



# The Sheridan Sentinel

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## Farm Bureau Survey Shows Thanksgiving Dinner Cost Up 20%



Spending time with family and friends at Thanksgiving remains important for many Americans and this year the cost of the meal is also top of mind. Farm Bureau's 37th annual survey provides a snapshot of the average cost of this year's classic Thanksgiving feast for 10, which is \$64.05 or less than \$6.50 per person. This is a \$10.74 or 20% increase from last year's average of \$53.31.

The centerpiece on most Thanksgiving tables – the turkey – costs more than last year, at \$28.96 for a 16-pound bird. That's \$1.81 per pound, up 21% from last year, due to several factors beyond general inflation. Farm Bureau "volunteer shoppers" checked prices October 18-31, before most grocery store chains began featuring whole frozen turkeys at sharply lower prices. According to USDA Agricultural Marketing Service data, the average per-pound feature price for whole frozen turkeys was \$1.11 the week of Nov. 3-9 and 95 cents the week of November 10-16, a decline of 14% in just one week; and the share of stores offering feature prices rose from 29% to 60%. This means consumers who have not yet purchased a turkey should be able to find one at a lower cost than the Farm Bureau average.



"General inflation slashing the purchasing power of consumers is a significant factor contributing to the increase in average cost of this year's Thanksgiving dinner," said AFBF Chief Economist Roger Cryan. General inflation has been running 7% to 9% in recent months, while the most recent Consumer Price Index report for food consumed at home reveals a 12% increase over the past year.

"Other contributing factors to the increased cost for the meal include supply chain disruptions and the war in Ukraine," Cryan said. "The higher retail turkey cost at the grocery store can also be attributed to a slightly smaller flock this year, increased feed costs and lighter processing weights." Cryan said the supply of whole turkeys available to consumers should be adequate this year, although there may be temporary, regional shortages in some states where avian influenza was detected earlier this year.

"Farmers are working hard to meet growing demands for food – both here in the U.S. and globally – while facing rising prices for fuel, fertilizer and other inputs," said Cryan.

The shopping list for Farm Bureau's informal survey includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, all in quantities sufficient to serve a family of 10 with plenty for leftovers.

"We should not take our food supply for granted," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Supporting sustainable productive agriculture in the U.S. and globally is imperative. As many of us gather with family and friends for a special meal, it's a time for giving thanks and doing our part to help those who can't afford a big holiday feast," he added. "State and local Farm Bureaus across the country have strong partnerships with local food banks and I'm proud of their collective efforts to help ensure no one goes hungry."

In recognition of changes in Thanksgiving dinner traditions, the Farm Bureau price survey also includes ham, Russet potatoes and frozen green beans, in an expanded holiday menu. Adding these foods to the classic Thanksgiving menu increased the overall cost by \$17.25, to \$81.30. This updated basket of foods also increased in price (up 18%) compared to 2021.

This year's national average cost was calculated using 224 surveys completed with pricing data from all 50 states and Puerto Rico. Farm Bureau volunteer shoppers checked prices in person and online using grocery store apps and websites. They looked for the best possible prices without taking advantage of special promotional coupons or purchase deals.

The AFBF Thanksgiving dinner survey was first conducted in 1986. The informal survey provides a record of comparative holiday meal costs over the years. Farm Bureau's classic survey menu has remained unchanged since 1986 to allow for consistent price comparisons.

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## Schaffer Established "Field of Interest" Grant Fund in Honor of Late Husband



Darlene & Gerry Schaffer (Schaffer Family photo)

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director, Sheridan County Community Foundation

A passion for her community and the feeling that "Gerald would have wanted to give back to the community," led Hoxie resident, Darlene Schaffer, to establish the Gerald A. & Darlene R. Schaffer Fund with the Sheridan County Community Foundation at the beginning of 2022.

This fund holds the distinction of being the first donor-established "field of interest" fund held by the Foundation. A field of interest fund is an endowed fund (or invested fund in which the principal amount remains untouched) in which the donor(s) set forth specific parameters regarding the use of the grant funds toward specific causes, needs, organizations, etc.

Darlene created the fund in memory of her late husband, Gerald (Gerry) who passed away in 2013.

Most will recall Gerry from his 37-year career at the First National Bank of Hoxie (now First State Bank). Gerry joined the bank as a teller after his service in the Army and a year at Fort Hays State University in Hays. Darlene noted, "Gerry attended FHSU for a year, then was recruited to work back home at the bank for the summer and never left." He recognized the value of education and completed a banking degree via written correspondence and summer classes at the Colorado School of Banking. He was proud of the First National Bank's involvement in the community.

Despite a busy schedule working, studying, and helping raise their family of four children, Gerry believed in community and the importance of getting involved. Darlene noted, "He was involved with many organizations in town and often served as an officer. He helped build the first Hoxie golf course, announced homecoming and fair parades, and served as emcee at various events and activities. He also served his church (St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church) and coaching his children's sports teams. Gerry was one of the founders of the Sheridan Amusement Company and was instrumental in the founding of the Elks Lodge.

Darlene shares a similar passion for community. Over the years, she has given of her time and talents to her church by volunteering as a religious educator and CCD coordinator. She also taught preschool and served as an EMT, all while supporting their four children (Susan, Steve, Sharon, and Robert) in their various school and sports activities.

In their spare time, the Schaffers both enjoyed playing golf and would often travel around the northwest Kansas region playing in couples' tournaments. In their retirement years, they enjoyed spending winters in Sun City West, AZ, where they would play golf and engage in other activities in the community.

Today, Darlene still enjoys wintering in Arizona, where she participates in clubs for quilting, making jewelry, sewing for kids, studying history, and reading. She continues her volunteer work while home in Hoxie and continues to play in a local bridge club that has been together for over 50 years!

The Schaffers lived, worked, raised their family, loved, played, and enjoyed a wonderful life together in Sheridan County. Darlene said, "Hoxie is a wonderful place to raise your children. I am impressed with what the students from here have gone on to do in their careers and lives. I like seeing how people help each other here and how they care so much about others."

That same care for neighbors, friends, and community will be carried on in perpetuity through the gifts of the Schaffer Fund. The Schaffer Fund will provide grant funding to projects and organizations within Hoxie and Sheridan County. Grant oversight and awards will be determined by the SCCF Board of Directors.

- Eligible categories will include
- Healthcare Needs in Sheridan County
  - Education in Sheridan County (Hoxie Schools specific)
  - Music, Arts & Entertainment Projects
  - Economic Development Opportunities (Hoxie specific)
  - City of Hoxie Golf Course
  - Hoxie Elks Projects in coordination with Grow Sheridan County Inc. for Community Benefit
  - St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church
  - St. Francis Catholic Cemetery

If your organization has a project or funding need that might benefit from the Schaffer Fund, please contact the Foundation at 785-675-1240 or [director@growsheridancounty.org](mailto:director@growsheridancounty.org).

On behalf of the SCCF Staff and Board, we would like to thank Darlene for her generosity through this gift and her belief in the benefits of an endowed fund to serve her community for years to come.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The Foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life of Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, visit [www.growsheridancounty.org](http://www.growsheridancounty.org). Connect with SCCF at [www.facebook.com/sheridancfcf](https://www.facebook.com/sheridancfcf).

## Match Month Fundraising Total To-Date: \$16,150

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director

Thank you to the donors who have helped us raise \$16,150.00 so far! Donations keep coming in but we need more to help us reach our \$50k fundraising goal in the month of November!

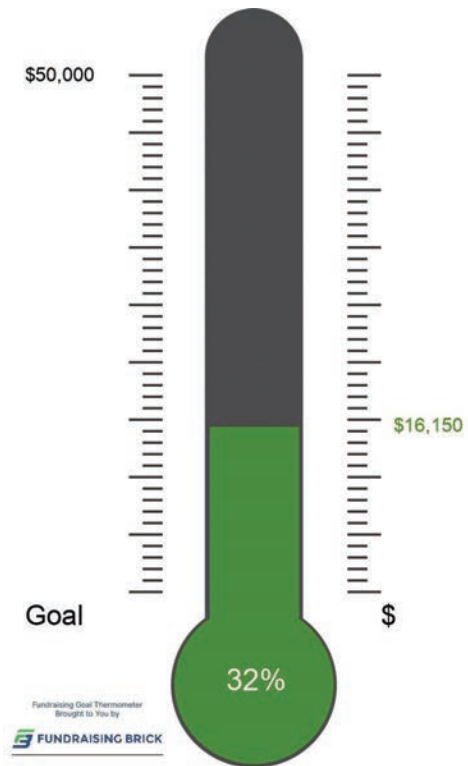
You have the chance to "triple" the impact of your gift through this amazing opportunity sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. If we raise the \$50k locally, the Hansen Foundation will match it with \$50k plus an additional \$50k in operating funding for the sustainability of the Sheridan County Community Foundation which has granted more than \$700k to area organizations since 2015!

The funds raised will go into Sheridan County's large grant fund, Cultivate Sheridan County, which will be made available for organizations to apply for grants once we've reached \$1 million in principal. The fund currently sits at around \$700k.

Don't delay! Please help us ensure a bright future for Sheridan County with your gift today.

No donation amount is too big or too small for this challenge. All with an affinity for Sheridan County and the communities therein are encouraged to contribute and help make a difference in the lives of those in the area for years to come. Donations can be mailed to SCCF, PO Box 445, Hoxie, KS 67740; dropped off at Bottle KAP Studios, 721 Main St. in Hoxie or online at [www.gnwkcfcf.org/donate/sheridan-match](http://www.gnwkcfcf.org/donate/sheridan-match). Please ensure checks are dated within November 2022.

For more information, contact SCCF Executive Director Karl Pratt at 785-675-1240, [karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com](mailto:karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com).



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## Winterfest 2022 REMINDER!

Winterfest is Hoxie's holiday season kick off, held annually the day after Thanksgiving. Don't miss all the fun and excitement, with a free matinee movie at the HHS Auditorium, Main Street's Christmas Lighting, DJ music by David Cressler, photos with Santa, and of course all the food, fun, and fellowship! Be sure to take a Hay Rack Ride and get your kids a ride on the Santa Express Train. Get warmed up standing by a bonfire with a cup of hot cocoa; and be sure to put your name in for the prize drawings to be held every Friday before Christmas in December. Businesses, be sure to get your decorating 'Deck the Halls' game on to win the Annual Decorating Contest! Come join the fun!

For more information contact: Sheridan County Economic Development Corporation c/o Karl Pratt, Executive Director 721 Main St, PO Box 445 Hoxie, KS 67740 c: 785-675-1240 [director@growsheridancounty.org](mailto:director@growsheridancounty.org)

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**Dining in Sheridan County**

**Hoxie Elks Lodge**  
W Sheridan Ave.  
675-3161  
Wednesday 6-8pm  
Saturday 6-9pm

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744 Main, Hoxie  
675-3302  
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Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00  
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Saturday by Appointment

 Dr. Raquelle Bainter

**BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1**  
**SHERIDAN CO TREASURER**  
**TEMPORARY**  
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**WED. & THURS.**  
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**DECEMBER 19-30**  
**NO DL SERVICES**

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Hoxie United Methodist Church  
900 12th St  
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Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Hwy 223  
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Immanuel Lutheran Church 1400  
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454 Hwy 24  
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14988 E Rd 70 S  
Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
202 S Missouri  
Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church 924  
17th  
Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church  
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church  
Seguin





The Jennings Tuesday Study Club met at the Landmark in Oberlin for lunch on November 15, 2022. Ten members answered the roll call of "things that make me grouchy". One additional member met the group later for the program.

The business meeting was called to order by President Joan Metz. The Club Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. The October 2022 Minutes read by Joan McKenna.

Sue Long gave the Treasurer's Report.

Members present voted by special ballot on the Angel Tree Project for this year. The vote was tallied for selecting one child from Clayton and two children from Jennings.

The December Christmas meeting was discussed with Patty, Roberta, and Judy as hostesses. A sign-up sheet was passed with members choosing a salad or dessert to bring to the luncheon. The hostesses will assign a dish to those not present at the meeting. There will be a gift exchange of women's wearable holiday socks. Angel Tree gifts will be wrapped.

Members reconvened at St. John's Lutheran Church for the program. Amanda Sowers delivered an enlightening presentation of chair yoga and stretching for the group. This low impact activity can promote healthy aging. Chair yoga improves muscle tone and strength, increase balance and flexibility, and boosts mood and mental well-being. It was enjoyed by all.

