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Record-Breaking November Match Month

Hoxie - The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to announce the successful conclusion of its 2025 November Match Month campaign, which raised \$119,259.78 from more than 130 generous donors across Sheridan County and beyond.

Thanks to this strong community support, SCCF unlocked the full matching opportunities provided by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Family Foundation, resulting in a total campaign impact of \$319,259.78.

Local donations raised during Match Month will be added to the Cultivate Sheridan County Fund, the Foundation's largest unrestricted grant fund. This fund provides flexible, responsive grant funding to support local nonprofits, community projects, and initiatives that improve quality of life and advance the betterment of Sheridan County.

"The success of this year's Match Month is a powerful reminder of what's possible when our community comes together," said SCCF Executive Director Karl Pratt. "Every gift, large or small, helps strengthen our ability to respond to local needs both now and in the future."

Matching funds received through the Hansen and Patterson Family Foundations will be strategically allocated to further strengthen SCCF's long-term sustainability. Portions of the matching funds will be added to the Cultivate Sheridan County Fund, while others will be directed to the Foundation's Operating Endowment Fund to support both immediate and future general operating needs.

This balanced approach ensures SCCF can continue providing meaningful grantmaking today while building long-term charitable resources that will serve Sheridan County for generations to come.

A Singing Career Cut Short

By Don Pickinpaugh

As incoming freshmen, we faced the unique challenge of navigating our new high school environment, and carefully planning our class schedules was essential. Although we didn't openly discuss it among ourselves, there was a shared, unspoken desire to avoid any junior or senior boy who might humiliate us in class. To do this, we needed to be mindful of the classes upperclassmen typically took and choose the less popular ones they were likely to avoid. This approach worked well for a freshman at the bottom of the social hierarchy.

One class that particularly caught my attention was choir. It would have fewer upperclassmen, making this class a more appealing option. Additionally, I had a fair amount of confidence in my singing abilities—or at least, I liked to think I did. The idea of expressing myself through music, without taking any written exams, offered a comforting escape from the regular classes.

From the very first day of class, it became clear that my initial prediction had been correct. The bleachers were filled with only six freshman and sophomore boys. The tenors, including myself, were situated by three bass singers. Completing the ensemble were two dozen girls who sang alto and soprano.

The first week of choir was dedicated to acclimating ourselves to our vocal capabilities and exploring the full range of notes we could produce. With each warm-up exercise, my confidence bubbled. This could be my time, I thought.

By the end of the first week, the atmosphere in the choir grew more serious. We transitioned from warm-up routines to the exhilarating challenge of singing our first songs. Our meticulous choir director listened intently, his discerning ear poised to catch any off-key notes, ensuring our voices blended seamlessly. Excitement spilled out of every participant.

One day, just as the class hour was about to end, we heard a voice shout, "Stop!" and saw our choir director's hands raised, palms facing us. Something was wrong; we could see it in our choir director's eyes. After taking a deep breath, he instructed, "Just the men sing." My heart began to race. I had a bad feeling about where this was going, but I had to go along with it. After finishing a few lines, we heard the command again: "Stop!" Our choir director twitched his nose, contemplating the next step. The men stood there, helpless, waiting for his next command. Then came, "Just the tenors sing."

Oh boy, I thought, a rush of panic rushing through me. This was way too close for comfort. There were just three of us tenors standing nervously on the stage, and our teacher was honing in on one of us who was clearly off-key.

With a forced grin stretching across my face, I sang with all the volume my lungs could muster, desperate to blend in with the other two tenors. My heart raced faster than I could control as I suddenly heard another sharp command cut through the music: "Stop!" The choir director's intense gaze was fixated on the three of us, and I could feel the weight of his scrutiny like a heavy blanket. A bead of sweat poured down from my brow. The room blurred around me, and I thought I might actually faint right then and there, teetering on the edge of the stage.

"You two tenors at the end, start singing," the choir instructed, his voice steady. Now sweat began to trickle down my forehead as we began to sing our part. I could feel the tension in the air, and it wasn't long before the outcome became clear.

"You come down here!" the choir director exclaimed, pointing directly at me as if I were in a spotlight. I instinctively pointed to my buddy, hoping to deflect the blame, but it was no use; I was the one he had singled out in front of the entire choir. The other singers adjusted their views to find out who the culprit was.

As I stepped down from the stage, a weight of despair and embarrassment settled on my shoulders, and I felt my head drop as if it were trying to disappear from life itself. My heart raced with anxiety as I contemplated what punishment awaited me for my blunder. To my surprise, our choir director, with a warm smile, announced, "I'm going to have you turn pages for the piano player."

In that moment, my mind reeled, spinning wildly out of control. My singing aspirations flickered and dimmed, but at least I wasn't being banished from the choir altogether.

I slumped into a chair beside the unassuming young lady at the piano, her fingers dancing gracefully as she brought the black and white keys to life. Soon, however, a sense of panic gripped me again; I realized, with a sinking feeling, that I couldn't read music at all and was utterly clueless about when to turn the pages. I felt I was about to get the spotlight on me again when the pianist caught my eye and quickly nodded, signaling when it was time for me to turn the page. This simple gesture saved me from further embarrassment.

I had an unsettling revelation that day—I didn't need the upperclassmen to embarrass me; I was more than capable of doing that all by myself.

