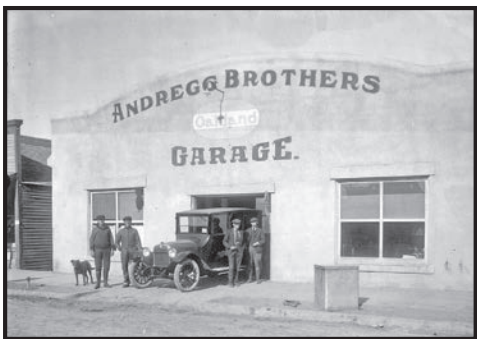




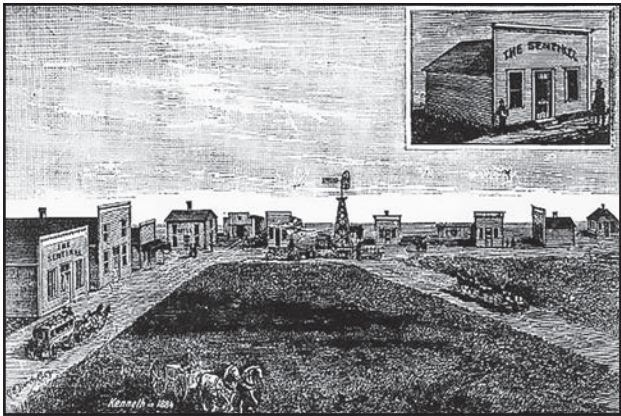
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Changes Coming for The Sheridan Sentinel

By The Sentinel Staff
When *The Sentinel's* office moved to its current location, we knew it would need a new roof, so we have been trying to do so for the past decade, as well as try to save the building. However, during that time, we only found one who was willing to speak with us, look around to assess the building, and spend time working up ideas. Then, unfortunately, they also 'disappeared'. The building is now needing to be removed completely, so we have come up with a very creative idea for the property and *The Sentinel's* office space.
"Kenneth Square" will be a grouping of individual office buildings that will consist of *The Sheridan Sentinel* in the main 2-story building facing Main Street, three other small buildings running perpendicular along the north edge of the property back to the alley, one building across the east end with parking space behind near the alley; and the other for-rent office buildings that will run along the south edge of the property. This will leave a small courtyard between, and all the buildings will connect with a boardwalk. The idea is to mimic an 1880s style town square reminiscent of Kenneth, KS, before it was moved to Hoxie.
We are working on the quotes for the project, will be applying for grants, and other funding, but we also need to locate office space for *The Sentinel* to work from until the new *Sentinel* building is completed. If you have such a space or know of any, please stop by the office at 716 Main Street, contact us at accounting@sheridansentinel.com, or call 785-675-3321.
We are very excited about our project and look forward to continuing to serve Sheridan County with the newspaper, office printing, vinyl printing, graphic design, embellished goods, promotional items, and soon retail rental space for those needing a place for their own business!



"Stories on Main"

Hoxie — The Sheridan County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the completion of "Stories on Main". This community storytelling project



Ed Lowry, Producer

preserves the memories and history of Hoxie's Main Street through the voices of those who experienced it firsthand.
Produced by Story Pocket Productions of Hoxie, Kansas, and featuring producer and videographer Ed Lowery and assistant Simone Lowery, the project interviewed six longtime community members whose stories capture the spirit, traditions, and history of downtown Hoxie.
Featured storytellers include Larry Cressler, Adriane Falco, Dave Mahanna, Donna Mowry, Roberta Shipley, and Don Rowilson. Their interviews offer personal reflections on everything from cruising Main Street and beloved local businesses to the relationships and experiences that defined life in Sheridan County.

The documentary also incorporates historically accurate photographs curated in partnership with the Sheridan County Historical Society. It provides a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of the Mural on Main by artists Jen Carder, Chloe Johnson, and Sarah Dardis.
"The interviews are a treasure of the past brought

back into memory for all to enjoy," said Sofia White, SCCF Special Projects for "Stories on Main" and the "Mural on Main" project. "These stories help preserve not only the history of our downtown but also the voices of the people who made it what it is."
This project was developed to deepen the community's conversation surrounding Hoxie's Main Street history and to complement the "Mural on Main" initiative. Together, the documentary and mural create an interactive experience celebrating the heritage of Sheridan County.
The documentary is available to watch at any time by searching YouTube for the Sheridan County Community Foundation channel and the video titled "Hoxie Pocket Park - Stories on Main". Once the "Pocket Park on Main" is



Adriane (Moss) Falco

completed, visitors will also be able to access the film by scanning a QR code installed alongside the mural, allowing the stories to be experienced where much of the history took place.
Sheridan County Community Foundation extends its sincere appreciation to Kansas Arts Commission, National Endowment for the Arts, Sheridan County Historical Society, Story Pocket Productions, local partners, volunteers, and community supporters whose collaboration made this project possible.
For additional information or to view the documentary, visit our website <https://www.growsheridancounty.org/pocketpark>.



Roberta Shipley

Wheatland's NHS Starts Out With Safety



Juniors Jaden Wood, Emma Thomas, and Emily Hrabe talk with driver Blake Zimmerman about his safety score during the NHS SAFE seatbelt check. (WHS photo)



Seniors Spencer Beckman and Brant Goetz start the school year off with an emphasis on safety as NHS members observe drivers wearing seat belts Tuesday morning, August 18. (WHS photo)

By Carolyn Nelson, Sponsor
SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) is a free, student-led program for high school students focusing on peer-to-peer promotion of traffic safety. Through education, rewards, and enforcement, SAFE highlights the importance of wearing a seatbelt, staying focused and aware of your surroundings while driving, and following traffic laws with the goal of decreasing the number of teen injuries and deaths from vehicle crashes.
The first SAFE seatbelt safety check was conducted Tuesday morning, August 18 at Wheatland High School by members of the National Honor Society. NHS conducts SAFE seatbelt checks twice a year, once in fall, once in the spring. They also provide education throughout the year to promote safe driving. During the SAFE checks, NHS members record if drivers and passengers are buckled up and driving without distractions such as phones. The goal is to end the year with 100% of drivers wearing their seatbelts.
NHS receives money for gift cards from the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office as an incentive for safe driving by students.
Miss Wetter, NHS sponsor, said, "We hope to host Miss Kansas to speak to the student body through the SAFE program. Last year we hosted Think Fast Interactive which was a fun interactive presentation to show the importance of safe driving."



Preschool Begins!
Briggs Bruggeman is excited to start three-year old preschool at Golden Plains Elementary. He is the son of Alan and Chelsea Bruggeman of Selden, (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Back to School Fun!



Burgers and Dogs! Golden Plains school board members Matt Cheney and Chad Focke enlist the help of school nurse Lisa Stoll in cooking and serving hamburgers and hot dogs to the parents and students at the Golden Plains Elementary Back to School BBQ in Selden on August 17. Thanks to Foote Cattle Co. for providing the hamburgers for this annual event. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Cotton Candy Time! Golden Plains Kindergartener Saige Stevenson enjoys cotton candy at the Elementary Back to School night on August 17, in Selden. Families enjoyed meeting their teachers and seeing their classmates once again and enjoyed a Hamburger lunch with burgers provided by Foote Cattle Co., popcorn from The Bank in Selden, and cotton candy served by the GPHS National Honor Society. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



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WPAA Announces '26-'27 Season Programs

WPAA opens this season with ***The Jazz Trio*** at the Gateway in Oberlin on Sunday, September 13, at 3:00 p.m. The intersecting paths, passions and projects of these stellar musicians was seeded long ago. Come savor a delightful mix of intriguing standards created to uplift your Sunday afternoon.

Marguerite Juenemann - voice

In 1975, Marguerite Juenemann began singing in various Denver area venues. She soon co-founded Rare Silk which toured the world with Benny Goodman's Band. Marguerite is known for expressive and commanding performances that captivate.

Art Lande - piano

Art Lande is widely regarded as one of today's premier improvisational jazz pianists.

Art cultivated his craft at Williams College, shaped it on the West Coast and in Europe, and honed it in Boulder, CO, where he continues to elevate spontaneity, music, musicians and community.

Bill McCrossen - bass

A versatile musician, Bill McCrossen was trained in classical music, played with the Queens Philharmonic and taught.