Approximately 25 adults and children enjoyed potluck luncheon Saturday at the Jennings United Methodist Church. Beautiful decorations adorn the Sanctuary, Foyer, and Fellowship Hall. Everyone enjoy a thankful and happy Thanksgiving day!!!

**Angelus 4-H Club**

By Addison Ostmeyer, Reporter

The Angelus 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on October 9, at 11:00, in the Knights of Columbus Hall. We initiated our new members: Natalie Bixenman, Jonathan Ostmeyer, Lettie Rumbach,

Oliver Moss, Peter Lager, and Andrew Haffner. We began the meeting with Margaret Mary Lager leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Our Father. Lucy Ann Lager led us in singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat". Roll Call was answered by how tall you are. Treasurer's Report was given by Jude Lager. We got a donation of \$20 and \$100. Safety Officer Tip was given by LaRynn Rumbach, and she told us to always wear a coat or jacket when it is chilly out. There were no Minutes for the last meeting and no Parliamentary Tip. Special Events was led by Rylan Moss, and we sang "Happy Birthday" to Oliver, Killian, and Andrea. In new business, we voted to give the Knights of Columbus a donation of \$50 for letting us use the hall. We also voted to give the 4-H Foundation a donation of \$40 to Accessibility Fund. We chose Mark & LaDonna Joslyn as our Friend of 4-H because they have done a lot for our county through the food stand. We will present our special recognition to them at the Achievement Banquet. Our next meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of November at 6pm.

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**Upcoming EVENTS**  
Mark Your Calendars!

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

**Monthly:**

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

**Tuesdays:** Weekly Support Group  
6pm Christ Community Church

**1st Tuesday:** HAMA

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

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

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

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

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



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, Shirley Emigh, Margee Wilson, Bernadine Spresser, Steve Skubal, Alfred J. Albers, and Charlene Shaw. Don Juenemann had high score of 711, Boyd Wilson had second high score with 689, and Pat Wessel had the most jacks. The game and meal were enjoyed by everyone.

**Scrappy Quilters**

November 15, 2022  
**Secretary, Kay Weber**  
Members present at the meeting of the Scrappy Quilter's Quilt Guild on November 15 were Judy Cressler, Judy Watkins, Marilyn Meier, Michelle Patmon, Sheri Baalman, Judi Feldt, Reba White, Dalene Oelke, Marge Haas, Glenda Shaffer, Peggy Eland, Cindy Meier, Candy Becker, and Kay Weber all from Hoxie.

President Judy Watkins called the meeting to order and thanked members attending the Veteran's Day event. It was awarding quilts to two Veterans at the Hoxie LTCU: Dr. John Neuenschwander and Paul Oelke. Those attending were: Glenda Shaffer, Judy Cressler, Marilyn Meier, Peggy Eland, Judi Feldt, Judy Watkins, Reba White, Kay Weber, and Jan Juenemann.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Marilyn Meier showed a youth quilt with the disappearing nine patch block.

**PROGRAM:** The wonderful program was presented by Junelle Hills from the Quilt Cabin in Colby and assisted by Lynn Carpenter. They showed various items made from Minkee. There was hands-on work done on a Self Binding Quilt only it was a small version to be a Mug Rug. Lynn showed two quilts that were pieced in regular fabrics with Minkee on the back of them. Junelle had a number of ponchos, wine bottle holder, infinity scarves, throws, self binding quilts, etc.



**Holiday Services**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hoxie**  
**Thanksgiving Day Service: 10 am**

Sundays (9am)	Thursdays (7pm)
Nov. 27 - 1st Sunday in Advent	Dec. 1 - Midweek Advent
Dec. 4 - 2nd Sunday in Advent	Dec. 8 - Midweek Advent
Dec. 11 - 3rd Sunday in Advent	Dec. 15 - Midweek Advent
Dec. 18 - 4th Sunday in Advent	Dec. 22 - Midweek Advent

**Saturday, December 24:** Christmas Eve Service (5pm)  
**Sunday, December 25:** Christmas Day Service (9am)  
**Thursday, January 5:** Epiphany of Our Lord (7pm)

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What do you have happening soon?  
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**Winterfest IN HOXIE**  
Friday, November 25

**32 DAYS til CHRISTMAS**







**The Hoxie Democrat  
Friday, November 23, 1888**

Sixteen carpenters commenced work on the depot Monday.

The list of applicants for the Hoxie post office has now grown to a bakers dozen.

Every train that arrives now is greeted at the depot by a crowd of our people composed mostly of Hoxie's men of wealth and leisure.

Guy City's people were in the city in force last Monday and they report a large building boom at their place.

Last Wednesday night the tom cats, dogs, and bloods of our city succeeded in making the night hideous until after midnight.

The comments of the various newspaper men, who were with the excursion last week, all pronounce Hoxie the best town along the line of the road.

The bank fixtures for the Hoxie State bank have arrived and are being put up in place by a gentleman by the name of Lane, who was sent here by the Brunswick Balke Collender Co., of whom the furniture was bought, to see that it was put up right and that it all arrived safely, to attempt to describe its excellence and magnificence would be impossible, it is made from oak, polished and oiled the counter is gothic in structure and the railing and plate glass are heavy, and very grand, the desks, chairs and other parts of the furniture are all the same wood and match the finish of the room and when competed and in place, Hoxie will have one of the best furnished and best banking rooms in the west, and to the Hoxie town company and the State bank, all honor will be due for it and the Opera house. J. R. Reed the gentlemanly Cashier will always be found at home in the bank, ready and willing to wait on you, his assistant, Mr. Worthen has made many friends since he has come to our city, and will be glad to meet you all. When in the city go in and look at the new fixtures, and get acquainted with the officers.

Mail will be placed on the railroad before many days pass over, and then the barbarian days of stage coaches will be over, and bull whacking will be a thing of the past and there will be no one to mourn.

Miss C. E. Montgomery, sister, of Moser Bro's gentlemanly tinner, arrived in our city last Wednesday evening and will make this, her future home.

Mrs. J. W. McGlasson left yesterday for Austin, Mo., where her mother is lying very ill. We hope that when she reaches the end of her trip that the sick may be on the way to recovery.

I. W. Patterson has moved to the city and is now ready to trade anything from a watch, to a pony; give him a call.

**125 Years Ago  
November 25, 1897**

Attorney Turk of Hill City spent Tuesday in this city.

Miss Mae Lewis has about recovered from her recent sickness.

Miss Gertie Pratt is at Hill City this week with a stock of millinery goods.

Frank Turner has recently had a well put down and a wind mill erected on his Spring Brook farm.

Commissioner-Elect Evans was in town Saturday, Sunday and Monday. This was his first visit since election.

Charley Allison, of near Selden, was down Friday and took out a load of hogs, bought from Scott county parties.

Miss Cassie Wiggins of Sterling, visited with her brothers Davy and Sam, last week and also complied with Uncle Sams homestead requirements.

The Furniture Store has been moved and now occupies the old restaurant building on the west side. The post office will be moved into the same building in a short time.

The main pipe between the pump and the tank at the city water works has bursted and about half of the water that can be raised is being wasted, but no move is being made to repair the leak.

J. G. Miller and family left Monday morning for a ten days visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state, after which they will move to Colorado where he will accept a more lucrative position with the D. & R. G., railway. During their residence here of about three years they have made many friends who join with us in wishing them success in their new field.

John Thompson is sowing wheat in Solomon township for W. F. Schultheis.

Two loads of Scott county hogs found a market in Hoxie the first of the week at fair prices.

Judge Hedge having received quite a pile of corn as his share of what was grown on his place has embarked in the hog business.

Sam Morgan has added another quarter of land to his possessions, this time it is the Fred Fitch place recently owned by C. P. Judd.

**Guy Items**

Alva Davis has gone east to buy cows.

Miss Noyes spent Sunday at her home near Dresden.

George Pratt has had the section hands to board for 10 days.

Miss Laura Lynam went home with Miss Maggie Toothacre Friday evening and they took in the Bridges concert.

**Selden Department**

School is out for this Thanksgiving holiday.

G. W. Sloan hulled out 7,000 bushels of small grain this year.

Barnhart Wolters has a new corn sheller. He will shell all the corn if you want him.

Dave Sanely has moved on the place he purchased from H. M. Worley and is putting up the buildings for sheltering the stock he will keep this winter.

**100 Years Ago  
November 23, 1922**

**Radio Party**

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Crum gave a very delightful and novel party in the form of a radio



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

entertainment one evening last week.

The hours were enjoyable spent listening to music of various kinds, some of the points heard from were Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Boston, Canada, Minneapolis and Florida.

Late in the evening the hostess served a dainty two-course luncheon.

**Local News**

Work on the Fairchild building is progressing nicely.

Dr. Beckner returned home from Kansas City the last of the week.

John Giesinger, of Selden, was attending to business matters here on Monday.

Mrs. Harold Lovin, of Lucas, Kansas, is visiting relatives and friends in Hoxie this week.

County Commissioner E. S. Russell and Mrs. Russell are taking in the big stock show at Kansas City this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Arnold, of Manhattan, Kansas, accompanied by their son, Ralph, are visiting their son, A. C. Arnold, this week.

Mail Carrier F. D. English is driving an enclosed auto-wagon on his route these frosty mornings. In design, it is similar to the car John Pulliam recently had built.

Allen Lovin is carrying his arm in a sling, the result of getting too familiar with his Ford while cranking it.

Mrs. Clifford Plumb, and little Clifford, Jr., are visiting at the R. M. Martin home this week. Mr. Plumb will come up Sunday and accompany them to their home in Plainville.

Miss Ethel Arnold, who taught in our high school one year, is teaching in the State Agricultural College this year. Her many Hoxie friends are much pleased at her rapid advance in the teaching profession.

Coffman Brothers have moved their plumbing stock from the Odd Fellows building to the building just south of the Davidson Grocery. They have this room fixed up quite cozy with a good display of plumbing goods.

Mrs. I. L. Vinson and daughter, Miss Gladys, and Mrs. Vinson's mother, Mrs. Chas. Mayhew, of Plainville, left Thursday night of last week for Kansas City where they will visit friends. They will remain away until after Thanksgiving.

**Valley**

The Holly Creek school board has furnished its school children with a football and outfit so the boys are having a lot of football practice.

Mr. Bob White shipped out from Tasco two car loads of cattle Monday morning for Kansas City.

The ladies of the Tasco church wish to thank the ladies who so generously donated pies for the dinner on election day. There were over one hundred pies donated and the ladies cleared \$48.52.

**Bloomfield News**

Mr. and Mrs. Jaderborg took dinner with H. D. Wood Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bates and family, of Kensington, Kansas, spent the weekend at the Mace Bird home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Buckles spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Will Cheney.

**75 Years Ago  
November 27, 1947**

**Rotary Happenings**

A large attendance was present of the Tuesday noon Rotary gathering at which time all were entertained with the showing of two films. The first by Van Archer, of Colby, a representative of the National Cash Register Co., whose film showed the inside plant workings of that company, and how recreation is provided for the many workers. This is one company who have never experienced a strike in its history. The other film was "The Seeds of Destiny" shown by D. G. Taylor. If each resident of the county could

see this film, and the condition of the aged and children in foreign countries, because of the lack of food, we would all give double thanks at this time that we live in America.

**Morland News**

Dr. Lottie Law was called to see Gaines Harrell Saturday. He is suffering with rheumatism.

Mrs. Rose Henry returned to her home in Morland Monday after spending two weeks at the Clyde Keith home.

Mrs. Myrtle Rawson was ill last week and unable to be at the café.

**Menlo News**

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Wickizer and family, of Wakeeney, and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Christensen were dinner guests at the G. V. Christensen home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Phillips and family were Atwood visitors Sunday at the Leland Anderson home.

The Priscilla Club met with Mrs. F. R. Christensen, Tuesday evening.

The W. S. C. S. had a chicken dinner and bazaar Wednesday evening. In spite of the stormy weather a nice crowd was reported.

**Jennings News**

Mr. and Mrs. Rodawall left this week for a two week's stay at various places. The children are staying at the Stacey home and going to school.

Jessie Hardesty returned from Kansas City where she spent a few days last week.

Mrs. Jeffries has gone to Denver to be near her mother, who is very ill.