2025 MATCH MONTH CAMPAIGN

\$119,259.78 - Raised Locally
\$100,000.00 - Hansen Match
\$100,000.00 - Patterson Match

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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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www.growsheridancounty.org/matchmonth2025

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SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life of Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, contact Pratt at 785-677-5090, director@growsheridancounty.org, or visit www.growsheridancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridanccef.



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SCCF extends its sincere gratitude to every donor, business, and partner who contributed to the 2025 November Match Month campaign and to the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and Patterson Family Foundation for their continued investment in rural Kansas philanthropy.

In the new year, SCCF will implement several grantmaking revisions and new application opportunities designed to make the process more accessible, responsive, and aligned with community needs. These updates will include streamlined application forms, clearer funding categories, and expanded opportunities for smaller, impact-driven requests, while continuing to support larger community projects. Together, these enhancements will allow SCCF to be more nimble in its grantmaking, better serve local nonprofits and organizations, and maximize the impact of charitable dollars invested throughout Sheridan County. Stay tuned for more information.

Furthermore, the new year will offer donors and organizations the opportunity to receive matching funds toward the creation of up to ten new grant funds in 2026. Matching support of \$3,000 per fund will be available thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, which contributes \$2,000 per fund, along with an additional \$1,000 per fund provided by SCCF. To learn more, visit www.growsheridancounty.org/new-fund-match.

"As we close out an incredibly successful year, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Sheridan County Community Foundation throughout 2025," said Pratt. "The generosity of our donors, partners, and

community members has been truly inspiring and has strengthened our ability to serve Sheridan County in meaningful ways. We are deeply grateful for your trust and partnership, and we wish everyone a wonderful, healthy, and prosperous New Year."

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Red Cross Shelter Training Workshop to be Offered in Hays

Hays -- A workshop is coming up for those interested in volunteering to staff a Red Cross shelter in times of emergencies.

The free "American Red Cross Shelter Fundamentals Training" will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Hays First Baptist Church, 1111 Fort St. in Hays. Registration is due by midnight Wednesday, Jan. 7, at www.train.org/ks. Those registering will need to create an account and then enter course No. 1132663.

"Shelter Fundamentals is a basic level course that introduces the roles and responsibilities for opening, operating, and closing a shelter during a disaster," a news release said. "The course focuses on what new shelter workers need to know to work in a shelter."

The workshop is being presented by the American Red Cross of Kansas and Oklahoma and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. It will be taught by trained Red Cross volunteers.

"Participants will learn the fundamentals of operating a Red Cross shelter and will participate in a hands-on simulation to support the learning objectives," the news release said.

"This course will enable our partners to help us carry out our mission of alleviating human suffering in the face of disaster in their communities."

More information is available from Lyle Pantle, Ellis County Assistant Fire Chief and Emergency Manager, at (785) 621-1780 or lpantle@ellisco.net.

Smoky Hills PBS Presents New Documentary *The Moccasin Speaks*

Bunker Hill, KS -- Smoky Hills PBS is proud to present *The Moccasin Speaks*, a powerful new documentary that reexamines one of the most enduring and misunderstood stories of the High Plains: The German Family Massacre.

For more than a century, the events surrounding the attack on the German family and the capture of four young sisters have been retold through legend. *The Moccasin Speaks* moves beyond myth to uncover a story that is tragic, poignant, and far more complex than history has often portrayed.

Directed by author and historian Deb Goodrich, with assistance from Ed Lowry, producer of Cottonwood Connections, the film presents the nuanced story of the pioneering German family alongside the Cheyenne who were being forced from their land. Based on the book *The Moccasin Speaks: Living as Captives of the Dog Soldier Warriors, Red River War, 1874-1875* by Arlene Feldmann Jauken, the documentary offers an honest and balanced examination of the killing of the settlers, the capture and eventual rescue of the daughters, and the Cheyenne perspective often absent from earlier accounts.

"Ultimately, the story of the German Family is one of humanity's triumph over tragedy," said Deb Goodrich, Writer of *The Moccasin Speaks*. "It reminds us that we can call upon the better angels of ourselves no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in. It is a story that needs to be heard now more than ever."

Through careful historical research and thoughtful storytelling, the film also explores how, over time, descendants of both the captives and the captors have come together in reconciliation, acknowledging the tragedy and complexity of their shared history.

The Moccasin Speaks will air on Smoky Hills PBS on January 8 at 9 PM and an encore presentation will air January 17 at 8 PM.

For more information on broadcast times and additional coverage details, please visit our website at SmokyHillsPBS.org.

Love to read deeper into the stories you see on screen?

Viewers are encouraged to explore the books connected to this documentary, *Girl Captives of the Cheyenne and Captured: The True Account of Sarah White and the Cheyenne*, available at local libraries and bookstores. These works offer additional perspectives and insight into this documentary.