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

This event will be sponsored by Western Plains Arts Association with assistance from the Oberlin Arts & Humanities. Along with area sponsors, Dane G. Hansen Foundation is helping fund this program. It's also sponsored in part by the state of Kansas through the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts. Four generations of Northwest Kansas residents have attended WPAA programs during our years. Members come from varied walks and occupations but have one thing in common, our love for live music and entertainment.

While costs are going up everywhere, WPAA has been careful to offer performing arts enthusiasts great value. Season ticket holders receive the best entertainment package anywhere. With 16 programs on the schedule, our prices are the same as last few years. \$60 adult and \$15 student. Family season tickets are \$130. While adult, student and family season tickets may be purchased anytime from a board member, the best value is prior to or at the season opener. Individual show gate prices are also affordable.

Most shows begin at 3 p.m. Central Sundays. Occasional shows at 7:30 p.m.

WPAA website is westernplainsarts.com or visit on Facebook at WPAA.

2026-2027 Scheduled programs include:

September 13, Sunday 3 p.m. - Jazz Trio performers, Art Lande, Bill McCrossen and Marguerite Juenemann will do a variety of selections in Oberlin.

September 27, Sunday 3 p.m. - Garth LIVE! Is a stunning tribute to the music of Garth Brooks and some of the greatest music produced in the 90's country era presented in Colby.

October 11, Sunday 3 p.m. - Buckets N Boards, a Branson and Disney Cruise Line show, features amazing percussion, tap dancing, beat boxing, hilarious songs and more in Oakley.

October 19-21 - Wichita Children's Theatre will present "Three Billy Goats Gruff" or "Tom Sawyer", free to elementary students in seven area schools: Quinter, Oakley, Colby, Winona, Atwood, St. Francis and Goodland.

October 25, Sunday, 3 p.m. - The popular duo, Acoustic Eidolon, will share their signature acoustic music of Celtic, folk and classic genres in Hoxie.

November 1, Sunday 3 p.m. (2 p.m. mountain) - Ron Wilson, who calls himself the poet lariat, will provide an all-original cowboy poetry program in Goodland.

Tuesday, November 10 - Phillip Daniel, film/dance composer and touring artist from Lincoln, NE, will do workshops during the day and a public performance (6:30 p.m. mountain time) in the school auditorium that evening at Sharon Springs.

November 15, 3 p.m.- Forever Simon and Garfunkel celebrates the best selling duo in rock'n'roll history with some of the greatest American songs ever written. This program will be held in Colby.

December 6, Sunday 3 p.m. - The FOUR FRESHMEN will present an exciting holiday show for the Christmas season in Oakley.

January 31, Sunday 3 p.m. - From the Branson area, the FARNUM FAMILY presents bluegrass, gospel, cowboy and western music with their string band at Hoxie.

February 14, Sunday 3 p.m. -Ventriloquist, magician, musician and comedian TODD OLIVER puts on a family-friendly show with his talking dog. Come to St. Francis to see.

February 28, Sunday 3 p.m. - BLUE WATER HIGHWAY is a Texas-based America folk/rock band known for their soulful harmony in blues, folk and country to classic rock and roll music. Program held in Colby.

March 14, Sunday 3 p.m.- IT TAKES TWO, A LEGENDARY DUO REVUE, is a musical journey celebrating iconic duos that have shaped history. Come to Oakley.

April 4, Sunday 3:00 p.m. - The Haymakers perform a wide variety of American roots music that includes folk, bluegrass, country, western swing, all uniquely influenced by our experience of be Kansans at Quinter.

April 18, Sunday 3 p.m. - YOU RAISE ME UP, duo Erin Shields & David Shenton, will present their unique show of songs of love, hope, and inspiration in Colby.

May 2, Sunday 3 p.m.- Heidi & Kevin Chang will do a program of bluegrass, gospel and classical music in Atwood.

All times listed are central time unless otherwise noted. All programs are subject to change. The season program booklet will be printed and available having more information on the programs. There will be timely reminders in the area newspapers also.

FHSU's Development Office Announces Fall Career Fairs

By University Marketing and Strategic Communications

Hays - This fall, FHSU's Career Development Office is partnering with various departments to host several career fairs. These events provide opportunities for students to meet with potential employers all in one location.

"These events allow freshmen through seniors to learn about internship and job opportunities and make valuable connections," said Lisa Karlin, assistant director of FHSU's Career Development Office.

Mark your calendar for the following career fairs:

Ag Career Fair: Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m., Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. Accepting employer registrations through Sept. 3.

Applied Technology Career Day: Thursday, Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Center for Applied Technology. Accepting employer registrations through Sept. 4.

Business Career Fair: Thursday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. Accepting employer registrations through Sept. 18.

SLP, Education, and Social Work Career Fair: Friday, Nov. 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. Accepting employer registrations through Nov. 6.

Businesses and organizations must register in Handshake to reserve a table. Employers without a Handshake account can contact Career Development at 785-628-4260 for assistance with registration.

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Wallace Co. Senior Center -Sharon Springs		St. Francis Public Library -St. Francis	
10:00 am PWR! Fitness -Instructor Brenda Mazanec			
10:30 am Coffee & Conversation			
10:50 am Elaine's Informational Blurbs			
11:00 am Art, Music, and Presentations			
September 2026			
2nd	Jeremiah Moss, PTA -Prairie Senior, Colby		
9th	Art		
16th	Tracy Munk "Apathy & Mental Health" -High Plains Mental Health Center		
23rd	Music		
30th	David & Janet Meitl "Our Parkinson's & Caregiver's Journey"		
October 2026			
7th	Hannah Scheetz, M.S. CCC-SLP -Logan County Hospital		
14th	Art		
21st	Ryan Vap, Amneal Therapeutics "Rytary/ Crexont"		
28th	Music		
November 2026			
4th	Alley Maurath, PT -Logan County Hospital		
11th	Art		
18th	Melinda Daily "Meal Planning for Parkinson's" -Wallace/Sherman Extension		
25th	Happy Thanksgiving -No Classes		
December 2026			
2nd	Brittany Shields, OT -Empower Health		
9th	Art		
16th	Brooke Briggs, APRN -Western Roots Medical Clinic, Grainfield		
23rd	Merry Christmas -No Classes		
30th	Happy New Year -No Classes		

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My Soul Needs Rain

Man, I wanna talk to somebody who's tired, and I don't mean you need eight hours of sleep. I mean tired somewhere sleep can't reach. You wake up. Handle business. Take care of your family. Answer the phone. Smile. Tell people, "God is good", and you MEAN it.

But when everybody leaves and the noise shuts off something inside whispers: "Man... I'm empty." Being tired doesn't mean we quit believing. Sometimes life just takes a whole lot out of us. We carry family. Jobs. Bills. Disappointments. Unanswered prayers. People we're worried about. And some of us are carrying everybody ELSE while quietly falling apart ourselves.

Everybody calls because we're the strong one. "I got you. I got you. I got you." Until one night we finally ask, WHO'S GOT ME?

That's when our soul speaks: "I'm thirsty." I know what I used to do when I felt empty. Alcohol. Drugs. Money. Attention. People. Success. Staying busy. Anything to keep from sitting still with what was happening inside me.

But I learned something: You can keep your hands busy and still have an empty soul. You can have money in your pocket and no peace in your chest. You can have a room full of people and still feel alone. Because there's a place inside us this world was NEVER created to fill.

THAT PLACE BELONGS TO GOD.

Psalm 42:1 says:

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God."

Man, that's my prayer! Father, my soul needs rain. Not more stuff. Not attention. Not another distraction. I NEED YOU.

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Notice who He called. THE WEARY. THE BURDENED. THE TIRED. And He gave them one instruction: COME. "Jesus, I'm hurting." Come. "I messed up." Come. "I don't understand." COME.

We don't have to impress our Father. Sometimes all we have left is, "Father... fill me again." Maybe revival doesn't begin with shouting. Maybe it begins when we finally get quiet enough to admit, "Father, I'm thirsty."

So tonight we're coming tired. Coming hurt. Coming confused. Coming imperfect. Coming scarred. BUT WE'RE COMING.

Father, we're not asking for more of this world. WE'RE ASKING FOR MORE OF YOU. Our souls are thirsty. Our hearts are open. Our hands are empty. So, Father...LET IT RAIN!

