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TAXPAYERS' REPORT

This past week at our Commissioners' Meeting, we held our public hearing for the renewal of our Sheridan County Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Our community is overwhelmingly in support of this program and it is fully supported by ALL of Sheridan County. The next step is for the taxing entities in Sheridan County to pass resolutions of support of this program. Many of these resolutions will be completed this week. After we gather all these resolutions, we will be ready to submit to the Kansas Secretary of State for final approval. It will be wonderful to have this program in place once again for the benefit of our citizens and our community as a whole. I have had many comments about how important this program is for the economic development and growth of Sheridan County. Before long, we will be ack on track and I know of several people who are waiting for this program before they build and expand. We will get this done as quickly as we can.

We also had a conversation with some of the hospital staff about the challenges Covid is creating for our hospital, the care of our resident and the health of our businesses. There are no easy answers to this challenge other than the best answer is for all of us to work together and support each other as best we can. The Sheridan County Commissioners are in support of all aspects of Sheridan County.

The third quarter financials for Sheridan County were also presented. Our cash position as compared with a year ago on September 30 shows we have $630,081.00 more cash on hand. This supports why we reduced our budget for 2021 by $500,000. Many counties here in western Kansas do not have control of their budgets and are increasing taxes even now when the evidence is clear that communities with high property taxes are in decline. When population does not increase and growth and development is not happening, property taxes have to be reduced or the community will be in a state of decline because more tax dollars are expected from fewer people which is not sustainable. A community which is unaffordable will not survive.

Thanks for reading and GOD Bless!!

WES BAINTER, Sheridan County Commissioner

Election Ballot Drop-Box

ATTENTION VOTERS:

For your convenience, a secure ballot collection box has been installed in the parking lot on the west side of the courthouse at 925 9th Street.

If you choose to drop off your ballot, make sure that you have placed it in the provided envelope and that you have signed and dated the back of the envelope.

The collection box will be checked multiple times per day to ensure the integrity of the Sheridan County election. (Sheridan County Clerk photo)

Remembering Our Veterans at Christmas

The Wheatland VFW Auxiliary #2864 of Grinnell would like to bring some Christmas Cheer to the Fort Dodge Soldiers Home. A request for donations are as follows: nonperishable canned goods of any kind, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, mouthwash, body lotion, deodorant, body wash (especially 3-in-1), denture care products, disposable safety razors, hair brushes and combs.

These donations may be dropped off at the Grinnell VFW or by contacting any Auxiliary member by December 15. Contacts: Carol Rietcheck 785-673-6864; Roxy Nelson 785-824-3411; Amy Gassmann 785-673-3375; Jackie Teeter 785-824-3776, or Mary Jane Goetz 785-824-3266.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans. God Bless!

HGS LEARNS ABOUT ROLLOVERS

Trooper Todd from the Kansas Highway Patrol brought the rollover simulator to Hoxie Grade School on October 8, 2020. The students learned about the importance of wearing seatbelts. (HGS photo)

HGS FIRST GRADERS LEARN ABOUT FIRE PREVENTION

Wade Trembley and Micah Goasch from the Sheridan County Fire Department visited with the Hoxie First Grade classes during Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Goasch read a wonderful story about firefighters and Mr. Trembley shared information about the equipment they use to fight fires and keep our community safe. (HGS photo)

9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Hotline Bill Signed into Law

This weekend, President Donald Trump signed S. 2661, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, legislation introduced by U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.) and Jack Reed (D-R.I.). This bipartisan legislation designates 9-8-8 as the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline.

"I commend President Trump for signing our legislation into law, designating this three-digit number, 9-8-8, as the new national suicide and mental health crisis hotline number," said Sen. Moran. "This pandemic has highlighted the need for modernized mental health and suicide prevention resources, and this easy-to-remember number will help connect callers in need of help with experts who can offer resources and hope to make it through a mental health crisis."

"I applaud the President for signing my common-sense, bipartisan legislation to shorten the national suicide hotline from ten digits to three easy-to-remember numbers: 9-8-8," said Sen. Gardner. "Colorado tragically has one of the highest suicide rates in the country, which is why I've made it a priority to work with my colleagues across the aisle for years to make mental health support more available. The COVID-19 pandemic has only increased our state's mental health needs, and during this unprecedented challenge suicide prevention is now more important than ever. This change to 9-8-8 will make it easier for Americans dealing with a crisis to access mental health support that could save their lives."

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, S. 2661, designates 9-8-8 as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which would include the Veterans Crisis Line for veteran-specific mental health support. The current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veterans Crisis Line is 10-digits long, which is a barrier to Americans in crisis seeking support.

During the transition to 9-8-8, Americans who need help should continue to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK). Veterans and servicemembers may reach the Veterans Crisis Line by pressing 1 after dialing, chatting online at www.veteranscrisisline.net, or texting 838255.

COVID Reminder

Just a friendly reminder during this time of increasing COVID-19 cases in Sheridan County, it is important to wash your hands frequently, be aware of social distancing (at least 6 feet apart) and wear a mask in large gatherings when you cannot social distance. Symptoms of COVID-19 may appear 2-14 days after exposure. Symptoms of COVID-19 include chills and fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of smell or taste, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, check with your health care provider. STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE!

SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/BOARD OF HEALTH

New Small Business Grant Opportunity Available

The Sheridan County Community Foundation and Economic Development offices, in collaboration with the Patterson Family Foundation, of Kansas City, MO, is pleased to invite Sheridan County area businesses to apply for the Rural Small Business Pandemic Relief Opportunity grant program. Businesses may apply for up to $5,000.

This funding opportunity is generously being provided by the Patterson Family Foundation to provide temporary relief to small, rural businesses that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, in a timely manner. The Patterson Family Foundation is a private, family-led foundation extending the legacy of Neal and Jeanne Patterson through collaborations in health care, education, and rural communities.

Eligible businesses must meet the following criteria for funding consideration:

- The applicant organization is in good standing.
- The applicant's business has been operational since at least January 1, 2019.
- The applicant can demonstrate financial hardship because of COVID-19.
- The applicant is an owner of the business.
- The applicant must not be the subject of a current legal judgment, a pending legal criminal or legal investigation, garnishment, or a tax lien.
- The applicant operates a "brick-and-mortar" storefront, e-commerce, or a home-based business. Multilevel Marketing (MLM) programs are not eligible for this opportunity.
- The applicant is at least age 18 years or older.

Applications will be accepted beginning Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 8 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2020.

Businesses MUST APPLY ONLINE at https://bit.ly/3dGQpto. The Patterson Family Foundation will evaluate all applications and make funding determinations. (Checks to grantees will be processed locally by the county).

"Sheridan County is truly fortunate to have been selected in receiving this funding opportunity from the Patterson Family Foundation," said Karl Pratt, SCCF board liaison and local grant collaborator. "Best of all, businesses which may have received Federal, State or local pandemic-related funding are still eligible to apply for these private funds."

For more information, please contact Karl Pratt, SCCF board liaison, at karlpratt.sccf@gmail.com or 785.675.1240.

WHS Senior Spotlights: Aubri Iversen & Evelyn Resendez

By Carolyn Nelson, Sponsor Aubri Iversen is the daughter of Justin and Samantha Iversen. She was born in Dodge City, Kansas, but has lived most of her life in Grinnell, Kansas.

Aubri has been busy in high school, actively participating in a variety of sports and academic extracurricular activities from volleyball and forensics to Art Club and class representative. She has been a member of the National Honor Society in junior and senior years. Her favorite memories of high school are "when my class can do an activity without arguing."

Outside school, her hobbies include hanging out with friends, watching Netflix, and spending time with her family.

After graduation, Aubri plans to attend Fort Hays State University and earn a college degree.

When asked for words of advice for underclassmen, she stated, "Stay on top of your work and don't get behind."

Aubri's favorite quote is a Seussism, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." Dr. Seuss.

By Carolyn Nelson, Sponsor Eveleyn Resendez is the daughter of Elida and Enrique Resendez and spent most of her childhood in Texas.

In high school, Evelyn has participated in volleyball and yearbook. She enjoys hanging out with friends and Spanish. Her outside hobbies include playing with her niece and nephews and spending time with her dog. She also loves playing soccer or volleyball with her friends.

Pizza and tacos are her favorite foods, and blue is her favorite color.

Meeting new people, participating in volleyball, and doing different activities with her classmates are her favorite high school memories. She plans to make new memories after graduation by going to college where she plans to

major in neonatal nursing.

One of her short-term goals is to pass her classes and go to college. After that, she wants to get her own place and become a nurse.

Offering advice for high school students, she says, "Enjoy it while you can, and get into all the activities, and have fun because you're going to miss it."

Her favorite quote is "no matter how much advice there is, there are life lessons that we will only understand by our own mistakes and stumbles."

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Words of Faith

Our first teacher is our own heart.
~Cheyenne Proverb

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Oct. 20

Corn	4.07
Milo	4.94
Beans	9.68
Wheat	5.22

Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Moisture
10/11	91	38	--
10/12	75	45	--
10/13	73	51	--
10/14	71	43	--
10/15	62	40	--
10/16	68	43	--
10/17	71	33	--

***Pray for rain!

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Words of Wisdom

STOP TRYING TO CALM THE STORM. CALM YOURSELF, THE STORM WILL PASS.

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OCTOBER Schedule:

Mon. 5	12-4:30
Tues. 6	8:30-5
Thurs. 8	8-Noon
Mon. 12	8-4:30
Tues. 13	8:30-5
Thurs. 15	8-4:30
Mon. 19	8-4:30
Tues. 20	8:30-5
Fri. 23	8-Noon
Mon. 26	8-4:30
Tues. 27	8:30-5
Fri. 30	8-Noon

Childhood immunizations Tuesdays in October.
~ NO WIC in Oct.
~NO FLU CLINICS
Flu Shots during hours listed or call 785-675-2101 to make sure someone is available.
Normal Hours return Monday, November 2.

Bainter Chiropractic

Dr. Raquelle Bainter
Tuesday 9:00 - 12:00
Thursday 2:00 - 5:30
Saturday by Appointment
800 Main St., Hoxie
785-677-3077

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DIAL 911

Sheriff's Dept.
785-675-3481
Fire Dept. Dist. #1
785-675-3773
EMS
785-675-3364
Emergency Mgmt.
785-386-8051
County Clerk
785-675-3361
Road & Bridge Dept.
785-675-3621
Public Library
785-675-3102

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MaryEllen Welshhon ~ joewelshhon@gmail.com

JD's Restaurant
785-675-3302
744 Main Street Hoxie

Harvest & Customer Appreciation Specials
September & October

Cheeseburger & Potato Choice $6
Pork Tenderloin & Potato Choice $6
Grilled Ham & Cheese & Potato Choice $6
Also available Pop & Candy Bars

6-Meat Sunday Lunch Buffet w/sides & 2 desserts

Full Breakfast Menu Daily 7am - 10am
Full Breakfast Menu Sunday & Monday Nights 5pm - 7pm

Carry-Out & Dine-In

The Sunflower Senior Potluck held Wednesday, October 14, was enjoyed by the following people: Pastor Ed, Violet Krizek, Larry Johnson, Ramona Shaw, Stanley Shimek, Dorothy Shimek, Kay and Doyle Brown, Martin Titus, and Louise Cressler. No business meeting was held.

Lawrence Carter was flown to Christi St. Francis hospital in Wichita this past week. He is improving after being diagnosed with virus. Carol Carter is also improving at home.

Donna New was taken to Norton Hospital emergency room and later on to Wichita hospital. She has an appendix draining.

Many cards were signed Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Jennings.

"Books & Treats" at the Jennings City Library has been cancelled.

Halloween 'n Horses

The Colby Community College equestrian team, horse production program, and ag programs are hosting the annual Halloween 'N Horses event from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28, at the CCC Agricultural Center.

The public is invited to drive through the college property, located three miles east of Colby on Highway 24 and a mile north on County Road 23, to see horses dressed in costumes.

Admission is free, and every vehicle will receive a treat bag.

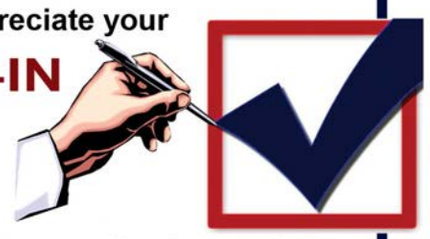
For more information, contact Shanda Mattix at (785) 460-5464.

Elections are not about who you 'like'-that makes *no* difference. *Elect who is best qualified to do the job!*

This year's Presidential election is about what you want for this country - American values & the Constitution or a 'tranformational change' to Socialism. If you don't know the difference, EDUCATE YOURSELF NOW, *before* **you vote!**

MARY ELLEN WELSHHON
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE
FOR
SHERIDAN COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT #2

I would appreciate your
WRITE-IN
VOTE.



I will work *hard* to grow and improve SHERIDAN COUNTY.

MOST OF ALL, I WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE EACH PERSON AND ALL COMMUNITIES OF SHERIDAN COUNTY!

PAID FOR BY MARY ELLEN WELSHHON, WRITE-IN DISTRICT #2 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I Would Appreciate YOUR Vote
for
SHERIDAN COUNTY ATTORNEY
Harry Joe Pratt

November 3, 2020

Thank you for your support!

Paid for by Harry Joe Pratt for Sheridan County Attorney

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION
Tuesday, October 27, 2020
10am - 11am Courthouse Main Floor
1pm - 1:30pm Selden Community Center

long grain rice, beef stew, canned pork, dry lentils, whole frozen chicken, dry split peas, raisins, dried fruit/nut mix, grapefruit juice, orange juice singles, beef chili w/o beans, frozen eggs, shredded mozzarella cheese, unsalted crackers

Foods subject to change at last minute.
Arrive early or there may not be anything left!

Thank You

I want to thank my friends and relatives for the cards, phone calles, and words of kindness and encouragement for my recent birthday.

Every one was truly appreciated, and God bless each of you.

~Della Jean Shipley

Your Vote Counts

RE-ELECT
HEATHER BRACHT
Sheridan County Clerk

I WOULD APPRECIATE
YOUR VOTE
AND
CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Thank you!

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Upcoming Area EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

What do you have happening soon? Share Your Event Here - FREE

Every Sunday:
9am First Presbyterian Church Service

Every Tuesday:
12pm Rotary
7pm Fire Dept Mtg

Every Wednesday:
9am Commisioner Mtg
7:30pm Hoxie United Methodist Church Community Worship

Monthly:
1st Monday - City of Hoxie
1st Tuesday - HAMA
1st Wednesday - Chamber of Commerce
2nd Monday - BOE Mtg

Hospital Board of Trustees - 4th Monday, 12pm
FQHC the following Wednesday, 8am

Commodity Distribution Monday, Oct. 27:
Hoxie - Courthouse - 10-11am
Selden - Community Center - 1-1:30pm

Grainfield American Legion
Stag/Stagette: Oct. 28
Fish Fry: Nov. 8
Hunter's Supper: Nov. 14

Hoxie Buckle Series
October 25
Exhib: 11:30am
Races: 1pm

WPAA Upcoming Programs:

Letters From Home
Sunday, Nov. 1 3pm
Colby Cultural Arts Center

Bar D Wranglers
Sunday, Nov. 15 3pm
Colby Cultural Arts Center

Mealsite Menu

Reservations Call 675-2154

Oct 26 ~ Oct 30

Monday: Chicken & Rice Casserole, California Blend Vegetables, Bread, Hot Cinnamon Apple Slices

Tuesday: Oven-Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Peaches

Wednesday: Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Watergate Salad

Thursday: Sausage Gravy, Tater Tots or Triangles, Mandarin Oranges, Biscuit, Brownie

Friday: Chili, Ambrosia Salad, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll

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 $3.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is $6.50. A montly 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.

Area Churches

Christ Community Church
454 W Hwy 24
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
1325 15th 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
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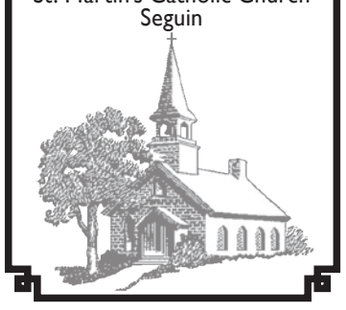

Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance (HAMA)
Holiday Food Boxes

Each year the Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance prepares food boxes for requesting residents of Sheridan County at Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you have need for a food box, please complete this form and return it to your pastor or Mollie Bretz **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020.**
FOOD BOXES MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE HOXIE AREA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD PANTRY LOCATED AT THE HOXIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 900 12TH STREET (12TH STREET & ROYAL AVE.), HOXIE, KANSAS.