Moccasin Speaks was made possible with the support of Fort Wallace County Museum and their Memorial Association and these current sponsors:

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The Selden Senior Citizens met on December 18, at the Community Center for a delicious meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of Pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Betty Hickert, John Milner, Ellis Walker, Margee Wilson, Helen Carman, Steve Skubal. Those staying to play cards included JR Albers with a score of 554, Shirley Emigh with a score of 441, Boyd Wilson with a score of 360, Steve Carman with a score of 335, Pat Wessel with a score of 353, Bob Wessel and Elaine Koerperich with a score of 384.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

January 1: Mike & Tami Porsch, Kandi Vahling

January 2: Mike & Kandi Vahling, Boyd & Margee Wilson (50 Years)

January 3: Elizabeth Schriner

January 4: Bill Bainter, Jenna Hynek

January 5: Taylore Porsch

January 7: John Kruse

January 8: Gary Shaw, Tom Zodrow, Tyler Stevenson, Colten Sauvage

Again ---- A Big Thank You to everyone taking the time to put up Christmas Lights: Jeff & Brenna Wessel, Aimee Cheney, Bob & Pat Wessel, Jeremy & Nicole Schiltz, the courtyard at Jerry's apartments, Rachael Koerperich, Dave & Molly Wachendorfer, Darrel & Carlene Bruggeman, Steve & Michele Peterson, Boyd & Margee Wilson, Tammie Stevenson, Davis & Terra Rath, Jerry & Paula Schiltz, Ruth Porsch, Bill & Rose Bainter, The Bank, Selden Grocery Store, Steve & Helen Carman, Alan & Chelsie Bruggeman, Tyler Stevenson & Bri Slipke, AJ Stoll, Tracie Hopper & Mark Lange, Nicke & Elaine Koerperich, Tim Douglas & Linda Brown, Leroy & Renee Spesser, Jerry & Chrys Rall, Ashton Schiltz, Troy Ochsner, Dusty Spesser & Rechelle Horinek, Rick & Renee Lewis, Ivonn Vargas, Darrel & Pam Dipman, Justin & Sara Kennedy, Ryan & Tiffany Stevenson, Travis & Kelly Smith, Lad & Lori Truetken, Joe & Cathey Broeckelman

Around 35 people attended. Christmas Light Night at the Community Center on Tuesday, December 23. Winners were Steve & Michele Peterson, Boyd & Margee Wilson, and Tracie Hopper & Mark Lange.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!

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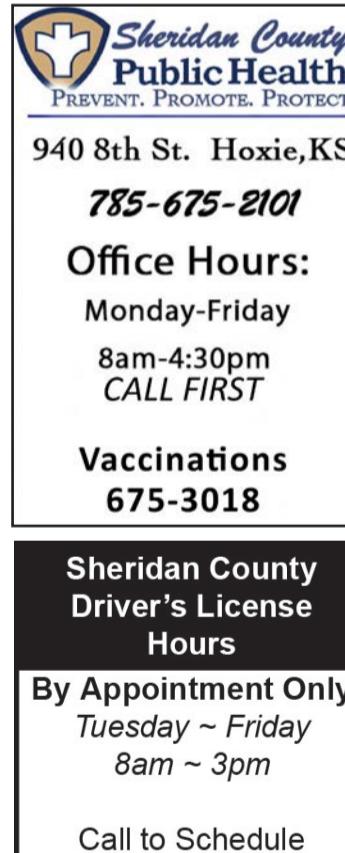
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DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship Accepting Applications

Washington, D.C. — Undergraduate and graduate students studying music can apply for the DAR Marian Anderson Legacy Scholarship through January 31, 2026.

Sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), the scholarship provides a one-time \$5,000 award to one student annually who is pursuing undergraduate or graduate study in music.

Marian Anderson (1897-1993) was a groundbreaking African American contralto and an inspiration for civil rights. "This scholarship pays tribute to Marian Anderson's life, and the Daughters of the American Revolution seeks to honor her legacy through aspiring musicians. Her legacy lives on in others who aim for excellence in musical studies, are committed to their communities, and willing to stand up for what is right," said Ginnie Sebastian Storage, DAR President General.

Applicants should be accepted or currently enrolled in an accredited university or college in the United States and have a concentration in music in their course of study. Music performance, composition, theory, or education are all areas that students may be specialized in to qualify for the scholarship. They should have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the institution.

Applications are available here: <https://www.dar.org/outreach/education/scholarships>

Applications require references sent through the application system, so students need to request their references ahead of the Jan. 31st application deadline.

In honor of Ms. Anderson's commitment to the community throughout her life and her willingness to share her incredible talent with the world, applicants are asked to write a personal statement describing their humanitarian or volunteer contributions on behalf of their community and/or country.

To recognize the city Marian Anderson called home, preference is given to students from the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania metropolitan area, even if they are not pursuing music studies in the Philadelphia area.

While this scholarship is not automatically renewed, recipients may reapply for consideration each year for up to four consecutive years.

The scholarship is supported by the Daughters of the American Revolution's Marian Anderson Legacy Fund. Learn more about the relationship between Marian Anderson and the DAR, and the organization's on-going efforts to honor her memory at www.dar.org/MarianAnderson

Photo: Renowned singer Marian Anderson performing in DAR Constitution Hall in 1943. Students studying music can apply for a one-time \$5,000 scholarship honoring her legacy through Jan. 31.

About the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.



Rep God Like You Rep Your Team

Listen up...
I can walk into any gym, any garage, any man-cave full of grown men and the second I ask:
"Who's your team?"

BOOM — they light up.

They know the stats.
They know the colors.
They know the score from last week, the rushing yards, the passing yards, the player's whole life story.
They can spit that out like scripture.

