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## TAXPAYERS' REPORT

Now that most of us have received our Property Tax statements and have taxes fresh on our minds, I would like to introduce Caryn Tyson to you all. She is one of our Kansas State Senators and works to maintain our freedoms, control taxes and spending, and is a candidate for Kansas State Treasurer next year. I am Caryn's Sheridan County Election Coordinator and I am proud to do so. We need fiscal responsibility in Topeka and CARYN TYSON is the right choice for the people of Kansas. Following is a legislative update from Caryn.

### 2021 Special Session

**"Actions speak louder than words."**

It was never more obvious than on the Senate floor, when conservatives defended our freedom against federal overreach of mandating COVID-19 vaccines. **The legislature passed a bill that strengthens Kansas law regarding COVID-vaccines including religious and medical exemptions and unemployment. Employers are required to accept these religious exemptions to Kansans who seek them. Also, employers are required to accept requests for medical exemptions that include a doctor's signature. Unemployment benefits were not available to employees who lost or will lose their job due to not receiving COVID-19 shots, but now they are.**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Special Session in Kansas began November 22, 2021, and ended the same day. The day began with both the Senate and the House going directly to the floor to debate and work on legislation to block the federal vaccine mandates. Both chambers passed legislation and a conference committee was called to work out differences. The final legislation passed the Senate 24 to 11 and the House 77 to 34. I voted Yes. The Governor signed the bill into law.

It was the first time in Kansas history the Governor was forced to call a special session by a petition of 2/3 the legislators. It was reported in an online newspaper that the Governor requested Democrats not sign the petition for a special session. Thankfully, Republicans heard the cry of Kansans and stood together signing the petition, 29 senators and 84 representatives and the Governor signed the legislation into law.

**It is a victory for Kansans liberties.**

*More to do when session begins in January - STOP Contact Tracing*

The Governor Kelly administration has been contact tracing, collecting data on a person who may have been in contact with an infected person. Last year, they went as far as tracking Kansans movement of cellphones. This is invasive and is another form of government overreach.

Because of the time constraints on special session, Contact Tracing and other topics were not discussed. In fact, it was requested that we hold amendments to the COVID-19 mandates until regular session beginning January 10, 2022. Myself and others respected the request and have legislation ready for next session.

**There will be many important topics in the 2022 session. Blocking overreaching government mandates, stopping Critical Race Theory (CRT) from being taught in our schools, government transparency, removing sales tax on food, elections, and many other topics will be worked during next session.**

You may follow the bills and watch meetings online at [www.KSLegislature.org](http://www.KSLegislature.org).

I hope that you are able to enjoy the holidays. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your 12<sup>th</sup> District State Senator and I look forward to earning your vote for State Treasurer!**

Caryn

Thanks for reading and GOD Bless!  
WES BAINTER, Sheridan County Commissioner



## Knights of Columbus Donates to DSNWK



The local Knights of Columbus recently held their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Once again, they donated the proceeds to DSNWK. This year they raised almost \$3000. Grand Knight Mat Juenemann (far left) took the donation to the local DSNWK office on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Accepting these monies were (l-r) John Richardson, Melissa Meier, Lisa Bieker (back), Jenny Ostmeyer (front), Mark Richardson (back), and Kayla Geerdes (front). (Sheridan Sentinel photo)

## Goals Met in STEAM



Sheridan County Amusement Company Board Members Stephanie Schippers (back left) and Ellen Pratt (back right) with the USD 412 STEAM students. (USD 412 photo)

USD 412 is continually working toward graduating college, vocational school, and career-ready students and we believe this begins in preschool. Our S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) and Career Cruising programs help us to meet this goal.

The Sheridan County Amusement Company Board generously donated money so that we could add community service tubs to our Career Cruising program. We were able to purchase items to put on our own fair. We have learned about the importance of volunteering in our community because we care about it. We discussed that the fair would not be successful without the amazing board that organizes it and all of the volunteers that work the fair each year.

Sheridan County businesses and community members have been very generous by donating supplies and money necessary to create the S.T.E.A.M. and Career Cruising programs. Students attending USD 412 are given many opportunities and hopefully will grow up to be happy productive members of our society because of the examples set by our community.



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### Words of Faith

*Faith  
it does not make things  
easy  
it makes them  
possible*  
Luke 1:37

### Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Nov. 30

Corn	5.84
Milo	5.86
Beans	11.56
Wheat	7.92

### Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Moisture
11/21	63	27	--
11/22	69	35	--
11/23	71	43	--
11/24	52	16	--
11/25	73	35	--
11/26	74	40	--
11/27	62	25	--

Let It Rain!!

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### Words of Wisdom

*Be faithful  
in small things,  
because it is in them  
that your strength  
lies.*  
~ Mother Teresa

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Family members gathering at the Sunflower Senior Center Saturday, for the Shaw family early Christmas gathering included the following: Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Marion; Elliott and Tamara Gillespie, Alex, Emma and Ivan Peterson, Joplin, MO; Aaron and Tara Gillespie, Jackson and Greyson, Hays; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Brandon Wagoner, Noah and Neomi, Joplin, MO; Lisa Bollers and Tenley, Strasburg, CO; Mark and Shelley Shaw, rural Logan; Cindy Black, Gem; P.D. Williams, Oakley; Logan and Sydney Black and Nevi, Brewster; Bowen and Jordan Black and Saylor, Colby; Zach and Katie Golemboski, Lexy, Lenzy, and Lakyn, Colby; Nick and Kerrie Wahlmeier, Trenton, Kyndal and Brynn, rural Oberlin; Adam and Sierra Wahlmeier and Asher, Norton; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; and Ramona Shaw.

Dave and Diana Carter families held their Thanksgiving celebration at the Sunflower Senior Center on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day).

The Heritage Associates of Jennings, Inc. and the American Legion family will be placing wreaths, in observance of the Wreaths Across America program, at the Jennings and the Big Timber cemeteries on December 9 at 2:00 p.m. All volunteers are welcome.

The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Auxiliary, and the Heritage associates of Jennings will hold a short ceremony honoring veterans in the Jennings and Big Timber Cemeteries on December 11 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with National Wreaths Across America program. Everyone is welcome to attend.

From Marge Hartzog

The Jennings historic building preservation committee has received an \$800 grant from Midwest Energy. The building still has many needs. Suggestions are welcome as to how the monies can best be used. This is not the first grant the building has received from Midwest Energy. Monies from them has been used in the past toward replacing siding and heat/air equipment.



Birthdays & Anniversaries: December 3: Tammy Miller; December 4: Stacy Brown; December 5: Nicole Schiltz, Mike Weins; December 7: Don Juenemann; December 9: Lavina Paulson, Jacob Astalosh.

The Selden Community Christmas Celebration is December 5, at the Selden Community Center. Bingo begins at 4:00 pm. The first card is free, and each additional card is \$5.00. A soup supper follows Bingo approximately 5pm and Santa arrives around 6:30 pm.



## Rotary Can Be Interesting and Fun!

By Viktorija Briggs

Every Tuesday, at the Rotary luncheon meeting held at Oscar's, we enjoy great food and the company of some of Hoxie's residents and local business owners. Presentations are given on whatever is the subject of interest by the member whose turn it is to speak. We learn something new and interesting almost every week, receive updates on the hospital's remodeling, hear about trips to visit other countries or just to see family, even local history. We have projects that benefit the community, such as the annual calendars, the encyclopedias to the students, and currently, directory signs that we've worked in cooperation with the City of Hoxie to have installed very soon.

We also have a card drawing for a pot of money by picking the Queen of Hearts. Each week the members in attendance place a dollar in the pot and we wait to see who wins half the pot (the other half is donated to the Rotary Foundation).

Each member's name has been written on a nut that is kept in a small plastic tub. One person mixes up the nuts, pulls one out, and reads the name written on it. That person is the one who gets to pull a card - hoping for the Queen of Hearts. Sometimes the game can get a bit exciting...

The Card Keeper is Jerry Heim. He shows us that the Queen of Hearts is, indeed, in the deck, shuffles the cards and then fans them out on the table. The person whose name was picked then chooses a card. If they don't pick the Queen of Hearts, then that card is put aside. Each week the deck of cards gets smaller and smaller, and the pot grows larger and larger.

At one meeting Scott Foote had brought his youngest daughter, Colleen, who was around 3 years old at the time (sorry, Scott & Michelle, if I'm incorrect on this). She was chosen to pull the name out of the tub of nuts. She pulled her dad's name...we all know it was a total setup! Colleen was told to pick a card from the cards on the table...and yes, she pulled the Queen of Hearts!

Totally rigged. No question.

Well, over the weeks the deck has reduced by one each week, and each week it's been commented that it has never gone below three cards. Last week was that three-card spread and the Queen was not picked. Another record set. So, this week we were down to just two cards. David Leopold's name was picked, and he walked to the table to get that winning Queen...and failed!

Really, David? You had a 50/50 chance...!!!!???

So, whoever gets picked next week is the automatic winner!

How many members will show up next week in hopes of winning the pot?! See y'all there!

Join us on Tuesdays at noon, upstairs at Oscar's, for conversation, visiting, learning, sharing, and helping contribute to the community...and FUN!



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## Commodities Distribution

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

10am - 11am Courthouse Main Floor  
1pm - 1:30pm Selden Community Center

green beans, peas, cling peaches, mixed fruit, fruit & nut mix, peanut butter, canned chicken, ground beef, oat cereal, whole dates, cherry apple juice and frozen butter

Foods subject to change at last minute.

Arrive early or there may not be anything left!

**The HITCHIN' POST BAR & GRILL**

**HOXIE, KS**  
**785-657-7711**

### Submission Guidelines

**Print-ready** ads and content deadline: noon Tuesday  
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The Sheridan Sentinel  
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Thursday 3:00 - 5:30  
Saturday by Appointment

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**Emergency Mgmt. 785-386-8051**  
**County Clerk 785-675-3361**  
**Road & Bridge Dept. 785-675-3621**  
**Public Library 785-675-3102**

**Sheridan County Public Health**  
PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT

Sheridan County Public Health is now under the management of Sheridan County Health Complex.

For vaccination and immunization information please call  
785-675-3018.

Thank you!

**CONTACT YOUR COMMISSIONER**

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Joe Bainter ~ bainterj83@gmail.com  
Buck Mader ~ mcauto2@outlook.com



**CHRISTMAS CRAFT FESTIVAL**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**4-H BUILDING HOXIE, KS**

Lunch will be served with homemade pies

Come try the wine tasting from Shiloh Winery  
Something for EVERYONE!

**VENDORS**

Pottery	Baked Goods	Scentsy	Watkins Products
Earrings	Cookies	Bison Meat	Colorstreet Nails
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	Mary Kay	Local Honey	

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**785-386-8778**

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**JD's RESTAURANT**  
**785-675-3302**  
744 Main Street Hoxie

WEEK of December 2 ~ December 8

Thursday: Build Your Burger & Brats  
Friday: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes & Chicken Parmesan  
Saturday: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich  
Sunday: 7-Meat Buffet w/sides & 2 desserts  
Monday - Wednesday: CLOSED FOR 3 DAYS  
Reopen at 7am Thursday, December 9

Breakfast 7am ~ 9:30am

Thank you for your continued support & understanding

**Upcoming Area EVENTS**

Mark Your Calendars!