The 2020 Holiday Food Box pick-up times will be:

THANKSGIVING–Sunday, November 22 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
CHRISTMAS–Sunday, December 20 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please separate this form at the line below. Keep the top portion as a reminder of the pick-up dates & times. Fill out the bottom portion COMPLETELY and return it to a HAMA pastor or Mollie Bretz, P.O. Box 694, Hoxie, KS 67740. ****Be sure to include an address and phone number where you can be reached if needed.****

HOXIE AREA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE (HAMA)
HOLIDAY FOOD BOX REQUEST FORM

PLEASE LIST ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

NAME	AGE	List any special dietary needs:
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Address:_____

City:_____

Phone:_____

Dear HAMA Pastors and Friends,

Holiday Food Box time is here again! Preparations are being made, and food is being gathered, but we need YOU to help spread the word about this important community ministry. The HAMA food pantry will prepare food boxes for both Thanksgiving and Christmas again this year. The Thanksgiving boxes will be packed and distributed on Sunday, November 22. Christmas boxes will be packed and distributed on Sunday, December 20.

Attached is the application form that needs to be completed and returned by anyone wanting to receive a food box this year. Any applications you receive need to be returned to me by November 13, so that I can make sure we have enough food to meet the needs of the community.

If you have and questions, please contact me.

For His Glory,
Mollie Bretz
PO Box 694
Hoxie, KS 67740
mbretz@ruraltel.net
(785) 675-9038

Unused Medications Collection Saturday, October 24

Law enforcement officers at locations across the state will be collecting unused medications for safe disposal on Saturday, October 24, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

The collection events are part of a nationwide effort to safely dispose of leftover medications to prevent accidental or intentional misuse. Since the Drug Take-Back Day program began in 2010, more than 95 tons of unwanted medications have been collected and destroyed in Kansas alone.

"Unused medications are dangerous for kids, pets and the environment," Schmidt said. "Diversion of opioid painkillers, in particular, can contribute to the misuse of these drugs that has become a serious nationwide problem. Getting leftover medicines out of the medicine cabinets and safely destroyed keeps them from falling into the wrong hands and makes our communities safer."

Medications will be accepted at drop-off sites across the state from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday. To find a location, visit www.ag.ks.gov.

The National Drug Take-Back Day is coordinated by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, which collects and safely destroys the medications.

Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Nationwide, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates opioid overdoses kill nearly 130 Americans every day. According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, pharmaceutical opioids are a leading cause of drug poisoning deaths in Kansas.

Studies show a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that traditional methods for disposing of unused medicines – flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash – pose potential safety and health hazards and should be avoided.

Unused prescriptions can be turned in year-round at many local law enforcement locations. Kansans should contact their local sheriff's office or police department for more information.

WE LIKE MIKE
BUCK MADER
#1 Goal: *Improved working relationships with all involved; i.e. Hospital, EMS, Sherriff, City, Road & Bridge, Schools, and all of the Courthouse staff. Narrowing that gap, I believe will lead to better decision making and new ideas. Directed by solutions and opportunities for each particular issue. With the divided Country we are living in right now, I'll strive for unity within our County.*
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Paid for by Buck Mader for Sheridan County District #2
County Commissioner

Kansas Profile – Now That's Rural: Joni Albers, Hungry Gardens

By Ron Wilson, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State University.

A blue ribbon. For millions of 4-H youth through the years, blue ribbons have been awarded in recognition of a high-quality project.

For Joni Albers, the founder of the Hungry Gardens in California, her first blue ribbon helped launch a lifelong interest in horticulture. She is now using those skills to produce healthy food for urban neighbors.

Originally from Hoxie, Joni's roots go deep in rural Kansas. Her grandparents were dairy farmers, and her family always had a large garden. "My mother got me started in gardening," Joni said. "I had my first garden at six years old."

She was also a member of the Solomon Valley 4-H Club. In her first year, she took her homegrown green beans to the Sheridan County Fair and won a blue ribbon. "That started it all," she said. Joni was active in 4-H, taking on projects such as sewing, art, bucket calf, and woodworking, but horticulture was her favorite.

Joni went to college in Denver and worked as a designer before taking a technology position in New York City. When her company allowed her to transfer to California, Joni settled in Sun Valley.

Unlike in New York City, she now had some land. "I wanted to garden as I had in my youth," Joni said. She started a small garden, but

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VOTE JOE BAINTER
I would appreciate YOUR VOTE on November 3 for Sheridan County Commissioner, District 3
District 3
Paid for by Joe Bainter, Sheridan County Commissioner, District 3

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Selden Community Clinic
Hours:
Tuesday ~ Thursday 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Call for Appointment: 785-386-4380
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INJECTIONS * HEALTH COACH
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Speech & Occupational Therapy
Women's Health/Pelvic Floor Rehab
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The Hoxie Democrat
Friday, October 22, 1886

Pratt & Sons are furnishing excellent meat.

Isaac Mulholland has moved into his new house.

W. A. Johnson was taking in the fair last week.

About seventy old soldiers were at the reunion on the 16th.

Cal Wait went to WaKeeney, last Tuesday, on land business.

George Pratt has some of the best beef ever brought to the town.

J. M. Carson had one of as fine display of vegetables as was at the fair.

Abraham Pratt took the premium on cabbage, beets and Hubbard squash.

Harvey Tatum had the pony that got there for first money in the pony race.

Clyde Albin had some meat stolen last Saturday night. No track is had of the thief.

Tom Pratt's pony ran into the wire fence and got cut so that it could not go the last heat.

Mrs. Capt. Ward and youngest daughter are visiting at the residence of Giles Humes this week.

Night before last ice was formed about one-eighth of an inch thick. This is the first of the season.

M. A. and R. L. Chambers' brother, William, and brother-in-law, Jas. Fennell, are here visiting for a short time.

O. C. Harris and family have returned from Neb. They speak of having a very pleasant trip but are glad to get back.

The court house is being underpined so that it will be comfortable and not take so much fuel to keep it warm this winter.

B. F. Champlin is having an iron pipe laid from the well into his barn, so that he can water the horses without going out.

Seth Buck is lying very ill with typhoid fever on his claim south of town. Dr. T. A. Campbell, of Grainfield, is attending him.

The *Sentinel* will soon be in its own building. The contract was let last Tuesday for the foundation on which they intend to build a two story building.

Harry Wolley has finished a good sod house 36 ft. long.

B. C. Decker will move to town shortly and send his children to school this winter.

David Shafer deserves a great deal of praise, as it was to him more than anyone else that we had a fair.

Miss Emma Hopkirk left last Monday for her former home at Fairfield, Ia., where she will spend the winter.

I. H. Barlow is a good judge on horse racing, and knows just how to have races come off to avoid hard feeling and make them a success.

The jail is now complete and marshall Batchelder says that a new order of things will now take place and he intends to see that a little better order is kept in the town.

Mrs. Tucker has a complete stock of millinery goods in the back room of the Gesford building and we know from what little acquaintance we have with the lady that anyone wishing any thing in that line will receive good goods at reasonable prices and the kindest of attention.

125 Years Ago
October 24, 1895

Pat Curran and son Charles looked in on us Wednesday.

Tom Pratt is keeping up his average in the cattle buying business.

L. T. Purcell, of Gove county, was transacting legal business here Saturday.

Aaron Peck and wife, of Spring Brook township, were Hoxie visitors Tuesday.

Sitting in our office Tuesday afternoon we counted ten loads of wheat at one time.

Mr. Bockwinkle and Henry Schwarz, of Solomon township, perambulated our streets Tuesday.

Those of our boys who visited Denver last week, all returned safe and sound (we presume) and report a way up time.

Tom Clearman left last week for Iowa. He and his brother Ed have an extra large crop of corn there to harvest.

A. Cressler took out a load of lumber Tuesday. He expects to make some extensive improvements after a bit, when nothing can be done on the outside.

The hogs are not all in public offices, Charley Taylor says four nice ones have taken up their abode in his corn field and he would like for the owner to claim them as soon as possible.

John William Sutcliffe and sister Miss Lizzie Emma, of Wamphrey Glen, Gove county, visited Hoxie for the first time last Saturday. They seemed well pleased with our city and promised to visit us frequently in the future.

A shameful word war occurred on Main street one day last week between a county official and ex-official. The language used was anything but nice and the parties concerned should either bridle their tongues or keep their faces shut.

Tony Haverkamp and family, of Solomon, were in the city Friday making purchases and preparing for a wedding which it is said will take place at their house in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kessler, of Spring Brook township, are the happy parents of a bouncing daughter, who took up her abode with them last Thursday. Mother and babe are reported as doing well, and when Grandpa Kessler, who is a candidate for county treasurer, heard the news he was out campaigning, but he declared the campaign at refreshments for a few days until he could go home and see the young lady.

Selden Department

J. A. Sprague bought and shipped a car of potatoes this week. The price paid was twenty cent per bushel.

Dr. S. B. Miller is expected home in the near future from the Hot Springs. His physical condition is greatly improved.

D. L. Drawbaugh had quite a runaway on Monday last. Broke up his wagon somewhat, but no serious damage was done.

The report reaches us that one of the faithful workers in the time honored cause of Republicanism came to Selden one evening of late and some of the boys, in order to play a joke on him, put both the hind wheels of his wagon on the same side. He was so lost to all else, but the great cause, that the trick was not discovered until he had traveled quite a distance towards home.

Two story *Sentinel* building in Hoxie. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

100 Years Ago
October 21, 1920

Local News

Judge Langmade, of Oberlin, was here on legal business Monday.

Mrs. Henry Newland is visiting at her old home at Herington, Kansas.

Charley Malcom, the Selden druggist, was attending to business matters here Monday.

Will Sloan and a Mr. Stapleton, of the Selden country, were Hoxie business visitors Monday.

Mrs. E. Baier left the last of the week for Fort Madison, Iowa, where she will visit relatives.

Constant Cramer, of Adell township, as among the many Hoxie business visitors last Saturday.

An infant son recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feaker who now reside in Paola, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crofoot left Saturday for a fortnightly visit in Kansas City and Excelsior Spring, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones, of Beloit, are visiting Mrs. Jones' mother, Mrs. J. K. Clear, and other relatives, this week.

Warner Johnson and family have moved temporarily to Saline township where Mr. Johnson will teach a winter term of school.

John R. Coville, of Spring Brook township, who has been serving as a juror in district court here for the past two weeks returned home Tuesday. He said that he was mighty glad to get excused so he could finish sowing his wheat.

Miss Mable Currier, who is teaching school at Mingo, accompanied by Helen Pratt, of Colby, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mrs. C. H. Beers returned home Thursday night from Assaria, Kansas, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Samuelson.

Remember the big dance to be given by the American Legion, at Beers' hall, Friday evening, October 22 after the Junior Pie Social.

W. P. Batman and L. A. Wade enrolled as *Sentinel* readers this week. Sheridan county gained two valuable farmers when these boys decided to locate here.

Dr. S. F. Lipton returned home Tuesday evening from a professional trip down east. He was called there by the owner of a large herd of purebred cattle to do veterinary work.

The first number of the winter lyceum course will be Saturday evening, October 30, at the high school auditorium, Beers' hall having been leased in advance for this date.

Attorney E. F. Beckner, wife and the little Beckners, who now reside at Colby, are spending this week in Hoxie. Mrs. Beckner and the children are visiting relatives and friends while Mr. Beckner is looking after his numerous cases in the district court.

Mrs. D. L. Wiggins leaves this week for St. Paul, Minnesota, to attend the national convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society which convenes in that city October 20-27. As Mrs. Wiggins is a society officer she will be entitled to a voice in the convention. The corresponding secretary of this district, a lady from Atwood, Kansas, will accompany her.

Valley

By Gleaner

Freddy and Dale Conard spent Saturday afternoon with Lawrence and Floyd Gift.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schropp and little niece, Irma Getz, were spending the week visiting relatives in Guy and vicinity.

Mrs. J. R. Woods has been having a tussle with tonsilitis while visiting at Culver and McPherson and has not been able to come home before the first of the week.

75 Years Ago
October 18, 1945

Implement Store Sold

We understand a deal has been arranged this week between Nelson Pyle and H. W. Dean of Hays, whereby Mr. Dean becomes owner of the Hoxie Implement Store. Mr. Dean has been part owner of the International store at Hays for several years. Hoxie is happy to welcome Mr. Dean to her growing business community.

Local Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Tallis Launchbaugh are keeping the John Launchbaugh home open for them this winter. It is also better for Mr. Tallis Launchbaugh to be in town as he was recently released from a hospital.

Mrs. Caleb Farber is doing nicely at the hospital at Hays. Her daughter, Miss Ora Farber, remains with her. No plans have been made yet as to when she may come home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Pomeroy and son, Kleo, returned Tuesday from Syracuse, where they had spent the past several days with the Ray Pomeroy family.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Watkins and son, Larry, drove to Hastings, Nebraska, last Thursday for a check-up of Larry's eyes. A recent operation has helped one eye completely and other may straighten without an operation. James Moss and Will Mountford accompanied them on this two-day trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Berls of Leoville are parents of a baby daughter, born October 16th. This is the third daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Berls who also have a son. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Society News

On Tuesday of last week friends gathered at the Bernard Rueschhoff home for an evening of visiting. The group included Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hecker, Mrs. Adolph Kinderknecht, and Betty, Pfc. Raymond Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. William Goetz and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lewis. Refreshments were served near the close of the evening.

Mr. Lloyd Cressler and Larry and Willis Cressler had dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cressler. The Otis Cressler family joined them for a visit in the afternoon.

Dinner guests at the Melvin Johnson home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Johnson and Evelyn Jo, Donna Pratt and Anita Nyfeler.

The Presbyterian Sewing Circle met October 4th with Ms. C. G. Baalman as special hostess. Mrs. Day and Mrs. Beach assisted in serving the twenty-one ladies who spent the afternoon sewing.

Lucerne News

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Teel are proud parents of a little son born in the Norton Hospital Saturday morning, October 13.

Several of our boys have been home on furloughs and several of our home boys have discharges. We will be so glad when they all can come home.

The Bow Creek Economics met with Mrs. Ona Brewster last Tuesday with two visitors attending.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Peterson and son, Larry, of Topeka, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dempewolf and other relatives. Mr. Peterson was recently discharged from the army.

Aileen Heim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heim, was taken to the hospital at Colby Wednesday and operated for appendicitis the same night. Mrs. Heim remained with her until Saturday. She reports Aileen getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. August Karls, Mr. and Mrs. Adlor Fortin, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell attended funeral services of Mrs. Barney Dickman, held at Angelus Thursday morning.

50 Years Ago
October 22, 1970

Janet Oelke and Joan Weis Win Debate Trophy

Janet Oelke and Joan Meitl won the first place trophy at the Satanta open debate tournament held Saturday. Twelve high schools competed at the contest. Janet and Joan were the only undefeated debaters, according to debate coach Benny Rosell. The Cimarron team placed second.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Riedel and Susie visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalt and Galen Monday evening.

The East Morland EHU met with Mrs. Opal Minium and Mrs. Julia Knobel at Miniums Thursday. Mrs. Lourine Schierkolk gave the lesson on family living.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Washburn and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. John Ploeger Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Molly Davis Mrs. Melda Moore and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moore Sunday afternoon.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. W. James Gaumer and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gaumer and Jeanette Fitzgerald were Sunday afternoon visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter are spending several days in Branson, Mo., visiting Mr. and Mrs. Don Shipley.

Mrs. Earl Hartzog, Mike, Harold and Virginia were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Theo McKenna of Oberlin.

Seguin Items

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mannebach and Willie were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Temaat and girls of Oakley in honor of their granddaughter and niece, Julie on her First Communion day.

St. Ann's Sodality held their monthly meeting in the parish hall on Oct. 14. After the business meeting, Fr. Dwyer and Pat Campbell showed part one Formation course. Hostesses were Mrs. Lawrence Thummel and Mrs. Gary Baalman. Mrs. Lee Herl received the door prize.

Mickey's Want Ads

Don't forget we have Warp's window material, rug protectors, drop cloths, and other plastic products.

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Hoxie Grade School News

Miss Conard's Fifth Grade – In science the class has been doing some acid and base experiments with litmus paper. David Rietcheck, Carol Thompson and Becky Randolph brought materials to use. Leisha Cooper, Sheri Spresser and Dee Ann Hockersmith did experiments making sugar crystals.

Mrs. Mills' Fourth Grade – Sound waves can bounce and make an echo. Pitch depends upon speed of vibration. Sound moves about 1,100 feet per second. Something making noise has to be vibrating. Sound is caused by vibration. When you speak your vocal chords vibrate. When someone calls you, sound waves come to you and you hear them. Sound can travel better in a solid than in air. Sound can travel faster in a solid than in a gas. – By Harold Hartzog

Tasco Notes

Leanna Gallagher was a supper guest and spent Monday night at Marcel Pfeifers helping Roberta celebrate her birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Brown and Lesly of Emporia were here for Homecoming and visited their parents, the Glen Brown and Don William families.

25 Years Ago
October 19, 1995

Selden Youth Enjoys State, National Success in Pedal Pull

Sunnie Jo Fredrickson has more trophies to her credit than she has years in her life.