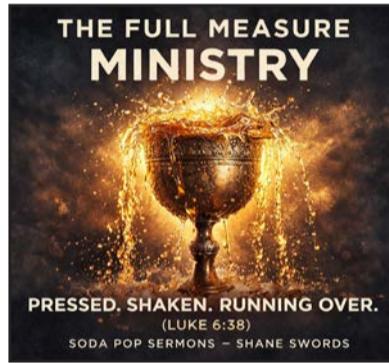
But ask those same men,
"Who is God?"
"What did Jesus actually do for you?"
And suddenly it's crickets.
Blank stares.
Mouths shut.
Hearts empty.

People know Bible stories...
but they don't know the God behind the story.
They claim Christianity...
but they can't name the Christ they claim.

Hear me loud and raw:
How you gonna rep a football team harder than you rep your Savior?
How you gonna memorize stats but not Scripture?
How you gonna scream for a touchdown
but stay quiet about the One who bled out for your salvation?

Nah.
It's time to level up.
It's time to know Him — REALLY know Him.
The same way you throw on a jersey on Sunday,
you better throw on the armor of God EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.

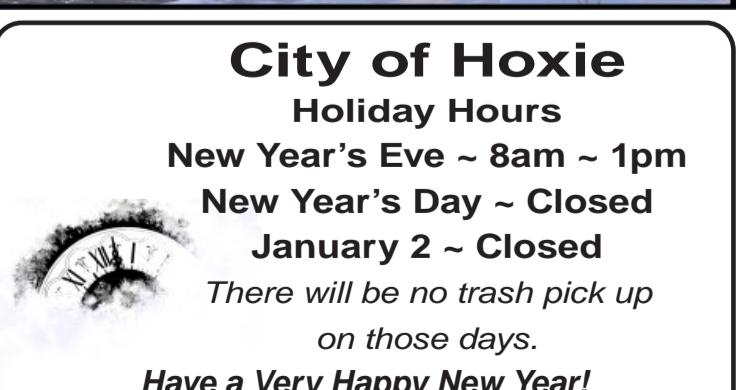
Because this ain't a game!
This ain't a season!
This ain't a hobby!
This is eternity!
This is salvation.
This is life or death



Face the truth:
Most of us don't know God like we NEED to.
Most of us don't rep Jesus like we SHOULD.

So from right now forward.
REP GOD like you rep your team!
Stand bold.
Walk loud.
Live saved.
And let the world know EXACTLY whose kingdom you're riding for!

Amen



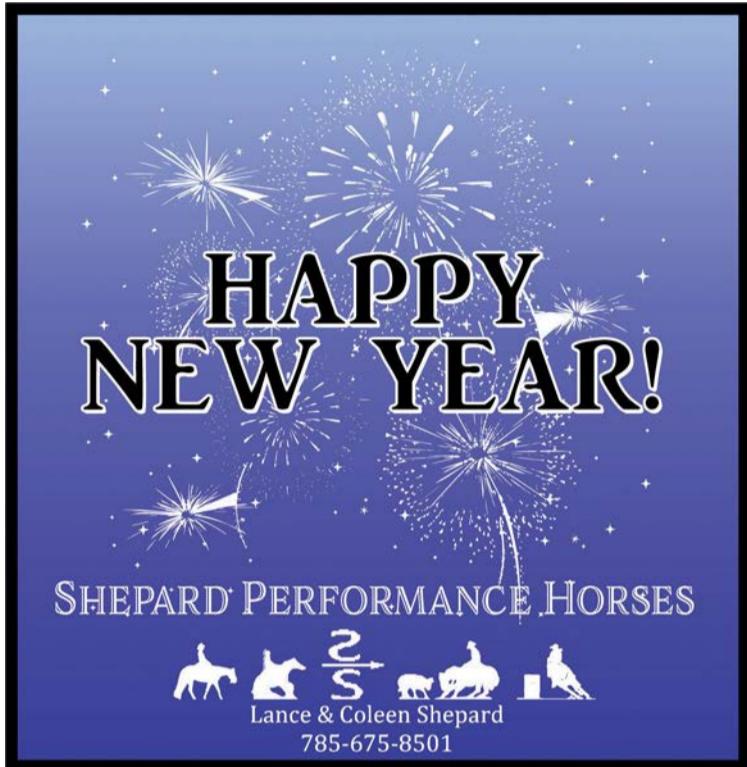
COUNTY OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS CLOSED

Courthouse closes
12pm Wednesday, December 31
to complete End-of-the-Year work.

Courthouse, Road & Bridge Dept.,
& Landfill
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Thursday, January 1, 2026
Happy New Year!



City of Hoxie
Holiday Hours
New Year's Eve ~ 8am ~ 1pm
New Year's Day ~ Closed
January 2 ~ Closed
There will be no trash pick up
on those days.
Have a Very Happy New Year!



KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S Now & Then

The Hoxie Democrat

January 2, 1891

J. B. McPherson proved up Monday.
W. F. Cardell will talk to the "boys" on the 7th.
The county commissioners will meet next Monday.

W. F. Schultheis was at Stockton one day this week.

Squire Hopkins, postmaster of Guy, was in the city Saturday.

Walt. Korb, of Stockton, and brother, H. L. Korb, is in the city visiting.

Otto Gregg has been in Selden for the past week a guest of E. C. Motz.

Sam Shaw plowed Mike Scoville's tree claim on Monday and Tuesday.

County clerk Prince and his son Henry visited Hill City last Friday.

