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Hoxie & Golden Plains Both Place 4th At State



Junior Luke Schippers #33 goes in for a layup against Lawrence Seabury in the third-place game on Saturday at the 2A State Basketball Tournament in Manhattan. Junior Latham Schwarz #21 makes sure the ball goes into the basket. Hoxie lost to Seabury 68-34 to place fourth in the tournament. (Photo by Devynn Snider)

Indians Place 4th at State By Matthew Diercks

On March 8, the Hoxie Indians played in the first round of the State Basketball Tournament against Sedan High School. Hoxie started the game playing with intensity and played with intensity throughout the whole game. Hoxie did not let up their defense and did not allow Sedan to come back. Hoxie finished the game winning with a final score of 74-57.

The Indians played Salina Sacred Heart in the second round of state on March 10. Hoxie got a slow start in this game. They couldn't get through Sacred Heart's defense, and as a result they turned the ball over and could not score. Hoxie allowed Sacred Heart to get an early

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Lady Bulldogs "Prove 'Em Wrong"

By Judy Rogers

"Prove 'Em Wrong" was the motto for the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs throughout the season. The Lady Bulldogs had qualified for the state tournament last year and there was doubt that they could repeat again this year. The girls' goal was to qualify again and "Prove 'Em Wrong."

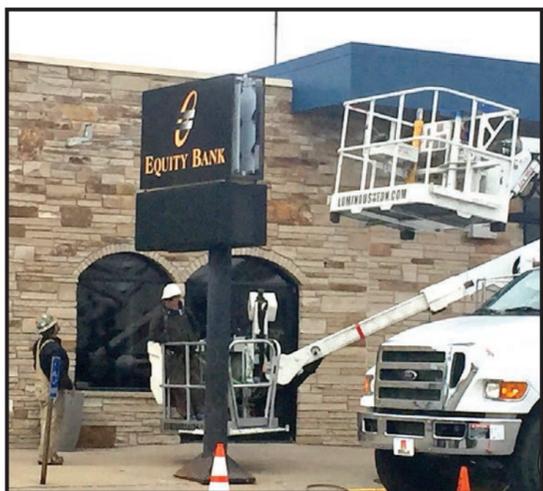
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs did just that as they not only qualified, but placed fourth in the Kansas State Class 1A Division II basketball tournament in Dodge City on March 11. "We strived to get better each and every practice to reach our goal to get to state," said Kaylie Schaben, junior. "We all gained lots of experience and had a fun, successful season, and made memories along the way."

The girls' season started

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Golden Plains junior Kaylie Schaben gets fouled during the first round of the state basketball tournament in Dodge City on March 8. The Bulldogs defeated the Cougars to advance to the semi-final rounds on Friday. (Photo by Judy



The State Bank is now Equity Bank. Their new sign went up on Friday, March 10 during a cold, windy, and overcast day. (Photo by Viktorija Briggs)



Rotary Treasurer Keith Caldwell, presented an \$1,800 check to Jan Moore, Director of the Sheridan County Historical Society. The donation was for the ongoing renovation project that began in July 2015. (Photo by Jeannine Taylor)

FROM DEVASTATION TO DONATIONS



Volunteers assist Brett Mizell in unloading the donations at the Ashland, KS vet clinic. (Photo by Stephanie Mizell)

By Jeannine Taylor

Nearly a week ago, north of Grinnell, a small fire started. This fire was quickly extinguished by fire departments from surrounding towns. But it ignited something else... a call to action and a reminder of just how quickly a situation can change. One moment, it is just a typical day, the next moment you are looking at a devastating loss. After the Grinnell fire, Brett and Stephanie Mizell, Grinnell, decided that they needed to do something to help the farmers and ranchers in Clark County, Kansas who were devastated by the fires in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

They reached out to residents of Northwest Kansas, hoping to fill the back of their car with donations. The end result? A loaded flatbed trailer and a filled pickup bed in addition to the nearly completely filled car. Everything from cattle mineral tubs, pet and livestock feed, to cases of water, food, and toiletries, were all donated by residents of Northwest Kansas. Residents from Colby, Oakley, Grinnell, and Hoxie pitched in

to help in many different ways.

Some people gathered donations. Businesses opened their doors to serve as a drop-off location: Hoxie Implement (Hoxie), Thomas County Emergency Management (Colby), Dairy King and Heartland Foods both of Oakley, and Hometown Grocery (Grinnell). Other businesses, including Six Toes Feed & Seed, donated much needed items; they sent a mixed pallet of feed. Frontier Ag sent a pallet of 12 mineral tubs.

Between four towns, over 1,500 items were collected. Daily visits to the drop-off locations in Colby, Oakley, Grinnell, and Hoxie resulted in loading up the items people donated, and many tears were shed. A simple goal of one car-load of donations which once seemed so grand, was exceeded twice over in the first day, because of the generosity of the farmers, ranchers, and residents from Northwest Kansas. By Thursday evening, just 24 hours after sending out word, the Mizells had a decision to make - stop the collection or find a trailer. Hoxie Implement provided a use of a flatbed trailer, and by Saturday afternoon, the donations were ready to go. After a stop at Frontier Ag of Grinnell/Grainfield to pick up the mineral tubs, the Mizells were on their way.

En route, a complication occurred; the load had shifted. And true to the generous nature of the residents of Northwest Kansas, a farmer came to the rescue. Larry Lundgren, Gove, lent the use of his tractor to shift mineral tubs, which allowed the journey to continue.

As they neared Ashland, the Mizells smelled smoke, but didn't see much signs of damage. Suddenly, there was a line in the highway... a literal line where a new coat of asphalt had been laid. Travelling up a hill the prairie was carpeted in grass, but as they crested the hill, they saw the devastation. Burned and scorched land, no grass to be seen, and only the tops of fence posts remained, desperately clinging to their wires. A lone windmill survived because it was metal and had no fuel for the deadly flames to devour.

Finally, amidst the burned,

charred, and damaged land, a sign appeared. Ashland City Limits, it said. The Mizells pulled their trailer into the Ashland Vet Clinic, the collection site for incoming donations. A crew of high school boys proceeded to unload the donations, with assurances that the donations would reach the people who needed it the most. The response from residents of the Midwest and beyond has been incredible. Whether it is farm and ranch supplies, fencing materials, personal items, or trailer loads of hay bales trucked in, people and communities have responded mightily.

Former Hoxie resident Billy Gourley, who now lives in Ozark, Missouri, donated over 1000 silage bales to affected farmers and ranchers, thanks to a post on Facebook which has been shared over 53,000 times. The incredibly generous response to the wildfires has included veterinarians from all over, including Kansas State University, who have volunteered to provide much needed medical care for injured animals, and the members of a Meade 4-H group who are caring for orphaned calves.

And of course, no recounting of the fire is complete without acknowledging the first responders: the firefighter and emergency medical personnel who battled the blaze and provided support to those fighting the fire. The majority of these personnel are volunteers, fighting to save what they could from the hungry blaze. We tip our hats to those who battled to save houses, buildings, fences, livestock, and lives. Their dedication is amazing to behold.

The devastation resulting from a deadly combination of dry land, high winds, and a spark could easily have happened in Northwest Kansas. While we are exceedingly fortunate that we escaped the devastation, area residents know that this could have been Sheridan County, instead of Clark County. As I write this article, many trucks hauling round bales are headed south on Main Street, proving once again that as members and residents of an agricultural community, we are all in this together.

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Words of Faith

God will bring you through the fire.

Psalms 66:12

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Mar.14	
Wheat	3.24
Corn	2.88
Milo	2.47
Beans	8.59

Last Week's Weather

Date High Low H2O
Our area is still not served with an Official Weather Reporter. If you are interested, contact the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Goodland, KS. 785-899-7119

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Words of Wisdom

Wisdom is like fire. People take it from others.
Hema Proverb

Where's Sheridan?

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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings City Library has a beautiful leather bound collection of over a hundred *Louis L'Amour* novels. They are not just to look at, but were donated specifically "for everyone to enjoy". Come check out one or two to remember his style. Try reading one to see what made him a world-famous author or read one that was made into a movie. Read them to your kids or grandkids. We have a nice bunch of *Dr. Seuss* books for the kids and kids-at-heart. For the cooks, there is a whole shelf of *Taste of Home* Annual and Special cookbooks. A couple of these might convince you it's time to try something different for dinner.

NWKL rotation will be this week, meaning a whole wall of different books to choose from.

Reminder: The Hoxie Masonic Lodge will be holding a short memorial service for Leroy Brown March 25 at

approximately 1:00 p.m. at the former Masonic Lodge Hall in Jennings. Everyone is welcome.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive will be March 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Jennings. Contact Marge Hartzog 785-678-3010 for appointment.

Members of the Jennings Community and the Jennings Lions Club will be hosting a benefit soup supper for Dave New to help with his ongoing medical and travel expenses, March 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Sunflower Senior Center. Beef Stew, chili and potato soup will be served. Donation of desserts would be appreciated for the supper and a bake sale. Free Will donation will be taken.

Saturday evening visitors at Wayne and Louise Cressler home included Russell and Mary Cressler, rural Jennings. Sunday visitors were Jeff and Gwen Anderson, Goodland.



Meal Site Menu

March 20 - March 24

Monday: Beef Fritter, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Applesauce

Tuesday: Frito Chili Cheese Pie, 5-Cup Salad, Fritos, Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: Oven-Baked Chicken, 3-Bean Salad, Cole-slaw w/ Carrots, Bread, Peaches

Thursday: Goulash, Mixed Vegetables, Tropical Fruit, Bread, Cookie

Friday: Chef Salad, Cottage Cheese, Cafe Crackers, Pine-apple

The Hoxie Meal Site wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday - Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.00 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

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SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On March 9 during Senior Citizens at the Community Center, Boyd Wilson won high with a score of 735, Paul Neff took second with a score of 657 and Carl Mumm had the most Aces. Other players include - Margaret Rhodes, Edna Schiltz, Pat Wessel, Bob Wessel, Lillian Sulzman, Wilma Ritter, Ohio Aumiller, Margee Wilson,

Don Juenemann, Lola Cook and Royce Cook.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: March 17: Dan Campbell, Boyd Wilson; March 18: Nick Rall, David Gould; March 19: Chance Marble, Danielle Hickert Young, Tate Bruggeman; March 21: Tracey Smith Metcalf; March 22: Jackie Geisinger Weins; March 23: Tami Porsch.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Extended

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland adds one week to sale following product delays

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is extending its annual cookie sale by one week, giving cookie lovers a chance to support local girls and stock up on their favorite Girl Scout Cookies before it's too late.

The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale will now conclude **March 26** instead of March 19. The additional week gives Kansas Girl Scouts more

time to reach their goals and deplete their cookie inventory following product delays from the baker earlier in the sale.

Those who haven't been contacted by a local Girl Scout can find the nearest cookie booth by entering their zip code at kansasgirlscouts.org, calling 888-686-MINT, or downloading the free, official Girl Scout Cookie Finder app for iOS and Android mobile devices. Go to kansasgirlscouts.org to learn more.