**Leoville News**

Eunice Fortin and Agnes Karls spent last week end in Salina with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berls and children, of Oberlin, visited relatives in Leoville, Sunday.

Loretta Kruse, of Colby, visited Sunday with home folks.

**Prairie Flower Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McWilliams and daughters, of Salina, are here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Quakenbush and sons spent Sunday, in Oakley.

Clifford Barr left for Nevada Tuesday morning.

R. H. White and son, Bill, visited James White Thursday afternoon.

**Cultus Club Meets**

Mrs. H. W. Deane entertained the members of the Cultus Club at her home Tuesday afternoon with nine members present. The lesson on "Education" was given by Mrs. Lloyd Miller and she as president presided. The three new members are: Mrs. Lloyd Casement, Mrs. Vernon Mickey, and Mrs. Roscoe Blackford.

**50 Years Ago  
November 23, 1972**

**Graduates from Auction School**

Bill Hook, Hoxie, has just returned from Kansas City, Mo., where he successfully completed the course in Auctioneering and Auction Sales Management at the Missouri Auction School.

Hook was born in Brewster, and has lived in Hoxie two years. He is married and the father of four children. He is a graduate of the Goodland High School. He is presently employed by the National Farmers Union as an insurance agent.

**Studley Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pratt returned home recently from a visit with Mrs. Pratt's mother and other relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Anna Moore returned home Nov. 12 from a visitor with her daughters (Donna) Mr. and Mrs. Dick Morgenstern and family of near Salina and (Della Mae) Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stramel at WaKeeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Covalt spent a few days last week with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalt and Galen.

**Broadway News**

The main news is the wintery weather. The electricity was off from early Monday morning until Tuesday evening at six, here and in the Studley area. We were thankful for gas heat and cookstove, the kerosene lamp and a windmill nearby. The telephone service come back on Wednesday afternoon. We thought of the linemen who put in tiring hours to get service going.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Popp enjoyed a birthday party supper at Dave Popp's on Nov. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Simon took Harry Richards to Hays on Wednesday for his eye appointment.

**Leoville News**

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bollig and children of Denver came Friday evening and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fortin, Don and Pam.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs went to Clyde, Kansas Sunday. They will be spending a few days with their daughter, Mrs. Buford Ferron and children and they plan to spend Thanksgiving Day with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fortin and children of Fort Morgan, Colo. were recent visitors at the A. J. Fortin home.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

We wish you a very happy Thanksgiving with all the stuffings and things that go with it. We all have a multitude of things to be thankful to our Lord for.

After hiring the young man, the employer gave him a broom. "Your first job," he said, "will be to sweep out the office." "But," the youth protested, "I'm a college graduate." "Very well," replied the boss, "hand me the broom and I'll show you how."

We have all sizes sleds, including the SVP snow vehicle. Basketballs assorted, volleyballs and soccer balls.

**Bow Creek EHU Met with Mrs. Miley**

Bow Creek EHU met with Alice Miley on Nov. 17 with six members, and four guests, Mamie Coulter, Florence Miles, Sylvia Pratt and Mildred White enjoying the delicious dinner at noon hour.

President Irene Cressler called the meeting to order and roll call was "A gift wrapping suggestion" or "Christmas gift idea." Officers gave a short review of lessons that had been given throughout the year.

Plans have been completed for the annual Christmas dinner which will be held at the 4-H building in Hoxie on Dec. 3 at 12 o'clock noon. Business meeting and gift exchange will be held at 1:30 p.m.

**25 Years Ago  
December 4, 1997**

**Vandals Damage Decorations**

Hoxie residents should be on the look-out for Christmas decoration vandals this holiday season.

One resident reported to *The Hoxie Sentinel* that strands of Christmas lights had been cut on two occasions.

The Hoxie Police Department verified it had received reports of vandalism from residents but would not elaborate concerning the amount of vandalism that had taken place.

**Former Resident Publishes Book**

Major Don Pickinpaugh, former Hoxie resident, and his wife, Sherri, have just published their first book on financial investing. "Fidelity Select Money: The Complete Investor's Guide to Track and Improve Fidelity Select Mutual Fund Performance" comes in a hardcover or paperback with a 3 ½ inch diskette for computers.

Pickinpaugh is stationed at Beale AFB, Beale, Calif., where he is an instructor pilot for the U-2 reconnaissance airplane. He is the son of Bill and Jan Pickinpaugh of Hoxie.

**Jennings-Allison**

Wayne and Louise Cressler visited the Russell Cressler family in LaCrosse on Thanksgiving Day. In the evening they visited Walt Cressler in Hoxie.

Deb and Dennis Bader and Natalie Heathman traveled to Owatonna, Minn., for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Allen, Sherry and Rachel Carter and Jessie Hoxwell of Merrian, Kan., spent the weekend at the William Carter's Saturday evening. The Kenneth Carters were also at the William Carter's for a chili supper. Sunday noon, the group all went to Deb's Café for dinner.

**Selden**

There was no Selden Citizens this last week due to Thanksgiving.

The Selden Lions Club will have their annual Soup Day from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at the parish hall. Santa will arrive at 1 p.m. The drawing will be at 1 p.m. First prize - Deep Fry Turkey Pot; second prize - all terrain tricycle; and third prize - an afghan.

Visitors during Thanksgiving at the home of John and Helen Karls were Barbara Wenger, Don Hebert and Addie Hebert, all of McPherson, and Jacque Boultinghouse, Yockey Jones and Bart Karls.

**McGraw**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter, Danny Bainter and sons, Justin and Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter, and Brenda Bainter all visited Russel Bainter this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann and Kyle Broxson spent Tuesday through Sunday in Colorado Springs and celebrated Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith and David Herrmann.





## NWKPDC Annual Economic Development Meeting

The Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission, Pioneer Country Development and Northwest Kansas Housing, Inc. would like to invite all individuals interested in economic development activities in Northwest Kansas to the 2022 Annual Meetings. This year's event will be in Osborne on December 6, and in Atwood on December 8. Both locations will have a social gathering at 5:30 PM with the meal being served at 6:00 PM and program immediately following the meal. The program will consist of a Power Point presentation of infrastructure projects, business loans, and housing projects completed. If you are interested in attending, please make your reservation by calling Andrea at 785-421-2151 or emailing [nwkpdc@ruraltel.net](mailto:nwkpdc@ruraltel.net) by December 2.

*Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, 319 N Pomeroy, Box 248, Hill City, KS 67642-0248*

## Lame Duck Congress Seeks to Complete Work on Omnibus, Defense Bill, and Other Items

Amongst the legislative items that many in Congress are seeking to enact into law before Christmas include an Omnibus Appropriations Bill for FY 2023, wrapping up all 12 appropriations bills that were supposed to have been enacted by September 30. This legislation must be enacted by December 16, the date on which the Continuing Resolution (CR) keeping government doors open is set to expire. A critically important element of this legislation would be the prevention of deeper budget sequestration from kicking in next year due to the \$1.9 trillion in unpaid-for COVID-19 relief passed under reconciliation early last year.

Last December, Congress passed legislation to protect Medicare and farm programs from deeper cuts this year, but another bill is required to stave off such cuts next year. An extension of the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) could also be a part of this package as might provisions included in the House and Senate bills to address the serious problems caused by the cap on A&O under crop insurance, a provision to help rice producers who did not have higher crop prices to offset higher input costs, and other potential asks. The defense authorization bill is also thought to be a must-pass piece of legislation, though some key Congressional leaders have raised the possibility of delaying the measure until early next year. Tax extenders legislation is also in the mix of possible bills Congress might complete before the 117th Congress adjourns sine die.

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## AG Derek Schmidt Files to Intervene to Block Termination of Title 42 Immigration Policy

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt filed to intervene in federal district court to prevent the termination of the Title 42 immigration policy that has slowed the flow of individuals seeking illegal entry into the United States.

Schmidt joined 14 other state attorneys general in asking the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia for permission to intervene in *Huisa-Huisa v. Mayorkas*, a case in which a federal judge earlier this month ruled the use of Title 42 unconstitutional and ordered the administration to terminate its use. Title 42 is one of the last remaining tools helping to control the southern border. Without intervention, Title 42 will cease to exist on December 21, dramatically worsening the border crisis on the cusp of the Christmas holiday.

Schmidt and the states are asking the Washington, D.C.-based judge for permission to intervene and defend the policy in court. Their request comes after a different federal judge in Louisiana in April granted a request from Kansas and 23 other states to block the administration from terminating the Title 42 policy. It was estimated the lifting of Title 42 could result in a surge of 18,000 migrants per day attempting to enter the United States.

The Title 42 policy was put in place in March 2020 and has been used by the Trump and Biden administrations to turn away thousands of migrants to try to keep communicable diseases out of the United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had announced last month plans to rescind the policy, despite the fact that the administration has renewed the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency declaration until at least January 11, 2023.

A copy of the motion to intervene in *Huisa-Huisa v. Mayorkas* is available at <http://bit.ly/3tTrUC5>.

## K-State Food Safety Expert Shares Holiday Meal Reminders

Proper meat thawing and preparation is important

The holiday season can be a great time for family and friends to gather, and Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee said following proper food safety steps will keep uninvited guests – like foodborne bacteria – from joining the party.

“The basics of cook, chill, clean and separate should guide your meal preparation, serving and clean up,” said Blakeslee, who is also coordinator of K-State’s [Rapid Response Center](#).

Poultry and other meat should not be rinsed before cooking, Blakeslee said. All meat should be cooked to the proper internal temperatures, which include:

- Steaks, roasts, chops: 145 degrees Fahrenheit
- Ground meat: 160 F
- All poultry: 165 F
- Fish and seafood: 145 F

“Use a food thermometer to verify doneness, not color,” Blakeslee said.

Thawing the turkey is an important component to add into preparation time. “If buying a frozen turkey, purchase it at least one week beforehand to allow enough time for thawing in the refrigerator,” Blakeslee said. “This will depend on the size of turkey you need for your meal.”

Allow about 24 hours to thaw 5 pounds of frozen turkey, but always add an extra day to be sure it gets thawed safely. For a 12 pound turkey, plan on at least three days in the refrigerator.

“Never thaw frozen meat or poultry at room temperature because this can allow any bacteria to grow as it warms up,” Blakeslee said.

Turkey can be cooked from the frozen state, but it will take at least 50% longer to cook.

Another practice that can lead to foodborne illness is rinsing poultry or other whole cuts of meat. This is an unnecessary step which could lead to more foodborne illness problems, such as contaminating clean countertops or ready-to-eat foods. Cooking poultry and meat to proper internal temperatures listed above, will make these products safe.

More food safety reminders include:

- Set oven to minimum of 325 F
- Wash your hands often
- Use a shallow roasting pan with a rack and add about ½ cup water to the bottom of the pan
- Place the turkey on the rack, season as you like and tent with foil
- Stuffing should be cooked separately as a casserole
- Foil can be removed after 1 to 1 ½ hours of roasting
- When using a food thermometer, check the internal temperature at the thickest part of the breast or innermost part of the thigh
- Refrigerate all leftovers within two hours of serving. Remove turkey meat from the bones and place in shallow containers for faster cooling

“If hosting holiday meals, ask others to bring side dishes such as salads or vegetable platters to make the meal easier to handle,” Blakeslee said. “Many hands make light work. Just be sure to wash your hands.”

## American Implement Announces New Registered Apprenticeship Program

Program will enhance existing Ag Tech Student Internship Program

American Implement has received approval from the State of Kansas for its new Registered Apprenticeship Program, making them the first John Deere dealership in the state of Kansas to have this program. It will be available to all 16 dealership locations throughout Western KS and Southeastern Colorado. These locations include Colby, Dodge City, Elkhart, Garden City, Goodland, Hugoton, Johnson, Leoti, Montezuma, Oakley, Scott City, Sublette, Syracuse, Ulysses, Wheeler, Kansas and Walsh, Colorado. The program will provide American Implement with a formalized, on-the-job technical training plan to help them develop more highly skilled employees.

Registered apprenticeships are highly structured programs that provide the necessary knowledge and skills to build fully competent employees. In the case of American Implement, the first approved occupation will be for Agricultural Equipment Technicians.

The new Registered Apprenticeship Program mirrors the existing John Deere TECH program, for which American Implement already provides scholarships to multiple students each year. The scholarships allow Ag Tech students to attend one of the five community or technical colleges that American Implement is currently partnered with: Garden City Community College in Garden City, KS; Southeast Community College in Milford, NE; Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, KS; Navarro College in Corsicana, TX, and Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland, KS.

