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## 7 Rhodes Brings a New Way of Doing Business to Sheridan County



By Levi Gleason, Sentinel Staff Writer

Kelsey Rhodes, born north of Hoxie on her parent's farm, has always been familiar with hard work. Growing up, Kelsey faced many illnesses from appendicitis to a staph infection in her back that she fought for many years. However, while in the middle of these illnesses she found a love for farm work and caring for plants and animals.

Kelsey married her high school sweetheart, Ben Rhodes, whom she met when she was 15. They and their five kids live north of Hoxie on their cattle farm. Her husband, Ben Rhodes, is the pastor at Christ Community Church, where Kelsey also takes on a leadership role as the Jr. High Youth Group Leader.

7 Rhodes Beef started in September 2021. It was Kelsey's first endeavor outside of being a stay-at-home mom. As a beef farmer with an ample supply of high-quality beef, she wanted to provide the community with access to it and in a way that many are not accustomed to. There are freezers lining the backwall of the store. After choosing the piece of meat you would like, you then fill out a receipt and put in the drop box. This system heavily relies on the honor system and puts much trust in the customer. The store is open Monday-Saturday 7 am - 7 pm and located at 837 Main St., Hoxie.

After opening the beef shop, Kelsey still felt as if she could do more. As a long-time admirer of Mona's Market, a Greenhouse located in Dresden, she was willing to do whatever was needed to take over when Mona was ready to retire. Toward the beginning of summer 2021, Kelsey finally got word that Mona was ready to retire and started preparations to open her very own green house. Kelsey is well on her way to success with much help from Mona: with tips on what to plant, how much to plant, what to look out for, as well as her own personal green thumb. 7 Rhodes Market will be located at 735 East Road 120 North, Dresden, KS 67635, ten miles north and one mile east of Hoxie.

"Running a greenhouse is a little out there, but I feel like this has been good for me and made me stronger. I feel as if God has healed my body and called me to do this. I look at this as my ministry. There will be a lot of people who come through here that do not know me, and I think it is cool to be able to pass on joy to those people" stated Kelsey.

The Grand Opening for 7 Rhodes Market is planned to take place April 18, with normal hours being Monday-Saturday from 10 am to 5:30 pm. To contact Kelsey with any questions you can reach her at 785-386-8778 or email her at [kelsey\\_rhodes@hotmail.com](mailto:kelsey_rhodes@hotmail.com).

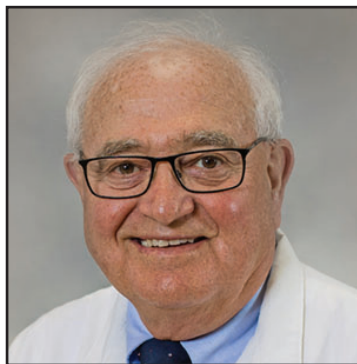


Hoxie USD 412 seniors pose with Governor Kelly at the Capitol building. (HHS photo)



Hoxie USD 412 juniors visit the traveling Auschwitz-Birkenau Holocaust Exhibit. (HHS photo)

## RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY'S PHYSICIANS ON NATIONAL PHYSICIAN'S DAY



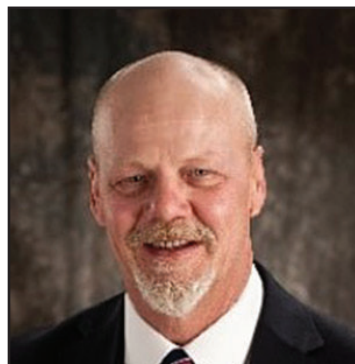
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Sheridan County Health Complex  
and  
Hoxie Medical Clinic

would like to recognize the following people for  
Physician's Day, March 30.

We are so grateful for the role that each of you play  
for our facility, community, and patients.

If you are interested in scheduling an appointment,  
please feel free to contact Hoxie Medical Clinic (785)  
675-3018 or SCHC (785) 675-3281.

## Pi Day 2022



an overwhelming success! We must thank all the wonderful cooks who took time out of their day to bake for this fund-raising event. It wouldn't have been such a success without the community who attended the Pi Day and bought the pies. Thank you for all your support! Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

The Sheridan County Library  
and the Sheridan County Historical Society & Mickey's Museum

## HHS Students Visit the Capitol and Holocaust Exhibit

By Quanah Gardiner

On Tuesday, March 15, the Hoxie High School seniors went on a visit to the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. They got the opportunity to take a photo with Governor Laura Kelly, as well as take a tour of the entire Capitol Building. After the tour, the students sat in on a Senate session. Something that most of the students noticed was how all the Senators were on their phones! The Capitol features magnificent

## League Champions!



The Golden Plains Middle School B-team girls basketball team won the WKLL League Championship at their tournament in Brewster on February 12. The girls defeated both Northern Valley and Cheylin to claim the title. Team members included: front—Madison Focke, Lakin Wark, Briella Knowles, Elizabeth Weiner, Marisol Perez, back—Coach Parker Christensen, Adilyn Meier, Mayte Hernandez-Lopez, Addy Wessel, Evelyn Ortiz, and Coach Travis Smith. (Photo by Hayden Wark) See article on page 7.

architecture with marble brought from all over the world, as well large murals that are painted everywhere, showing the beauty of Kansas.

The students also visited the Brown vs. Board of Education Historical Site. The museum has been created inside Monroe


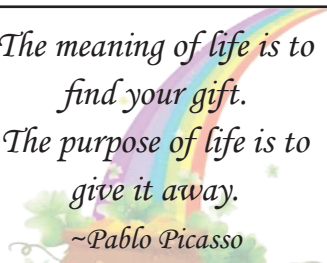
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			3/21	50	32	--			
	Milo	7.00	3/22	52	28	3.2"			
			3/23	63	25	--			
	Beans	15.20	3/24	66	40	--			
			3/25	65	30	--			
	Wheat	9.43	3/26	67	27	--			
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Kent and Robin Brown, Estes Park, CO, have purchased the  
 former Jennings United Methodist Church Parsonage.

Violet Krizek fell yesterday and broke a bone in her ankle. She  
 is wearing a boot and has gone home with her son, Theron, from  
 Olathe, KS.

Jennings/ Clayton Alumni please contact Marge Hartzog 785-  
 678-3010 by May 6 if there is any change in your current physical  
 or e-mail address, marital status or work status. We are updating  
 the directory. The Alumni Banquet is scheduled for May 28, 2022.

### Attention Scrappy Quilters!

The Quilt Guild is holding a meeting April 12 at 2:00pm in  
 the Midwest Energy Meeting Room. We want your feedback and  
 ideas. If you can't attend and want to be a member, please contact  
 Kay Weber at 785-675-3883 or Judy Watkins at 785-657-1349.  
 Anyone is welcome!



## RIGHT to LIFE BBQ

Sunday, April 10, 2022 11 am - 1 pm

4-H Building

DINE-IN \* CARRY-OUT \* DELIVERY

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Gary @ 657-7159 or Mathew 657-7430

**Drawing for HOG RAFFLE @ BBQ**

Tickets available for purchase at 4-H Building.

## Thank You

The family of Shirley Baker would like to extend a  
 huge thank you for all the comfort and support shown  
 us in the loss of our loved one. We were overwhelmed  
 by the cards, visits, food, flowers, gifts, and memorials  
 made in her honor.

Thank you all, dear friends & family!!

A very special thanks to Pastor Carl for the love,  
 prayers, and time spent with our family during this  
 difficult time. Special thanks go to our church family  
 for your love and support too, for helping to make  
 everything go smoothly at the service and for the  
 wonderful meal provided!

Also, thank you to everyone at Mickey Leopold  
 Funeral Home, especially Mary Ellen, Joe, and  
 Brad. Your guidance and support at such a difficult  
 time is very appreciated. We are blessed to live in such  
 a caring community! Thank you from the bottom of  
 our hearts!

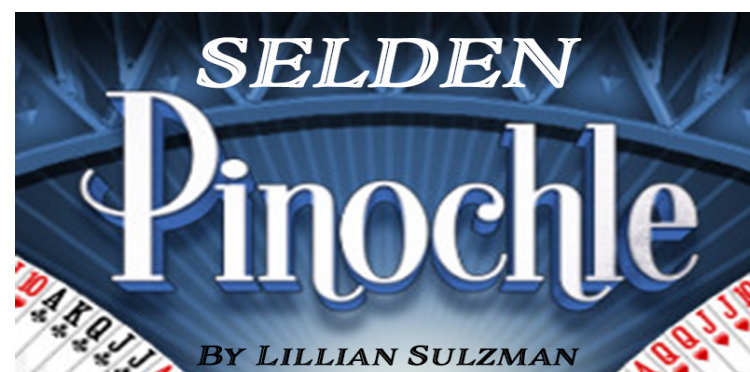
Kirk & Kelly Baker  
 Travis, Julie, Allison, & Caroline  
 Trent, Ashley, Addilyn, Ethan, & Eli  
 Tyler, Becci, Rhett, & Beau  
 Brandon  
 Roger & Tami Baker & family  
 Nicolet & William Davis & family

## Thank You

Thanks for the great outpouring of love &  
 kindness in the death of our husband, father,  
 and grandfather.

God Bless each of you.

~Shirley Emigh & Family



The Selden Pinochle group gathered to play their game of  
 pinochle and enjoy lunch together last Thursday. Last week's  
 group included Pat Wessel, me, Alfred J. Albers, Bernadine  
 Spreser, Don Juenemann. Boyd Wilson had high score of 694;  
 Bob Wessel had 2nd high score, with 651 and Shirley Emigh, who  
 played cards only, had the most queens. Margee Wilson, Ellis  
 Walker, and Steve Skubal joined for lunch only.

The game and meal were enjoyed by everyone.

### John Athey NSDAR

The John Athey NSDAR Chapter met Wednesday, September  
 25, 2019, in Oberlin at the Landmark. There were nine members  
 attending: Gayle Bremenkamp of Colby; Sharon Maurath Oakley;  
 Cheryl Goetz of Park; Judy Watkin, Leona Feldt, Shirley Popp,  
 and Kay Weber of Hoxie; Marge Hartzog of Jennings, and Connie  
 Eller of Stratton, Nebraska.

The meeting was called to order by Regent Gayle Bremenkamp  
 in ritualistic form with reports on President General's Report,  
 National Defense Report, Indian Minute, Flag Fact, Conservation  
 Minute, Constitution Minute, American History, Viet Nam  
 Veterans Day, Literacy book club, Women's Issues, Indian Minute,  
 and DAR Schools.

Roll Call was stating a Historical Fact about the Revolutionary  
 War.

Gayle Presented a program on "Presidents" prior to George  
 Washington. This is information not known by the general public.

There was installation of the two members of Marge and Connie.  
 The meal was enjoyed by the group there at the Landmark.

Election of Officers was held, and they will be for a term of  
 three years. Regent - Cheryl Goetz, Vice Regent - Connie Eller,  
 Chaplain- Gayle Bremenkamp, Secretary - Kay Weber, Treasurer  
 & Registrar - Sharon Maurath, and Librarian & Historian - Judy  
 Watkins.

Secretary, Kay Weber

### Midwest Energy Permanently Closes Walk-In Office at Hoxie

Effective immediately, Midwest Energy is closing its walk-in  
 office in Hoxie, Kan. Midwest Energy will continue to own the  
 building at 916 Sheridan Avenue, and still operate electric, natural  
 gas, and fleet management services from the location.

The permanent closure follows the office's temporary shuttering  
 February 7 after Jamie Nickelson, then the sole Customer Service  
 Representative (CSR) at Hoxie, accepted a promotion and a  
 transfer to Midwest's Hays office. That left the company with a  
 difficult decision: backfill the position in a location that had seen a  
 dramatic drop in customer traffic or close the office.

"The Hoxie office had seen a huge drop in walk-in customers  
 the past few years, from more than 10 customers a day to just three  
 per day on average," said Bob Muirhead, Midwest Energy's Vice  
 President of Customer Service. "The economics of basing a full-  
 time CSR there became difficult to justify."

Muirhead noted the closure follows a trend in the utility industry,  
 with most investor-owned utilities closing all walk-in offices years  
 ago. Electric cooperatives, which serve hundreds of smaller rural  
 communities in Kansas, have been following suit in recent years.  
 Only six of Kansas' 28 cooperatives now have more than one walk-  
 in office.

Midwest previously closed offices in Ellis and Quinter, as  
 personnel retired or transferred to other locations. Muirhead said  
 that advances in technology and a willingness to conduct business  
 online has prompted a continual review of in-person operations.

"More and more of our customers are choosing to conduct  
 business online, over the phone, or through the mail," Muirhead  
 said. "Nearly 20,000 of our customers use bank draft to  
 automatically pay their bill each month, and 8,000 use electronic  
 billing and don't even get a paper bill in the mail anymore," he  
 added. "Any transaction a Midwest customer needs to complete,  
 from starting or stopping service, or setting up a payment plan,  
 they no longer need to do face-to-face. Everything, with the  
 exception of a cash payment, can be done online or over the  
 telephone," Muirhead said.

"Midwest serves 12 communities larger than Hoxie that don't  
 have a walk-in office," Muirhead said. "Our goal is to provide  
 exceptional service to our customer-members at the best price  
 possible. Operating efficiently and economically in every aspect  
 of our business helps us achieve that."

Muirhead noted that customers who wish to share concerns  
 about the closure can contact him directly at 1-800-222-3121.