<b>Every Sunday:</b> 9am First Presbyterian Church Service	<b>Monthly:</b> <b>2nd Monday:</b> City of Hoxie ~ BOE Mtg
<b>Every Tuesday:</b> 8am Commissioner Mtg 12pm Rotary 7pm Fire Dept Mtg	<b>1st Tuesday:</b> HAMA <b>2nd Wednesday:</b> Chamber of Commerce
<b>Every Wednesday:</b> 3:30pm Christ Community Church All-Stars for Jesus Jr. High Youth Group	<b>2nd &amp; 4th Thursday:</b> Potluck in the Park 6:30-8pm <b>4th Monday:</b> Hospital Board of Trustees, FQHC 8am following Wednesday

**Selden Christmas Celebration**  
Selden Community Center  
Friday, December 5

**Pride of the Prairie Orchestra**  
"Celebrating the Season with Live Music"  
3:30pm Sunday, December 12  
Frahm Theatre/Cultural Arts Center  
CCC Campus

**WPAA Presents Christmas in Killarney**  
Oakley HS Auditorium  
3pm Sunday, December 5

## Mealsite Menu

December 6 ~ December 10

**Monday:** Beef Fritter, Mashed Potatoes w/gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Mixed Fruit

**Tuesday:** Ham & Beans, Carrot-Raisin Salad, Cornbread, Pineapple

**Wednesday:** Roast Pork in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots & Onions, Bread, Rosy Applesauce

**Thursday:** Liver & Onions in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Bread, Peaches

**Friday:** Taco Burger w/lettuce, tomato, cheese, Mexicali Corn, Bun, Pears

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 675-2154 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$5.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.



SHERIDAN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### A Look Back at Grants Awarded in 2019

Through the incredible generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan, our local Sheridan County Community Foundation has been able to award \$620,700 in grants to organizations with projects, events and activities benefitting Sheridan County since 2015.

Since that time, the Hansen Foundation has been awarding \$100,000 to the SCCF to distribute annually as long as SCCF continues to participate in several Hansen-sponsored initiatives including the Strategic Doing process to assist in project development and completion, the annual Match Month Challenge, and other initiatives.

According to the Hansen Foundation's website:

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation works with regional foundations Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation (GNWKCF), Bird City, and the Greater Salina Community Foundation (GSCF), Salina, to assist in the distribution of grants through individual countywide community foundations throughout the Hansen Foundation's 26-county service area.

Funds supplied by the Hansen Foundation are distributed equally among the 26 counties. Administration assistance is provided by the host foundations.

Beginning in 2014 and continuing through 2021, the Hansen Foundation has distributed \$100,000 a year to each of the 26 counties. Beginning in 2022, the pass-through grant funds will be reduced to \$50,000 each year in conjunction with the announcement of new funding opportunities for the countywide community foundations through the matching initiative.

It goes without saying that we are very fortunate to be a part of the Hansen Foundation's service area, truly reaping the benefit of their amazing investment in the area.

Over the next several weeks, we would like to highlight all

grants given to date from the Dane G. Hansen Community Fund administered by our local foundation.

**2019 Grants Awarded: \$107,515.44**

\$1,700.00, Hoxie FFA Alumni, Funding was provided to help with the group's annual banquet

\$4,902.00, Main Street Arts Council, Hoxie musical production of "Madagascar Jr."

\$3,093.44, Hoxie Scouts BSA Troup 161, New camping tents for the troop

\$7,532.00, Sheridan County EMS, Updated training technology at the EMS building for use in medical and law enforcement education, emergency operations and regional meetings

\$10,000.00, City of Selden, Updated lighting at the Selden ball fields

\$12,500.00, USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools, Educational materials and supplies for the new STEAM room at the Hoxie Elementary School

\$10,000.00, Hoxie Golf Club, Construction of new concrete golf paths at the Hoxie Golf Course

\$9,500.00, Sheridan County Hospital, New portable Verathon BladderScan Prim Plus Bladder Scanner

\$10,000.00, City of Hoxie, Replacement of the basketball court at Johnson Memorial Park

\$5,000.00, City of Hoxie, Tree row replacement

\$2,888.00, Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, Construction of a new concrete parking lot at the Hoxie Center

\$5,000.00, Sheridan County Sheriff's Department, Vehicle heat alert/deploy system for the Sheriff Department's K-9 DAK unit

\$1,400.00, Special Olympics of Kansas Inc., Funds assisted Sheridan County area athletes participating in the annual Special Olympics competition

\$9,000.00, Hoxie Police Department, Body and dash cameras for local law enforcement

\$2,500.00, Western Plains Arts Association, Funding assisted in bringing two cultural events for the enjoyment of the public as part of WPAA's annual calendar of events across the northwest Kansas region

\$2,500.00, Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center, Funds were used to provide fuel, maintenance and supplies for the Mobile

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



744 Main, Hoxie  
675-3302  
7 Days a Week  
7am-2pm & 5-8pm

**Midway Cafe**

Hwy 83, Selden  
386-4545  
Monday-Friday  
7am-2pm & 5-7pm  
Saturday 7am-2pm



845 Main, Hoxie  
675-2022  
Monday-Friday  
6:30am - 1pm  
Saturday 7am-Noon

**The Elephant**  
BISTRO & BAR  
732 Main, Hoxie  
677-3977

Wednesday - Saturday  
11am - 9pm

**The Hitchin' Post**  
BAR & GRILL  
901 Main, Hoxie  
657-7711

7 Days a Week  
11am-2pm & 5-8:30pm  
\*No Sunday Evening

**Town & Country**  
1117 Oak Ave., Hoxie  
675-3265

Mon-Thurs. 7am-7pm  
Friday 7am-8pm  
Sat. 7-1pm Sun. 4-8pm

### Area Churches

Christ Community Church  
2008 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

First Presbyterian Church  
1101 Sheridan Ave  
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church  
1025 Queen  
Hoxie

Hoxie Church of Christ  
1541 Oak  
Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church  
900 12th St  
Hoxie

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Hwy 223  
Leoville

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1400 Locust St  
Hoxie

Living Word Fellowship  
454 Hwy 24  
Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
14988 E Rd 70 S  
Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
202 S Missouri  
Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church  
924 17th  
Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church  
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church  
Seguin



## FIRST STATE BANK December EVENTS

December 1 - 20

**YOUTH SAVINGS CLUB**

Christmas Drawing

STOP BY ANY FIRST STATE BANK BRANCH TO ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AN EXTRA CHRISTMAS GIFT THIS YEAR!

Gifts will be on display at each location. Entries due by December 20th. Winners announced and gifts delivered on December 21st.

December 17

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Come & Go 9 am - 3 pm

JOIN US AT ANY FIRST STATE BANK LOCATION FOR OUR CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE!

Enjoy sweet treats, hot drinks, gift drawings, and much more.

All December

**YOUTH SAVINGS CLUB**

Christmas Coloring Contest

PICK UP YOUR CHRISTMAS COLORING SHEET FROM ANY FIRST STATE BANK LOCATION.



December 1 - 20

**RANDOM ACTS OF**

Christmas

STOP BY ANY FIRST STATE BANK BRANCH TO NOMINATE SOMEONE WHO DESERVES A LITTLE EXTRA CHRISTMAS CHEER THIS YEAR!

Gifts will be on display at each location. Entries due by December 20th. Winners announced and gifts delivered on December 21st.

## Local Hoxie Elks HOOP SHOOT FREE-THROW CONTEST

Hoxie High School  
December 12, 2021  
Registration & Warm up @ 1:00 P.M.  
Contest @ 2 P.M.  
Contestants will need to furnish their own basketball  
Boys 8-9 and 10-11 will use small basketball this year

**Age Category**  
Age will be figured as of April 1, 2021. Girls and Boys between the ages of 8 to 13 will be able to participate in the Elks Hoop Shoot. Below is an age guide based on the contestants' birthday.

Participants born between 04/01/2013 and 04/02/2011 will be in the 8 & 9 year old category  
Participants born between 04/01/2011 and 04/02/2009 will be in the 10 & 11 year old category  
Participants born between 04/01/2009 and 04/02/2007 will be in the 12 & 13 year old category

Contestants need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.  
Contestants need to be accompanied by parent or guardian.  
Contact Dave Schamberger: 785-657-1270 for more info.



HOXIE  
MEDICAL CLINIC

Dr. Victor Nemecek, MD \* Dr. Michael Machen, MD  
Dr. Jill Stewart, MD \* Dr. Dallas Walz, MD  
Deanna Sulzman, APRN-C, Shannon Herl, APRN-BC  
Chris Hansen, PA-C \* Bhavini Gopaldas, PA-C  
Jodi Dumler, LCSW

Hours: Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Call for Appointment: 785-675-3018

### Selden Community Clinic

Hours:  
Tuesday ~ Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Call for Appointment: 785-386-4380



HOXIE  
MEDICAL CLINIC

PHYSICAL THERAPY:  
Direct Access to PT  
Speech & Occupational Therapy  
Women's Health/Pelvic Floor Rehab

CARDIOLOGY \* LABORATORY \*  
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AUDIOLOGY \* PAIN MANAGEMENT  
INJECTIONS \* HEALTH COACH

RADIOLOGY:  
X-Ray \* CT Scan \* MRI  
Ultrasound \* 3D Mammography  
Bone Density (DEXA) \* Nuclear Medicine

Call for Appointment: 785-675-3281

Don't Have Insurance? We Can Help!

Hoxie Medical Clinic now employs a Case Manager and Navigator to assist with insurance enrollment on the healthcare marketplace, other needed services, and we also accept VA Choice. Free mammograms and Pap tests are available to women with no insurance.



SHERIDAN COUNTY  
HEALTH COMPLEX

hospital, 32-bed long term care facility, Public Health, Federally Qualified Health Center, and satellite clinic.

The CEO is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the facility. This position is accountable for planning, organizing, and directing the facility to ensure that quality patient care is provided and that the financial integrity of the facility is maintained. The CEO ensures compliance with applicable laws and regulations, as well as all policies and procedures set forth by the Board of Trustees and Medical Staff, and those required by Medicare Survey Standards.

The CEO is responsible for creating an environment and culture that enables the facility to fulfill its mission by meeting or exceeding its goals, conveying the facility mission to all staff, holding staff accountable for their performance, motivating staff to improve performance and being responsible for the measurement, assessment and continuous improvement of the facility's performance. Prefer a Bachelor's or Master's degree in healthcare or business administration and five years experience in a leadership role in a healthcare/hospital organization.

For immediate consideration, please send a detailed resume to: SCHC, Attn: Human Resources, PO Box 16,7 Hoxie, KS 67740, or email to Shelby Moss at [smoss@schcmed.com](mailto:smoss@schcmed.com).

To view a full job description or to apply online, please visit the SCHC website, [www.schcmed.com/careers](http://www.schcmed.com/careers).

Pay will be based on education and experience.

## SCHC COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- \* FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
- \* SLIDING FEE SCALE
- \* MEDICARE ENROLLMENT (10/15 - 12/7)
- \* MARKETPLACE ENROLLMENT (11/1 - 12/15)
- \* MEDICAID APPLICATIONS

Hoxie & Selden Appointments available!  
Call Algdia Offutt Today to Schedule an Appointment!  
[785] 677-4172

**The Hoxie Democrat  
Friday, December 2, 1887**

All parties knowing themselves indebted to me are requested to call and settle the same either by cash or note, as I have obligations which I must meet.

All those knowing themselves indebted to Coleman & Patterson are requested to call and settle. We need money, and having sickness and accidents in the family must have it, so those who are owing will please attend to this immediately. Coleman & Paterson.

Clark Stevens was in the city last Tuesday in search of medical aid. Last spring he struck his foot on a barbed wire, and it seemingly healed up, but this winter it broke out into a running sore and has set in to what now resembles blood poisoning and has extended to nearly the whole left leg. Great care will now have to be taken if he does not lose the whole foot and leg.

A. Clark, father of Mrs. Miller, is now settling up the estate of the deceased, and will leave for Nebraska in a few weeks.

Herr Most, the crank anarchist of New York, has been arrested and we hope will get just what such blatant cowards deserves, solitary confinement for the rest of his life.

I. B. Gray and J. S. Turner are taking in the county this week.

R. T. Mitchel reports Wind Town as covered with snow and every one freezing.

P. H. Kleeman's little child fell on the stove last Tuesday evening and cut its nose clear through, so that it required several stitches to make the wound secure.

A corps of engineers have started from Leavenworth to make the preliminary survey on the Denver Short Line running from that city to Denver and striking the county seats in the second tier of counties in Kansas.

D. E. Hemphill returned from a trip to Iowa this week, and reports Sheridan county in as good a condition as they are back there.

Hoxie will soon be a signal service office with O. F. Ellithorpe at the helm.

