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## SCHC Gains New Clinic Manager



Kyle Ahlenstorf is the new Sheridan County Health Complex Clinic Manager. He grew up in Spring Hill, KS. He and wife, Elizabeth (Betsy), moved to Sheridan County a little over a year ago. They have 3 sons, Hank, age 5, and twins, Winston and Graham, age 2.

Kyle attended K-State to study Agricultural Education so he could teach and coach. He soon decided to change his major to occupational therapy or physical therapy and earned a degree in kinesiology. After graduating, he moved back to the Kansas City area to make a plan for Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy school and decided on Nova Southeastern, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

After earning a degree in Occupational Therapy, Kyle moved to Plainville, where he spent about a year. He spent a few years moving back and forth between rural settings and the Kansas City area, before making his way to Hoxie. Kyle worked in Colby as an OT before taking the job at SCHC.

The family likes rural better than city life, but wanted to be near family with the arrival of their children, especially with having twins. The last time in Kansas City lasted about a year before they began looking for rural opportunities, which is when he found the position in Colby.

The real goal for Kyle has been to get into administration. He will be finishing his MBA degree soon.

Kyle has some great ideas and plans for the future of the Sheridan County Health Complex. He likes the growth and evolution of the facility and that is part of the draw to him. One of Kyle's ideas is attracting more specialists so patients won't have to drive out of town for appointments. Kyle stated, "I've always thought that if a provider really cares about patients, they will go where the patients are." They would be able to see 10-15 patients, then go back home instead of patient having to drive. "Not that those who don't come, don't care," he added.

The specialties that Kyle would like to see first, once there is enough space to accommodate them, would be pediatric services and obstetric services - prenatal appointments, not delivery. This would help our community with accessibility and decrease time away from school and work.

The biggest challenge Kyle sees is the issues with staffing. There are so many opportunities in health care.

Kyle is looking forward to helping the Sheridan County Health Complex grow and evolve even more in the future.

## KFB 103<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN MANHATTAN



Lori Cressler, and Amy and Steve Seegmiller attended the 103<sup>rd</sup> Kansas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Manhattan as the voting delegates for Sheridan County.

Sheridan County Farm Bureau Association also made membership gain for 2021. Amy accepted the award money that will be used to promote ag education in local classrooms. (Photo by Susan May, Farm Bureau Association)

## Congratulations on the Promotion, Mr. Dole

By Shawn Larson, Editor & Publisher Cass County Citizens Journal-Sun

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Psalm 91

I had the pleasure of meeting Bob Dole in Kansas while working for *The Hoxie Sentinel* (now *The Sheridan Sentinel*), in Hoxie, KS about seven years ago. The idea of meeting a former US Senator, and a man who ran for president several times was pretty special. However, for me the occasion was somewhat personal and a little humorous.

I was fairly young during the Reagan years, also not quite old enough to vote when George H. Bush was first elected. So, I got my first taste of politics during the Clinton years. It was during Clinton's second run that I remember watching Bob Dole with hope that he would be able to go toe to toe with Clinton. That didn't happen, but that was when I became personally equated with Bob Dole. I would learn, regardless of his failed presidential runs he was someone to be respected and admired.

The first thing to know about Bob Dole was he was a war hero. "Former senator Bob Dole almost didn't make it to his 22nd birthday, let alone past his 90th. More than 70 years ago while on active duty in the hills of Italy during World War II, he was hit by Nazi machine-gun fire.

"Dole had joined the Army's Enlisted Reserve Corps in 1942 and soon became a second lieutenant in the 10th Mountain Division. On April 14, 1945, Dole's "I" Company of the 85th Regiment was attempting to take Hill 913 in their zone when they ran into intense enemy fire raking a clearing they had to cross. Dole threw a grenade at a machine-gun nest and dove into a shell hole.

"In his 1988 autobiography he wrote, 'I could see my platoon's radioman go down ... After pulling his lifeless form into the foxhole, I scrambled back out again. As I did, I felt a sharp sting in my upper right back,'" reported Military.com

NPR.org wrote that "Dole was in many ways the embodiment of the World War II generation in Congress. He had served in a combat division in Italy and suffered grievous wounds that kept him in military hospitals for years after the war. But despite losing the use of his right arm, he got through law school and became a public prosecutor, state legislator, representative and U.S. senator."