### BID REQUEST

Sheridan County  
 is accepting bids for pouring a  
 24' x 150' concrete slab  
 to replace a bridge that has been removed.  
 The concrete work will be  
 the contractor's responsibility.  
 Final grade will be determined by the  
 County Road Supervisor.  
 Bids accepted until  
**Noon Monday, May 1**

Questions & specifications, please contact Heather:  
 Sheridan County Clerk's Office  
 925 9th St., Hoxie, KS  
 785-675-3361

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## Upcoming EVENTS

### Mark Your Calendars!

Every Sunday:  
 11am First Presbyterian  
 Church Service

Every Tuesday:  
 8am Commissioner Mtg  
 12pm Rotary  
 7pm Fire Dept Mtg

Every Wednesday:  
 3:30pm Christ Community  
 Church  
 All-Stars for Jesus  
 Jr. High Youth Group

Monthly:  
 2nd Monday:  
 City of Hoxie ~ BOE Mtg

1st Tuesday: HAMA

4th Monday:  
 Hospital Board of Trustees,  
 FQHC 8am following Wednesday

3rd Thursday:  
 Hoxie Ministerial Alliance  
 4-6pm @ Hoxie UMC



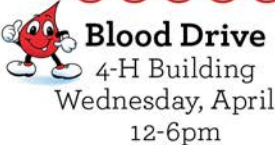
What do you have happening soon?  
 Share Your Event Here - FREE



Hoxie  
 City-Wide Clean-Up  
 Monday - Wednesday  
 April 4, 5, 6



@ Hoxie Grade School  
 Sunday, April 10  
 5-7pm



Blood Drive  
 4-H Building  
 Wednesday, April 6  
 12-6pm



Swap Shop Hours  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am ~ 4pm







# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

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Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

## The Hoxie Democrat Friday, March 30, 1888

O. Marsh, father-in-law of Mrs. F. S. Ramey, caused a sensation in the south part of town last week by being a little too amorous in his intentions to other people's wives. If the old man was not a little off it would be a serious matter but as it is no attention will be paid to the matter more than an admonition to do so no more.

Nestor has been out this week looking at land. Roswall has found water on his place at a depth of fifty-five feet.

M. H. Horton reports the loss of five cows and three horses in the last storm.

Menefee has re-built his bakery, and now has fresh bread on hand all the time.

C. W. Payro will leave for Joliet, Ill., this week, where he will work for the Leach Windmill Co.

The bank boys, Jim and George, will stay in the bank which will be good news to all their friends.

J. E. Campbell is putting up an awning in front of his building which greatly improves its appearance.

Two corps of surveyors south of town in the pasture on Thursday going west to join the line left at Urquhart's.

N. H. Thorpe and Bro. are in Wallace this week. Mr. M. E. will open a law and loan office at that place.

Mr. Streeter will stay with us and take charge of the new bank. He is a pleasant gentleman and will make many friends.

The directors of the Sheridan County Milling Co. meet on the fifth of next month at which important business will be transacted.

James Noble, who drove the Lenora stage for so long, has accepted a position on the L&CCR as cook for the engineer corps of Mr. Gibson.

A. E. Tillotson will go to the southeastern part of the county and go to work on the M. P. railroad as soon as he gets his crop put in.

Elwood Gregg has put on the apron and gone to work. He will be glad to see all of his old friends and many new ones who need work in his line.

Dr. Robinson has lost quite a number of cattle during the last storm and he reports that he will loose more if it does not soon quit and get warm. Mrs. King, mother of Mrs. T. B. Wamble who lives in the south-west part of the county, arrived last Saturday from Nebraska, and will make this her future home, having a homestead in this county.

A new grocery store is now the talk. It will be composed of two of Hoxie's best known citizens.

A. L. Cressler wishes to say to the people that he is a professional horse castrator, and that he will be ready to answer all calls and that he guarantees all work.

## 125 Years Ago April 1, 1897

Bill Waite visited Selden, Sunday.

O. Hansen, the Guy irrigator, transacted business in the hub Tuesday.

W. S. Quisenberry returned from Denver last Thursday and his eyes are better than they have been for years.

The fact that Sim Tucker has formed a partnership with a man by the name of Pilcher should not give his friends any alarm.

Poor John Royce is a bachelor most of the time now since his spouse has become a member of so many Editorial Associations.

Uncle Abram Pratt had business in this city Tuesday, he reported everybody busy getting into their spring work in the neighborhood of Studley.

The two Henrys, Fellhoelter and Weiland, of Angelus, were in the city on business Monday. They report lots of moisture and farmers all feeling good in their neighborhood.

Selden's Odd Fellows Lodge we are told is preparing to celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the order and the brethren in this vicinity are talking of participating in the exercises.

Fred C. Turtle, of Studley, has the thanks of the editor for a fine supply of water-cress left at this office Saturday. He told us that Mrs. Turtle had about recovered from her recent illness.

Friday was Miss Myrtle Cooper's birthday and in consequence a party was given to which a number of her school mates were invited. A royal time is the report that comes to us.

Tom Pratt will sow 100 acres of alfalfa this spring.

Hill City is talking creamery and we hope she gets one, then Hoxie can get a skimming station.

John Holland made proof on his homestead Saturday. Frank and Ike Teeters were his witnesses.

E. H. Lupton has given B. C. Decker the contract of furnishing the seed and sowing fifty acres of alfalfa on his South Solomon farm.

Ed Zeigler will farm the Jack Colgan place this year.

Elmer Deupree, of Selden, spent Sunday in Hoxie. He says he likes his new location very well.

F. A. Dawes has been successful in getting his auger out of his well and is ready for business.

Lew Korb returned home last week from St. Louis, where he went with a car of horses for Grover Walker. The horses brought a good price.

## Lucerne Items

Gus and John Shoemaker butchered hogs last week. They were strictly in it this time.

Lish Wilcox has returned from Jewell county, he says old Sheridan is good enough for him.

Jake Spall says he is going into the hog business now since Uncle Billy has taken his seat in the White House.

Our little brother Gus and Aaron Crowder were out rabbit hunting one day last week. They are bound to get meat enough to last them all summer.

**BIG REDUCTION**

on all sizes of

**Cushion Tubes**

and

**Mellinger Tires**

The new prices make the Extra Ply Mellinger Casings down to about the former price of the ordinary fabric casings. There is no better casing than the Mellinger and their Guaranty is a real guaranty of satisfactory service.

**Hoxie Cushion Tube Co.**

**JOHN SEROCKI, Mgr.**

**Shop One Block East of State Bank**

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

## Limber Jim 100 Years Ago March 30, 1922 Ricky Gets Contract

Some fourteen different firms submitted bids on the erection of the new high school building and the heating, wiring and plumbing. We don't know how many submitted bids on the building proper, but Mr. Ricky was the lowest bidder and was awarded the contract.

Mr. Ricky built the City school building and the kind of work he does is well known to our people. The new building will be fireproof, and a thoroughly modern, up-to-date school building.

## Local News

Miss Edna Wellman, who is attending the Salina Business College, spent a few days with homefolks last week.

Mrs. Loren Wiley, of WaKeeney, came over last Friday for a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. C. R. Pearson, and other relatives.

Mrs. H. W. Percival and Mr. J. L. Beckner were elected delegates to the M. E. conference which is in session at Goodland this week.

Mrs. Carl Aumiller returned home this week from a very important visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. Shoemaker, at Lucerne. She was there getting acquainted with a fine, little baby girl that came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker on March 15.

Miss Martha Ackerman left Sunday night for Sylvan Grove, where she will spend two or three weeks visiting relatives.

Jimmie, assuming the role of a wonderful reformer at a lecture on the evils of tobacco, is assailed by the audience with over-ripe fruit. Come to the Palace Theatre Saturday night and enjoy this.

Herbert and Aileen Morrison, of Oberlin, spent their spring vacation from school with their with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beers.

## Old Sheridan Notes

G. W. Brelsford made garden last week.

One of Guy Godfry's nice horses got its foot cut in a fence last week.

Richard Porter and sister passed thru this county Friday enroute to Logan to visit their mother who is very poorly in health.

## Bow Creek

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewster and daughter, Fern, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the J. L. Miller home in Morland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Davis are the proud parents of a bright-eyed baby girl, born March 17. She will answer to the name of "Pauline Evelyn."

## Leoville Happenings

Mrs. A. J. Karls, who has been quite sick, is improving.

M. C. Hoffman is erecting a new garage for John Zimmerman.

Len Spresser who has been quite sick, is able to be back on the road again.

## Emerald Grove

Dragging the roads has helped out a number of our young farmers this spring. Besides making the roads safe and pleasant to ride over. A great improvement on the old, rough roads we had years ago.

We have begun to dread to open the *Sentinel* lately. So many deaths and so much sickness. The death of mothers and little children leave a very sad feeling which lingers so long after reading.

## 75 Years Ago April 3, 1947

## To Start New Church

A drive past the property of the Lutheran church, six miles north and two west of Hoxie, will prove to you that a great deal of effort is being made to get the construction of the new church underway. Most of the material has been purchased. That which is not purchased is being made up at the present time. Present plans are

to begin excavation for the basement sometime in April.

## Squad to Sterling

The track squad will get their first acid test of the 1947 track season Saturday, at Sterling. The squad is built around three of last year's starts including, Follis, George Pratt and Wharton and several other boys who are showing great promise for the coming track season. The big meet at Sterling will give the coach an idea of the switches that will be necessary in order to set up a well balanced track squad. Approximately 14 boys will make the trip leaving Friday afternoon.

## Adell Circle Club

Sunday visitors at the Guy Carley home were: Mr. and Mrs. O. D. May and the O. J. Barnhart family.

Mrs. Lottie Register, of Denver, is visiting relatives in this neighborhood.

Club met Thursday with Yvonne Graves. There were five members present. Embroidery work was done for the hostess. Our next meeting will be with Irene Stephenson, April 10.

## Thimble Circle Club

The Thimble Circle Club met with Mrs. Aubert Mowry and Mrs. Paul Mills Thursday, March 27, for an all day meeting with 9 members and two visitors present. The day was spent doing embroidery work for the hostesses. A delicious pot luck dinner was served at noon. Mrs. L. P. Ponath received a mystery pal package. Mrs. Mowry and Mrs. Mills received a hostess gift, and Mrs. Willard Treu received a pink and white gift. After a brief business meeting we adjourned to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Rob Brewster for an all day meeting.

## Broadway News

Mrs. F. I. Breeden gave a bingo party Tuesday evening honoring her son, Kenneth, who had a birthday earlier in the month, but due to bad weather the party wasn't given at that time. Mrs. Breeden served lunch of sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, cherry pie, coffee and cocoa.

Mrs. W. C. Morgan, Mrs. Howard Timmons and Janet spent Wednesday with Mrs. H. M. Epler.

Frank Richards and W. C. Morgan helped Fred Epler do some shingling Wednesday.

## Mickey's Want Ads

We have some very nice over stuff sets and studio couches.

Boss: "Rastus, did you attend your lodge meeting last night?"

Rastus: "No, boss. We dun have to postpone it."

Boss: "Why was that?"

Rastus: "De Grand-Ol Powerful-Invincible, Most Supreme, Unconquerable-Potentate dun got beat up by his wife."

Just received-A large shipment of aluminum ware, tea kettles, dish pans, kettles, etc.

## 50 Years Ago

## March 30, 1972

## Taylor's Place to Open Saturday

Mrs. Harold Taylor announced this week that she and her family will re-open Taylor's Place April 1 at 11 a.m. and remain open till 9:00 in the evenings.

Considerable remodeling is being done on the building, but should be completed in the near future, Mrs. Taylor said. They welcome old customers and new ones to visit them often at Taylor's Place.

## Broadway News

Velda Transue returned home from the hospital the middle of the week. Her one leg is carrying a heavy cast. Mrs. Dwayne Simon stayed with her Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Doris Johnson called at George Simons Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Edwin Simon and Timmie spent from Thursday evening until Saturday at the Howard home at McDonald.

## Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Mowry, Bob White, Chas. Davis, Mrs. Esther Brandt and I attended funeral services for Lester Mowry at the Jennings Methodist Church Tuesday afternoon. Burial was in the Lucerne cemetery.

Bible Study class met with Mrs. Phyllis McClelland Tuesday afternoon. They will meet with Mrs. T. E. McClelland this Tuesday.

Mrs. Myrtle Covalt and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Covalt and Galen spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Earl Stout and Mrs. Sandy (Ruth Covalt) Doubleday at Oberlin helping Ruth celebrate her birthday. Mrs. Myrtle Covalt spent the night with Roy Covalts.

## Thimble Circle Club

Thimble Circle Club met with Lucille Mowry on March 23 with ten members present. Mary Niblock, Helen Hedge and Mamie Hedge were absent. Roll call was answered with a household hint. Betty Treu won the hostess gift. Mrs. Gordon Mahanna and daughter Kim were visitors.

Club meets in two weeks with Doris Trueblood.

## Leoville News

Mrs. Delma McCoy of Selden was a Sunday visitor at the Johnny Spresser home in Dresden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reichert and children of Boulder are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Reichert. They plan to return home Wednesday.

Mrs. Helen Zodrow is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Simon Zimmerman and family in Newton.

## Mickey's Want Ads

Hide insect killer, Garvey hand cleaner, slide all, wallpaper remover, thread cutting oil, pine tar, silicone lubricant, penetrating oils, open gear chain and cable spray lubricant, neatsfoot oil, lock ease.

"Good news! I've saved enough money for us to go to Europe," she said excitedly.

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## McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter, Mrs. Helen Tice and Mrs. Glen Lewis were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tribble.

Mrs. George Launchbaugh was hostess to the Victory Club on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kaspar were Sunday supper guests at the Launchbaugh home.

## 25 Years Ago

## April 3, 1997

## Hoxie Feeders Now Under New Ownership

Hoxie Feeders officially changed ownership on April 1 and will now be known as Hoxie Feedyard, Inc.

