above all, I believe Kansans voted today for civility, for cooperation, for listening to one another, and for a spirit of bipartisan problem-solving, that's become all too rare in our politics today.

I spoke a lot in this campaign about my middle-of-the-road approach, because governing from the middle is important. Everyone is tired of hyper-partisanship and vitriol in our politics - and everyone's tired of being at each other's throats. That's why those nasty, negative, divisive ads against us backfired.

When you look at the successes we've achieved these first 4 years, we've done it by working together - from fully funding our schools, to eliminating the food tax, reinvesting in infrastructure, recruiting businesses to Kansas from around the world, and creating and retaining 53,000 jobs. I'm excited about the future of Kansas.

These first four years were, in large part, about getting our state back on track.

These next four years are about taking Kansas to the next level. These next four years are about making sure Kansas lives up to its potential as the very best place in America to raise a family. These next four years are where the boundless optimism of Kansans will be met with the boundless

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Prairie Doc® Perspective: Looking Out for All of You

By Debra Johnston, MD

Recently, while visiting from out of state, my father had a "health hiccup." As we navigated getting this problem investigated and addressed, he was very concerned that we keep his primary care doctor informed. As my dad has said repeatedly, "I give him more grief than any of my other doctors, but I also listen to him more than any of my other doctors. He's the only one looking out for all of me!"

Like many Americans, particularly older Americans, my dad has a whole host of specialists he sees on a regular basis. One of my friends recently teased, what do primary care providers do, anyway? It seems that there is a specialist for pretty much any problem you can imagine!

If I see a cardiologist, an electrophysiologist, a urologist, an endocrinologist, a gastroenterologist, a rheumatologist, a nephrologist and maybe even an oncologist, why do I need one more doctor, who doesn't seem to be handling anything?

Established readers of this column know that I, like Dr Holm before me, am a proponent of the annual wellness visit. It's a chance to step back and look at the big picture, to review screenings, immunizations, and health promotion recommendations. Many factors can influence these recommendations, beyond age and gender. Did you know that older men who have smoked should be screened for aortic aneurysms, and that diabetes in pregnancy increases diabetes risk going forward?

The origin of a symptom is not always straightforward. For example, abdominal pain can originate not just from the digestive system, but from many other systems, and from causes that might surprise you, such as blood or metabolic diseases and poisonings. Some people, women especially, get their gallbladders removed, only to discover that the problem was, in fact, their heart. A primary care doctor can help sort things out in a more efficient way.

A primary care doctor looks at the big picture. In fact, all of us answering questions tonight are primary care doctors. We commonly say we are specialties of breadth, not depth. My father says the specialist studies one 1000-page book on their topic, while the generalist studies the 10-page summary for 100 different topics. We may ask for assistance from our specialist colleagues for more unusual, treatment resistant, or advanced diseases, but every day we help patients manage their health problems. We coordinate care between specialists and watch for signs that the treatment for one problem is worsening another. In fact, I would argue that the more specialists you have, the more important it becomes to have someone "looking out for all of you."

Everyone deserves a primary care provider!

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Statement of Kansas

Attorney General Derek Schmidt

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Kansas Attorney General and Republican nominee for governor Derek Schmidt today issued the following statement regarding the election for governor:

"Preliminary election-night vote totals are in from all counties. The election, of course, is not final until every lawful ballot is counted, and we are advised by election officials that thousands remain uncounted including late-arriving mail ballots and provisional ballots. However, it seems unlikely those will be sufficient to close the remaining gap, so absent any unexpected development it appears this race is over.

"Therefore, I congratulate Governor Kelly on her apparent reelection and wish the best for our beloved state during the next four years.

"It has been a tremendous honor to be the nominee of the Republican Party for governor of Kansas. I am grateful for the unwavering support and encouragement of my family, particularly my wife, Jennifer, and our daughters, Caroline and Claire; of my running mate, Katie Sawyer, and her family; of our many friends and supporters and volunteers throughout our state; of our extraordinary campaign team and staff; of the talented men and women at the Office of the Attorney General who ensured the professional work of that office continued uninterrupted; and of all who made this race possible. This journey has truly been a blessing, and for that I will always be thankful.

"If there is any disappointment beyond the immediate sting, it

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Dreaming of Snow Days

By Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

There are two kinds of people in the world: people who hate snow and those of us who love it. If you think I am crazy, consider I grew up in Wisconsin. In my world, snow means picturesque landscapes coated in white, the fun of sledding, tubing, downhill skiing and snowmobile rides, and if you are lucky - a snow day.

My farm friends might roll their eyes and say, what about chores. On my family's dairy farm our cows were safe and warm in the barn, and we didn't have to break ice or dig them out of the snow. We only had issues if temperatures were extremely low for a long enough time that the barn cleaner froze up. Those were not fun days.

Since snow is a much rarer treat in Kansas, helping with livestock and navigating drifts on snowy days doesn't really bother me. Plus, the snow never seems to last longer than a day or two, so it melts before my excitement wears off.

You might think it is too early to be wishing for snow but there are chances in the forecast, and I am filled with anticipation. I dream of fluffy floating flakes that fall peacefully as the sound is absorbed and the countryside is blanketed in white.

That may be a bit of wishful thinking since Kansas snow often seems like it is right out of the blizzard from the Claymation classic "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." The drier, drifting snow that whips across the Kansas plains is exactly where I imagine the Abominable Snowman.

Even if it isn't the picture perfectness of my dreams, snow is needed. This year's drought conditions have ensured that pretty much all farmers are excited about any precipitation regardless of form.

The unexpected break from our busy lives can be a blessing too as we pause our daily routines and postpone plans. Snow days are a special kind of boost to moral because they often include spending time with our loved ones and doing all the little things that we never have time for otherwise.

On days when the world shut down, my family often had a blast and made lasting memories. In my younger years, snow days were spent making forts with my brothers. As I grew older, my dad would take us out for a snowmobile ride. Mom was ready with snacks to warm us up while watching movies as a family. Snow days have brought me so much joy because they are almost always spent with family.

In the aftermath of the pandemic there has been debate about whether or not remote work and school means the end of snow days. I have been heartened to see that many educators fighting to keep snow days. There is great value in disrupted schedules making time for joy and togetherness.

Today when I end up canceling plans because of snow, it usually allows me to spend more time helping on the farm. Checking on livestock and making the rounds on the farm don't seem like work when you are with your favorite people and have nowhere else to be. Quality time working is just as fulfilling as play.

If we are lucky enough and get great snowfalls this winter, remember not to spend too much time worrying about canceled plans or the work that is looming. Instead, I hope you will join me in embracing snow for the beauty, the moisture and the moments of togetherness.

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Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

Barton Community College awards scholarships based on GPA alone. Barton Bound Scholarships include the Excellence Award, which covers book and tuition, is given to students with a 3.5 GPA or better. A GPA of 3.0 or above is worth \$1000, while a 2.5 or above will net \$800.

Are you a 7th grader that wants to kick-start your writing career or just loves social studies? The League of Kansas Municipalities is hosting an essay contest: Tell us what makes your city your "home." Winning essays will win cash prizes and be published in the Kansas Government Journal. The deadline for submissions is November 23. View details online at <https://bit.ly/3A8ptiD>.

Fort Hays State University offers a nursing guaranteed admission opportunity to qualified first-time, full-time freshman students majoring in nursing.

Speaking of FHSU, there is still time to apply for the Rudd Scholarship if you are Pell-grant eligible (complete the FAFSA!). Wichita State and Emporia State attendees are also eligible. WSU made a video about the Rudd Scholarship. Find it here: <http://bit.ly/3UHKiLy>. This video tells you all the great reasons to be involved in this wonderful program.