We understand that the First Bank of Grainfield has closed its doors, but that with a little time they can pay all indebtedness, as their assets for exceed their liabilities.

Mrs. Brooks and Winkelman were presented with a fine silver butter dish by the A. O. U. W. lodge for their aid rendered at their banquet and ball.

Thermometer 17 degrees below zero last Monday.

Goodland received a majority of 200 votes for county seat of Sherman county. This settles a very annoying matter, and will now allow Sherman county to improve and take her place in the sisterhood of counties.

Chas. Perkins was in town Tuesday and reports Guy City as still booming. That is, what is not covered with snow.

**125 Years Ago  
December 10, 1896**

Hill City had a three thousand dollar fire the other day.

Russell schools have been closed until January 4, on account of diphtheria.

County Surveyor Foster and his estimable wife were in the city Saturday.

John Feldt and brother, of Solomon township, were in the metropolis last Monday paying taxes and attending to other business matters.

E. E. VanEpps will have his gallery open the 10, 11 and 12, of this month.

Hoxie would have to raise \$3,000 to hear one of Bryans lectures. She'll do it.

Jimmy McCartneys team ran away Monday throwing him out and bruising him up considerably.

Frank Andes and better-half were in Hoxie last Friday and of course he called at these diggins'.

Willis Johnson, accompanied by his father-in-law, Mr. Clark was in town Saturday and paid his taxes.

Dr. Eddy, of the Thomas county pension examining board, was here Tuesday making an examination of M. E. Thorpe.

Sim Tucker must be behaving himself in first class manner. His home paper has not had a word to say about him for six weeks.

Mrs. Moore, of Caldwell, Kansas, a sister of John Talbott arrived in the city Tuesday and is visiting with relatives in Parnell township.

Alan Montgomery, of Goodland, who no doubt is looking for a fat slice at the hands of the new state administration had business with Sheridan county pops last week.

August Oswalt, of Plainville, who is buying and shipping cattle all the time, made a regular visit to Hoxie the latter end of last week, but we doubt it being purely a business trip.

A Mr. Bullard and Miss Morton of Graham county was given permission to live together as old people do, by Judge Hedge last Monday. Their ages were given at 23 and 19 respectively.

John W. Suttcliffe, of Wampbery Glenn, Gove county, was in the city Saturday the guest of Mrs. S. A. Pratt and daughter Miss Bertie. He spent last week visiting his sister Mrs. Geo. Pratt, at Museum.

**Selden Department**

An awful nice time is reported at the dancing party Friday evening.

Friends from near Hawkeye were visiting at C. H. Mathews' last Sunday.

Dave Sanelly, the stockman of this section, shipped in a car of corn last week.

It is reported that Ike Herron is going to take up his residence in Belleville in the near future.

J. D. Trimble has purchased a brand new buggy for himself and wife. It is a nice one and just what they need.

The A. O. U. W. goat bucked so hard when Prof. Messmore rode it Tuesday evening of last week that he was indisposed all the next day. He stayed with it however, until the end.

## Public Sale OF LAND

We will sell at public auction, 1 mile south of Bogue, Kansas, a choice section of land, 480 acres in cultivation, of which 400 acres is in wheat, 1-3 of crop delivered in Bogue, 155 acres pasture, two houses, 2 wells and windmills, 2 granaries, chicken hous, fenced and cross fenced; telephone lins. Known as the Peter Minor ranch, being the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sec. 20-8-21 & SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 19-8-21 and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 19-8-21, in Graham County, Kansas. This land is in the wheat belt of Kansas. To prove this Frank Grecian, a farmer, raised and shipped from his land adjoining this over 50 car loads of wheat in the last two years. \$25 in cash will be given away on day of sale. Bogue is a live town in a good community, having 3 good elevators, a lumber yard, bank, general stores; in fact all business is represented; rural high and graded schools and good churches. Terms—20 per cent day of sale, 20 per cent in 60 days and 20 per cent in 90 days. Balance, a first mortgage back on farm at 7 1-2 per cent if sold in half section tracts; if sold in one tract, a mortgage of \$11,520 may be assumed for 2 1-2 years at 6 per cent. Possession will be given on August 1, 1922, and perfect abstract will be furnished buyer.

**640 Acres of Land**      **Saturday, December 10**

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R. R. Kirkpatrick, Cashier of Farmers State Bank, Bogue, Clerk

From The Hoxie Sentinel, 1921. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

**100 Years Ago  
December 1, 1921**

**High School to be Held in Courthouse**  
Will Start High School Next Monday in Temporary Quarters

High school will begin in rooms at the courthouse, Monday, December 5. The new books have arrived and are now on sale at Seaverns' Jewelry Store.

All high school students are expected to be on hand, next Monday morning with their books. - High School Board

**Rueschoff Buys the Hoxie Meat Market**  
Expects to Install Refrigerating Plant for Cooling Purposes

B. J. Rueschoff, an experienced merchant, has purchased the Hoxie meat market, and plans to give Hoxie a first class shop. Next summer he says he will put in a complete electric refrigerator plant for cooling purposes.

A good, clean meat market is a fine thing for a town and we believe Mr. Rueschoff intends to give the people a good market and will be deserving of their patronage. He owns several stores, one at Grinnell and one at Angelus, and can buy economically and says he intends to sell meats at the lowest possible prices.

**Local News**

John F. Pratt went to Natoma Thanksgiving. Billie Higgins visited friends at Palco last week.

C. H. Payton, Norton's auctioneer, was in Hoxie Friday, billing a big sale.

Miss Sara Graddy and Mr. Earl Farber attended the dance at Studley Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Zeigler last Thursday evening.

John Lager, of Solomon township, was here Monday paying taxes and transacting other business. In his rounds he didn't forget the *Sentinel*.

James Richardson and wife, of Palco, stopped here while on their way home from a trip to Denver and spent Thanksgiving Day with Mr. Richardson's sister, Mrs. E. G. Currier, and family.

Roy Vaughn told us the other day that they recently enjoyed some nice venison, which was sent them by his brother, Bert, who now resides in Oregon. Deer seems to be plentiful out that way.

Mrs. Tom L. Pratt, Sr., returned home Sunday night after a seven weeks' stay at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, much improved in health. Mr. Pratt went to Kansas City and accompanied her home.

Ben Taylor will read the *Sentinel* and *Drovers Telegram* for another year. Ben is one of the pioneer fur buyers in this territory and he tells us that the market this year promises much better returns than last.

**Valley Items**

By Gleaner  
Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hines and son, Oliver, spent Sunday with the E. E. Schropp family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Getz and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Getz and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Kreft.

Miss Gladys Vinson, teacher at Tasco, and her pupils gave a program and pie social last Wednesday evening. The program was fine and they netted about \$16 from the sale of the pies.

**75 Years Ago  
December 5, 1946**

**Receives Eye Injury**

Frank Johnson, employed by the Hoxie Implement Co., had the misfortune of getting a piece of steel in his right eye Sunday evening. He was taken to Denver early Monday morning by H. W. Deane, accompanied by Nigel Walden. The article was removed from Frank's eye and he is now a patient in the Presbyterian hospital where he will be confined for several days. Mr.

Deane and Mr. Walden returned home Tuesday evening.

**Seguin Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Florenz Neff and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thummel.

Miss Mary Ann Baalman was a Sunday guest of Miss Bea Beckman.

Miss Kate Gillen accompanied Miss Elizabeth Pratt, and Mrs. Johnson to Dever. She will be their guest for a few days.

**Leoville**

Mrs. Chas. Ramsey has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Fleckenstein.

Mr. and Mrs. Adlor Fortin entertained at their home Saturday evening honoring their son, Maurice and wife, of Wichita, who spent the week end here. Thirty guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Meitl and children, of McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens, of Seguin, ate Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. John Kruse and family.

**Thimble Circle Club**

Mrs. Chas. E. Blair and son, Leslie and daughters, Violet, Charlotte, and Velma called on Mrs. Addison Miller Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Miller and family spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Duff and family near Woodston, Kansas.

Dolph Martin suffered a paralytic stroke Saturday morning and they took him to the Norton hospital. We hope for him to a speedy recovery. He is the father of Obie, Lyle, and Dale Martin and Mrs. Fred Pullum.

**Studley Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stout and Eldon and Mrs. John Pleger, Rosa Davis and Viola were in WaKeeney Saturday.

Fred Davis recently sold a nice bunch of spring calves to Murl Simon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Madden and family spent Sunday at the Ivan Best home.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

Christmas shop with us first. Gifts for everyone. Both useful and entertaining.

Dinner guest: "Will you please pass the nuts, Professor?"

Professor (absently mindedly): "Yes, I suppose so, but most of them deserve flunking."

How about a nice chrome breakfast set, studio couch or a living room suite.

**Pleasant Hill News**

Miss Mary Ellen Campbell, teacher of White Dove, and pupils, Donnie Sumner, David and Alice Campbell, and Dean Husted gave a Thanksgiving program Wednesday afternoon, after the program a lunch was served. The afternoon was very much enjoyed by those present. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and "Snooks," Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sumner and Patrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Husted and Marian.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Cressler and Larry, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson were dinner guests a week ago Sunday of Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Montgomery.

**50 Years Ago  
December 2, 1971**

**To Meet Norton in First BB Game**

The Hoxie Indian basketball team will travel to Norton on Friday, Dec. 3 for their first game of the season, according to Coach Max Mountford. The B-game will start at 6:30, followed by the varsity game at 8:00 o'clock.

The first home game will be here on Tuesday, Dec. 7 when the Indians and Hill City Ringnecks meet.

**Gun Thefts Reported to Sheriff's Office**

Sheriff O. D. Kratzer said this week that several persons in the area have reported having guns stolen the past few weeks. Some of the thefts have been from cars and pickups.

The sheriff said he would like to urge gun owners to keep a record of their guns serial

numbers, which would give law officials something to work on while trying to trace down the thefts.

**Leoville News**

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Schroer of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Orr and family who live in Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orr of Oberlin and the John Moellering family of Grinnell were Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Erlene Schroer. The Ben Meitl family joined them for the evening.

The Kenneth Bruggeman family of Wichita came Wednesday and visited at the John Bruggeman home until Sunday.

Mrs. Christina Miller was at the Wilfred Miller home Thanksgiving Day.

**Broadway News**

Oscar Borgers called on Mamie Borger at the WaKeeney hospital Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Murl Simon had Thanksgiving dinner at the Dwayne Simon home.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Simon spent Thanksgiving at her uncles at Goodland.

**McGraw News**

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Carol Lee and Mrs. Ura Long were Thanksgiving Day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burns of Clayton.

Wes Bainter was a Friday supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter. Evening visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartzog and Harold were Monday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter and family.

**Studley Items**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tripper of Albuquerque, NM visited Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pratt and Miss Hilda Pratt Monday. Mrs. Tripper (Becky Pratt) is Dave's niece and Miss Hilda's cousin, and daughter of Fenton Pratts. They were on their way to visit her parents in Topeka.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ploeger enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Scott and Andy at Hill City.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Williams and girls visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams Friday afternoon.

**Mickey's Want Ads**

Hunting knives, pocket knives, fishing knives, steak knives, carving knives, slicing knives, butcher knives and any kind of knife you might desire.

The tattered oldtimer had once been the richest man in town. A newspaper reporter went to the old fellow's seedy rooming house for an interview and asked, "Sir, would you mind telling me what happened to all your money?"

"Not at all," came the cheerful reply, "Part went for whiskey, part for women, and the rest of it I spent foolishly."

**25 Years Ago  
November 28, 1896**

**Sunday Fire Damages House**

Firefighters responded to a fire on Sunday morning at a rental house belonging to Tony Haffner at 9<sup>th</sup> and Royal Streets.

According to Duane Johnson, assistant fire chief, firefighters arrived at the scene at around 6 a.m. Sunday. He said the fire started in the cellar area in the southeast corner of the house and burned up through the floor as well as the ceiling.

Johnson said the cause of the fire is yet undetermined.