Henry Ellithore of Hill City was visiting his parents in this city this week.

Harry Horner is spending the holidays with his brother who lives on the Prairie Dog.

J. T. Patterson is talking of going to Oklahoma as soon as his term of office expires.

Mrs. I. H. Prince, one of our sweet singers, will sing a solo at the Opera House January 7th.

Judge L. H. Cromwell of Atwood and a good story teller, will be at the Opera House on January 7th.

A. Cressler was in the city a few days last week. He returned to his country home Sunday evening.

Miss Etta Taylor, who went last week to Lutcherne to spend Christmas with her parents, returned Tuesday.

Probate Judge R. G. Lucas moved to town Wednesday and is occupying the Emery Williams house near Geo Tatum's.

P. L. Stout, teacher of the Skelton schools, was in the city Saturday and before he left became a reader of the *Democrat*.

C. L. Pearson, county commissioner elect from the first district, was in the city Monday and Tuesday transacting business.

H. M. Worley left Saturday for Topeka to attend the Kansas Teachers' association which convened in that city last Monday.

Clerk of the Court Sprague moved into town Monday and is occupying the Griffies dwelling north of the school-house.

Mose Thorpe left Wednesday morning for Kansas City to spend New Years in a live city and to transact some business.

Cardell received a car load of coal Monday morning. It came just in the nick of time, as most everybody was out of that article.

Born, last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Colman a boy; all doing well. This now makes them a pair and Colley is satisfied and setting up the cigars.

Tom Armstrong, who has been at work in Denver and vicinity for the past three months, returned Monday morning. He will return as soon as work begins again.

Solomon Scoville is now the happy possessor of 160 acres of Uncle Sam's land. He made final proof Tuesday, having made a continuous resident on the land for five years.

125 Years Ago

January 3, 1901

Mrs. C. T. Dallum is on the sick list this week. The Board of county commissioners will meet next Monday.

James Cronin, a Plainville real estate man, spent Sunday in this city.

The city schools resumed operation Monday after a week's vacation.

The Wilson boys, of Gove county, spent a couple of days in Hoxie last week visiting their folks.

Jack Massingill returned to Hoxie Monday, after having spent a week with his sisters at Oberlin.

Clerk of the court-elect Evans came in Tuesday and is acquainting himself with the duties he is to assume next week.

Miss Agnes Beers, who has been attending a conservatory of Music, at Lindsborg, Kan., returned home Tuesday evening.

A number of Hoxie young people attended the Woodman ball at Grainfield Friday night and had a good time of course.

Gregg & Sherwood, the hurry-up draymen, want the people to keep it in mind that they are still in business and anxious to work.

Frank Lee is having an addition built to his barn.

The Masons installed officers last Thursday night.

Mayor Decker says he does not intend to rest until Main street is put in first class shape.

Judge Gregg issued a marriage license to Mr. Wm. Peugh and Miss Vadie Taylor both of Lutcherne last Saturday and it is presumed they were married New Year's day.

Bow Creek Items

Mrs. McMullen rides in a new buggy.

Mr. Foreman has a brother visiting him.

Mr. Fin Miller of Iowa visited at the home of R. R. Davis last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown visited with the latter's parents last Sunday.

Incognito

Mr. Hettick lost a horse and mule last week.

Mr. Richards is still working on his new house.

Henry Slover has been trying to change his looks of late for some reason we do not know.

H. V. Christensen began a four months term of school in the east part of district 15 last Monday.

A Scribbler

Bloomfield Items

W. J. Gilchrist went to Hoxie one day last week.

Patterson Brothers have got their corn crop shelled.

Mr. Ingersoll has just got his broomcorn threshed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Christian visited at C. C. Ingersoll's last Sunday.

A Farmer

Elliott Clippings

By Katie Dyd

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

Mr. Dedrick intends building in the spring. Mrs. Butt and daughter Lena went to Hoxie Friday.

The storm Sunday spoils our boast of such fine weather.

Miss Sadie Townsend is home during a two weeks vacation.

Valley Items

Mrs. Gallogly's mother and brother from Penn. are at Studley visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis, of Axtell, Kans., are out visiting their son Elmer.

Mrs. F. C. Turtle has returned from Kansas City much improved in health.

Linus Fogle traded young horses for cattle last week. He got them on the Saline.

Reporter

100 Years Ago

December 31, 1925

Local News

Miss Isabel Johnson is spending the week with relatives in the country.

The Henry Ackerman family spent Christmas Day in the country at the home of Mike Schlicher and family.

Keith Fairchild returned Tuesday from Hutchinson where he spent the holidays with his brother, George, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buckles, of Selden, were Hoxie business visitors Tuesday. They drove home a new Essex coach.

Robert Van Horn is spending a few days at home this week. He has been bracing of the U. P. for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Worthy Babcock are home from Hutchinson, where they have been attending school. They intend to continue their work there next fall.

Two or three parties have been slugged and robbed on the streets of Goodland recently, which is a sign that that metropolis is taking on metropolitan ways.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beattie entertained Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nichols and daughter, Elaine, to a bounteous Christmas dinner. A tree had been arranged for the little girl, which delighted her very much.

Mrs. Sheilds gave a turkey dinner Sunday evening. The following were present: Mrs. Nubold, of Norton, Miss Mildred Montgomery, Mr. Geo. Wilson, Misses Vivian and Daisy Shields, who are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nichols of Hoxie, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Nichols, of Morland, visited their son and brother and family at Colorado Springs last week. They returned Sunday and reported five inches of snow in Colorado.