High school seniors are eligible to apply. In order to be considered, applicants must meet the following criteria: admission to Fort Hays State University, declare nursing as an intended major, high school GPA of 3.5 or higher, minimum ACT 24 or SAT 1160. For more info go to <http://bit.ly/3UEigPq>.

Sallie Mae's Scholarship Search helps students get personalized matches to knock thousands off college costs. Plus, you will have a chance to win one of five prize boxes dropping in November AND \$1,000 just by registering! Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3NUdpTo> or google "sallie mae scholarship search."

Students interested in a career in health care can receive up to \$100,000 over four years as a Health Science Scholar. The newest academic program at McPherson College offers hands-on experience in outreach programs with community health care providers. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/3ElQvWa>.

Another private school in Kansas with a quality health care program is Newman University, which will host an informational session on November 16. The Virtual Health Science Q&A Sessions are uniquely designed for prospective undergraduate students who have detailed questions about our healthcare programs, their application requirements, and what to expect upon admission. You can register for this program at <http://bit.ly/3A8pzqV>.

Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln is expanding eligibility for its full-tuition Access NWU Scholarship. Now ALL Pell-eligible students automatically qualify to attend NWU tuition-free. This expanded program serves most students from households with an adjusted gross income at or below \$60,000.

There is no separate application for the Access NWU Scholarship. Students automatically qualify with their FAFSA information when they apply for admission. (Nebraska Wesleyan's FAFSA school code: 002555)

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 15: Priority Scholarship Deadline for FHSU
- December 1: Deadline to complete FAFSA for WSU; priority deadline for Scholarships and FAFSA at KSU and KU
- December 2: Priority deadline to submit Rudd Scholarship
- January 6: Registration deadline for February 15 ACT test
- January 15: Priority deadline for scholarships at NCKTC-Beloit, Hays
- February 1: KU priority deadline for FAFSA (will be notified by early March for grants, Work Study, etc.)
- February 15: Junior Day at Barton CCC, Final Scholarship Deadline at FHSU
- March 1: Final Deadline to apply for scholarships at NCKTC
- March 10: Registration deadline for April 15 ACT test
- March 15: Deadline for Masonic Scholarships
- March 25: Tiger Day for Class of 2024 and 2025 at FHSU
- May 5: Registration deadline for June 10 ACT test
- June 16: Registration deadline for July 15 ACT test

50TH DAY FUN AT GOLDEN PLAINS ELEMENTARY



The Golden Plains Kindergarten class, taught by Amy Patmon, celebrated the 50th day of school on November 4. **Bexley Bruggeman** gets low to slide under the Limbo bar during the celebration. (Photo by Luz Aguilar)



Splits! **Marley Focke** shows her classmates how to do the splits during the 50th day of school celebration at Golden Plains Elementary. (Photo by Luz Aguilar)



Let's Twist! **Owen Spreser** and **Franklyn Truetken** enjoy dancing to the Twist during the Golden Plains Kindergarten 50th day of school celebration. (Photo by Jazline Manriquez)

HIGH SCHOOL BEGINS SCHOLARS' BOWL SEASON



Scholars Compete--**Wyatt Amlong, Emma Weiner, McHaley Carter, Jordyn Fleckenstein, and Memo Aragon** work together on a math question during the first meet of the season in Rexford on October 31 as alternate **Dominic Stout** waits in the back of the room. The team went 4-4 on the day ending in a three-way tie for fourth place. The JV team consisting of freshmen **Diego Perez, Ezekiel Weiner, and Dylan Wark** also competed with the varsity teams. (Photo by Siena Vargas)

By Aidan Pawlak

The Golden Plains High School hosted the first meet of the season at their home meet on November 1 in Rexford. The Bulldogs (Team 1) finished in a three-way tie for fourth with a win/loss ratio of 4 to 4. The Freshmen JV team members (Team 2) also competed as a team winning 3 and losing 5.

In the first round, the Bulldogs Team 1 lost by ten points against Wallace County, with a score of 50-60, and Team 2 won against Triplains with a score of 20-10. In the second round, Team 1 went against Triplains, winning with a score of 30-10, and Team 2 scored 40 points in a ghost round.

In the third round, the Bulldog's Team 1 lost to Wheatland/Grinnell 20-50, and Team 2 lost to Weskan with a score of 20-30. In the fourth round, the Bulldog's Team 1 lost against Weskan 0-20, and the second team lost to Wallace County 0-20. In the fifth round, Golden Plain's Team 1 did not compete, and the Team 2 lost against Cheylin 10-30. Team 1 defeated Cheylin 30-20 in round 6, and Team 2 also won 10-0 over Wheatland/Grinnell.

The Bulldog's first loss was against Rawlins County with a score of 40-50 in the seventh round; Team 2 did not compete. In the eighth round, Team 1 competed against Team 2, and won with a score of 20-10. In the final round, Team 1 scored 60 points in a ghost round and Team 2 lost to Rawlins County 10-60.

The Bulldog's Team 1 finished with wins over Triplains, Cheylin, GP Team 2, and the ghost round forfeit and lost to Wallace County, Wheatland/Grinnell, Weskan, and Rawlins County. "We did pretty well for the first meet," McHaley Carter said, "but we could be more confident with our answers and hit the buzzer without hesitation."

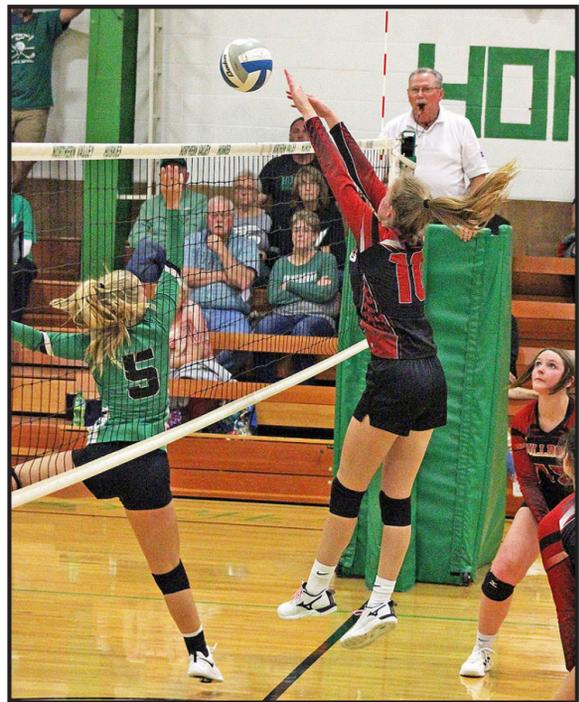
Team 2 defeated Triplains and Wheatland/Grinnell and received a win for the ghost round and lost to Weskan, Wallace County, Cheylin, Rawlins County, and GP Team 1. "It felt good," Diego Perez said, "it was a little harder than middle school, but it felt good to win."

The team will compete again in Cheylin on November 7 in Bird City.

Lady Bulldogs Have Four Named to All-League Team

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs finished their season with a 26-12 Record. They were Runner-Up at the NWKL/WKLL Tournament in October, Healy Tournament Champions, and placed Fifth at the Gove County Classic. They accomplished this with only 8 players on their team. Four of those team members, including Breanna Rath, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Anette Hernandez-Lopez, and Hayden Wark, were recognized for their efforts this season as they were named to the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League team at a



recent league meeting.

Senior Breanna Rath was named all-league first team. She received honorable mention last season. According to Head Coach Ashley Arnberger, Breanna was the statistical leader for the Lady Bulldogs this season. She was the team leader with 401 Digs, 215 kills, and 72 ACE Serves with a Service Rating of 2.45, and had a Serve Receive Rating of 1.85. "This is wonderful recognition to wrap up Bre's senior season," said Arnberger. "This year, Bre was asked to be our primary passer in all six serve receive rotations. Her passing consistency really set the tone for our team. Additionally, she took the most swings on the outside for us which allowed her to lead our team in kills." Rath will also be playing in the Northwest Kansas All-Star Game in Colby on November 13.