The Apprenticeship Program combines technical instruction

## Lesser Prairie Chicken Listed Under Endangered Species Act

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is listing two Distinct Population Segments (DPS) of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Southern DPS of the lesser prairie chicken is being listed as endangered. The Northern DPS, which Kansas falls under, of the lesser prairie chicken is being listed as threatened. The Service is also finalizing a section rule designed to conserve the Northern DPS of lesser prairie-chicken while allowing greater flexibility for landowners and land managers.

Kansas Farm Bureau will provide more information when it is available.

## Sens. Moran, Marshall, Rep. Mann Condemn Listing of Lesser Prairie-Chicken as Threatened Species

U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Roger Marshall M.D. (R-Kan.) and Congressman Tracey Mann (KS-01) today condemned the Biden administration's recent decision to list the lesser prairie-chicken under the Endangered Species Act.

“This decision threatens to place unnecessary restrictions on farmers, ranchers, and energy producers,” said Sen. Moran. “Kansas and surrounding states are committed to preserving the lesser prairie-chicken and its habitat area and have contributed millions of public and private dollars to conservation efforts. This work has resulted in successfully conserving habitat area and increasing the population of the bird. The choice to list the lesser prairie-chicken as threatened despite voluntary, locally driven conservation efforts will negatively impact critical industries in Kansas and will remove any incentive for similar local efforts for wildlife conservation in the future.”

“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s announcement is disappointing and a reminder that this Administration favors government micromanagement of agriculture and heavy-handed regulation in their war against energy producers instead of working with landowners to promote continued voluntary conservation efforts,” said Sen. Marshall. “Listing the lesser prairie chicken will hurt our state’s economy, hinder our oil and gas independence, increase utility costs, and prevent the development of renewable energy in prime Western Kansas locations.”

“In their final rule, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service first commended landowners’ voluntary efforts to increase lesser prairie-chicken populations in Kansas, and then unilaterally decided that the federal government is better equipped to address these local areas,” said Rep. Mann. “This ruling is more than another example of federal overreach - it is a proxy war on American agriculture and energy sectors that are vital to our economy. Farmers, ranchers, and landowners are the original conservationists, and the federal government should get out of their way to let them do what they do best.”

- Items to Note:
- On May 21, 2021, Sens. Moran and Marshall joined their colleagues in urging U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland to not list the LPC under the ESA.
  - On July 16, 2021, Sens. Moran and Marshall and Rep. Mann led a group of their colleagues in requesting a 90-day extension to the comment period for the proposed listing of the LPC.

## Annual Toy-Building Event at FHSU December 3

Fort Hays State University is looking for volunteers to participate in the university’s annual toy-building event.

The Dr. Fred P. Ruda Teaming Up for Tots (TUFT) Day is set for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the woodshop of FHSU’s Center for Applied Technology.

The Department of Applied Technology is asking Santa’s helpers of all ages to come and participate in the year’s TUFT Day. All are welcome to volunteer for the toy production. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Since 1990, faculty, staff, and community members have gathered on the first Saturday in December to assemble toys for children ages 2 to 6 who might not otherwise receive gifts for the holidays. Jobs will include sanding, running parts from station to station, putting on wheels, attaching components, and finish work. Those with experience will be able to run some machine operations. Volunteers can come and go as it fits into their schedule.

Students in Materials, Processes, and Production class – taught by Associate Professor Zach Pixler – produced several designs for the toy. Pixler and Mr. Kim Stewart, department chair, then chose the design. The winning design for this year is a space shuttle.

Like all the toys made for this event over the years, this year’s toy will be hand-crafted entirely of wood. Wilson’s students cut out the individual pieces beforehand in preparation for the Saturday toy-building event.

“This event is an opportunity for our students to give back to the Hays community, which does so much to support our program,” Pixler said. “Our students get the opportunity to practice manufacturing principles while providing a custom, hand-produced toy for children in the Hays community.”

The many hours of planning and pre-production put in by the FHSU students will allow volunteers to complete more than 200 toys in one morning.

“It is very rewarding for our students to see their sketches and ideas come to life,” Pixler added. “So much work goes into preparing the production run, and it is very satisfying to see the end result of hundreds of toys getting boxed up and sent to kids in our community.”

with paid on-the-job training and mentorship as a part of the highly structured program. Participating apprentices track their on-the-job learning and training time in conjunction with American Implement, after which the program administrator inputs the data into the Kansas database. To ensure high standards are maintained, this program follows the national guideline standards developed by John Deere and approved by the US Department of Labor. Upon completion of the apprenticeship program, participating apprentices will receive a nationally recognized journey worker certificate.

All students currently sponsored by American Implement and enrolled in the John Deere TECH program or other sponsored diesel tech programs will automatically be transitioned into the Registered Apprenticeship Program. Any incumbent workers who are interested in the apprenticeship program can be evaluated to determine where they fall within the program to determine their current level of knowledge and competence.

New candidates interested in the program can contact their local American Implement dealership, apply online at [www.americanimplement.com](http://www.americanimplement.com), or contact the company’s recruiter, Jessie Ruiz at 620-258-0009.

## From the Land of Kansas Now Selling 2022 Holiday Gift Boxes

Holiday gift boxes are now available to order for the 2022 holiday season from the From the Land of Kansas state trademark program at the Kansas Department of Agriculture. Each gift box contains an assortment of products grown, raised, or produced in Kansas, with two size options available: the Konza Box and the Ad Astra Box. From the Land of Kansas gift boxes allow for ease of purchase for family, friends or clients and add a personal, customized note for the holiday season.

The Konza Box includes sand plum jelly from Bruce’s Bullseye Farms, pepper meat sticks from R Family Farms, allergy-friendly snack bites from Safely Delicious, garden veggie dip from Twisted Pepper Co., sunflower oil from Wright Enterprises, Snaxsun lightly salted wheat snacks from Wheatland Foods, and a chocolate bar from The Sweet Granada.

The Ad Astra Box includes white popcorn kernels from Free Day Popcorn, Merry Berry jam from Grandma Hoerner’s, sweet and tangy mustard from Grannie’s Homemade Mustard, medium garden salsa from Holmes Made Salsa, sugar cookie mix from Queen Marie Gluten Free, chai concentrate mix from Signet Coffee Roasters, lavender mint lip balm from Sweet Streams Lavender, sunflower oil form Wright Enterprises, meat sticks from Yoder Meats and a chocolate bar from The Sweet Granada.

Gift boxes can be purchased online at [shop.fromthelandofkansas.com/holidaybox](http://shop.fromthelandofkansas.com/holidaybox) and can be shipped anywhere in the United States. For orders larger than 10, call 785-564-6755 or email [fromthelandofkansas@ks.gov](mailto:fromthelandofkansas@ks.gov) to ensure holiday delivery. December 9 is the last day to order for guaranteed delivery before Christmas.

“Our holiday gift boxes are the perfect gift for anyone who loves Kansas. It’s a way to give back to Kansas ag businesses while making gift shopping simple and personalized,” said Sammy Gleason, From the Land of Kansas marketing manager. “We appreciate all our customers who come back each year to support our amazing producers and look forward to new customers ordering for the first time.”

The From the Land of Kansas trademark program at KDA is designed to promote and celebrate agricultural experiences and products grown, raised or produced in Kansas. For more information about the holiday gift boxes or about the trademark program, visit [fromthelandofkansas.com](http://fromthelandofkansas.com) or contact From the Land of Kansas marketing manager Sammy Gleason at 785-564-6755.

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## Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

Students can apply for all North Central Kansas Tech (Beloit and Hays) scholarships off of the one app at <http://bit.ly/3AyUbBY>. The deadline for the majority of these scholarships is January 15, but the NCK Tech Trailblazer scholarship has a final deadline of March 1.

The Kansas Promise Scholarship covers tuition at all two-year schools in Kansas, but at each school different majors receive the scholarship. At NCK-Tech applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis for qualified applicants. Students must have a program of study in Practical Nursing, Associate Degree in Nursing, Pharmacy Technician, Information Technology, Welding, Electrical Technology, Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Building Construction, Welding Engineering and Technology

The Straight to the Point Webinar Series is an opportunity for parents and guardians of future Emporia State students to visit with key contacts across the university and learn more about how to guide your student through the admissions and enrollment process. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/3XiOdyv>.

McPherson College offers a pay-as-you-go option and matches student payments for those participating in the Student Debt Project. Through financial literacy and mentorship, MC helps students understand how they can afford college without taking on massive student loans. Last year students in the program reduced their anticipated debt at graduation by more than \$10,000. Go to [mcpherson.edu/debtproject/](http://mcpherson.edu/debtproject/) to find out more.

Newman University has several big dollar scholarships with December 15 due dates. Find out more at [newmanu.edu/scholarships/fts](http://newmanu.edu/scholarships/fts).

The University of Kansas encourages applications from those with or without a test score. Applicants applying directly from high school for Fall 2023 will be automatically considered for KU's GPA-only merit-based scholarships. Go to <http://bit.ly/3i4cLVI> to complete this. The deadline is December 1. Official or unofficial transcripts must be submitted for a scholarship to be awarded. If a student has not received a scholarship award letter one month after being admitted, have them contact your admissions representative to see if KU has the transcript.

December 1 is also the deadline to apply to the University Honors program (<https://honors.ku.edu/apply>) and to the Engineering SELF program (<http://bit.ly/3OniEjj>).

Since 2011, the Kansas Dental Association (KDA) and Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation (KDCF), in partnership with Delta Dental of Kansas, have promoted dentists to practice in rural Kansas through the Kansas Initiative for New Dentists (KIND) Program. There are scholarship and loan forgiveness programs. The application deadline is December 1. Find out more at <http://bit.ly/3UXOGEK>.

Nebraska Wesleyan University's "full-ride" scholarship is the prestigious Huge-NWU Scholarship, named after NWU alumnus Harry Huge ('59). One winner receives the full-ride Huge-NWU Scholarship that covers ALL tuition, fees, room & board for four years. Finalists receive a \$20,000 academic scholarship + a \$4,000 Huge-NWU Commendation Scholarship each year. Semifinalists receive a \$20,000 academic scholarship + a \$1,000 Huge-NWU Recognition Scholarship each year.

To qualify, students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 or higher (weighted on a 4.0 scale); submit NWU's free application for admission (<http://bit.ly/3tU2cNK>); and submit the Huge-NWU Scholarship application (<http://bit.ly/3AAd4nN>) by 11:59 p.m. Central on December 1.

The Eugene McDermott Scholars Program at The University of Texas at Dallas is recruiting a new class! Your students with outstanding grades and a proven passion for leadership and service might find their fit with us. This full-ride scholarship includes tuition, stipends and enrichment resources, including study abroad funding. While a generous merit award, it is a serious commitment requiring students to excel academically and demonstrably contribute through leadership and service on campus and beyond. For more information go to <http://bit.ly/3V1JUpV>. The initial deadline for preliminary applications is December 1.

Texas Tech offers a variety of general and merit-based scholarship programs to help ease the cost of your education at Texas Tech. To increase your chances of an academic award, please apply to Texas Tech as soon as possible. The deadline for many scholarships is December 1. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/3Vct1bO>.

- 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: 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: Pete Henry Scholarship deadline; 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 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



## Hoxie Girls' Basketball Take Down Phillipsburg



Carley Cooper and Evie Schippers working the ball down court. Hoxie A Team beat Phillipsburg 29-17 in Hoxie on November 15. (Photo by Deeann Schamberger)



Jr High Girls Basketball defeats Phillipsburg 31-11 on November 15 in Hoxie. Pictured is Lilly Denio for the Indians. (Photo by Deeann Schamberger)

## Bulldogs Play Final Game



By Taylor Sidney  
The Golden Plains High School Football team finished their 2022 season with a 14-62 loss against Ashland in the sectional round of the

KSHSAA Six-Man Playoffs. The Bulldogs worked hard but ended the game at half-time.