**Students Demonstrate Internet**

On Monday, Nov. 18, eight sixth graders from Golden Plains Middle School presented the Internet at the Harvey Hotel in Wichita. The sixth graders were invited to Wichita by Governor Graves.

The presented the Internet at the Governor's Education Conference. They used Macintosh and IBM computers to demonstrate how Golden Plains uses the Internet in classroom study and research.

**McGraw**

Jim Bainter was a visitor of Russel Bainter this week. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter were other callers during the week. Mrs. Jim Bainter and Mrs. Bill Bainter visited on Monday.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Schmeder and Shelby Hinds, all of Tulsa, Okla., visited Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G. G. and Karl. Other Saturday callers were Pastor Russ Helbig and Alex, and John Herrmann. G. G. and Karl were among the Sunday guests of Edith Wasserman.

**Jennings-Allison**

The members of Tuesday Study Club of Jennings met Tuesday, Nov. 12 at the home of Rosa Brock, with Lucille Stackhouse as co-hostess. Jeanette Krizek was the guest speaker at the meeting and gave a demonstration on Pheasant Feather Art. She displayed several craft pieces she has made using pheasant feathers, all of which were beautiful.

The business meeting followed with Rosa Brock, president, calling the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was given and the collect repeated. Roll call was given by each member exchanging plants that they brought to be shared. Christmas cards and stamps were donated to be sent to the Veterans Hospital. A donation was made to the Jennings Christmas drawing.

**Selden**

On Nov. 18, Teresa Aumiller hosted a Pampered Chefs kitchen show at the home of Wanda and Leroy Spresser. Michelle Patmon from Menlo gave a very delicious demonstration, although the dessert was lacking enough bananas as Leroy ate some for his supper.

On Nov. 21, Laura Berls was hostess at the Senior Citizens Center. Josephine Kruse won high, Amelia Juenemann won second and Catherine Campbell took low.

## Kansas Supreme Court Reappoints Berens to 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

The Kansas Supreme Court has reappointed 27 chief judges in Kansas. Their terms are effective January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023.

15th Judicial District  
Chief Judge Kevin Berens was reappointed in the 15th Judicial District, composed of Cheyenne, Logan, Sheridan, Sherman, Rawlins, Thomas, and Wallace counties. He has served as a district judge and chief judge since 2017.

Berens received an undergraduate degree from Fort Hays State University and a law degree from Washburn University School of Law. He previously served as county attorney in Thomas and Cheyenne counties and city attorney for Bird City. He also practiced law in Kansas and Colorado.

## New Injunction Blocks Vaccine Mandate for Healthcare Workers

A federal court Monday, November 29, blocked a second of the Biden administration's federal vaccine mandates, that's according to Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt.

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri placed a temporary injunction on Monday on the mandate from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that required nearly all healthcare employees, volunteers, and third-party contractors to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment.

Attorney General Derek Schmidt and nine other state attorneys general filed the lawsuit on November 10, arguing that the mandate will threaten numerous already short-staffed nursing homes, hospitals, and other facilities with closure. Small rural facilities are at particular risk of closure.

"I continue to encourage Kansans to be vaccinated, but *that* personal healthcare decision should be made by each individual and not mandated by any federal government agency," Schmidt said. "This overreaching, one-size-fits-all mandate would further disrupt and impede the efforts of healthcare facilities and their employees all across Kansas to provide the care Kansans expect and deserve."

## Kansas Contractors Association Accepting Scholarship Applications

*Eligibility Includes Technical, Community and Four-Year College Programs*

The Kansas Contractors Association is now accepting scholarship applications from students interested in the construction industry. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,500.

KCA offers the scholarships each year to Kansas high school and college students who are enrolled in, or intend to enroll in, an eligible program at an accredited Kansas university, community college or technical college. Eligible programs include construction management, construction science, construction engineering technology or related field. Scholarship recipients may also request to be placed in an internship with a Kansas contractor. Interns are awarded an additional \$1,000 on top of their scholarship award.

Founded in 1923, KCA is the statewide association for the heavy construction industry in Kansas. With more than 225 member contractors across the state, KCA's members are proud to build our state's roads, bridges, railroads, and utilities infrastructure.

For more information, or to download the scholarship application, visit [WeBuildKansas.com/scholarships](http://WeBuildKansas.com/scholarships). The application deadline is January 31, 2022.

Some of the coolest careers are in construction! For more information on opportunities in the construction industry, visit [WeBuildKansas.com/careers](http://WeBuildKansas.com/careers) or [HirePaths.com](http://HirePaths.com).

## Employers Advised Not to Question Religious Beliefs

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt advised Kansas employers that they must not inquire into the sincerity of an employee's religious belief when the employee claims a religious waiver from a COVID-19 vaccine requirement.

New state legislation that became effective yesterday requires all employers, public or private sector, to accommodate employee requests for relief from COVID-19 vaccine requirements on the ground that the requirement would violate a sincerely held religious belief of the employee and forbids employers from "inquiring into the sincerity of the request" by the employee.

Schmidt noted that some employers have been requiring employees who claim a religious waiver to complete detailed questionnaires designed to gather information for use in evaluating the sincerity of the employee's religious beliefs. For example, some questionnaires asked how long the employee had held the particular belief and requested documentation of the existence of the employee's faith and of how tenets of the faith precluded COVID-19 vaccination. In at least some cases, public employers also established review committees or procedures that would evaluate an employee's response and determine whether the employee had sufficiently demonstrated a "sincere" religious belief that would justify granting the waiver.

Those sorts of inquiries and discretionary determinations are now illegal in Kansas, Schmidt said.

"In Kansas, an employee's religious faith may not be put on trial in order to obtain the waiver to which the employee is entitled by law," Schmidt said. "It is particularly distressing when a public-

sector employer - an agent of the government - sits in judgment of the sincerity of an employee's religious faith. Under the new law now in effect, that is not only distressing, it is also illegal."

Schmidt said he today is directly contacting public-sector employers that he is aware may be in violation of the new law and advising them they must immediately cease and desist any illegal procedures and properly grant employee requests for religious waivers.

Schmidt encouraged all employers to immediately review their procedures for receiving and granting employee requests for religious waivers from COVID-19 vaccine requirements and to conform them with the law. He noted that under the new law, employees aggrieved by an employer's violation of the law may file a complaint with the Kansas Department of Labor, and an employer who is found in violation and does not correct any illegal actions or procedures may ultimately be subject to substantial civil penalties imposed by a court at the request of the attorney general's office.

"The purpose of this new law is to protect workers, not to punish employers," Schmidt said. "We seek compliance, not punishment. So, I encourage all Kansas employers, whether public or private, to immediately review their policies and procedures and conform them to the requirements of the new law in order to respect the religious liberties of Kansas workers as the law requires."

A copy of the new law approved Monday by the Legislature and that became effective yesterday is available at <https://bit.ly/3nOES1T>.

## DSNWK Awarded Beach Family Foundation Grant

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas is proud to announce the receipt of a \$20,980 grant from the Beach Family Foundation. Jane Hipp, daughter of Ross and Marianna Beach continue their legacy with this grant award to support DSNWK's efforts to remodel and retool its workshop used to produce refurbished furniture and craft items for its new Custom Creations store in downtown Hays. Having a fully functional workshop will provide greater opportunities for new skill development and additional custom created projects for persons served by DSNWK.

DSNWK's Custom Creations store officially opened its doors in October of this year. The store, located at 1107 Main Street in Hays, is now open to the public and is also used for learning, collaborating and developing talent, as well as sharing the creations of the people they serve with the community. Donations of solid wood furniture and other items from the community support the creation of unique items and custom created and restored furniture by people served through DSNWK.

"With the ability to work in a fully operational and safe environment, persons served will learn about the function of different tools, what they are capable of doing with each, and the innovative products they can produce," states Jerry Michaud, DSNWK President.

DSNWK would like to thank the Beach Family Foundation for their continued support of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in northwest Kansas.

DSNWK is a 501c3 nonprofit serving 18 counties in northwest Kansas with a mission to advocate for persons with disabilities and those who care about them by planning and supporting a life of dignity, interdependence, and personal satisfaction in the community.

## FHSU Toy-Building Event Returns to Traditional Format

Fort Hays State University is calling back its elves to work for 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, December 4, in the woodshop of FHSU's Center for Applied Technology.

The project, started in 1990, took on a new look last year. For more than 30 years, faculty, staff, and community members have gathered on the first Saturday in December to assemble about 200 wooden toys for children ages 2 to 6 who might not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. The community-participation portion of the event was canceled last year because of Covid-19 concerns. And completion of toys led on the shoulders of faculty and students in FHSU's chapter of Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association (TEECA).

The Department of Applied Technology is happy to announce that TUFT Day is returning to its traditional in-person format this year, and Santa's helpers of all ages are welcome to volunteer for the toy production. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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 the Materials, Processes, and Production classes - taught by Assistant Professor Zach Pixler - produce several designs for the toy. Pixler and Kim Stewart, department chair, then choose the design. This year's toy will be a transforming robot. Pixler's students cut out the individual pieces beforehand in preparation for the Saturday toy-building event.

## Grants

*Continued from page 3*

Child Advocacy Center and Mobile Therapy Unit that travels to Sheridan County assisting families in need of healing services as a result of abuse

\$10,000.00, USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools, New sound systems for the high school gymnasium and outdoor athletic stadium

As a reminder, applications for these grants are accepted on a rolling deadline of the first of every month. They are reviewed at the SCCF's monthly meeting and notifications are sent out usually mid-month.

For more information and to apply, visit [www.growsheridancounty.org/grants](http://www.growsheridancounty.org/grants). You can also contact SCCF Board Liaison Karl Pratt at 785-675-1240, [karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com](mailto:karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com).

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 in 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/sheridancf](http://www.facebook.com/sheridancf).

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## Indian Wrestling to Open Season at Home



By Coleen Shepard

The Hoxie High School wrestling team will open its 2021-22 season this weekend at home.

The 321A number one-ranked Indian wrestlers will roll out the mats at home for their first competitions of the season. Hoxie will host the Colby Eagles Friday evening at 6 p.m. for a dual followed by the Hoxie Invitational Tournament at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 4. Both events will take place at the Hoxie High School gymnasium.

This season the wrestling room will be home to 18 boys and one girl, all vying for spots on the roster. Filling the room are eight returning boys state medalists, one returning girl's state medalist, 10 letter winners and seven incoming freshmen. In addition to being ranked first as a team, Hoxie has several top six ranked wrestlers. Last year's state champions Drew Bell (138 lb) and Drew Bretz (152 lb) hold the number one ranking at their weights, with returning state champion Derek Johnson ranked third at 160 pounds. Returning state placers Carson Ochs (126 lb) and Dayton Bell (132 lb) come in ranked second, Tate Weimer (113 lb) and Brandon Baker (285lb) hold the No. 3 ranking with Wayne Shepard ranked fourth at 120 pounds. Hoxie's returning state placer, Marissa Porsch, is ranked third at 138 pounds in the Girls Division II rankings.

Wrestling fans can support the team in person or catch the action live on <http://openspacesports.com>.



## HHS Scholars' Bowl @ Oberlin

By Jackie Campbell, Head Scholars Bowl Coach

Hoxie High School took a varsity team to the Oberlin Scholars' Bowl Tournament on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The Hoxie team consisted of: Elyssa Rucker, Avery Reuber, Troy Swint, Adam Heim, and Nathan Snyder. The team took second place in the tournament and was awarded medals. They were defeated by WaKeeney, who took first place and never lost a match. Atwood took third place at the tournament. The other schools that participated in the tournament were: Norton, St. Francis, Philipsburg, Colby, and Oberlin. Hoxie's high scorers were Troy Swint with 80 points, and Elyssa Rucker with 70 points. All the rounds were low-scoring matches. The team worked really well together only to lose out on matches to Norton and WaKeeney. The HHS Scholars Bowl Team will travel to Goodland on November 16. Make sure to wish all participants good luck, and we hope to bring home the gold!