Wayne Tilly and Bob Foote of Kansas City purchased the local operation and have hired Gary Smith to serve as manager. Smith will move into a house purchased from Jon Popp. Current manager, Don Stevens, will continue to work at the feedlot during the transition period.

According to Don Hazlett of Farm and Ranch Realty, the new owners plan to expand the operation up to 20,000 to 25,000 head - about double the current size. He added that the new owners have also indicated they will continue the practice of buying wet corn from area farmers.

## Selden

On Thursday, March 27, there were four tables of pinochle at the Senior Citizens Center. Ellen Shaw won high, Donald Shaw took second and Catherine Campbell took low.

The Selden Garden Club met at the home of Tami Porsch on Friday, March 21. The meeting was opened with the group saying the flag salute. Roll call was answered by each one naming their favorite tomato plant.

Leone Porsch gave some cosmos seed to those who wanted them and Margaret Rhoades gave some starts of house plants.

Leone Porsch gave the lesson on tomatoes, starting them, planting, and the care of them all summer.

The next meeting will be at Marietta Stacey's to view her tulips and other flowers. Everyone is to bring a mum plant for exchange. The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served by Tami Porsch.

## Jennings-Allison

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tacha helped their grandchildren celebrate their March birthdays. Ashley Tacha of Hoxie celebrated her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and Dusting Tacha of Oakley celebrated his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday.

A bridal shower was held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, in the Jennings Senior Center for Jana Keenan, bride-elect of Frank Slansky. Approximately 25 guests were present.

## McGraw

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Deibert were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter to celebrate the March birthdays of Glenn and Gayle. Easter weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gaumer and Nathan were Amy Gaumer, Chuck Kalin and Kyle Pettibone from McPherson college. Additional guests for dinner and to celebrate Gayle's birthday were Garah Gaumer, Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bainter, Ben and Abbie. Tom Wasson, Wes Bainter and Raquelle were later guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lewis, Tad and Andy of Concordia were Easter dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis. Jim Deibert was a Sunday evening visitor of the Lewises.

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NEW REPORT:

Laura Kelly Ranks in Bottom Half of All U.S. Governors

Democrat Governor Laura Kelly ranks 27th out of all 50 U.S. governors, according to a new report from the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Governors in neighboring states all ranked in the top half with fellow Democrat Governor Jared Polis of Colorado ranking fourth overall, and Republican governors in Nebraska, Missouri, and Oklahoma ranking in 11th, 12th and 16th, respectively.

The rankings are based on three measurable performance categories — executive policy, economic performance, and fiscal policy. Kelly ranked in the bottom half for two of the three metrics.

“Kansas is continuously outperformed by our neighbors because of Laura Kelly’s failed leadership,” said Shannon Pahls, Kansas GOP Executive Director. “During the last legislative session, Governor Kelly used her veto pen more times than any other governor in nearly two decades. Fortunately, Kelly’s obstructionism and refusal to stand up to Joe Biden and the leaders of her party will finally come to an end this November when voters elect a Republican governor that prioritizes their values.”

Marxism and Progressivism:

A Play in Two Acts

**From Dr. Raymond M. Berger,** “Marxism and Progressivism: A Play in Two Acts” published 2018 in The Times of Israel, about why every Marxist government in history has been a repressive nightmare, the article is drawn from.

Today’s progressives believe they are onto something new. But the progressive script is an old theatrical play with the same drama as the earlier communist play. It stars the same protagonists dressed up with different names. And despite the hype of the performance, when the curtain comes down after the finale, both plays are equally unsatisfying.

**Yesterday’s Communism**

Communist theory was first expounded by the nineteenth century philosopher, Karl Marx. Marx crafted a morality play. He observed economic changes wrought by the early industrial revolution in Western Europe, and he correctly perceived the inherent injustice in the evolving economic system.

This was high drama, complete with villains and downtrodden heroes. The villains were the bourgeoisie, the owners of industry or what Marx called the “means of production.” The downtrodden heroes were the proletariat or workers.

When the enclosure movement threw the serfs off the manor and into the towns and cities, they were robbed of their former dignity and means of livelihood. Forced to resort to selling their labor as their only means of survival, they became wage slaves. Gone was the pride of craftsmanship and the stability of manor life. As the bourgeoisie exploited the “surplus labor”—that is, the money value created by proletariat labor—the proletariat was robbed of the fruits of his labor.

Even worse, he was now subject to the wild swings of economic expansion and contraction and hence to misery and insecurity. At the same time, societal wealth became increasingly concentrated in the hands of the small bourgeoisie class while the proletariat remained impoverished.

The system was maintained by a false consciousness in which the proletariat failed to recognize the “class structure” of society and the exploitive nature of the bourgeois class and the system of capitalism.

The play’s drama was advanced by revolutionaries—like Marx—who alerted the proletariat to their exploitation and encouraged them to overthrow the capitalist system. The workers would inevitably open their eyes. According to Marx, this would lead to a revolution and a “dictatorship of the proletariat.”

But despite the dictatorial nature of this transitional phase, the new paradigm would result in a just society in which each contributed according to his ability and took according to his need. Thus, the unjust capitalist society would be replaced by a just and classless society.

The central purpose of twentieth century communism was to “set things right.”

**Today’s Progressivism**

Berger continues that today’s progressive movement—different from the American Progressive movement of the late nineteenth century—repackaged this Marxist theory with new actors and injustices but the same old drama.

The epic struggle between bourgeoisie and proletariat is replaced by the morally laden struggles between privileged and oppressed actors with new names. In this contemporary version of Marxist drama, people of color are pitted against a white male power structure supported by a mysterious but powerful force of institutional racism. Women are pitted against a male patriarchy that invades not only the workplace but intrudes into the very intimacy of the home to wreak injustice.

As the blinders of the new false consciousness fall from the eyes of the oppressed, new oppressed groups emerge. Some are based on “sexual minority status”—gay people, transsexuals, intersex, non-gender conforming—others on physical traits—the disabled, the unattractive, fat people. In place of an exploitive bourgeoisie there are heterosexists, cis-gender persons, those who exploit the disabled and those who engage in “lookism,” that is, those who exploit others due to their appearance.

Added to these colorful actors are the multitude of colonized people of the third world and their exploitive evil colonizers. Because this is a drama, the respective roles of colonizer and colonized are always simplified, with few benefits but much evil attributed to colonization. And even long after the departure of the colonizers from formerly colonized lands, the injustice of the original colonial sin is said to persist, as every problem of the newly independent peoples is attributed to the legacy of colonialism.

In the same way, injustices based on race and ethnicity are said to live on, in the form of the legacy of racism, even after much of the oppression is alleviated.

More recently the world has seen a northward migration of millions from impoverished and violent lands in the south. Amidst the confusion of roles—are these immigrants, migrants, or refugees?—these folks join the long line of oppressed people who are unjustly exploited and abused in their adopted countries. There is nothing more dramatic and poignant than these huddled masses, to use the words of poet Emma Lazarus.

These are new actors in an old drama around the struggle between persecutor and victim, between exploiter and exploited. Marx’s focus on labor has now extended to every conceivable human difference, as if the very existence of difference is morally wrong.



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Kansas Authors And Writers

to Meet

Members of District 7 of Kansas Authors Club are planning to meet at the Clarion Inn, 1911 E. Kansas Ave., Garden City, KS at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2022, for their Spring Convention. They invite other interested writers/authors to join the meeting to hear George Phillipy, Syracuse, KS. He will be reviewed his two books that he published in 2021 and discussing the process of publishing. His books are Choices, Volumes 1 and 2. He will entertain questions and discussion about the books. A short business meeting will follow his presentation.

There is no charge for the convention, but attendees are expected to order their own luncheon at the Frances Room. There will be a social time at 11:30 a.m. with the luncheon following. The program will start about 1:00 p.m. with a short business meeting following. Please bring to the group any item of interest that you have produced recently, poetry or prose, to share with the group. For more information and to reserve a place at the meeting and luncheon, please contact Sheryl Brenn, Levant, KS at 785-443-1066 or Sheryl at [lbrenn@st-tel.net](mailto:lbrenn@st-tel.net).

Registration for Boys

State of Kansas 2022 Session

Continues

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas has announced that registration for its 2022 session will continue through the end of May, pending space availability. The 84th edition of the program is scheduled to be held Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11, at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Traditionally, Kansas Boys State is for individuals who complete their junior year of high school in the spring just prior to the start of each session. However, the ALBSK program has expanded the pool of registrants for this year’s session to include those who will complete their sophomore year of high school this spring.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas program provides a relevant, interactive, problem-solving experience in leadership and teamwork that develops self-identity, promotes mutual respect and instills civic responsibility to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to community, state and nation. Boys State is a “learning by doing” political exercise that simulates elections, political parties and government at the state, county and local levels, providing opportunities to lead under pressure, showcasing character and working effectively within a team. It’s also an opportunity to gain pride and respect for government, and the price paid by members of the military to preserve democracy.

Those wishing to attend the program should visit [ksbstate.org](http://ksbstate.org) to register. In addition, anyone can nominate individuals to attend Kansas Boys State by going to [ksbstate.org](http://ksbstate.org)/nominate and submit the nomination form. You can also submit nominees for future years as well.

The cost to attend the Boys State of Kansas program is \$350; however, in many instances, sponsors pay the majority of the fees, with the delegate or his family paying \$50.

Potential sponsors, such as American Legion posts, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and interested individuals, or those with questions, should contact the ALBSK at [info.1937@ksbstate.org](mailto:info.1937@ksbstate.org) or (785) 550-6492.



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HomeLand Realty & Auction is excited to announce Christy Preston is joining our team! Christy grew up in St. Francis, Kansas. She moved to Chandler, Arizona in the mid 90's where she started her Real Estate Career in 1997. She worked with National Home Builders for 15 years, and in the residential home market in the greater Phoenix area for two years before returning to Northwest Kansas. Christy and her husband Terry live in Selden, and enjoy the rural lifestyle! Christy would love an opportunity to work with YOU! As your Realtor, she will provide a professional work ethic with attention to every detail. YOU can expect honesty and integrity, along with creating a lifetime relationship.

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NWKS News

Senator Rick Billinger Newsletter

March 28, 2022

Major work last week included the Senate adopting a budget that includes \$22.8 billion in total spending for FY 2023, with a little over \$9.0 billion coming from the state general fund. It retires substantial amounts of debt including paying off the \$253.9 million for the KPERS layering payments, provides state employees a 5% pay increase, puts away \$600.0 million into the rainy-day fund and leaves the state general fund with a healthy ending balance of nearly \$360.0 million at the end of FY 2023.

The Kansas Senate completed a whirlwind three days of floor work at 1:30 a.m., in the overnight hours between Wednesday and Thursday. The legislature had a four-day break before returning on Monday, for a five-day week to complete the regular part of the 2022 legislative session. This week, the work will primarily consist of voting on conference committee reports, which are produced by conference committees working on ironing out differences between House and Senate versions of legislation. After the conclusion of the regular session, the legislature is scheduled to take a three week break before returning for the veto session in late April and early May. This year, the primary duties of the legislature are to adopt the maps for the next decade, in addition to the constitutional requirement to pass a budget for the next fiscal year. My focus as chair of Ways and Means will be to negotiate this year’s budget with the House Appropriation conferees. There are approximately ten pages of differences between the two budgets passed in each chamber.

Last week, the Kansas Senate adopted HCR 5030, a resolution making certain findings regarding antisemitism, and adopting a definition of the term by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance or IHRA. The resolution states, the Jewish community continues to be targeted in the United States and is consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate. The Kansas Jewish Community has tragically experienced the hatred firsthand as it did on April 13, 2014, when three people lost their lives due to antisemitic attacks at the Jewish Community Center in Kansas City and the Village Shalom, both located in Overland Park.

Last week, the Kansas House adopted a new House map along with the Senate map approved by the Senate last week. These maps will be the new maps for the next ten years.

The Senate passed the Fairness in Women’s Sports Act, which simply ensures athletic teams or sports designated for women are reserved only for biological women. The bill will ensure an equal playing field for biological females so they can fairly participate in athletics due to the distinct physiological advantages held by biological males over biological females.

HCR 5022 was adopted by the Senate, which if approved by voters, would amend Article 9, Sections 2 and 5 of the Kansas Constitution to require County Sheriffs to remain elected if the county had not abolished the sheriff prior to January of this year, and would allow counties who abolished it (Riley County is the only one) to restore the elected Sheriff. The amendment is in response to a proposal to abolish the Sheriff in areas such as Johnson County.

In our system of government, it is the legislature which makes laws and administrative agencies then issue rules and regulations to implement the law. Too often in recent years, government subsequently have crossed the line into lawmaking, issuing rules and regulations which are in effect policy-making decisions that should be left up to elected officials who are accountable to the public. As a result, the Kansas Senate followed the Kansas House in adopting HCR5014, which if approved by the voters, would amend the Kansas Constitution to allow legislative revocation or suspension of rules and regulations issued by the executive branch with a simple majority vote.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Town Hall Meetings, the schedule is listed below.