Junior Jordyn Fleckenstein was also named to the first team. This is her first year to be named to the all-league team. "I am glad to be honored with All-League, and really looking forward to next season," said Fleckenstein. She also had some noteworthy stats this season. She was the team leader with 44 blocks and had 157 Kills with a .108 hitting percentage. Her serve receive rating was 1.73 which is an increase from 1.62 her sophomore season with over twice as many attempts this year. Her serve percentage was 92.9% with 36 ACE serves. "Jordyn was a dominant force at the net for us this season," said Arnberger. "She led the team in blocks and took the second most swings on our team. She was also asked to take on a significant role in our serve receive. I'm really proud of her for embracing this role and improving her serve receive rating to a respectable 1.73 on over 370 attempts. I look forward to having Jordyn return for her senior season."

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GPHS Semi-Annual Red Cross Blood Drive

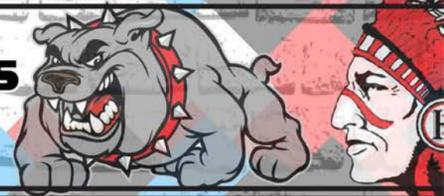


Golden Plains juniors **Valentina Bermudez** (left) and **Ava Brantley** (right) donated at the semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive at Golden Plains High School on November 2 in Rexford. This was **Bermudez's** second time to donate and **Brantley's** first. "I'm glad I was able to donate," said Brantley. "I enjoy being able to help others." Sixteen units were collected at this drive with another drive scheduled in March of 2023. (Photo by McKinzie Horobik)

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Scholarhawks with a Strong Start



WHS Scholars Bowl team with a third-place finish at Rexford on Monday, October 31. (WHS photo)



WHS Scholars Bowl Team with a second-place finish at Cheylin on Monday, November 7. (WHS photo)

By Mary McDonald, Co-Editor

On Monday, October 31, the Wheatland High School Scholars Bowl Team traveled to Rexford to start off the season. There were eight teams competing, with the addition of a ghost team. Ghost teams are teams that cannot make it to the meet. Six Scholarhawks went to this meet: senior Mary McDonald, junior Maddy Zerr, and sophomores Adrienne Hrabe, sophomore Junior Gorczyca, junior Teagan Roth, and freshman Broady Goetz. WHS came out with a third-place finish, with a record of 5-3. McDonald, captain, had a total of 13 questions correct, Zerr had three correct, Hrabe had two correct, and Goetz had one correct answer.

Zerr states, "While at Rexford, I think we showed the potential for our team in the upcoming season. Hopefully we can keep growing and improving to make it to state!"

The Scholarhawks then traveled to Palco on Thursday, November 3. This was a tougher meet, with many of the schools being larger. There were 10 total teams. The team led by Coach Megan Iseman, WHS History teacher, consisted of McDonald, junior Jordyn Beckman, Hrabe, Roth, Goetz, and freshman Daniel Mason. WHS finished with a record of 3-6. McDonald answered 11 questions correctly, Beckman three, and Mason had one correct answer.

On Monday, November 7, WHS competed at Cheylin. There were seven teams competing, with the addition of a ghost team. Coach Iseman's team consisted of McDonald, Beckman, sophomores Hrabe, Olivia Thompson, Emma Zerr, and Gorczyca. The Scholarhawks brought back some hardware after having a second-place finish, with their record being 5-2. McDonald had 12 correct questions, Zerr three, and Gorczyca had two correct answers.

After bringing home a second-place plaque and medals, Hrabe states, "I'm super glad we got to work together as a team and take second place at Cheylin! I'm very proud of all of us that went and competed!"

The Scholarhawks have a couple of weeks to improve on some skills, with their next meet being November 21, in Sharon Springs.

All-League Team

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Sophomores Anette Hernandez-Lopez and Hayden Wark were each named to the team as Honorable Mention. Hernandez had 178 Kills with a .121 hitting percentage. She was the team leader in hitting percentage and second in kills. She had 15 blocks and 320 Digs—also second on the team. She was a 92.7% server with 36 ACEs and had a 1.70 Serve Receive Rating. "Anette had a very nice transition to the varsity game this season," said Arnberger. She stepped in as a sophomore and played outside hitter for us. She also took on a big role in our serve receive. She led the team in hitting percentage, was second in kills, and second in digs. This season was full of growth for Anette, and I can't wait to see her continued growth over the next two seasons."

Wark was the team leader with 549 assists—no one else had over 25. She was a 90.7% server and second on the team in ACEs with 67. "We ran a 5-1 with Hayden as our setter this season," said Arnberger, "which means we asked Hayden to be our setter for all six rotations. This was a significant transition for our team since we have traditionally run a 6-2. Hayden has a naturally nice touch on the ball, but she worked extremely hard this season on her body placement and setting execution. She could always be counted on to give her full effort to make a play on any ball. Having an effect setter is so very important to offensive execution. I am so pleased to see this recognition for Hayden as it is very well deserved."

THUNDERHAWKS COMPETE AGAINST THE KNIGHTS



The Thunderhawk football team takes a break after a hard played game on Thursday, October 27 in Victoria. (WHS photo)

By Emma Zerr, Staff Reporter

On October 27, 2022, the Thunderhawk football team took a trip to Victoria to play the Victoria Knights. The game lasted only until half sadly, with the Victoria Knights taking the win. The score that night was 68-0.

Senior Nathan Vollbracht ended the season with 7 total touchdowns. Senior Treven Humphries had 4 interceptions in the season. Senior Adam Phillips had 6 fumble recoveries this year. Senior Robert Mason had a season of 4 sacks. Senior Wesley Stegeman had 6 total tackles to end the season.

"Sadly, the season is over, but next year will be better", Junior Gorczyca said.

Coach Matt stated, "I am so proud of the boys this year, we may not have been state champions like we planned, but it was such a fun season."

The Thunderhawks played a tough season, with their ending record being 1-8. The boys are certain that next year will go the opposite way.

GP MS Finishes 2nd at League

By Breanna Rath

The Golden Plains Middle School Volleyball Team finished off their season on October 20 at the WKLL tournament held at the Event Center in Colby. The Bulldogs placed 2nd, only losing to the WKLL Champs, the Cheylin Lady Cougars.

Golden Plains had a successful season closing with a 12-5 record. "Mrs. (Laura) Fellhoelter really knows the game and helped us get our heads in the game," said Addy Wessel of the coaches. "Mrs. (Jennifer) Spresser was good at lightening up the mood. She helped us keep from getting down on ourselves."

The first match of the tournament for the Bulldogs was against the Triplains/Brewster Lady Titans. The Lady Dogs played tough and managed a 25-5 first set win over the Titans. The second set ended 25-11 giving the Bulldogs their first win of the day.

After sitting a match, the Bulldogs were ready to take on the Grinnell/Wheatland Lady Thunderhawks. Playing hard and with energy, the Bulldogs took over for a first set 25-18 win. The Thunderhawks were ready for the Dogs in the second set. Rallying back and forth, the Dogs lost the set 22-25 sending the match into three.