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." - Psalm 42:1



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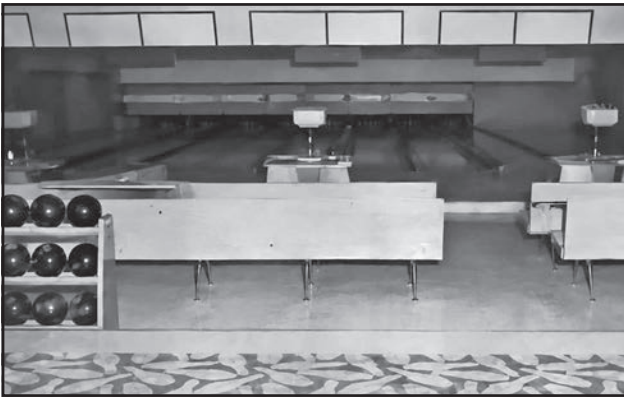


Centennial Bowling Lanes Operating Full Capacity

Oberlin Herald - August 24, 1961
Oberlin's modern new bowling lanes, the Centennial Bowl, has become a reality with many followers of this popular recreation giving the eight lanes a thorough try-out Friday evening - on the house.
Saturday evening at six o'clock, the Centennial Bowl cash register began clicking for the first time, and each of the glistening lanes was continuously in service until 10 p.m. when an undersized REA transformer burned out and turned brightness into blackness.
A new and larger transformer, installed Sunday morning, remedied the situation, and the business is operating at full capacity afternoons and evenings.
Lawrence Claar had the honor of bowling the first ball on the new lanes Saturday evening, and he set a tough example for others to follow. He scored eight consecutive strikes, to the amazement of the onlookers. For the benefit of the uninitiated bowlers, which includes the writer, a "strike" means all ten pins are downed with the first ball.
Grand opening has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16 in conjunction with Oberlin's Centennial celebration, according to A.J. Dowling, head of Centennial Bowl, Inc., which owns the bowling equipment, and of the Tri-State Investment Co., owner of the building.



part of Kansas.
Far from the least attractive portion of the Bowl is the concourse, all carpeted, on which are four tables and chairs, and the semi-circular snack bar with 17 stools upholstered in classic white. The wool carpeting has a conspicuous pattern of large bowling pins and covers the entire concourse.
Operating personnel includes Joe Corcoran, manager; Bill Miesner, pin setter mechanic; Mrs. Kenneth Martin, snack bar manager; and Jane Dowling, snack bar attendant.
Regular operating hours will be announced as soon as possible, and in the meantime, the Bowl will be open afternoon and evenings.
Eighty bowling teams have been organized into leagues, and Manager Corcoran says league standings will be published in the Herald each week, and the competition is expected to be very interesting.
Since many members of bowling teams will be inexperienced, Mgr. Corcoran plans to inaugurate instruction courses for those who are interested. More information on instruction next week.
Already remarks have been heard that "they'll soon be adding two more lanes." The building was constructed to accommodate 10 lanes, if and when patronage justifies that many.
Below - This view of the new Centennial Bowl was taken from the concourse, showing the eight lanes, three of the four Tel-E-Score desks,



players' and spectators' seats and one of the ball racks. The panels near the ceiling are part of the Tel-E-Score device, where players' scores are electrically recorded. A portion of the large concourse carpeting, with pronounced bowling pin figures, is shown at the bottom of the picture.



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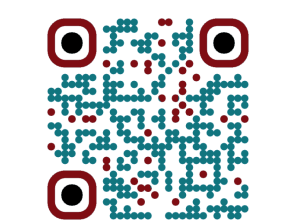
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SEPTEMBER 7

The Sheridan County Democrat September 3, 1892

Pop, Pop, Pop at the Little Gem.
Mr. Andregg and wife were in the city Friday.

Joe Hamilton of Selden, the land hustler, was in Hoxie Thursday.

J. E. Monteith and the Nasby of Selden were at the hub on Friday.

George Evans was taking an active part in the last Saturday's festival.

Jackson was repairing his fences in the north part of the county this week.

Mrs. J. D. Rickman, of Topeka, is visiting friends and relatives in this county.

Ed Lupton, after an extended trip east is once more with us, having arrived last Saturday.

The Misses Mattie Hill and Lulu Grant were doing the city Wednesday and visiting old friends.

John Jones, one of most enterprising citizens, shipped a car of cattle this week to Kansas City.

Editor Cosby was down to his ranch in Gove county looking after his herd of horses last week.

Bob Marks of Oberlin sold to a gentleman from Iowa the old Clark place north of Hoxie for \$800.

You have not heard much of the mill lately but the building is up and the machinery will be here in a few days.

One of the planks in the people's party convention last Saturday was so rotten that it would not hold up Grandpa's hat.

Jesse Warner was taking in the convention Saturday and trying to fix it up with Barnes so he won't be beat too bad.

W. O. Hambel of Fairbury, Nebraska, was down here this week looking for soft snaps in land. That day is about over William.

The Misses Lena Saathoff and Dora Woltzen will establish a dress-making department in Hoxie next week. Their room will be at the residence of Thomas Palmer's.

Caleb Geisenhener of Violenta jumped into fame Saturday when he tried to boom Warner at Barnes' pass expense, but it did not go as they boys say it was a scheme and a thin one.

Mrs. Dick Grace, who has been visiting W. S. Quisenberry for a few weeks past, went to Grainfield on Thursday, where she will visit for a week and then will return to her home in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Clous Helmer of Anchor, Illinois, arrived in the city Thursday evening to pay a visit to friends and relatives. Mrs. Hellmer is a daughter of H. A. Saathoff who lives five miles northwest.

125 Years Ago September 5, 1901

Mrs. Harry Horner left Tuesday morning for her home at Lansing.

Our mail has been getting in more regularly since the passenger train was put on.

C. F. Cooper and wife, of Grainfield, were among the throng of Hoxie visitors Monday.

Mrs. Walter Lloyd and daughter, of Lincoln, Nebraska, are visiting friends in Logan township.

J. W. Carver, who has resided southwest of Seguin for a number of years, has moved to Denver.

W. J. Heiney, of Grainfield, has a few Buckeye Mowers on hand that he will sell on next year's terms.

Mrs. Elmer McDonald accompanied Elmer to Gove City Friday to witness the ball games and visit one her old-time acquaintances, Mrs. Oscar Rominger.

Judge Gregg has constructed a sling for shoeing horses and now no matter how wild the animal is that is brought to the Hoxie machine shop, it can be shod.

Miss Nellie Monteith, of Selden, came over Sunday afternoon to take the train Monday morning, on her way to Lindsborg, where she will take a course in music.

Editor Hopkins took in the ball tournament at Norton last week.

Dr. F. A. Hall made a flying trip to Woodston, Rooks county, Friday.

Herb Trimble has returned from San Francisco and is visiting at Selden.

Mrs. Kate Clark and daughter, Millie, visited Hill City, Saturday.

Last fall when Marsh Battey leased his Logan township farm to Isaac Custer, he agreed that if the wheat yielded eight bushels or less to the acre, he would take a fifth as rent and if it yielded more than eight bushels he would take a fourth and that was what he got, for the average was eight and one-half.

Mrs. A. L. McCallum and Miss Mercy Hill visited Hill City, Saturday, they went down to attend the Old Settlers' picnic, but rain kept them from doing so.