## Hoxie High School Freshman Participate in Pre-ACT

By Sadie Reynolds, Tomahawk Staff Writer

The ACT is a big event in high school. It can be a determining factor of where you go in your future. Mrs. Fose talked about her experience with the ACT. For her, there was very little help, no practice, and certainly no redoes. It was a one-and-done test. Thankfully, there is a lot more available to us now, and for upcoming generations of students. Even just a few years ago there was no Pre-ACT. Sure, you could take it a bunch, but those were all on your own time. Looking back now, something like the Pre-ACT could have really helped me when trying my best during those 3-4 testing hours.

I asked some of the students their opinions on the Pre-ACT. Braydon Scheetz said "It was an alright test. I feel like I did good on the test. It also helped me know what to prepare for on the real thing". Macy Wente said "The test was fine; it took a while. It was definitely helpful, and I will probably do better on the real thing."

Opportunities like the Pre-ACT can lead to a much more successful and educated future. When you get the chance to learn something new (especially if it is helpful), take the time to find out what you can. Good luck on your upcoming ACT's everyone!

## GPMS Girls Place Second at League



Team members included (front) Mayte Hernandez, Elizabeth Weiner, Marisol Perez, Braylee Knowles, Anais Cepeda, Kaile Wessel, Lakin Wark, Brenlynn Rath; (back) Coach Jennifer Spresser, Evelyn Ortiz, Madison Focke, Kadalen Unrein, Addy Wessel, Luisa Ramirez, Estella Vargas, Katie Carter, Amia Durham, Coach Laura Felthoelter, Adilyn Meier, Takoda Cline, Briella Knowles. (Photo by Morgan Wark)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team placed second at the WKLL league tournament in Colby on October 21. The girls were 3-7 going into the tournament but went 3-1 at league for second place.

Their first game was against Heartland Christian. The Lady Bulldogs took two quick wins 25-6, 25-10. The second game

of the tournament was against Northern Valley. The Huskies presented more of a challenge, but the Bulldogs won the first set 25-23. The Huskies came back in the second set to win 25-18. The Bulldogs worked hard to win the third set and the match 25-21.

The third game of the day was against the Cheylin Cougars. The Cougars took control early on and won this

game 25-9, 25-13. The Lady Bulldogs did not let this loss slow them down as they played the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks. The Bulldogs claimed the first set 25-21 and stayed strong to win their final game of the season 25-13. This win gave them the runner-up title in the league tournament with Cheylin claiming the championship.

"We did pretty good until the

Cheylin game," said Braylee Knowles, 8th grade. "We kinda gave up but came back to beat Wheatland."

The Lady Bulldogs finished their season with 6 wins and 8 losses. "Volleyball is a fun game," continued Knowles. "I enjoyed playing with friends and getting some good kills. I'll miss playing at the middle school level."

"We improved on our

## FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference

By Emma Cersovsky, Tomahawk Staff Writer

Wednesday, October 27, the Hoxie High School FCCLA had a conference in Oakley, KS. There were a few activities that we did. We were split into three groups, which were sorted in three different colors: red, black, and white.

Levi Gleason, Ava Spillman, and I were in the red group. We started off by painting pumpkins, then we went to one of the other rooms where we did a little escape room where we were separated into two groups. When we were in this room we also did 'telephone'.

Next, we went to the third and final room where we played a game that we had to say something, but we could not be in the middle.

Before we were split into groups, we had the board members speak. We also had the president of each school say what school they were in and how many people from their school attended.

While in the main room, we were blessed by a guest speaker on the topic of "How do I become a better leader?" The speaker, a local teacher, had much to say on this topic. He gave his stance on the new technological age, and ways we could use our resources to inspire change across the nation.

In conclusion, this conference held some absolutely amazing information for all who attended. It provided a day of team building and was a great way to kick off this year's FCCLA activities.

communication," said Anais Cepeda, 8th grade, "and on attacking the ball and working as a team. I'm glad I played in middle school. I'm going to miss it."

"We improved quite a bit from last year," added Laura

Moore, 8th grade. "I enjoyed playing with friends and learned a lot the past two years. We improved on our serving and moving on the court as well as playing together as a team."

## WRESTLING

DATE	TIME	TYPE	LOCATION
December 3, 2021	6:00 PM	Dual - Colby	Hoxie
December 4, 2021	10:00 AM	Invitational	Hoxie
December 9, 2021	6:00 PM	Dual - Atchison Co.	Hoxie
December 10, 2021	6:30 PM	Dual - Clay Center	Clay Center
December 11, 2021	9:00 AM	Invitational	Clay Center
December 11, 2021	9:30 AM	Invitational - JV/Girls	Onaga
December 16, 2021	6:00 PM	Dual - Plainville	Hoxie
December 18, 2021	10:00 AM	Invitational	Goodland
January 8, 2022	9:00 AM	Invitational	Dodge City
January 14, 2022	6:00 PM	Dbi Dual - Oakley/Scott	Hoxie
January 21, 2022	2:00 PM	Invitational - Day 1	Beloit
January 22, 2022	10:00 AM	Invitational - Day 2	Beloit
January 22, 2022	9:30 AM	Invitational - JV	Atwood
January 27, 2022	6:00 PM	Dual - Goodland	Goodland
January 28, 2022	1:00 PM	League	Wakeeney
January 29, 2022	9:00 AM	Invitational - Girls	Washburn Rur:
February 5, 2022	10:00 AM	Invitational	Phillipsburg
February 10, 2022	6:00 PM	Dual - Hill City	Hill City
February 11, 2022	TBD	Regional - Girls	TBD
February 12, 2022	TBD	Regional - Girls	TBD
February 12, 2022	9:30 AM	Invitational - JV	Colby
February 18-19, 2022	TBD	Regional-Boys	TBD
February 23-24, 2022	TBD	State - Girls	TBD
February 25-26, 2022	TBD	State - Boys	FHSU Gross Memc

## School Calendars: Dec. 6-Dec. 12, 2021

HHS USD #412

Monday, December 6  
4pm V SB @ Hill City  
6pm V BB @Purple&Gold  
Tuesday, December 7  
4:30pm JH BB @ Russell  
Thursday, December 9  
6pm V WR Dual vs ACCHS  
6pm V BB @Purple & Gold  
6pm JH BB @ MCEL  
Friday, December 10  
6:30pm V WR Dual @ Clay Center  
Saturday, December 11  
FHSU KMEA Honor Choir

9am V WR @ Clay Center Tourn.  
9am JH-B BB @ Phillipsburg Tourn.  
6pm V BB @Purple & Gold  
9:30pm JV/G WR @ Onega Tourn.  
Sunday, December 12  
2pm Hoxie Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

GPMS USD #316

Monday, December 6  
4pm HS SB @ Colby  
4pm MS SB @ Cheylin  
Tuesday, December 7  
6pm HS GBB vs Heartland @ Sagebrush

7:30pm HS BBB vs Triplains Brewster @ Sagebrush

Thursday, December 9  
4pm MS BB @ Triplains/Brewster  
Friday, December 10  
All Day-HS BB @ Sagebrush  
Saturday, December 11  
All Day-HS BB @ Sagebrush  
All Day-KMEA District Honor Choir

WHS USD #292

Monday, December 6  
4pm HS SB @ Colby  
Castle Rock Classic @ Quinter-all week

Note: All scheduled activities are subject to change. Please check the school web site for updates [www.usd316.k12.ks.us](http://www.usd316.k12.ks.us)

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## Scholars' Bowl Season Begins



The Golden Plains High School Scholar Bowl team members include (front l-r) Madi Green, Dominic Stout, Wyatt Amlong, (back l-r) Memo Aragon, Ethan Shea, Alisha Brantley, Emma Weiner, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Lauren Patmon, Jamie Graves, Wyatt McDonald, Ethan Weiner. Coached by Steiner Scott. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Valeria Ortiz

The Golden Plains High School Scholars Bowl team held the first meet of the season at their home meet on November 1. The Bulldogs finished in second place with a record 5-3 following a 4-way tie.

In the first round, the Bulldogs fell short against Wallace County 50-60. The second round, Golden Plains played against Rawlins County for a big 7-20 win. In the third round, the Bulldogs got another win against Wheatland-Grinnell 40-20. The Bulldogs got three more close wins in a row against Weskan, Brewster, and Triplains.

The Bulldogs finished with losses to Cheylin (20-40) and Hill City (10-20). With a four-way tie for second place amongst Golden Plains, Weskan, Hill City, and Rawlins County, the judges had to apply the tie-breaker rules where the Bulldogs came out to place second. Wallace County won the meet with Weskan placing third.

"We competed well and were glad to get the season started," said Jordyn Fleckenstein. "We have a great team and can be ready for regionals and state."

## Wheatland Students Compete in Voice of Democracy Contest

Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor

Each year since 1947, the VFW organization has conducted a scholarship essay for students across the country, focusing on a topic of national importance. The contest provides approximately 2.2 million dollars of educational scholarships. State winners earn a trip to Washington D.C., all expenses paid. This year's question was "America, Where Do We Go From Here?"

Wheatland High school students joined this national contest, expressing a wide range of opinions in their essays. The judges mentioned difficulty in selecting winners based on the large number of submissions.

VFW Auxiliary president Carol Rietchek announced the winners November 11 at the Veterans Day Celebration at the Grinnell Middle School Gym. Quinter High School student Julie

## All Star Volleyball



Seniors Isabella Ostmeyer (left) and Livia Schultz (right) take a picture together after playing in the Northwest Kansas All Star Game in Colby, Saturday, November 13. (WHS photo)

Jaidlyn Harvey, Staff Reporter

Seniors Livia Schultz and Isabella Ostmeyer participated in the Northwest Kansas All Star Volleyball game on Sunday, November 14. This game was held at the new event center in Colby. Schultz was coached by Robin Van Laeys on Team 1. They came up with a team name of Madame Presidents. Isabella was coached by ShayLinn Zwegyardt. The teams also got to sit down together and eat lunch as a big group. Both girls played two matches and even got to duel it out in the last game. Livia's team won one of their two matches and Isabella's team both of theirs. Isabella's team were also the All Star champs. They both played hard and had a great time while doing it. The girls were very grateful to have another chance to play volleyball as seniors. They are very surprised at how fast it went by and are very grateful to have happy memories that they can look back on.

Ostmeyer said, "It was great to have one last chance as a Thunderhawk and to end my volleyball career on a fun note and with a great team."

Rummel placed third, and WHS senior Isabella Ostmeyer won second place.

WHS sophomore Jordyn Beckman was the first place winner. She read her essay to the veterans, families, and fellow students.

The three students each received a check, and due to the large number of essays, all three will advance to the next level of competition.

## Cushwa Wins Honorable Mention at State Conservation Contest



Brandon Dibble, member of the KACD Conservation Education and Youth Committee presents sophomore Maddox Cushwa with his plaque. Cushwa was awarded Honorable Mention at the scholarship speech contest held in Wichita, November 22. (WHS Photo)

Livia Schultz, Co-Editor

Maddox Cushwa, sophomore, earned 2nd Honorable Mention at the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Speech Contest on November 22, 2021. The contest was held at the Wichita Hyatt and was hosted through the Conservation Education and Youth Committee. This was part of the KACD's 7th annual convention.

The topic this year was "Where Would We Be Without Pollinators?" Students across the state addressed the question, emphasizing the importance of pollinators, as well as methods to protect and preserve them. Cushwa's speech highlighted these points as well as giving information about robotic pollinators, alternate pollination methods, and strategies used in Europe and Australia to pollinate gardens and crops.

This was the first speech contest for Cushwa. He stated, "It was a great experience, and I learned a lot. I want to try again next year now!"

Speech teacher, Mrs. Nelson said, "Maddox learned so much through this experience. It was important to see some of the other contestants present their speeches. It will help prepare him for future competitions. I look forward to seeing his development in upcoming events."

Cushwa earned a \$250.00 scholarship, and he also received a plaque to commemorate this achievement.