Dole, born and raised in Russell, KS, first role of political public service came when he was elected to the "House of Representatives in 1960. Then In 1968, Dole was elected to the Senate, where he served as chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1971 to 1973 and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee from 1981 to 1985. He led the Senate Republicans from 1985 to his resignation in 1996 and served as Senate Majority Leader from 1985 to 1987 and from 1995 to 1996. In his role as Republican leader, he helped defeat Democratic President Bill Clinton's health

## Grain Bin Rescue Class at Hoxie

By Steve Hirsch, Training Officer

Firefighters, EMT's, Dispatchers and Law Enforcement officers from Sheridan County trained last week at Hoxie for grain bin rescues. "Training is a priority for our firefighters, but we hope that we never, ever have to use the skills we learned last week at this class," said Fire Chief Wade Tremblay.

Kansas Fire and Rescue Training Institute instructors traveled to Hoxie on November 29 and 30 to teach local first responders the skills needed in the event that someone becomes trapped in a



grain bin incident. "There is so much on-farm storage of grain in Sheridan County in addition to our grain elevator operations, that the risk of someone becoming trapped in a grain bin is very real," said Chief Tremblay.

Sheridan County Farm Bureau donated the first grain bin rescue equipment to the department recently and that piece of equipment was used on simulated rescues. The department also recently received a grant from the Gary Sinise Foundation to purchase coffer dam panels and a drill powered grain auger. The department is waiting on word on another grant to purchase another piece of grain bin rescue equipment as well. The end result will be that the Sheridan County Fire Department will have grain bin rescue equipment stationed at their locations in Hoxie, Selden, and Menlo - and all without direct cost to the taxpayers of the fire district. The training was also provided without charge.

Chief Tremblay remarked, "The sooner we can deploy this type of equipment, the better the outcome potentially can be." Sheridan County Farm Bureau became the catalyst for the department's acquisition of equipment and getting the training needed. "Hoxie Implement was so kind to allow us to use their facility, which was climate controlled, well lighted, and spacious to enable us to host this class," said Chief Tremblay. Over 40 firefighters, EMT's, dispatchers and law enforcement officers from Sheridan County attended the training.

For more photos of the class and how a grain bin rescue would be accomplished, go to the Sheridan County Fire Department's Facebook page <https://bit.ly/3dhfo8J>.



## Angel Tree at Equity Bank



The Angel Tree at Equity Bank, Hoxie, still has Angels with wanted and needed gifts listed waiting to be chosen. The gifts will need to be back to Equity Bank by December 16 so there is time to pass them on to the Angels in need.



Bob Dole and Joshua Larson. (Photo by Mary Larson)

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<i>If you light a lamp for someone else it will also brighten your path.</i> Buddha	Reported on: Tuesday, Dec. 7 Corn 5.98 Milo 6.00 Beans 11.80 Wheat 7.87	Date High Low Moisture 11/28 72 42 -- 11/29 73 37 -- 11/30 68 33 -- 12/1 77 44 -- 12/2 79 41 -- 12/3 61 22 -- 12/4 55 31 -- Let It Rain!!	Community News 2-3 Now & Then 4 NWKS, State & Nat'l News 5 Sen. Bob Dole Tributes 6 School News 7-8 Wrestling 9 Agriculture 10 Public Notices 11 Fun Page 12 Classifieds 13 Business Directory 14	<i>Things are going to get better.</i> Be optimistic. Sen. Bob Dole



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## NEWS from the OUTSIDE with John Liestor

Sorry about missing last week. We've been super busy going to vendor shows with our store. But we did very well, and business is picking up so we are very pleased. I'd also like to thank everyone who stopped in during Winterfest. It was good seeing so many of you, and congratulations to Taylor Burris who won the shotgun shells!

Firearms deer season is in full swing now. I did get to hunt Friday afternoon and Saturday. And good job Tessie Adams! She's a very new hunter and a cousin from Goodland. Two years, two deer. You go girl! Your cousin is more than proud of you. Remember to always follow your instincts. It pays off more often than not!

Here's something that is driving me crazy. It's no secret that I love to goose hunt at Cheyenne Bottoms. I've been making at least one trip a year since the early eighties. This is, however, the longest amount of time the Whooping cranes have stayed there. They've been there over a month now. Usually, they'd be there for maybe a week to a week and a half. I guess it hasn't been cold enough to move them on south. I just hope the geese are still there when the cranes leave.

I'm also hoping that this cold spell brings more ducks and geese south. The birds that are here are getting very smart. It's getting rough to even get close. It's just depressing that the season is this far along and I've gotten one duck, and zero geese. But deer season is top priority right now for us. I have seen some amazing bucks taken this season! And to those who say there aren't any deer, you need to get out of your trucks and actually hunt.

Saturday, we hunted by Norton Lake, and somewhere between there and here Saturday night my deer cart was lost. So, if anyone sees it or has seen it please let me know. It's been an absolute necessity for me. Between surgeries and back injuries, I just can't drag deer anymore. This getting old stuff is for the birds!