Elliott Clippings

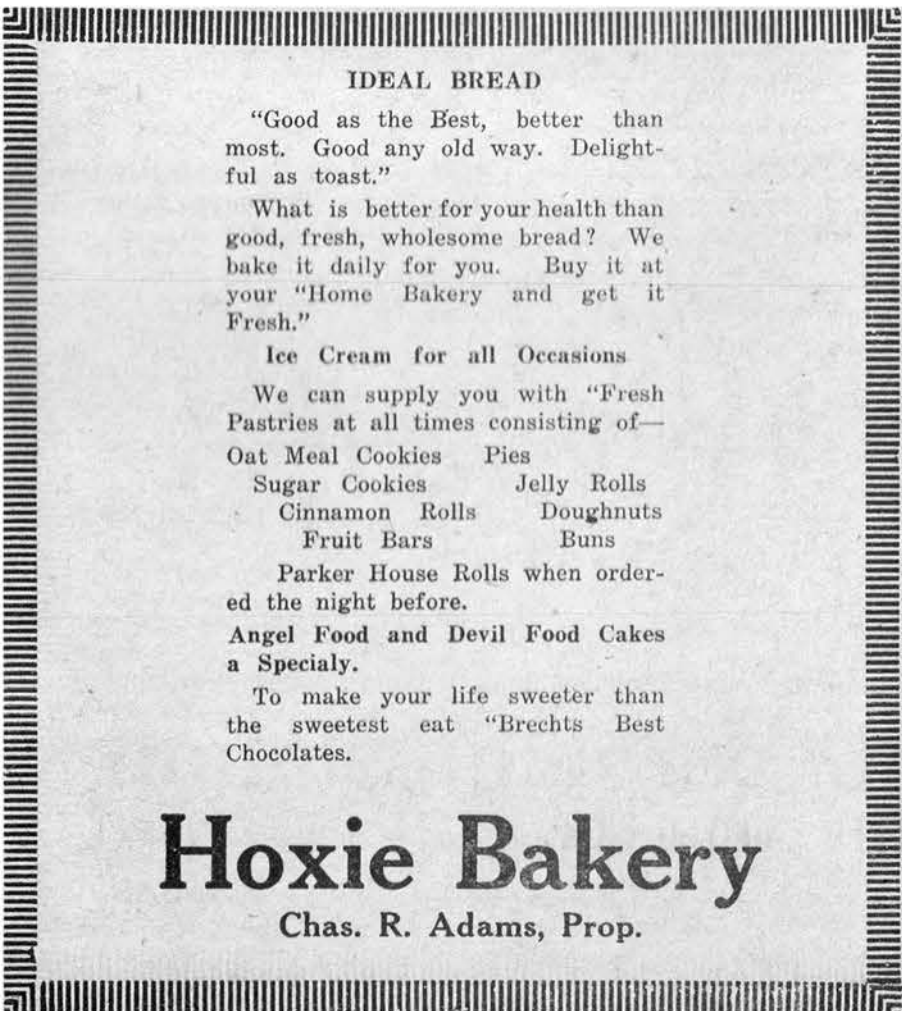
R. M. Martin and wife visited at Mr. Nelson's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heroy visited relatives in Selden for a few days the past week.

Miss Vernie Martin visited with Miss Jennie Townsend, Saturday and Sunday.

By Katie Dyd

Bloomfield Items



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

Mrs. Kast has her new house completed and is now living in it.

Lightning struck Jack Williams' house at Rexford, last Thursday evening.

One of Will Teel's straw stacks was struck by lightning last Thursday night and burned to the ground.

A Farmer

100 Years Ago September 2, 1926

Local News

Delmer Harris spent a day or so here the first of the week.

Henry Feaker returned to Hoxie this week.

Miss Estelline Lovin returned last week from Denver, Colorado, where she spent the summer attending the Barnes Business College.

J. Lucile White and Newell I. Boss, both of Morland, were married by Probate Judge Beattie at his office in Hoxie on August 28.

Misses Vesta and Ethyl Williams entertained Misses Eunice, Marvel and Leura Bradbury Tuesday night to supper, after which the hostesses took their guests to the picture show.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Bowen, of Covert, spent a few days last week at the home of Mrs. Bowen's sister, Mrs. J. L. Steinshouer. They also visited other relatives in the country.

Prof. Pettinger and family, of Grainfield, arrived Tuesday to make their home in Hoxie. They are occupying Mrs. Largent's house near the high school. Prof. Pettinger will have charge of the Hoxie grade schools.

Delmer Harris drove in from Guide Rock, Nebraska, last week. He says he saw corn fields on the Republican river which will make 50 bushels to the acre. Mrs. Harris and little daughter arrived Tuesday and will visit here a few days with the N. W. Harris family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Jamison, of Quinter, passed through Hoxie last Thursday on their way to the mountains to spend their honeymoon. They were all equipped for camping and expect to enjoy a real outing before they assume the numerous responsibilities of homemaking.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Montgomery and family returned home Tuesday from Colorado.

L. J. Wright left Saturday for points in Ohio where he will visit friends and relatives.

Miss Pearl Henry who has been working at Jennings and McGraw returned home Monday.

Pleasant Ridge

Miss Edith Simon spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. Clara Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Phelps were callers at the George Phelps home Tuesday afternoon.

Little Bernice Mass is staying with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Tell Corke, while her parents are in Colorado.

Midway

Mrs. F. F. Newton received quite a painful injury last week, when she stepped on a pitchfork running the tine into her foot. Her sister Miss Etta Clear is doing her house work for her while she is unable to be on her foot.

Helen Massie is visiting with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herrmann.

Mrs. Lee Chapman entertained the Midway Community Club, Thursday at an all-day meeting in her beautiful home. The day was pleasantly spent in sewing carpet rags and in conversation.

75 Years Ago September 6, 1951

Seguin Youth Invents and Builds a Powerful Grass Cutter That Can't Be Beat

Lawn mowing this summer owing to the constant rains became a persistent weekly job at cemeteries, church grounds, and residences if lawns were to be maintained at their best.

Alfred Reitchcheck, of Seguin, a genius in the field of mechanics considered the difficulties, thought out and produced a mower that makes fast work in Seguin's 2-acre cemetery (3 hours of cutting time), three acres of church property, besides the grounds of several residences. Even a child can run the critter.

Thimble Circle Club

R. L. and Mrs. Brewster, Mr. and Mrs. James Karnes and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brewster and Ellen attended a reunion picnic of the Brewster relatives at the Norton Park last Sunday. There were 110 present, some coming from Sharon Springs, Hutchinson, Lenora, Glade, Jennings, Hoxie, Colorado Springs and Colby. The basket dinner was enjoyed very much. The afternoon was spent visiting and taking pictures.

Loraine Mills called on Phyllis Karnes Friday morning. She left Saturday afternoon for Amarillo, Texas, where she will care for her brother Lloyd's little child while he and his wife teach school this winter.

Thimble Circle Club will meet Sept. 13th with Ruth Mills and Mrs. Aubert Mowry. All members please be present.

East Co. Line Items

Jock Ward has been visiting at Sylvan Grove for the past week or so. He also attended the fair there.

Mrs. Laura Shapley visited Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith at Plainville last week.

Leonard Heskest is carrying mail this week while Geo. Fink's are having a vacation.

Mickey's Want Ads

I don't know what to advertise so the printer says, snow shovels. Get one and be prepared.

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The Party Line

Dick Mosier and Clyde Shaw gathered drinking water samples last week from the homes of the Sunshine 4-H members. These were sent in to be tested.

Bill Patmon arrived home Saturday evening after a months harvesting in South Dakota.

Clyde Shaw and Larry Mosier were among the boys who went to Stockton on the FFA judging team. Surely good to have Hoxie place first and better yet for Larry to score high individual.

50 Years Ago August 26, 1976

Summersons Sell Abstract & Insurance Firm

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summerson are announcing the sale of their abstract, insurance and real estate business in Hoxie. New owner is The First Insurance Agency of Hoxie, Inc. Incorporators of the new firm are: Albert Stillman, Edward Conard, G. A. Schaffer, Myron Deitz and C. L. Morgan.

Mickey's Want Ads

Plant Stands. Beautiful settings for plants and Bric-a-brac. 3 designs in stock.

A man charged with murder bribed a friend on the jury to hold out for a verdict

of manslaughter. The jury was out for a long time, but at last it brought in a verdict of manslaughter.

Upon visiting the prisoner the next week, the friends was thanked: "I'm much obliged. Did you have a tough time convincing the others?"

"Tough is right," replied the friend. "The other 11 wanted to acquit you."

Rubbermaid products on sale -- \$1.00, your choice.

Studley Items

Bob Moore left Wednesday for a visit with his sister, Bertha, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cortez at Wheeling, Mo.

Mrs. Arnold Casser's mother and four grandchildren of Colorado spent the weekend with the Casser family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis were sharing their delicious muskmelons with their neighbors Saturday evening.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. John Bruggeman returned home Sunday after spending two weeks on a vacation trip to California and other points of interest.

Pam Fortin went to California August 8 and is visiting her sister, Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schieferecke and children visited her mother, Mrs. Bremenkamp in Colby Sunday afternoon.

McGraw News

Mrs. Opal Harold visited at the Russel Bainter home Monday evening. She accompanied Mrs. Russel Bainter and Jena to the New Almelo Bazaar.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Russel Bainter home.