The third set was an exciting one that kept fans from both teams on the edge of their seats. Several hustled plays from the Bulldogs led to a 25-20 victory, sending them to the Gold Bracket. "We played really well together," said Lakin Wark. "We did a good job of not giving up and playing through our mistakes," added Brenlynn Rath. The Lady Bulldogs took on the Lady Cheylin Cougars for the third match of the day. GP and Cheylin met at the beginning of the season where Cheylin beat Golden Plains 12-25 and 13-25 in two sets. The Lady Bulldogs stepped onto the floor with little energy, and the Cougars ran the score up leaving the Dogs fighting from behind. The first set ended in Cheylin's favor, 13-25. Playing with a little more hustle, the Bulldogs stayed right with the Cougars for the first half of the set. Unfortunately, the Cougars pulled ahead and claimed the second set 16-25.

Having no break, the Bulldogs stepped back onto the floor to take on the Northern Valley Lady Huskies. GP and Valley played each other two times in the regular season where GP claimed one victory and Valley claimed the other. With the first set staying close, the Lady Dogs worked hard to pull ahead and take the lead. The first set ended with a Bulldog 25-19 victory. Ready to take care of business, the Lady Dogs defeated the Huskies 25-9 in the second set to take second place at the WKLL tournament.

"I am very proud of how we did this season," said eighth grader Kadalen Unrein. "I am also very proud of myself for working hard to improve on all aspects of the game. I am excited to see what volleyball in high school will be like and I wish the best of luck to next year's team."

"We improved so much throughout the season, and we ended it really well. I will miss my younger teammates next year, but I am looking forward to playing in high school," said Kailee Wessel, eighth grade.

"We reached a lot of team goals like improving our passing and hitting," added Stella Vargas, eighth grade. "I am also excited to play high school volleyball."

"This was a fun season. The whole team continued to improve and that was really cool to see," said Katie Carter, eighth grade. "High school volleyball will be different from middle school, but I am looking forward to getting to learn and play."

"Our season went pretty well," said Addy Wessel, eighth grade.

El Dia de Los Muertos



Altar for El Dia de Los Muertos. (WHS photo)

By Marsha McDonald, Staff Editor

Every year the Spanish class celebrates El Dia de Los Muertos, or The Day of the Dead. El Dia de Los Muertos is a Spanish holiday celebrated on November 1 and 2 to mourn their loved ones that have passed. For some people, mourning their loved ones is a sad day, but in many other cultures they grieve and treat death differently with traditions that have been around in centuries. The Spanish classes watch various videos about The Day of the Dead and do research about the importance of this holiday.

Each year all of the Spanish classes do different projects. This year they made some altars, sugar skulls, and even candles. They also decorated skull cookies, and had some anonymous judges vote on them.

Freshman Brielle Hanna said, "I really enjoyed learning all about it and doing my project."

T-hawk Talk



Jordan Perez listens intently as Gavin Lewis explains his puzzle. (WHS photo)

Olivia Thompson, Staff Reporter

On November 2, 2022, the NHS members went to the Wheatland Elementary School.

They gave the kids a paper with a puzzle pattern on them. The kids were supposed to draw a picture or write words of things that were important to them or their family. The WHS shop class will take the kids' drawings and print actual puzzles out of their papers. Mr. Heier went to WES to show a puzzle that he had laser engraved and cut out that was for the fourth graders.

NHS students also headed over to Grinnell Grade School for the students to complete puzzles as well. GGS students also enjoyed coloring their puzzles, and Mr. Heier will be printing out their puzzles as well. Order forms were sent home with the students. Students and their families can design their puzzles and return their design with their order form to the grade school office at Wheatland or Grinnell.

Miss Diane Wetter said, "The NHS students enjoy working with the grade school students on various projects each month."

NHS appreciates both grade schools letting the high school students work with the grade school students. The NHS members love working with the young students on various activities!

"We gained teamwork over time. We all improved as a team, and we all gained confidence in our playing skills. We gained the knowledge that we can do this. We are better than we think. I plan to play in high school," continued Wessel, "but it will be a challenge as I gain experience."

"We had a really good season," said Marisol Perez, eighth grade. "Our group learned and improved a lot. We improved not only as individuals, but as a team. I am looking forward to playing and getting better next year in high school."



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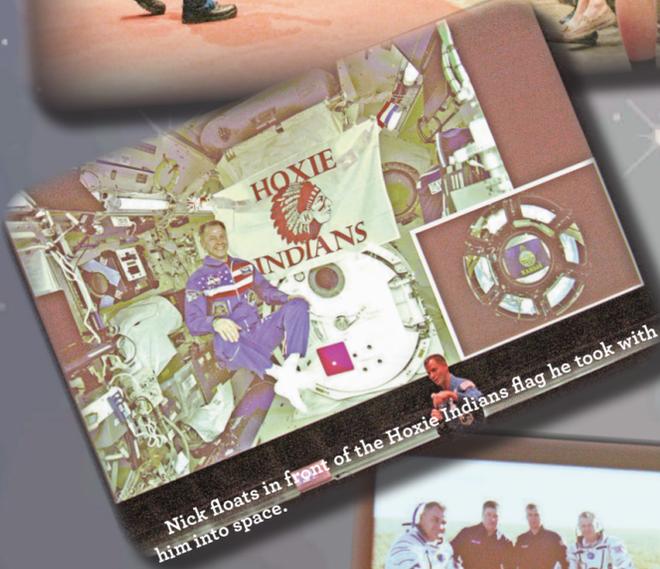
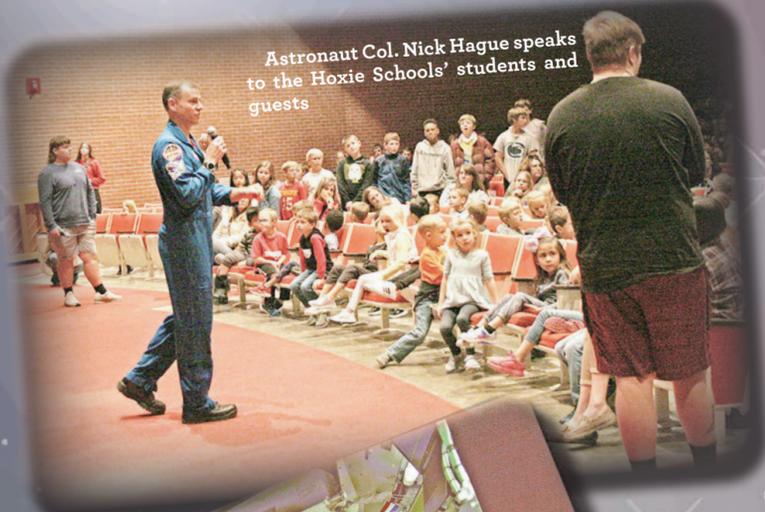
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A VERY Special Day for Hoxie!

By **Viktorija Briggs**, Editor/Publisher and **Rachel Farber**, Writer/Photographer

Friday, November 11, was very memorable for Hoxie, as a very special guest was in town. Astronaut Nick Hague, Hoxie's "Hometown Hero", arrived in Hoxie to spend the day speaking with students, residents, and former classmates. His appearance here in Hoxie was achieved through the dedicated hard work of the Hoxie Community Schools USD 412, Sheridan County Community Foundation, Scott & Michelle Foote Family, Foote Cattle Co., Oscar's, the City of Hoxie, and the Sheridan County Commissioners.

At Nick's morning presentation at the high school auditorium, he spoke to the Hoxie and Golden Plains students, homeschool students, school staff, and other guests. There were about 700 in attendance. A similar presentation in the evening was also given, but to an audience of mostly adults, although everyone was surprised by the arrival of approximately 40 students from Wray, Colorado High School, who came out to see and visit with Nick!