Old Sheridan

Scott Harold was a caller at Brelsford's Saturday afternoon.

Albert Hays has rented a far near Shibley and is making arrangements to move onto it soon.

Quite a number from Old Sheridan attended Miss Week's program and Christmas tree Monday evening.

Miss Schreer made a Christmas tree and Christmas dinner for her pupils Wednesday.

Sunshine Items

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shipley and children spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Follis.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Karnes and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Karnes and children spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson called on Mr. and Mrs. Morte Campbell Christmas Day.

The Trueblood children who were thought to have the mumps last week have the scarlet fever, but we are glad to report they are getting along fine.

North Fork News

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Aumiller spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Aumiller.

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Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

Furniture this week by Vernon L. Mickey.

Joe Welshon, nephew of the Mickeys, is the new owner of the store, which is one of the oldest business institutions in Hoxie. Welshon, whose home town is Bolivar, Mo., has been associated with the store the past year. His wife is the former Mary Ellen Leopold of Hoxie.

Valley E. H. U. Christmas Party

The Valley EHU had a Christmas party on Dec. 10, at the Conrad Popp home, there were six club members with their families present. A pot luck dinner was served after which the members had a gift exchange. - Reporter

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Bainter returned home a week ago Thursday from Denver where Jean had hand surgery at a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice attended the grade school Christmas program at Hoxie Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith attended the Dresden Christmas program on Christmas Eve.

Hoxie Tigers Drop Two to Oakley

Hoxie seventh grade basketball team dropped at 28-20 decision to Oakley and the eighth grade lost a 24-23 thriller.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ritter were at the Don Spresser home for Christmas.

At the David Kruse home on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Casper Degenhardt of Pfeifer; and the Kenny Degenhardt family and Mrs. Cleo Klein of Hays. Mrs. Anna Kruse and Max were supper guests.

Mrs. Magdalene Gassman and family attended a family reunion in the K of C Hall in Park on Saturday evening, Dec. 27.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Connally and sons of Wichita came to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalts Monday, Dec. 22 and visited till Sunday, Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Twell went to Hays Dec. 19 for Norman's checkup with his doctor. We are all happy that he had a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moore and sons, Wilber Moore and Bob Moore had Christmas Day dinner with Mrs. Anna Moore.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Truan and children of Newton spent the holidays at Howard Shafers.

The Charles White family and the Richard McMillen family of Illinois spent the holidays at Jim Whites.

Verna Corke of Manhattan and Frances Corke of Pratt spent Christmas vacation at Ray Corkes and visiting other relatives.

Hoxie Debaters at Russell

Dec. 19 and 20, the Hoxie High Debate squad competed in a four-speaker tournament at Russell. This was in preparation for the Regional Debate tournament scheduled for Jan. 9 and 10 at LaCrosse.

After six rounds of preliminary debating, the Hoxie team won nine rounds while losing three. The team went on to the quarter-finals where they lost to Campus High of Wichita.

25 Years Ago

December 28, 2000

Hilda Pratt's Recipe Lives On

Friends of Cottonwood Ranch and its curator, Don Rowlison, will host a party today, Thursday, Dec. 28, in honor of the ranch's history and the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Several years ago it was decided to hold the party as a post-Christmas event to allow people a bit of respite from the active pre-Christmas rush and use the ranch as a place to "wind down."

Broadway

The ABW had their monthly meeting Dec. 14. Eleven ladies and five men partook of the casserole dinner. Nine ladies stayed for the meeting, Catherine Simon had an interesting lesson.

Alma Maude Smith had singtime at the Quinter LTC Tuesday and practiced with the rhythm band. She visited in the hospital Friday afternoon.

There was a children's Christmas program at Mt. Pleasant on Sunday morning, written by Gwen Herder. Also, the adult choir sang "Mary Did You Know" and "Silent Night." There was a large crowd at the fellowship dinner, and a great deal of food.