Mrs. Jim Burns of Norton came Friday and was an overnight guest of Ura Long.

Ladies Golf

Ten ladies enjoyed golf on Tuesday, Aug. 24, with Bonnie Swayne winning the prize for guessing closest to what her score would be. Shirley Cooper won the Ringer Tournament with a score of 39. Next week will be Fun Day.

Golf News...

Forty-three golfers teed off Sunday morning at the Hoxie Golf Course in the club's annual handicap tourney. Chuck Timmons was the winner. He shot rounds of 39-40 (with a handicap of 25) for a new score of 54.

25 Years Ago August 30, 2001

Contest to be Held for 4th Graders

The Sheridan County Family and Community Education members join the members across the nation in sponsoring an Essay and Artwork Cintest for 4th grade students.

The subject of the hand drawn picture and short story is to depict responsibility, one of the Six Pillars of Character.

Jennings-Allison

Louise Cressler won high at the Sunflower Senior Center last Saturday evening. Other pitch players in attendance were Elanor Morel, Rosa Brock, Alice Mizer, Wilma Mader, Ray and Claudine Bennett, Arch Harman, Mary Votopka and Vendla Tacha.

A fun evening was enjoyed at the Sunflower Senior Center on Tuesday, Aug. 14. There were 24 people in attendance to enjoy homemade ice cream with all the trimmings. Cards, pool, quilting and visiting were the evenings entertainment.

The Jennings Boys and Girls State delegates will be reporting on their state meetings they attended in June.

Rexford

Peg Greenwood, a member of het Rexford Lions Club, and Darla Dible, A member of the MacDonald Lions Club, attended a cabinet meeting of the 17K4 District of Lions Club International. The meeting was held on Aug. 219, starting at noon at the student union building of Colby Community College.

The annual picnic for Golden Plains School District teachers and other employees was held at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 10 at the Rexford Club Park.

The Rexford Community Church is holding their 80th anniversary celebration on Sept. 1-2. A banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening at the Shepherd's Staff Center with a program following.

Broadway

Katherine Simon stopped in Tuesday morning. She and Stella Sumner were pickling cucumbers.

Alma Maude Smith visited Rose Marion Archer and her sister, Louise Wiberg, last week.

The Delbert Inloes family were called to Nebraska on Thursday due to the illness of their daughter, Jeannie.

McGraw

Kyle Broxson visited Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann over the weekend. Thursday night, Gayle Bainter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer, Saturday afternoon he visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis.

George Launchbaugh and Gayle Bainter went to Orval Taylor's funeral on Saturday morning.

G. G. and Karl Launchbaugh visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines in McCook this past week.

Welcome Drew Ottley!



Drew Ottley, new member of the Junior class at Wheatland High School. (WHS photo)

his future career.

Ottley enjoys working for his family cattle company, D&M Cattle Inc. out of Grinnell, KS. Ottley and his family have a cowboy Corgi named Pickles. Welcome Drew!

By Emma Thomas, Staff Reporter

Welcome Drew Ottley to Wheatland High School! Drew Ottley is a new member of the Wheatland High School class of 2028. Ottley is a former student at Oakley High School. Ottley is the new FFA treasurer for WHS after being the former sentinel for FFA at OHS.

Ottley played football at OHS. Ottley said that he plans to participate in football his senior year of high school. Ottley says that he is very excited to be in the same school as his siblings Devan and Mason. Ottley hopes that he can develop leadership skills through school. He said that this year he is taking Ag classes to help prepare him for

Volleyball Jamboree



Jamboree! Golden Plains sophomore Jade Dible (12) jumps up to kill the ball at the Volleyball Jamboree in Rexford on August 25 as Estella Vargas (4), Makynslee Vargas (6), and Emma Kier (3) crunch for the return. The Lady Bulldogs hosted Weskan, Triplains, and Cheylin for this preseason event. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Meet the New WHS Para!



Mrs. Jillian Wolf, new paraprofessional at Wheatland High School. (WHS photo)

By Devan Ottley, staff reporter

Jillian Wolf is a new member of the Wheatland High School staff. Before Wheatland, she worked for an indirect company for Verizon where she sold phones and provided customer service. At Team Wireless she also answered questions about billing.

It is her first year working as a para. Her senior year in high school she always thought she would work in Special Education. Life got in the way though and she did not go right into it. After she moved back to Grainfield the pieces fell into place for her to do the job she had wanted to do.

She went to Decatur Community High School in Oberlin, KS.

Jillian has a smaller family including her husband and herself, her husband's son Landon, who is a junior at Cheylin High School, and her daughter Aurora who is a kindergartener at Wheatland Elementary. She also has two dogs named Otis and Nugget.

If she could go on a road trip with a celebrity, she would choose Elton John over anybody! Welcome Mrs. Wolf!

Red Out Spirit!



Red Out Spirit! Several of the Golden Plains High School football team members wore their red for "Red Out Spirit Day" at the volleyball Jamboree in Rexford on August 25. Team members supporting the girls' volleyball team include (l-r) Benny Dible, Nash Ziegelmeier, Anthony Schippers, Kasch Buehler, Javier Romero, and Ruxin Arnberger. (Photo by Estrella Aguilar)

New Teacher at GMS

By Emily Hrabe, Staff Reporter

With a brand-new year in school, there are some new faces in the Grinnell Middle School. One of those faces is Mrs. Christina Barnett.

She was a para for several years and then taught third grade for two years. Although she knows that teaching multiple classes will be challenging, she stated with correct planning and getting to know each student in each grade will make it easier.

Mrs. Barnett did some fun activities with her family over the summer, like going to the fair with her kids, and grandkids. Mrs. Barnett's favorite travel destination would be the mountains.

Now that school is starting, she is ready and excited for the new experiences teaching at the middle school.

Meet the New Custodian at WHS

By Kaelynn Herl, Staff Reporter

Some people may have heard Wheatland High School has some new staff! We took the opportunity to interview some so everybody can get to know them, although you might know her already! We asked Tiffany Thomas, our new custodian out here at Wheatland High School a couple questions to get to know her a little better.

Thomas has been working at Grinnell Middle School before she came here; this year will be the 9th year working for our schools! Thomas is a great cleaner considering her first job was a housecleaner at a motel! Her main goal to help improve the school is to help it be at its cleanest potential. She says that she is excited to be working at the same school as her kid/step kids go to school. She says the best advantage to it is that she can keep an eye on them and make sure they do not forget something at school or home.

Finally, we asked her if she was a new color added into a crayon box what color it would be. She replied with a glittery lime green, because lime green is her favorite color and the glitter because whenever she cleans everything sparkles. Welcome, Tiffany!

Tiffany Thomas makes the halls at WHS squeaky clean! (WHS photo)





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48th Annual Logan
Labor Day Celebration
Sunday, September 6

Logan - The 48th Annual Hansen Museum Labor Day Celebration will take place Sunday, September 6, 2026, at the Logan Golf Course, located 1.25 miles east of Logan on Highway 9. Sponsored by the Hansen Museum with funds from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, this long-time family tradition is free and open to everyone.

Festivities get underway at 10:00 a.m. with the Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show, a community favorite since 1998. This year's featured vehicle is a beautiful 1955 Ford Fairlane Crown Victoria owned by Linda Artz of Phillipsburg, Kansas. Visitors have until 4:00 p.m. to stroll through the show, admire an impressive assortment of vehicles, visit with their owners, and see which entries take home this year's awards. There is no entry fee for the car show.

Sand Volleyball Tournament – Gather your friends for some friendly competition! Teams must include three men and three women, all 16 years of age or older. First-place winners receive 50% of the purse plus T-shirts; second place earns meal tickets and T-shirts; and third place takes home T-shirts. Teams may register online at www.hansenmuseum.org or on-site by 10:30 a.m. the day of the event. The tournament begins at 11:00 a.m.

Family Fun All Day – Youngsters will find plenty to keep them entertained with free inflatables and games, along with free face painting and temporary tattoos by Color Me Crazy! Face Painting. At 2:00 p.m., the Siruta Pedal Pullers State-Sanctioned Kids' Tractor Pull gets underway, with registration beginning at 1:00 p.m. Winners will have the opportunity to advance to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

New This Year – Cornhole Tournament – The Logan Fire Department Cornhole Tournament adds another round of friendly competition to this year's celebration. The tournament begins at 2:00 p.m., with registration opening at 1:00 p.m.