On Saturday, Kansas and the country lost a great man. Bob Dole, you were one of the greats. A great politician, and more importantly a great friend. I've known Bob since I was a small child. He always had time to stop and talk with me, which was not often enough. I will miss you dearly my friend.

Do you all remember when this administration told us we only needed two weeks to flatten the curve? I said back then that they will keep stringing this out until we all grow tired and just give up our freedoms and rights. A lot of you said it was just a conspiracy theory and they'd never do that. But, yet here we are now. Yet another variant coming along to scare us with and try to destroy this country. Omicron is said to make you tired and sore. Damn, I've had it for 50 years then!! But it proves one thing. I and several others were right. I've also paid attention to see with the last two variants the ones getting sick are those of you who've been vaccinated. I'm so glad those shots worked out for you. And I will say right here and now that anyone foolish enough to take a vaccine that modifies your DNA, deserves what you get. I refuse to. I was born with this DNA, and I will die with it. And no Mad magazine reject like Fauci is going to force it on me. It just amazes me when the government and the media tell people to be scared, you all jump. Do you know what I'm afraid of? That enough of you

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The Jennings Lions Club will be serving soup and desserts at the Community Hall Saturday, December 11, from 11a.m to 1p.m. A Free Will donation appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend. Santa is unable to attend this year as he has important matters to attend to at the North Pole.

The Jennings City Library will hold a Book Fair on December 11 from 11a.m. to 1:30 pm. for a Free Will Donation.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Nelson. Bill died Saturday morning at the Norton County Hospital.

My daughter, Gwen Anderson of Angelus, came over Friday and went with me to the Oberlin Herald correspondence luncheon at the LandMark Inn. We all had a good time.

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**CHRISTMAS**  
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## Upcoming Area EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

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

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

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

**Blood Drive**  
12m Tuesday, December 14  
4-H Building

**UMW Cookie Walk**  
Hoxie United Methodist Church  
10am Thursday, December 16







# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM's Now & Then

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Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

**The Hoxie Democrat**  
**Friday, December 16, 1887**

Missing Issue

**125 Years Ago**  
**December 17, 1896**

Two double weddings in the vicinity between now Christmas is report.

A. J. Massingall, John Maxwell and Uncle Nate Simpson attended Masonic Lodge here Tuesday night.

Ike Teeters, of Solomon township, came in Tuesday for a hand-shake.

Robt Kirk, of Saline, favored these quarters with a short call Tuesday.

M. E. Thorpe and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Moore, of Macgraw.

Miss Maud Brooks is clerking in Colby & Beers' store and she is proving a good saleslady.

Commissioner Hill inquired into the initiatory degree of Odd Fellowship Saturday night.

Uncle Joe McMullen, Ab Summerson, Eck Hains and Ashely Cooper, all of Bow Creek township, marketed corn in town Tuesday.

Clyde Thompson, who will saw the cat gut at the Christmas ball has composed a piece of music, entitled; "Thompson's Overture."

Mrs. Talbott who has been very sick the past month, is, we are glad to note, much better and hopes are now entertained for her immediate recovery.

Thos. H. Harrold, of near Dresden, was down to Masonic Lodge Tuesday night. He reported that he and his brother had just completed the job of shelling 3,500 bushels of corn and still had 100 acres in the field.

VanEpps will have his gallery open December 26, for one day only.

Hon. Jos. A. Gill, of Colby, was in this city on legal business last Monday.

Editor McKenna, of Plainville, was in the city Sunday, the guest of Prof. Green.

T. M. Walker, of Alton, spent last Friday with Grover Walker and family of this city.

A Salina young lady who ought to know, says that while fashion may say tight sleeves shall be worn again, a girl will never abandon her big sleeves - there is altogether too much pleasure in having a young man poke them into her jacket.

Geo. S. Dryer, the noted proprietor of the Occidental Hotel at Grainfield, and a personal friend of the editor of this light of intelligence was in the city Monday paying taxes and attending to other business matters. George is one of those jolly good fellows well met and runs what is reputed as being the best hostelry in the west.

#### Selden Department

Considerable corn is being piled up in this section.

Monteith shipped a car of hogs on Tuesday last.

J. G. Rouse and family made a flying trip to Hoxie on Sunday last.

J. A. Henderson has been investing in hogs lately. He got 28 head from M. Wyant.

#### Seguin Squibs

Mr. Nundorf is shucking out his corn he raised in Bow Creek.

C. W. Lewis has finished burning fire guards and is now sowing wheat.

Dick Chaney, from Menlo, repaired the star school house last week, lightning struck the flue last summer.

John Leopold is going to start a blacksmith shop in Seguin next summer.

Sam Weller

#### Lucerne Items

Gus Shoemaker sold a load of hogs last week.