**Monday April 4, 2022**  
Senator Billinger with Representative Smith

8:00-9:00 AM (MT)	Wallace Co.	<b>Sharon Springs</b> CAB Building - Hc 1
9:30 – 10:30AM (MT)	Sherman Co.	<b>Goodland</b> Goodland            Public
Library – 812 Broadway		
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Cheyenne Co.	<b>St. Francis</b> St.    Francis       Public
Library – 121 N. Scott Street		
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Rawlins Co.	<b>Atwood</b> Jamboree Deli – 106 N.
4 <sup>th</sup> Street		
3:30 – 4:30 PM	Decatur Co.	<b>Oberlin</b> Golden Age Recreation
Center – 105 W. Maple		
<b>Tuesday April 5, 2022</b> Senator Billinger with Senator Bowers, Representatives Rahjes, Wasinger (Depending on the town)		
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Ellis Co.	<b>Ellis</b> (Rep. Rahjes, Rep. Wasinger)
		Ellis Public Library –
9007 Washington Street		
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Graham Co.	<b>Hill City</b> (Rep. Rahjes) Brick Pointe & Co. – 307
N. Pomeroy Ave		
11:00 – 12:00 PM & Rep Rahjes)	Rooks Co.	<b>Plainville</b> (Sen. Bowers
		The Hub Co-Working
Space - 223 W. Mill Street		
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Phillips Co.	<b>Phillipsburg</b> (Sen.
Bowers & Rep Rahjes)		Huck Boyd Center -
860 Park Street in Phillipsburg.		
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Norton Co.	<b>Norton</b> (Rep Rahjes) Heaton Building - 112 S

Kansas Ave, Suite 308

I am honored and grateful to represent the 40<sup>th</sup> Senate District in Kansas. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email: [rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov](mailto:rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov) or call me with your questions or concerns, my office number is 785 296-7399 or my cell number is 785 899-4700. If you are in Topeka, stop by my office at 545-S.





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# Area School Academics & Sports

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## Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The spring College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Day at Fort Hays State University, Friday, April 8th, 2022. This free event is open to high school students who will be juniors and seniors in the 2022-2023 school year, as well as transfer students interested in careers in the health and behavioral sciences.

Students will visit all six departments in the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences (Allied Health, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health and Human Performance, Nursing, Psychology, and Social Work); learn about academic, career, and other unique educational opportunities within the departments; tour academic facilities, including clinical and simulation labs; and engage with faculty, staff, and students in each department. For more information and to sign up for this exciting event, please go to <https://bit.ly/3iAE510>. Deadline to sign up is April 1.

Open House is April 9 at Kansas State. Find out more at [k-state.edu/openhouse](https://k-state.edu/openhouse).

Butler Community College is now hosting a series of Orientation/ Enrollment Days. The registration deadline is a week before each event. The Andover Campus will host its new student programs on April 8 and 27. The El Dorado Campus will host its events on March 30 and April 29. Register at [ButlerCC.edu/orientation](https://ButlerCC.edu/orientation), or call 316-322-3163.

Juniors need to start visiting schools to figure out where their future may be. Northwest Tech in Goodland will be hosting its Junior Day on April 14. Whether you are starting to think about college or a future career, let us assist you! You will learn about 4 of the 15 programs we have to offer, speak with current NT students and tour the campus. You will learn what it means to be part of the Northwest Tech Family! Come see our campus and become part of the Tradition! Register at [www.nwktc.edu/junior-day](https://www.nwktc.edu/junior-day).

The Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics at Pittsburg State University invite students of science at the secondary level to participate in individual and team events during the annual PSU Science Day. It will be held April 14. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3iwjVVR>.

<https://www.flavorfulfutures.com/>. Two scholarships, both are for students starting school in the fall. One is a general scholarship, and one is specifically for kids going into environmental studies (labeled go green). Each application will take about 90 minutes to complete. Deadline to apply is midnight on March 31.

KJIL is pleased to announce the availability of seven \$1000 scholarships to be awarded to a first-time college attendee who will be a full-time student enrolled in Fall 2022 classes at a Christian College or a Christian University. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3uncBS1>. It is also due March 31.

The US Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), one of the five federal service academies that include West Point, Annapolis, Air Force, and Coast Guard academies, is pleased to offer the following opportunities for interested students. Midshipmen (students) at USMMA receive full tuition, room and board, and books at no cost.

Located in Kings Point, NY, we are pleased to welcome in person admissions visits to the Academy where interested students can spend a day with our Midshipmen going to classes, eating in the mess hall, and touring the campus. Detailed information on scheduling visits can be found on the Academy's website <https://bit.ly/3qxXQuN>.

Not able to travel to the Kings Point campus but still interested in USMMA? The Admission's Office is pleased to offer live information sessions for aspiring applicants via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/36rBapi>.

Are you thinking of a career as a coder, game developer, designer, or robotics engineer? Then start with the experience of a world-class program like the Naval Academy's Summer STEM Program! The Summer STEM program involves a vibrant week of problem-solving, exploratory learning, critical thinking, and team building for rising 9th-11th graders interested in a future in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Apply by March 31 at <https://bit.ly/3tL2A2d>. Scholarships are available.

The deadline for applying to West Point's SUMMER LEADER EXPERIENCE has been extended to Friday, April 1, 2022. The West Point Summer Leader Experience (SLE) provides rising high school seniors with a week-long immersion into the academic, military, and social life of a cadet.

Did you know? There are generous need-based scholarships available; There is no application fee; and Standardized test scores are not required.

At SLE, you will explore West Point from all angles, including our high-tech educational facilities, team building athletic activities, and realistic military training. You will get a taste of Cadet Life through the entire program, which is led by current West Point cadets. Apply at <https://bit.ly/3utuvvm2>.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

March 31: Deadline to submit for VFW Art and National Anthem Contests

April 8: Midwest Energy Scholarship for Juniors due

May 1: O'Brate Traditional College Scholarship app due

May 6: Registration deadline for the June 11 ACT test

June 17: Registration deadline for July 16 ACT test

July 15: Deadline to apply for Horatio Alger Career Technical Scholarship

## Angelus 4-H Club Minutes



Blaise Lager gives a demonstration talk on "How to Make an Ice Cream Cake." at the club meeting. (Angelus 4-H Club photo)

### Reporter: Blaise Lager

The Angelus 4-H club meeting was held on February 14 in the Angelus Church basement. Roll call was "Who was the President when your parents were born?" Lucy Anne Lager led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and a St. Valentine prayer. Margret Mary Lager led us in song and Roch Lager played the guitar to "When You Say Nothing at All". Next, Roch gave us a parliamentary tip on how to vote to make a motion pass. We got some safety tips on tornadoes from Trace Zeigler. Last meeting minutes were read and approved. Adleigh Zeigler, our special events manager, had a birthday along with Jeff and got something out of the goodie bag. The treasurer's report was given by Jude Lager. New business was to make sure to watch your emails of upcoming events. The Golden Age Dinner date is set on March 27 at the senior center. County Days are on March 28 in Hoxie. Small animal weigh-in is on April 10. Super Saturday is in Hays. Blaise Lager gave a project talk on "How to Make an Ice Cream Cake." For recreation we played cupid's arrow and made valentine bags. The 4-H pledge was led by Thaddeus Lager. Refreshments were from the Ostmeier family. They served ice cream floats with licorice straws. President Isabella Ostmeier adjourned the meeting.



The Angelus 4-H Club packed goodie bags to be handed out to neighbors and friends on Valentine's Day as a service project. (Angelus 4-H Club photo)

## Golden Plains Receives Sportsmanship Award



Good Sports! Golden Plains High School won the KSHSAA Class 1A Division II Sportsmanship Award at the 2022 state basketball tournament in Great Bend. Sophomores Valeria Ortiz, Valentina Bermudez, and Ava Brantley were three of the students who supported the girls' basketball team all season and throughout the sub-state and state tournaments. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

### By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School won the Sportsmanship Award at the KSHSAA Class 1A Division II basketball tournament in Great Bend on March 10-12.

"Congratulations to the Golden Plains Cheerleaders, students, coaches, players, and community on winning this award," said Activities Director Travis Smith. "This is such a great accomplishment!"

"The sportsmanship award is truly an honor for the school and the community," added Ashley Arnberger, Principal. "It takes everyone working together to create a positive and rewarding experience for our students. This award highlights the high expectations that we hold at Golden Plains, and I am so proud of this recognition for our school community."

KSHSAA defines sportsmanship as those qualities of behavior, which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. An awareness is expected of the impact of an individual's influence on the behavior of others. The excitement of a basketball game can create concern for fans, students, and officials.

## HONOR ROLL

### GPMS Quarter 3 Honor Roll

#### Superintendent Honor Roll:

##### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Dylan Wark

##### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Kailee Wessel

##### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Takoda Cline, Adilyn Meier, Tannor Todd, Elizabeth Weiner

#### Principal Honor Roll:

##### 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Tanner Black, Anais Cepeda, Braylee Knowles, Laura Moore, Diego Perez, Jaxson Vashinder, Ezekiel Weiner

##### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Kathrynn Carter, Marisol Perez, Kadalen Unrein, Estella Vargas, Adaline Wessel

##### 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Madison Focke, Cristian Garcia, Mayte Hernandez-Lopez, Benjamin Masoner, Brenlynn Rath, Lakin Wark

### GPMS Quarter 3 Honor Roll

#### Superintendent Honor Roll:

##### Seniors:

Alisha Brantley, Amie Cheney, Kassie Miller, Carli Nieman, Lauren Patmon, Ashton Schiltz, Ethan Shea, Rayna Taylor, Morgan Wark

##### Juniors:

Breanna Rath

##### Sophomores:

Jordyn Fleckenstein, Emma Weiner

#### Principal Honor Roll:

##### Seniors:

Garrett Carter, Fabian Cepeda, Alejandro Gonzalez, Jovanny Infante, Britton Knowles, Roberto Loya, Brandon Luna, Connor Pawlak, Ethan Weiner, Joshua Yanez-Perez

##### Juniors:

Guillermo Aragon, McHaley Carter, Jamie Graves, Jazline Manriquez, Sidney Taylor,

##### Sophomores:

Valentina Bermudez, Ava Brantley, Will Bruggeman, Jorja Juenemann, Landon Meier

##### Freshmen:

Anette Hernandez-Lopez, Owen Patmon, Joshua Rath, Dominic Stout, Abraham Taylor, Siena Vargas, Hayden Wark

## Reading Rewards!



Golden Plains second grader Diego Vargas dips his banana in chocolate sauce during the third quarter reading rewards party at the elementary school as kindergartener Constance Hunter and fourth grader MaKenlea Focke wait their turn. Students who met their reading goal enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities. (Photo by Justine Tuttle)

Citizenship/Sportsmanship Rule 52 addresses this by stating: "Win with character and lose with dignity."

A special sportsmanship committee appointed by KSHSAA evaluated and rated the cheerleaders, school cheering section, adult and non-high school followers, team, and coach of each school. Schools are awarded either a plaque for the school and medals for the cheerleaders or a certificate based on a scoring system set forth by KSHSAA.

Of the 16 boys and girls' teams competing at the Class 1A Division II Tournament in Great Bend, Golden Plains was one of two schools receiving a plaque and medals. Also awarded was Hutchinson-Central Christian girls. Central Plains and Pawnee Heights were awarded certificates for their boys' teams with no boys' teams receiving plaques and medals.

Throughout the state at all seven tournament sites, 112 teams competed with only 15 receiving plaques and medals and an additional 19 receiving certificates.

"I am extremely proud of the cheerleaders and all of their hard work," said Dez Wark, Cheerleader Sponsor. "The community did an outstanding job supporting the cheerleaders and I am thankful for everyone's extra effort in remaining positive. This is an experience that will last a lifetime."



## Local Athletic and Academic Boosters for the 21-22 School Year

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## Golden Plains Wins WKLL Academic Contest



**Scholarship! Golden Plains seniors Kassie Miller, Morgan Wark, Lauren Patmon, and Wyatt McDonald are recognized during a home basketball game for their results on the WKLL league scholarship tests. (Photo by Judy Rogers)**

*By Judy Rogers*

Golden Plains High School once again performed well at the Western Kansas Liberty League Academic Contests on test taken in December. Although the league did not place schools or grades overall this year, Golden Plains scored the highest combined total for all four grades.

Taking the tests for the seniors were Lauren Patmon, Wyatt McDonald, Morgan Wark, and Kassie Miller. They placed first overall as a team. Patmon placed first overall among seniors. She was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Social Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Writing, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Reading, 4<sup>th</sup> in science, and 6<sup>th</sup> in Math. McDonald was 4<sup>th</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Math, 3<sup>rd</sup> in science, 4<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Reading. Wark placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> in Writing, 6<sup>th</sup> in Math, 9<sup>th</sup> in science, and 10<sup>th</sup> in Reading. Miller placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Writing.

Juniors testing were Breanna Rath, Sidney Taylor, Guillermo Aragon, and McHaley Carter. Rath placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall among juniors. She was 2<sup>nd</sup> in science, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Writing, 4<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies, and 5<sup>th</sup> in Reading. Taylor was 6<sup>th</sup> overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Writing, 4<sup>th</sup> in science, 8<sup>th</sup> in Reading, and 9<sup>th</sup> in Social Studies. Carter placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Math and 9<sup>th</sup> in Writing.

Sophomores participating in the testing were Landon Meier, Emma Weiner, Jordyn Fleckenstein, and Keyth Masoner. They placed first overall as a team. Weiner placed first overall among all sophomores in the league. She was 1<sup>st</sup> in science, 1<sup>st</sup> in Writing, 1<sup>st</sup> in Social Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Reading, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Math. Weiner also placed first as a freshman. "It's good to see so many of our students place well in the league in these tests," said Weiner. "It shows how hard we work in academics as well as athletics and what a great school we have." Meier placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Social Studies.