Food & Refreshments – Come hungry and plan to stay for the day! The Logan Junior Class Food Booth will serve lunch and supper, giving visitors a chance to enjoy a meal while supporting the Junior Class. The Corn Kettle, Triple C Lemonade, and Buck's Snow Shack will also be on hand with refreshments and treats throughout the day.

Museum Exhibit: Going Places – The fun continues at the Hansen Museum, where visitors can take a break from the outdoor festivities and explore Going Places: The Technology of Transport. This hands-on, interactive exhibition invites visitors to discover the science and technology that keep people and goods moving by land, sea, and air. Try your hand at piloting an airplane, explore different forms of transportation, and discover the technology behind how we travel. The Museum will be open 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and, like all Hansen Museum exhibitions, admission is free.

Evening Entertainment & Fireworks – At 5:30 p.m., grab a lawn chair and settle in as The Innocence from Kearney, Nebraska, takes the stage. Featuring five talented musicians and strong vocalists, the band performs a wide variety of music spanning genres and eras, offering something for just about every musical taste. As darkness falls, Rainbow Fireworks of Inman, Kansas, will bring the celebration to a spectacular close with a fireworks display that will light up the Logan sky.

From classic cars and friendly competition to family activities, great food, live music, and fireworks, the Hansen Museum Labor Day Celebration offers something for all ages. Thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, admission and activities are free—visitors only need spending money for food, beverages, and treats.

And remember, while it may be called the Labor Day Celebration, the fun happens on SUNDAY in Logan! Make plans to join us Sunday, September 6th, at the Logan Golf Course for the 48th Annual Hansen Museum Labor Day Celebration.

For more information, call the Hansen Museum at 785-689-4846 or visit www.hansenmuseum.org.

KDOT Announces
Approved August Bids

The Kansas Department of Transportation announces approved bids for state highway construction and maintenance projects. The letting took place on Aug. 19 in Topeka. Some of the bids may include multiple projects that have been bundled based on proximity and type of work.

District Three — Northwest
Cheyenne 27 12 KA 8024 01 – K 27: From the U.S. 36/K 27 west junction north to the Kansas/Nebraska state line, sealing, 21.1 miles, Heft & Sons LLC, Greensburg, Kansas, \$945,675.60.

Norton 36 69 KA 8025 01 – U.S. 36: From the Decatur/Norton County line east to 0.11 mile west of the U.S. 36/K 383 west junction, sealing, 21.3 miles, Heft & Sons LLC, Greensburg, Kansas, \$510,358.30.

Norton 9 69 KA 8030 01 – K 9: From the Norton/Decatur County line east to the K 9/U.S. 283 west junction, sealing, 16.1 miles, Heft & Sons LLC, Greensburg, Kansas, \$701,969.60.

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Explore Frontier Army
Health Care at Fort Hays!

Hays - The public is invited to learn about health care and medical services at a frontier Army post during a special presentation at Fort Hays State Historic Site from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 5.

“Healthcare and Service at a Frontier Army Hospital” will be presented by Sherrie Smith, a longtime Fort Hays volunteer, who has dedicated more than 40 years to researching and sharing the history of the site. Smith's research has primarily focused on women's history, including the lives and roles of camp followers, washerwomen, officers' house servants, and hospital matrons.

The presentation will explore health care at Fort Hays during the years the post was operational, with a focus on diseases that affected soldiers and other residents of the frontier military community. Smith will also discuss the challenges faced by Army medical personnel as they treated illnesses in an isolated frontier environment, as well as the important role hospital staff played in maintaining the health of the post.

This event is free and open to the public, but donations are always appreciated and go directly to supporting the preservation of Kansas history. For more information about this presentation, and other programs at Fort Hays State Historic Site, please visit kansashistory.gov.

Colby Partners with Newman
to Expand Bachelor Degree
Options

Colby - Northwest Kansas now has greater access to bachelor's degrees through a new partnership between Colby Community College and Newman University.

Representatives from each college celebrated the partnership in Colby during a signing ceremony Aug. 24 in the Robert Burnett Student Union. Through Newman's Higher Education Rural Experience (HERE) program, students who earn an associate degree from Colby can pursue select bachelor's degrees without leaving the region.

Initial degree-completion opportunities include radiologic technology, diagnostic medical sonography, nursing and education, with the potential to add more programs as the partnership develops.

Courses will be available through a combination of in-person, evening and online formats, allowing students to continue working and managing family responsibilities while completing their education. Most students can earn a bachelor's degree approximately two years after completing an associate degree.

Affordability is also central to the partnership. Eligible students may qualify for Newman scholarships of up to \$20,000 annually and a dollar-for-dollar match of federal Pell Grant funding. Depending on financial aid eligibility, some students could reduce their annual cost to as little as \$750.

Colby is the seventh Kansas community college to participate in the HERE initiative. The lineup of program offerings could expand as regional needs evolve. Another community college in the partnership began with three degrees and now offers 10.

Enrollment is open. To learn more or apply, visit CCCNewman.com.

Kansas Crop Progress
and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending August 30, 2026, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 29% very short, 37% short, 30% adequate, and 4% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 25% very short, 41% short, 31% adequate, and 3% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Corn condition rated 15% very poor, 16% poor, 27% fair, 33% good, and 9% excellent. Corn dough was 92%, near 95% last year, and equal to average. Dented was 69%, near 70% last year, and equal to average. Mature was 31%, near 27% last year, and ahead of 26% average. Harvested was 8%, ahead of 1% last year and 4% average.

Soybean condition rated 8% very poor, 16% poor, 32% fair, 38% good, and 6% excellent. Soybeans blooming was 96%, near 95% last year and average. Setting pods was 87%, near 84% last year and 83% average. Dropping leaves was 9%, near 6% last year and 8% average.

Sorghum condition rated 13% very poor, 20% poor, 37% fair, 23% good, and 7% excellent. Sorghum headed was 83%, behind 92% last year and 89% average. Coloring was 39%, behind 46% last year and near 43% average. Mature was 11%, equal to last year, and near 7% average.

Cotton condition rated 5% very poor, 23% poor, 48% fair, 21% good, and 3% excellent. Cotton setting bolls was 94%, near 98% last year and 95% average. Bolls opening was 27%, well ahead of 16% last year, and near 25% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 12% very poor, 20% poor, 37% fair, 28% good, and 3% excellent.

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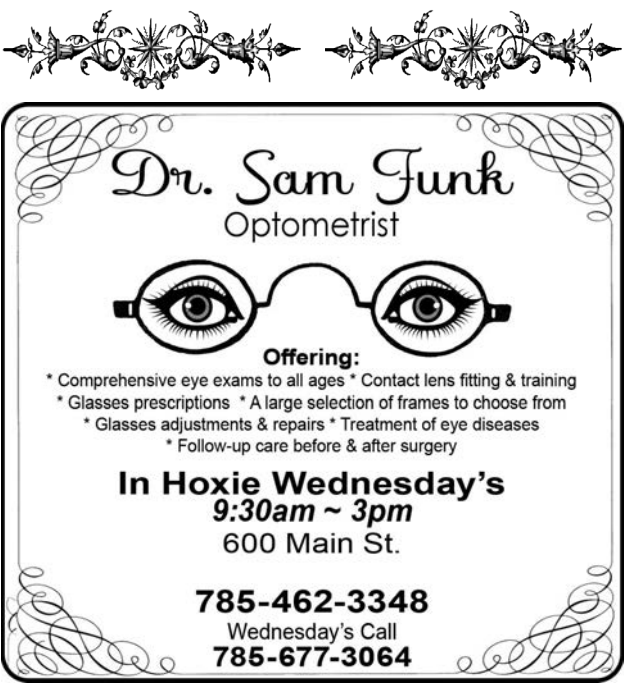
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Hunting Regulations and
State Park Fees Changes

Topeka – The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) announced today that the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission voted to approve several regulation changes at its August 27, 2026, meeting in Pittsburg, Kansas.