Tom Wilcox has bought the Shoemaker corn sheller and will shell your corn reasonable.

Miss Ida Vail, of Jewell county, is visiting with Mrs. Gus Shoemaker her sister for a short time.

Len Small has rented Mrs. llers place for the coming year and is moving here. We welcome you in our midst.

Limber Jim

**100 Years Ago**  
**December 8, 1921**

#### Gem Bank Robbers Make Confession

*They Give Some Light, it is Alleged, on the Menlo Bank Robbery.*

A representative of the Burns' Detective Agency, working out of Denver, caused the arrest of some parties at Colby, last week, who were ferreted out as having had a part in the attempted robbery of the Gem State Bank this fall.

One of the parties was taken to Goodland and lodged in jail and one was brought to Hoxie, the arrest being kept somewhat on the quiet order and the would be robbers were separated in order to sweat them. The young fellow brought to Hoxie held out all day Saturday and late in the evening made a confession of his part in the attempt to blow open the safe of the Gem State Bank and implicated four other parties, including his pal, who was taken to Goodland, and who we understand had already confessed, implicating the party at Hoxie.

#### High School Begins in Temporay Quarters

*Expect to be in the New Grade School Building in Ten Days.*

High school began Monday, the classes doing their reciting in the courthouse during the forenoons, or one-half of the day. We understand that the new grade school building will be completed within the next ten days, then both schools will move to it. It will crowd the building some, but in case of an emergency like what confronts the district now, through the loss of its high school building by fire, some sacrifices must be made for the benefit of the students.

District 19 will rebuild the high school building but it will be impossible to get one completed prior to the opening of school next fall.

#### Local News

C. W. Hedge spent a few days here the first of the week. He came up to pay his taxes and to visit with his brother, Dan, and family and among his numerous friends. He and his good wife are located at Morland where their children are in business and they are taking life easy. Mr. Hedge still owns his nice Bow Creek ranch and it would take a good-sized bank roll to get him to part with it.

Ye editor sold this week to the Texas Agricultural

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

College "Kansas Chief," our pure-bred Toggenburg buck. The utility of the milk goat is rapidly becoming known. The trustees of the county hospital for Cook county, Illinois, have recently made a report stating that several children confined there have been cured of tuberculosis and other have shown signs of marked improvement on a diet made up principally of goat's milk.

Grandi Brothers put on a three nights' engagement at the Legion Hall here last week and proved themselves to be good, clean entertainers and they have some good, heavy plays that leave something for the people to think about as they journey along life's pathway. They were unfortunate in their engagement here as a snow storm raged one evening, making it impossible for the country people to attend.

#### Northwest Prairie Dog

By Hooting Owl

Miss Margaret Simmons spent the week-end with Mrs. Agnes Semke.

Miss Vergie Pointer returned from Norton where she visited her cousin, Mrs. Viola McAfoos-Kearns.

Wallie Hines went down to Norton hospital again last week to consult Dr. Lathrop. Wallie's health is not as good as we would like to see it.

#### East Saline

By X. Y. Z.

Mrs. D. J. Miller has been having quite a time with blood poisoning in her hand.

Mrs. H. T. Corke has been ill the last week, suffering with neuralgia.

Miss Edith Trueblood who has been helping Mrs. V. P. Borger is home this week.

**75 Years Ago**  
**December 12, 1946**

#### Start Milk Delivery

Gilbert Ackerman started his new milk delivery route last week. He will deliver milk and cream each morning. Those wishing this type of service should call him at their earliest convenience to be placed on the delivery list.

#### Menlo School Notes

The members of the sewing class have finished their morning jackets. The girls' new project is the making of pajamas.

The Menlo basketball team beat Selden 43-20 in the game at Menlo Tuesday night, Nov. 26.

The junior play, "You Can't Fool Grandma," was presented at the school auditorium Friday evening, Nov. 29.

The high and grade schools completed their Junior Red Cross drive this week with 100 percent membership.

#### Youngsters Write Santa

Dear Santa:

I would like to have a B-B pistol and a cap gun, caps, a gun set, water gun, cowboy suit, bike, air plane that you can ride in. My sister, Marilyn, would like to have a bike, a wash machine, a magic skin doll, a piano, an autograph book, and candy. Please bring it if you can. Love, Marilyn and Dennis Collins

Dear Santa Claus:

Will you please bring Janet a little set of dishes. It is in Spiegels Christmas book number A on page 14.

- Arlice Hedge

Dear Santa,

I am a little boy six years old in the first grade. Please bring me a ferry-boat and some candy and nuts too. Please don't forget my little sister,

Kathleen.