Superintendent of Schools Mary Ellen Welshon introduced Nick's parents, Don and Bev Hague, who are former Hoxie educators. Don was Superintendent for Hoxie from 1989 ~ 2001, and Bev was an elementary school teacher from 1990 ~ 2001, teaching 3rd grade for a couple of years, then transferred to middle school Social Studies. Mary Ellen also introduced Representative Jim Minnix and his wife, Eileen, who were also in attendance to hear Nick speak and to visit with afterward. Eileen attended and graduated from Hoxie High School, so they also had a 'hometown connection'.

Mary Ellen introduced Karl Pratt, Director of both Sheridan County Community Foundation, and Sheridan County Economic

Development. Karl spoke on behalf of the City of Hoxie and its residents, to welcome Astronaut Col. Nick Hague to the city, and recognize his "heroism as a member of the armed forces on this Veteran's Day", and to thank him for his unbelievable bravery and service to our nation and world as an astronaut aboard the International Space Station".

Karl told Nick, "Your community watched in awe as you travelled into space, entered through the hatch, and were welcomed aboard the International Space Station. We enjoyed the opportunity to visit with you from Earth, and remain inspired by your work, and you, today. It is truly humbling to have an astronaut of our own, and we hope you will accept this small token of our admiration to you, as well as your family, for your incredible achievements. You are, as Mary Ellen said, forever a Hoxie Hometown Hero, thank you!" as he presented Col. Hague with the Key to the City.

Nick introduced himself to the audience and gave a brief autobiography similar to that found on his NASA website page at <http://bit.ly/3TuQJ1K>:

Born in 1975 in Belleville, Kansas, but considers Hoxie, Kansas, his hometown. He is married to Col. Catie Hague, U.S. Air Force. They are the proud parents of two sons. Hague enjoys exercise, flying, snow skiing, and scuba. His parents, Don and Bev Hague, reside in Sandpoint, Idaho. His wife's parents, Charlie Devlin and Clare Keenan reside in Stone Harbor, New Jersey.

Graduated from Hoxie High School, Hoxie, Kansas, in 1994. Earned a Bachelor of Science in Astronautical Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy in 1998. Earned a Master of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2000.

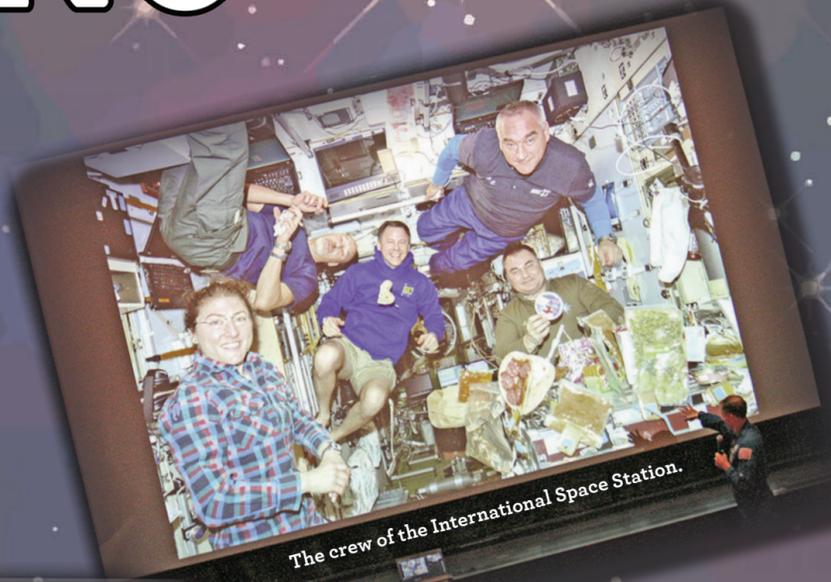
Tyler N. Hague was selected by NASA as an astronaut in 2013. The Kansas native earned a Bachelor of Science in Astronautical Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy in 1998, and a Master of Science in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2000. In 2009, Hague was selected for the Air Force Fellows program in Washington, D.C., and was a staff member in the United States Senate. Following his fellowship, he served in the Pentagon as a congressional appropriations liaison for United States Central Command. Selected as an astronaut by NASA in 2013, Hague completed astronaut candidate training in July 2015. He was selected for a mission to the International Space Station which launched on October 11, 2018. Unfortunately, he and his crewmate Alexey Ovchinin, of the Russian space agency Roscosmos, were forced to abort the mission when a rocket booster experienced a malfunction shortly after the launch of their Soyuz MS-10. The aborted spacecraft landed safely. Hague most recently served as Flight Engineer on the International Space Station for Expedition 59 and 60.

Mary Ellen introduced Bette James, who Nick at one time stated that "Bette had shaped him and lead him into the person he's become. She taught this introverted engineer and helped him find his voice". Bette opened her speech about Nick's assistance with the computers in the classroom and a particular program she was learning, *Illuminated Books and Manuscripts*. Nick had recorded

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Karl Pratt, Sheridan County Community Foundation Director, Mary Ellen Welshon, Superintendent of Schools, Bette James, and Astronaut Col. Tyler Nick Hague.



The crew of the International Space Station.



This was the final photograph Nick took just prior to exiting the International Space Station to return to Earth.



Astronaut Nick Hague greeted the Quilts of Valor recipients, Dr. John Neuenschwander and Paul Oelke, and then spoke to the audience.

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Wray, Colorado students.

himself reciting "High Flight" by John Gillespie McGee. It was the first and last phrases of the poem that she felt were very prophetic about his future:

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings...
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.*

"There are amazing things out there. There are a lot of questions we don't have answers to. There are a lot of questions we don't even know to ask. That's what exploration is about. Every day we are exploring space trying to answer those questions," Nick stated in his introduction. To the surprise and joy of the audiences, he opened his program with a photo of himself in the International Space Station in front of the Hoxie Indians flag.

According to Nick, the Hoxie community gave him the time and space to figure out what he wanted to do. Exploring opportunities, he figured out he likes to break things, figure out how they work, and to put them back together again. He then realized this was the definition of an engineer, and what he wanted to do, but out in space.

Four years ago, this dream was about to be fulfilled, as Nick and Russian Cosmonaut, Alexei Ovchinin, launched in a Soyuz rocket to the International Space Station. Two minutes into the mission, one of the jettisoned boosters collided with the rocket and caused the rocket to go out of control, at 4,000 mph. The emergency escape system pulled them to safety, and they were able to safely

land a couple hundred miles away from their launch zone. Rescue crews arrived and flew them back to the launch site.

When Nick disembarked the plane, the first person he saw was his wife, Catie. She gave him a hug, put her hand on his heart and said, "Don't worry. You're going to get there."

Five months later, Nick and Alexei, along with Christina Koch, launched, and everything went smoothly. They boarded the International Space Station to spend the next 203 days.

The International Space Station is the size of a football field that took 10 years to build. It took 100 launches to get everything up into space to be assembled in place while flying around the Earth at 17,500 mph and encircles the Earth once every 90 minutes! The habitable interior area is the equivalent of a six-bedroom home.

Nick talked about the day-to-day activities of being on orbit, including some of the experiments, his three space walks, how they stay fit, and living and interacting with his crew mates.

One of his most favorable experiences was to be the "eyes, hands, and ears" of the science teams on the ground. Those on the space station conduct the experiments in space that are not possible on Earth. They performed over 300 experiments while on orbit. Some of the experiments on Earth may have been ongoing for over a decade, but when something is proven or discovered through the work of those on the space station, the cheers and excitement of the scientists on the ground brings an indescribable joy and satisfaction to the astronauts assisting with the experiments.

There were three spacewalks that Nick took with a crew mate - they always spacewalk in pairs. Again, the *team* was emphasized.

During one spacewalk he described how he looked down at his feet hanging out in nothingness and the big, beautiful Earth below.