8th Boys Split Turney Contests

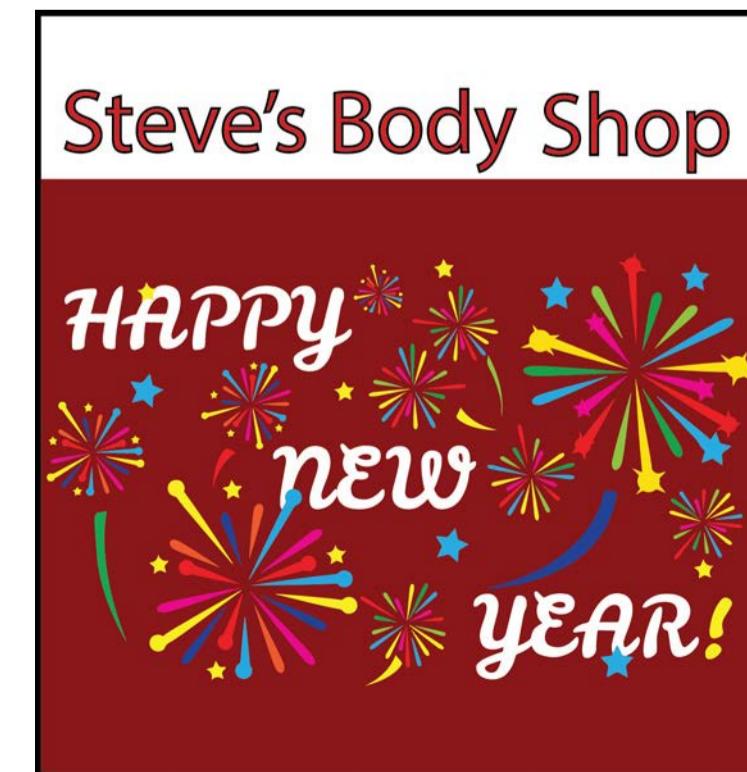
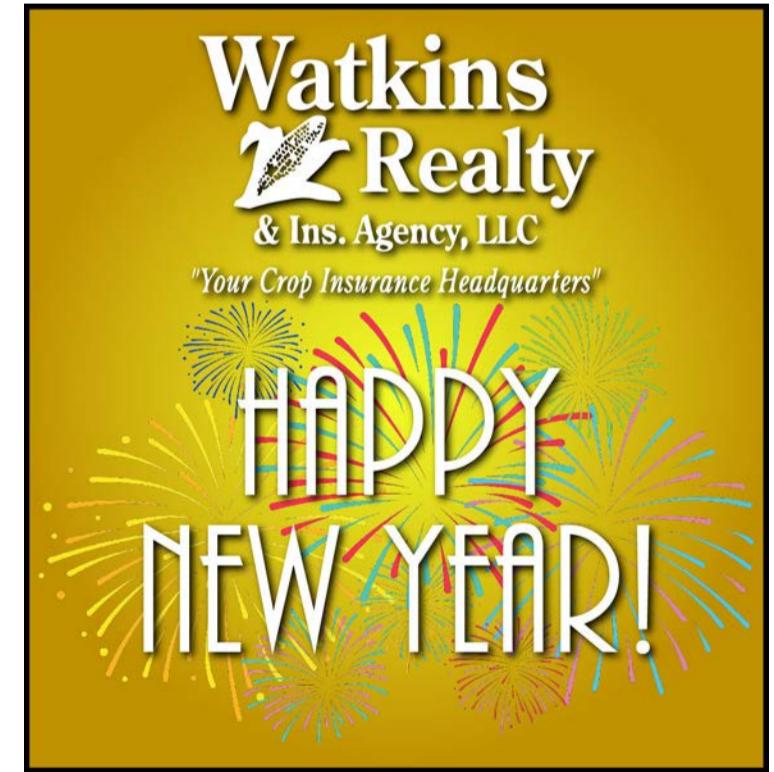
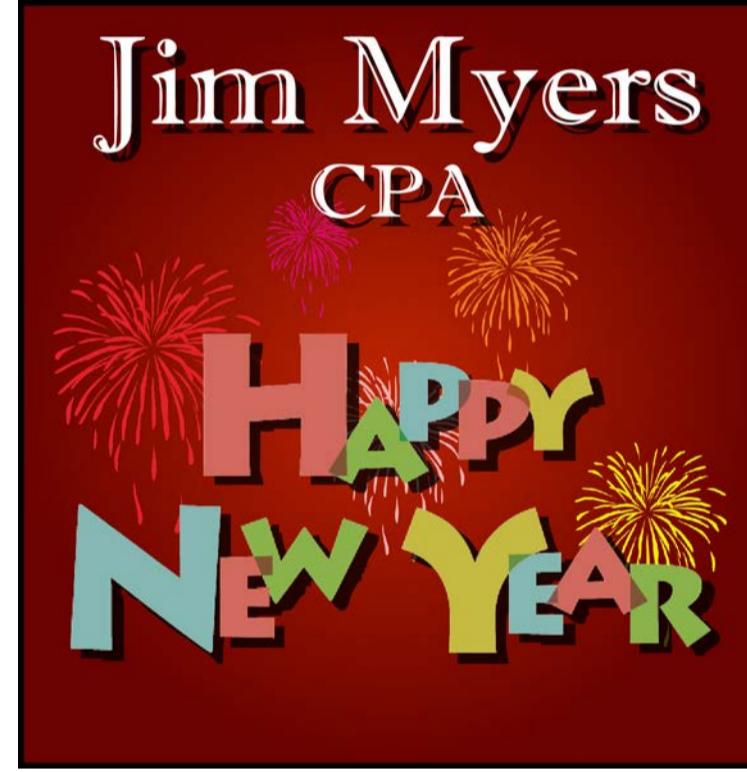
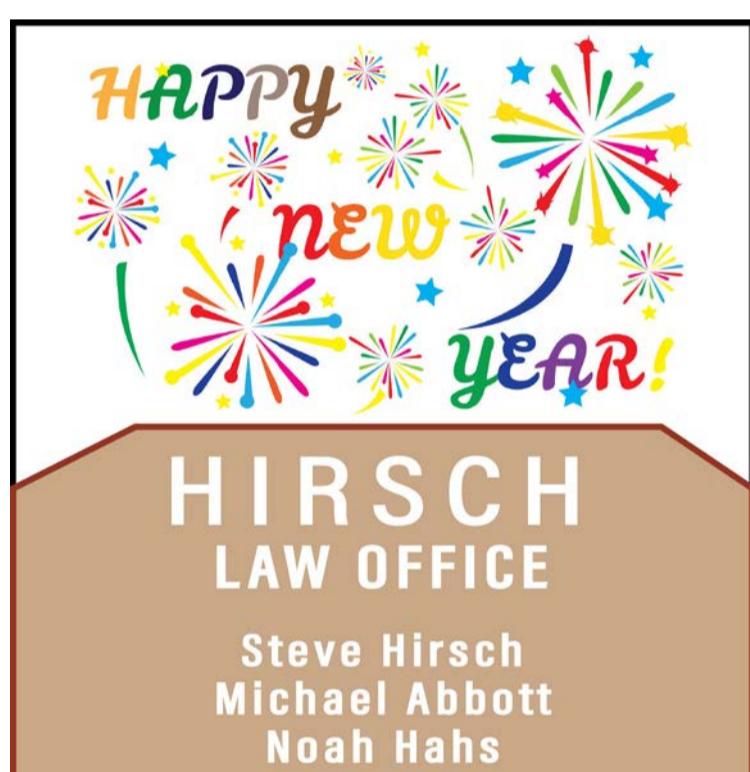
After posting a 42-40 win against Quinter in their first game of the second NWKL tournament at Goodland on Dec. 21, the eighth grade boys basketball team fell to the host school by a 49-41 count.