The approved actions include:

- Kansas State Park fee increases for vehicle permits, overnight camping, and utilities, along with the elimination of the annual camping permit. The changes will go into effect on November 1, 2026.
- A change in hunting hours for nonresidents hunting waterfowl, coot, rail, or snipe on KDWP-managed public lands and waters. Beginning with the fall 2026 seasons, nonresidents must stop hunting before noon and must leave department lands by 1:00 pm. These limits do not apply to the September teal season or light geese hunting during the light goose conservation order. They also do not apply to Walk-In Hunting Access (WIHA and iWIHA) areas, if nonresidents are hunting other species on department lands, or during KDWP Special Hunts programs and events.
- Re-establishment of the fall turkey hunting season for Kansas residents. Permits will be valid for one bearded (male) turkey only, with the season running October 31 through January 31 except for a 12-day closure period beginning the Wednesday following Thanksgiving. Permits will be available for purchase in early October for the season opening October 31, 2026.
- Establishing a repeatable season date structure for deer hunting in Deer Management Units on military properties.

KDWP will now move the approved regulations through the final administrative requirements, including publication by the Secretary of State in an upcoming edition of the Kansas Register. The regulations will become effective 15 days after publication, except for the State Parks fees, which will take effect on November 1, 2026.

Modernized Agricultural
Data Collection Plan
Unveiled

Washington, D.C. – At the Farm Progress Show in Boone, IA, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins, announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Data Modernization Plan to put Farmers First, reduce unnecessary burdens on producers, and improve the timeliness, accuracy, and usefulness of the agricultural data that informs decisions across American agriculture.

Since USDA was established in 1862, collecting and sharing reliable agricultural information has been central to its mission. Today, USDA data informs crop and livestock estimates, risk-management tools, disaster assistance, and critical business decisions made by farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, researchers, and policymakers.

In February 2026, Secretary Rollins issued a Request for Information seeking feedback on the opportunities, challenges, and emerging areas in USDA data. Additionally, Secretary Rollins and USDA leadership held a series of data modernization listening sessions at state fairs and farm shows across the country throughout August to hear directly from hundreds of producers and agricultural stakeholders. That feedback helped shape the USDA Data Modernization Plan and its four pillars:

- Modernize the Data Reporting Experience: USDA will expand use of administrative data, improve mobile access to surveys, explore opportunities to use prefilled information where appropriate, and strengthen coordination across the Department. These changes will reduce duplicative requests and limit the amount of time producers spend reporting information.
- Enhance Acreage and Yield Estimation: USDA will conduct a pilot to evaluate the use of improved satellite imagery, geospatial tools, crop models, and other emerging technologies combined with essential producer-reported information to enhance acreage and yield estimations. USDA will also assess the use of optional field inputs to enhance and ground truth yield estimates and continue advancing yield research through collaboration with agricultural partners and land-grant universities.
- Integrate Data and Technology Platforms: USDA will modernize its technology infrastructure, expand secure data-sharing capabilities, and evaluate the responsible use of tools such as artificial intelligence and machine learning. Better integrated systems will improve efficiency, reduce duplication, and allow USDA to produce more timely and useful information.
- Expand Trust and Transparency with Producers: USDA will protect producer privacy, clearly

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\$2 Million
Federal Investment for
Kansas Forest Service

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee - today announced a \$2 million federal investment for the Kansas Forest Service to strengthen the efforts of local firefighters and support implementation of the Kansas Forest Service Action Plan. He was joined for the announcement at the Riley County EMS Headquarters in Manhattan by representatives from state and local fire and emergency management agencies. Sen. Moran secured the funding in the FY2026 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies appropriations bill, which was signed into law on January 23.

“Kansans know firsthand the devastation that natural disasters and wildfires can cause, and we have seen that devastation across our state this year,” said Sen. Moran. “When disaster strikes, our first responders are there to help their neighbors and protect their communities. We have a responsibility to make sure they have the equipment and resources they need to do their jobs safely and effectively. As a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I worked to secure this funding, so the Kansas Forest Service has the resources necessary to respond to wildfires and help protect Kansans when they need it most.”

Specifically, the federal resources will be used to purchase new fire management equipment, including trucks, hand tools, machinery and personal protective equipment (PPE). The investment will also support priorities outlined in the Kansas Forest Action Plan.

Items to note:

- This spring, Sen. Moran visited several Kansas communities affected by wildfires, where he surveyed the damage and met with local firefighters who worked to combat the fire.
- Sen. Moran introduced legislation, the CRP Flexibility and Improvement Act, that would help prevent and reduce the impact of wildfires by expanding access to grazing on CRP land. The legislation is included in the Senate Farm Bill.

Registration Open for
Governor’s
Water Conference

Registration for the 2026 Governor’s Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas is now open. The conference will take place on Monday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 10 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Manhattan.

The Governor’s Water Conference will feature the latest policy and research developments on water issues in Kansas, including presentations on:

- Surface and Groundwater Issues
- Water Quality
- Education and Outreach

Registration closes on October 17. Registration is required to attend. This event is anticipated to sell out.

More information, including the draft conference agenda and keynote speaker bios, can be found on the Kansas Water Office’s website. Visit kwo.ks.gov to reserve your spot.

This event is made possible by many organizations, including our Distinguished Sponsor, the Kansas Water Institute at K-State, and our Exclusive Sponsors, Burns and McDonnell, City of Hays, and Arable.

This event is open to the press. Press badges are available for one or both days. When you arrive, visit the late registration desk to get a badge.

Data Collection Plan

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explain why information is requested and how it is used, and create additional opportunities for producers to provide feedback. USDA will also improve communication surrounding reports, methodologies, response rates, and data limitations.

The USDA Data Modernization Plan builds on technological advancements already

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OBITUARY

Shirley Hemman

August 12, 1936 ~ August 24, 2026



Shirley was born August 12, 1936, in Lucerne, KS, to James “Jim” Morgan-Leroy Mowry & Freda Elnora (Randolph) Mowry. She graduated from Wilsonville High School in Nebraska in 1954. On June 5, 1954, she married Wilfred Isom Taylor, who preceded her in death on December 12, 1963.

On February 14, 1965, Shirley married Walter John “Walt” Hemman at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Hoxie. Their story began when Walt walked into the ASCS office where Shirley worked, simply to “give her trouble.” They soon became inseparable and were blessed with three children, Treva, Nathan, and Darcee.

Shirley was a devoted wife and mother who believed in hard work and helping others. She worked as a nanny and housekeeper, helped on the family farm, served as a nurse aide at Sheridan Community Hospital, and worked at State Bank and Della’s Café before joining Walt at *The Hoxie Sentinel*. In later years, she lovingly cared for Walt and his health needs.

Her faith was central to Shirley’s life, earning her the family nickname “Prayer Warrior.” She was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and enjoyed the Thursday Afternoon Craft Club and Yoga Club.

Shirley found joy in reading, baking, crocheting, and spending time with family. She was known for her wonderful hugs, the best back scratches, and her chicken & rice meal. Christmas was especially meaningful, as she delighted in finding the “just right” gift for everyone she loved. Her crocheted afghans, especially the “Grammy Blankets” made for each grandchild in their favorite colors, remain treasured reminders of her love.

Shirley was a loyal friend, exceptional listener, and constant source of encouragement. She often reminded her children and others to “count your blessings,” “look on the bright side,” and, most importantly, “Keep the Faith.”

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Treva Levering of Salina; Nathan (Cindy) Hemman of Seneca; and Darcee (Carl) Redden of Gypsum; brother Jearld “Jake” (Joan) Mowry of Arapahoe, NE; sisters-in-law Irene Hedge and Lil (Bob) Harms; 12 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, with another great-grandson expected soon; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Wilfred Taylor; husband, Walter Hemman; brothers Keith and Terry Mowry; sister Lynnette Mowry Housh; and several brothers- and sisters-in-law.

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 29, 2026, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, with burial in Hoxie City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Bible Study, Sheridan County Benefit Walk, or Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, P.O. Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740.

underway across USDA, including satellite-based crop monitoring, geospatial analysis, cloud-based platforms, improved online reporting tools, and more coordinated use of existing administrative data. The Department will also continue working with partners to evaluate new methods and strengthen the scientific foundation of its agricultural statistics.

USDA will begin implementing actions under the plan immediately and will continue engaging farmers, ranchers, and agricultural stakeholders throughout the process. The Department will evaluate new approaches carefully, protect privacy and confidentiality, and publish clear methodologies and supporting information to maintain the integrity of USDA’s agricultural statistics.

To learn more, please view the full USDA Data Modernization Plan (PDF, 5.3 MB).