Seven years old, Fredrickson is already a two-time national runner-up in kids' pedal pull as well as a state champion for both Kansas and Nebraska. She has also won several local contests in the past two years.

The daughter of Jim and Tammy Fredrickson of Selden, Sunnie Jo earned outstanding recognition at the national pedal pull championship in Omaha, Nebr. on Saturday Sept. 23. Only five inches short of the winning distance, the young competitor came home with second place in the nation.

Selden

Wednesday, Oct. 11, Father Kilian, Damar, was a dinner guest of Tillie Goscha. In the afternoon, they went to Dresden, to visit Evelyn Shaw. On Thursday, Doris Ann Short of Assaria, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Geisinger, Jason Geisinger, and Tillie Goscha.

Brandi Albers and Jennifer Nechodomu have been selected by the National Honor Society Faculty Advisory Council for induction into the Golden Plains chapter. Way to go girls.

Rexford

Twelve members of the Red Barn band went to Oberlin last Saturday afternoon, to play at the fairgrounds, for the Antique Tractor and Machine show. On Thursday, the band played in Oakley, at the hospital Community Health Nursing Home.

The Royal Neighbors met at the Community Hall, Thursday evening, with eight present. Regular business was held and plans made for the bingo party on Oct. 28. Ada Maxwell served a fruit salad, cookies, and coffee for refreshments.

Jennings-Allison

On Sunday, Josephine visited Audrey Reedy and Helen Randolph in their lovely apartments at the assisted living at the Sheridan County Hospital. She also visited with Tom and Kay Reedy.

Tuesday Study Club

The Tuesday Study Club met on Sept. 16 at the home of Vendla Tacha with Josephine Kinser as co-hostess for their first meeting. "How delightful to meet and greet each other when summer vacation is ended."

Kansas Successfully Defends Against Last-Minute Election Rule Changes

As the November 3 election approaches, Kansas has backed successful efforts to prevent plaintiffs and courts from making last-minute changes to election rules through litigation, Attorney General Derek Schmidt said today.

"As the courts long have recognized, there comes a point where the election is so near that judicial injunctions or other actions that change the rules are fundamentally unfair and improperly disrupt an orderly election process," Schmidt said. "This year has seen an unusual amount of litigation seeking changes in election rules in states around the country, and we will remain vigilant in efforts to ensure the integrity of the election process is not called into question by these last-minute lawsuits."

To date, Kansas has joined in filing briefs in five cases seeking to prevent courts from ordering election changes that could disrupt the orderly conduct of the election. In four of those cases, appellate courts have agreed with Kansas and blocked lower-court orders that would have changed election rules. Those four cases are:

- In Indiana, a federal district court enjoined Indiana's election-day receipt deadline for absentee ballots and imposed a postmark deadline for all absentee ballots received by November 13, 10 days after the election. Earlier this week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit reversed the lower court's order, keeping the election-day receipt deadline in place. The case is Common Cause Indiana and Indiana State Conference of the NAACP v. Lawson.
- In Alabama, a federal district court struck down the secretary of state's prohibition on curbside voting, as well as witness and photo ID requirements for absentee ballots. Earlier this week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit stayed the lower-court ruling on absentee ballots, but let stand the ruling that would permit curbside voting. Alabama intends to appeal the curbside matter to the U.S. Supreme Court, saying the practice breaks the chain of custody of ballots and threatens election security. The case is People First of Alabama v. Merrill.
- In Arizona, a federal district court enjoined the state's law requiring absentee ballots to be signed and received by 7 p.m. on election day. The court also ordered Arizona to create and institute a new procedure that would grant voters who failed to sign their ballots up to five days after the election to correct the error. Finding Arizona was likely to prevail in the litigation on appeal, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit last week issued a stay of the district court's order. The case is Arizona Democratic Party v. Hobbs.
- In Georgia, a federal district court had ordered the state to count absentee ballots that were postmarked and received within three days of the election, despite a state law requiring ballots to be received by 7 p.m. election day to be counted. Finding Georgia was likely to prevail in the litigation on appeal, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit last week stayed the lower-court decision. The case is The New Georgia Project v. Raffensperger.

One other case remains pending. In that case, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued a ruling requiring the secretary of state to accept absentee ballots up to three days after the election, provided they were not postmarked after November 3. That case, Scarnati v. Broockvar, has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In addition, Schmidt's office on October 7 successfully defended against a lawsuit seeking to strike down the longstanding Kansas law that prohibits electioneering near polling places. In that case, Clark et al v. Schmidt et al, the federal district court in Topeka entered summary judgement in favor of Kansas.

KSHSAA State Championships Return

When the champions are handed the KSHSAA State Trophy Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Girls State Tennis Tournament, it will be the first since the final ball knocked down pins in Wichita at state bowling, March 6th. Two hundred twenty-five days separate the two achievements.

The 2020-21 postseason is upon us and the KSHSAA could not be more excited to see students competing for the culminating prize at the end of their season. However, the real accomplishment has come in the ability to participate.

"We are very proud of the students, coaches and administrators who have faithfully adhered to the mitigation strategies put forth that have allowed us to progress through the fall season while also allowing teaching and learning to continue in schools," said KSHSAA Executive Director Bill Faflick.

To say the situation has been unprecedented is an understatement. The only remote parallel is when the Spanish Flu hit Kansas in 1918. History shows many high school games at the time were canceled. Teams were lucky to get half of a football season completed. In 2020, the cancellations began with state basketball after the quarterfinal round and eventually led to canceling the spring season in its entirety due to circumstances from the COVID-19 pandemic. As of Oct. 14, 98% of teams participating in an activity this fall are actively competing or have finished their season.

With the uncertainty of the year ahead, the KSHSAA Board of Directors approved a plan on Aug. 28 to provide an opportunity for those schools who would wish to compete in the "alternative fall." With all the deadlines in the rearview, the five schools in the Kansas City-Kansas School District have signed up for an alternative fall season.

With Girls State Tennis and Girls State Golf (Oct. 19-20) to take place within the week, the KSHSAA plans to provide championships for all its fall activities. Modifications have been made to adhere to local health regulations and help mitigate risk at all upcoming events: Postseason Modifications.

The KSHSAA has set spectator attendance at 50% seating capacity for its ticketed events this fall. The KSHSAA is working with host schools to ensure parents of participants are admitted into the game, whether that be through digital tickets using Go Fan/Huddle Tickets or by securing a voucher for entry upon arrival, paying at the gate. The only exception to the above will be for State Cross Country (Oct. 31). Attendance will be limited to an allotment given to qualifying schools. Masks will be required for all spectators at KSHSAA events.

With limited attendance expected at the final locations for each event, the NFHS Network will provide live broadcasts of the following:

State Volleyball, Oct. 30-31: all contests, all locations
State Gymnastics, Nov. 7: all events
Boys State Soccer, Nov. 6-7: semifinals and finals, all locations
State Football, Nov. 28: all games

The Game Day Spirit and Dance Showcase competition will take place virtually. Each registered participating school signed up will submit their routine to Varsity Spirit for scoring. Details about viewing the event will be released at a later date.

Letters From Home to Perform in Hoxie

The mission of Letters From Home is to honor veterans, celebrate people, and unite the nation through music. Western Plains Arts Association brings this patriotic celebration to the Hoxie High School, Sunday, November 1 at 3 p.m. Central. Admission is by WPAA season ticket or adults $20, students $10. This program is made possible through the generous support of area business and individual sponsors, including a special grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan, KS.

Letters From Home was started by Erinn Dearth at the suggestion of her late father, Pat Dearth, a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Since that time, the group has made its mark performing in venues across the United States, touching the hearts and caressing the memories of hundreds of thousands nationwide with their mission to honor our veterans, active military heroes and their families.

The show is now performed in theaters, for air shows, cruise ships, schools, patriotic celebrations, military bases, VA hospitals, VFWs, American Legions and many other venues. A television documentary on Letters From Home by OurState Television won the Emmy for best magazine documentary in 2017. The duo performed in Normandy, France to perform for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day on June 6, 2019.

See www.lettersfromhomesingers.com for more information, high-resolution pictures and YouTube videos.

Life on the Family Farm Under an Open Heaven Mad Hornets

By Tom Heck

I had a problem here when it came to putting up hay off of my clover field: mad hornets. My clover field has a woods on the south side of it. Along the edge, there were some weeds and brush that some hornets started to build a hive in. And they built it bigger and bigger. Anytime I would go by there with a tractor cutting, raking, baling or chopping the hay, they would go into a mad frenzy. I would try to go by there extra fast always, but it was a dangerous situation.

I could stay a ways away, but it was hard to know how far to stay away. When they heard a tractor engine and equipment close by, they wanted to go on the warpath. As the summer went on the hive continued to grow and the situation got more dangerous.

I wondered what to do about it. My concern wasn't only about myself; what if somebody was walking along the edge of the field there, and startled the big hive of hornets? I knew I had to do something about it, but what? I didn't want to get attacked bad trying to get rid of them, and I knew I couldn't get close to it either by now, it was so big.

So, I gave it a lot of thought and prayed about it. Finally, I came up with an idea that I thought was pretty good. I told it to my family, and they were a little hesitant on it, but I told them I thought it would work really well. They agreed we could try it.

So, on one of the following days the kids and I headed out to the hayfield. They had to see how my idea was going to work out. I took my twelve-gauge shotgun with three high-powered birdshot shells. Standing about 80 feet away from it, I quickly let it have all three shells.

When the smoke had cleared, there was nothing left of the hive. We never got stung by a single hornet that day, and never had trouble making hay in that area ever again. It's nice when a shotgun with three shells can totally take care of a bad problem!

But not all problems can be solved that easily, it would be nice if they could be! I've found out over the years though, that my Lord who gave me wisdom in solving that problem is always on call whenever I need to call out to Him. And over and over again, He answers me. What a wonderful Lord I serve.

No matter what your needs or problems are, He is only a prayer away. Nothing is too big or too difficult for God; He loves you and is waiting to hear from you!

Tom Heck and his family have a small dairy farm in WI. To order a copy of Tom's book, "Life on the Family Farm" send a check to: Tom Heck, 21079 80th St., Bloomer WI. 54724. $15 each plus $4 for S&H. Order two or more at $15 each and get free S&H. To view Tom's past articles, go to: tomheckfarm.com, Email Tom at: lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com. Copyright © 2020 by Tom Heck. All rights reserved.

Fort Hays State University to Host Virtual Fall Commencement

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Fort Hays State University has decided to convert its traditional, in-person fall commencement ceremony to a series of smaller, college-specific virtual ceremonies. On December 11, 2020, FHSU will host five individual commencement ceremonies for 2020 graduates from each college. The university's spring 2020 commencement ceremony, originally scheduled for May of this year, was canceled due to the pandemic. This will be an opportunity for spring and summer graduates to participate in commencement.

A master schedule and other details are being finalized at this time. For the latest information, please visit the FHSU commencement website.

The Denver Brass

Colby High School Auditorium is the venue for The Denver Brass and baritone Steven Taylor, at 3 p.m. central, Sunday, Oct. 25. The Western Plains Arts Association program is made possible with support from businesses and individual donors throughout northwest Kansas, including a special gift from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan. The primary Colby venue, Frahm Theatre, has suspended all public events since at least through the end of 2020. Because of COVID 19 precautions, social distancing is required, and masks are encouraged inside Colby High School. Admission by WPAA season ticket or adults $20, students $10.

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KANSAS FARM BUREAU
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Down to Turnout

By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

There's an old cliché that's become something of an inside joke among people who follow politics a little too closely, me included.

"It all comes down to turnout." On the surface, it's a meaningless tautology, similar to saying the winner of a football game will be the team with the most points.

Dig a little deeper and it captures something reporters know all too well. The number of people voting doesn't determine winners, rather it's the types of voters who cast their ballots. Just as importantly, it also includes those who don't bother to show up. Small shifts in who goes to the polls and who stays home can have lasting impacts.

We're now less than two weeks away from the 2020 election, and turnout is projected to set records. Good campaigns will lose. Bad ones will win. Weak candidates will surprise strong ones. Ballot measures will succeed or fail. And just like every election you get to play a role in deciding the outcome.

For anyone engaged in agriculture, there's a lot on the line in this election. Issues in federal races range from trade and taxes to the next Farm Bill and even Endangered Species Act reforms. Taxes, water issues and reapportionment will be big items on the docket in Topeka.

While these issues are near and dear to the hearts (and wallets) of farmers and ranchers, they're probably not on the list of matters suburban and urban voters are using to make their voting decisions. There's nothing wrong with that. People living in populated areas have their own issues, their own values.

One need look no further than 2018 to see how a rural-urban divide works when Laura Kelly won the gubernatorial race. She garnered a majority of votes in just six counties and a plurality in three others.

More than 40 percent of registered voters didn't pull a lever in that election. Boosting turnout just a percentage point or two in the 96 other counties would have easily changed the results of the election. Small shifts would have made a big difference.

The same is going to be true on Nov. 4. It will be easy to look back at who voted, and who didn't, and identify races that could have gone differently.

Voting is the first step, but there's more farmers and ranchers can do to amplify their voices, like boosting turnout. Make those personal phone calls, have those in-person conversations and post to social media. Talk with your friends and neighbors. Talk with your cousins in Kansas City or landlord in Wichita. Talk with anyone else who shares your values and make sure they'll cast a ballot this year.

Like every other election, this one will come down to turnout. Be sure you're included in the outcome. Your voice and your values are on the ballot.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

FHSU Receives Overwhelmingly Positive Responses to Sternberg Museum's Virtual Camps

COVID-19 forced the cancelation of all summer camps at Fort Hays State University in 2020. Students K-12 and staff alike were disappointed at the thought of not being able to participate in the instructional science camps hosted by FHSU's Sternberg Museum of Natural History.

But David Levering, camps director at Sternberg, and his staff devised a way to still convert and not cancel the Sternberg camps by moving them to an online format.

"A lot of the credit goes to our instructional staff," Levering said. "They were able and willing to make a quick transition to online camps. They were so positive about tackling this challenge."

Switching to an online format not only kept alive the summer camp experience for a seventh consecutive year, but it also gave elementary school children from other parts of the country the chance to participate. While there are normally overnight camp opportunities for high school and middle school students, all the elementary school camps were local day camps. This year, the list of campers included elementary students from coast to coast.

An overwhelmingly positive response resulted in a record 92 students signing up for 113 different sessions of camps for students elementary through high school age. Fifty-one high school students were joined by 33 middle schoolers and 29 elementary school students in the inaugural online camps. A total of 23 states and three foreign countries were represented.

Levering expects a lot more returnees for the 2021 camps, for which plans are well underway.

"A lot of parents, especially those of elementary school students," he said, "asked us to retain the virtual camps."

After each virtual camp roster was set, Levering and his staff assembled and mailed a kit full of supplies to the students to facilitate participation in their particular camp. Just as in the in-person camps, the virtual camps included a variety of subjects, ranging from classes on discovering dinosaurs at all three age levels to paleontology technical illustration for high school students.

Levering said he knew the staff had put together programs to deliver a quality product, but he was "pleasantly surprised with the depth of the positive feedback from the parents."

Response to surveys sent out after the camps were encouraging for Sternberg camps staff. One parent of an elementary school child from the West Coast noted that the instructors were patient and encouraging and that their child "felt heard and got his many questions answered."

Others at the middle school and high school levels told how they appreciated being able to connect with different professors and scientists from all over the world, those who Sternberg instructors brought on as guest speakers.

"The materials shipped to the students were amazing," shared a parent of a high school student in the Rocks of Fire camp. "We weren't sure what to expect online, but our son was engaged and enjoyed the camp immensely. He would have loved to have been there in person, but I truly feel this was even an incredible experience for him online."

One middle school camper gave the Dinosaur Discoveries camp a 15-star rating out of 10.

Levering knows that part of the reason for the huge response was because a lot of other programs around the country were canceled, and parents were looking for ways to keep their children engaged over the summer. But he also said there were a lot of returnees from years past.

The online programs will remain a component of the camps from now on, even when the face-to-face camps return. The current plan is to double the total number of virtual camps offered to 30 next summer. Information for registration for the 2021 camps will be available around Christmastime on the Sternberg website at http://sternberg.fhsu.edu/active-learning/camps/.

AG Derek Schmidt Backs Federal Constitutional Amendment to Prohibit "Court Packing"

A proposed amendment to the federal Constitution to permanently set the number of justices on the U.S. Supreme Court at nine is "simple and self-explanatory" and is needed to prevent the politics of the day from threatening the independence of the judiciary, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.