7th Boys 1-1 at NWKL Turney

The seventh grade boys basketball team posted a 1-1 mark at the second NWKL tournament in Hoxie on Dec. 21.

The Tigers opened against St. Francis and posted a 25-19 win, but fell to Oberlin in the second game, 31-16.

Golden Plains Students Perform Christmas Concert



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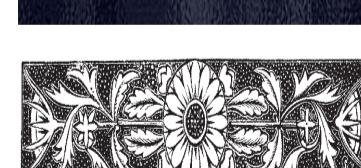
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FOR SALE: Sheridan County Area on Aging is accepting sealed bids for a 2000 Chevy Express, 11/12 passenger van with 58,000+ miles. Bids must be submitted in writing to Stephanie Schippers, 941 4th St, Hoxie, KS 67740, no later than January 1, 2026.

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The event kicks off Tuesday afternoon with updates from Kansas Farm Bureau's lobby team, deep dives into key policy priorities and a dinner reception with legislators. On Wednesday, attendees will head to the Capitol for breakfast, committee meetings and one-on-one conversations with lawmakers.

The registration deadline is January 6. For more about the event, hotel information and the most up-to-date agenda, please visit the Day at the Statehouse website.

Registration is through the KFB Membership System. Please contact your county coordinator to register.

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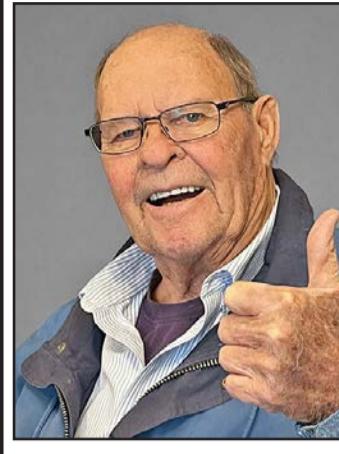
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Dr. Fred Moss, DVM

December 19, 1948 ~ December 24, 2025



Dr. Fred Leslie Moss DVM, age 77, of Hoxie, Kansas, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2025, with his loving family by his side.

Fred was born on December 19, 1948, in Sheridan County, to Robert and Mildred (Conard) Moss. He was raised in Hoxie, where he met the love of his life, Kristine (Baalmann). They were married July 11, 1969, in Hoxie and shared 56 years of marriage, building a life rooted in faith, family, and community.

Fred was a proud Kansas State University Alumnus, earning his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine there. His career led him to serve as a Captain in the United States Air Force, a role that took him and his family to Altus, OK. Upon honorable discharge from the Air Force, he practiced veterinary medicine in Steele, ND and Hoxie, alongside his true passion in farming.

Throughout his life, Fred had many accomplishments. He was a skilled basketball player, an avid outdoorsman, a devoted farmer, and a trusted friend to many. Of all his roles, his greatest pride was being a "girl dad" to his three daughters—Lesley, Robin, and Adriane—whom he loved fiercely. Fred often referred to himself as a proud High Plains person and took his role seriously as a steward of the land.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Mildred Moss and his brother, Kirk Moss.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Kristine Moss; his three daughters: Lesley (Jeff) Walden; Robin (Steve) Walden; and Adriane, (Ryan) Falco; and his six cherished grandchildren: Olivia, Madeline, Maggie, Henry, Jack, and Gunnar; brothers Thomas (Dolores) Moss and Max (Penny) Moss and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Monday, December 29, at Mickey Leopold Funeral Home with family receiving guests. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, December 30, at the Hoxie Christian Church. Burial was at the Hoxie City Cemetery immediately following the funeral service.

Fred was a generous man who preferred to give quietly and without recognition. In that same spirit, the family will honor his legacy by establishing a scholarship in his memory to support a Hoxie High School graduate. Memorial contributions may be made out to Sheridan County Community Foundation for the creation of Fred L. Moss Memorial Scholarship. Memorials may be sent to Sheridan County Community Foundation, PO Box 445, Hoxie, KS 67740 or online at <https://tinyurl.com/sdcfund> or Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740. Please indicate the memorial is for the Fred L. Moss Memorial Scholarship.

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