Among the freshman class, Dominic Stout, Madilyn Green, Wyatt Amlong, and Josh Rath were selected to test. They also placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall as a team. Stout and Green tied in several categories. Stout placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall among freshmen, 1<sup>st</sup> in Math, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Reading, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Social Studies, 4<sup>th</sup> in science, and 7<sup>th</sup> in Writing. "It was good to take these tests," said Stout. "It reinforced everything we have been learning at school." Green was 4<sup>th</sup> overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Writing, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Social Studies, 4<sup>th</sup> in science, 5<sup>th</sup> in Reading, and 8<sup>th</sup> in Math. Amlong placed 7<sup>th</sup> among freshmen, 1<sup>st</sup> in Social Studies, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Reading.



## Champions!

*By Judy Rogers*

The Golden Plains Middle School B-Team girls claimed the Western Kansas Liberty League Championship at the league tournament in Brewster on February 12. The girls played two round-robin games winning 20-14 over Northern Valley and 23-18 over Cheylin for the title. "I think we came really far from the beginning of the year," said Elizabeth Weiner, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. "We couldn't have done it without each other and the coaches' support. We really enjoyed improving through the year."

The girls, made up mostly of sixth graders and a few seventh graders, opened the first game of the day with 6 points holding Northern Valley to 2. The Huskies came back to outscore the Bulldogs 5-3 in the second, but the GP girls held a 9-7 lead at the half.

Following a break, the Bulldogs hit for 8 in the third as the defense held the Huskies scoreless. The Huskies again came back in the fourth outshooting the Bulldogs 7-3, but the Dogs held on for the 20-14 win. Lakin Wark led the Bulldogs with 13 points, including 3 three-point shots, along with Mayte Hernandez 4, Adilyn Meier 2, and Elizabeth Weiner 1.

The second game of the day was against the Cheylin Cougars. Golden Plains again opened the first with 6 points holding the Cougars to 4. Both teams posted up 2 points in the second as the Bulldogs held an 8-6 lead at the half.

The Dogs added another 7 in the third as the Cougars put in 4. Both teams worked hard to finish the game and the season with each team posting up 8 points in the fourth. The Bulldogs were able to stay on top with the win 23-18.

Lakin Wark again led the Bulldogs with 10 points. Elizabeth Weiner added 6, Adilyn Meier 4, Marisol Perez 2, and Mayte Hernandez 1.

The B-team girls finished their season with 6 wins, 4 losses and 1 tie. "At first, it was kinda rough," said Lakin Wark, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, "but I feel I played better at the tournament than I did all season. I worked at home as well as in practice to improve. I think Coach Smith did an awesome job coaching, getting us in shape, and pushing us to get better and better day after day. I miss having him coach us in track and hope he will continue coaching us throughout middle school."

"I got closer to the girls this season and I really liked how we all supported each other," continued Mayte Hernandez-Lopez. "We learned a lot about how the game is played and appreciate the coaches' patience with helping us learn. Even though Mr. Smith would yell at us, he did it in a nice way most of the time. I can't wait for next year."

"I miss basketball with all of my heart," added Wark. "I'm ready for next year!"

## Hawks Win Hansen Scholarships



**Ryan Heier, Tyrell Chapin, and Tyra Schultz each received a Hansen Career and Technical Education scholarship. These awards are \$4,000.00 and may be renewed for one year if students maintain grade point averages. (WHS photo)**

*By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor*

Every senior faces uncertainty about the future, whether to attend school, which school to attend, what major to choose, and how to pay for the post-secondary education. Three WHS seniors have a little less uncertainty about educational expenses. Tyrell Chapin, Ryan Heier, and Tyra Schultz each received a Dane G. Hansen Career and Technical Education Scholarship.

The scholarships are \$4,000 for one year and may be renewed for an additional year if the student meets the grade requirements.

Chapin, who plans to attend Cloud County Community College in the fall and major in wind energy, stated, "I appreciate the scholarship as it will kickstart my college goal."

Heier plans to attend NWTech in Goodland for a degree in precision ag, and Schultz will enroll in NCKTech in Hays to pursue nursing.

## Post Season Basketball Honors for Thunderhawks!

*By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor*

The Thunderhawks and Lady Thunderhawks saw much success in the 2021-2022 basketball season. Their effort and ability did not go unnoticed. Both teams earned WKLL post season awards.

Anna Godek and Livia Schultz, both seniors, and Karoline Schroeder, sophomore, earned a place on the WKLL 1st team. Junior Kerri Heier is a member of the 2nd team.

Brothers Trey and Jett Vincent placed on the 1st team, and senior Isaac Mendez is on the 2nd team.

Sports in Kansas has also announced post season honors for the boys. Junior Jett Vincent made the All-State 1st team, Trey made the All-State 2nd team, and Mendez received honorable mention.

Both Mendez and Trey Vincent will play in the All-Star game on Saturday, March 26, in Leoti, and in the upcoming annual All-Star Game in Colby in April.

Congratulations, Thunderhawks!



**L-R Anna Godek, Livia Schultz, Trey Vincent, Jett Vincent, Isaac Mendez, Kerri Heier, and Karoline Schroeder received post season basketball honors. (WHS photo)**

## Holocaust Exhibit

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Elementary, which was the Segregated all-Black school in Topeka that became the spotlight for the Supreme Court case and helped spearhead the desegregation of schools in the United States.

On Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18, the Hoxie High School juniors went on an overnight trip to Kansas City to see the Auschwitz Exhibit at Union Station and the National World War I Museum in Kansas City.

The Auschwitz exhibit featured over 700 items from the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp in Poland and is one of the many camps that implemented Hitler's "Final Solution" for the Jewish people, which was the systematic murder of millions of Jews. Many of these extermination camps existed, but the most infamous camp in Holocaust history is probably Auschwitz. Many of the items that the students were able to see had never left the camp before. It traveled to two places in America, New York, and Kansas City. It will go to another European city before being returned to the camp in Poland. For many of these students, this was a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the devastating impact that the Holocaust had on humankind.

On Friday, the students went to the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. In 2004, Congress declared the Kansas City WWI Memorial and Museum the National Museum for the United States. After WWI ended, several Kansas Citizens decided that they needed to build a memorial for those who sacrificed their lives overseas. It has a large collection of American and European artifacts from the Great War.

Students were able to see artifacts from WWI and get a better understanding of the impact that the war had on society. This war is often seen as a catalyst that launched the world into a second world war almost 20 years later.

## NHS Hosts Red Cross Blood Drive



**Don Randall gives blood at the NHS blood drive Tuesday, March 22. Sponsored by the NHS, community members supported the effort and donated 19 pints of blood. (WHS photo)**

*By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor*

NHS hosted a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, March 22. The chapter received excellent community support and collected 19 pints of blood, which met the goal WHS had set for the event.

Scholarship money is available from the American Red Cross if chapters meet their goals in both blood drives (fall and spring).

"Thank you to all students, faculty, staff, and community members that donated blood. We truly appreciate you helping the NHS with this service project. The American Red Cross reports that there is a critical shortage of blood supply, so the blood donated will truly benefit people in need." said Miss Wetter, NHS sponsor.

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## Groundwater Levels Fall Across Western and Central Kansas

Average groundwater levels across western and central Kansas fell by more than a foot in 2021, with the greatest declines in the southwest portion of the state, according to preliminary data compiled by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS).

The KGS, based at the University of Kansas, and the Division of Water Resources (DWR) of the Kansas Department of Agriculture measure about 1,400 wells every year to monitor the health of the High Plains aquifer and other aquifers in western and central Kansas. Those measurements showed an overall average decline of 1.01 feet last year. Most parts of the region saw below-average precipitation for the year, especially during the summer growing season for agricultural crops.

“The key takeaway is that 2021 started off very dry and, outside of the month of May, which is the last month most folks in western Kansas saw any measurable precipitation, dry conditions continued right into the summer and fall months,” said Brownie Wilson, KGS water-data manager.

## Educational Resource/Program—Kansas Garden Guide

Are you always on the hunt for fresh produce? Modern technology and agriculture production puts some very fresh products on the shelf at the grocery store. But if you’re a seeker of freshness, enjoy the outdoors, and are looking for a fruitful hobby this year, starting a garden at home might be the right choice for you! Don’t have experience? That’s OK too! Even if you’ve been gardening for years K-State Research and Extension’s Kansas Garden Guide (<https://bit.ly/3lM6CLK>) is a great resource for getting started and maintaining a successful and productive garden. Its contents cover everything from planning to harvest, and pest/disease control to watering. So take a few minutes to check it out and get your gardening underway.

## House Members Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Promote Biofuels

This week, Reps. Randy Feenstra (R-IA), Angie Craig (D-MN), Cheri Bustos (D-IL), and Ashley Hinson (R-IA) introduced the “Home Front Energy Independence Act”, which would make the year-round sale of E15 permanent, create a tax credit for higher biofuel blends, streamline E15 labeling, provide funding for E15 infrastructure, extend the biodiesel tax credit for three additional years, and ban imports of Russian petroleum products. “We have an opportunity to lower prices at the pump today for American drivers by increasing access to E15 fuel,” said Growth Energy CEO Emily Skor. “As gas prices across the country hit historic highs, higher blends like E15 have been selling for, in some instances, more than 50 cents cheaper per gallon.” Read more at <https://bit.ly/3NonTyl>.

## Meat the Future: Meat Tenderness

**By Jenilee Godsey**, Twin Creeks Extension District, Youth Agriculture Agent

This week I would like to share an article with you that I found interesting. It was written by Taylor Jamison, K-State Research and Extension News Writer.

Kansas State University meat scientist, Michael Chao, said a recent study on eight cuts of meat could help consumers identify more tender products in the grocery store, and better utilize fewer tender cuts at home.

“As less people possess the knowledge to properly handle tougher beef cuts today, this research can certainly provide consumers the confidence needed to handle those cuts,” Chao said. “Hopefully, it will also increase sales of lower quality beef cuts.”

Chao said the study analyzed eight meat cuts – ribeye roll, knuckle, flank, shoulder clod, chuck tender, eye of round, brisket, and top sirloin butt – for tenderness, based on three components: muscle fiber, fat content, and connective tissue.

Then, a trained panel of meat evaluators rated the cuts on their perception of tenderness.

Results from the study found that the three tenderness components did indeed correlate with the tenderness ratings from the panelists. Chao’s report included some notable examples:

Ribeye, flank, eye of round, and shoulder clod tenderness was heavily influenced by aging.

Brisket tenderness was affected by density of connective tissue within the muscle.

Top sirloin butt tenderness was affected by fat content.

“By understanding the main tenderness contributing factors of each cut, the industry can utilize this information to teach consumers the proper tenderness management strategy for each cut,” Chao said.

He said the findings could alter the way consumers prepare or cook your beef cuts. For example, Chao recommended not aging a tougher meat cut like brisket, but instead cook the cut in a pressure cooker to make it more tender.

Chao’s work was included in the research report for the 2022 K-State Cattlemen’s Day, held on March 4 in Manhattan. The report is available to view online through the K-State Research and Extension bookstore.

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## Online Bull Production Sale Begins April 4

The annual Colby Community College bull production sale is set for a three-day online bidding event beginning at 8 a.m. on April 4 and closing at 7 p.m. on April 6. Bulls are available for viewing on April 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the CCC Agricultural Center beef unit. Bidders must register before the auction begins.

The sale is hosted by DV Auction and features bulls from eight consignors representing breeds of Angus, SimAngus, Gelbvieh, Balancer, and Salers. The catalog and videos are available at <https://colby.dvauction.com/events/135080>.

For more information, contact beef program director Jori Steele at (785) 460-5465 or [jori.steele@colbycc.edu](mailto:jori.steele@colbycc.edu).

## State Conservation Commission Meeting April 5

The State Conservation Commission will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the K-State Southwest Research-Extension Center, 4500 E. Mary St. in Garden City. A virtual meeting option can be accessed on request.

In addition, a Research Plot Tour and discussion will be available on Monday, April 4, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., also at the K-State Southwest Research-Extension Center. A virtual option will not be available for the tour event.

The SCC consists of five elected commissioners; two ex officio members representing the Kansas State University Agriculture Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service; and two appointed members representing the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The KDA Division of Conservation consults with the SCC to protect and enhance Kansas’ natural resources through the development, implementation and maintenance of policies, guidelines and programs designed to assist local governments and individuals in conserving the state’s renewable resources.

To request a copy of the agenda or directions on how to participate in the online meeting, please contact the KDA-DOC at [kda.doc@ks.gov](mailto:kda.doc@ks.gov) or 785-564-6620.

## Chlorpyrifos Litigation Continues

The EPA is considering how to allow some continued used of chlorpyrifos. EPA said it is discussing with registrants the possibility of amended labels for chlorpyrifos products that currently allow both food and non-food uses. The insecticide cannot be used on food crops this growing season, the result of a court decision last year from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that found EPA had not complied with the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Grower groups have challenged EPA’s decision in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, arguing that EPA has ignored its own scientific analysis and that for many crops, there is no adequate substitute. Read more at <https://bit.ly/3uCuVQS>.

## USDA Updates Eligibility for Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has clarified the definition of a spot market sale and hog eligibility under the Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program (SMHPP), which assists producers who sold hogs through a spot market sale from April 16, 2020, through Sept. 1, 2020. Hog producers will also now be required to submit documentation to support information provided on their SMHPP application. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) will accept applications through April 29, 2022, which is an extension of the April 15, 2022, deadline previously set for the program.

USDA is offering the SMHPP in response to a reduction in packer production due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in fewer negotiated hogs being procured and subsequent lower market prices. The program is part of USDA’s broader Pandemic Assistance for Producers initiative and addresses gaps in previous assistance for hog producers.

“Since opening sign up for the Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program, we have heard from stakeholders and interested parties who have expressed concern and confusion about eligibility criteria, particularly as they related to the definition of a spot market sale and the definition of an eligible hog,” said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “We have clarified the intent and scope of this program to target assistance to hog producers who were hard-hit by the pandemic but have not been included in other forms of assistance. In updating the SMHPP, we are working to provide new, broader, and more equitable opportunities for farmers, ranchers, and producers.”