Schmidt on Friday became an early backer of the so-called "Keep Nine" amendment, a bipartisan proposal introduced last month in the U.S. House of Representatives by Collin Peterson, D-Minn., and Denver Riggleman, R-Va. In a letter to the two sponsors, Schmidt offered support for their proposal, which is intended to preserve the integrity and independence of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Under current law, the number of justices is set by federal statute. From the 1790s until just after the Civil War, the number of justices fluctuated between six and 10; Congress set the present nine-member size of the court in 1869. However, twice since then political critics unhappy with the Supreme Court's rulings have called for adding new justices in order to "pack" the court with new members who they think more likely to rule as they prefer. The first court-packing proposal was advanced by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1937, but was defeated in Congress. Currently, some opponents of Judge Amy Coney Barrett have called for packing the Supreme Court with new members if Judge Barrett is confirmed as a Supreme Court Justice, Joe Biden is elected president, and Democrats gain a majority in the United States Senate.

The proposed amendment would add 13 words to the U.S. Constitution: "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices."

"The need could not be greater," Schmidt wrote. "Twice in the past century – once in 1937 and again today – cries to 'pack the court' by adding more justices for the purpose of diluting the influence of those already seated have risen to the fore of our nation's public discussion. The intent and effect of those cries have been to challenge the Supreme Court's independence in exercising judgment in cases and controversies before it. For the past 150 years, no other justification or need for altering the number of justices has gained attention, demonstrating that fixing the number of justices at nine, as is currently the case, is administratively and legally suitable. As the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg famously said just over a year ago, 'Nine seems to be a good number.'"

Schmidt, who has personally argued three cases for Kansas before the U.S. Supreme Court, said the Constitution already provides mechanisms for public and political considerations to shape the composition of the court over time while shielding the court from short-term political passions. In particular, voters can change the composition of the court through election of a president who nominates justices when vacancies occur and U.S. senators who confirm the selection. The Constitution also gives federal judges, including Supreme Court justices, life tenure to insulate them from the ebb-and-flow of politics and political pressures.

The proposed Keep Nine amendment would reinforce these existing constitutional protections for judicial independence, Schmidt said.

"By removing from Congress the ability to pack the court with additional justices in response to political pressures – regardless of whether those pressures come from the political left, the political right, or elsewhere – your proposed amendment would reinforce our long and proud American tradition of an independent judiciary that, as Alexander Hamilton put it in Federalist 78, 'ha[s] neither FORCE nor WILL, but merely judgment,'" Schmidt wrote. "The passions of the moment must not be allowed to undermine the independence of our Supreme Court."

A federal constitutional amendment must receive approval from two-thirds of the members of the U.S. House and Senate to be formally proposed, then the approval of three-fourths of the state legislatures to be ratified.

A copy of Schmidt's letter backing House Joint Resolution 95, the Keep Nine amendment, can be found at https://bit.ly/3m2fwtw.

Kansas Milk Production

Milk production in Kansas during September 2020 totaled 332 million pounds, up 7% from September 2019, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 171,000 head, 8,000 head more than September 2019. Milk production per cow averaged 1,940 pounds.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending October 18, 2020, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 29% very short, 50% short, 21% adequate, and 0% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 23% very short, 46% short, 31% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 7% very poor, 17% poor, 45% fair, 28% good, and 3% excellent. Winter wheat planted was 84%, ahead of 73% last year and 70% for the five-year average. Emerged was 61%, ahead of 46% both last year and average.

Corn harvested was 76%, ahead of 58% last year and 69% average.

Soybean condition rated 3% very poor, 10% poor, 32% fair, 46% good, and 9% excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 95%, ahead of 90% last year, and near 91% average. Harvested was 64%, well ahead of 27% last year and 35% average.

Sorghum condition rated 3% very poor, 10% poor, 29% fair, 45% good, and 13% excellent. Sorghum mature was 95%, ahead of 84% last year and 86% average. Harvested was 49%, well ahead of 24% last year, and ahead of 32% average.

Cotton condition rated 3% very poor, 12% poor, 40% fair, 40% good, and 5% excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 88%, near 89% last year, but ahead of 79% average. Harvested was 6%, near 3% last year, and equal to average.

Sunflowers harvested was 38%, ahead of 24% last year and 22% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 11% very poor, 23% poor, 39% fair, 25% good, and 2% excellent.

2021 ARC and PLC Programs Enrollment Begins

More than $5 Billion in Payments Now Issuing to Producers Enrolled for 2019

Agricultural producers can now make elections and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for the 2021 crop year. The signup period opened Tuesday, October 13. These key U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) safety-net programs help producers weather fluctuations in either revenue or price for certain crops, and more than $5 billion in payments are in the process of going out to producers who signed up for the 2019 crop year.

Enrollment for the 2021 crop year closes March 15, 2021.

ARC provides income support payments on historical base acres when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. PLC provides income support payments on historical base acres when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its reference price.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

2021 Elections and Enrollment

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in crop-by-crop ARC-County or PLC, or ARC-Individual for the entire farm, for the 2021 crop year. Although election changes for 2021 are optional, enrollment (signed contract) is required for each year of the program. If a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2021, it will be necessary to sign a new contract.

If an election is not submitted by the deadline of March 15, 2021, the election defaults to the current election for crops on the farm from the prior crop year.

For crop years 2022 and 2023, producers will have an opportunity to make new elections during those signups. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

More Information

For more information on ARC and PLC, including two online decision tools that assist producers in making enrollment and election decisions specific to their operations, visit the ARC and PLC webpage.

For additional questions and assistance, contact your local USDA service center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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Dairy Margin Coverage Program Enrollment for 2021 Opens

Enhancements to Online Dairy Decision Tool Now Available

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin accepting applications for the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 for 2021 enrollment.

Signup runs through Dec. 11, 2020. DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer. DMC payments triggered for seven months in 2019 and three months so far in 2020. More than 23,000 operations enrolled in DMC in 2019, and more than 13,000 in 2020.

Updated Dairy Decision Tool

To determine the appropriate level of coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can utilize the recently updated online dairy decision tool. The decision tool is designed to assist producers with calculating total premium costs and administrative fees associated with participation in DMC. An informational video is available, too.

Improvements to the decision tool, made in cooperation with representatives from the University of Minnesota and University of Wisconsin, include historical analysis that illustrates what DMC indemnity payments might have been had the program been available over the previous two decades. The analysis indicates that over the course of time, DMC payments made to producers exceed premiums paid. These decision tool enhancements provide a more comprehensive decision support experience for producers considering DMC.

Additional Support for Dairy Producers

In addition to DMC, USDA offers a variety of programs that have helped dairy producers, including insurance, disaster assistance, and conservation programs. Most recently, the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 1 provided $1.75 billion in direct relief to dairy producers who faced price declines and additional marketing costs due to COVID-19 in early 2020. Now, signup is underway for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2, which provides another round of assistance for dairy producers and many other eligible producers.

More Information

For more information, visit farmers.gov DMC webpage, or contact your local USDA Service Center. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

"County Offices are open to help producers sign up either virtually or in person," said David Schemm, Kansas State Executive Director. All USDA Service Centers are open for business, including some that are open to visitors to conduct business in person by appointment only. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment. Service Centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are required to wear a face covering during their appointment. Field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. Our program delivery staff will be in the office, and they will be working with our producers in office, by phone, and using online tools. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Updated State and County Economic Contribution of Agriculture Data Available

The Kansas Department of Agriculture has recently updated its interactive map of Kansas, showing the economic contribution of agriculture across the state. Located on the KDA website, this interactive resource can be used to find the agricultural economic facts for each of the 105 counties in Kansas, as well as a report for the entire state.

"Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses continue to innovate and find ways to meet domestic and global market needs. Our economic impact reports firmly support the fact that all aspects of the agriculture supply chain are essential and relevant to the health and vitality of communities across our state," said Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam. "The past few years have been challenging for the Kansas agriculture industry, but the economic contribution to our state continues to increase. KDA is committed to providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy."

KDA annually updates the state and county economic statistics that feature 71 sectors of agriculture and agriculture related industries impact to the state's economy. In addition to the direct output, the reports include the indirect and induced effects of agriculture and ag-related sectors, which demonstrate the total impact that agriculture has in Kansas communities. This economic contribution of agriculture totals over $70 billion and supports more than 250,000 jobs statewide.

The economic reports include lists of the top ten sectors by output and by employment. Once again, the top sector in both categories is beef cattle ranching and farming, which includes feedlots and dual-purpose ranching and farming. Other notable sectors in these top ten lists include grain farming, dog and cat food manufacturing, and landscape and horticultural services.

KDA not only captures domestic impact but also monitors commodity movement into export markets. In 2019, Kansas agricultural exports totaled $3.83 billion. While total 2019 agricultural exports were down slightly from the previous year, this export total remains well above the five-year average of $3.62 billion.

In 2019, agriculture commodities from communities Kansas were exported to 96 countries around the world, and the top ten agricultural export markets for Kansas were Mexico, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Nigeria, Spain and the Netherlands. The top five trade partners make up nearly 75 percent of Kansas' agricultural trade. Mexico continues to be Kansas' top export destination for all agricultural commodities.

Updated county and state economic impact data as well as export data is available on the KDA website at agriculture.ks.gov/ksag. For updated information, click on a county and find the "2020 Full Report for County" after the county sector list. KDA utilizes data compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service and by Euromonitor International. The economic contribution data is sourced from the most recent IMPLAN data available (2018) and adjusted for 2020.

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Big Cob Hybrids Launches Online Seed Store

Nebraska-based company offers growers ability to order world-class corn and soybean seed online.

Today Big Cob Hybrids, a top provider of world-class corn and soybean seed based out of Seward, Nebraska, with its second location in Hoxie, Kansas, announced the launch of shop.bigcob.com – a new online seed store that is the first of its kind in the seed business. The new site gives farmers access to the same high-quality corn and soybean seed products offered through the Big Cob Hybrids' brand, but with the ability to purchase seed when and where they want – whether that is from the comfort of home, or in the field.

"Today's tech-savvy farmer is looking for options to make their corn and soybean seed purchasing experience fast and easy – and making those decisions directly from their computer or smart device is a big bonus," said Ben Benson, who serves as the current CEO of Big Cob Hybrids.

Shop.bigcob.com is a tool that provides growers the ability to compare and purchase seed products as well as chat live with a trained seed placement expert. In just a few clicks, growers can also request a field-by-field planting plan customized for each field and farm they plant. Immediately upon receiving the request, the Big Cob Hybrids' team of seed experts review, research, and then build a free, no obligation planting plan that is emailed to the grower within 24 hours. Growers can then complete their seed purchase easily online.

Established in 2009,Big Cob Hybrids is an independent, family-owned regional seed company committed to selling exceptional corn and soybean seed specifically chosen for each field a grower plants, as well as proven, experienced crop planning guidance based on each individual grower's management practices and field conditions. Additionally, Big Cob's proprietary Farm-Fit Planning process helps growers to be confident that they have made wise planting decisions by placing the right seed on the right acres.

"We value the strong personal relationships we have with our growers and will continue to work with them on a one-on-one basis – both in person and over-the-phone," said Benson. "But our new online store gives growers another innovative tool to make quick, confident planting decisions."

For more information about Big Cob Hybrids' mission to provide the highest quality seed available and guide farmers towards maximum yields and reduced anxiety at planting time, visit www.bigcob.com or call (402) 803-1785. Shop Big Cob Hybrids' seed products online at shop.bigcob.com.

KDA Offers Reimbursement to Specialty Crop Growers

The Kansas Department of Agriculture has funds available for reimbursement to Kansas specialty crop growers who attend an educational conference with a primary focus on specialty crops. Qualifying conferences may include sessions about production practices, specialized equipment and technology, pest and disease management, specialty crop marketing practices, or business principles for specialty crop producers.

Applicants who apply for the reimbursement will be required to attend the conference between December 2020 and June 2021 and to complete surveys before, immediately after and six months post-conference prior to payment being issued. Conferences not eligible will include those within the state of Kansas and the Great Plains Growers Conference. KDA will reimburse Kansas specialty crop growers up to $850 each in order to offset the cost of their conference registration, mileage/flights, hotel, meals, etc. The award is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for application is December 18, 2020.

Examples of conferences that may be eligible for applicants to attend include, but are not limited to:

- Great Lakes Expo Fruit, Vegetable, and Farm Market, December 8-10, 2020, Virtual
- Southeast Regional Fruit & Vegetable Conference, January 5-7, 2021, Virtual
- North American Strawberry Growers Association Conference, January 18-20, 2021, Virtual
- Unified Wine & Grape Symposium, January 26-29, 2021, Sacramento, California
- American Society for Enology and Viticulture National Conference, June 21-24, 2021, Monterey, California

This program is made possible by a U.S. Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant (SCBG). The SCBG makes funds available to state departments of agriculture solely to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. According to USDA, specialty crops are defined as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture."

This grant fits KDA's mission to provide an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy.

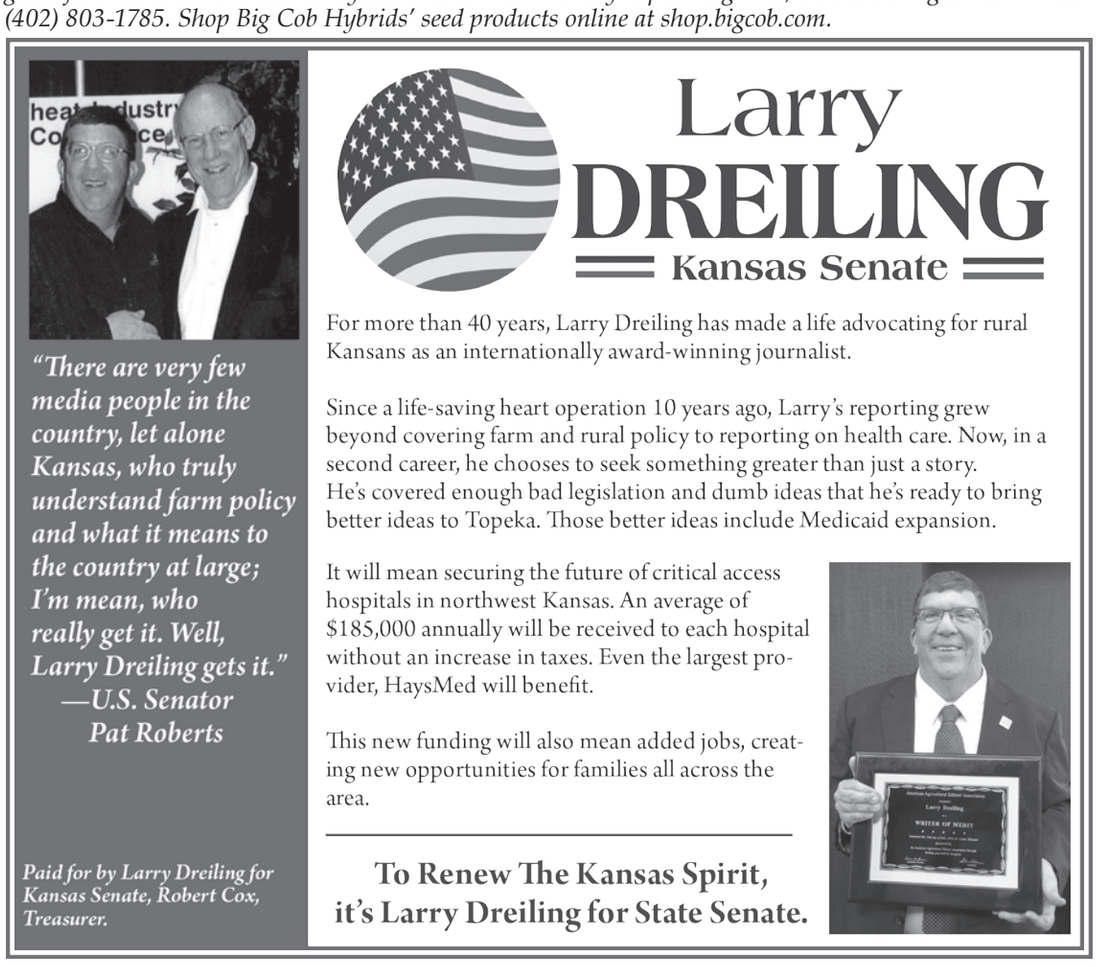
For application details, go to the KDA website at agriculture.ks.gov/grants. Questions should be directed to Sammy Gleason, *From the Land of Kansas* program coordinator, at 785-564-6755 or Sammy.Gleason@ks.gov.

Kansas Water Authority Virtual Meeting

The Kansas Water Authority (KWA) will have their meeting by webinar on Monday, October 26 starting at 10 a.m.

For meeting information or how to access the webinar, visit the Kansas Water Office website, www.kwo.ks.gov or call (785) 296-3185.

The KWA is responsible for advising the Governor, Legislature and Director of the Kansas Water Office on water policy issues. They also ensure that water policies and programs address the needs of all Kansans as well as serve as advisors of the Kansas Water Vision and Kansas Water Plan. The KWA was established in 1981 and consists of 13 voting members who are appointed by the Governor or Legislative leadership. State agency directors serve as ex-officio members.



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MS MINI MEET II

By Tom Friess

The Middle School Hoxie Harriers took to the course one last time on Saturday, October 17 for one last race in the second Hoxie Mini Meet of the season. A crisp, cool, breezy morning promised some fast times and our kids were up to the task.