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

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Commission
Minutes
8/25/26

Now on this 25th day of August 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Mike “Buck” Mader, Kyle Emigh, Steve Hirsch, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board that the DWR for 10W has been approved. Culverts will be here this week to work on the 10W Project.

The decking for the “Brown” bridge should be here this week.

The new mower has an issue that will be repaired and covered under warranty.

There is dirt in a pasture that will be used to work on the two-three miles of road from Kersenbrock to Sequin.

The landfill will be closed on Saturday, August 29, for employee Larry Turley’s funeral.

There is an issue with the new blade, but it is being monitored. Blade #264 had to have a new wiring harness put on.

Herskowitz clarified some warrants.

There was discussion about some roads.

At 8:17 Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Hirsch, and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:32.

The Board and Hirsch discussed utilizing Graham Public Health Department as Sheridan County’s Public Health Office. Hirsch will work on a Memorandum of Understanding or Agreement. Effective date would be January 1, 2027. Sheriff Carver, Undersheriff Diercks and Shawn Harding from HMN Architects came to the table. Harding distributed a rendering of a public safety building based on what Carver stated they wanted. The Board discussed and listened to what Harding said and asked questions. Harding exited

the meeting. The Board, Carver, and Diercks continued the discussion about the building, the cost, and other pertinent information. The Board feels the proposed estimate for the building is extremely high. Bracht will email the county attorney and the bond attorney with some questions on wording.

Carver distributed information on the “Flock” safety equipment located in Sheridan County. There has been discussion on Facebook about the cameras and what they are used for. There are currently five cameras within Sheridan County. Carver feels strongly that we need to keep the cameras.

The Board discussed Janet Dinkel and the Emergency Management position. They would like to offer her \$1,000/month and proceed from there once certification is taken. Bracht will contact Dinkel with the offer and see what her response is. Effective date is September 1.

Bracht and the Board discussed the position at EMS and who would be in charge once Jordan Riley, EMS Director, leaves on September 2. The Board directed Bracht to advise Riley that all passwords and other pertinent information needs to be turned over to her as Human Resource until a decision is made about hiring someone. The Board does not feel they are in a position to appoint or hire someone until more information is obtained.

Emigh made a motion to approve the August 18, 2026 Minutes as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0

On a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh the August 25, 2026 Warrants were approved as presented. Carried 3-0

The following warrants were reviewed and approved by the Board:

General \$53,726.50
Road & Bridge \$43,498.99
Nox Weed \$41,863.08
Public Transp. \$639.45
Landfill \$282.69
E911 \$630.08
Forfeiture \$219.00
VIN \$ 22.47
Fight Addiction \$220.00
At 11:56 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Room.
Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, David Stithem, Chairman

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

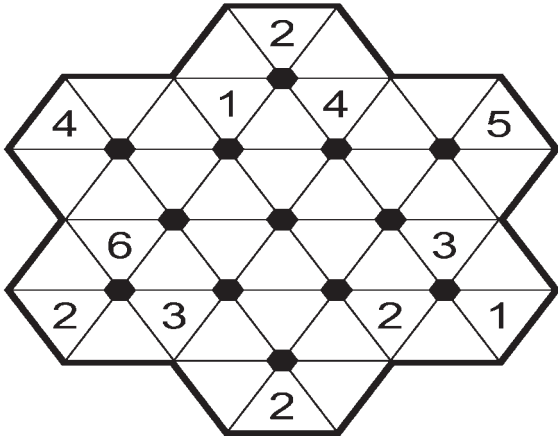
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



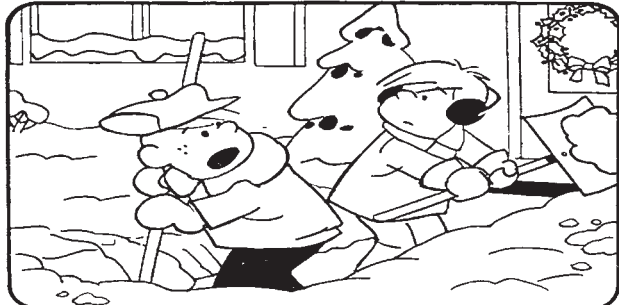
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♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - MAKE YOUR OWN SANDWICH!

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 Santa's favorite sandwich?

BRISKET	H	S	I	F	T	A	C	X	O	L
CATFISH	O	P	E	T	O	M	A	T	O	P
CHEESE	P	R	E	C	F	N	S	B	A	I
CRAB	A	N	A	U	U	E	S	T	B	M
EMU	S	B	U	T	P	T	T	U	T	E
LOBSTER	T	E	A	R	E	A	T	M	S	N
LOX	R	N	B	R	I	S	K	E	T	T
PASTRAMI	A	S	A	U	C	E	D	L	O	
PESTO	M	J	O	L	S	H	R	I	M	P
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SAUCE										
SHRIMP										
TARO										
TOFU										
TOMATO										
TUNA										
ZUCCHINI										

Riddle answer: _____

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

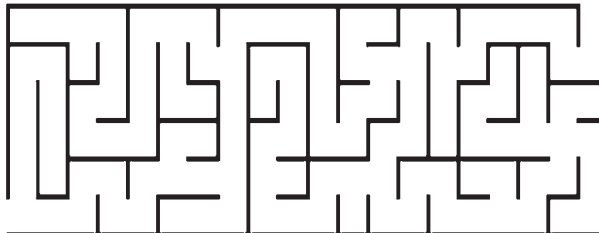
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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

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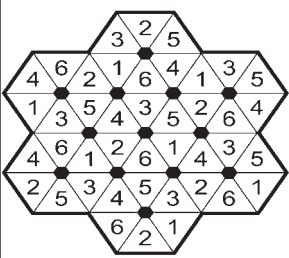
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Kids' Maze Solution



SNOWFLAKES solution



Go Figure!

answers

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Fun Page Solutions

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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Riddle Answer:

Peanut butter and jolly.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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USD #294
2026-2027

Notice of Hearing 2026-2027 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 294 will meet on the 14th day of September 2026 at 8:45 PM at 201 W Ash, Oberlin, KS 67749 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.
The Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2026-2027 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

		2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Actual	2026-2027 Proposed Budget				
	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING								
General	06	4,286,971	20.000	4,215,637	20.000	4,406,303	985,212	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	1,362,721	22.517	1,371,816	21.684	1,444,656	1,235,262	21.295
SPECIAL REVENUE								
Federal Funds	07	134,515		135,501		143,000		
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	80,275		4,000		5,128		
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0		
At-Risk Education Fund	13	923,655		1,016,047		802,096		
Bilingual Education	14	4,500		12,865		2,568		
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay	16	1,365,189	8.000	561,477	8.000	1,557,858	464,050	8.000
Driver Training	18	8,059		9,388		40,443		
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0		
Food Service	24	371,772		355,339		385,193		
Professional Development	26	16,217		15,511		41,201		
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0		
Summer School	29	0		0		0		
Special Education	30	735,711		861,244		934,196		
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	43,135		174,162		222,527		
Gifts and Grants	35	305,770		247,965		521,402		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0		
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51	399,172		429,942		467,132		
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	24,562		5,045		0		
Activity Fund	56	40,954		45,937		0		
DEBT SERVICE								
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	69	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES								
Special Education	78	0		0		0		
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	10,105,184	50.517	9,461,906	49.684	10,973,713	2,684,524	49.295
Less: Transfers	105	1,858,839		1,847,237		1,595,385		
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	8,246,345		7,614,669		9,378,328		
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	2,788,959		2,842,832		2,684,524		

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	Code 99 Line	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2026 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OTHER								
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board/District	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$2,788,959		\$2,842,832		\$2,684,524		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$48,972,990		\$48,601,605		\$49,260,591		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$57,224,989		\$57,138,950		\$58,006,289		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$56,905,142		\$56,496,469		\$56,006,289		
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1		2024		2025		2026		
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		0		0		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153	695,575		605,828		513,376		
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	695,575		605,828		513,376		

*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Case No.: SD-2026-PR-000002

FRED L. MOSS, DECEASED

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Kristine P. Moss, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Fred L. Moss, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' and accountants fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Fred L. Moss, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before September 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Kristine P. Moss, Petitioner

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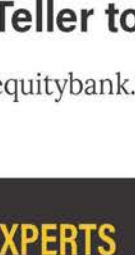
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