**SMHPP Program Updates**

When the pandemic disrupted normal marketing channels, including access to packers, producers sold their hogs through cash sales to local processors or butchers, direct sales to individuals and third-party intermediaries, including sale barns or brokers. The use of third-party intermediaries was the only available marketing alternative for many producers and are now included in SMHPP. The only direct to packer sales that are eligible for SMHPP are those through a negotiated sale. Hogs sold through a contract that includes a premium above the spot-market price or other formula such as the wholesale cut-out price remain ineligible. Hogs must be suitable and intended for slaughter to be eligible. Immature swine (pigs) are ineligible.

FSA will now require documentation to support the accuracy of information provided on the FSA-940 Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program application, including the number of hogs reported on the application that were sold through a spot market sale and how the price was determined for the sale.

SMHPP payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of head of eligible hogs, not to exceed 10,000 head, by the payment rate of \$54 per head. To ensure SMHPP funding availability is disbursed equitably to all eligible producers, FSA will now issue payments after the application period ends. If calculated payments exceed the amount of available funding, payments will be factored.

**Applying for Assistance**

Eligible hog producers can apply for SMHPP by April 29, 2022, by completing the FSA-940, Spot Market Hog Pandemic Program application, along with required supporting documentation. Producers can visit [farmers.gov/smhpp](https://farmers.gov/smhpp) for examples of supporting documentation, information on applicant eligibility and more information on how to apply.

Applications can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. To find their local FSA office, producers should visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](https://farmers.gov/service-locator). Hog producers can also call 877-

## Crop Updates

**Sorghum Checkoff Releases Weekly Sorghum Basis Snapshot**

The Sorghum Checkoff, with Southwest Agribusiness Consulting, released its weekly sorghum basis snapshot, available at [SorghumCheckoff.com](https://SorghumCheckoff.com).

**Export Report**

Last week, China made purchases of 5 million bushels of U.S. sorghum. Additionally, 5.2 million purchased bushels previously attributed to an unknown destination were denoted at purchased by China. Export shipments last week remained steady with 10 million bushels being shipped predominately to China with a small portion going to Mexico.

**Sorghum Quality Report**

Last week, The U.S. Grains Council released its 2021/2022 Sorghum Quality Report. Sorghum was reported, on average, graded above necessary requirements for the U.S. No. 1. Sorghum protein content was slightly up from last year’s crop. A total of 97 samples were collected from 13 different elevators located in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, and South Dakota and were analyzed by the Amarillo Grain Exchange and Cereal Quality Lab at Texas A&M University. View the report at <https://bit.ly/35hgZTK>.

## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

For the week ending March 27, 2022, there were 4.0 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 28% very short, 24% short, 44% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 30% very short, 31% short, 38% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 11% very poor, 21% poor, 36% fair, 29% good, and 3% excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 1%, near 4% for the five-year average.

Corn planted was 1%, equal to average.

## Kansas Cattle on Feed Up 2%

Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.51 million cattle on feed on March 1, according to the USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 2% from last year.

Placements during February totaled 430,000 head, up 13% from 2021.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 450,000 head, up 7% from last year.

Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS  
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of  
EDMUND L. HERL, Deceased.

Case No. 2021-PR-000018

NOTICE OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**  
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Darrin L. Herl and Dale L. Herl, co-executors of the estate of Edmund L. Herl, deceased, praying for a final settlement of said estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance for the services of the executor and attorney's fees and expenses; and also praying that the court determine the heirs entitled to the estate and the proportion or part thereof to which each is entitled, and distribute and assign the same to them in accordance with the provisions of decedent's will; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the executor be discharged and released from further liability.  
You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 11th day of April 2022, at 11:00 a.m. of said day, in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard.  
If you or someone in your household is at high-risk for severe COVID-19, then you should contact the Clerk of the District Court for reasonable accommodations for appearing.

/s/ Darrin L. Herl  
Darrin L. Herl, Co-Executor

/s/ Dale L. Herl  
Dale L. Herl, Co-Executor

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Commission Minutes  
3/22/22

Now on this 22nd day of March 2022, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Mike "Buck" Mader, Joe Bainter and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guest was Carolyn Meyer.  
At 8:00 a.m. Wes Bainter called the meeting to order.  
Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz presented information for baling wire. After discussion, Mader made a motion to approve purchasing 40 bundles of bailing wire at a cost of \$3,280. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0  
Herskowitz discussed the KDOT funding for bridge #56 located at 40E and 30-40S. Herskowitz feels everything should be contracted to repair this bridge.  
Bridge #58 located at 140S and 45-60E off the Park road is a bridge the county can do.  
The Elk Ranch bridge has been pushed back to an April 25 start date.  
Herskowitz was contacted by Bruce Ewers and Scott Foote regarding drilling grass seed on the feedlot road. Hoxie Feedyard obtained a drill and purchased grass seed and drilled it. Cost for seed was \$23,533.80. Wes Bainter made a motion to reimburse Hoxie Feedyard \$25,000 for seed and labor. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0  
Road & Bridge has done a little bit of shoulder work and elevation in the Angelus area. Will continue when it dries up a little bit.  
Adam Teeter will finish the six-mile project in April. He had to stop late last year due to the ground freezing.  
The new cell at the landfill is being expanded 100' to the north.  
Evan Turley tested last week for noxious weed certification. Should know results by the end of the week.  
Joe Pratt, County Attorney, stated the Resolution pertaining to the Opioid Settlement needed to be revised. Bracht had done it and it was in the Board's packets for review. Mader made a motion to approve and sign Resolution No. 22-54 pertaining to opioid settlements. Wes Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0  
The Board had received revised copies of the original

Contract for Sale with Britton Sealock pertaining to the land owned on Oak next to the Historical Society. This had already been approved, the legal description was cleaned up after the survey. The other phase of the project is purchasing the house, garage, and area east of what the County just purchased. Pratt had a Contract of Sale for this as well as a Lease Agreement in which Sealock maintains the home and pays for all utilities for a period of up to 18 months. Sealock was contacted and the Board will go and review the home at 10:30.  
Pratt stated two applications have been submitted to the Hansen Foundation for potential funding for the childcare projects.  
Three Treasurer Abatements were presented to the Board for approval and signature. By consensus, they were approved.  
The Board signed the letter of support for DSNWK.  
The membership dues for the Kansas County Commissioners Association in the amount of \$209 were approved to pay. These dues are based on population.  
The County will continue being a part of the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group (NWLEPG).  
Joe Bainter made a motion to continue with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development. 2022 dues for the County are \$4,843.00. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0  
The meeting moved to the Commissioners' Room to have a phone conference call with Walt Hill, Executive Director of High Plains Mental Health. Hill had submitted paperwork for the Board's review, which showed Sheridan County's data for High Plains Mental Health usage in 2021. Hill went through the reports and thanked the County for the funding they give. High Plains Mental Health is requesting funding of \$17,491.42 for 2023. Wes Bainter stated they appreciate everything High Plains Mental Health does for Sheridan County.  
Mader made a motion to approve the March 11, 2022 Payroll as presented. Wes Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0  
The March 8, 2022 Minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Joe Bainter and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0  
Mader made a motion, seconded by Joe Bainter, to approve the March 22, 2022 Warrants as presented. Carried 3-0  
Deb Kaufman, EMS Director and Brandon Carver, Sheriff

<b>Stats for City of Hoxie Coverage by the County as of 3/13/2022</b>
<b>Number of Tickets Issued for Court 4/13/2022- 17</b>
Speeding Tickets- 16
No Insurance Ticket- 1
<b>Number of Warnings- 21</b>
Speeding- 17
No DL- 1
No insurance- 2
Failure to Stop- 1
<b>City Ordinance Violations</b>
Illegally parked vehicles- 8
Public Nuisance- 2
<b>Number of City Cases pulled by the County- 7</b>
<b>Number of Tickets Issued for Court 5/11/2022- 10</b>
Speeding Tickets- 7
Driving without dl/suspended/revoked tickets- 2
No insurance Ticket- 1

came to the table. Luke Bracht, Quality Plumbing was also in attendance. Bracht was there to discuss the leaking pipes in the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Carver distributed photos of the leaking area. Bracht explained what was happening and the estimate of the repair. The pipes are in the ceiling and are dripping steadily. By consensus, the Board said get it done. Replace the line to the meter and keep the jail connected.  
Carver presented bids from Motorola in Great Bend and VLS Communications out of Collyer for four radios for law enforcement and vehicles, as well as eight radios for EMS and four ambulances. Joe Bainter made a motion to approve purchasing radios from VLS seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0. ARPA funds will be used to pay for these. Total cost is \$64,685.12.  
Chad Koster, CEO from Sheridan County Health Complex and Dominic Eck from Gilmore & Bell P.C. entered the meeting. The purpose of them being present was to complete the final paperwork for the permanent financing of the hospital's \$2,250,000 remodel project. Eck stated this would be financed for 30 years at 2 1/8% interest. Estimated annual payment is \$100,000. Eck continued by stating this is a revenue bond, solely paid by revenue from the hospital. Koster stated the final walk through would be the end of the week with touch-ups the next week. The plan is to have access to the rooms by the first week of April. Resolution No. 22-80 providing for issuance of hospital revenue refunding bonds was approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. All the appropriate documents were signed by the Board and Bracht.  
At 10:30 the Board, Pratt and Bracht convened the meeting to 1241 Pine to view the home the County is purchasing. The Board, Pratt and Bracht walked through the home. There was discussion about new windows, heating and air, and water leaking in the basement. At 10:40 the Board, Pratt and Bracht reconvened in the Courthouse foyer. There was discussion about the house condition. The Board would like Pratt to clarify whether the County would have access to the garage right away. Wes Bainter made a motion to purchase the house and garage located at 1241 Pine for \$140,000 and to approve the Lease Agreement allowing Sealock to remain in the house for up to 18 months. Joe Bainter seconded the motion. Carried 3-0  
The following warrants and payroll were reviewed and approved by the Board:  
General \$58,936.39  
Road & Bridge \$15,188.02  
ARPA \$80,000.00  
Spec Amb \$87,995.00  
Public Transp \$1,183.00  
At 10:54 a.m. with no further business, Joe Bainter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 8:00 in the Commissioner's Room.  
Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Wes Bainter, Chairman

Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
3/22/22

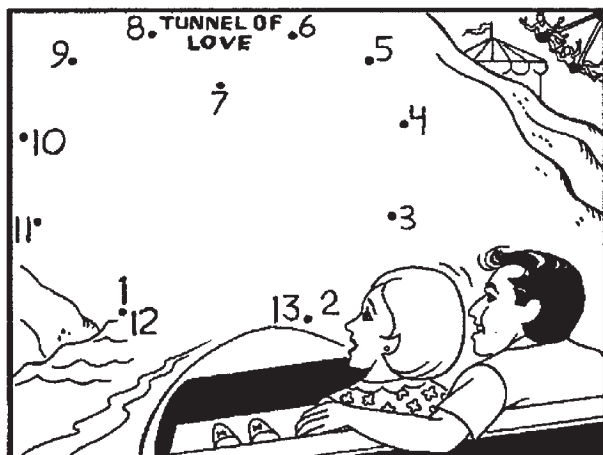
**Sheridan County  
Health Complex  
Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
February 28, 2022**  
Chairman Joy Bretz called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Members in attendance were Ken Eland, Mike Mullins, Lucille Heim, and Leanna Sloan (PFAC Representative). Also present were Chad Koster, Paul Davis, Mike O'Dell, Kyle Ahlenstorf, and Justine Wade.  
A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with no additional items. 5-0  
**New Business**  
Nurse staffing in acute was discussed.  
The Frontline Healthcare Worker Pay was discussed.  
Strategic Planning was mentioned. Consensus of the Board is to begin piecing together these meetings and bring back the compiled data to the Board for their review. Paul will lead this project.  
The firewall software through Yellow Dog is up for its annual renewal. Consensus is to renew at this time.  
A Public Health update was provided.  
Paul's departure date will be pending the execution of the Strategic Planning sessions. A motion was made to approve Paul Davis to continue being used on an "as needed" basis going forward. 5-0  
This year's County Election will have two spots available.  
A motion was made to approve the reappointment of Jill Stewart, MD, to Courtesy Staff and Karl Neuenschwander, DDS, to Consulting Staff. 5-0  
**Old Business**  
The Building Projects were discussed. The Revenue Bonds between SCHC and the local banks were discussed. A motion was made to approve the maturity of the CD at Peoples State Bank and use it towards payment of the revenue bond. 5-0 A motion was made to approve the purchase of the room pressure monitor systems in the amount of \$11,500 for 2 of our patient rooms. 5-0  
The plans for the LTC courtyard were reviewed. A construction manager for the master plan was discussed. The strategic planning sessions will be conducted prior to moving forward with the master plan as we re-evaluate our focus.  
The purchase of an OR Fluoroscopy Bed was revisited. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the OakWorks fluoroscopy bed as presented. 5-0  
Dr. Markiewicz, cardiology, has signed with Garden City. The approximate time frame is looking like sometime in May.  
**Department In-Service**  
The Quality and Risk Management data was reported by Teresa Poage. Annual confidentiality statements were signed by the Board members. Risk management data was discussed. A motion was made to approve the HIPAA manual along with the med staff by-laws binder as presented. 5-0  
The Long Term Care report