Michael Haffner led the boys' race for the first 2200 meters of the 2500-meter course but was outkicked to the finish line by a runner from Ness City who raced to a new course record time. Michael would have tied the course record with his 9:03. Draden Herl ran to a new PR as his last 200-meter push to the finish was one of the best we have had all year long at any level. His sprint at the end took him to a 5th place finish. Nick Robben stretched out his stride and ran 7 seconds faster than he did on the same course on Thursday. This earned him eighth place among the contestants in the boy's division and the last medal.

Izzie Baier finished up her eighth-grade campaign with a 2nd place finish in the girls' race. She had a great season in CC and was our lone athlete to dual sport during the season as she also participated in VB. Hilde Heskett also completed her first season in fine fashion with a 5th place finish and a 36 second improvement from Thursday. She has shown some exceptionally good speed and used that at the end to move up in the standings. Adleigh Ziegler also was able to finish well as she ran a strong race from wire to wire to earn the 7th place medal. Makenna Heim set a new PR and was able to garner the 8th place medal with a very well-run race as she pushed through to the end.

All these athletes (except Izzie who ran for Valley Heights last year) took a step into the unknown world of CC this year. There were days where they struggled and other days where they ran way beyond what they thought they were capable of doing. We hope they learned the lesson of how a God driven work ethic can push you and your God given talents to places that maybe you never thought you could get.

Hoxie Invitational CC

By Tom Friess

The Hoxie Cross Country teams made the short trip to the Hoxie Golf Course for our own Invitational on Thursday, Oct. 15. Cool temperatures and breezy conditions allowed for the opportunity to lay down some fast times especially on the heels of the hot, windy day at the MCL race last Thursday.

The girls race started off the meet at 4:30 and it delivered the times in a big way. Senior Emily Diercks set a season best and came in under the Invitational record traversing the course 20:55. She, however, was to finish third as the winner from Ellis and Emma Weiner from Golden Plains also were under the mark. Samantha continues to run well as she raced to a season best time of 25:00 just missing getting into the 24-minute range as she works to get under her personal record.

In the boys' race, senior Gabriel Friess continued his assault on the Hoxie record books as he set a new Invitational record for our school. His time of 17:08 was also under the course record but his second-place finish means that the new record belongs to Wyndom Giefer of Trego. Freshman Connor Diercks set a new personal best as he is really running well and improving weekly. His 8th place finish gave him top honors amongst the freshmen. Junior Zach Cooper and freshman Levi Gleason finished in 13th and 23rd respectively. Both these guys are running solid races week after week and compete from wire to wire. Zach was able to come out on top as the first junior boy and Levi's time was a new PR. Freshman Owen Walker also PR'd and ran better than he has all year over the hilly terrain. It was good to see him feeling strong at the end. Junior Adam Heim continues to be hampered by lower leg problems, but he raced to the end. These problems have taken away from his level of performance, but he still battled his way through the course for a 41st place finish. The boys team ran to a second-place finish 5 points short of Ellis and in the combined trophy race we ended up in 3rd.

The Middle School runners were the last on the course this time and they ran the 2500-meter course very well. Michael Haffner raced to another victory as he once again fought through an ankle injury to achieve the gold medal status. Draden Herl continued his improvement as he raced to a 5th place finish and ran a very competitive race. Nick Robben placed 8th in the boys' division as we try to work on striding out and finishing stronger. Izzie Baier returned from a knee injury to place 2nd in the girls' race, turning in a fine performance that took a lot of courage. Hilde Heskett and Adleigh Ziegler both ran well to come in 4th and 5th. They both ran stronger longer and spent much of the race really pushing their limits. Makenna Heim fought through her breathing issues and set a new PR to finish in 6th. It was awesome to see her complete the race with a flourish.

We now head into the postseason madness of Regional Cross Country where place matters in order to continue the season to the state championship meet. We head to Washington for a 12:00 PM girls race and 12:35 PM boys' race on Saturday, October 24. We have huge opportunity to do well. We are looking toward running our very best in this race and hope to come away with many PR's and places which will also qualify for state. With only two girls, Samantha and Emily have to place in the top 10 to punch a ticket to state. In the boys' race there are several teams in the hunt for a championship and runner-up slot that will earn the entire team a trip to state. Our goal is to do everything in our power to push in front of as many runners as we can and earn one of those spots. That is our focus this week, to do all that we can to get in front, stay in front and never ever give in or give up.

Lady Dogs Place Second at Ringneck Classic

Golden Plains junior Kassie Miller (21) goes up to hit the volleyball back to the Ness City Lady Eagles in the first game of the Ringneck Classic in Hill City on October 8. The Lady Bulldogs went undefeated in pool play with wins over Ness City, Thunder Ridge, and Hill City, but fell to Trego in the championship game to place second in the tournament. (Photo by Britton Knowles)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs placed second at the Ringneck Classic Volleyball tournament in Hill City on October 8. "We worked well as a team throughout the tournament," said junior Rayna Taylor.

The first game of pool play was against the Ness City Lady Eagles. The Bulldogs had defeated the Eagles early in the season but had to work a little harder to defeat them a second time. The Bulldogs played the Eagles a close first set with the Eagles claiming the win 26-24. The Bulldogs regrouped to win the second set 25-17 and claimed the win with a third set victory of 25-11.

The second game was against the Thunder Ridge Lady Longhorns. This was the first time these teams had met this season. The Lady Dogs had to work hard to defeat the Longhorns in two sets 25-18, 25-23.

The final game of pool play was against the Lady Ringnecks from Hill City. This was also the only time these teams met this year. The Bulldogs claimed the first set 25-17. The Ringnecks kept it close in the second set, but the Bulldogs ended with the win 25-20.

The Championship game was against the Trego Golden Eagles. "Trego was a different type of team than we usually play," continued Taylor. The Eagles won the first set 25-18. The Bulldogs worked hard but the Eagles claimed the second set and the championship 25-20.

"We have bonded well as a team this year," added Taylor. "We are very supportive of one another both on and off the court. We appreciate the support of our families and of (junior) Jovanny Infante that kept cheering us on throughout the tournament."

The Golden Plains girls, who now hold a 22-4 season record, will meet up with Trego again as they travel to WaKeeney on October 13 for a quad with the Eagles, Dighton, and Wheatland.

Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

As schools and/or students move to remote learning, there is an increase in demand for academic support services throughout K-12. The College of Education, College of Health and Human Sciences, and the Staley School of Leadership Studies at Kansas State have joined together to form the Wildcat Community Tutoring and Educational Enhancement Initiative. Find out more at https://bit.ly/31nRu4j.

Mosaic from ACT seems to be a similar program. We will list something about it next week.

North Central Technical College will be having Prospective Student Days based on what you are interested in studying. Transportation Technology Day will be held on the Beloit campus on October 21 and at Hays on October 22. The Construction Program Day will be October 28 and Beloit and October 29 at Hays. The Health Program (Nursing, Culinary Arts, and Pharmacy Tech) will be held November 5 at Hays and November 12 (nursing only) at Beloit. Register by clicking the related link at https://bit.ly/2HdX7LH.

Barton Community College will be hosting similar events. Health Science will be spotlighted on October 20; Business on October 27; Nursing on November 3; Education (Early Childhood-Secondary) on November 4; Agriculture on November 10; Performing Arts on November 17, and Criminal Justice on November 18. Sign up for any of these at seniorday.bartoncc.edu.

The School of Music at KU will host scholarship auditions on February 12 and 20. Scholarships are available in band and orchestral instruments, jazz, organ, piano, and voice. Find out more at music.ku.edu, or email musicrecruiting@ku.edu.

Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) work together with a team of pathologists, physicians, and specialists to determine the presence, extent or absence of disease and provide data needed to evaluate the effectiveness of treatment. Seward County CC also has a surgical tech program that is pretty hard to find. Information on all the programs from this school in Liberal are available at sccc.edu.

Reminder that University of Kansas has a December 1 deadline for admissions/scholarship applications, and prefers to have FAFSA info by the same date.

The Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship is for students who have at least one parent of Hispanic Heritage. It awards twenty $1000 scholarships. Find out more at https://bit.ly/31ieVfx.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 23: Hansen CT Scholarship Deadline

November 1: Early action deadline at KU; Freshman Merit Scholarship deadline at WSU

November 6: Registration deadline for the December 12 ACT

November 15: Priority Deadline for Scholarships at FHSU

December 1: KU Scholarship/FAFSA Early Notification Deadline; KSU Premier Scholarship deadline

December 11: Deadline for Rudd Scholarship

December 31: Priority deadline to apply for scholarships at Colby CCC

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February 15: Final deadline for scholarships at FHSU and CCC

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Fumbles Cost Bulldogs

Dylan Wark runs the ball for the Golden Plains Middle School Bulldogs against Grinnell/Wheatland on September 17 in Rexford. Wark scored the Bulldogs only touchdown and extra point as six fumbles recovered by the Thunderhawks gave the Hawks the win 56-8. (Photo by Valeria Ortiz)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Football team lost to the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks 8-56 on September 17 in Rexford.

The Bulldogs received the ball to start, but a fumble was recovered by the Hawks who turned it into their first touchdown of the game. The Dogs fumbled again on their next possession with the Hawks again recovering and scoring to lead 12-0 at the end of the first.

A third Bulldog fumble gave the ball back to the Hawks. The Bulldog defense stopped the Hawks repeatedly, but the Hawks were able to run in a third touchdown and an extra point to lead 20-0 midway through the second.

The Bulldogs advanced the ball with carries by Diego Perez and Dylan Wark, but another fumble was recovered by the Hawks in

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HOXIE SCHEDULE

10/28/20
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BULLDOGS WIN IN ALMENA

The Golden Plains Bulldogs, including Ethan Shea (25), Wade Rush (44), Rojelio Loya (23), Jovanny Infante (18), and Toby Korte (3) strip the ball from the Northern Valley Huskies in Almena on October 9. The Dogs defeated the Huskies 52-36 as they returned to the field after a two-week hiatus. (photo by Carli Nieman)

Fumbles Cost Bulldogs

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the end zone for a score. The PAT gave them the lead 28-0.

Back on offense, the Dogs moved the ball down the field with carries by Wark, Perez, and Josh Rath. Dylan Wark ran in the Bulldogs only touchdown and PAT with 28 seconds left in the quarter. The Hawks answered with another long pass run in for a score to go into the half with a 34-8 lead.

The Dogs kicked to the Hawks to start the second half. The Hawks quickly scored once more despite tackles by Perez, Brian Holguin, and Miguel Garcia. The Hawks ran the ball just short of the goal line to be stopped by Holguin before trading penalties with the Dogs. The Hawks ran in one more score midway through the third.

Wark picked up the kick and ran to the 30 but a fifth Bulldog fumble was recovered by the Hawks. The Dogs defense forced the Hawks to punt but a sixth fumble was recovered by the Hawks who picked up the ball and ran it in for their final touchdown to end the game 56-8 with less than two minutes left in the third.

"We worked well together," said Diego Perez, "but didn't go full out even though we ran most of our plays as assigned. We need to work on our blocking and on keeping hold of the ball."

The Dogs continued their season at Logan/Palco on September 24 losing their third straight game 6-52.

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog Football team defeated the Northern Valley Huskies 52-36 in Almena on October 9. The Dogs had been off for two weeks due to game cancellations and were ready to be back on the field.

The Bulldogs received the ball and made several gains before punting to the Huskies. The Huskies fumbled the ball in a Bulldog team tackle allowing the Dogs to recover. The Dogs again made short gains before punting again. Their defense stopped the Huskies to regain possession.

Roberto Loya made several gains and a reverse from Wade Rush to Rojelio Loya to Roberto Loya gave the Dogs a long gain. After a few more Loya runs, Roberto passed to Rush near the end of the first for the first touchdown of the game. The PAT kick was blocked, and the Dogs were up 6-0 at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs opened the second with another touchdown with a pass from Roberto Loya to Rush. The PAT kick went through the goal post to give the Dogs a 14-0 lead. The Dogs stopped the Huskies again to regain possession. Following carries by Roberto Loya and Rush, Roberto made a long run to score a third time for the Dogs.

The Huskies stepped up their passing game to try and move the ball. They were finally able to run in their first score of the game. The Dogs blocked the PAT kick to hold a 20-6 lead.

The Huskies recovered the kick, but a fumble was recovered by the Dogs. Rojelio and Roberto Loya each had good runs before Roberto passed to Rush for another Bulldog touchdown.

Rush kicked back to the Huskies before intercepting a pass to regain the ball. Rush then passed to Rojelio for a touchdown, but the ball was called back. The Huskies continued to try and pass the ball but Rojelio Loya grabbed another interception and ran the full length of the field to score another Bulldog touchdown. Roberto ran in the extra point to give the Dogs a 33-6 lead at the half.

The Huskies opened the third with a second score of the night only to have the Dogs answer with touchdown run by Rojelio Loya and a PAT pass from Roberto to Rojelio. The Dogs defense held strong as the teams traded possessions. The Huskies scored again late in the third to keep the game with a Bulldog lead 40-22 at the end of the third.

Both teams continued to play strong throughout the fourth. The Huskies made repeated attempts to move the ball only to be stopped by GP's defense, incomplete passes, and repeated penalties. Back on offense, the Dogs moved the ball as Roberto Loya again scored for the Dogs on a double reverse play.

The Huskies answered with a long pass run in for a touchdown. The Dogs answered their score by returning the kick for a final Bulldog score. The Huskies passed the ball for one more score to finish the game with a 52-36 Bulldog win.

The Bulldogs will host a final home game on October 15 as the Weskan Coyotes come to Rexford for a rematch from earlier in the season.

GO BULLDOGS!

GOLDEN PLAINS SCHEDULE

10/27/20
4pm MS Scholar's Bowl @ Golden Plains
10/30/20
V VB @ State
10/31/20
V FB Wild West Bowl
V VB @ State
V CC @ State

WHEATLAND SCHEDULE

10/29/20
V FB Bracket Game
10/30/20
V VB @ State

Wheatland High School Volleyball Game

By Vianney Torres and Tyra Schultz, Staff Reporters

Monday, October 5, 2020, Wheatland high school girls' volleyball team played against Dighton & Weskan in a triad. Varsity girls played five sets.

The Lady Thunderhawks beat Dighton by a score of 25-23. In the second set, Dighton won by a score of 25-22. The winner of the third set was Dighton with a score 25-6.

The final game was against Weskan. In the first set, Thunderhawks took the win by a score of 25-18 and a score of 25-19. The Thunderhawk volleyball team is ranked third for 1A division and state ranking.

The team's total percentage for the Weskan game; serving is 87.8 percent and digging is 18.5 percent. In the Weskan game, Junior Anna Godek led in the attacking percentage. Junior Anna Godek and Sophomore Kerri Heier led the serving percentage of 100 percent. In digging Junior Livia Schultz and Freshman Jordyn Beckman made the highest percentage. Junior Anna Godek led in ball handling. Sophomore Kerri Heier led in serve receive.

Junior Anna Godek added, "It was good to be back with my team and I'm excited for what's to come!"

FCCLA Cares

Marsha McDonald, Jordyn Beckman, and Madison Zerr display care packages they made in FCCLA. (WHS photo)

By Tyra Schultz, Staff Reporter

This year 2020, has been full of challenges and struggles. When the school year started the number of COVID cases had jumped up. The people who had the illness and those who were around them had to stay quarantined for at least two weeks. In those two weeks, most people had some types of symptoms and had to stay away from their family members and friends. In those tough times, Wheatland High School FCCLA decided to create a care package for COVID victims.

Care packages included a recipe for a healthy meal, a couple of orange cuties, some type of protein, cookies, and a small fun game. It was one package per family. The FCCLA group posted on Facebook about their group doing the care packages, and asked people to let them know about anyone else in the community who had COVID. They would then deliver that package to the COVID victims. In total so far, they hand delivered 31 care packages.

Junior Laredo Allemang said, "It was very nice to get something from FCCLA and it was a wonderful surprise."

FCCLA sponsor Mrs. Kim Dohm said, "Members of FCCLA want to let community members know that we are thinking about them during their difficult time. We hope they found the bags heartwarming and informational."

Thunderhawks Take on the Trojans

By Emma Thompson, Staff Reporter

On October 9, 2020, the Thunderhawk football team traveled to Palco. This was Logan-Palco's Homecoming game. Families and fans traveled to the Palco field to support the Thunderhawks last Friday night.

Sophomore Jett Vincent said "The game went very well. The team is starting to play as a one unit. I'm looking forward to next Friday's game."

The Thunderhawks had a total of seven touchdowns and 312 yards. The boys also had a total of 5 conversions. Jett Vincent led the team in touchdowns with a total of three. Treven Humphries was close behind with a total of two touchdowns. Ryan Heier and Issac Mendez both scored one touchdown. The boys won against the Trojans with a score of 52 to 16.