## WHS Students Win Conservation Speech Awards



Sophomores Maddox Cushwa, Karoline Schroeder, and Jordan Perez-Jiminez receive their certificates from Linda Phillips of the Gove County Conservation District. Cushwa took first place, Schroeder second, and Perez-Jiminez third in the recent scholarship pollination speech contest conducted by the district. Cushwa advances to state competition Monday, November 21 in Wichita. (WHS photo)

Anna Godek, Staff Member

Thursday, November 11, Linda Phillips of the Gove County Conservation District visited Wheatland High School to present awards to the winners of the 2021 Conservation District Speech Contest.

The speech contest provides scholarship opportunities to students around Kansas. Gove County is in Area 1. This year, students competed at the county and area level simultaneously. The topic was "Where Would We be Without Pollinators?" which required contestants to research the vital role of pollinators, such as honeybees, bats, and butterflies, to human, animal, and plant life.

Three WHS sophomores won awards. Jordan Perez-Jiminez placed third. In second was Karoline Schroeder, and the first-place winner was Maddox Cushwa. Each of the three received a certificate and a check.

Additionally, first place winner Maddox Cushwa will present his speech at the upcoming district meeting. Cushwa will also advance to the state event in Wichita on Monday, November 22, where he will compete against other area winners.

Mrs. Nelson, speech teacher, said, "This was our first year to participate in the contest, so we had a bit of a learning curve. We learned some valuable information, and definitely plan to participate next year. I am very proud of the students who presented their speeches this year."

## Hawks on the Hunt



Senior Isaac Mendez runs with the ball after receiving a handoff from quarterback senior Trey Vincent. Mendez is protected by defensive players juniors Kaleb Dohm (69), Robert Mason (62), and Jett Vincent (4), and seniors Ryan Heier (11). Wheatland won the playoff game 46-0. (WHS photo)

Karoline Schroeder, Staff Reporter

On Friday, November 12, the Thunderhawk Football team faced the Kiowa South Barber Chieftains. Senior Issac Mendez had a great offensive game with 113 rushing yards, twelve solo tackles, and five assists. On offense, Mendez had twenty-eight total points, which is a total of four touchdowns.

Junior Jett Vincent had eleven total tackles and senior Tyrell Chapin had eight tackles. Vincent also came in second with 122 all-purpose offensive yards compared to Mendez's 130.

Senior Isaac Mendez shared, "The game was a really hard-fought game. All of our teammates did their jobs and that helped us come out on top."

With these great statistics, the Thunderhawks were able to shut down the Chieftains quickly ending the game in the third quarter. They ended the game with a score of 46-0! This is not usual to see in a sectional game, so we are incredibly proud of the toughness and grit these boys showed.

This win will make it the first time the Thunderhawks have made it to the final four since 1984! It sure is exciting to be a Thunderhawk, so be sure to come out and support these boys of fall on the rest of their journey. Their next game is on Friday, November 19, in Thunderhawk territory.

Head Coach Jesse Vincent was pleased with the team's win as he stated, "After a long bus ride I was pleased with the focus and adrenaline that the team played with. It was a satisfying victory against a quality opponent."

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## Ag Law Briefs Webinar: Leasing Land with Water

Farm landlords and tenants often overlook one of the most important pieces of their lease - water. A webinar offered by Kansas Farm Bureau's Legal Foundation Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 2 p.m. will cover the importance of water right provisions in agricultural leases.

Water right basics will be discussed, as well as pertinent contract provisions that should be considered when a water right is involved in an agricultural lease. Landlords and tenants, and their advisors, will benefit from this webinar.

Register at <https://www.kfb.org/Article/Ag-Law-Briefs>.

## Register for Women Managing the Farm Conference

Registration is now open for the 2022 Women Managing the Farm Conference, Feb. 9-11 in Manhattan. The conference is featuring keynote speaker "Fancy Lady Cowgirl" Courtney DeHoff.

See an updated schedule/list of speakers and register at [womenmanagingthefarm.com](http://womenmanagingthefarm.com)

Conference speakers and sessions are selected and designed to keep women thriving within their rural communities and informed on the latest advancements in agriculture.

## Chasing Clovers: The Truth About Santa and 4-H

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

I pledge my Hands to larger service...the third 'H' in the 4-H Pledge. A good friend posted this story about Santa that seemed so fitting in what our 4-H program teaches youth related to community service.

*The Truth About Santa:* (author unknown)

Son: "Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?"

Dad: "Ok, I agree that you are old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the 'truth' is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So, my question is: Are you sure you want to know?"

Brief pause...

Son: "Yes, I want to know"

Dad: "Ok, I'll tell you: Yes, there is a Santa Claus."

Son: "Really?"

Dad: Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. And did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact, it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgment.

When I saw that woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance. I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

Son: "Oh."

Dad: "So now that you know, you are part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most importantly, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

Help each other this Christmas and...be kind!

Our 4-H program stresses the importance of helping

## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending November 28, 2021, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 16% very short, 30% short, 53% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 16% very short, 27% short, 56% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 28% fair, 52% good, and 10% excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 96%, near 95% last year and 93% for the five-year average.

Soybeans harvested was 96%, near 99% last year and 97% average.

Sorghum harvested was 95%, near 97% last year and 94% average. Cotton harvested was 70%, ahead of 60% both last year and average.

Sunflowers harvested was 95%, near 98% last year and 93% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 10% very poor, 16% poor, 36% fair, 38% good, and 0% excellent.

## Prairie Doc® Perspectives: 'Tis the Season for Y93.2

By Jill Kruse, D.O.

The holiday season is here, and many wonderful activities are happening. As you hustle and bustle, be aware that accidents and injuries can occur. When you see a doctor, they record a diagnosis code explaining the purpose of the appointment. Some codes describe the actual injury and others describe what happened during the injury. For example, Y93.2 is the code for "activities involving snow and ice". So, if you went sledding, crashed into a tree, and broke your left femur or thigh bone, your medical chart would show these codes: S72.8X2A "other fracture of left femur, initial encounter for closed fracture", W22.0 "striking against stationary object", and Y93.2.

With this in mind, let's have some fun and review codes that would be used for mishaps from popular holiday songs and movies. For the grandma who was run over by a reindeer, we would use codes W55.32XA and V06.00XA defined as "struck by other hoof stock, initial encounter" and "pedestrian on foot injured in collision with other nonmotor vehicle in nontraffic accident", respectively. The song does not specify injuries received from this accident, but there is mention of drinking too much eggnog. Therefore, we might verify the diagnosis of R78.9 which is "finding of alcohol in blood".

In the holiday movie A Christmas Story, Ralphie wants a Daisy Red Ryder BB gun. His mother warns that he will end up with S05.90XA "unspecified injury of unspecified eye and orbit." Of course, that doesn't have the same ring to it as "You'll shoot your eye out!" Don't forget Ralphie's classmate who gets his tongue stuck to the frozen flagpole. His injury would be noted as T33.90 and S00.502A which are "superficial frostbite to unspecified sites" and "unspecified injury to oral cavity, initial encounter." Ouch!

I hope that Santa can avoid E73.0 and W13.2xxA which are "lactose intolerance" and "fall from, out of or through roof, initial encounter." Either of those situations would make Santa less merry and bright. And let's hope the jolly old elf has seatbelts in his sleigh because if Rudolph gets anxious in the fog and makes a sharp turn, Santa might have a V00.221A, "fall from sled, initial encounter".

May your stockings stay safely hung by the fireplace without X02.0XXA "exposure to flames in controlled fire in building or structure [fireplace], initial encounter". No one wants their holiday ruined by Z63.1 "problems in relationship with in-laws". And hopefully your children don't have any Z62.891 "sibling rivalry" issues.

My wish for all of you is a peaceful, silent night, preferably not due to H83.3 "noise induced hearing loss" from all the carolers at your door. And, in the New Year, may you only need to come to the clinic for Z00.00 "encounter for general adult medical examination without abnormal findings".

Happy Ho, Ho, Holidays and stay healthy out there, people!

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others for the sake of helping without the thought of thanks or acknowledgment. It is our goal to instill life skills that will carry into adulthood creating citizens who want to give back to their communities. Our 4-H youth enjoy raising funds to assist local charities, helping elderly neighbors with yard work, creating cards and acts of kindness to brighten someone's day just to name a few. This is all part of the 4-H program experience.

Our goal is to teach youth life skills that will empower them for a lifetime. We believe that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America's largest youth development organization empowering nearly six million young people across the United States and over 74,000 youth in Kansas with skills to lead and give for a lifetime.

Our Vision is that youth in 4-H will grow and develop into healthy, caring adults prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities of a globally connected world.

It's not too late! Contact our Twin Creeks Extension District 4-H Youth Development Agent, Patsy Maddy, for more information about getting your youth enrolled in a 4-H program. ([pmaddy@ksu.edu](mailto:pmaddy@ksu.edu) or 785-877-5755). Check out our Facebook pages at Norton County 4-H, Decatur County 4-H, Sheridan County 4-H or

Graham County 4-H.

Enrollment is open to youth ages 5 and 6 years old before January 1, 2022, for the Cloverbud program and ages 7 through 18 before January 1, 2022, for regular 4-H membership.

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## Commission Minutes 11/23/21

Now on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was *The Sheridan Sentinel*.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board they were going to the Grinnell Road to fill a couple of holes with millings.

Penco Engineering is being audited by the state for the bridge work planning to be done. Joe Bainter as Vice-Chairman signed the document. March 2022 is now the probable start date for the work to begin on the bridge.

Joe Bainter asked that gravel be taken to the intersection north of the Elk Ranch as it gets very muddy in wet weather.

Bracht will be receiving bids for tires for the recycling pickup. These will be sent to each commissioner individually for approval.

Teeter is ready to begin work on Road 380. Road Department has disced and mowed the first three miles.

The bridge North of Selden was taken out and a 36x40 culvert was put in. Herskowitz distributed photos.

Millings will be ripped in at the two Studley hills and by Charlie Ostmeier's.

There was discussion on mowing.

Prairie dogs continue to be treated.

The Board will look at the bridge two miles east and then south. Everyone thinks it can just be recapped.

There was discussion about the Y east of Selden. Herskowitz will talk with Leroy Spreser.

Bracht distributed seven Treasurer abatements for approval and signature. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the abatements, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0

At 8:35, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Pratt, and Bracht. The door opened at 8:55 with no decision being made.

Karl Pratt and Kelsey Epp entered the meeting to discuss the daycare project. Members of the group who are working on the daycare project include parents, educators, daycare providers, and school superintendent. There are currently five licensed providers in Hoxie. Pratt stated that the hospital and school have been affected as it pertains to people either not being able to take a job due to lack of childcare or having to leave because of no childcare. The group is looking at building or bringing in a facility for daycare and is looking to secure funding through the city, county, and Hansen Foundation. There were lots of details discussed but there are no numbers or written plan. There was also discussion about a daycare center versus a daycare in a home. Wes Bainter stated the Commissioners can't react to ideas they need a plan before they can take any action. Get the numbers and come back to the Board. There is quite a lot of time before the funds have to be spent so no real urgency at this point.

Wes Bainter made a motion to approve the November 16,

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## Ronald Neff

November 11, 1939 ~ November 27, 2021



Ronald Eugene Neff, 82, passed away on November 27, 2021 at the Sheridan County Long Term Care Health Complex in Hoxie, KS. He was born in rural Sheridan County on November 11, 1939 to F. H. (Tweed) and Margaret Neff.

Ron attended Selden Grade School and graduated from Selden High School in 1957. He was an avid basketball player

and the team went to state his senior year. Ron attended one year of college at Kansas State University and three years at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where he graduated with an Accounting Business Degree. Ron joined the Kansas National Guard and served for six years.

On September 16, 1961, Ron married Lois Tesmer of Sharon Springs, KS and were happily married for 60 years. To this union five children were born: Monica, Doug, David, Darin, and DaLaena. Ron was a farmer, a Pioneer seed salesman for 53 years and held a Broker's License and sold land for 52 years. He enjoyed visiting with anyone and everyone, he was definitely a people person. Ron was a long-time member of the Lion's Club and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden, where he served on the parish council numerous times. He never missed a Mass on Sunday if he could help it, even on family vacations or fishing trips.