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Upcoming Area Events

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| <p>Hoxie</p> <p>Wednesdays, on-going:
Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478</p> <p>2nd Tuesday - each month (Sept-June):
Scrappy Quilters Guild-Midwest Energy Building Meeting Room 7pm</p> <p>2nd Wednesday - each month:
United Methodist Church Coffee Club in the Social Hall, 2pm</p> <p>Friday, March 17:
5pm Potato Bar Benefit for the Sheridan County Wellness Center-Hoxie 4-H Building</p> <p>Tuesday, March 21:
6:30pm Storm Spotter Class-Bowen Scout House</p> <p>Thursday, March 23:
Tree Sale Order Deadline, Sheridan County Conservation District, 1100 Main St, Hoxie 785-675-3353</p> | <p>Colby</p> <p>Thursday, March 16:
10am Free Land Seminar: Ken Eland, speaker "What You Need to Know About 1031 Exchange." Stock Realty & Auction Co., 390 N Franklin</p> <p>Sunday, March 19:
3pm All-American Boys Chorus; Cultural Arts Center. Adults \$20, students \$10</p> <p>Saturday, March 25:
6:30pm MMA Action: Clash on the High Plains II-Colby Community Building \$25 at-the-door</p> <p>Norton</p> <p>Friday, March 31:
3:30pm Envisioning the Future: Cattle & Land-It's in YOUR Hands, Norton County Women in Ag Committee. Immanuel Lutheran Church 14715 W Washington Rd. Registration by 3/24/2017 \$15/person, \$25/couple. Contact Norton County. USDA Service Center 785-877-5156.</p> |
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Do you have an event happening?
Place it in

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so we can post them in the

"Upcoming Area Events" section!

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Order of Eastern Star Chpt. 108 Offers Scholarship

Millbrook Chapter No. 108, Order of Eastern Star, Hill City, is offering a \$500 scholarship to a student enrolling for the first time in a post-secondary institution with a minimum GPA of 2.0, and an affiliation with a member of Millbrook Chapter #108, OES. Since the consolidation of

the Hoxie OES with the Hill City OES, any member of the Hoxie Chapter is now a member of the Hill City Chapter.

For more information or an application, contact Kathy Schulz, 785-421-2527 or email at kschulz@ruraltel.net. The deadline for returning the application is March 31.

Pot 'O Gold Vendor Show

Saturday, March 18

10am - 3pm

Hill City Fairgrounds

4-H Teen Leaders Concessions

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Hoxie UMC Glow in the Dark Lock-In

Sponsored by R&R Youth Group

Thursday March 16

Check-in 6:30pm

Departure 9am Friday, March 17

ALL youth 7th-12th grade are invited.

Registration is required!

Contact Pastor Jake at Hoxie UMC, or Missy at HHS Office.

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SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET

Saturday, March 18

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Faith & Lifestyle

Health Highlights

Habit Change to Find What Works for YOU!

By Viktorija Briggs, Certified Health Coach

We ended the last article referencing 'self-care,' and how important it is to our well-being and a long life. Self-care involves evaluating our habits to see what changes need to be made in our life.

It is said that it takes 21 days to form a habit, but it takes twice as long to change one! At the new year, everyone makes New Year's resolutions. Lots of them. How many resolutions are truly worked at and become reality? Basically, none. The number is so minute as to be immeasurable.

So, how do you begin? Where do you begin?

That part is simple. At the beginning. What's not so simple is...where is the beginning?

We all want what we want, and we want it now. Waiting and working for it - not happening. We don't first analyze the steps necessary to get from Point A to Point Z. We must go through all the steps, from beginning to manifestation, but we rarely do, and that is why we fail.

Beginning at Point A is starting with an activity that is very simple, and will probably be very enlightening.

In the graphic below, place a line across each bar at the level that represents how fulfilling & satisfying that category is in your life (1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest).

What are your two lowest rated categories? What are the two that you would like to move higher? These are the areas of your life that need attention. These lower areas actually impact all the others, even if on a superficial level.

So, how can we accomplish raising those lower aspects?

How good would it feel if you significantly moved forward in these areas?

What actions can you take which will begin this process?

You've now completed Point A. This is where Point B begins; the evaluation process. Point B is to take that lowest bar category and ask yourself, "Why?" Why is it the lowest? What is the very first step to begin to move it upward to make it a more pleasurable part of your life?

As an example, say the lowest category is wealth, which (surprise, surprise) is the most common. So, how would you begin to remedy that? Is your education in line with obtaining a good career, which in turn would lead to making more money?

Do you see how it's all interconnected?

But, what does education, career, and wealth have to do with your diet and the food you eat? Oddly enough, everything!

When we lack in one thing we compensate in another, and then we justify it. Whether consciously or unconsciously, it doesn't matter. We're bored, so we eat something. We've just

worked hard, so we eat something. We're watching TV, so we eat something. It's not so much what we eat, but how and how much we eat. But thinking about what, how and how much means consciously thinking about our bodies and our health. So, we brush it aside until "later."

We compensate by procrastinating. Stop procrastinating. Always ask "Why?" Ask that question and listen for the answer, then ask "Why?" regarding the answer you received. Keep asking until you get to the very bottom reason "Why?"

I'll share mine. My lowest is Health & Physical Activity. I'm genetically predisposed to very good health. I'm one of the lucky ones in that regard. But, what I struggle with is the Physical Activity. I'll be honest, I like sitting at the computer writing, building graphics, designing the newspaper, building websites, or playing World of Warcraft. But, once I sit down, I'm not getting up - for hours! Not good! I do not like exercise. I intensely dislike sweating (ok, I'm being nice here; I hate sweating). In the back of my mind, I have always thought that since I have "good genes," then I'll just eat right and exercise "later."

"Later" never came, and today, at 56, I'm paying the price. So, to start small, because starting big never works, I find a small project that involves leaving my desk and doing something active. I try to curb my carb-loaded food cravings by having low-carb foods available for snacks. No, it's not much. But it's a start. Will I ever be one of those well-toned older women exercising daily to 'Dancin' to the Oldies'? No, not likely (read that as "Yeah. Right. Not in this lifetime"). But, if I eat the proper amount of vitamin & protein-rich foods, get up and move, and get proper rest, then I will become the best of "ME" that I can be.

And, so can you! Do the exercise chart, see where your lowest point is, and start slow. By starting at the bottom, we work our way up. By doing so, we then (consciously or unconsciously) begin to analyze the little things in other aspects of our lives, such as the snacks we eat, and eventually the full meals we consume. These simple accomplishments will boost your self-confidence, your ego, and your self-esteem, and when we feel more confident, then we can make bigger decisions and take bigger steps toward our self-evaluation and self-improvement process. When we love ourselves in the presence of others, it gives them the permission to love themselves. We are all a work in progress. There is no "finish line." We honor what 'is' and embrace what 'could be.' It may be a slow process, but that's why you will succeed.

Next: Redefining Food

Jokes & Quotes



Customer: "I hear my son has owed you for a suit for three years?"

Tailor: "Yes, sir. Have you called to settle the account?"

Customer: "No, I'd like one for myself on the same terms."

The manager of a restaurant called his waitresses together. "Girls," he began, "I want you all to look your best today. Greet every customer with a smile. Put on extra makeup and see to it that your hair is in place."

"What's up?" asked one of the girls, "Bunch of big shots coming in today?"

"No," explained the manager, "the meat's tough today."

The customer wanted to buy a chicken and the butcher had only one in stock. He weighed it and said, "A beauty! That will be \$1.25."

"Oh, that's not quite large enough." So the butcher put the chicken in the refrigerator, rolled it around on the ice several times, then back on

the scales again.

"This one is \$1.85," he said, adding his thumb to the weight.

"Oh, that's fine," said the customer, "I'll take both of them."

More Old Sayings
Let bygones be bygones.
While there is life there is hope.

Never too old to learn.
You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Make up for lost time.
Mums the word.
Jack of all trades and

Master of none.
An old stick in the mud.
Spare the road and spoil the child.

Open a can of worms.

Be not concerned, nor be surprised if what you do is criticized.

There's always folks who usually can find some fault with every plan.

Mistakes are made we can't deny, but only made by folks who try.

It is better to think a good thought about a bad man than to think an evil thought about a good man.

~B.B.

Area Churches

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Hoxie

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God's Living Stones
2008 Sheridan Ave
Hoxie

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1101 Sheridan Ave
Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Church
1000 Valley
Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen
Hoxie

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1541 Oak
Hoxie

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Hoxie

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Hoxie

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Hoxie

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Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church
900 12th St
Hoxie

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Hoxie

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The Kenoxie Archives & Museum, a soon-to-be 501(c)3 entity, is looking for any area newspapers, school newspapers, or other publications since the area's settling 137+ years ago. If you have anything and would like to help preserve the history of the area, please bring them to The Sheridan Sentinel office at 716 Main Street, Hoxie. 785-675-3321

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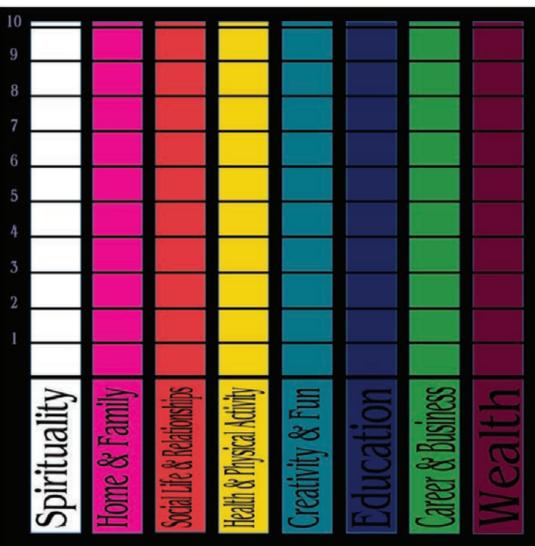
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Light a fire on the inside.
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The Kitchen Cabinet

Rachel Farber



Suggestions
A most delicious icing for a cake is one made of fresh strawberries. Crush a few, strain the juice and add a teaspoonful of lemon juice to make a richer color, and thicken with confectionery sugar to spread.

When making catchup this summer, try this method, and you will have a fine flavor and good color in the product. Peel the tomatoes, as usual, and cut carefully, removing the seeds as much as possible, for with them comes much of the water portion, which needs to be evaporated by long cooking. Then cook the tomatoes, and place in a colander to drain the thin part away. Then place over a bowl and press with a spoon until all the pulp is put through. This will be thick. The spices will be placed in

a bag and the catchup will have a beautiful color and can be made in a very short time. The thin portion may be saved for sauces and soups, so that none need be wasted.

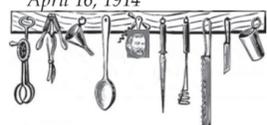
Sweeten Sour Cream - When misfortune has marked you for his own, and the cream for your coffee is sour, try adding a very little soda, dissolved in a teaspoon of water and then beat in a tablespoonful of sugar; mix well and it will, if the cream was not too sour, deceive the very elect.

The pleasure of trying new dishes is often spoiled by the thought of the dishes to wash. If we would go at once to the sink when a dish is emptied, turn on the water, wash and rinse it then, and put it aside, there would be very little to do when the cooking is over. The use of a cheap roll

of paper in the kitchen is a wonderful saver. Wipe out all dishes greasy and otherwise, and save much dish washing and soiled dishcloths.