The next game is against the Saint Francis Indians. The game will be free admission to everyone. The game starts at 7:00. Come support the Thunderhawks as they take on Saint Francis!

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Renee Zodrow

December 12, 1949 ~ October 11, 2020

Renee Mary (Shreve) Zodrow was born on December 12, 1949 in Colby, Kansas to Marie (Rodenbeck) and Pete Shreve. Renee grew up just south of Colby and graduated from Colby High School. After high school, Renee studied nursing. She became a registered nurse and soon after, met Joseph Zodrow on a blind date. They dated and were soon engaged to be married. Joe and Renee were wed on June 17, 1972 in Leoville, Kansas. To this union, three daughters were born: Aimee Renee, Rebecca Jo, and Cassie Jo. Joe and Renee raised their daughters in Leoville. Renee was a devoted wife and loving mother. She loved raising her girls in Leoville. While she had little experience with cooking when she was first married, Renee became well-known for her amazing cooking. She loved to cook big meals for her family. She often told about the first time making mashed potatoes and gravy for Joe. The gravy was too thick and the mashed potatoes too runny, so they put their potatoes on top of the gravy.

Renee worked as a registered nurse while raising her family. Her fiery spirit, compassion, and work ethic made her an exceptional surgical nurse. Renee joked that she liked being a surgical nurse because her patients were asleep, but anyone who knew her, knew she was only kidding. She was an avid patient advocate and cared deeply about the patients she helped care for. Renee's nursing career started in Colby and moved to Oberlin. After she retired, she even worked for a brief period in Oakley.

Renee loved animals and had an adventurous spirit. She got her motorcycle license before she married Joe and never let the license lapse. She and Joe loved to do day rides around northwest Kansas and Renee was always the leader of the pack. In recent years, her beloved dog, Rudy would even ride for short distances with her on her trike.

Renee was a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in Leoville where she was a member of the Altar Society. She worked hard each year to help the parish with the Fall Festival. One of Renee's main jobs for the event was to make the stuffing each year. She would spend hours toasting bread and making the stuffing taste amazing. Renee also spent a lot of time in the summer mowing and caring for the church and cemetery grounds.

Renee died on October 11, 2020 at Logan County Hospital surrounded by family. Her warm and fiery spirit and infectious laugh will forever be missed. Renee was preceded in death by her mother, Marie; father, Pete; brother, Sandy; mother-in-law, Mary Ann Zodrow; father-in-law, Conrad Zodrow; and son-in-law, Dane Flora.

She is survived by her husband, Joe; daughter, Aimee and Mike Zimmerman of Oakley; daughter, Rebecca Flora and Hubert Linenberger of Hays; daughter Cassie Zodrow and Dave Flipse of Oakley; grandchildren, Cole, Jenna, Kade, and Cody Zimmerman, Wayne and Caleb Flipse, and Madeline Williams; great-grandchildren, Jax and Zoe Flipse and Cooper Williams; sisters-in-law, Pat and Ed Conard and Sharon and Keith Karnes; and brothers-in-law, Tom and Michelle Zodrow, and Paul Zodrow.

Visitation was 2-4:00 p.m. Sunday, October 18, 2020, at Immaculate Conception Church, Leoville, with a Vigil at 4:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass was offered on October 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. also at the church, with burial following at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Leoville. Memorials are suggested to the Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fund or for Masses and can be sent in care of Baalmann Mortuary, PO Box 391, Colby, KS 67701. For information or condolences visit www.baalmannmortuary.com

Rose Marie Hartman

February, 12, 1939 ~ October 13, 2020

Rose Marie (Beckman) Hartman, 81, passed away from complications of COVID-19 on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at the Long Term Care in Quinter, KS. She was born on the family farm near Menlo, KS on February 12, 1939, the last of nine children of William and Anna (Robben) Beckman. She graduated from Menlo High School in 1957 and then ventured off to Denver, CO to begin her secretarial career. While on a visit home to see her parents, she met Doug Hartman of Grainfield, KS on a blind date set up by her brother Dennis. On September 24, 1966, Rose Marie and Doug married at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Seguin, KS.

Rose Marie and Doug made their first home on a farm west of Park, KS. Over the years they and their growing family lived in Saint Francis, KS; Lincoln, NE; Dodge City, KS; Hutchinson, KS; Amarillo, TX; and West Des Moines, IA. Rose Marie was a fiercely devoted and supportive mother to her sons Christopher, born in 1968, and Gregory, who arrived in 1973.

Following her husband's death in West Des Moines in 1983, Rose Marie joined Widowed Persons' Service, a program sponsored by AARP, and later became a facilitator for the group. In 1985 she helped found a social group for widowed people in Iowa and published a monthly newsletter which she prepared in her home for over 200 subscribers.

In 2000 Rose Marie moved from West Des Moines to Colorado Springs, CO and then returned to Grainfield in 2002 to enjoy her retirement. She purchased her home in Grainfield from the estate of her parents-in-law, Lawrence and Jennie Hartman.

Rose Marie was employed at various office jobs throughout her working years, most recently at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines and Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs.

From a young age, Rose Marie was blessed with musical ability and started playing the piano by ear at the age of three. In addition to piano, she played the accordion and keyboard and enjoyed providing musical entertainment for hospitals, rest homes, retirement homes, and private parties. She was a church organist at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City and Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hutchinson. Rose Marie was a parishioner of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Grainfield.

Rose Marie was preceded in death by her husband Douglas; her parents; brothers Charles, William, James, Francis, and Robert; parents-in-law Lawrence and Jennie Hartman; brothers-in-law Ben Ostmeyer, Kay Driver, and Ralph, Delmar, Frank, and Albert Hartman; and sisters-in-law Geraldine (Betty) Beckman, Lorraine Hartman and Carol (Shafer) Hartman.

She is survived by her sons Chris, of Grainfield, and Greg (Maria), of Del Norte, CO; a brother, Dennis, of Colorado Springs; sisters Anna Bell Ostmeyer of Hoxie, KS and Bea Driver of Goodland, KS; brothers-in-law Elmer (Laverna) Hartman of Lakewood, CO; James Hartman, of Park, and Robert (Kathy) Hartman of Grainfield; sister-in-law Rita (Lindeman) Beckman of Hoxie; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

At this time, only private family services will be taking place. Plans for future public services are pending, please check back for details.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Masses and the American Lung Association. Donations may be sent to Schmitt Funeral Home, 901 Main St. Quinter, KS 67752.

Grady Best

October 2, 2020 ~ October 10, 2020

Grady Michael Best, age 10 days, in the arms of his loving parents, peacefully went to his heavenly home with the angels, on Saturday, October 10, 2020, in Denver, CO. Grady was born Friday, October 2, 2020, at St. Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, CO to his loving parents, Heath and MacKenzie (Mense) Best. He was tiny but a real fighter from the first second he was born. Shortly after his birth, he was baptized, always a child of a loving God.

Grady was tiny but a real fighter from the first second he was born. He had a huge personality which he demonstrated in many ways. To get his body temperature up, he was covered with a full body plastic that came up to his chin. If the wrap touched his chin, he worked until he got his arms out and pushed the plastic away. He was always grabbing the heart monitor. He really gave the nurses a hard time. The nurses loved Grady and always wanted to be assigned to care for him. He was one popular little guy.

Grady was an amazing baby born to amazing, loving, and caring parents who felt so blessed to have him in their lives. Grady and his parents were so lucky to have such a loving, strong support system, grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts and uncles, and many friends. Grady would listen to his parents; they were constantly by his side. He loved music and his parents would sing to him and he would move his mouth as they sang. Grady loved holding onto their fingers. Their voice and touch brought him great comfort because he could feel their love pouring into him. He really enjoyed his milk. He was always eager when it was time for him to eat. Grady was already a K-State Wildcat fan; in fact, it is a given, Grady's encouragement for the football team brought the Wildcat two wins. Grady was only ten days old when he went home to the arms of Jesus, but he was such a joy to his parents. He taught them many things in his short time. Heath and MacKenzie feel so blessed by Grady.

Grady is survived by his parents, Heath and Mackenzie Best of Hoxie, KS; grandparents, Mike and Cheri Mense and Todd and Becky Best all of Hoxie, great-grandparents, Don and Flo Mense, Gerald and Helen Heim, and Paul Best all of Hoxie, uncle and godfather, Ben Mense (Tori) of Barlettsville, OK; aunt and godmother, Allison Ebert (Matt) of Barlettsville, OK; cousin, Henry Ebert; and many family friends.

He was preceded in death by his grandmothers, Darlene Robben and Joan Best.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, October 15, 2020 10:00 A.M. at the St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Hoxie, KS with Father Brian Lager presiding. Visitation was held October 14, 2020, 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM with family receiving friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 P.M. Memorials are suggested to Sheridan County Benefit Walk or Sheridan County Amusement Company and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com

Heaven gained a new angel on October 10, 2020. Grady, a precious little boy, with a huge personality, a loving spirit, a joy to know, a fighter and so loved. God needed one more angel amidst his shining band, and so he bent with a loving smile and clasped our darling's hand. Grady is heaven's very special child!

Bill Weeks

May 23, 1931 ~ October 11, 2020

William "Bill" Weeks, long time resident of Hoxie, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2020, at the Sheridan County Health Complex. Bill was born on May 23, 1931 on the family farm in rural Sheridan County. He was one of seven children born to Clarence and Pearl (Godrey) Weeks. He attended country school and graduated from Hoxie High School in 1949. In 1951, Bill joined the United States Army and was shipped to Korea and worked in communications. After serving his country, Bill returned home and married Lulu Bethany "Beth" Potterf December 2, 1954, in Winona, KS. Bill worked for a short while for Beth's parents in Russell Springs, KS. When Bill's father passed away in 1956, Bill, being the eldest son, took over the family farm. Bill and Beth were blessed with four sons, Larry, Darrell, Dale, and Richard. Beth became ill and passed away on September 6, 1991. On August 15, 1997, Bill married Edis "Pat" Marcotte. She passed away on September 28, 2017. Bill continued to live on the farm until the time of his passing.

Bill spent his life working as a farmer and rancher. One of his favorite times on the farm, was calving time. He so enjoyed seeing the newborn calves. He retired from farming in 2001; however, he was always a farmer at heart. There was one winter he worked for Foster Lumber Company, and he did drive a school bus for USD 412. Bill was always tinkering and thinking about things trying to improve them and being a welder, welding things. When Bill was not working or "tinkering", he loved to fish and camp. He recently spent a week camping and fishing at Sheridan Lake. A highlight during that time was when his son, Dale, came to spend the day with him on the lake fishing. Bill was the kind of person who made you feel good when you talked with him. He might get upset, but he never held a grudge. Bill was a good mentor to his sons by demonstrating hard work, being fair, honest and a good man. Bill was caring and loving. His family was so important to him, and he loved them very much. Bill could be described as caring and loving. He was a member of the Hoxie United Methodist Church and believed in the Lord.

Bill is survived by his sons, Larry Weeks (Barb) of Victoria, TX, Darrell Weeks of Garden City, Dale Weeks (Sherry) of Saint Francis, and Richard Weeks, Garden City; brother, Murl Weeks (Anita) of Oklahoma; sister-in-law, Judy Weeks of Hoxie; grand- children; numerous great-grandchildren; three step-sons; four step-daughters; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Beth Weeks and Pat Weeks; parents, Clarence and Pearl Weeks; brother, Al Weeks; and sisters, Violet Rogers, Marg Thaden, Alice Pratt, and, infant sister, Nellie Weeks.

A Funeral Service was held Friday, October 16, 2020, 11:00 A.M., at the Hoxie United Methodist Church. Interment followed the service in the Hoxie City Cemetery. Visitation was Thursday, October 15, 2020, 1:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, Hoxie, Kansas with family receiving friends from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County EMS or Sheridan County Health Complex and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com

Bill who loved his family very much. He was a farmer tied to the land from birth. With every season, the years went past, until it was time for his final harvest, and he was gathered home into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior.

Interment Notice: Ila "Dusty" Jones

April 4, 1925 ~ October 18, 2019

Ila Modesta "Dusty" (Fromme) Jones, 94, passed beyond the Veil in the early morning hours of Friday, October 19, 2019. On Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 3:30pm she was interred next to her husband Byron Wesley "Sonny" Jones, Jr at the Blanco Cemetery, Taiban, NM.

Georgianna M. 'Georgia' Weber

October 23, 1945 ~ October 14, 2020

Georgianna Marie 'Georgia' Weber, 74, of Hutchinson, died October 14, 2020, at Hospice House, Hutchinson. She was born October 23, 1945, in Norton, to Frank W. and Ruth J. (Bielser) Currier.

Georgia graduated from Hoxie High School in 1963 and from Northwest Kansas Technical College, as well as attended Fort Hays State University. She served on the kitchen staff in the Colby and St. Mary's public schools. Georgia enjoyed camping and loved watching birds. She was a member of Hoxie Presbyterian Church.

On July 29, 1967, Georgia married Max E. Weber in Hoxie. They shared 53 years of marriage. He survives.

Also surviving are: daughters, Ronda Hedrick (Aryn) of Nickerson, and Jenifer Lasky (Michael) of Wichita; grandchildren, Cayle, Lian, and Rayne Hedrick; sister, Wanita Smith (Tom) of Crestwell, OR; nephew, Scott Smith (Chris Brooks); great-nephew, Tanner Smith; great-niece, Stephanie Mendoza (Luis), and Kimmie, Sol, Lily and Every Mendoza.

Georgia was preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has taken place and a private family graveside service will be held in Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson. Friends may sign the memorial book from 1-8 p.m. Sunday, October 18, 2020, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, October 23, 2020, at Elliott Mortuary.

Memorials are suggested to American Cancer Society or Hospice House, Hutchinson, in care of Elliott Mortuary and Crematory, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, KS 67501.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Vickie Deines

September 13, 1943 ~ October 7, 2020

Vickie Sue (Bane) Deines peacefully passed away on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at the home of her son, In Colorado Springs, CO. Vickie was born to very loving parents, Marguerite (Lillian) and Rolland Bane at the St. Anthony Hospital in Dodge City, KS, on September 13, 1943. Her brother Rolland William "Bill" was 1 ½ years old when she was born. Although Vickie was sure Bill would rather have had a brother, he loved his little sister and they had great times growing up. Vickie attended Central Grade School and graduated from Dodge City High School with the class of 1961, continuing her education at Dodge City Community College. While in Dodge City, Vickie's summer job was being a Can-Can Dancer for the Boot Hill Variety Show. After Junior College she attended Emporia State University, graduating in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. On July 8, 1967, Vickie married Eugene Deines.

Vickie started her teaching career at Trego Community High School in WaKeeney, taught two years at Wheatland High School in Grainfield, and in the fall of 1970, she started teaching in the USD 412 School District at Hoxie, both elementary and secondary. She started volleyball and girls' track programs at the Hoxie High School. Vickie was an outstanding teacher. Her students loved the themed obstacle courses and "Fun Day" in the spring as much as she enjoyed creating them.

Vickie was selected by the Kansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance as Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year in 2002, and the same year, the Hoxie High School Secondary Physical Education and Recreation program was selected as the Kansas Model Secondary P.E. Curriculum of the year. In 2003, she was selected to the Alumni Hall of Honor and received the KAHPERD Honor Award. During the 2007-08 academic year, Vickie served as President of KAHPERD. For 14 years, she served as Dodge City Community College's Executive Director for their Leadership Institute and had the privilege of working with 35-60 high school students, living in the dorm with them for a week every summer. Vickie loved teaching and introducing her students to movement, but in 2006, after 41 years, she decided it was about time to retire. In retirement she had a part-time job and did catering. She enjoyed creating beautiful food and party-planning. On a side note, Vickie was very artistic and creative, using those talents in many ways.

As much as Vickie loved teaching and coaching, her most wonderful experience was becoming a mother. Jarrod Scott was born on May 4, 1972 and Brandon William on November 14, 1978. Vickie always said having boys was an adventure. There were fireworks, guns, hunting, smelly laundry, sneaking out of the house, and other things best left unmentioned. She would not have traded one moment of those experiences. Her sons brought much joy to her life, and she was so proud of them. When they married their beautiful wives, Eldy and Vixen, she fell in love with them. And when she thought she could not fall in love again, she became a grandmother. Emmett Powell, Lilia Flora, Karlin Rosa, Coraline Maeve and Ezekial Holt Holyoak enriched her life and filled her with more love than she could have imagined.

Vickie has been blessed with some tribes of women: the Knitwits, the Pi Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma of Emporia State University, and elementary and high school classmates.

In 2017, Vickie was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. The disease may have slowed her down, but it did not defeat her until the very end. She was ever grateful for all the support she was given by her family and friends, and for the caring support of Dr. Joshua Solomon and National Jewish Hospital in Denver.