Ron loved his grandchildren, taking them to the lake for boat rides and fishing memories. He was a wonderful Grandpa, who earned the title 'Grandpa on the Farm.'

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Lois Meitl and infant granddaughter, Leah Neff.

He is survived by his wife, Lois of Selden, KS; brother, Don Neff and wife, Gerry of Oberlin; two daughters, Monica of Shawnee, KS and DaLaena (Matt) Karlin of Gardner, KS; three sons, Doug (Debbie) of Shelbyville, TN, Dave of Selden, KS and Darin (Amy) of Hebron, NE; an exchange student who became family 24 years ago, Parviz Hasanov of Abu Dhabi; grandchildren: Shawn, Josh, Nate, Xavier, Phoenix, Bradley, Ben, and Emily.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 am Friday, December 3, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Selden. Burial will follow at the Selden Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00-7:00 pm Thursday, December 2 at the church with family greeting friends from 5:00-7:00 pm, a Rosary and wake service will follow at 7:00 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Sheridan County Benefit Walk and may be sent in care of Pauls Funeral Home, 121 N Penn Ave., Oberlin, KS 67749. Condolences may be left at [www.paulsffh.com](http://www.paulsffh.com).

2021 Minutes as presented. Joe Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0

The November 19, 2021 Payroll was approved on a motion by Mader and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0

Joe Bainter made a motion, seconded by Mader, to approve the November 30, 2021 Warrants as presented. Carried 3-0

There will be no meeting on Tuesday, December 14 and the last meeting of the year will be Wednesday, December 29.

Bracht asked the Board if anyone was planning on attending the KNRC meeting December 1-2 and no one is.

The following payroll and warrants were audited and approved:

General \$129,723.30  
Road & Bridge \$203,626.37  
Spec Hwy \$50,924.00  
VIN \$130.00  
Nox Weed \$1,877.78  
Public Transp \$1,554.79  
MV \$1,227.75  
E911 \$4,389.46  
Public Hlth \$16,416.17  
Landfill \$329.19

At 10:05 with no further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 8:00 in the first-floor foyer.

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

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of  
JEANNIE MARIE HAMRICK, Deceased  
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. 2021-PR-000034

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are notified that on November 11, 2021, a petition was filed in this Court by Shelly Kuhn, a creditor of Jeannie Marie Hamrick, deceased, requesting Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to the Petitioner to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 6, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, 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.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

PETITIONER  
/s/ Shelly Kuhn

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Attorney for Petitioner

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of  
HARM LIPTON BRIERY, Deceased

Case No. 2020-PR-30

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT**

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:  
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on November 10, 2021 in said Court by the undersigned, executor of the Will of the decedent, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance of fees, expenses and costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 10, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Harry Joe Pratt  
Petitioner

Ken Eland, #12054  
Attorney for Petitioner  
ELAND & PRATT, LLC  
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**Notice of Sale of Abandoned Motor Vehicles**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1102 the following abandoned motor vehicles which have been impounded by the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office & Hoxie Police Department. These vehicles and contents will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash on December 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM at the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office Parking lot at 940 8<sup>th</sup> St. Hoxie, KS.

Owners, if any, have failed to claim impounded vehicles. The owners thereof may claim their vehicles & contents within ten (10) days of the second publication of this notice by paying the removal, storage, & publication costs incurred.

If a vehicle was previously titled by a state other than Kansas or as a non-highway vehicle, a Motor Vehicle Identification number verification form will also be required to obtain title of any vehicle purchased & will be the responsibility of the buyer to request the verification & pay the costs involved.

The Sheridan County Sheriff's Office and Hoxie Police Department Reserves the right to withdraw any or all of the described vehicles prior to time of sale. No implied warranty of condition shall be understood by such sales.

All sales shall be made under conditions imposed by the auctioneer representing the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office. All sales must be settled at the time of the sale. Titles will be transferred to buyers, if available. Requirements of the state regarding titles to abandoned or unclaimed vehicles will be met by furnishing an Affidavit of Sale & proof of publication.

Vehicles in storage at the Sheridan County Sheriff's & Hoxie Police Department Impound Lot to be sold:

Blue 2003 GMC Envoy XL VIN #1GKE516P836246441 to Aaron Daniel

Blue 1993 Ford Ranger VIN #1FTCR10X5PPB25633 to Russell Wheeler

Red 1997 Ford F150 VIN #1FTDX1869VKA08945 to Tyler King

Gray 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme VIN #1G3WS14W8JD391188 to Heather Roberson

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**2021 TAX LEVY FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY**

Rate of tax levied for 2021 on \$1,000, per assessed valuation  
VALUES ARE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021

TANGIBLE VALUATION OF SHERIDAN COUNTY IS \$72,638,700, INCLUDING PENALTY OF \$38,328.

STATE	K.S.A.	Levy	CITY FUND LEVIES	K.S.A.	Levy
Educational Building Fund	76-6601	1.000	Hoxie City-Valuation	9,704,880	
State Institutional Fund	76-6604	0.500	State		1.500
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>		<b>1.500</b>	County		61.983
<b>COUNTY FUNDS</b>			USD #12		42.863
Valuation	75,796,962		RFD 1		4.017
General	79-1945	31.476	City		66.000
Road & Bridge	68-5.101	16.524	Twin Creek Extension		1.715
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.173	<b>TOTAL (Tax Unit 001)</b>		<b>177.878</b>
Library Service Contract	12-1215	0.264	Hoxie City Breakdown		
Intellectually Challenged	19-4004	0.633	General	12-101a	36.600
Hospital Maintenance*	19-4606	9.999	Library	12-1215	3.655
Public Health	65-204	0.500	Bond & Interest	10-113	1.258
Mental Health	19-4007	0.237	Employee Benefits	12-1610	18.118
Elderly Service Program*	12-1680	0.750	Street Resurfacing	15-733	5.864
Pool Lease/Purchase Contract	10-1116c	1.427	Airport	3-121	0.499
<b>COUNTY TOTAL</b>		<b>61.983</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>66.000</b>
*Includes Election			Selden City Valuation	1,281,566	

**FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES**

District	K.S.A.	Valuation	Levy
District	19-3610		
Oakley Fire		126,044	1.644
Rural Fire 1		61,292,768	4.017
Rural Fire 4		4,656,037	2.500

**REGIONAL LIBRARY**

Valuation	K.S.A.	LEVY
Valuation	61,633,926	
GENERAL	79-2511	1.010
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	0.141
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1.151</b>

**TWIN CREEK EXTENSION**

District	K.S.A.	Valuation	Levy
District	2-623		
District 9		72,600,372	1.715

**CEMETERY FUND LEVIES**

DISTRICT	K.S.A.	VALUATION	LEVY
Dresden Cemetery	2,215,408	1.468	
Fairview Cemetery	3,262,142	1.466	
Hawkeye Cemetery	402,939	1.742	
Lucerne Cemetery	1,867,342	0.000	
Rexford Cemetery	2,035,111	1.133	
Selden Cemetery	6,028,564	0.892	

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 2021 as shown by the records on file in my office.

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS	211	274	291	292	293	294	316	412
VALUATION	37,636	75,503	4,259,944	3,307,649	3,922,580	20,942	7,525,830	50,732,188
General	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
VALUATION	40,332	80,763	4,383,737	3,377,874	3,962,297	22,942	7,545,830	50,791,829
Step Gen	72-6435	17,072	21,938	9,521	20,563	21,244	15,437	26,487
Cap Outlay	72-8801	5,500	7,968	4,079	7,968	7,968	8,000	2,006
Recreation	12-1627	2,968	1,999					
Bond & Interest	10-113							
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>45,570</b>	<b>51,835</b>	<b>33,600</b>	<b>48,561</b>	<b>49,232</b>	<b>43,437</b>	<b>48,493</b>	<b>42,663</b>

2021 Levies by Taxing Unit	K.S.A.	79-1962	19-3105	2021 Levies by Taxing Units	K.S.A.	79-1962	19-3105
TAX UNIT	LEVY	USD	GEN	TWP	TAX UNIT	LEVY	USD
ADSELL TWP-Valuation \$2,227,447. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000	0.000	0.000	EAST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,548,861. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
468 Tax Units	115,936	211			095 West Saline Tax Units	119,598	293
316	113,029	412			096 WEST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,243,832. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
314	114,497	412			West Saline Tax Units	0.000	0.000
BLOOMFIELD TWP-Valuation \$2,488,566. (RFD 4/Reg Library)		0.000	0.000	0.000	090 WEST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,243,832. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
Bloomfield Tax Units	117,342	316			091 WEST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,243,832. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
340	118,508	316/Seliden Cem			092 WEST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,243,832. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
341	118,475	316/Seliden Cem			093 WEST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,243,832. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
342	118,475	316/Seliden Cem			SHERIDAN TWP-Valuation \$3,362,862. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
343	118,234	316/Seliden Cem			Sheridan Tax Units	0.000	0.000
344	118,234	316/Seliden Cem			025 SHERIDAN TWP-Valuation \$6,651,967. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		2.428
345	112,404	412/Seliden Cem			026 SHERIDAN TWP-Valuation \$6,651,967. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
SOWCREEK TWP-Valuation \$1,835,917. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.399	0.000	0.399	SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000	0.000	0.000	SOLOMON Tax Units	2,428	0.000
SOLOMON Tax Units	113,440	412			079 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
295	113,440	412			078 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
KENNETH TWP-Valuation \$4,681,816. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000	0.000	0.000	076 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
Kenneth Tax Units	113,029	412			075 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
305	113,029	412			074 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
LOGAN TWP-Valuation \$9,556,092. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000	0.000	0.000	073 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
Logan Tax Units	113,029	412			072 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
370	114,495	412/Seliden Cem			071 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
371	114,495	412/Seliden Cem			070 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
372	120,325	316/Seliden Cem			069 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
FARNELL TWP-Valuation \$5,731,515. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000	0.000	0.000	068 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
Farnell Tax Units	113,029	412			067 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
350	113,021	412/Seliden Cem			066 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
351	118,234	316/Seliden Cem			065 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
HARRIS DOG TWP-Valuation \$2,167,468. (RFD 4/Reg Library)		0.000	0.000	0.000	064 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
Harris Dog Tax Units	114,028	294/Hawkeye Cem			063 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
320	117,342	316			062 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
321	115,084	316/Hawkeye Cem			061 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
322	118,475	316/Seliden Cem			060 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
323	118,234	316/Seliden Cem			059 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
324	118,234	316/Seliden Cem			058 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000
325	112,404	412/Seliden Cem			057 SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$7,201,214. (RFD 1/Reg Library)		0.000

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Dennis R. Rall, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-33

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned were duly appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of the above named decedent on the 19th day of October, 2021, and that Letters of Administration have been duly granted to said Administrators. All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Douglas Rall, Administrator  
/s/ David Rall, Administrator

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of  
GARY SMITH, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-37

**NOTICE OF HEARING NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on November 24, 2021 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.

The Petition requests that Jerri Coats and Dustin Smith be appointed as Administrators of this estate without bond.

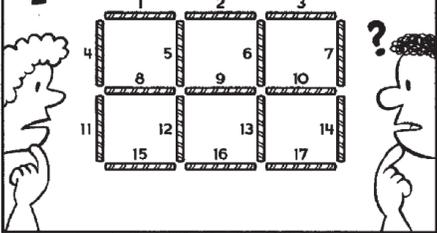
You are further advised that the Petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in this court, in the city of Hoxie, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

Jerri Coats  
Dustin Smith  
Petitioners

## PUZZLE CARD



**YOUR PROBLEM** is to remove five straws from the 17 shown here and have three squares left. If you remove straws 1, 3, 4, 7 and 16, you will be left with three squares.

**THE BIRTHDAY BOY!** When asked the day of his birth, Harry replied: "Two days ago I was 14 years old. Next year I shall be 17." From his answer can you figure out on what day of the year Harry's birthday occurs?  
Dec. 31, Harry is speaking on Jan. 1.