- Your friend, John Kaus

#### Thimble Circle Club

The Thimble Circle Club met with Mrs. Addison Miller, Thursday, December 5 for an all day meeting with 7 members present. Teatowels hemmed and embroidery work was done for the hostess. A delicious dinner was served at noon. After a short business meeting club adjourned to meet December 19 with Mrs. W. A. Gates for our Christmas meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Karnes and Mr. and Mrs. John Treu and daughters ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Treu in their new home.

Mrs. Lizzie Wente arrived home from Seattle, Washington, Nov. 27.

#### Leoville News

Nick Kaus helped his brother, Bill, butcher a hog Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Jueneman and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jueneman and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Gene Fortin and Mrs. Frank Kruse called on Mrs. R. Jacobs and Mrs. Agnes Ritter Thursday evening.

#### Seguin Items

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mannebach and children spent Sunday afternoon at the A. W. Ziegler home near Park.

James Beckman spent a few days in Denver last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Renner were callers at the John Mannebach home Thursday evening.

Joe Koster, from Albuquerque, N. M., is a guest of the Nick Koster and Cy Summerson families.

#### Tasco Notes

The Tasco Community Club met Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Nettie Ackerman with 13 members present. Also two visitors, Mrs. Henry Ackerman and Mrs. P. C. Ackerman. Pillow slips were embroidered and rug rags sewed for the hostess. We will meet Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Anna Russell in Hoxie for our Christmas party.

Mrs. Bill Stevens, from Washington, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Schroeder.

Mike Stefan and Virgil Simonton helped Bert Hojda shuck his corn.

#### Morland News

Miss Mabel Shaw has resigned her position in the Morland high school and will leave on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Laura Shapley spent a few days with Mrs. McGuire, in Studley.

L. E. Pence, who fell over a month ago, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Vola Tingley, of Wichita, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Dodd.

#### Mickey's Want Ads

We have some very nice furniture that makes lovely Christmas Gifts.

Teacher: "Jimmy, name five things that contain milk."

Jimmy: "Butter, ice cream, cheese and two cows." Paper drapes at only 98c. Cranes curtain rods, paper and cloth window shades.

**50 Years Ago**  
**December 9, 1971**

#### Daughters of Isabella Met December 6

A large crowd attended the monthly Daughters of Isabella meeting on Dec. 6, beginning at 12 noon with dinner. Louise Kruse won the penny march. Congratulations go to Dave and Ilene Kruse at the birth of a son. Discussion was held on

the cleaning to be done before the Smorgasbord to be held Jan. 23. Helen Baalman suggested we remember Salome Dreiling, St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria, Kansas with birthday cards. Our next meeting is Jan. 3. - Reporter

#### High School to Present Concert

The vocal music department of Hoxie High School will present a vocal program in the high school gym on Monday, Dec. 13, under the direction of Mrs. Louise Voth and Donald Wittig.

#### Bowling Tourney Ends at Hoxie Lanes

The Hoxie Lanes open bowling tourney concluded during the weekend and the Centennial Bowl team from Oberlin won it with a score of 3042. The Untouchables of Hoxie placed second with 2956 and Dean's Conoco of Oakley was third with 2947.

#### Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Kruse and family of Littleton, Colo. visited relatives here Thanksgiving day. Mrs. Kruse's mother, Mrs. Mary Meitl returned home with them for a visit.

Mrs. Gene Fortin spent Thursday in Colby attending Parent's Day activities at the Colby Community College.

Mrs. Delma McCoy of Selden visited at the J. L. Spresser home in Dresden Sunday.

#### McGraw News

News is scarce this week because of stormy weather and muddy roads.

Warren Bainter and Jan Ryan visited Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter Friday evening.

The Victory Club Christmas meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Glen Lewis last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bainter visited Mrs. Ruth Bainter and Mrs. Nellie Bainter at Oberlin Wednesday.

#### Studley Items

Those who enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bell, Lois and Karen were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bell and Mrs. Clyde Cass of Hoxie, Mr. and Mrs. Olivell Colony of Norton, Mrs. Verlin Bell and children of Quinter, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bell of Pittsburg, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards and Terry of Studley, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Richards and children and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tanner and children, all of Hill City.

Mrs. Esther Brandt went to Denver Friday for an appointment with her ear doctor and to visit relatives. Dr. and Mrs. Warren Brandt met here there and accompanied her home for a visit.

Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Molly Davis Friday afternoon. Eleven members were present. Mrs. Beryl Covalt had charge of the lesson.

#### Mickey's Want Ads

Crossman pellet guns, Winchester rifles, both 22's and Centennials. Shot guns, single shots and repeaters. BB guns. Look them over.