A saucer of left-over preserves may be thickened with a little gelatin, a bit of lemon juice added, and whipped cream, and a delicious dessert is the result. Cold boiled or baked fish may be made into a most appetizing salad. Add chopped cabbage, celery or a pickle or two, for something sour. A sour apple finely chopped is an addition.

By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
April 16, 1914



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Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber

From The Sheridan County Democrat
March 15, 1895

The post office fight at Lucerne, in this county is at last ended, and Mrs. Florence B. Shoemaker has received the appointment as postmistress.

The cat has been let out of the bag and it is plainly to be seen why the BIG THREE were so anxious for the Palladium to get the county printing. They have all got their fingers in the pie.

Lucerne News

A. Crowder has been suffering with a sore throat for a few days.

Clay Bradbury took in the sights at the literary, Wednesday night.

A certain young lady was heard to remark a few days ago: "No, I don't want to go with Jim, but if Lish should ask me, I would go with him, and don't forget it."

Conglomeration

Martin Brockwinkel of Solomon township, was transacting business in the city last Friday.

There was an eclipse of the moon Sunday night, but at this point it was too cloudy to see it plainly.

Herman Schlageck of Solomon township, was in the city last Friday for the first time in several weeks.

There was a bomb thrown in court Tuesday forenoon, when it was found out that John Wilson was being tried for the murder of Emery Williams, when there was no person by that name killed.

While Dr. Hall was testifying in the murder case Tuesday afternoon, one of the jurors wanted Hall to get a hammer and break up some of the long words he was using so that the jury could understand them.

Died, at his residence in Valley township, on Monday morning, J. C. Lee; aged 78 years. His race is run, the candle of life has flickered out, he has obeyed the mandate of death and crossed over the river into the sweet beyond from which no traveler returneth. The deceased leaves an aged wife, two sons and four daughters to mourn his demise.

The Last of the Season

There will be an entertainment at the Opera House on Wednesday evening, March 20th. Two plays will be put upon the stage, "Popping the Question," and "Box and Cox." After the entertainment and the chairs removed, those who are so inclined can enjoy themselves by dancing, which will be the last dance of the season. The Menefee & Elerding orchestra will furnish the music.

Highland News

A. Collins is courting this week.

Charles Turner will work for Alex Breeden the coming summer.

Henry Albert is going to have 160 acres of prairie broke next week. He lets in ten acre lots to his neighbors and will have it all broke in a week.

John McGinnis is home from a three months visit to Iowa. He reports having a good time, but says times are as hard back there as they are here.

The ground was never in better shape for a spring crop than at the present time. Farmers, rustle some seed and get to work and we will raise something this time.

Kansas Tenderfoot

125 Years Ago
March 17, 1892

The city was full Saturday. No arrests.

Several couples from Selden and Guy attended the dance Friday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Winternitz entertained the Whist Club



Courtesy photo from the Sheridan County Historical Society Facebook page. By any chance do you know who they are?

last Wednesday evening.

G. W. Humes and son, Walter, have been devoting some of these beautiful, moonlight nights to the old fashioned sport of Coon hunting. At last accounts they has captured four.

About fifty couples participated in the dance given by the Cornet Band last Friday night, and a royal good time is reported, although some of the dancers will insist that the floor was to slick. A neat profit was realized to the Band.

Ben McKinley is assisting in the *Sentinel* office during the rush.

J. A. Woolums sold another team last Sun—excuse us, we mean Monday.

M. E. Thorpe will occupy the back room over the *Sentinel* office in the future.

J. A. Woollums sold his big bays to Thos. Graham lost Saturday for the consideration of \$265.

A new girl baby is reported at the home of Wm. Reynolds five miles west of town, last Wednesday.

Harry Williams, one of the leading ranchmen of Sheridan county and an old friend of ye editor, called last Monday.

It is said that today is the last day of grace for a certain Logan township gentleman to quit Sheridan county. The details, as told us, would make good matter for the *Sunday Sun*.

Tasco News
(Received too late for publication last week.)

Mr. O. Hansen delivered two loads of hogs to Fremont last Thursday; one hog weighed 525 pounds.

Mrs. Russell took the train Wednesday morning for Hill City. She expects to be gone about six weeks.

Elliott Items
(Received too late for publication last week.)

When items accumulate on ones hands, a good way to dispose of them is to send them to your county paper.

Our assessor, Mr. Evins started out on his mission Tuesday. Made out his first statement at the Elliott post-office. Charlie catches on quick.

100 Years Ago
March 15, 1917

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Timmons Tuesday, March 13, a 14 pound baby boy.

Fred White and family are moving this week from the White ranch to the Benton ranch near Grainfield. Fred will have a large body of land down there to farm.

C. H. Beers returned last week from Assaria, Kansas, where he was called owing to the illness of his daughter, Mrs. Samuelson, who is much improved in health.

Several members of the Hoxie Masonic lodge went to Morland Wednesday evening to assist with the work down there. They all report a fine time.

T. H. Wade fell on the slippery walks at his home in East Hoxie Tuesday and for a time was unconscious and unable to move but is now on the road to recovery. Mr. Wade has a host of friends who will regret to learn of his affliction.

Studley Squibbles
Mrs. Cunningham is enjoying a visit with her sister, who is here from Colorado.

Tom L. Pratt visited relatives in this city last week.

Mr. Spears was calling on friends in Studley Sunday.

East Central
George Haynes has moved onto the George Hedge ranch. E. C. Shoemaker spent Sunday at the Ira L. Shoemaker home.

D. E. Teater, who broke his arm cranking a Ford about three weeks ago, says he will soon be good for another trial.

Miss Ella Went, who has been visiting relatives in Wisconsin and Iowa for nearly two years, is expected home about May 1.

Emerald Grove
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parks visited in Graham county last week.

About forty attended the Bethel Sunday school last Sunday. Not as many as usual.

Union meeting Wednesday evening. Opening meeting and visitor's supper, with short program.

When shall it be? Where shall it be? "What?" Why, the social meeting and dinner of the *Sentinel's* correspondents.

75 Years Ago
March 12, 1942

Car Accident

Thelma Stillwell sustained a broken jaw in an otherwise minor car accident Monday evening. A group of high school pupils were riding west of town a mile or so when the car hit a shoulder of dirt. The jar threw Miss Stillwell against the seat in front of her. The other young folks in the car were Bonnie Mauck, Nelda White, Ray Manhart, Tom Pratt and Bill Geist.

Local Happenings

Mrs. James Foster of Studley, has been in St. Anthony hospital for the past week. She was threatened with bronchial pneumonia. Mrs. Foster hopes to return home soon as she is gaining in strength.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Percival and son and Mrs. Rettie Cooper left yesterday for Kirksville, Mo. for medical consultation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and son of Goodland spent the week end in Hoxie with relatives. Mrs. Mina Jackson also came with them. The Jones were at the Claude Jones home and Mr. Jackson at the Bill Haines home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Carter and three children moved from the country to the Toothaker house just south of the high school, the first of the week.

Bow Creek

The Bow Creek Home Ec. Club was postponed until March 18th, on account of the T. B. examination to be held this Tuesday.

Mrs. Oscar Karnes spent Friday in Norton attending a 4-H Leaders meeting.

The Lone Star school pupils and teacher and many others from this neighborhood attended the M-M show at Hoxie Tuesday. It proved very interesting and educational.

Friendly Neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Randolph and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and daughter spent last Wednesday evening at the Milo Rhodes home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kappers were business callers in Hoxie, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Rathburn and family were Monday evening supper guests at the Blaine Steele home.

Saline Valley Gossip

Francis and Hermie Dickman sold some hogs at the Hoxie sale, Wednesday.

The K. of C. held their meeting Monday evening with 17 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lager went to Wichita this week on business.

Vince Dickman attended the Jordan sale in Oakley Tuesday.

Menlo Items

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Christensen and Kay visited at the Waldo Wickizer home in Wakeoney last Sunday.

Donald Ferguson returned home from Chicago Sunday a.m., where he has been studying at Coyne's Electrical School.

Angelus Items

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ostmeyer were Sunday dinner guests at the Leslie Organ home in Grinnell.

Mr. H. Brockelman bought a milk cow of Frank Teeter, Wed.

The Knights of Columbus held their monthly meeting March 2nd in the school house basement.

The Daughters of Isabella held their usual monthly meeting on March 4th in the church basement.

50 Years Ago
March 16, 1967

Indians Finish Third At State Tournament

The Hoxie Indians brought home the third place trophy from the state Class A Tournament at Hutchinson last week by defeating Pratt in the opener; losing to Buhler in the semi-finals; and coming back to edge out Tonganoxie in the consolation game.

Legion To Observe Birthday Friday

The annual birthday party for the Hoxie American Legion will be held Friday evening, March 17 at the Legion hall. A pot luck dinner will be served. Bring you own silverware and a covered dish. The ladies auxiliary will prepare the meat dish and furnish the drinks. All Legionnaires and their families are invited.

Broadway News

The students enjoyed the weekend vacation due to the basketball tournament.

Dave Paintin returned the middle of the week from Kansas City. Barbara shows some improvement but still remains quite ill.

Mrs. Albert Smith called on Mrs. Cecil O'Dell Tuesday morning.

Vern and Bud Edgell and Clarence Brown ate dinner Friday at George Simons.

Angelus 4-H Club

Nitrogen fertilization was the topic of the project given by Gerry Dickman at the Angelus 4-H Club meeting held on March 10 at the Alfred Lager home.

"Nag or Horse" was the illustrated talk given by Laurita Schwarz. She told how to judge horses.

Roll call was a favorite author. Shirley Lager led the club in singing "Home on the Range." Recreation was led by Susan Dickman. - Reporter, Laurita Schwarz.

Boys State Delegates Announced by Legion

The Hoxie American Legion, Sheridan Post 221 recently selected delegates to Boys State which will be held in June at Lawrence, according to Lyman Adams, post commander.

Selected for the honors were Hugh Wigginton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wigginton, and Ronnie William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald William. Both boys are juniors at Hoxie High School.

Mickey's Want Ads

Get the Music of Spring of Columbia record albums here at your Scotts dealer only \$1.00. "Where Am I Going", "Hello,

Dolly!", "What Now My Love", and nine others.

Husband: Who was that you were talking to on the porch for the last hour?

Wife: Oh, that was Mrs. Smith. She didn't have time to come in.

All kinds of sprinklers, garden hose, rakes, hoes and other garden and lawn needs.

One teenage boy to another: "I had a long talk with my father about girls. He doesn't know anything about them either."

25 Years Ago
March 19, 1992

Boys Lose to Holcomb 44-47

The HHS boys proved they were state material during their basketball game against top-seeded Holcomb March 12. This year's state game was a far cry from last year's 86-60 season-ending game for Hoxie. Free throws were the difference in the final minutes of play.

Selden Happenings

Josephine Kruse was hostess to the senior citizens Thursday. There were three tables of pinochle and one of dominoes. High was won by Gertrude Fleckenstein, second by Clyda Emigh and low by G. R. Jackson. Leone Porsch won at dominoes.