The Bulldogs struggled to stop the Bluejays at the beginning of the game, allowing them 36 in the first quarter. The Bulldogs came out strong with a touchdown from Mason Green, senior to start the second. Iu Ribera, junior, added two, putting 8 on the board for the Bulldogs. Dylan Wark, freshman, added 6 with a late game touchdown. The Bulldogs held the Bluejays to 26 points in the second quarter but couldn't stop them from taking the win. "It was a tough way to end the season," said Coach Travis Smith, "but I am very proud of the improvement this team showed this year. We are definitely going to miss our lone senior Mason Green, but we are lucky to return the entire rest of our team. Getting a playoff win last week was great for these guys. As a team, we just need to take the next step. We strive to be as tough as the Ashland team we played tonight"

This year, six-man football was sanctioned by KSHSAA for the first time. The Bulldogs won their cross-bracket game allowing them a spot in the KSHSAA playoff game. Their season ended with a 3-7 record, with many hard-fought games. Starting the season off, the Bulldogs lost four games, but this didn't put them down. The Bulldogs took two back-to-back wins, giving them the energy they needed. The Bulldogs hit a rough patch losing two tough ones, but they came back and won when it was most important. To make it into the playoffs, the Dogs beat Rolla. This win gave Coach Travis Smith his 100th career win.

This season, many underclassmen were able to show off their abilities. With only one senior and four juniors, all the sophomores and freshmen were asked to step up. The Golden Plains Football team consisted of one senior, Mason Green, who has been a contributing member of the GPHS Football team all four years of high school. Green carried the team with 11 touchdowns and finished the 2022 season with 521 yards--449-rushing 72 receiving, 89 tackles, and 1 fumble recovery. "I think we showed great improvement throughout the season," said Green. "I am proud of myself for leading the team in points, but I wouldn't have been able to without my teammates being able to move the ball well. I have enjoyed my four years on the team and wish them good luck for next season."

Green was joined by four junior leaders, Will Bruggeman, Landon Meier, Iu Ribera, and Abraão Carneiro. Bruggeman and Meier have been a part of the team for three years and will continue playing their senior year. "We were a young team with little experience," Will Bruggeman said. "Maturing will take us a long way, which is what will help us next season."

Meier was a team standout. He led the team with 94 tackles, 47 of those being solo tackles. Meier was a big contributor offensively and defensively. "I am proud of how our team improved throughout the year and think we will continue to see these improvements in the next season," said Meier. Meier was named to the Sports in Kansas Stat Leader list for his tackles.

The team welcomed two foreign exchange students, Iu Ribera and Abraão Carneiro. Iu Ribera quickly took the title as the team's kicker. Ribera finished the season with 17 kicking points, and 24 kick-off touchbacks. "We worked hard this season and made big improvements throughout," said Ribera. "I enjoyed being on the team and made lots of friends. Good luck to next year's team."

Abraão Carneiro was also welcomed to the team. "I was happy to be part of the team and enjoyed my experience. I think the team did a very good job," said Carneiro. Diego Perez, freshman, led the team with 824 yards: 744 rushing, 61 receiving, and 61 passing. He was also named to the Sports in Kansas Stat leader list for tackles with 81 and was on the list during the season for his rushing yards.

The Bulldogs worked hard this year and will continue to improve for the upcoming season. "The talent is there, we just need to figure it out and I've got to do a better job at that," said Coach Travis Smith. "I'm so proud to be a Bulldog!"

## COLLEGIATE NEWS UPDATE



By Tom Friess

Two Hoxie High School alumni strapped on their spikes as national cross-country qualifiers in their respective collegiate divisions this year. Both runners were to negotiate the same course used for the NCAA Division 1 Championships in 2021. This course in Tallahassee, FL, was host on November 12, for the NJCAA National Championship Meet.

Emily Diercks would put her personal 3-meet winning streak on the line in the 5K race as the lone competitor for the Colby women's team. Emily's time of 18:29 placed her solidly in 6<sup>th</sup> place and gave her 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American honors. Emily was also recognized as the NJCAA Central Region runner of the

year, one of four such awards given out. Quite an accomplishment for the 2021 Hoxie graduate.

Thaddeus Friess would be in Tallahassee on November 19, for the NAIA National Championship Meet. He would compete in the 8K race on a chilly Florida day which saw temps around 40°. He placed 227<sup>th</sup> with a time of 26:36 as the lone competitor for the Benedictine men's team. Thaddeus and his brother, Gabriel Friess, were both cited as NAIA Academic All-Americans.

We congratulate all our athletes who have pursued their sport after high school and commend them for the dedication and perseverance that it takes to balance their activities with their academics, and we look forward to following their progress in the future.



Emily Diercks crosses the finish line. (CCC courtesy photo)



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## MS Basketball Begins



**By Aidan Pawlak**

The Golden Plains Bulldogs Middle School Boys Basketball team started their season competing against the Rawlins County Buffalos in Atwood on November 10. Both the A team and B team lost.

The A-team started the first quarter with Jose Rios scoring a two-point basket and a free throw, with Cristian Garcia adding an additional 2 points. Rawlins County scored 4 points this quarter for a 5-4 Bulldog lead. In the second quarter Javier Romero put in 3 points, and the Buffalos scored a total of 12 points to pull ahead 16-8 at the half.

Rawlins County scored 9 in the third, as the Bulldogs couldn't get a basket to fall, giving the Buffalos a 25-8 lead. Roberto Araux landed a 2-point basket in the fourth quarter while Rawlins added 8 points for the win 33-10. "We need to work on our defense," Javier Romero said. Scoring for the Bulldogs included Rios 3, Romero 3, Garcia 2, and Araux 2.


The B-team, with Cristian Garcia landing 2 free throws, had another loss 2-17 in a 2-quarter game. "We need to not lose focus on our plays," Garcia said. The Bulldogs first home game of the season is on Tuesday, November 15, competing against Decatur Community in Rexford.

## Golden Plains Elementary Thanksgiving Meal



Irlanda Mar (left) and Allen Mendoza (right) share the Golden Plains Elementary Thanksgiving lunch with their mother Alejandra Dominguez (center). (Photo by Justine Tuttle)





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WKLL 6-Man All League Football Team  
Below is the WKLL 6-Man All League Football Team. Selections were based on the nominations and voting of coaches. Congratulations to all the WKLL teams for a great season.

**6-Man: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Offense**  
QB - Logan McCarty, Jr. – Cheylin  
RB - Jeremiah Hansen, Jr. – Northern Valley  
OL - Kai Cox, Sr. – Northern Valley  
Receiver - Foster Brands, Jr. – Northern Valley  
Utility - Pablo Bermudez, Jr. – Cheylin  
Utility - Kenton Thalheim, Jr. – Northern Valley  
Kicker - Ju Ribera Canadas, Jr. – Golden Plains

**6-Man: 1<sup>st</sup> Team Defense**  
DL - Foster Brands, Jr. – Northern Valley  
DL - Conner McPherson, Jr. – Cheylin  
DL/BL - Mason Green, Sr. – Golden Plains  
DB/LB - Logan McCarty, Jr. – Cheylin  
DL/BL - Gavin Thalheim, Jr. – Northern Valley  
DL - Brady Ketzner, Jr. – Cheylin  
Returner - Noah Roemer, Sr. – Western Plains-Healy

**6-Man: Honorable Mention Offense**  
Receiver - Brian Boncomp, Sr. – Northern Valley  
Receiver - Gabo Crow, Sr. – Weskan  
Receiver - Brady Ketzner, Jr. – Cheylin  
QB - Jadon Schemm, Sr. – Weskan  
QB - Brock Woolf, Sr. – Triplains-Brewster  
OL - Nick Zerr, Jr. – Triplains-Brewster

**6-Man: Honorable Mention Defense**  
DB - Koda Kvasnicka, Jr. – Triplains-Brewster  
LB - Pablo Bermudez, Jr. – Cheylin  
LB - Jacob Franco, Sr. – Western Plains-Healy  
DL - Alessandro Lampis, Jr. – Western Plains-Healy  
DL - Landon Meier, Jr. – Golden Plains  
DB - Harley McPherson, Sr. – Cheylin  
DL - Diego Perez, Jr. – Golden Plains  
DL - Ben Peterson, Jr. – Triplains-Brewster  
LB - Brody Preston, Jr. – Northern Valley

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## GP NHS Holds Soup Supper



The Golden Plains National Honor Society members serve soup at the soup supper prior to the All-School play on November 11, in Rexford. Members serving (l-r) include Madison Wiens-sponsor, Emma Weiner, McHaley Carter, and Jordyn Fleckenstein. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

## GP 7th Grade Scholars' Bowl Team Take Runner Up at Atwood



The Golden Plains Middle School seventh grade scholar bowl team placed second at the Rawlins County meet in Atwood on November 7. Team members include (l-r) Tannor Todd, Cristian Garcia, Elizabeth Weiner, Mayte Hernandez, Takoda Cline, and Lakin Wark. (Photo by Jennifer Spresser)

**By McKinzie Horobik**

The Middle School Scholars Bowl Team traveled to Atwood on November 7 for their second meet of the year. The seventh grade placed second, while the eighth grade competed hard but did not place in the top three.

Eighth grade team members were Javier Romero, Katie Carter, Kailee Wessel, Marisol Perez, Kadalen Unrein, Estella Vargas, and Addy Wessel. The team went 1-3 losing against Colby, Cheylin, and Rawlins Co. Their only win was over Goodland 25-15.

The seventh-grade team members included Elizabeth Weiner, Lakin Wark, Takoda Cline, Tannor Todd, Cristain Garcia, and Mayte Hernandez. They went 3-1 with wins over Cheylin, Rawlins County, and Goodland, losing only to Colby 40-50. They placed second with Goodland placing first.

"We competed well as a team," said Tannor Todd, seventh grade. "We almost had Colby beat." The Scholars Bowl Team will travel to Grinnell on November 28 for their next competition.

## Thank You Gove County Community Foundation!



WHS Leadership Team enjoy the new furniture in the library. (L to R) Freshman Evangeline Godek, Junior Marsha McDonald, Seniors Kerri Heier, Mary McDonald, and Kaleb Dohm. (Not pictured) Juniors Madison Zerr, Jordyn Beckman, and Karoline Schroeder. (WHS Photo)



## Medical Fair



The WHS students pose before heading to Goodland. (WHS Photo)

**By Emma Zerr, Staff Reporter**

On Wednesday, November 9, some of the WHS students went to Goodland to partake in a Medical Career Fair that was put on by KU Med. The students that went were Kerri Heier, Marsha McDonald, Jocelyn Perez, Teagan Roth, Kaitlynn Deges, Adrienne Hrabe, Olivia Thompson, and Emma Zerr. KU Med had seven fields there to present. There was Athletic Training, Physical Therapy, Career Education, Speech Language Pathology, Emergency Medical Services, Nursing, and Sonography.

Sophomore Olivia Thomson said, "I had a good time getting to experience all of the different career choices I have in the medical field."

At the end of the day, KU Med gave out some door prizes for a few of the students. Things like bags, cups, and other merchandise were won.

## The Philippines Visit WHS



WHS students pose with the Mapes family. (L to R) Evangeline Godek, Broady Goetz, Brielle Hanna, Abby Cheney, Miriam Mapes, Chris Mapes, Cathee Mapes, and Samuel Mapes. (WHS Photo)

**By Emma Thompson, Co-Editor**

On November 11, 2022, a family from the Philippines visited WHS and its students.

Mrs. Kim Dohm invited her friends from the Philippines to talk to WHS students since they were visiting the U.S. Chris and Cathee Mapes along with their children, Miriam and Samuel, are visiting various friends and family in the states over many months. The family has been lifelong friends of Mrs. Dohm, and she thought WHS would enjoy a change in culture. Mrs. Dohm and her culinary class asked her friends many questions, and enjoyed a traditional meal called "Pancit" cooked by her friends. Pancit is a meal of rice noodles with chicken, vegetables, and seasonings. WHS students enjoyed listening to the cultural differences in a different part of the world.

Junior Madison Zerr added, "It was fun to learn about a different culture. I enjoyed the different food and learning about the unique customs. It's one thing to learn about different cultures, but to actually meet people from a different culture is a whole different experience."

Mrs. Kim Dohm explains, "It was nice to see how engaged the students were in learning about the culture of the Philippines."

**By Mary McDonald, Co-Editor**

For the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Theresa Kraus, who is USD 291's former math teacher and the new high school student advisor, recruited the help of the Leadership Team to make some renovations to the library. Since coming to USD 292, Mrs. Kraus has overheard many of the students not wanting to go to the library. Mrs. Kraus worked very hard on the middle school library and wanted to make the high school students more apt to go to the library and check out books.