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<b>Enterpol Dispatch Calls for Service by Type Sheridan SO Dispatch History 01/01/2022 to 02/28/2022</b>	
<b>Traffic Stop:</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>911 Hangup, Miss Dial, Miscell:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>911 Call Transferred:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Abandoned Vehicle:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident-Street/Road/Hwy:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident - Personal Injury:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident - Property Damage:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle Accident w/Deer:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Alarm - Business:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Alarm - Residential:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>ANIMAL CALL:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Assist:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Attempt to Locate:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Attempted Break In:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Bar Check:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Burglary:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Business Check:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Case Management, F/U, Investig:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cattle Out:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pursuit/Chase:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Civil Dispute:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Counterfeit currency/documents:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>COURT - In Munic or Dist Court:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Civil Process Documents- Attempted:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Civil Process of Documents-Served:</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Unattended Death:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Disturbance - Noise:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Disabled Vehicle:</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Dog At Large:</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Domestic Disturbance:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Traffic/Driving Complaint:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Driving Under the Influence:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Ambulance Run:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Equipment Repair:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>General Escort:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Fingerprints Taken (non-criminal):</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Fire:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Officer Out of Foot:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Fraud:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Gas or Hazard Fumes:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Gas Skip:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Harassment (All Other):</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Harassment Telephone/FAX:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Creating a Hazard:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Hitchhiker:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Incident:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Intoxicated Subject:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>K-9 Deployment:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lost &amp; Found Property:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Maintenance--Fuel, Oil, Tires:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Open Door/Window:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Parking Complaint:</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Contact w/Public:</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Shooting Range:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Rape:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Reckless Driver:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Phone/Mail Scam:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sex Offense:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Special Assignment:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>EMS/FIRE/CIVIL STAND BY:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Stolen Property:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>STORM WEATHER LOGGING:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Suicidal Subject:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Suspicious Activity:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Suspicious Vehicle:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Lost/Stolen License Plate:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Theft:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Criminal Threat:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Traffic Control:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Training:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Criminal Trespass:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Unlock Vehicle/Building:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Vehicle Assist:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Interview:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Vin Inspections:</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Warrant Service:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Welfare Check:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>564</b>







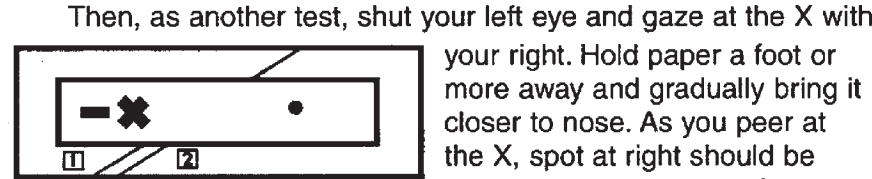
**TUNNEL VISION!** Just a few lines are needed to complete this amusement park scene. Add them quickly from dot to dot.

**TIME WARP!** A clock indicates the hour as 11:45. Question: If hands remain stationary and entire dial is shifted clockwise five minutes, what time will it be?  
It will still be 11:45, but clock will show 10:40.

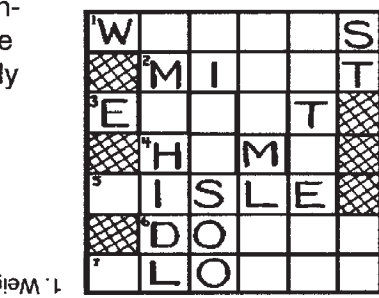
**SOUND OUT!** Seven skeletonized words in the diagram at right bear sounds similar to seven other words having different meanings. No. 1, for instance is **WEIGHS**, which has the same sound as **WAYS**. Challenge: See how quickly you can sound out subs for all seven.  
1. Ways 2. Mite 3. Ate 4. Him  
5. Isle 6. Doe 7. Phlox  
It shouldn't take more than 30 seconds to answer. Remember, words are soundalikes.

Junior Whirl  
by Hal Kaufman

**SEE HERE, AND/OR THERE**  
SEE if you can decide which of the two slanted lines, (1) or (2), is a continuation of the slanted line that appears at top. After making your choice, check out answer with a ruler or straightedge.



Then, as another test, shut your left eye and gaze at the X with your right. Hold paper a foot or more away and gradually bring it closer to nose. As you peer at the X, spot at right should be apparent, too, up to a point, whereupon it is likely to disappear. Move paper away and spot should return. Turn paper upside down and try it with other eye. Test is akin to an eye exam of one's visual field.



**MONEY TALKS!** The \_\_\_ postcard, \_\_\_ cigar, \_\_\_ novel, and \_\_\_ watch have all disappeared. Fill blanks with monetary amounts. Answer in 30 seconds, if you can.  
Answer: Penny postcard, five-cent cigar, dime novel, dollar watch will do it.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - ON THE FARM

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 did the farmers plant seeds in their ponds?**

ACRE	P	O	U	L	T	R	Y	A	H	S
ANIMAL	D	A	I	R	Y	I	T	B	D	O
BARN	G	O	S	S	G	R	U	A	O	Y
BUCKET	I	O	M	T	M	B	W	R	O	B
CORN	P	W	I	Y	U	A	T	N	F	E
DAIRY	O	E	L	C	L	R	R	M	I	A
FIELD	T	E	K	A	C	R	E	H	E	N
FOOD	A	E	I	L	H	O	S	E	L	R
FRUIT	T	A	N	I	M	A	L	O	D	O
GROUND	O	N	G	R	O	U	N	D	S	C
HAY										
HEN										
HOSE										
MILKING										
MULCH										
PASTURE										
PIG										
POTATO										
POULTRY										
SOYBEAN										
STY										

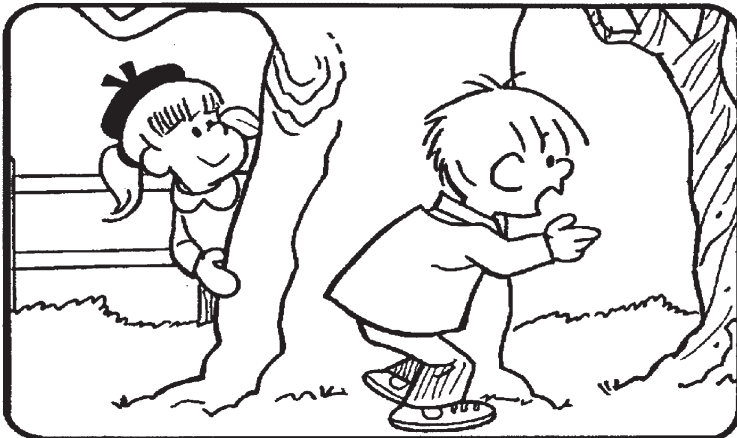
Riddle answer: \_\_\_\_\_

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hat is different. 2. Bush is missing. 3. Arm is moved. 4. Shift is different. 5. Valentine is missing. 6. Poster is missing.

CryptoQuip

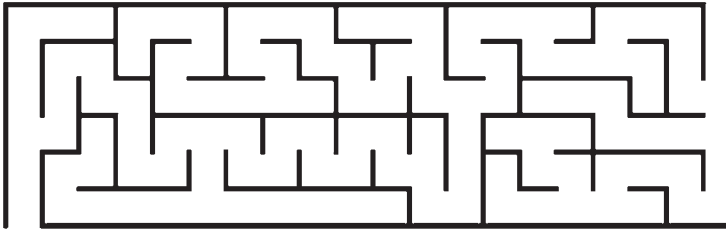
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals R

IHO HIVVR XJEQMX HI WVSMAI  
WMO GHI EMOP MX FOVZHQN.  
H'ZJ RMSJ QM QGHXP MW GHS VI  
QGJ WVKK FAN.

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Kids' Maze



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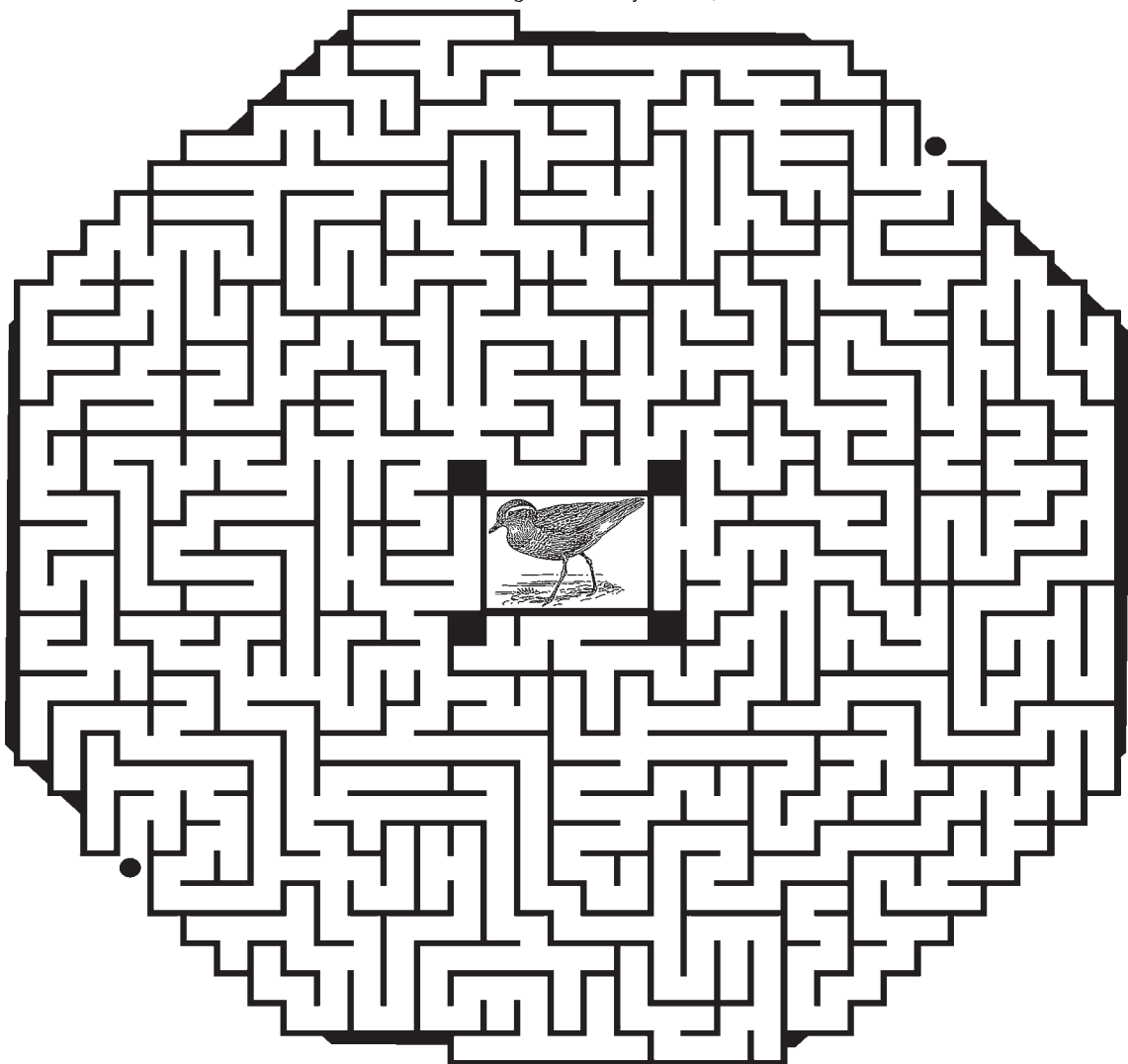
**SCRAMBLERS**  
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gap.

Common	PEACH		
Roller	TRACES		
Brawl	LAWNGER		
Delight	TASTER		

**TODAY'S WORD**

Mega Maze

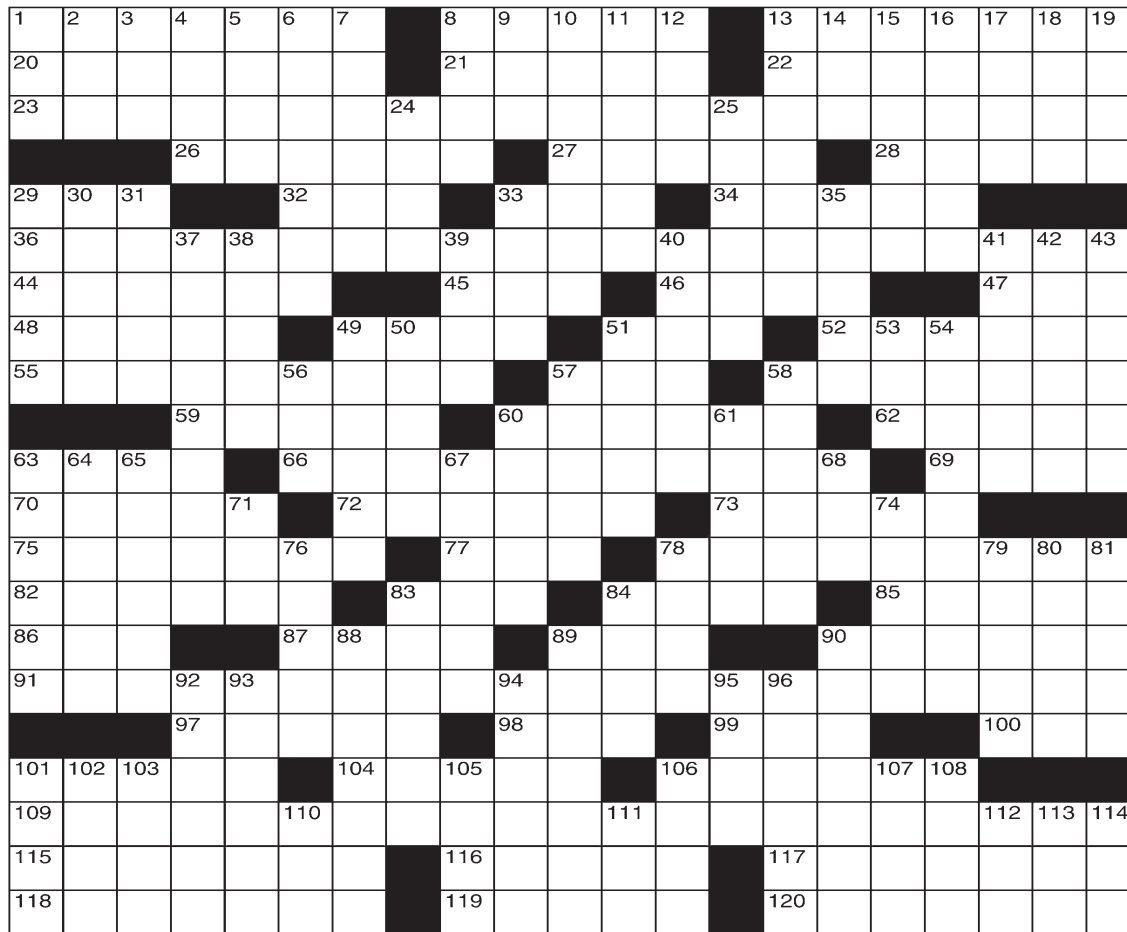
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Super Crossword