Vickie is survived by her sons, Jarrod Deines and wife, Eldy, and Brandon Deines and wife, Vixen, all of Colorado Springs; grandchildren, Lilia Flora, Karlin Rosa, Emmett, Cora, and Zeke Deines; brother, Bill Bane; and family and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marguerite and Rolland Bane.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Friday, October 2, 2020, 2:00 P.M. at the Hoxie Presbyterian Church. There will be no visitation. A reception is planned for a later date. Memorials are suggested to Sheridan County Benefit Walk. Memorials may be sent to Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. Words of comfort may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com

Vickie said, "I was born; I blinked; and it was over." She leaves these words for family and friends, "I have no building named after me; no monuments erected in my honor. But I DID have the chance to know and love each and every friend, as well as all my family members. How much more can a person be blessed?" Her words to us are, "May God Bless each and every one of you, my friends and family. Until we meet again at our Home, I love you." She wants you to know having been cremated, she finally has the smoking hot body she always wanted! Now go and celebrate my life.

RECYLING CENTER HOURS

November – March	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
April – October	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- **Paper:** shredded, magazines, newspaper, office paper
- **Chipboard:** cereal boxes, frozen food boxes, beverage boxes, etc.
- **Cardboard:** corrugated only
- **Clear Plastic:** #1 clear pop bottles, juice bottles
- **Colored Plastic:** #2 laundry detergent bottles, coffee containers, etc.
- **#2 Natural Plastic:** Milk jugs, rinsed chemical containers
- **Glass:** beer/liquor bottles, pickle jars, etc.
- **Aluminum Cans:** pop, beer
- **Tin Cans:** soup cans, tuna cans, cat food cans, etc.
- **Grocery Sacks:** plastic grocery sacks

NO OTHER TYPES OF PLASTIC
NO OTHER TYPES OF METAL
NO CLOTHES
NO BOOKS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
MARGARET E. ZERR, Deceased. Case No. 2020-PR-000010

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 in said court by Ralph G. Zerr and Alberta Cameron, co-executors of the estate of Margaret E. Zerr, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the co-executors, allowance for the services of the co-executors and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before **the 2nd day of November 2020, at 11:00 a.m.** of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. The hearing will be by ZOOM. If you plan to attend, contact Sheridan County District Court Clerk for instructions on ZOOM. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

/s/ Ralph G. Zerr
Ralph G. Zerr, Co-Executor

/S/ Steven W. Hirsch
Steven W. Hirsch #12789
HIRSCH LAW OFFICE
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Oberlin, KS 67749
PH: 785-475-2296
Attorney for Estate

/s/Alberta Cameron
Alberta Cameron, Co-Executor

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2019 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WARRANTS

129.72 19W12 GEORGE WALTER CARLTON, PO BOX 176 NICKERSON KS 67561
418.12 19W14 CASTILLO CONTRACTORS, 1203 KINGSBURY RD GARDEN CITY KS 67846
75.18 19W29 CHARLES E ERVIN, 15 CHIPOLA DRIVE CHEROKEE VILLAGE AR 72529
192.64 19W36 BETTY A GINSBURG REVOCABLE TRUST, 9232 RIDGEWAY AVE EVANSTON IL 60203
147.88 19W37 BETTY A GINSBURG REVOCABLE TRUST, 9232 RIDGEWAY AVE EVANSTON IL 60203
75.18 19W44 KARLA KESSINGER, 11015 E 14TH PLACE TULSA OK 74128
61.48 19W45 SANDY KIRSCHENMAN, 611 N RD 140 E STUDLEY KS 67740
73.18 19W51 ANDREA MILLER, 601 RADLOFF AVE OAKLEY KS 67748
1,086.49 19W65 WILLIAM HEITH SAUVAGE, 9738 N RD 110W SELDEN KS 67757
318.21 19W90 KEN SCHAFFER, PO BOX 774 HOXIE KS 67740
134.53 19W76 KELLY C STEVENSON, 8268 W RD 60N SELDEN KS 67757
81.79 19W78 KENNETH R TAYLOR REV LIVING TRUST, 3900 WINDSOR HALL DR APT C133 WILLIAMSBURG VA 23188
86.29 19W80 JERRY L VONFELDT, 929 TIPTON LOOP MOUNTAIN HOME AR 72653
2,880.69 Grand Total

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 2019 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING LISTED TAXPAYERS AND THEIR LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES ARE UNPAID. THE DELINQUENT TAXES SHALL CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE INTEREST. THE TAX WARRANTS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE SHERIDAN COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE. I HAVE FILED THE TAX WARRANTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS. K.S.A.19-547 & 79-2101 SHIRLEY NIERMEIER-SHERIDAN COUNTY TREASURER

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
WILLIAM J. WEEKS, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated October 19, 2020, has been filed in this court by Dale Weeks, as surviving son and executor of William J. Weeks, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Dale Weeks as executor of the estate.

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 Personal Representative or other proceedings in the estate 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.

All creditors 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/ Dale Weeks
Dale Weeks, Petitioner

/s/ Steven W. Hirsch
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SHERIDAN COUTY, KANSAS
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN
ADOPTING ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 01-2020

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN AND DESIGNATING A NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA.

WHEREAS, the USD #316 Board of Education, pursuant to the authority provided in K.S.A. 12-17, 114 *et seq*., wishes to adopt a plan to assist the revitalization of Sheridan County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the USD #316 Board of Education, pursuant to public notice, held a public hearing on October 14, 2020, to hear and consider public comment on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Section 1. Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. That the USD #316 Board of Education does hereby adopt the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, attached herein, and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. Designation of Neighborhood Revitalization Area. That the USD #316 Board of Education hereby designates the real property described in Part 1 of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan as the Neighborhood Revitalization Area, finds that the following conditions exist within said Area: 1) a predominance of buildings which, by reason of dilapidation or obsolescence, are detrimental to public health, safety, and welfare; 2) a substantial number of deteriorating structures which impair the sound growth of the county, retards the provision of housing and constitutes an economic liability; and 3) a predominance of buildings which, by reason of age, history or architecture, are significant and should b restored to productive use, and finds that rehabilitation, conservation, and redevelopment of said area is necessary to protect health, safety and welfare of the residents of the county.

Section 3. Neighborhood Revitalization Fund. The USD #316 Board of Education acknowledges that a Neighborhood Revitalization Fund exists and is managed by the Sheridan County Treasurer to finance the redevelopment of the revitalization area and to provide a rebate of property tax increments as set forth in the revitalization plan.

Section 4. That the ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon publication in the official City/County newspaper. Passed this 19th day of October, 2020.

Paul Bruggeman, President

ATTEST: Betty Hickert
Betty Hickert, Board Clerk

Two mice chewing on a film roll
One of them says:
"I think the book was better."

Commission Minutes 9/30/20

Now on this 30th day of September 2020, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, MaryEllen Welshhon, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Doyle Kauk, Rachel Farber, Buck Mader, and Carolyn Meyer.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.

Pratt stated Bracht had given him a copy of Petition given to her to vacate an alley in Studley. Bracht will submit to the paper to publish the date for the public hearing and will send a copy of the information to the other landowner involved. Bracht advised that the public hearing to vacate the alley will be October 28, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Bracht advised the Board that the public hearing for the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan will be Wednesday, October 14 at 9:00 am. The purpose of the public hearing will be to hear comments either in favor of or opposed to the renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 9:00 to receive comments on possible conflict of interest regarding the County's Community Development Block Grant project (CDBG-CV).

Bracht stated she had talked with Miranda Mosier about the position at Public Health and she said she will accept the position. The pay will be $20.00/hr. with full benefits, Monday – Friday 8:00 – 4:30 pm. Mosier will give the appropriate notice to the hospital. Misty Stewart and Hannah Schoendaler will help at the Public Health Office during the month of October.

The County Appraiser will be out of the office due to COVID exposure. Welshhon made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter to advertise for help in the Appraiser's Office for the employee who is leaving. Carried 3-0. The Commissioners agree that background checks should be done on all potential County employees and all references checked. The Commissioners also will be included in the interview process for Road & Bridge, Public Health, EMS, Appraiser's Office and Dispatch. Bracht advised they can't for elected official's offices as they have no say. Welshhon made a motion to appoint Wes Bainter as the voting delegate for the October 14, 2020 KCAMP meeting and Welshhon as the alternate. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Joe Herskowitz, Nick Kane, and Curtis Higby came to the table. Higby will start treating prairie dogs from October 15 – March 15. Higby will get the list of landowners to Pratt that have prairie dog towns on them, and Pratt will send out letters stating the landowners have five days to treat or the County does.

Wes Bainter pulled multiple bills to discuss.

Joe Bainter asked how many hours are on some of the blades, so equipment was discussed.

Wes Bainter stated Vic Winter would like to meet with the Board and propose a plan for equipment. Welshhon stated if possible, she would like to keep the business in Sheridan County. Herskowitz stated they are trying to keep the older machines less used.

The State of Kansas comes out every year to look at load ratings on bridges. They will be here on Thursday, October 8, along with Jordan from Penco. Herskowitz stated there may be some bridges that will have the load rating lowered. Wes Bainter stated that right after harvest there are a few bridges that need removed and culverts put in.

The Road and Bridge Department is starting to stockpile sand, as they are putting a list together of roads that will need sand.

Welshhon questioned overtime and stated she has no problem with overtime as long as the work is getting done. The problem is when there is overtime and work is not being taken care of. Herskowitz stated he has advised the employees that once winter sets in the overtime will end unless there is snow.

The culverts at the Catholic cemetery have been cleaned out. The Board and Herskowitz talked about millings on the road by the golf course. Herskowitz was advised to contact Fred Washburn about using millings on the portion maintained by the City of Hoxie.

There was an accident at the feedlot road and Highway 24 intersection. An individual hit a County truck and damaged the hood and grill. Sheriff Carver will get the information to Bracht.

Herskowtiz will check the first aid kits and make sure all supplies are full.

Herskowtiz discussed the bucket truck. There have only been two calls on it so he would like permission to bring it back to use. There are more purposes than just a bucket truck.

Herskowitz will talk with Brandon Mann at KWORCC about training. Another employee has been hired and Herskowitz stated he did check references. Another employee has been designated to help Higby with spraying and when Higby isn't busy, he helps with roads.

Sealed bids will be received for tires for the Polaris.

Recycling is going well and there are currently 59 bales of cardboard ready to go.

Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, entered the meeting. The State of Kansas, Division of Emergency Management, opened up grant applications for emergency operations centers. Koerperich put in a grant for $14,000, all COVID related. He was awarded a grant in the amount of $6,071 which includes updating 8 tables and 15 chairs, smart board, an updated cordless phone system, and laptop. Koerperich stated that no money has been granted to help with shelters. He is still getting PPE from the State and had just been shipped 36 cases of hand sanitizer.

Wes Bainter made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the September 23, 2020 minutes as amended. Carried 3-0.

Joe Bainter made a motion to approve the September 25, 2020 payroll as presented. Welshhon seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

The warrants of September 30, 2020 were approved on a motion by Wes Bainter and second by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0.

At 11:37, Joe Bainter made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 5 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht and Pratt. The door opened at 11:45 with no decision being made.

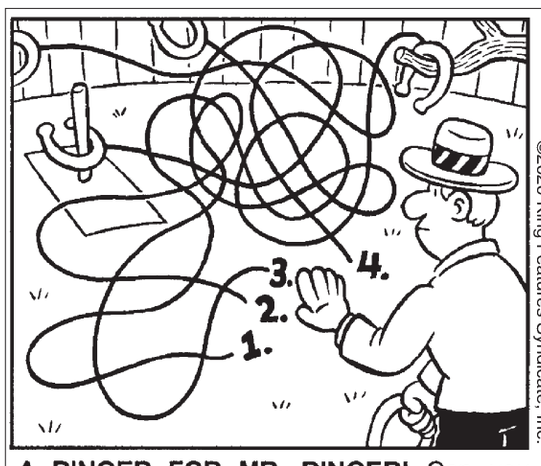
The Board agreed that in November the meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 9:00 since Wednesday is a holiday and the County is closed. Wes Bainter stated there would be more mowing, for sure after a hard frost so that there are no tall areas that will hold snow.

The following payroll was approved and signed:

General $122,168.18
SPARKS $129,439.72
Road & Bridge $199,841.77
Nox Weed $29,056.70
E911 $1,359.45
Public Health $4,346.19
Public Transp $1,657.80
VIN $2,287.29
Landfill $1,540.00

No further business, Wes Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the regular time and place.

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



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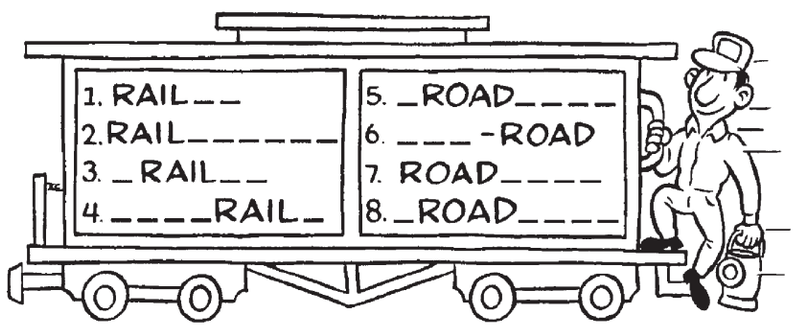
A RINGER FOR MR. DINGER! Can you guess which of the four pitches was a ringer for Mr. Dinger?

Answers: Pitch 3.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



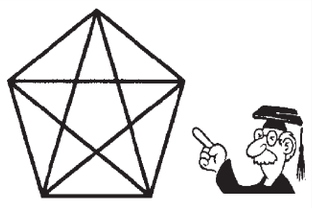
I'VE BEEN 'SPELLING' ON THE RAILROAD!

Casey has painted eight partially spelled words on the caboose. Each word contains "rail" or "road" in it. Use the hints below to complete each word.

1. Expressed objections bitterly.
2. Unfairly convicted.
3. Type of writing.
4. Streaks in the sky.
5. Way to sow seeds.
6. Type of motoring.
7. Old-time car.
8. Type of carpeting.

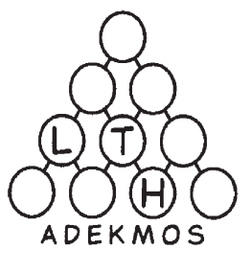
Answers: 1. Railed. 2. Railroaded. 3. Braille. 4. Contrails. 5. Broadcast. 6. Off-road. 7. Roadster. 8. Broadloom.

YOU'LL SEE STARS before you finish this one. Professor Flunkum challenges you to find all of the triangles in this figure in under six minutes.



Answer: There are 35 triangles of different sizes in the drawing.

CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Mold, mole, mote, moth, mate, math, mash, mask.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

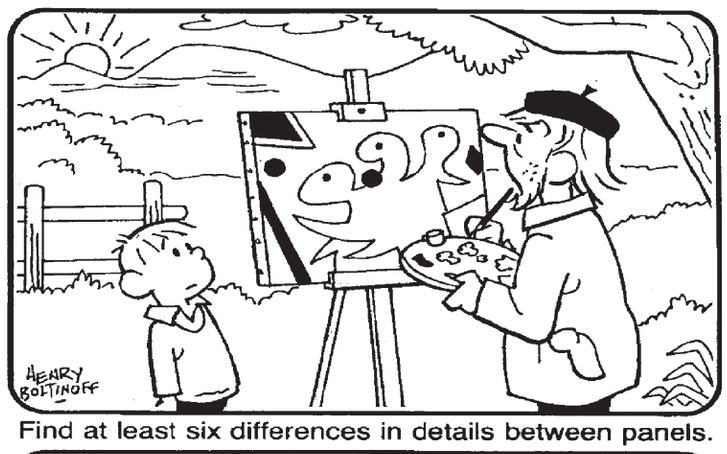
Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHERE DO BABY GHOSTS GO WHILE THEIR PARENTS ARE AT WORK?

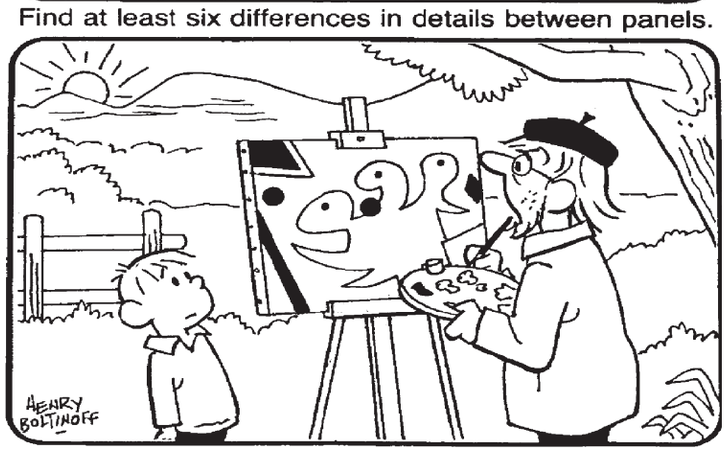
CARTED	___	TRACE		STREAM	___	TAMER
PAIRED	___	PRIED		RICHES	___	HEIRS
ASHLEY	___	SHALE		UNSEAT	___	TUNES
				BORDER	___	BORED
				PLACES	___	CLAPS

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cloud is missing. 2. Artist has glasses. 3. Boy's neckline is different. 4. Easel has third leg. 5. Painting is different. 6. Artist's paint rag is gone.