Friend: "Junior, how do you like your new nurse?" Junior: "I hate her! I'd like to grab her by the hair and bite her on the neck - just like Daddy does."

A nice selection basket balls, volley balls, foot balls, tether balls, soft balls, some with nets.

**25 Years Ago**  
**December 5, 1996**

#### Internet Site Now Features E-mail

The Hoxie High School Internet site ([www.hoxie.org](http://www.hoxie.org)) continues to expand. During the past two weeks, mail software has been installed and setup to provide students and staff with individual electronic mail post office boxes. Individual students and staff, who desired a personal e-mail box at the "www.hoxie.org" site, now have one.

#### After 5 Club to Host Dinner Party

The High Plains Kansas After 5 Club cordially invites you to their dinner party "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at the Shepherd's Staff Conference Center, Main Street, Rexford.

"Here Come Santa Claus" is the feature, with Mike Wiens of Colby, who will load up his sleigh to bring his Santa Claus collection to share.

**Hoxie Christmas Lights Best in Northwest Kansas**

*Sheridan County Library - by Bookie*

I overheard that librarian talking about the beautiful Christmas lights in Hoxie. I decided to go downtown and see for myself, because she gets a little overexcited sometimes. But, she was right. I believe Hoxie does have the most beautiful Christmas lights in northwest Kansas! Thanks to the Chamber and the city of Hoxie for always decorating downtown Hoxie.

The Friends of the Sheridan County Library were notified that their grant for the Talking About Literature in Kansas from the Kansas Humanities Council was funded.

#### McGraw

Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann, and Kyle Broxson went to Colorado Springs this past week. They were visitors of their children, Kelly Warner and David Herrmann, from Tuesday through Friday. Thanksgiving Day, Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann, Kyle and David were dinner guests of Kelly, at her house.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Berndt and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewis spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lewis in Concordia.

#### Selden

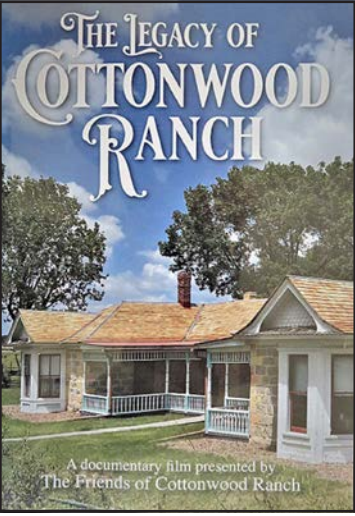
The Selden Lions Club Soup Day will be Dec. 7 at the Parish Hall. Homemade chili and vegetable soup will be served from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. There will be three drawings, one for \$150, one for \$100 and one for \$50. Theses will be redeemable at any Selden business. Santa will arrive at 1 p.m.

On Nov. 27, Rick and Tammy Shaw and their children, Cody, Casey and Corey; Steve and Joni and their children, Jessie and Jami; and Carol Shaw, went to Hoxie to Scott and Janet Shaw's to celebrate Carol's birthday and have an early Thanksgiving supper.

#### Rexford

The Red Barn was the scene of a Thanksgiving celebration for Jay and Nancy Dahl and their extended families. Jay and Nancy and their children, Tina, Linda and Tim, and their son-in-law, Robert Dunn, and all the grandchildren were joined by the John Cheney, Mike Peterson and Ellis Walker families, for a total of 27 family members and friends.





Cottonwood Ranch Documentary to Air on PBS Stations

The Legacy of Cottonwood Ranch, a new documentary film about the Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site, will air on both Smoky Hills PBS and PBS Kansas (Wichita) at 9:00 PM on Thursday, December 16.

“Showing it on PBS to an audience as big as theirs is truly a way to get the history of this part of the state to people who may not know or have any idea what is out here,” said Shirley Popp, long-time board member of the Friends of Cottonwood Ranch, a non-profit which supports the work of the Cottonwood Ranch State Historic Site with the goal of educating people about the settlement in Northwestern Kansas in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s.

The film tells of an English family’s immigration to Kansas and of the role that hundreds of unearthed glass photographic negatives, years of financial ledgers and the preservation of the Cottonwood Ranch structures themselves played in establishing the Ranch as a Kansas historic site.

“Because the story of Cottonwood Ranch is about a family and its connection to the surrounding community, it becomes more relatable,” said the film’s director, Ed Lowry. “Rather than being about a single battle, event or person, it is a story of immigration, entrepreneurship and perseverance that anyone whose family settled in this area can connect with.”

The film features Don Rowilson, who has served as curator of Cottonwood Ranch since it became a state historic site in the 1980s. “Don’s breadth of knowledge about not only Cottonwood Ranch, but the area and the state is expansive,” said Lowry. “That knowledge combined with his unique character and storytelling style makes for an entertaining educational experience.”