After reaching out to the Leadership Team and also Student Council, Mrs. Kraus realized that she would need to reach out to the community for some help getting new furniture. She reached out to the Gove County Community Foundation and secured a grant for \$1250. There were some students who wrote letters of support, and others helped put the new furniture together. Many members of the community donated furniture as well. Some new pieces of furniture include new plush chairs, a couple of bean bags, and a nice area rug. Since the addition of new furniture, many students and staff have been using the library more.

Senior Kerri Heier stated, "The new furniture makes the library feel more inviting. I've noticed more students reading, and also doing homework in the comfy chairs," when asked about her thoughts on the new furniture.



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USDA Conducts End-of-Year  
Hogs and Pigs Survey

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is contacting producers for the December Hogs and Pigs Survey.

This end-of-year survey is the most comprehensive gathering of quarterly data on market hog and breeding stock inventories as well as pig crop and farrowing intentions in every state.

“According to the most recent Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report in September, there were 73.8 million hogs and pigs in the United States,” said Doug Bounds, Kansas State Statistician. “The December survey and resulting report will continue to provide important indicators for the industry of what changes are occurring – if any.”

NASS will mail the questionnaires to all producers selected for the survey in late November. To ensure all survey participants have an opportunity to respond, NASS interviewers will contact producers who do not respond by mail or online to conduct telephone and personal interviews.

The data gathered in this survey allow NASS to accurately measure and report conditions and trends in the U.S. pork industry over the course of the year. The information is used by all sectors of the industry, including producers themselves, to help make sound and timely business decisions.

NASS will publish the survey results in the Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report on December 23. All NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Publications/). For more information, call the NASS Northern Plains Regional Office at (800) 582-6443.

Kansas Cattle on Feed Down 7%

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.34 million cattle on feed on November 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 7% from last year.

Placements during October totaled 420,000 head, down 3% from 2021.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 430,000 head, down 3% from last year.

Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

KFB Livestock Focus Groups  
Scheduled to Meet

Join fellow Farm Bureau members in Kansas for livestock focus groups to discuss Farm Bureau policies, opportunities, and the future of the respective industries. These focus groups are replacing the previous Dairy, Sheep & Goat, and Swine Advisory Committees, and will be held in conjunction with industry events important to each commodity so more members have the opportunity to participate.

**Swine**  
Swine Profitability Conference – Feb. 14; Stanley Stout Center – KFB focus group will be held at the conclusion of the event.

**Sheep**  
Kansas Sheep Association Sheep Symposium – Dec. 9&10; KFB Building – KFB focus group will be held at the conclusion of the event on December 10.

**Dairy will be announced soon.**  
For questions or meeting details, please contact Nancy Brown at [brownnn@kfb.org](mailto:brownnn@kfb.org).

Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during October 2022 totaled 351 million pounds, up 4% from October 2021, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 175,000 head, 6,000 head more than October 2021. Milk production per cow averaged 2,005 pounds.

Kansas Crop Progress  
and Condition

For the week ending November 20, 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, 32% short, 25% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 50% very short, 36% short, 14% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 20% very poor, 20% poor, 36% fair, 22% good, and 2% excellent. Emerged was 81%, behind 89% last year and 88% for the five-year average.

Soybeans harvested was 96%, ahead of 91% last year and near 92% average.

Sorghum harvested was 95%, ahead of 90% last year and 88% average.

Cotton harvested was 85%, well ahead of 45% last year and 43% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 93%, near 92% last year, and ahead of 87% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 48% very poor, 29% poor, 18% fair, 5% good, and 0% excellent.

Sorghum Crop Update

Ninety-three percent of the 2022 sorghum acreage had been harvested by November 13, four percentage points ahead of last year and 7 points ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest progress was ahead of the 5-year average pace in all six estimating states.

Black Sea Grain Deal Extended

Following a tense negotiation period, Russia's withdrawal and subsequent rejoining of the deal, Russia and Ukraine officially reached an agreement to extend the Black Sea Grain Initiative until March 18, 2023. Wheat and corn prices fell sharply following the U.N. announcement on Thursday morning. Details of the renewal have not yet been released but Russian officials have stated their interest in expanding the deal to include facilitation of Russian food and fertilizer exports. The Black Sea Grain Initiative, brokered with assistance from Turkey and the U.N., is critical in delivering vital food supplies to nations experiencing shortages and receiving food aid. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has called for the deal to be extended indefinitely. Read more at <http://bit.ly/3XxwG66>.

Diesel Shortage Continues,  
Prices Skyrocket

The price of diesel has risen nearly 50 percent this year, costing \$5.35 per gallon on average. Rising prices across the board have hurt America's producers, and with the Energy Information Administration's announcement of a dwindling diesel reserve (the lowest levels since 2008), prices of the fuel have continued to rise. Read more at <http://bit.ly/3EtyVyA>.

EPA Takes Action on Biofuel

The EPA announced two different actions on biofuel this week, including an upcoming announcement regarding a final rule on canola and rapeseed oil lifecycle analysis, and meetings to discuss a proposed rule on RFS levels for the future. Meetings to discuss EPA's proposed rule on the volume requirements for 2023 and beyond under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), as well as other meetings to discuss electric vehicles (EVs) and decarbonization efforts, have been scheduled. EPA committed via a court-approved agreement with Growth Energy to issue its proposed rule no later than Nov. 30. This does not affect the consent decree deadline for finalizing the RVOs by no later than June 14, 2023.

Public Input Needed on  
Inflation Reduction Act Funding

USDA is asking for public input through a Federal Register request for information on the implementation of more than \$19 billion provided by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will use the investments provided through IRA-funded conservation programs to support farmers and ranchers in adopting and expanding climate-smart activities and systems. NRCS asks for comments on how to target program benefits, quantify impact and improve program delivery and outreach, especially for underserved producers. Comments are due December 22. Learn more and submit comments at <http://bit.ly/3Ezicdk>

Kansas Local Food Purchase  
Assistance Program Accepting  
Applications from Producers

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) 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's 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 p.m. CST on Feb. 15. For more information, please visit [agriculture.ks.gov/LFPA](http://agriculture.ks.gov/LFPA) or contact KDA grants coordinator Brittney Grother at Brittney.Grother@ks.gov or 785-564-6797.

BASF Scholarship Application  
Open

The National Sorghum Foundation (NSF) and BASF are accepting applications for a joint scholarship that will be awarded January 2023, providing \$2,500 for tuition for the 2022-2023 academic year. Scholarship applicants must be the child or grandchild of a National Sorghum Producers member and be pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in an agriculturally-related curriculum. Applications must be postmarked by December 1, 2022. More information about scholarship criteria and application forms can be found online at <http://bit.ly/3nKOKbV>.

USDA Announces  
Beginning Farmer Grants

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced \$24 million in grants across 45 organizations and institutions focused on educating beginning farmers and ranchers. The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP) works to provide education and assistance to new farmers who are often faced with a steep learning curve. The newly funded BFRDP projects include new and beginning farmer recruitment efforts, technical assistance, and training on financial planning. Read more at <http://bit.ly/3GxnfNJ>.

Startup Companies: Apply for  
K-State's Accelerator Program

Kansas State University is seeking applications from Kansas-based individuals or K-State alumni to participate in the K-State Accelerator, hosted by the College of Business Administration.

The Accelerator, specifically intended for early-stage companies, provides entrepreneurs with much-needed resources, including faculty-led courses, hands-on student research teams, access to the world-class K-State alumni mentor network, and the chance to pitch at demo day for a share of \$100,000 in equity-free grants. The Accelerator is designed to provide the building blocks for turning a concept into a successful venture. Startups are not charged to participate.

Startup founders with scalable, for-profit businesses or ideas are invited to apply until Nov. 27. Criteria for selection include identifying a real problem and providing an innovative solution, demonstrating the drive to succeed and the ability to incorporate feedback, and showing commitment to the idea. The program is offered online and will run from January-March 2023.

To apply or learn more, visit [cba.ksu.edu/accelerator](http://cba.ksu.edu/accelerator).

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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.									
STATE	K.S.A.	Levy	CITY FUND LEVIES			K.S.A.	Levy		
Educational Building Fund	76-6001	1.000	Hoxie City-Valuation	10,060,543				1.500	
State Institutional Fund	76-6004	0.500	State					66.686	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		1.500	County					48.277	
COUNTY FUNDS									
72,284,112			USD 412					4.497	
General	79-1945	29.969	RFD 1					63.728	
Road & Bridge	88-5,101	21.524	City					1.715	
Noxious Weed	2-1318	1.428	Twin Creek Extension					186.403	
Library Service Contract	12-1215	0.256	TOTAL (Tax Unit 001)						
Intellectually Challenged	19-4004	0.616	Hoxie City Breakdown						
Hospital Maintenance*	19-4606	10.000	General	12-101a	37.093				
Public Health	65-204	0.500	Library	12-1215	3.562				
Mental Health	19-4007	0.230	Bond & Interest	10-113	0.957				
Elderly Service Program*	12-1680	0.750	Employee Benefits	12-16,102	16.349				
Pool Lease/Purchase Contract	10-1116c	1.413	Street Resurfacing	15-733	5.277				
COUNTY TOTAL			Airport	3-121	0.490				
*Indicates Election		66.686	Total		63.728				
			Selden City Valuation	1,300,424				1.500	
			State					66.686	
			County					45.724	
			USD 316					4.497	
			RFD 1					0.884	
			Selden Cemetery					52.721	
			Selden City					1.715	
			Twin Creek Extension					173.727	
			TOTAL (Tax Unit 002)						
			Selden City Breakdown						
			General	12-101a	52.721				
			Library	12-1215	2.110				
			Bond & Interest	10-113	0.000				
			Total		54.831				
			CEMETERY FUND LEVIES	K.S.A. 80-932					
			DISTRICT	VALUATION	LEVY				
			Dresden Cemetery	2,232,081	1.480				
			Fairview Cemetery	3,107,421	1.441				
			Hawkeye Cemetery	420,856	1.447				
			Lucerne Cemetery	2,164,864	0.000				
			Rexford Cemetery	2,012,406	0.906				
			Selden Cemetery	6,079,302	0.884				

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									
VALUATION	K.S.A.	5841	211	274	291	292	293	294	316
General	72-5142		38,590	109,551	4,277,369	3,029,621	3,898,770	18,606	7,479,994
VALUATION			20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Supp Gen	72-5147		43,097	115,241	4,396,321	3,100,438	3,944,090	20,909	7,910,025
City Ordley	72-63,113		18,418	18,332	9,520	17,216	18,415	15,137	28,724
Recreation	12-1927		5,480	7,998	4,048	7,998	8,000	8,000	7,949
Bond & Interest 10-113			9,301		1,999		32,359		
TOTALS			94,793	48,319	33,568	45,214	79,714	44,127	53,673

2022 Levies by Taxing Unit									
TAX UNIT	LEVY	USD	GEN	CEM	TWP LEVY				
ADULT TAX Units			0.000	0.000	0.000				
010	132,271	211							
014	123,765	412							
015	122,345	412/Dresden Cem							
BLOOMFIELD TWP-Valuation \$2,493,275. (RFD 4/Rag Library)			0.000	0.000	0.000				
Bloomfield Tax Units									
040	127,144	316							
041	128,561	316/Fairview Cem							
042	128,050	316/Rexford Cem							
043	128,028	316/Selden Cem							
044	121,748	412							
045	122,632	412/Selden Cem							
BOWCREEK TWP-Valuation \$3,711,118. (RFD 1/Rag Library)			0.413	0.000	0.413				
Bowcreek Tax Unit									
055	124,178	412							
KENNETH TWP-Valuation \$4,763,614. (RFD 1/Rag Library)			0.000	0.000	0.000				
Kenneth Tax Unit									
065	123,765	412							
LOGAN TWP-Valuation \$6,877,995. (RFD 1/Rag Library)			0.000	0.000	0.000				
Logan Tax Units									
070	123,765	412							
071	125,206	412/Fairview Cem							
072	130,602	316/Fairview Cem							
PARNELL TWP-Valuation \$5,616,914. (RFD 1/Rag Library)			0.000	0.000	0.000				
Parnell Tax Units									
050	123,765	412							
051	124,649	412/Selden Cem							
052	130,045	316/Selden Cem							
PRAIRIE DOG TWP-Valuation \$2,159,596. (RFD 4/Rag Library)			0.000	0.000	0.000				
Prairie Dog Tax Units									
030	119,045	294/Hawkeye Cem							
031	127,144	316							
032	128,591	316/Hawkeye Cem							
033	128,050	316/Rexford Cem							
034	128,028	316/Selden Cem							
035	122,632	412/Selden Cem							

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## Commission Minutes 11/1/22

Now on this 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Board canvassed the provisional votes cast in the November 8, 2022 General Election. Shirley Niermeier, Treasurer and Jordi Torres, Appraisal Clerk, were present to tally votes. Bracht stated to the Board why each ballot was provisional and the validity of the ballot per Kansas Statute. The Board of Canvassers reviewed 11 provisional ballots and 8 were considered valid ballots. Chairman Wes Bainter read the valid ballots aloud with Commissioners Joe Bainter and Mader reviewing them. Final results will be posted on the Sheridan County Clerk's Facebook page. Canvassing ceased. Joe Bainter moved to accept the election results as canvassed, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0

Joe Bainter stated he had received a call from a landowner about road 110W from Hwy 83. There are low spots with water puddling. The Road & Bridge Department needs to move some gravel to the middle.