The Northwest District of Kansas Associated Garden Clubs held their spring board meeting at the Colonial Steak House at Oakley Friday, March 13. The Bird City Garden Club was hostess. The morning session was the business meeting, reports of all officers and each garden club. After lunch Irene Kehlbeck of McDonald gave an interesting talk on recycling and showed a video which was very informative. Our speaker for the day was Joan Gienger of the Soil Conservation Service at St. Francis. She told about the danger of chemicals getting into the soil and then into our water supply and how we can be more careful about that. The Selden Garden Club then invited the clubs to the fall board meeting on Oct. 5 which will be held at the Ramada Inn in Colby.

Rexford News

Ben Hoeting, a DeKalb seed dealer sponsored an Appreciation dinner with other dealers at the Elks Club in Hoxie for his seed customers on Tuesday evening, March 10. Several from this community attended. Everyone is invited to a meeting at the community hall on Saturday evening, April 4 to discuss community improvements. There will be some reports from committees that were appointed at the last meeting, also some games and entertainment. Please bring some finger food (sandwiches, chips, cookies, etc.) and share an evening of fun with the neighborhood. Several met at the Barn Saturday for a potluck dinner and some stayed to play cards afterwards. These are held the second Saturday in each month.

Girl Scout Hold Meeting

On March 1 and March 15 our local Cadette and Senior Girl Scout troops held meetings at the scout house. We worked on our money budgeting badge and talked about upcoming events. At the March 15 meeting Susan Weis held a book exchange and discussion for a badge that will go toward her Silver Award. Three Cadettes, Susan Weis, Sonya Cooper and Melissa Bohr, hope to complete their Silver Awards by the end of the summer. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 5 at 1 p.m. - Susan Weis, troop reporter

NWKS & Farm News

Community Collaboration to Host Family Farm Safety and Health Fair

Gove County Medical Center, Gove County Health Department, Quinter Ambulance Service, Kansas Extension Agency - Golden Prairie District, and Farm Bureau Services will host a Family Farm Safety and Health Fair. The event will be held at the 4-H Fairgrounds - 757 West 3rd Street in Grainfield, Kansas, on Saturday, March 25th from 9:00 - Noon.

The fair will feature speakers and demonstrations about electrical safety, grain bin safety, livestock safe practices, chemical safety, and tractor/PTO safety. The Quinter Ambulance Service will provide "Hands Only CPR" training. Literature about poison safety will be available from the KU Poison Control Center.

There is something for everyone at the Family Farm Safety and Health Fair, and all members of the family are

encouraged to attend. Farm Bureau Services will hold a farm safety poster contest for children. The ATV Safety Institute will conduct an ATV safety course for youth 11-16.

Farming is one of the most hazardous occupations, according to the Center for Disease Control. Farm related accidents and injury can have devastating lifelong effects. Providing knowledge and preparation to help prevent injury and fatality is the goal of the Farm Safety and Health Fair.

Please come join us! We will have door prizes and lunch will be served by local 4-H clubs.

This event is made possible through a grant from the University of Iowa - Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health.

For more information on the Farm Safety and Health Fair, please call Cheryl Goetz at 785-754-2147 or Carolyn Nelson at 785-754-3341 ext. 5261.

Kansas Wheat Scoop No. 1989:

Researchers Compare Nutrient Uptake in Modern and Historic Wheat Varieties

By Hannah Schlapp, Kansas Wheat Communications Intern

As the times change, so does the wheat crop and the practices needed to help it thrive. What may have been cutting edge management for wheat twenty years ago, could be vastly outdated due to today's technological advancements. Thankfully, Romulo Lollato, Kansas State University wheat and forages extension agronomist; Allan Fritz, wheat breeder in KSU's agronomy department; and Dorivar Ruiz Diaz, KSU associate professor and nutrient management specialist in agronomy, have started a study to help Kansas farmers maintain budget-friendly cutting edge nutrition management practices. This research will help determine whether modern varieties differ in their nutrient uptake compared to historic varieties, while also vetting two separate nutrient management programs. Interest in this research was sparked due to the rise in yields throughout the past generations.

"Some previous studies have shown that wheat breeding here in Kansas and many other regions of the world has increased the potential yields of wheat varieties with every released generation, and it will likely continue to increase with generations to come," said Lollato, who is leading this research project. "However, we don't know if we're indirectly switching when and how much plants need to uptake their nitrogen or any other nutrients they need, and how varieties partition those nutrients within the plant into leaves, stem and grain."

Because the nutrient uptake process is critical for fertilizer application, this research will help Lollato and his team determine what type of nutrient management practices farmers should be using for current wheat varieties. However, this means that they need to first know the timing of the nutrient uptake and nutrient translocation in modern wheat varieties in order to make accurate recommendations.

"Most of our recommendations were developed in the 1980s, for the varieties widely used back then. Now, for today's modern wheat varieties, we want to figure out if the wheat has increased the need for nutrients and if we should be applying more. Or maybe it's using nutrients more efficiently, and maybe we should be applying less. But,

we don't know. We don't have that data yet," says Lollato.

When the data is analyzed, the research team will also know the most efficient timing and the correct rate for nutrient application so they can make up-to-date application recommendations. At the conclusion of the study, researchers will have a more accurate set of recommendations for nutrient applications, something that may save farmers money towards their input costs.

The research started in July 2016, so at this point, there are no absolute results. The study will put both modern and historic varieties through two different nutrient fertilization programs.

The first program is called "common practice," a top-dress nitrogen application during Feekes GS stages 4-5. The second program involves a "balanced nutrition" where researchers take K-State's recommendations for maximum yield, based off soil test recommendations. Researchers are using nine varieties from different generations (from 1920s releases like Turkey Red, until modern releases such as "Larry") and putting them through the balanced nutrition program and through the common practice program

to maintain consistency and accurate comparisons.

The team will also be sampling the biomass from each plot throughout the growing season and sending it to the KSU Soil Fertility Laboratory for nutrient concentration analysis. Once the data is collected, they will be able to determine the micro- and macronutrient concentration and partitioning between the leaves, stems and grain. Once the crop has reached harvest maturity, yield and yield components will be measured. Comparisons will be made among varieties between the fertilization practices that were used.

Funding for this research has been provided by Kansas wheat farmers through the Kansas Wheat Commission's two penny wheat assessment. The completion of this research will benefit the farmers in more ways than one.

"After completing the research, if we do find out there's been a shift in timing of nutrient uptake and partitioning, as well as nutrient amount, ultimately, we can improve our management recommendations so the crop will be more successful," Lollato says.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending March 12, 2017, temperatures averaged four to six degrees above normal across the majority of the State, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation was limited to eastern counties and a few northern areas, with amounts generally less than a half inch. Warm and windy conditions affected the entire State. Wildfires caused damage in many areas, most notably Clark and Comanche counties. Temperature fluctuations raised concerns about wheat and livestock health. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 26 percent very short, 41 short, 33 adequate, and 0 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 19 percent very short, 38 short, 43 adequate, and 0 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 7 percent very poor, 16 poor, 37 fair, 38 good, and 2 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 5 percent, equal to last year, and near the five-year average of 2.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 67 good, and 7 excellent. Calving progress was 53 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 1 percent heavy, 57 average, and 42 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 15 fair, 80 good, and 4 excellent. Lambing progress was 67 percent complete. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 0 percent heavy, 58 average, and 42 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 2 percent very short, 5 short, 87 adequate, 6 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 4 percent very short, 12 short, 83 adequate, and 1 surplus.



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- Children's Activities and Poster Coloring Contest
- ATV Safety Course on the Fairgrounds
- CPR Training
- Grain Bin Safety
- Tractor Safety
- Accident Prevention
- Livestock Safety

Door Prizes!

Featured Speaker Kris Ruth, former 4-H member
Lunch will be served by local 4-H clubs.

The fair made possible by a grant from the Great Plains Center for Agricultural Health - University of Iowa.

Gove County Medical Center, Gove County Health Department, Farm Bureau Services, K-State Extension - Golden Prairie District, and Quinter Ambulance Service.
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Legislative Matters

Week March 5 - 10

From Senator Rick Billinger:
 Tuesday, March 7th the Senate debated for several hours on the Governor's tax proposal. The Governor requested a 'full and fair airing' of his tax plan after he vetoed HB 2178 last month. The Governor's proposal lacks support in the Senate and the Senate tax committee had trouble getting the bill out of committee even without any recommendations for passage. A motion to amend the Governor's bill, which allowed for losses to be carried forward was proposed and approved. The Senate then choose to debate the bill in five separate pieces, requiring us to debate and vote on each piece separately. On a voice vote the Senate voted down the first three provisions. Before the Senate could debate and vote on the final two provisions, there was a motion to "strike the enacting clause," which killed the bill. This motion passed 37-1.

- His proposal consisted of:
 - Increasing the tobacco tax by \$1
 - Increasing the liquor tax from 8% to 16%
 - Freezing the bottom tax rate at 2.7%
 - Increasing the annual report fee for all for-profit business entities from \$40 to \$200 in FY 2018 and requiring anyone who owns 5% or more of the business to pay a \$200 fee.
 - Requiring LLC's to pay taxes on passive income from rents and royalties
 - Even with the above provisions, this bill would not have raised enough revenue to pull the state out of its current deficit.
 - The Governor's proposed bill again relies on band aid fixes for

an ongoing long-term revenue problem. His proposal to use the tobacco settlement for a one-time fix would jeopardize our early childhood developmental programs and is unacceptable to the Senate. The State receives approximately \$50 million a year from the tobacco company's settlement. This program is the most efficient state program. For every dollar we spend we receive \$12 in return.

From Representative Don Hineman:

Legislative events took a backseat this week as our focus was on the tragedy unfolding out west. Wildfires spread across many areas of central and western Kansas, destroying homes, property, and livestock. Dry conditions combined with powerful, frequently-shifting winds turned the fires into the largest in Kansas history. Through Friday morning, 711,950 acres had burned. That equals 1148 square miles. Put another way, 1.4% of the land area of the entire state has now been consumed by the fires. There are no estimates yet on the loss of livestock and property. Clark County and the city of Ashland, Kansas were hit the hardest, with 85% of the county's landmass having been burned.

Through community, state, and federal efforts most of the fires have been contained. In Clark County, the fires are still the most active, but are calculated to be 70% contained. The fires in Reno, Ellis, and Rooks counties are all over 95% contained.

Education/Gannon Ruling

Article 6 of the Kansas Constitution outlines the state's role in guaranteeing the fulfillment of each citizen's right to public

education. It is notable that the framers of our state constitution believed that public education was of such importance that its establishment comes directly after the organization of our system of government in Articles 1 through 5, which established the three branches of government, elections and suffrage. In Article 6, Section 6, Subsection (b) the constitution states "The legislature shall make suitable provision for finance of the educational interests of the state."

On March 2nd, the Kansas Supreme Court ruled on Gannon v. State of Kansas which dealt with public K-12 school finances. In 2015, Governor Brownback and the legislature repealed the K-12 school funding formula with the intention of developing a new system within 2 years. For the interim, they passed the CLASS Act, more commonly known as the block-grant funding bill. In their decision, the KS Supreme Court held that CLASS fails to meet the constitutional requirement of adequacy in terms of both funding and educational outcomes. The court proceeded to give the legislature until June 30th to come up with a new formula which would meet that requirement, the same deadline the legislature had already self-imposed.