Along with the documentary airing on PBS, it is also available on DVD for \$5.00 plus shipping if needed (contact Tony Haffner, 785-675-3833 for details). The film will also stream on a Cottonwood Ranch YouTube following the PBS premiere date.

“To have it on a DVD is truly a valuable compilation of this area’s history to share and share in the years to come,” added Popp. “Probably my biggest takeaway from watching it was truly understanding the families and putting the history altogether.”

For further information contact Tony Haffner, 785-675-3833.

Tyson Receives National Conservative Legislator of the Year Award

Republican candidate for State Treasurer, Senator Caryn Tyson received national recognition as conservative legislator of the year for her leadership and work on Property Tax Transparency, Senate Bill (SB) 13. Tyson researched and led an effort in Kansas to stop automatic tax increases solely due to property valuation increases. SB 13 is being used as model legislation by other states.

Tyson was humbled and honored for the recognition. She stated, “For years Kansans have been facing continued increases in their property taxes, being left with little to no say, resulting in some opting to leave Kansas rather than continue to pay high taxes. With the passage of SB 13, the shell game of who raised your property taxes will end. Local property taxing authorities will have to vote at a public meeting to raise property taxes in order to collect more money than the previous year.” Tyson went on to thank others, “solutions of this magnitude do not occur in a vacuum. It takes a team of people, many of us who spent time and effort.” Tyson drew upon her business experience to create and implement this system in Kansas.

Next year, county clerks will mail a letter providing notice of any proposed monetary increase. The letter will include the date, time, location, of the public meeting officials of a taxing authority will be voting after a public comment period. It will allow taxpayers and taxing authorities an opportunity to be heard before increases are voted on. The letter will also include the proposed maximum increase above the revenue neutral rate, the previous year’s tax amount, an estimate of the current year’s proposed tax amount, and other information.

Taxing subdivisions failing to comply with the notice and hearing procedures are required to refund any property taxes collected in excess of the revenue-neutral rate.

In addition to Property Tax Transparency SB 13 prohibits an increase in the appraised value of real property solely as a result of normal repair, replacement, or maintenance of existing structures, equipment, or other improvements on the property.

Caryn Tyson has math and computer science degrees from Kansas State and an engineering management degree from KU. After graduating K-State she began working in the Information Technology industry and continued working in this field for more

FHSU Fall Commencement Set for December 17-18

Fort Hays State University will recognize approximately 1,300 graduates during its third annual fall commencement Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17-18.

Graduates who have chosen to participate in person will be honored in two ceremonies on Friday at Gross Memorial Coliseum (GMC). All graduates will be recognized in two virtual ceremonies Saturday.

The ceremonies will begin on Friday for undergraduate, master’s, and Ed.S. candidates in the Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship at 8:30 a.m. Central time, followed by the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and the Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics.

The 11 a.m. ceremony will feature the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and the College of Education for undergraduate, master’s, and Ed.S. candidates.

Saturday’s virtual ceremonies will begin at 8 a.m. for the Ed.S. and master’s students. The undergraduate virtual ceremony will follow at 10.

All ceremonies – in-person and virtual – will be broadcast on Central time and will be located on the Tiger Media Network and the FHSU Facebook. An individual is not required to sign up for a Facebook account to view the ceremonies.

Recordings of the virtual ceremonies will be archived on the FHSU YouTube channel, with the link provided on the commencement website on the “Summer/Fall Graduates” tab.

Graduates of FHSU Online graduates will be treated to come-and-go receptions Friday and Saturday.

Those wishing to participate in either reception should RSVP here by Friday, Dec. 10. Graduates can request faculty and staff they would like to meet within the RSVP form.

Masks are not required for the in-person ceremonies, but they will be available at each door, along with sanitizer.

The in-person commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live at <https://bit.ly/3dtTVYT> and the Fort Hays State Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/3ouoNPi>.

The commencement schedule, maps, directions, links to accommodations in Hays, and general information can be found at [www.fhsu.edu/commencement/](http://www.fhsu.edu/commencement/).

Federal Court Blocks Vaccine Mandate for Federal Contractors

A federal court today blocked a third vaccination mandate imposed by the Biden administration, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Georgia today granted a motion by Kansas and other plaintiffs to place a temporary injunction on the administration’s policy that required employers to impose COVID-19 vaccine mandates on their employees as a condition for receiving federal contracts. Schmidt and six other state attorneys general filed the lawsuit October 29, arguing that the mandate exceeded federal authority. The preliminary injunction is in effect nationwide.