Bracht advised the Board that tax statements went out Monday. The Board was reminded that November 22, 2022, is the Amended Budget hearing for the hospital, library, and Agency on Aging at 9:00 a.m.

Bracht advised the hearing for the Petition to vacate the alley in Studley will be held on December 13, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Taxes for the real estate owned by the County on

Pine will be paid out of the general fund, Publications and Supplies.

Mader made a motion to approve the November 1, 2022 Minutes as presented. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

The November 4, 2022 Payroll was approved on a motion by Joe Bainter and seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0

Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the November 15, 2022 Warrants as presented. Carried 3-0

Darrick Zerr, City of Hoxie Mayor, Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner, Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner, and Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent, came to the table to discuss road work to be done on Sheridan Ave. to 10W. Zerr advised the Board that the City of Hoxie will use COVID funds to pay their portion of the work. Bracht will contact Jerol DeBoer from Penco Engineering and set up a time for him to come and meet with the Board to discuss final plans.

The City Council approved the Extension Agreement between Sheridan County and the City of Hoxie for law enforcement protection within the city limits. Mader made a motion to approve the Extension Agreement seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. This Extension Agreement is for the period November 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023.

Bracht presented a Water Line Easement for Murfin Drilling Co. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Easement. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0

Joe Bainter stated the Western Prairie RC&D met last week. There was discussion about the end of the year stuff, including a micro loan in Bird City. They will once again remit \$500.00 back to counties who participate to distribute as they see fit.

Pratt stated someone will need to step up to take care of the Swap Shop. Pratt will

## Pat Hartzog October 29, 1937 ~ November 14, 2022



Patricia A. “Pat” (McKenna) Hartzog, of Hoxie, KS, passed away on November 14, 2022, at the Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie, KS, at the age of 85. She was born on October 29, 1937, to Theodore and Ruby (Rolland) McKenna in Oberlin, Kansas. She married Lloyd Krizek, and after he passed away on March 21, 1957, she married Earl Hartzog on April 20, 1958. She was blessed with 3 children: Mike, Virginia, and Harold.

Pat graduated from Jennings High School in 1956. She kept busy raising her children and later, Grandma Pat's Daycare. She loved kids – everybody's kids, and especially her family. She enjoyed working in her garden and giving away the fruits of her labor, oftentimes in the form of the jellies she made and her famous chocolate chip cookies. She very much-loved traveling with Earl. She was an active member of the Christ Community Church.

Pat is survived by her children: Virginia Fullbright (Irlan) of Ellinwood, KS and Harold Hartzog of Hoxie; sister, Donna Chambers of McCook, NE; sister-in-law, Gloria McKenna of Colby, KS; 3 grandchildren: Brad Fullbright (Jodi), Cody Holzmeister (Christie), and Megan Jacques (Ryan); and 6 great-grandchildren: Kolton and Carli Fullbright, Kaylynn Holzmeister, Gabe, Rhythm and Ranger Jacques.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Ruby McKenna; husbands, Lloyd Krizek and Earl Hartzog; son, Mike Krizek; brother, Edward McKenna; grandson, Alan Fullbright; and daughter-in-law, Yvette Hartzog.

A funeral service was held Friday, November 18, 2022, at Christ Community Church, Hoxie. Visitation was Thursday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to Sheridan Co Health Complex/Sheridan Co Benefit Walk and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com](http://www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com).

## Consumer Corner: Make Your Contributions Count

**By Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt**  
While many Kansans are generous in supporting worthy causes throughout the year, the holidays in particular are a time to remember those causes we choose to support. Giving Tuesday was established in 2012 as a day to help charitable organizations raise funds as a part of the holiday season, joining Black Friday and Cyber Monday as a special date on the holiday calendar. Each year since, it has been celebrated on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year it falls on November 29.

As you observe Giving Tuesday, or make any charitable donation this holiday season, make sure you are giving to reputable organizations. The best thing you can do to protect yourself from falling victim to a charity scam is to start out your holiday giving with a plan. Make a budget of how much you would like to give and which organizations you wish to support.

Don't wait for the phone to ring or the solicitation email to show up in your inbox and catch you unprepared. Don't let a heartwarming sales pitch from what appears to be a worthy or legitimate charity cause you to let your guard down. Don't feel pressured into making a contribution or a pledge. Reputable charities will always be happy to take your money a couple days or even a couple weeks after they first make contact with you, so take time to do your research.

Here are some more tips to help you give safely:  
• Support local, established charities. While there are many large, international organizations that do great work, your donations can often have a greater impact when they support a cause close to your community, where you can see the results of your donations.  
• Watch out for names that sound alike. Scammers often make their organizations' names sound very similar to other well-known charities.  
• Be careful with telemarketers requesting contributions. Oftentimes, the telemarketer keeps a substantial portion of the donation. If you have questions about a solicitation, don't be afraid to reach out to the charity directly.

• Ask questions to find out where your donations go. Ask for written information, including how much of the money raised is actually used for charitable purposes and how much will end up in the hands of the professional fundraiser.  
• Ask if your donation is tax deductible. Not all donations to charities are tax deductible. You can check a charity's status with the IRS at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). When in doubt, double-check with your tax preparer before assuming a donation will be tax deductible.  
• Document your donation. Make the donation by credit card or check – not cash, wire transfer. A solicitor that asks for payment by wire transfer is potentially a red flag for scams. During the holidays, some charities will request gift card donations. Consider whether the gift card makes sense in the situation. For example, a charity donating Thanksgiving dinners to needy families might ask for a grocery store gift card for the turkey, but an Apple iTunes gift card may not make sense for the situation. If something doesn't feel right to you, consider donating to a different

mention the need to a couple of individuals.  
The Board approved the following warrants and payroll:  
General \$64,228.70  
Road & Bridge \$18,200.89  
Conceal Carry \$58.42  
HRSA-EMS \$17,371.08  
ARPA \$105,665.12  
Noxious Weed \$1,715.94  
Public Transp \$1,023.80

At 9:40 a.m. with no further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 8:00 in the Courthouse main floor foyer.

At 9:41 a.m. Wes Bainter called the meeting back in order. Bracht presented correspondence from Joyce Kinderknecht at Assessment, Information and Counseling, Alcohol & Drug Service requesting drug and alcohol tax funds from Sheridan County. Bracht will invite her to come to a meeting to discuss further before a decision is made.

At 9:46 a.m. Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0

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

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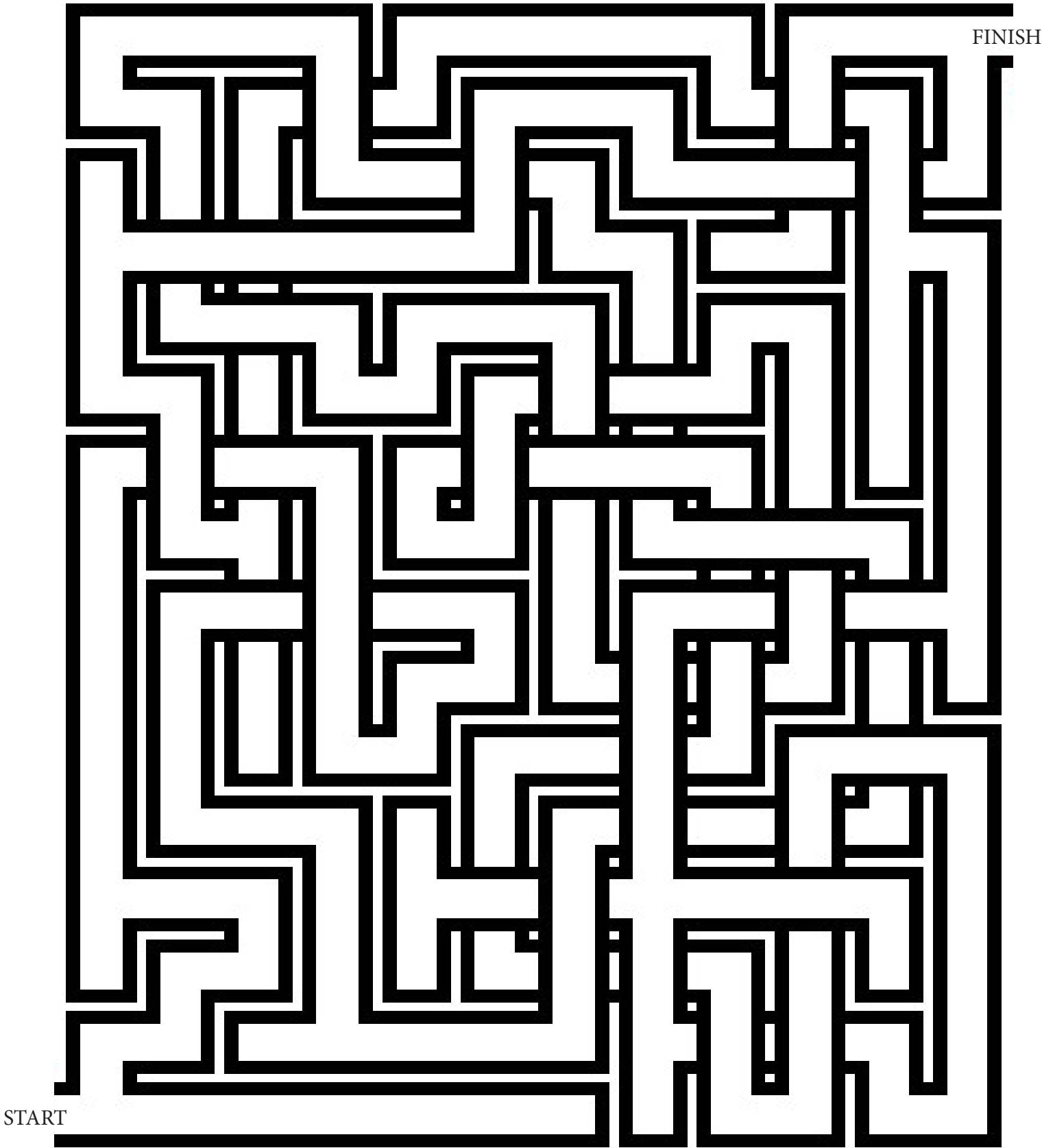
## Leon Fellhoelter October 11, 1970 ~ November 19, 2022



Leon John Fellhoelter, 52, of Brewster, KS, died Saturday, November 19, 2022. He was born October 11, 1970, in Hoxie, KS, to Boniface and Daisy (Heier) Fellhoelter. In 1989, Leon graduated from Grinnell High School where he was a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society. He then attended and graduated from the Northwest Kansas Area Vocational Technical School in Goodland, KS. Leon had worked for Grant Ostmeier, Fellhoelter Farms, Victor Schwarz, and Carpenter Cattle Company.

On February 26, 2000, Leon married Lee Ann Green, in Scott City, KS. The couple had seven children. Leon enjoyed being active in his kids' lives and doing 4-H as a family. He also served as an Ambassador for the Northwest Kansas Technical College and had been part of the governing board for the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center. Leon was an active member of St





CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals T

Z'P OIYMPYAUCE FZMOV YR  
WJNZIS IY TJMOOM JIV FWAU  
UFMASSCZIS RZIJITZJCCE.  
Z IOOV J NYTJFZYII!