To meet that objective, Speaker Ryckman and I formed the K-12 Education Budget Committee to which we gave the responsibility to craft a new, constitutionally-viable funding formula. The members of that committee began their work in early January, and have already held hearings on 5 different plans, and taken informed testimony from a variety of stakeholders. They are now turning their attention to developing a new formula based on the information they have accumulated. It is expected that they will have the final product ready for consideration by the full House before the end of the month.

Nearly all observers believe that the new finance plan and the court ruling will require additional funding for K-12 public education. Estimates of the amount vary widely, but are primarily based upon the old formula, which was discarded in 2015. In fact, no one can give a reliable estimate of exactly what will be required until a new formula has been passed and signed into law.

Update on Budget and Tax

On February 22 Governor Brownback vetoed the income tax bill, HB 2178, which was passed by the House in mid-February and subsequently approved by the Senate. The House then successfully overrode the governor's veto but the senate fell three votes short of enough to over-ride. Now it is back to the drawing board for both chambers, with broad consensus that the current fiscal imbalance in state government cannot be solved responsibly via budget cuts and one-time infusion of funds from other sources. Additional revenue will be required, and both chambers are in active discussions as they work toward the most acceptable plan.

From Kansas Farm Bureau: Taxation

Both the House and the Senate are still expected to work on a bill similar to what they passed earlier in the session but addressing the concern of retroactivity on income tax rate increases. Additionally, the Senate is expected to take up the rescission bill to balance the current fiscal year budget that has been proposed by the governor and passed, mostly intact, by the House of Representatives.

The House Taxation Committee introduced HB 2387. This bill would provide a sales tax exemption for supplies used to replace fences, residences and utility poles destroyed in the recent wildfires. Kansas Farm Bureau and the Kansas Livestock Association have been keeping

legislators informed regarding the wildfires and relief efforts that are underway.

Agriculture

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee held hearings this week on several Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism bills that KFB is monitoring. The Senate committee also heard the annual report of the Kansas Agriculture Remediation Board.

The House Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee held hearings on SB 60 and 61, dealing with extending the sunset on current fees administered by the Kansas Department of Agriculture. The committee then combined the two bills with minor amendments and passed the contents of both bills in SB 60. SB 61 is expected to be utilized to pass a proposal altering the noxious weed program in Kansas. The House committee will hold hearings on SB 46 and SB 48 during the upcoming week. These bills deal with water conservation areas and impairment claims, respectively. KFB will testify in favor of both bills.

The Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee on Agriculture and Natural Resources began discussions of multiple budgets last week. The most significant discussion of interest to KFB members was a discussion regarding relaxing the limitations on allowing the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism to purchase more than 160 acres of land

without legislative approval. The committee is expected to continue discussion of this issue on Monday.

Water

The House Water and Environment Committee met three times this week. The discussion of increasing fees paid by agriculture, industry and municipalities to increase funding to the State Water Plan was the point of discussion during each meeting. The committee has defeated all of these proposals up to this point, but on Thursday an unnumbered bill with some of the provisions discussed earlier, including a tax on irrigation was distributed. The fight is not over and Farm Bureau will continue to oppose additional taxes on agricultural producers while promoting the use of SGF dollars to fund the state water plan.

As farmers and ranchers, you already pay a much higher rate for your irrigated land through property taxes not only because it is taxed at an irrigated property value rate but also taxed based on the amount of water you pump through your meter. KFB opposes the creation of a water severance tax, any fee increase discussions or new fees placed upon producers. Due to a lack of SGF and EDIF transfers, the state water fund is short \$50-60 million over the past decade. Additionally, the legislature needs to show a long-term commitment to a broad funding source for water issues before fee increases are discussed.

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Wildfire Updates



Wildfire Risk Reduction Tips, Assistance Offered for Homeowners

The Kansas Insurance Department stands ready to provide insurance assistance to those Kansans affected by the recent devastating wildfires across the state, according to Ken Selzer, CPA, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by property loss and injury," Commissioner Selzer said. "Our Consumer Assistance Hotline, 800-432-2484, can help insurance policyholders who need questions answered or assistance in dealing with claims."

The Kansas Insurance Department staff also encourages homeowners to review the following tips to reduce the risk of further home and property loss in the event of continued wildfire activity:

- Do a survey of the landscape surrounding your house. Move plants or trees that are too close to your dwelling or burn easily. Clear dead leaves or tree seedlings away from your roof, gutters, decks or fence lines.
- Evaluate openings around your house that could allow embers to get into your home to see if they can be temporarily sealed.
- Store away patio furniture, decorations or other flammable outdoor material.
- Remove landscaping mulch from near your house.
- If evacuation is ordered, shut all doors and windows tightly. Decide in advance what type of emergency kit your family would need, including first aid, blankets, personal hygiene items, prescriptions, cell phones and clothing. Turn off the gas to your house and hose it down if you have time.
- Keep communication

Grassfire Sets New Destruction Record in State

Kansas has set a new record, one it never hoped to see and never hopes to surpass.

As of March 8, more than 502,000 acres have burned in Clark County (351,000-400,000 acres) and Comanche County (approximately 151,000 acres), making it the most widespread single fire on record for the state. For comparison, the Anderson Creek fire of 2016 burned some 312,427 acres in Barber and Comanche Counties.

Since March 4, large grassfires have been reported in 23 counties, consuming more than 650,000 acres in all and the figure is still climbing. Although most of the fires have been contained, fires are still burning in Clark, Comanche, Ellis, Reno and Rooks Counties.

Governor Sam Brownback declared a state of disaster emergency at 7:21 p.m. March 5 to expedite state emergency response assistance to affected counties. The Kansas Division of Emergency Management activated the State Emergency Operations Center in Topeka and has staffed it 24/7 to coordinate state response operations.

FIRE PREVENTION BEGINS WITH YOU!

equipment charged and in working order. Be sure your family members know how to contact each other.

Wildfire protection tips such as these are available in the newly issued "Wildland Fire Action Guide," developed in a cooperative effort between the International Association of Fire Chiefs, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fire Administration, Office of the Kansas Fire Marshal, Kansas Forest Service, and the Kansas State University Cooperative Research and Extension. The guide is available on the website of the Office of the State Fire Marshal at www.FireMarshal.ks.gov/wildfire.

"This comprehensive guide is aimed at providing homeowners the information they need to protect their families, homes and neighbors from the ravages of out-of-control grass fires," said Doug Jorgensen, State Fire Marshal. "We join with the Kansas Insurance Department in sending our thoughts and prayers to citizens being affected by the fires in our state, and being thankful to all the firefighters who are working so hard and sacrificing so much to protect the lives and property of their fellow Kansans."

"Preparation for this type of disaster can mean the difference between losing a house or saving it," Commissioner Selzer said. "Kansans in potential wildfire areas need to be vigilant."

The Kansas Insurance Department, established in 1871, assists and educates consumers, regulates and reviews companies, and licenses agents selling insurance products in the state. More about the department is online at www.ksinsurance.org or at www.facebook.com/kansasinsurancedepartment.

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) for Wildfire Livestock Losses

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to wildfires, hurricanes, floods, blizzards, extreme heat or extreme cold. For 2017, eligible losses must occur on or after Jan. 1, 2017, and no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable adverse weather event. A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Participants must provide supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred. Some types of documentation that may be required are:

- Documentation of the number, kind, type, and weight range of livestock that have died, supplemented if possible by photographs or video records of ownership and losses;
- Rendering truck receipts by kind, type and weight - important to document prior to disposal;
- Beginning inventory supported by birth recordings or purchase receipts;
- Documentation from Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Natural Resources, or other sources to substantiate eligible death losses due to an eligible loss condition;
- Copy of growers contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.1% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 400 pounds) = 2.7%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions

Website Connects Help to Those Who Need It For Fire Relief

Wildfires have burned more than 400,000 acres in more than 21 counties this week.

In an effort to help, Kansas Farm Bureau is offering to connect those who need help with those who can provide it. The site: www.kfb.org/firerelief will connect those who are donating supplies like fencing and building materials and labor to those in need.

"We used this technology last year during the Anderson Creek Fire," says Rich Felts, President of Kansas Farm Bureau. "It was utilized heavily during that fire event so we're bringing it back." Farm Bureau encourages those who want to donate and help in the rebuilding process use the www.kfb.org/firerelief site so resources can be implemented efficiently.

"We know the farming community is a tight knit family and neighbors want to help neighbors," Felts says. "We want to do what we can to connect help to those who need it."

For those wanting to donate hay or money, Kansas Farm Bureau encourages people to contact the Kansas Livestock Association at 785-273-5115. Checks can be mailed to the Kansas Livestock Foundation at 6031 SW 37th St., Topeka, KS 66614. "Fire relief fund" should be written in the memo line.

Emergency Livestock Assistance Program (ELAP) for Wildfire Feed and Grazing Losses

Producers who suffered livestock feed or grazing losses due to recent wildfires could be eligible for assistance through the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP). ELAP provides emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs.

ELAP covers physically damaged or destroyed livestock feed that was purchased or mechanically harvested forage or feedstuffs intended for use as feed for the producer's eligible livestock. In order to be considered eligible, harvested forage must be baled. Forage that is only cut, raked or windrowed is not eligible. To participate in ELAP, producers must submit a notice of loss to their local FSA office within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent and should maintain documentation and receipts.

ELAP also covers up to 150 lost grazing days in instances when a producer has been forced to remove livestock from a grazing pasture due to wildfire.

For beekeepers, ELAP covers beehive losses (the physical structure) in instances where the hive has been destroyed by a natural disaster including flooding, high winds, wildfire and tornadoes.

Producers with a qualifying loss should contact their local county FSA office to file a notice of loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent. Producers should also maintain records and receipts documenting that livestock were removed from the grazing pasture due to wildfire, costs of transporting livestock feed to eligible livestock, receipts for equipment rental fees for hay lifts, feed purchase receipts and the number of gallons of water transported to livestock due to water shortages.

RECOVERY REFERENCE GUIDE TO ASSIST GRASSFIRE VICTIMS

State agencies, insurance underwriters, social service and other organizations have compiled a recovery reference guide to assist Kansans who have suffered loss as a result of the recent grassfires.

In the impacted areas fees are being waived for driver's license/ID cards, car titles, copy of tax returns, and refund on vehicle tags, some property tax abatements are possible (through the county appraiser's office), and waiving filing fees for businesses impacted in the area.

- Contact the **Kansas Department of Agriculture** with questions about agricultural or food-related businesses, including dairies, restaurants, food processing companies, pesticide and fertilizer companies. KDA can be reached at 785-564-6700 or go to www.agriculture.ks.gov for specific program area contact information. KDA would encourage farmers and ranchers to communicate with Kansas Farm Bureau at www.kfb.org/firerelief and Kansas Livestock Association at www.kla.org for specific agricultural assistance, including hay, feed, fencing supplies and other needs. The KDA website has current details on all agricultural assistance, including continuing updates on federal program assistance, <http://www.agriculture.ks.gov/wildfire>. Contact your local USDA-FSA office for details on federal assistance, <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Kansas/index> or please contact KDA if you need help navigating these federal programs or if you run into other challenges.