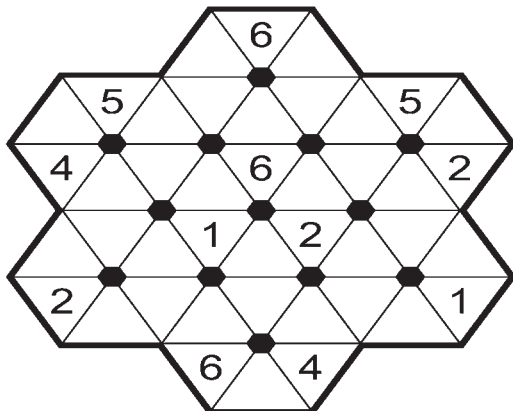
LOBBY GROUP

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hero-worship
  - 8 Not — (fair to middling)
  - 13 Gave a prize to
  - 20 Big name in cassette tapes, once
  - 21 Bad booze
  - 22 "Wouldn't It Be —" ("My Fair Lady" song)
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 Came after that
  - 27 Violin master Mischa
  - 28 Library no-no
  - 29 Aflame
  - 32 "Every day — new day"
  - 33 ETs' craft
  - 34 Brief tussle
  - 36 Riddle, part 2
  - 44 Not wholly
  - 45 "Cool" moola amount
  - 46 Bottom
  - 47 Pro-school gp.
  - 48 "Hi, Don Hol!"
  - 49 Tease in fun
  - 51 Store window info: Abbr.
  - 52 Smear all over
  - 55 Riddle, part 3
  - 57 — -bah (big wheel: Var.)
  - 58 Reach as far as
  - 59 "On the Beach" novelist
  - 60 Jimmy Dorsey hit
  - 62 More furtive
  - 63 "Uncle Moses" novelist
  - 66 Riddle, part 4
  - 69 Gen — (millennials)
  - 70 Rental for relocation
  - 72 Flip out
  - 73 Feudal toilers
  - 75 Novelty
  - 77 Miniver's title
  - 78 Riddle, part 5
  - 82 Moon of Neptune
  - 83 Be the victor
  - 84 Sci-fi sage
  - 85 Lasso part
  - 86 Suffix with east
  - 87 "Oh, really?"
  - 89 Country singer Tillis
  - 90 Charge to run a promo
  - 91 End of the riddle
  - 97 Firebug's crime
  - 98 Possible reply to "Are you sure?"
  - 99 "That's the guy!"
  - 100 Calendar spans: Abbr.
  - 101 Tehran native
  - 104 Candle parts
  - 106 Dominion
  - 109 Riddle's answer
  - 115 Barbuda's partner island
  - 116 — two (a few)
  - 117 Books filled with maps
  - 118 Most sharp
  - 119 Space of "3 Women"
  - 120 Pedicure target
  - 12 — McAn (big name in footwear)
  - 13 Format of AP Radio Network
  - 14 "Alas!"
  - 15 Lemmon/Wilder comedy
  - 16 Take hold again, as a plant
  - 17 Three, in Munich
  - 18 Yale alumni
  - 19 Bit of force
  - 24 Try, as a case
  - 25 Turkish VIPs of old
  - 29 Wash gently against, as the shore
  - 30 Novelist Calvino
  - 31 Dice toss
  - 33 Infantry division
  - 35 1990s fitness fad
  - 37 Tom Cruise's role in "Mission: Impossible"
  - 38 Get — start (not begin on time)
  - 39 "Sure, put me down for it"
  - 40 Not in the country
  - 41 Neck and neck, scorewise
  - 42 Fix at the vet's
  - 43 Eva, Magda and Zsa Zsa
  - 49 Objects
  - 50 Middle name of Emerson
  - 51 Rhino's pair
  - 53 Canon camera series
  - 54 Under oath legally
  - 56 Roman 106
  - 57 Odists, e.g.
  - 58 Swiss canton or its capital
  - 60 Reject rudely
  - 61 Lay new turf on
  - 63 Her niece is Dorothy Gale
  - 64 Shepherd once of "The View"
  - 65 Sounding like a crow
  - 67 Bad blood
  - 68 Prefix with cupid
  - 71 Zodiac feline
  - 74 Italian handbag brand
  - 76 Pouty states
  - 78 Shed feathers
  - 79 Composer Carmichael
  - 80 On the move
  - 81 Many minors
  - 83 Hot dog, informally
  - 84 Rural assent to a woman
  - 88 Feline in competitions
  - 89 Ailment with red spots
  - 90 Confess about
  - 92 Submit, as homework
  - 93 Emergency room sorting
  - 94 Waikiki wear
  - 95 "Alas!"
  - 96 Bites lightly
  - 101 "Out of Africa" writer Dinesen
  - 102 Bit of Viking writing
  - 103 Poker post
  - 105 Corp. money handlers
  - 106 "Climb — Mountain"
  - 107 Make mad
  - 108 Israeli statesman
  - 110 Frat letters
  - 111 Calendar spans: Abbr.
  - 112 Onetime foe of the USSR
  - 113 Waikiki wear
  - 114 Immigrants' class, in brief



SNOWFLAKES  
by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**WORD AD RATES**  
\$4.25 - first 20 words  
\$0.15 - per word after  
Deadline Noon Tuesday.

**DISPLAY AD RATES**  
\$5.90 per column inch  
Deadline Noon Tuesday.

**Septic Tank Pumping  
&  
Installation  
LARRY'S  
PLUMBING  
785-462-3458**

**FOR SALE**  
FOR SALE: Corn-Fed Beef ¼  
- ½ - whole. 785-675-8338, Steve  
Heim.

---11/TFN---  
FOR SALE: Corn-Fed Beef  
Quarters & Halves, Hamburger,  
Steaks. Processed at American  
Butcher's. Will deliver. Call Jonny  
Jones 785-675-8920.

---21/TFN---

## HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED:** Teachers,  
college education majors, or  
anyone interested in working with  
youth; the **Twin Creeks Extension  
District** is seeking an interested  
individual to fill positions in  
each Decatur, Graham, Norton,  
and Sheridan Counties. The  
position will last 12 weeks, from  
approximately May 23 to August  
12, 2022. \$17/hour plus program  
funding. For best consideration,  
apply online by April 8, 2022.  
For application information and  
further details, see [twincreeks.k-state.edu](http://twincreeks.k-state.edu), visit your local Twin  
Creeks Extension District office, or  
contact Patsy Maddy at [pmaddy@ksu.edu](mailto:pmaddy@ksu.edu). **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITY.**

---26/TFN---  
**HELP WANTED:** **Twin  
Creeks Extension District** is  
seeking a part-time 4-H Program  
Assistant based out of the Decatur  
County office. Position will work  
approximately 30 hours per week  
with more time expected during  
summer months, county fair, etc.  
This motivated professional will  
assist the 4-H Youth Development  
Program under the direction of the  
4-H Agent with special emphasis  
in Decatur and Norton. KPERs  
retirement and cellphone stipend  
available. For complete job  
description and application, stop  
by the Oberlin Office at 120 E. Hall



Decatur Health is accepting applications for the following positions:

**Day Nurse Aide/ CNA. Full Time  
(0.9 FTE)**  
**Environmental Services Tech. Full  
Time. (1.0 FTE)**  
**Radiologic Technologist. Full Time.  
(0.9 FTE)**  
**Radiologic Technologist. PRN  
MT/MLT. Full Time (0.9 FTE)**  
**MT/MLT. PRN**  
**Plant Operations. Full Time (0.9  
FTE)**  
**RN or LPN-IV Certified. PRN**  
**Nurse Aide/ CNA. PRN**

Competitive wages, benefit packages, and regular performance  
and salary evaluations.  
Apply in person or online at [www.decaturhealth.org](http://www.decaturhealth.org).  
This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

St. or the Norton Office at 113 N.  
State or visit [twincreeks.k-state.edu](http://twincreeks.k-state.edu). Applications and resumes  
required. Applications will be  
reviewed beginning April 8.  
Position open until filled. **EQUAL  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.**

---26/TFN---  
**HELP WANTED: Construction  
Craftsmen - Vap Construction**  
is seeking experienced and  
professional construction  
tradesmen to join our growing  
team. Successful applicants  
should have a general knowledge  
of all areas of residential and/  
or commercial construction,  
including operating power tools  
and running job site equipment.  
Vap Construction's residential and  
commercial construction division  
does new construction along with  
renovation projects, ranging from  
framing and drywall to flooring  
and cabinetry, and everything  
in between. Candidates must  
hold a valid driver's license and  
be willing to live and work near  
the corporate office in Atwood,  
Kansas, as well as travel to  
other locations in surrounding  
regions. Vap Construction offers  
competitive pay and benefits,  
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## Board of Trustees Minutes

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was given by Carrie Ashbaugh.  
Staffing in this department  
is currently in good shape.  
The courtyard plans were  
addressed. We have a few new  
resident admissions coming in  
the next couple weeks.

The FQHC report was given  
by Kyle Ahlenstorf. Encounters  
are increasing again. The  
Board was provided quotes for  
a mobile unit. The mobile unit  
would be paid for by a grant we  
have already received.

### Business Report

The Regular Board Minutes  
from January 24, 2022, along  
with the Minutes from the  
Special Board Meeting on  
February 3 were reviewed. A  
motion was made to approve the  
Regular Minutes from January  
24, 2022, and Special Meeting  
Minutes from February 3, 2022,  
as presented. 5-0

The Financial Statement was  
presented by Rebecca Bird. A  
motion was made to appoint  
Chad Koster as the Chief

batteries; Baldwin filters for cars,  
trucks, tractors, combines, etc.

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### Misc.

LONG DISTANCE

Executive Officer for Sheridan  
County Health Complex. 5-0  
A motion was made giving  
Chad Koster approval to sign  
contracts on behalf of SCHC,  
as well as permission to sign  
the CMS cost reports. 5-0 A  
motion was made to adjust the  
Online Banking Administrator  
Privileges for First State Bank  
to give privileges to Chad  
Koster and Rebecca Bird. 5-0

The bad debt write-offs were  
discussed. A motion was made  
to approve the bad debt for  
January 2022 in the amount  
of \$9,777.13 for the hospital  
and \$422.24 for the clinic and  
pursue in small claims for  
those within Sheridan and  
surrounding counties. 5-0  
A motion was made to

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approve the January 2022  
Accounts Payable in the  
amount of \$1,064,763.68. 5-0

The Treasurer's Report was  
discussed.

The Overtime Report was  
reviewed.

Grant submissions were  
discussed.

The Employee Update was  
given by Shelby Moss. A list  
of the open positions was  
provided to the Board.

The next meeting is  
scheduled for Monday, March  
28, 2022, at Oscar's beginning  
at 11:30am for the Annual BKD  
Audit Review.

A motion was made to  
adjourn the meeting at 4:22pm.  
5-0

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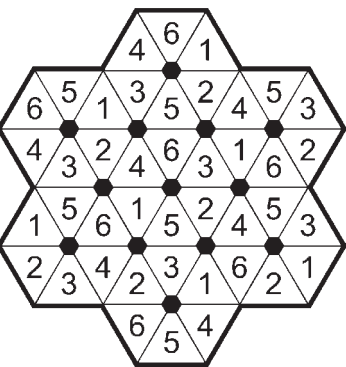
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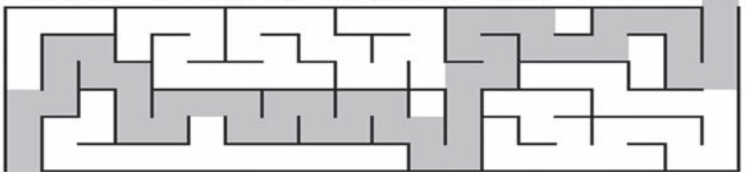
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**TEACHER**

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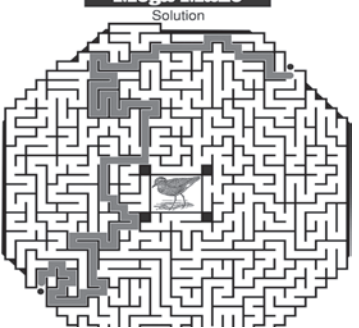
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### Kids' Maze Solution

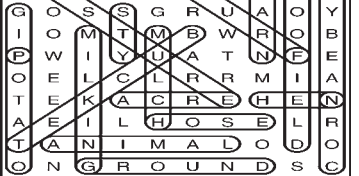


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