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

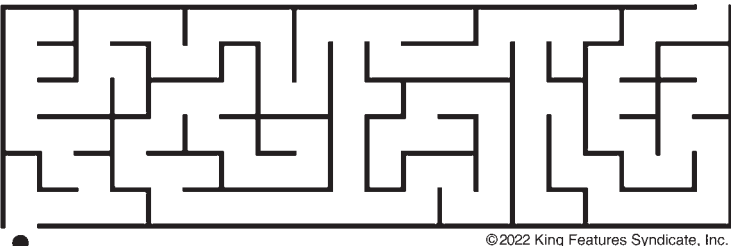
RIDDLE SEARCH - THINGS THAT ARE RED  
Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What is red and has feathers all over?

APPLE  
BARN  
BEE  
BERRY  
BLOOD  
CARDINAL  
CHERRY  
CHUB  
FIRE ENGINE  
FLAME  
HAIR  
HOLLY  
LADYBUG  
LEAF  
LICORICE  
POPPY  
RADISH  
ROSE  
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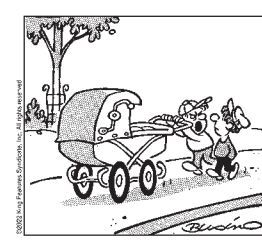
F	A	E	L	R	B	L	O	O	D
L	I	N	T	O	M	A	T	O	A
A	T	R	H	S	I	D	A	R	L
M	U	A	E	E	R	Y	P	K	I
E	C	B	E	E	T	B	P	B	C
H	E	H	Y	B	N	U	L	A	O
O	L	U	E	S	H	G	E	R	R
L	B	E	R	R	Y	I	I	C	I
L	A	N	I	D	R	A	C	N	C
Y	P	P	O	P	H	Y	N	G	E

Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

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

Look  
RUPEES  
Grow  
SPROUT  
Trap  
RENCOR  
Think  
NEEDS

TODAY'S WORD

Super Crossword

EASY-PEASY

ACROSS

- 1 Conceptual framework  
7 Nickname of jazz pianist Earl Hines  
12 Cat feature  
16 Mailbox item: Abbr.  
19 Cajoles  
20 Backcountry  
21 Actor Alan  
22 Before  
23 Saving a Hilton from being demolished?  
26 Rove (about)  
27 Eisenhower, informally  
28 Dawn deity  
29 Country that's the setting of a story told by Jesus?  
31 Confusion when a golfer can't find the club for the green?  
36 2000-15 CBS show  
37 Two racing Unsers  
38 Strike — (do some modeling)  
39 Admission of defeat  
41 "The way things now stand ..."  
44 Road named for a head of state?  
50 Intent  
53 Golf average  
54 Mental sharpness  
55 Santa — winds  
56 One who's bad at playing practical jokes?  
62 Richard of "The Jackal"  
63 Former AT&T rival  
64 Creepy  
65 Tax audit org.  
66 Hunchback creator Victor  
67 Belgian river  
68 Favorite crucifix style?  
74 "I seel," facetiously  
77 Match units  
78 Cruise of "Top Gun"  
79 Actress Bette  
83 No, in Fife  
84 DVR choice  
85 Evangelizing in remote areas?  
89 Fast internet svc.  
90 Final words from a bully  
92 Tirana's nation: Abbr.  
93 Picnic pest

- 94 Subatomic matter that may or may not exist?  
101 "Penn & Teller: —" (TV series)  
102 Maui "hello"  
103 Hunter constellation  
107 Three in "minimum"  
108 Big tea vessel  
110 Aviator who was really courageous?  
114 Little squeeze from a fuddy-duddy?  
118 Grain variety  
119 NASA's Eagle, e.g.  
120 Suffix with resin or riot  
121 Forehead border you had before you started going bald?  
126 Plunk lead-in  
127 Coal source  
128 Door reply to "Who's there?"  
129 Most current  
130 Antiquated  
131 Fax, e.g.  
132 "The battle —!"  
133 Provides, as with power

DOWN

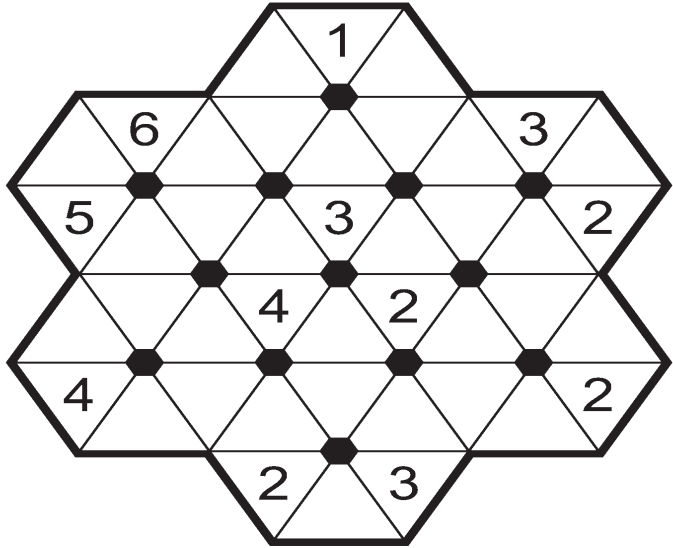
- 1 Italian tenor  
2 Devise, as a plan  
3 Would really rather not  
4 Application filename extension  
5 Actor Gibson  
6 According to  
7 Not stale  
8 Vienna's nation: Abbr.  
9 Two after uno  
10 Persists in discussing  
11 Thomas — Edison  
12 British bye-byes  
13 Perp's excuse  
14 Revered one  
15 Narrow road  
16 Groups of trial lawyers  
17 Fleeting quality  
18 Comic Foxx  
24 Mythical bird  
25 Bitterly cold  
30 Jungle den  
32 Recipe qty.  
33 Always  
34 Assistance  
35 Bullring holler  
40 Sky light  
41 40-Down studier's sci.  
42 Eyelid malady

- 43 One of a flight of steps  
45 MPG monitor  
46 USA's Uncle  
47 A Gershwin  
48 Be an omen of  
49 Feudal vassal  
50 Big galoot  
51 Outrage  
52 Impair  
57 Frank Sacks' "— the Unicorn"  
58 Plunk lead-in  
59 Helpful hints  
60 Get it wrong  
61 "— Be My Girl" (top 5 tune for the O'Jays)  
66 Source of CBD oil  
67 "Right on!"  
69 Ancient Egyptian god  
70 Dwarfs' count  
71 Vodka brand, familiarly  
72 In support of  
73 Govt. health agcy.  
74 "— you act now ..." (infomercial segue)  
75 Is unrivaled  
76 Hardly ever employed  
80 By way of  
81 Hostel

- 82 Mil. officer  
84 Bean curd  
85 Touch  
86 Traitor  
87 Yale alum  
88 "The Good Doctor" aier  
91 Virgin Mary's mother: Abbr.  
95 Actress Lanchester  
96 Many #1 songs  
97 Calder Cup rink org.  
98 Writer Santha Rama —  
99 Email giggle  
100 Verdi's "— tu"  
104 Instead (of)  
105 Danish port  
106 Big Apple  
108 Coll. in Philly  
109 Made grain-sized  
111 Skater Sasha  
112 Python in "The Jungle Book"  
113 Scrabble 4-pointer  
114 Hernando de —  
115 Engine stats  
116 A Great Lake  
117 Roman 402  
122 Sydney's state: Abbr.  
123 Non- — food  
124 Sprinted  
125 "Inc." relative

SNOWFLAKES  
by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

5				2				7
	4		1			8		
		8	3		6		9	
1				6				3
	8			3		5		
		7	5			9		1
	9	1	2				6	
	3			5		2		
7					8			4

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11		12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
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Septic Tank Pumping & Installation  
**LARRY'S PLUMBING**  
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HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** Edgewater Insurance + Real Estate in Grainfield, KS, is hiring a **full time Customer Service Representative** that will be responsible for serving customers plus insurance sales. Knowledge of insurance products and computer software is desired, but willing to train the right person. Kansas P&C, Crop, Life, and Health insurance licenses required; willing to train and allow time for licensure. Competitive wage and benefits package available. Send resume to [ssis@edgewaterins.biz](mailto:ssis@edgewaterins.biz) or call 308-423-2222 and ask for Shane Sis or apply online at <https://www.pinnbank.com/careers>. EOE

**---7/9---**  
**HELP WANTED:** The **Sheridan County Road & Bridge Department** is accepting applications for an **equipment operator**. Experience and CDL preferred. This is a full-time position. Applications may be picked up at the Road & Bridge Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Sheridan County offers competitive wages, retirement, and health insurance. For questions and to request an application by mail, contact Joe Herskowitz at 785-675-3621. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EOE

**---15/TFN---**  
**HELP WANTED:** **Hoxie Feedyard & PSI** are always interested in visiting with good people about a good job. We offer competitive pay and great benefits. Please call Scott Foote 785-386-4519.

**---40/TFN---**

SERVICES

**SERVICES:** Stop by **Hoxie Implement** for your factory direct prices on heavy-duty commercial batteries; Baldwin filters for cars, trucks, tractors, combines, etc.

**---40/TFN---**

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**Lab Assistant. Full Time**  
**Night Shift RN. Full Time**  
**Radiologic Technologist. Full Time**  
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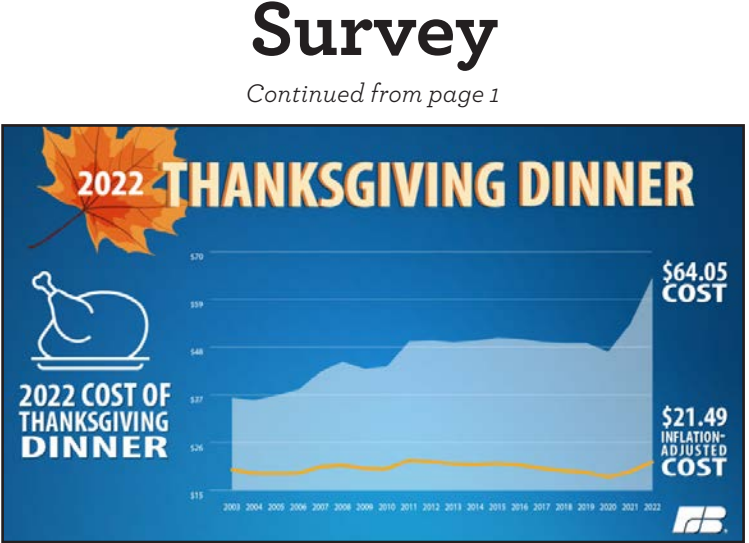
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6	4	9	1	7	5	8	3	2
2	7	8	3	4	6	1	9	5
1	5	4	9	6	2	7	8	3
9	8	2	7	1	3	4	5	6
3	6	7	5	8	4	9	2	1
4	9	1	2	3	7	5	6	8
8	3	6	4	5	1	2	7	9
7	2	5	6	9	8	3	1	4

**Puzzles4Kids**  
Answer

E	A	E	D	R	G	B	O	O	D
L	I	N	T	O	M	A	T	O	A
M	A	T	R	H	S	I	D	A	B
M	U	A	E	E	R	Y	P	K	I
E	C	B	E	E	T	B	L	P	C
O	L	E	H	Y	B	N	L	A	R
H	O	L	E	S	H	O	E	R	I
L	B	E	R	R	Y	I	C	O	B
L	A	N	I	D	R	A	C	O	B
Y	P	P	O	P	H	Y	N	G	B

**Riddle Answer:**  
A turkey, blushing.

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution  
1. Peruse 2. Sprout  
3. Corner; 4. Dense

**Today's Word**  
**SECOND**

**Super Crossword**  
**Answers**

S	C	H	E	M	A		F	A	T	H	A		T	A	I	L		L	T	R		
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I	K	E			E	O	S		P	A	R	A	B	L	E		L	A	N	D		
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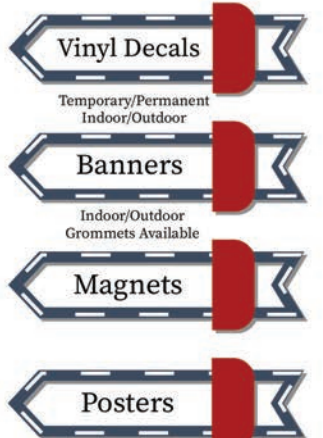
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