- It is the policy of the state of Kansas to comply with the **Americans with Disabilities Act**, which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of their disability. The ADA provides, in part, that qualified individuals with disabilities shall not be excluded from participating in, or be denied the benefits of any program, service or activity offered by the State of Kansas. More information is available at <https://admin.ks.gov/offices/personnel-services/policies-and-programs/ada>

- For assistance or information, please contact the state ADA coordinator at (785) 296-1389 or Anthony.Fadale@dcf.ks.gov.

- **Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt** is urging residents in areas damaged by recent wildfires to use caution during the cleanup and rebuilding to avoid scams by transient contractors or price gouging. Consumers should be on the lookout for price gouging in the wake of a disaster. Kansas law prohibits unjustifiably increasing the price of any nec-

USDA Offers Help to Fire-Affected Farmers and Ranchers

Kansas producers who suffered excessive livestock death losses and grazing or feed losses due to recent wildfires may be eligible for disaster assistance programs through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA). The most important thing for producers to do at this time is to record all pertinent information regarding these livestock and feed losses, including photographs.

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) can assist farmers and ranchers who lost livestock, grazing land, fences or eligible trees, bushes and vines as a result of a natural disaster. FSA

administers a suite of safety-net programs to help producers recover from eligible losses, including the Livestock Indemnity Program and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program.

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) offers payments to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency relief for losses due to feed or water shortages, disease, adverse weather, or other conditions, which are not adequately addressed by other disaster programs.

The Hutchinson DCF Office serves the citizens of Reno County. The Dodge City DCF Office serves the citizens of both Clark and Comanche County. DCF office hours in both offices are Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- The **Kansas Corporation Commission and Safe-Dig** wants to remind their members to call 811 to get utility lines flagged before digging to start work on restoration projects. For more information call 811 or visit <http://www.kansasonecall.com/>

- Contact **Kansas Department of Health and Environment** with questions regarding the disposal of dead animals or other burned debris

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- Note: The burial of more than 100 cattle in one place or a large amount of demolition debris requires the completion of an emergency disposal without a permit form and approval by KDHE. The forms for animal carcasses and other debris can be found at: http://www.kdheks.gov/waste/forms/disaster/dis260-disaster_livestock_carcasses.pdf

- http://www.kdheks.gov/waste/forms/solidwaste/swlf230-disposal_where_waste_illegally_dumped.pdf

- The **Kansas Insurance Department** can assist with information about insurance coverage or if a person is having problems with their insurance company.

- Contact the Consumer Assistance Hotline 1-800-

432-2484 Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.\

- Live chat on the Kansas Insurance Department website (www.ksinsurance.org) Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

- The department will need the insurance company name, policy number or agent's name

- The individual needs to have their contact information.

- The **Kansas Department of Revenue** advises people who have lost or destroyed driver's licenses or ID cards to replace them at their local driver licensing office or county treasurer's office, if it provides that service. The department also advises:

- Those who need to replace vehicle titles lost in the storms can get a free replacement by visiting their local county treasurer's office.

- If people need replacement copies of their tax returns, they can call 785-296-3081, and the department will provide a copy for free.

- For those who lost vehicles in the fires, they can bring in insurance claims to their local county treasurer's office and apply for a refund for the vehicle's tags.

- Homeowners may be eligible for a property tax abatement on destroyed or substantially destroyed dwellings due to fire. Contact your county appraiser's office for details.

- For businesses affected by the fires, which are busy trying to reopen, the department will waive any late filing fees they incur if they file those taxes late. The owner should call 785-368-8222 to coordinate with the department.

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration -The Disaster Distress Helpline** is a national hotline dedicated to providing year-round immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Stress, anxiety, and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746 to connect with a trained crisis counselor.

- **United Way 2-1-1** will continue to direct folks to resources available to them for assistance. As in past disasters, we know that it will take time and we will continue to keep engaged with the long term recovery operations as those processes get

In addition, producers located in counties that receive a primary or contiguous disaster designation are eligible for low-interest emergency loans to help them recover from production and physical losses. Compensation is also available to producers who purchased coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, which protects non-insurable crops (including native grass for grazing) against natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses or prevented planting.

For more information on these and other programs, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/disaster or contact your local FSA office





Hoxie Schools



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INDIANS PLACE 4TH AT STATE

lead and keep it throughout the whole game. Hoxie lost at the end and the final score was 70-51. Hoxie moved on to play in the 3rd and 4th game on Saturday.

On March 11, the Hoxie Indians played Lawrence Seabury in the third round of State. This game was for 3rd and 4th place in State. Like the second-round game Hoxie didn't play as well as they were hoping. They allowed Seabury to get a lead that Hoxie couldn't get back. Because of this Hoxie lost this game and got fourth place. The final score was 68-34.



The Hoxie Indian Boys Basketball take 4th at the High School 2A State tournament in Manhattan, KS: (l-r) Coach BJ Bieker, Kaden Tremblay, Taylor Burris, Easton Slipke, Latham Schwarz, Jared Kennedy, Logan Weimer, Jarrod Dible, Troyal Burris, Luke Schippers, Sean Robben, Parker Jones, Jake Geisinger, Coach Lance Baar. (Photo by Michelle Slipke)



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Leading the Hoxie crowd in a cheer at the State Basketball Tournament in Manhattan are cheerleaders Myah Sorter, Victoria Rucker, Kaylyn Weems, and Abby Depenbusch. (Photo by Devynn Snider)

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Sophomore Jarrod Dible shoots a three-pointer in the second-round game against Salina Sacred Heart at the 2A State Basketball Tournament in Manhattan on Friday. Logan Weimer #2, sophomore, and Latham Schwarz #21, junior, move to get into position to rebound. Junior Easton Slipke #14 watches as Jarrod's shot goes up. The Indians lost to the Knights 70-51. (Photo by Kaci Moellering)



Victoria Rucker cheers at the top of a stunt while Abby Depenbusch and Kaylyn Weems are the base at the State Basketball Tournament in Manhattan. (Photo by Kaci Moellering)

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LADY BULLDOGS ADVANCE AT STATE

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off with a loss to Wheatland/Grinnell who would eventually place second at state. They went undefeated at the Sagebrush tournament only to lose to Stockton in early January. Stockton's girls also qualified for the 1A DI state tournament. They then went on a 7-game win streak only to fall to Weskan early in the league tournament. Another 9-game streak, including a sub-state championship win over Weskan, proved the doubters wrong as they earned a spot at state.

The Lady 'Dogs were the #3 seed at state and won their quarter final game over Hutchinson Central Christian on Wednesday. This faced them off against league opponent Wheatland/Grinnell for the semi-finals.

The girls played a defensive game throughout the first with neither team getting a shot in the first three minutes before Golden Plains senior Morgan Ritter dropped the first basket of the game. The 'Hawks managed a three pointer to lead 3-2 at the end of the quarter.

The Bulldogs regained the lead at the free throw line in the second. With shots from senior Gabrielle Schiltz and sophomore KayCee Miller, the 'Dogs advanced the score to trail by two 12-14 at the half.

The 'Hawks opened up their lead in the third to 32-22, but the Lady 'Dogs didn't give up. They continued to work throughout the fourth as they narrowed the spread to seven only to have the 'Hawks open it back up. Undaunted, the 'Dogs got it down to a four-point game with a minute and half to play. A free throw from Schiltz made it a three-point game.

The 'Hawks answered to make it a spread of five. Junior Kaylie Schaben made a free throw to narrow it to four. With 11.8 seconds to play, a basket by freshman Mabel Lugo closed it to two.

The 'Hawks knocked the ball out of bounds on the inbound play giving it back to the Bulldogs. With 2.8 seconds to play, the Bulldogs had the ball. Schiltz gave it a final throw toward the basket, but as it went wide, the buzzer sounded to give the Thunderhawks the 44-41 win and a slot in the championship game.

Gabrielle Schiltz finished the game with 20 points along with 9 from junior Maggi Nieman, KayCee Miller 5, Morgan Ritter 4, Mabel Lugo 2, and Kaylie Scaben 1.

The girls played their final game of the tournament, and their season, against the Otis-Bison Lady Cougars at noon on Saturday. They girls again played a defensive first quarter, but couldn't get any shots to fall as the Cougars scored one basket along with another at the buzzer to lead the 'Dogs 4-0 at the end of the first.

The Cougars continued to dominate the offense gaining a 10-0 lead before Schiltz made a Bulldogs basket with 3:31 until the half. She added two free throws along with a free shot from Mabel Lugo to trail 7-16 at half time.

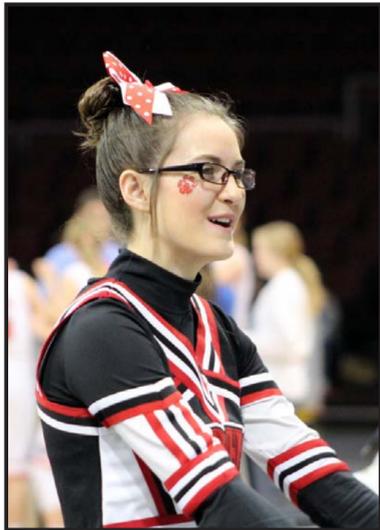
The Bulldogs finally got their offense going in the second half as they outscored the Cougars in each of the third and fourth quarters. They steadily worked away on the Cougars lead in the third to end the quarter trailing 21-29. Shooting consistently on the free throw line, the Bulldogs narrowed the spread to lose the game 34-41 for fourth place.

The Bulldogs made 14 of their 18 free throws as Miller and Schiltz ended the game with 10 points apiece. Lugo made 6, Ritter 5, and Nieman 3.

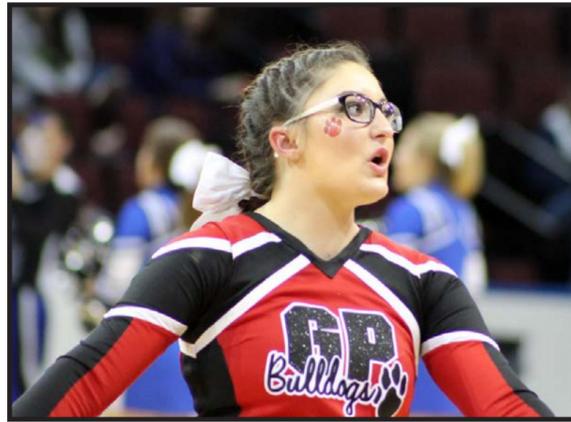
The Bulldogs finished their season with a final record of 21-



Charlotte McCurdy



Jaiden Koerperich



Jessica Koerperich

Judy Rogers wanted to acknowledge the cheerleaders. "Our three cheerleaders (the other three were on the basketball team) worked so hard for the team and the school during the tournaments. I would like to give them some recognition. They are great girls and I don't think cheerleaders ever get enough credit for all they do!" (Photos by Judy Rogers)

GO BULLDOGS!



Brenlynn Rath and Madison Focke have their faces painted and their sign ready to cheer on the Lady Bulldogs at the state tournament in Dodge City. These future Bulldogs were big fans as they supported the girls throughout the tournament. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Golden Plains third grader Dylan Wark shows his support of the Golden Plains girls at the state tournament. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



Lady Bulldogs Advance at State

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs won their first-round game of the state tournament in Dodge City on March 8 to advance to the semi-finals on Friday. The 3rd seed girls defeated 6th seed Hutchinson Central Christian Cougars 60-38 for the win and the right to move on. They will face league opponent Wheatland/Grinnell at 6:30 on Friday at the United Wireless Arena for a shot at the championship.