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: **X** equals **E**

ZNDX OWNMZ YIWOF S RKWMTWMA FSLXKM SMR ASLX WF FBX FSAOWMX "VBXKX XLXKQYNRQ TMNVZ QNIK DSMX."

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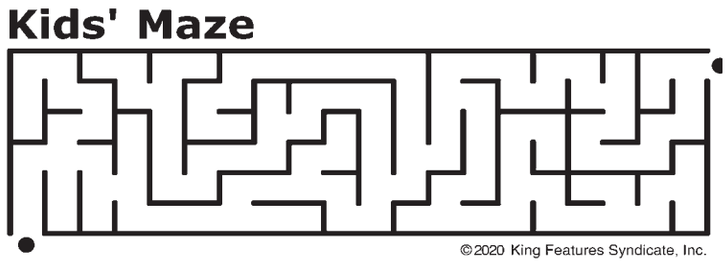
Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

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

Passage **TARREY**

Sheet **SUITES**

Trellis **BARRO**

Whiten **CEBAHL**

TODAY'S WORD ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Mega Maze

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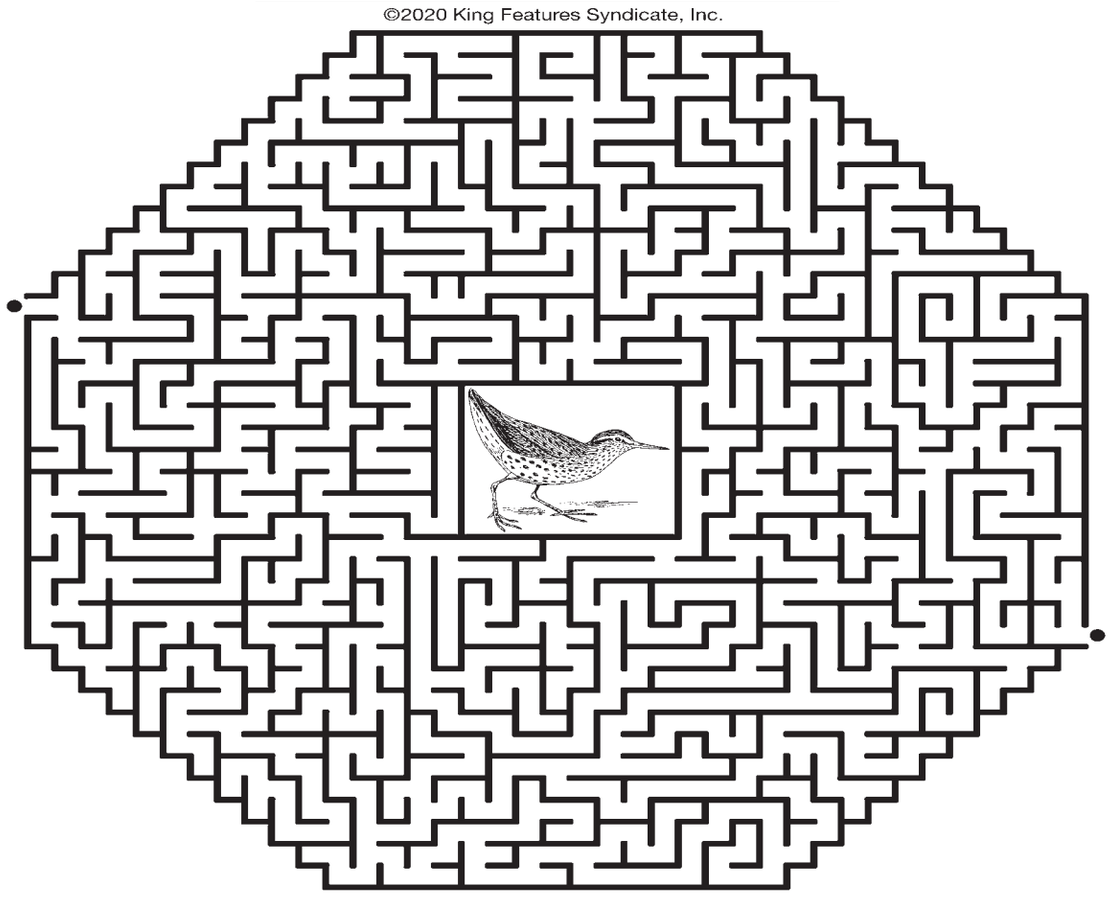


Super Crossword

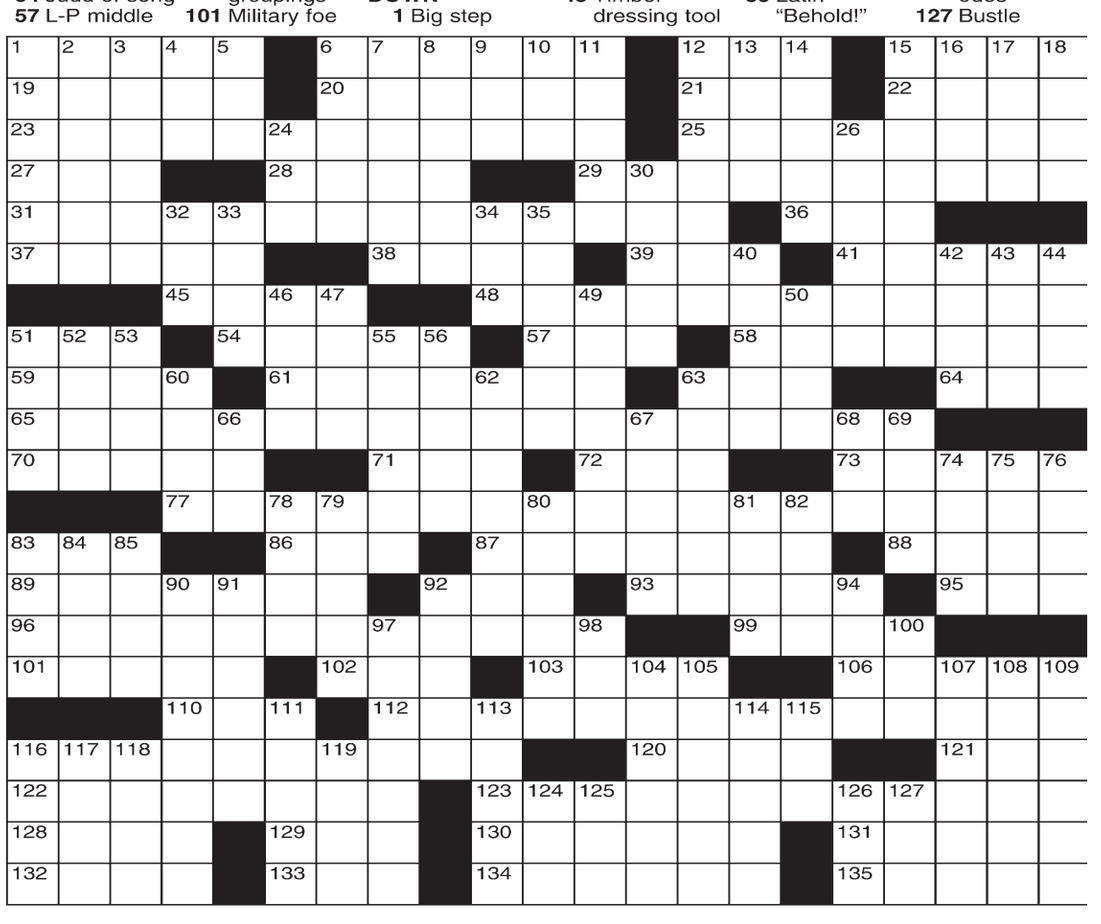
CITY SCRAMBLE

ACROSS

1 Wash with vigor
6 Not there
12 Melancholy
15 Aspirin, e.g.
19 "Petunia" star Birch
20 Many a Giotto work
21 "Woo- —!"
22 Wee amount
23 Suit fitter in a California city?
25 Holding the attention of
27 Seat winners
28 "Breezy" co-star Kay
29 Boys and men from an Oregon city?
31 Michigan city whose residents are a bit more eccentric?
36 Jacuzzi sigh
37 Swirly letters
38 Popular cookie
39 Hamm on a soccer field
41 Actor Hill of "Moneyball"
45 Denounce
48 Plundered an Ohio city?
51 Big lug
54 Judd of song
57 L-P middle
58 "Renegade" star Lamas
59 Hay bundle
61 Setting of "Anne of Green Gables"
63 Yang partner
64 Mouse-spotting cry
65 Painting exhibitor on wheels in a Maryland city?
70 Sphere
71 Sphere
72 Debt memo
73 Green shade
77 Pennsylvania city with a big population of forefathers?
83 Sussex loc.
86 Pale —
87 One making a change
88 Palo —
89 Piano relative
92 24-hr. cash convenience
93 Runoff conduit
95 Part of LAPD
96 Includes an Arizona city in the tally?
99 Noah's Ark groupings
101 Military foe
102 Cleanup org.
103 Not distant
106 Electric car maker
110 Sprite
112 Speak badly of an Illinois city?
116 Off-Broadway awards whose winners hail from an Idaho city?
120 Film director Reiner
121 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
122 Illumination
123 Warehouse vehicle produced in a Texas city?
128 First-aid gel
129 — -di-dah
130 Negative battery poles
131 City close to Minneapolis
132 Antarctic explorer Richard
133 Perch
134 Compounds in explosives
135 Perch

DOWN

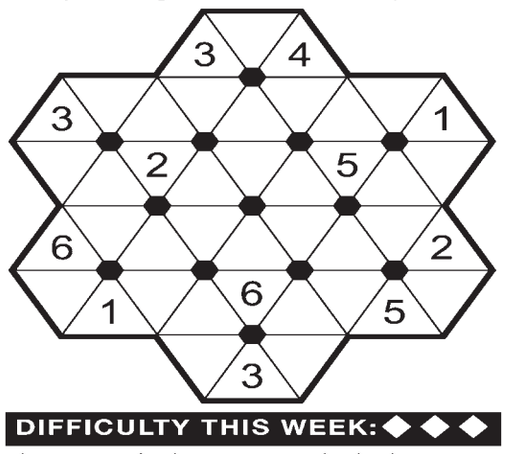
1 Big step
2 Casual slacks
3 Scorches
4 Net address
5 Baseball club
6 In pursuit of
7 "The Chase" star Marlon
8 One nabbing something
9 Immigrant's class, in brief
10 Sgt., e.g.
11 Body trunk
12 Collielike pooch
13 Top-grade
14 Firm belief
15 Do some excavating
16 Make turbid
17 With 105-Down, eclectic digest
18 Comics' acts
24 Corrida cry
26 Three-sharp musical key
30 "We — please!"
32 Actor Knight
33 "No man — island"
34 Phone no.
35 Lodger
40 Impromptu
42 Goose of Hawaii
43 Timber-dressing tool
44 Boxing blow
46 Counterpart of "sir"
47 De — (afresh)
49 Slanting
50 R&B's Braxton
51 "SOS" group
52 Jack of early talk TV
53 Model Macpherson
55 Melancholy
56 Like argon
60 Smoky peak in Sicily
62 Rodents in research
63 Lionel Richie hit of 1983
66 Actor McShane
67 Lawn pests
68 Mauna —
69 "Lohengrin" heroine
74 "— turn up eventually"
75 Executive "no"
76 Greek Cupid
78 Tigers, e.g.
79 Make glad
80 Biscotto nut
81 Creek critter
82 Work detail
83 Latin "Behold!"
84 Gas in signs
85 Pasting stuff
90 Snared
91 Surgical probe
92 Without — (worry-free)
94 College military gp.
97 On edge
98 Modern, in Mannheim
100 Island locale
104 Consent (to)
105 See 17-Down
107 Atelier
108 Units of light
109 Noah's Ark landing site
111 Thwarts
113 Lion of C.S. Lewis' "Narnia" tales
114 Metal waste
115 Em preceder
116 Blurt out the secret
117 Grease-filled
118 Monster film lab helper
119 — B'rith
124 Songwriter DiFranco
125 "Baloney!"
126 Above, in odes
127 Bustle



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

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

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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Joni Albers

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the garden space quickly grew. Soon she had about 4,000 square feet, and her neighbors were interested in her produce.

Locally grown products were hard to come by in the region. "There was one produce stand in the area, but it was only open one day a week, and they didn't have locally grown produce," Joni said.

She decided to launch her own business as an urban produce farm. She named it the Hungry Gardens. She uses innovative technology to communicate with customers and focuses on heirloom produce.

These are not plain, everyday tomatoes, for example. "Healthy food and culinary experiences underpin everything we grow at the Hungry Gardens," her website says.

"I try to find the rarest heirloom vegetables," Joni said. "We specialize in growing unique vegetables that are not available commercially but have historical and indigenous value."

For example, Joni offers many products which I hadn't heard of, such as cinnamon basil, blacktail watermelons, red noodle beans, tigger melons, violet sparkle peppers, thai lime, pineapple sage, cucamelons, and many more. She works with various partners, including several chefs.

"I want to provide an experience for people, and give them new things to try," Joni said. Her market is hyperlocal, and she offers pickup and delivery. Hungry Gardens also offers seedlings for such items as heirloom tomatoes, squash, zucchini and flowers.

Some cities have used community-supported agriculture, where consumers pay a fee and receive whatever produce happens to be in season. Joni goes a step further by enabling consumers to select their products. "I allow consumers to curate their own boxes," Joni said. "That means they get what they really want."

She updates the inventory of fresh products each day, and her customers get to choose among the freshest items.

Joni uses an iPhone app called Cropswap, to offer Heirloom CropBoxes by subscription. These include a variety of heirloom vegetables not offered on her website. The boxes come with scannable codes that connect to recipes from area chefs, plus ideas for preparation of these unusual products.

It's a remarkable business, inspired by Joni's early days as a 4-H'er at the rural community of Hoxie, population 1,201 people. Now, that's rural.

Her products are only available in California, but you can learn about her company by going to www.hungrygardens.com.

A blue ribbon. For 4-H youth, it symbolizes a high level of achievement. For Joni Albers, that first blue ribbon also helped inspire a lifelong interest in horticulture which has now become an innovative business. We commend Joni Albers of the Hungry Gardens for making a difference with her entrepreneurial approach to produce. In her case, a blue ribbon helped encourage a green thumb.

Thanks to K-State Research and Extension Twin Creeks District Director Stacy Brown for this story idea.

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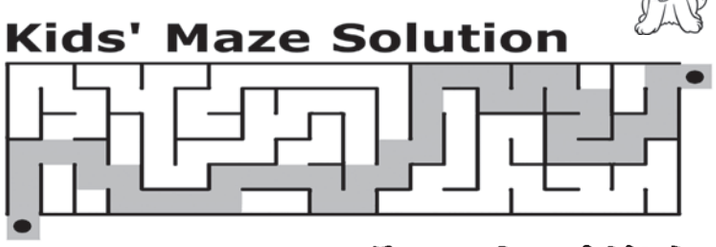
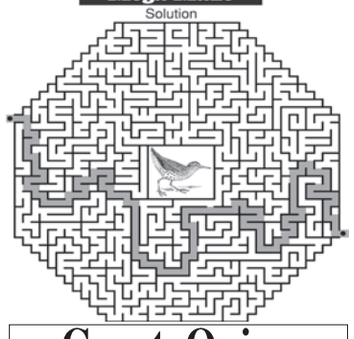


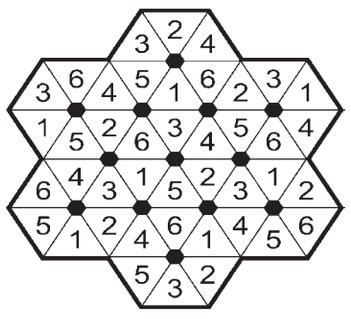
Mega Maze
Solution



CryptoQuip
answer

Some lions built a drinking tavern and gave it the tagline "Where everybody knows your mane."

SNOWFLAKES
solution



Puzzles4Kids
Answer

CARTED	D	TRACE
PAIRED	A	PRIED
ASHLEY	Y	SHALE
STREAM	S	TAMER
RICHES	C	HEIRS
UNSEAT	A	TUNES
BORDER	R	BORED
PLACES	E	CLAPS

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Artery 2. Tissue;
3. Arbor; 4. Bleach

Today's Word
BACHELOR

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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

Super Crossword
Answers

S	C	R	U	B	■	A	B	S	E	N	T	■	S	A	D	■	D	R	U	G
T	H	O	R	A	■	F	R	E	S	C	O	■	H	O	O	■	I	O	T	A
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