Astronaut Col. Nick Hague's over-arching theme was that of *teamwork*, "Anything we do in life, we don't do it alone, we do it as part of something larger than ourselves." Nothing can be done in life without the assistance of others. He stated emphatically, "It's the diversity in the team, it's the different perspectives, and the different experiences, and the different backgrounds, and the different cultures that we bring together that makes the team even stronger. We are all pretty much the same. Our differences are things that shouldn't be used to divide us, and label us, and put us into bins. The differences are things that we should celebrate, because it is in those differences that the team is stronger... Celebrate those differences!" They launch as colleagues but return as something more - brothers and sisters.

In the science and international space community, there are over 100,000 people committed to the advancement of humanity. They don't allow the politics to take hold. They work in peace with each other around the world, regardless of what is going on around them. We *all* need that kind of dedication. That kind of teamwork. That kind of belief in something greater than our individual selves. Imagine what the world could accomplish then!

Chasing Clovers: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

By Patsy L. Maddy, Twin Creeks Extension District, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Five Grand Challenges have been identified through a series of meetings with K-State Research and Extension stakeholders -- Global Food Systems, Water, Health, Tomorrow's Leaders, and Community Vitality. As a 4-H and Youth Development Extension educator, we have been charged with the task of developing leaders of all ages to meet the challenges of the future in order to contribute to a vibrant Kansas economy and quality of life.

In a former youth conference at Rock Springs 4-H Center, our 4-H teen leaders were given the task of discovering their leadership style. Patterns of leadership developed by Hersey and Blanchard describe four leadership styles: Telling, Selling, Participating and Delegating.

In a "Telling" style of leadership, the leader identifies a problem, considers alternatives, chooses one of them, and then "tells" the followers what they are to do. The leaders may or may not consider what the group members think or feel about the decision, but they clearly do not participate directly in the final decision-making process. Coercion (force) may or may not be used or implied. This method is appropriate to use with new groups, new situations, and crisis occasions or any time the group is not familiar with the particular problem and strong leadership is needed to get the group moving.

In a "Selling" style of leadership, the leaders make the decision without consulting the group. However, instead of simply announcing the decision, the leaders try to persuade the group members to accept it. The leaders point out that the goals and interests of the group members have been considered in the decision and try to "sell" the decision by emphasizing the benefits to the members from carrying it out. This method of leadership is appropriate to use when groups have little familiarity with the situation but still need direction and support from the leaders.

In a "Participating" style of leadership, the leaders give the group members a chance to influence the decision from the very beginning. Leaders present a problem and relevant background information, and then ask the members for their ideas on how to solve it. In effect the group is invited to increase the number of alternative actions to be considered. Leaders and members both "participate" and share in the decision-making process and select the solution that seems to be the most promising. This method is effective with on-going groups that have the experience and background to suggest solutions to problems. Usually, these groups have been together for a while and are familiar with each other.

In a "Delegating" style of leadership, the leaders participate in the discussion of alternative solutions to the problem. The leader then identifies individuals and committees who are capable and knowledgeable and "delegates" or gives them the authority to make decisions and the responsibility to carry out activities. This method is appropriate with established groups in which leaders trust the members and consider them capable. This style of leadership encourages the participation and involvement of members and trains future leaders for the group.

What is your leadership style? Can you identify any of these leadership styles in clubs or organizations that you are a member? Youth who participated in the recent conference realized that their leadership style could be determined by the make-up of the group that they were working with at a given time. A good leader has the ability to adjust their leadership style to achieve the most effective outcomes.

Get involved in your community by volunteering to serve on committees and practice your leadership style in "Developing Tomorrow's Leaders" to meet the challenges of our future.

"Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence." Sheryl Sandberg

Kansas Local Food Purchase Assistance Program Now Accepting Applications from Producers

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications from producers to participate in the Kansas Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) Program. The Kansas LFPA Program will strengthen the state's local food system by providing expanded wholesale market access to Kansas' food producers and increasing access to locally sourced food in rural and urban counties impacted by food insecurity.

KDA was awarded a \$2,500,000 cooperative agreement under the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service's Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program. Funds will be used to purchase and distribute Kansas grown and processed foods to underserved communities and families across Kansas through the state's existing distribution network of food banks.

Kansas producers are encouraged to apply to participate in the Kansas LFPA Program in order to sell their products to the food banks serving the state. Products eligible for sale under the program include produce, dairy, meat, eggs, honey, and processed foods. Products must be grown or processed local to Kansas to be eligible for sale under the program.

Applications are due to KDA no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on February 15, 2023. For more information, please visit agriculture.ks.gov/LFPA or contact KDA grants coordinator Brittney Grother at Brittney.Grother@ks.gov or 785-564-6797.

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Kansas Crop Production Report

Based on November 1 conditions, Kansas's 2022 corn crop is forecast at 592 million bushels, down 21% from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 5.15 million acres, is down 5% from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 115 bushels per acre, down

24 bushels from last year. Sorghum for grain is forecast at 124 million bushels, down 53% from last year. Area for harvest, at 3.10 million acres, is down 9% from 2021. Yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, down 38 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 140 million bushels, down 27% from last year. Area for harvest, at 5.00 million acres, is up 4% from 2021. Yield is forecast at 28 bushels per acre, down 12.0 bushels from last year.

Cotton production is forecast at 175,000 bales, down 6% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 152,000 acres, is up 50,000 acres from 2021. Yield is forecast at 553 pounds per acre, down 327 pounds per acre from a year ago.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending November 13, 2022, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 43% very short, 33% short, 24% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 49% very short, 37% short, 14% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 19% very poor, 21% poor, 36% fair, 23% good, and 1% excellent. Winter wheat planted was 96%, equal to both last year and the five-year average. Emerged was 75%, behind 85% last year and 83% average.

Corn harvested was 96%, near 95% last year and 93% average. Soybeans harvested was 93%, ahead of 84% last year and 86% average.

Sorghum harvested was 90%, ahead of 82% last year and 80% average.

Cotton harvested was 79%, well ahead of 28% last year and 30% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 88%, equal to last year, and ahead of 80% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 54% very poor, 27% poor, 14% fair, 5% good, and 0% excellent.

USDA NASS to Collect 2022 Crop Production and Stocks Data

As the 2022 growing season comes to an end, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to gather final year-end crop production numbers and the amount of grain and oilseeds stored on their farms. At the same time, NASS will survey grain facility operators to determine year-end off-farm grain and oilseed stocks.

"These surveys are the largest and most important year-end surveys conducted by NASS," explained NASS's Kansas State Statistician Doug Bounds. "They are the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States as well as grain and oilseed supplies. Data from the survey will benefit farmers and processors by providing timely and accurate information to help them make crucial year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing and marketing season."

"Responses to the survey will be used in calculating county-level yields which have a direct impact on farmers around the State. USDA's Farm Service Agency may use the data in administering producer programs and in determining disaster assistance program calculations," said Bounds. "NASS cannot publish a county yield unless it receives enough reports from producers in that county to make a statistically defensible estimate. So, it is very important that producers respond to this survey. In 2021, NASS was unable to publish several large producing counties due to an insufficient number of responses."

"As required by Federal law, all responses are completely confidential," Bounds continued. "We safeguard the privacy of all respondents, ensuring that no individual operation or producer can be identified. Individual responses are also exempt from the Freedom of Information Act."

Survey results will be published in several reports, including the *Crop Production Annual Summary* and the quarterly Grain Stocks report, both to be released on January 12. These and all NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov. For more information call the NASS Kansas Field Office at (800) 582-6443.

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Regional Food Systems Development Participants Selected

Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance has been selected to participate in a community of practice focused on regional food systems development. After a thorough review of over 50 applications by a team of project organizers, 11 food policy councils from across the country were selected for the 18-month project, reflecting a diversity of approaches to regional food systems work. Regional food policy councils are collaborative groups that seek to address food-related issues across county and/or state boundaries. As part of this community, Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance will help guide research and the creation of resources to support other councils in taking regional approaches to food system development.