Golden Plains Junior Maggi Nieman opened the game with the first two baskets for a 4-0 start. The Cougars got their first shot off with over half the quarter down. Senior Gabrielle Schiltz extended the Bulldog lead but an and-one for the Cougars gave them a 7-6 lead. A bucket from senior Carmen Sepulveda put the 'Dogs up 8-7 at the end of the quarter.

The Cougars pulled ahead again at the beginning of the second, but the Bulldogs quickly took over and, working together, they led 26-12 at the half.

The Cougars outscored the Bulldogs 11-10 in the third quarter but the 'Dogs were able to hang on to their lead

36-23 as they entered their last 8 minutes of play.

The Cougars didn't give up easily and pushed forward in the fourth. They were no match for the Bulldogs experience as the 'Dogs continued to extend their lead for the 60-38 win.

The Bulldogs teamwork was evident in the scoring as the girls worked together throughout the game. Junior KayCee Miller and Senior Gabrielle Schiltz each had 16 points while juniors Maggi Nieman and Kaylie Schaben each scored 9. Seniors Morgan Ritter added 8 and Carmen Sepulveda made 2 points. "The crowd was awesome," said Morgan Ritter. "Their cheering and support gives us energy on the floor." The girls are ready to compete with the Thunderhawks on Friday. They had lost to the 'Hawks the first game of the season but had gotten down in the first and played even with them the rest of the game. They look forward to the rematch.

The girls invite everyone to come to Dodge City to support them on Friday and Saturday. "Our goal is to get the win and play in the championship game," said Carmen Sepulveda. If you can't get to Dodge City, you can watch the games live online at openspacsports.com.

Student of the Month



By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains Freshman Candace Taylor has been selected as the February Student of the Month. Candace is an honor roll student who participates in vocal, volleyball, basketball, and plans to compete in track.

Candace is a kind, quiet girl who is always willing to help others in and out of the classroom. In addition to her school activities, Candace is active in her church as a member of the Catholic Youth Organization and as a song leader.

As the oldest of seven children, Candace enjoys spending time with and caring for her younger siblings. She is the daughter of Scott and Denise Taylor of Dresden.

"I was surprised to be selected as a freshman," said Taylor. "It is an honor to be chosen." (Photo by Judy Rogers)



BULLDOGS' CALENDAR

MONDAY 3/20:
7:30 pm BoE Meeting
WEDNESDAY 3/22:
Spring Pictures
SATURDAY 3/25:
Dodgeball Tournament

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USD #412

BoE Agenda

1. Opening
 - a. Call to order: Flag Salute
 - b. Additions to and approval of agenda
 - c. Recognition of Visitors
 - d. Communications to Board
 2. Old Business
 - a. Review and approve minutes of meeting(s).
 - i. Approve February 13h (Regular Board Meeting)
 - ii. Approve March 6th (Special Meeting)
 - b. Review Board Goals
 1. Accountability (from top to bottom), Follow through, Leadership, Effective evaluations (district employees from top to bottom)
 11. Communication and trust at all levels
 111. Curriculum Alignment/ Create student opportunity, dual credit 1v. Understand budget
 - c. Administrative Contracts
 - d. MAP Data Review
 - e. Additional Space
 - f. Classified Handbook
 - g. Teacher Evaluations
3. Department Reports
 - a. Principal Reports
 - i. Jim
 - ii. Gary
 - b. NKESC Report
 - c. Legislative Updates
 - d. Technology Report
 - e. Superintendent's Report

Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Central Administrative Office in Hoxie, Kansas.

PRESENT WERE:
 BOARD MEMBERS: Leonard Weber, Lola Baalman, Margery Haas, Stacey Heim, Michael Bretz, Billi Beckman, Devan Castle
 SUPERINTENDENT: James Howard
 CLERK: Mandy Shipley
 TREASURER: Diane Stithem
 PRINCIPAL: Gary Johnson
 GUESTS: Lisa Weimer, Casey Johnson, Tom Friess, Bradley Bennett
 ABSENT:
 Lola Baalman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
 The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute.
 The agenda was approved as amended to include the addition of an executive session for personnel under department reports (Beckman/Weber 7-0).
 The Board recognized the visitors present.
 James Howard introduced Bradley Bennett, Vice President of Academic Affairs for Colby Community College, who gave a presentation to the Board on Dual Credit Opportunities at the High School level.
 Bradley Bennett left the meeting at 7:13 PM.
 The Board reviewed other communications including a thank you card from the family of Darrell Allen and a letter from the Kansas National Education Association.
 The minutes from the February 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting were approved as presented (Heim/Haas 7-0).
 The minutes from the March 6, 2017 Special Board meeting were approved as presented (Haas/Beckman 7-0).
 Lola Baalman reviewed Board goals.
 The Board moved to accept the retirement of Gary Johnson as JR/SR High Principal at the end of the 2017-2018 school year (Beckman/Weber 7-0).
 Gary Johnson will be with USD #412 for one more school year after the current one ends before the retirement will be effective.
 Stacey Heim and the rest of the

Board personally thanked Gary Johnson for his many years of dedicated service to our school and community.
 The Board moved to extend James Howard's contract through the 2018-2019 school year with salary to be discussed at a later date (Heim/Haas 7-0).
 James Howard reviewed the winter Map scores and summarized what those scores meant in terms of growth and measurement for students.
 The Board entered into executive session at 7:28 PM for a period of 10 minutes to discuss confidential financial data of a business to protect the interests of the business to be discussed with the Board, James Howard, Gary Johnson, and Mandy Shipley present (Weber/Haas 7-0).
 The Board reconvened in open session at 7:38 PM.
 The Board entered into executive session at 7:39 PM for a period of 10 minutes to discuss confidential financial data of a business to protect the interests of the business to be discussed with the Board, James Howard, Gary Johnson, and Mandy Shipley present (Weber/Haas 7-0).
 The Board reconvened in open session at 7:49 PM.
 The Board moved to approve Section III and VIII of the Classified Handbook with corrections (Weber/Heim 7-0).
 The Board entered into executive session at 8:20 PM for a period of 20 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board, James Howard and Gary Johnson present (Castle/Beckman 7-0).
 The Board reconvened in open session at 8:40 PM.
 The Board took a break at 8:41 PM and reconvened in open session at 8:46 PM.
 James Howard shared his principal's report for Hoxie Grade School. He discussed enrollment, upcoming field trips, parent teacher conferences and the results of the book fair.
 Gary Johnson shared his principal's report for Hoxie JR/SR High. He discussed enrollment,

the student assembly on March 13, 2017, upcoming Forensics meets, and Scholars Bowl results. Stacey Heim will be the Board member present at High School Graduation on May 6, 2017 and Devan Castle and Lola Baalman will be the Board members present at eighth grade promotion on Tuesday May 9, 2017. He presented information regarding the schedule for next year's Junior High Boys Basketball, and an email from a community member expressing interest in starting a dance team in Hoxie. He also shared the results of the Junior High NWKL Wrestling Tournament, and reminded the Board that the date for the National Honor Society induction is March 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM, as noted on the red calendar. There will be one student going to the state journalism contest that will be competing in the category of sports photography.
 The Board entered into executive session at 8:56 PM for a period of 5 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board, James Howard and Gary Johnson present (Haas/Weber 7-0).
 The Board reconvened in open session at 9:01 PM.
 The Board moved to approve Mathieu Gilliland as Assistant High School Wrestling Coach for the 2016-2017 school year (Heim/Weber 7-0).
 The Board moved to approve Carl Dumler as Assistant Golf Coach for the 2016-2017 school year (Castle/Beckman 7-0).
 Leonard Weber gave a brief update on NKESC; He has another meeting Thursday, March 16, 2017.
 Margery Haas gave a brief legislative update.
 James Howard shared the technology report. He presented bids based on needs assessments for staff, his upcoming meeting with Tom Barnes to go over e-rate, the K12itc rollover that took place March 6, 2017 through March 10, 2017, and the five year plan for technology spending.
 James Howard shared his Superintendents report. He updated the Board on decisions made at the last legislative session, discussed PDC training needs, KESA goals, and next steps for PLCs.

The current bills were approved as presented (Castle/Weber 7-0).
 Diane Stithem shared the Treasurer's Report and it was approved as presented (Heim/Castle 7-0).
 Gary Johnson and James Howard reported on the activity funds for the Hoxie JR/SR High School and Hoxie Grade School.
 The activity funds for the Hoxie Grade School and Hoxie JR/SR High School were approved as presented (Weber/Haas 7-0).
 The Monthly Budget Summary was approved as presented (Haas/Weber 7-0).
 Diane Stithem, Lisa Weimer, Casey Johnson, and Tom Friess left the meeting at 9:27 PM.
 The Board entered into executive session at 9:28 PM for a period of 5 minutes to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract to be discussed with the Board, James Howard, Gary Johnson, and Mandy Shipley present (Haas/Weber 7-0).
 The Board reconvened in open session at 9:33 PM.
 The Board entered into executive session at 9:35 PM for a period of 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters

of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed with the Board, Gary Johnson and James Howard present (Weber/Haas 7-0).
 The Board reconvened in open session at 9:45 PM.
 The Board moved to approve the hiring of Kendra Amos as elementary school teacher for the 2017-2018 school year (Haas/Weber 7-0).
 The Board moved to approve the resignation of Ed Weiner as Head Junior High Football and Head Junior High Basketball Coach (Castle/Weber 7-0).
 The Board held a discussion regarding meals at out-of-town student activities. No action was taken.
 Lola Baalman adjourned the meeting at 9:57 PM (Weber/Haas 7-0).
 LOLA BAALMAN, PRESIDENT
 Approved this 10th day of April, 2017
 MANDY SHIPLEY, CLERK

BoE Minutes

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DENNIS L. WALKER
CASE NO. 2017-PR-000005

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that on February 23, 2017, a Petition was filed in this Court by JOBIE L. WALKER, a devisee and legatee, and executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of DENNIS L. WALKER", deceased, dated March 7, 2011, requesting the Will filed with the

Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be appointed as Executor, without bond; and Petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before March 31, 2017, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Court in the City of Hoxie in Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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

JOBIE L. WALKER
Petitioner

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Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
ETHEL MILEY, Deceased
Case No. 2017-PR-7

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was duly appointed and qualified as Administrator of the estate of the above named Decedent on the March 13, 2017, and that Letters of Administration have been duly granted to said Administrator.

(First Published in The Sheridan Sentinel March 16, 2017)

SHERIDAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Estate of James L. Davis, 15 PR 11

NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

You are notified that Jan Ackerman, Administratrix of the above entitled Estate, will offer for sale at public auction five acres of Sheridan County ground and various items of personal property left on said ground. The auction will be held on April 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the site 12 miles east of Hoxie on the north side of Highway 24. Terms: highest bidders for cash. There is real estate and personal property. Description of property for sale is available from Mid-Way Realty, the auctioneers, of Hoxie, Kansas. Additional terms will be made known at the auction and will govern. All interested parties should take notice and be governed accordingly.