**FIND-A-WORD!** On the top line is our mystery word. You need to fill in the missing letters. Clue words (smaller words contained in letter-by-letter order within the mystery word) are defined below.

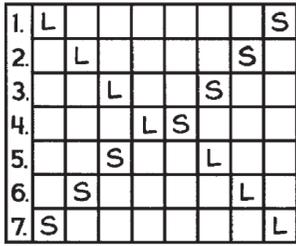
1. Mound of earth.
2. Sports official.
3. Good friend.
4. Droning sound.



1. Hump, 2. Ump, 3. Chump, 4. Hum. Mystery word: Chump.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### FIND THE BIG WORDS!

Using the definitions and anagrams below, you must find the seven eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. The letters in the two anagram words for each definition must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

#### Definitions & Anagrams:

1. Reddish beetles glad + busy
2. Puritanical person soul + been
3. Thick sugar syrup mass + lose
4. Sudden collapse snit + pail
5. Opened an envelope duel + sane
6. Bring parts together slab + seem
7. Beach find less + heal



1. Ladylugs, 2. Bluenose, 3. Molasses, 4. Tailspin, 5. Unsealed, 6. Assemble, 7. Seashell.

## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

### WORD FUN

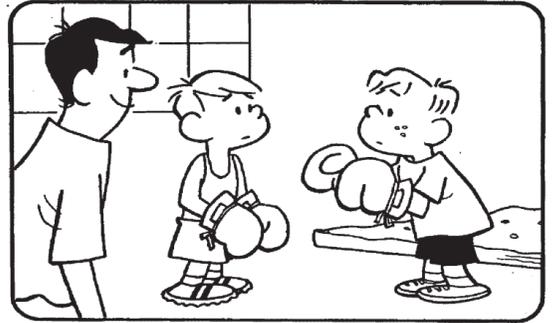
Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

#### WHAT DO YOU CALL CARPENTERS WHO CANNOT FIND THEIR TOOLS?

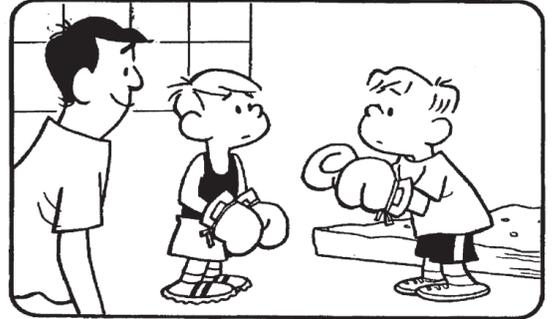
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PETALS	PELTS	NOSIER	SIREN
GLOWED	LODGE	PALEST	PLATE
		EIGHTS	SIGHT
		ADMIRE	MEDIA
		LASHES	LEASH

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Shirt is different, 2. Sleeve is shorter, 3. Freckles are missing, 4. Mat is thicker, 5. Stripe is added, 6. Nose is smaller.

## 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: O equals M

ZRJB JOCUCGM QVBBQD MCGYHM

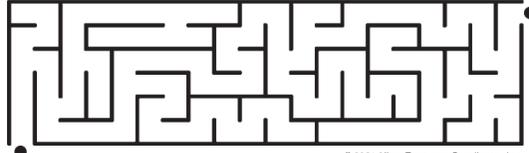
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ZRC JUD YDMBQVYW TCOEVQL?

TGHHQD TJQQM.

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## Kids' Maze



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**32 FLAVORS ICE CREAM**

"Hey, Al, do we have something back there called \_\_\_\_\_?"

**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters, write each message to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the based letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap.

Dainty: RENTED \_\_\_\_\_

Dream: RANEY \_\_\_\_\_

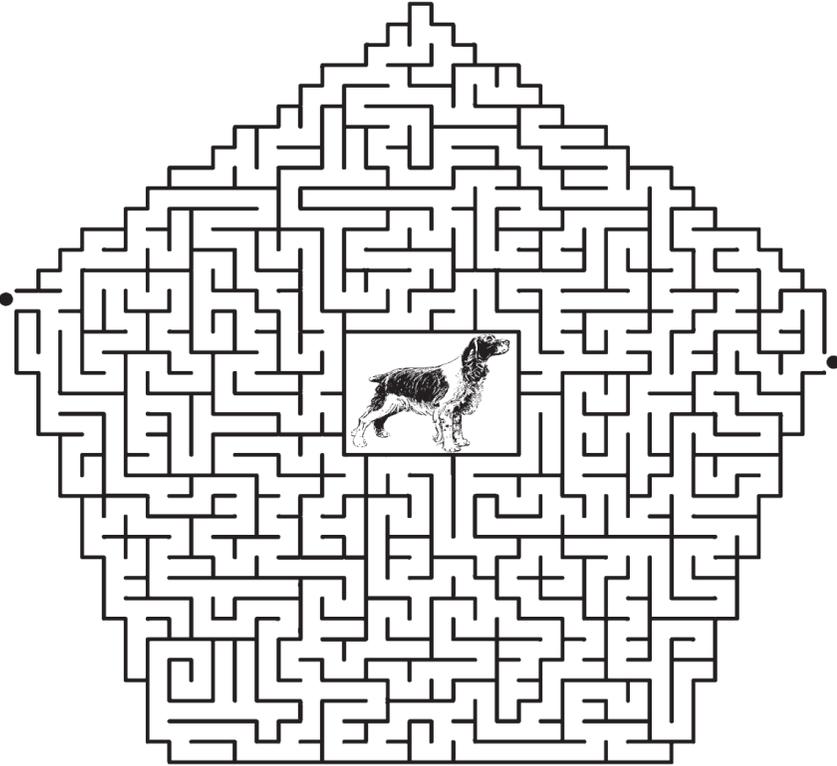
Unkind: DINES \_\_\_\_\_

Sniff: HEALIN \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

## Mega Maze

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## Super Crossword

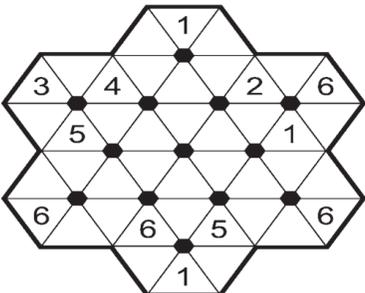
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| <b>ACROSS</b>                               | 1 Skipper's site                                       | 52 Preteen                         | 96 Source of wacky products in Road Runner cartoons | 5 Foldup beds                     | 30 Places to get body wraps  | 73 Spanish dances like fandangos |
| 5 Las Vegas attractions                     | 53 It has a "3D White" product line                    | 102 Jab gently                     | 106 Dress shirt ornament                            | 6 ETA part: Abbr.                 | 32 "The Raven" writer        | 74 Happy as — in mud             |
| 12 Part of WMD                              | 58 Reproachful clicks                                  | 107 Company shuffle, for short     | 108 PC undo key                                     | 7 Long attack                     | 33 Positive aspect           | 75 List of dishes                |
| 16 Dol. fractions                           | 59 Fish in a garden pond                               | 109 Fetus' place                   | 109 Fetus' place                                    | 8 Photo-sharing app, for short    | 34 Roman 2,050               | 76 Verge                         |
| 19 Safe, at sea                             | 60 Writer Levin  | 110 Grafton's "— for Alibi"        | 111 Onetime competitor of Magnavox                  | 9 Totally unacceptable            | 36 Cur's threat              | 78 Aussie bird                   |
| 20 Venezuela's main river                   | 61 Be fixated  | 111 Onetime competitor of Magnavox | 112 "My friends," in France                         | 10 Bar code-scanning gizmo: Abbr. | 39 Bank strt. ID             | 79 Verve                         |
| 21 Brand of skin cream                      | 62 Company that owns Log Cabin, Vlasic and Mrs. Paul's | 114 — polloi                       | 113 "To be," to Brutus                              | 40 Oom- — (tuba sounds)           | 40 Oom- —                    | 80 Stately tree                  |
| 22 "— Abner"                                | 63 Decides to participate                              | 115 Kitchen scraps                 | 116 Discard from the memory                         | 41 TV's Estrada                   | 41 TV's Estrada              | 81 Takeaway game of strategy     |
| 23 Limit for riding a roller coaster, often | 64 About half of all adults                            | 116 Discard from the memory        | 117 "Puppy Love" singer Paul                        | 42 Singer Bobby                   | 42 Singer Bobby              | 82 Link with                     |
| 26 Oath reply                               | 65 Prevaricate   | 117 "Puppy Love" singer Paul       | 118 Kin of Ltd.                                     | 43 Bar order                      | 43 Bar order                 | 86 Ancient                       |
| 27 In — by itself (unique)                  | 66 Lubing  | 118 Kin of Ltd.                    | 119 "To be," to Brutus                              | 44 "— a pity"                     | 44 "— a pity"                | 88 Sleuth, slangly               |
| 28 '60s muscle car                          | 67 Begins  | 119 "To be," to Brutus             | 120 "My friends," in France                         | 45 Egg — yung                     | 45 Egg — yung                | 89 Noisy nappers                 |
| 29 Port-au-Prince locale                    | 68 NCAA  | 120 "My friends," in France        | 121 Vodka brand                                     | 46 Scarf down                     | 46 Scarf down                | 90 Tropical cereal grass         |
| 30 Profound                                 | 69 Barkin of film                                      | 121 Vodka brand                    | <b>DOWN</b>   | 47 Poor grades                    | 47 Poor grades               | 91 D.C.'s home                   |
| 31 Spherical bacterium, for short           | 70 Sinking ship's call                                 | 1 Good laughs                      | 2 Choose (to)                                       | 48 Scarf down                     | 48 Scarf down                | 92 Spam holder                   |
| 32 Payoff of athletic training              | 71 Hippie's "Got it"                                   | 3 1983 J.P. Donleavy novel         | 4 Digital camera resolution units                   | 49 Poor grades                    | 49 Poor grades               | 94 Variety                       |
| 35 "Othello" foe                            |  | 4 Digital camera resolution units  |   | 50 Bread buy                      | 50 Bread buy                 | 96 Tokyo beer                    |
| 37 Grammy category                          |  |                                    |   | 53 33-Down's opposite             | 53 33-Down's opposite        | 97 Sublets, e.g.                 |
| 38 Rocker Patty of Scandal                  |  |                                    |   | 54 Like mosaics                   | 54 Like mosaics              | 98 Social grace                  |
| 39 Animal that hunts, but isn't hunted      |  |                                    |   | 55 Uno + due                      | 55 Uno + due                 | 99 Narrates                      |
| 45 Is remorseful                            |  |                                    |   | 56 "Today"                        | 56 "Today"                   | 100 "— bad moon rising"          |
| 48 Life's work                              |  |                                    |   | 57 "Nova" airer                   | 57 "Nova" airer              | 103 Bar order love ..."          |
| 49 Frazier foe                              |  |                                    |   | 58 Variety                        | 58 Variety                   | 104 Silmy                        |
| 50 Mauna —                                  |  |                                    |   | 62 ATM code                       | 62 ATM code                  | 105 Think piece                  |
| 51 Peel, as fruit                           |  |                                    |   | 63 "That's right!"                | 63 "That's right!"           | 109 Footed vases                 |
|   |  |                                    |   | 64 Spam holder                    | 64 Spam holder               | 111 Actress Saldana              |
|   |  |                                    |   | 65 "— had a secret love ..."      | 65 "— had a secret love ..." | 112 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.     |
|   |  |                                    |   | 66 Suffix with contradict         | 66 Suffix with contradict    | 113 Hexa- halved                 |
|   |  |                                    |   | 67 They precede Novs.             | 67 They precede Novs.        |                                  |
|   |  |                                    |   | 68 Shelter                        | 68 Shelter                   |                                  |
|   |  |                                    |   | 69 Key-centered compositions      | 69 Key-centered compositions |                                  |
|   |  |                                    |   | 70 Eddied                         | 70 Eddied                    |                                  |

## 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

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

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

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