The community of practice is a central part of a cooperative research project being led by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service (USDA AMS), Ohio State University, the John Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, and Colorado State University that aims to better understand regional approaches to strengthening food systems. Regional food policy work has emerged as a promising approach to developing equitable, sustainable, and vibrant food and agriculture systems. Yet, there is need for more resources and information to support the work of food system practitioners working at this scale.

"A more competitive, fair and resilient food system requires investment in regional supply chains, and food policy councils can play a critical role building bridges between rural communities and consumer markets," said Tricia Kovacs, Deputy Administrator of the Transportation and Marketing Program of USDA-AMS.

"Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development Inc. is proud to host the Western Prairie Food, Farm and Community Alliance and serve as the fiscal agent. We look forward to and are very honored to be chosen to participate in this most important project," said Sandy Rodgers, President of Western Prairie Resource Conservation & Development Inc. and Treasurer of Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance.

In addition to Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance, the community of practice will include representatives from the Boston Food Access Council (MA), Cass Clay Food Partners (ND/MN), Columbia Gorge Food Security Coalition (OR/WA), Food Policy Council for Fresno County (CA), Greater Cincinnati Regional Food Policy Council (OH), Hudson Valley Food System Coalition (NY), Just Foods Collaborative of Nash and Edgecombe Counties (NC), Metropolitan Washington Food Policy Directors/Food Security Coordinators Work Group (DC, MD, VA), Northwest Indiana Food Council (IN), and Roanoke Foodshed Network (VA).

Western Prairie Food Farm and Community Alliance is represented by nine counties in Northwest Kansas. Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Logan, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, and Wallace Counties will be represented by several members in those counties. If you are interested in more information about what is going on in your county, please reach out to Misty Jimerson at Misty.Jimerson@gmail.com.

Wheat Scoop: Our Favorite Thanksgiving Recipes

The familiar smells of cooking Thanksgiving dinner waft through the air each November, wrapping us all in the shared memories of time spent together. Whether it's a warm, soft roll on the side of the plate or cutting into a pie with the perfect crust, wheat's place at our family dinner tables makes it no surprise November is also National Bread Month.

We want to share some of our favorite holiday recipes with you as you prep for the coming holiday. Whether a tried-and-true roll recipe brings those familiar smells and tastes to the table, or you try something new this year like a bread sculpture, making and breaking bread is a long-standing Thanksgiving tradition. Most importantly, we express our gratitude during this month to all those who support Kansas wheat farmers by including wheat products in their family meals — this month and all year round.

Brown-and-Serve Wheat Rolls (<http://bit.ly/3UMZTYi>) No matter how you slice or shape them, dinner rolls are a staple at any holiday meal. This recipe is designed to provide a tasty way to soak up some gravy, be eaten warm and buttered or even frozen for future use.

Mom's Favorite Pie Crust (<http://bit.ly/3DWY4kW>) The perfect touch for the Thanksgiving table, this pie crust recipe is perfect for your family's favorite dessert. Pumpkin, apple, chocolate — this crust works for them all.

Pumpkin Bread (<http://bit.ly/3A4agPF>) Pumpkin spice is the flavor of fall, and this recipe brings it to the table in a moist and flavorful quick bread. The recipe can also be easily used to make muffins for bite-sized treats.

Sweet Potato or Pumpkin Rolls (<http://bit.ly/3UrfwN4>) One of our favorite recipes from the National Festival of Breads, this gorgeous colored roll can be made with pumpkin or one of Thanksgiving's other superstars — sweet potato.

Tom Turkey Bread Centerpiece (<http://bit.ly/3TkY7g0>) Feeling more adventurous or have some extra time on your hands? Try out your bread shaping skills with step-by-step instructions on how to make this gorgeous turkey centerpiece that will live up to its Pinterest picture.

Check out EatWheat.org for more quick-and-easy recipes for families with lots on their plate in addition to answers on wheat production practices and stories of wheat farmers. The Learn section tackles subjects like what is gluten, what are the different types of flour and what are some of the tools farmers use. Consumers can also "Get Inspired" with family activities like salt

dough handprint ornaments, gingerbread houses, and wheat décor. And be sure to come back after Thanksgiving for recipes that help you put all those leftovers to good and tasty use.

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2022 TAX LEVY FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY

Rate of tax levied for 2022 on \$1,000, per assessed valuation
VALUES ARE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

TANGIBLE VALUATION OF SHERIDAN COUNTY IS \$72,404,099, INCLUDING PENALTY OF \$119,987.

Table with columns: STATE, K.S.A., Levy, CITY FUND LEVIES, K.S.A., Levy. Includes sub-sections for FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES, REGIONAL LIBRARY, TWAIN CREEK EXTENSION, and CEMETERY FUND LEVIES.

VALUATIONS LISTED ARE SHERIDAN COUNTY VALUATIONS ONLY, STATE OF KANSAS, SHERIDAN COUNTY, SS: I, Heather Bracht, Clerk of Sheridan County, Kansas hereby certify the foregoing are the legal levies of Sheridan County, Kansas for the year 2022 as shown by the records on file in my office.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS table with columns: VALUATION, K.S.A., 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210.

2022 Levies by Taxing Unit table with columns: TAX UNIT, LEVY, USD, GEN, CEM, TWP, LEVY. Includes sub-sections for BLOOMFIELD, BOWCREEK, KENNETH, LOGAN, PARNELL, PRAIRIE DOG, and UNION.

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SHERIDAN COUNTY QUARTERLY REPORT 10/31/2022

Table listing various departments and their budgets, including GENERAL, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COURTHOUSE, OFFENDER REGISTRY, etc.

FUND TOTALS table showing totals for various funds like FIRST STATE BANK, EQUITY BANK, etc.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT STATEMENT OF THE QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2022.

SHERIDAN COUNTY TREASURER Shirley A. Niermeier (AUTHORIZED BY K.S.A. 19-520)

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A Petition has been filed in the Office of the County Clerk praying for the vacation of the alley in Block 2 from the west border of Lot 2 to the east border of Lot 1 and from the west border Lot 15 to the east border of Lot 18 in the original townsite of Studley, Sheridan County, Kansas.

Heather Bracht, Sheridan County Clerk

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of PAULINE HEIM, Deceased

Case No. SD-2022-PR-21

NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on October 25, 2022 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition states that the undersigned are heirs, devisee and legatee, Co-Executors named in the Last Will and Testament of the decedent dated Pauline Heim and the Petition requests that the Will be admitted to probate and record; that Sue Katt, Steven Heim and Douglas Heim be appointed as Co-Executors and be granted Letters Testamentary without bond.

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 administration 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 required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. of said date, in this court in the city of Hoxie at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, 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 (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Sue Katt Steven Heim Douglas Heim Petitioners

Harry Joe Pratt, #11860 Attorney for Petitioner ELAND & PRATT, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 565 736 Main Street Hoxie, KS 67740 (785) 675-3217 Fax No. (785) 675-3983

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

Case No.: SD- 2022-PR-00018

CHARLES F. STALLINGS, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on September 21, 2022, a petition was filed in this Court by Carol S. Stallings, praying the petitioner be appointed as administrator of the Estate of Charles F. Stallings, without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters of Administration.

/s/ Carol S. Stallings CAROL S. STALLINGS, Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY: KAYLENE BRIN, PA

/s/ Kaylene Brin Kaylene Brin, #15748 109 W 10th Hays, Kansas 67601 (785)628-1145; FAX (785)628-3098 Attorney for Petitioner

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Commission Minutes 11/1/22

Now on this 1st day of November 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Mike "Buck" Mader, County Attorney Joe Pratt, and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was The Sheridan Sentinel.