Jan Ackerman
Administratrix

Ronald D. Smith
Smith, Burnett & Larson LLC
Larned, KS 67550

(Last Published in The Sheridan Sentinel March 30, 2017)

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

Larry Miley
Administrator

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General Notice to Control Noxious Weeds

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu, and pignut.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Sheridan County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowner's expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in the fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1,500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infest nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Additional information may be obtained from the Sheridan County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Feb. 26, 2017 to March 11, 2017

911 Calls: 28
Accidents Worked: 1
Arrests: 0
Citations Issued: 10
Civil Process: 7
Civil Standby: 1
Complaints: 3
Concealed Carry Apps: 0
Domestic Calls: 0
Inmates Incarcerated: 2
Livestock Calls: 15



Motorist Assist: 2
Prisoner Transports: 2
Traffic Stops: 18
Vandalism Calls: 0
VIN Inspections: 9
Welfare Checks: 1
Warrants Served: 2

Commission Minutes 3/6/2017

Now on this 6th day of March, 2017, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Troy Dewey presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Vic Bielser and County Clerk Heather Bracht.

The windshield of the white pickup used by courthouse employees will have the windshield replaced.

Bainter gave a report on the NWLPG meeting he attended on March 1. June 14 is the next meeting he will attend.

Dewey made a motion to amend the agenda to include Sheridan County Fire Chief Ross Carder. Bielser seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Carder asked that a burn ban be put in place until further notice. Dewey made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 17-43 Ordering a Burning Ban within Sheridan County. Bielser seconded the motion. Carried 3-0.

Two different purchase orders were presented for the purchase of a total of 24 Motorola radios for EMS. Dewey made a motion to approve the purchasing of the radios, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. 10 of the radios will be purchased using mostly grant monies, the other 14 will be paid for out of the equipment line item in the General Fund.

Dewey made a motion to approve the February 27, 2017 minutes as presented. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at the regular time and meeting place.

No further business, Bielser made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Troy Dewey, Chairman

Dewey exited the meeting for an appointment.

David Bingham, Landfill Operator, entered the meeting and presented a quote for posi-shell, the cover used at the landfill. The board asks that he get a quote from Simple Fiber for top coat as well.

Sheridan County Sheriff Brandon Carver entered the meeting. At 10:25, Bielser made a motion to enter in to executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 2-0. Present were the board, Carver and Bracht. The door opened at 10:40 with no decision being made. Carver advised the board that two dispatchers are no longer employed at the Sheriff's Office so he is looking for help. The Oakley dispatchers have offered their help in both dispatching and making sure that the proper paperwork and other office duties are being taken care of.

Don Koerperich, Emergency Manager, entered the meeting. Koerperich advised the board that there will be an emergency exercise at the end of the month involving Public Health, Emergency Management and the Hospital. Bracht will continue looking for clarification on where the Emergency Operations Center is. The Sheriff's Office, Courthouse or EMS building.

No further business, Bielser made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 13, 2017 at the regular time and meeting place.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Troy Dewey, Chairman



Bless the Lord,
o my soul!

Samantha Charles



Samantha Roze Charles, 21, left this life and those who loved her, surrounded by the family she so cherished, March 7, 2017, in Quinter, Kansas.

The miracle of Sammy's life began November 8, 1995, in Oakley, KS. She came into this world fighting, never giving up and beating all the odds that came her way. She has been amazing since day one. Every day, we were blessed with this sweet gift from God. Sammy amazed everyone on a daily basis. Some days we wondered where her strength came from, only to come to realize that it could only come from God. Her faith in God was amazing! She always trusted that God was in control. If you stated that you didn't believe in God, Sammy was the one who would try her hardest to change your mind and heart. She would make sure that you knew God was in control. Sammy always said, "God is an awesome God." Sammy, as she was known to everyone, was full of life and fun. She always had a joke for anyone who would listen. She loved family, friends and big gatherings. Every year she looked forward to the family reunion and everyone coming. If she could have had her way, none of us would ever sleep the entire weekend! Andrea and Tanner idolized their sister as she did them. She loved watching them participate in sports. She truly was their biggest fan, always cheering on the Quinter Bulldogs. Once a Bulldog always a Bulldog!

She was loved and supported by so many. The number of lives she touched is nearly incomprehensible. She could bring a smile to anyone's face and found the good in everything and everyone. Sammy will live on forever in the hearts of so many. Her legacy of love and endurance will live forever! Philippians 4:13 was Sammy's verse! It reads: "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

Samantha is survived by her parents: Ivy and Billy Charles; maternal grandparents: Edward and Ruth McElhane of Quinter; paternal grandparents: Harold Charles of Hoxie and Beverly Kowalke of Cambridge, NE; half-brother Dakota Culver and wife Ry of Fairfield, CA; brother, Tanner Charles of Quinter; sister, Andrea Charles of Quinter and many relatives and friends.

She always said, "God is good, and the whole world should know God is good all the time. No worries mom...God and me, we got this!!" Sweet Girl, now you and God are truly side by side! You're right, Sweet Angel, you and God got this!

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1. She's no spring chicken!
2. The ideas spring to mind.
3. The dogs spring to life when I feed them.
4. Daffodils are springing up.
5. I will spring for a new basketball.
6. My brother likes new jokes that he can spring on me.

Lots of things spring to mind when we think of the word "spring."
A. growing
B. not young anymore
C. are thought of right away
D. start moving around
E. surprise me with
F. buy

Before It Rains!

Dad wants to get indoors before the showers get near. Can you help him finish mowing?

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Connect the dots to see what we have to wash so that sunlight can come into our homes!

We're cleaning out our closet. (Hint: use a ruler to help keep lines straight.)

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WHY NOT?

IT'S FOR MAPLE SYRUP IF YOU CROSS YOUR HAND AND YOU GET A SPIGOT!

by Mike Marland

The Spats

WHATEVER YOU DO ALWAYS GIVE 100%.

UNLESS YOU'RE DONATING BLOOD.

by Jeff Pickering

Amber Waves

AMHHH RRRRR OOOH

I GIVE UP. THAT WAS MY BEST MATERIAL. I THINK MY SISTER WAS BORN WITHOUT A SENSE OF HUMOR.

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GO FIGURE!

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	-		x		20
x		x		x	
	+		x		20
-		+		+	
	x		-		23
20	22		19		

2 3 4 4 5 6 7 8 9

Difficulty: ★★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - STRONG

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **Why are police officers so strong?**

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Riddle answer: _____

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Clue: U equals T

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Kids' Maze

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

Difficulty This Week: ◆◆◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Clinic for getting clean
6 React to sticker
10 24 hours —
14 Blew a fuse
19 Reparations for wrongs
21 Head, to Helene
22 Unevenly notched, as a leaf
23 Start of a riddle
25 Fighting fish of Asia
26 Division of the Roman army
27 avail (futile)
28 California observatory site
30 Foxy
31 Grind, as one's teeth
35 Beat soundly
37 A B vitamin
38 Riddle, part 2
41 Planted
44 Swenson of "Advise & Consent"
45 Banana

46 Riddle, part 3
52 Lie in the sun
56 Places to live
57 Feed holder
58 Activate, as a light switch
60 Silent assent
61 Halle
62 "Falling Skies" star
65 Kobe's home
68 Brits' coins
69 Conductor
71 Riddle, part 4
73 Cussed
74 Windy City air hub
75 Land surrounded by water, in Italy
76 Spiny plants
78 — Mahal
79 Not at all, old-style
81 Arm bone
83 Conceive of
85 Struck disk
86 Riddle, part 5
92 Prefix with dose or watt
93 Actor's job
94 Class seat

95 End of the riddle
104 One lacking pigment
105 Slangy suffix with switch
106 See or smell
107 "aboard!"
110 Ump's call halfway to a walk
112 "Falling Skies" star
114 "No One" singer
116 — worse than death
117 Riddle's answer
122 Strength of a chemical solution
123 Account
124 Absent
125 Arena strata
126 "Wise" birds
127 Man in Eden
128 16th-century Italian poet

7 "That's — brainer!"
8 Actor Gilliam
9 Quiet "Hey!"
10 Very many
11 Wolf down
12 Wolfed down
13 Dog cry
14 Flower anew
15 Eye ring
16 Became irate
17 Downton Abbey, e.g.
18 More loved
20 Heavenly food?
24 Ephron or Roberts
29 — Alex (racehorse)
32 In — hurry
33 Dads' lads
34 Writer Victor
36 Final, e.g.
38 How many TV shows are now shown
39 Greek T's
40 Old verb
41 Farewell act
42 Sarcastic cry of sympathy
43 Bronx area with a historic cemetery
47 Eagle nests

48 Code-cracking org.
49 City south of San Diego
50 Alda or Sean
51 Debate need
52 Cold one
53 Comment on, as in a margin
54 Plato was his disciple
55 Leg reflex
59 Favorable aspect
62 Anat., e.g.
63 Set — (rows)
64 Love, to Yvonne
66 "One thing — time!"
67 B-way site
70 Math branch
72 Miss, in Meuse: Abbr.
77 Involuntary wink, maybe
80 Heretofore
82 Razor brand
84 Boundaries
87 Frittata
88 Site for a bite
89 Bits of physics
90 Aged, quantity
91 Inert gas
92 Coin producers
95 "Blue" beer brewer
96 Sainted king of Norway
97 Flattened of the poles
98 Out of — (amiss)
99 "1984" author
100 Rolls — (ritzy rides)
101 "Hi, amigo" (rows)
102 Onetime Pan Am rival
103 Online protocol for remote log-in
107 Pines (for)
108 Some bank holdings
109 — rest (inter)
111 Prominger of film
113 Writer Farber
115 "— date!"
118 "Hee —"
119 Divinity
120 SFO
121 LP speed stat

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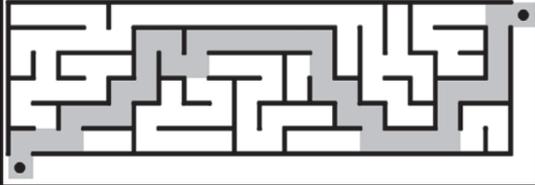


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G	L	A	D	D	E	N	C	A	M	P	B	E	L	L	R	I	A	T	A
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CryptoQuip
answer
I wish those angels would stop discussing that topic already. They're really harping on it!

Go Figure!
answers

7	-	4	x	5	15
x	+		+		
4	÷	2	x	9	18
-	x		x		
8	x	3	-	1	23
20	18			14	

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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

SNOWFLAKES
solution

Puzzles4Kids
Answer
What four days of the week start with the letter "T"?
Tuesday, Thursday, today and tomorrow.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Pop Quiz!

1. was born in Ireland
2. was a teenage slave in Ireland
3. escaped from Ireland and then went back years later to teach about God and the Christian faith
4. is said to have driven all of the snakes out of Ireland
5. has many Irish boys named after him
6. is a symbol of the Irish "spirit"

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T F
T F
T F
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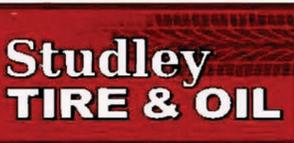
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