At 8:00 a.m. Wes Bainter called the meeting to order. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bracht presented three Treasurer Tax Abatements. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the tax abatements seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The abatements were for severed minerals.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the October 25, 2022 Minutes as amended, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz stated the DWR Permit for Bridge #58 has been approved. The Road & Bridge employees have started doing the dirt work and landowner has a place to move the dirt.

Wes Bainter distributed information for Bridge #58. The next step is to put the bid request in the paper, accepting bids until January 15, 2023 with an April 1, 2023 potential start date.

Herskowitz stated the new cell at the landfill should be completed by mid-January. Several roads that were being

worked on were discussed.

Turley stated he had talked with 7K Ranch and received pricing information for treating prairie dogs. Pratt stated he had talked with the landowner, and they have agreed to allow the Noxious Weed to come on to their property and treat the prairie dogs.

It was briefly discussed trading in the 4-wheeler and purchasing a side-by-side for the Noxious Weed Department. Pratt discussed the prairie dog situation. Pratt stated he would like to fix the prairie dog problem with no threatening or big confrontation.

At 8:30 Wes Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, and Deb Kaufman, EMS Director. The door opened at 8:44.

Pratt distributed information from the KS Department of Agriculture pertaining to an incident with noxious weed spraying and a landowner. There was discussion on whether the County should respond in any way.

Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering came to the table. DeBoer will send a copy of the KDOT Cost Share application to Bracht to distribute. Total estimate for the project on Sheridan Ave. to 10W is \$700,000. Through the Cost Share Program, the County will receive up to \$500,000. Bracht will contact the City about coming to the November 15 Regular Board Meeting to discuss the project further. DeBoer will get information to Bracht regarding each entities'

City of Hoxie Commission Minutes 10/10/22

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, October 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were Darrick Zerr, Mayor, Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner, Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner, Janet Bainter, City Clerk, Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent, Paul Wisinger, Chief of Police, and Ken Eland, City Attorney

Guest present was Viktorija Briggs with the Sheridan Sentinel.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2022, were read and approved on a motion made by Schoendaler and a second by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Chief Wisinger asked about getting a dog kennel for his pickup so he wouldn't have to put dogs that he's picked up in the front. Mayor Zerr stated that he has a dog kennel that Wisinger can use. Wisinger will get the kennel from Zerr. Wisinger also informed the Commission that he was trying to get a quote on a new computer through CK Technologies and was waiting for a call back. Discussion was held on the Law Enforcement contract with the County. Wisinger stated that things were going well, and the contract would be expiring October 31, 2022. Wisinger would get with Sheriff Carver to work up a new contract. The County would like to contract for a year at a time for budget purposes. Wisinger will talk to Carver about contracting from November 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023, with the provision that either entity could get out of the contract at any time with a 30-day notice.

Bainter discussed transferring money into CD's. She will call First State Bank, Equity Bank, and People's State Bank for interest rates.

Jim Myers, CPA with James V. Myers, Chartered, entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m. to present the 2021 Audit report to the Commission. Mr. Myers informed the Commissioners that there were no statute or budget violations. Mayor Zerr made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Erwin seconded the motion. (3-0) Myers exited at 7:26 p.m.

Armknecht spoke to B & H Paving about a quote for the chip seal project in the summer of 2023. B & H informed Armknecht that they couldn't quote a price until next year but gave an approximate quote of \$1.85 per square foot. Rural trash was discussed. Armknecht will check the amount of trash picked up at businesses and come to the Commission with a recommendation for customers that need their trash rate adjusted accordingly. A request for the city to put in a sidewalk at the school daycare was discussed. The city does curb and guttering, not sidewalks, and since the daycare was on school property the city couldn't put in the sidewalk. The trailer house at 741 8th St. will be tore down by the city.

Ken Eland informed the Commission that he would be retiring as City Attorney effective November 1, 2022. Harry Joe Pratt will be invited to the November meeting.

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

With no further business, Mayor Zerr made a motion to adjourn. Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Janet Bainter, City Clerk

share. Wes Bainter stated Scott Foote may want to extend the road, at his expense. DeBoer stated the County should receive the contract from KDOT this month. DeBoer stated the plan for Bridge #56 (Popp) is to start the week of Thanksgiving and be complete by Christmas. Everyone agrees the Elk Ranch road bridge turned out nice.

At 9:19 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. There will be no meeting November 8, 2022, as that is Election Day. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:00 in the Courthouse main floor foyer.

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

SCHC Board of Trustees Minutes 9/26/22

Chairman Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Members in attendance were Leanna Sloan (PFAC Representative), Mike Mullins, Lucille Heim, and Ken Eland. Others present were Chad Koster, Rebecca Bird, Kyle Ahlenstorf, and Justine Wade.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with one additional item. 5-0

New Business

The Board reviewed the Board of Trustees By-Laws. A copy will be given to all the Board members to take home once changes are made.

Facility flu vaccinations are scheduled for Oct. 3-5.

Tim Sigle recently came to SCHC to discuss artwork opportunities throughout the facility. He is a Kansas native and has an eye for beautiful local scenery. Consensus is to continue to pursue this if we can find funding opportunities to help cover the cost.

The Sunflower Health Network is looking to host a Board Education seminar for interested participants.

A motion was made to approve the Laundry Policy & Procedure Manual as presented. 5-0

A motion was made to approve the reappointment of John Patterson, CRNA to Allied Staff, John Andrew Bukaty, D.O., to Courtesy Staff and Matthias Albin, M.D., and Lyle Jay Noordhoek, M.D., to Consulting Staff. 5-0

Joy presented some information she received at the annual KHA convention regarding Board Governance and Legal obligations.

Old Business

The Fall Ball is scheduled for November 5, 2022 at the 4-H building. The theme for this year's fundraiser is A Night in Vegas (Casino Night).

Patients in need of sleep study testing began last week with another two set to come in tomorrow. Rural Sleep Studies is the company performing the testing.

The Building Projects were updated. The ER Addition and Renovation construction manager (CM) role has received a few applications. The top 3 contenders will be brought to the Board for interviews.

Department In-service

The Quality and Risk Management data was presented by Teresa Poage. The Board has asked to see Avel usage added to the Quality Report to know the encounters monthly. The Avel policy was discussed, Med-Staff is working through this, and it will come to the Board upon completion. Housekeeping continues to be a challenge. The ER stats along with Risk Management data was reviewed. Teresa left the meeting.

The Lab narrative was given by Dustin Reuber.

Tim Lee presented an update on the Maintenance Department. Both maintenance and housekeeping are short staffed.

The annual Pharmacy report was presented by Leisha Jones.

Nikki Roudybush presented a narrative on the Radiology Department.

The FQHC monthly report was provided by Kyle. The OSV was completed in September. A final report will be presented to the board once we receive it. The organizational chart is being reviewed. We have been working with Pano regarding marketing services. Patient encounters are up across the board.

Business Report

The Regular Minutes from August 22, 2022 were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2022, as presented. 5-0

The Financial Statements were presented by Rebecca. We received the 2021 Final Cost Report, as well as having an Interim Cost Report for the current year. The bond application for Western Co-op is still awaiting an answer. The CD Renewals at all 4 banks will be up for renewal the first of October.

The Bad Debt Write-Offs were discussed. A motion was made to approve the bad debts for August 2022 in the amount of \$4,939.26 for the hospital and pursue in small claims for those within Sheridan and surrounding counties. 5-0 There was no bad debt for the clinic in August.

A motion was made to approve the August 2022 Continued on page 13



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