“Federal courts continue to recognize that these overreaching, one-size-fits all mandates from the Biden administration are unlawful,” Schmidt said. “I continue to encourage Kansans to be vaccinated, but that personal health care decision should be made by each individual and not mandated by the federal government.”

In today’s ruling, the court found that the executive order “goes far beyond addressing administrative and management issues in order to promote efficiency and economy in procurement and contracting, and instead, in application, works as a regulation of public health, which is not clearly authorized under the Procurement Act.”

In other lawsuits Schmidt filed, courts have previously blocked the mandate from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration that applied to private employers with more than 100 employees and the mandate from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that applied to employees, contractors and volunteers in health care facilities.

In addition, a new state law enacted last month requires all employers, both public and private sector, to accommodate employee requests for relief from COVID-19 vaccine requirements on medical grounds or the ground that the requirement would violate a sincerely held religious belief of the employee and for religious requests forbids employers from “inquiring into the sincerity of the request” by the employee.

A copy of today’s ruling regarding the federal contractor mandate is available at <https://bit.ly/3DChN73>.

than 30 years.

Caryn’s work included space shuttle support for NASA where she received awards for achievement and teamwork. Caryn is serving her third term in the Kansas Senate. She served one term in the Kansas House and is presently the Chair of the Tax Committee, one of most important committees in the Kansas Senate.

As one of the leading freedom fighters in the Senate, Tyson works diligently for smaller, smarter government and to stop wasteful spending. Caryn and her husband, Tim – both fifth generation Kansans – own and operate Tyson Ranch in Linn County, established in 1871 by Tim’s great-great grandfather.

Select Incoming Kansas Freshmen to Receive Free Tuition Scholarship

For the first time, Kansas State University Salina Aerospace and Technology Campus will award tuition-free scholarships for one year to eligible incoming freshmen from the state of Kansas. At this time, K-State Salina is the only public institution in the state of Kansas that is offering a free year of tuition.

K-State Salina is expanding its Experience Scholarship to a full year. Previously, this scholarship supported 75 students with a free semester of tuition. The success and enthusiasm of this initiative allowed it to be expanded.

The campus plans to award the Experience Scholarship for the fall 2022 semester to more than 100 incoming freshmen who graduated from a Kansas high school. Eligible students will be enrolled in one of K-State Salina’s engineering technology, aviation maintenance, unmanned aircraft systems, applied business or social work degree options.

“We believe very strongly that our learning style is a great fit for many high school students in Kansas, so we once again offered this scholarship,” said Christopher Smith, executive director of enrollment management and new student engagement. “This incredible opportunity allows freshman students to become involved and engaged in their degree program while not having to worry about tuition costs.”

The Experience Scholarship is another example of how generous donors invest in students. K-State Salina CEO and Dean Alysia Starkey is pleased Kansas students have the opportunity to earn in-demand degrees.

“Support like this ensures higher education remains accessible and affordable,” Starkey said. “The degree programs offered by K-State Salina are critical for advancing economic growth of the state.”

Students must apply and be accepted to K-State Salina to be eligible for the Experience Scholarship. To learn more, contact K-State Salina Admissions at 785-826-2640.

Smoky Hills PBS Announces Annual PBS KIDS Writers Contest

The annual PBS KIDS Writer’s Contest is now underway. The PBS KIDS Writers Contest is designed to promote the advancement of children’s literacy skills through hands-on, active learning. The Contest empowers children in grades K-3 to celebrate creativity and build literacy skills by writing and illustrating their very own stories.

“Smoky Hills PBS is committed to helping children build valuable literacy skills through fun, hands-on opportunities to express their creativity and explore their imagination,” said Haley Gagnon, Special Events Coordinator of Smoky Hills PBS. “The PBS KIDS Writer’s Contest is a great way for children to use their imaginations by writing their own story and illustrating their own story. It’s amazing to see the ideas these young children come up with.”

How the Contest Works

Starting now, children in central and western Kansas can submit their entries to the Smoky Hills PBS KIDS Writers Contest by mailing their original story, along with an entry form, to Smoky Hills PBS. SHPBS will select local winners and award prizes and trophies in the spring of 2022. Additionally, local winners will be highlighted on SmokyHillsPBS.org and their stories will be featured in a special presentation of contest winners. This special presentation of winners will be shown on air and online. The deadline to submit stories is March 4, 2022.

For more information on entry rules and contest resources visit SmokyHillsPBS.org.

Thank you to Equity Bank for making this year’s 2022 PBS KIDS Writers Contest possible!

Smoky Hills PBS serves 71 counties in central and western Kansas and has been named the KS Association of Broadcasters Non-Metro Station of the Year. Smoky Hills PBS is available on many cable systems, DirecTV, and Dish Network. It is also available to stream by clicking here: [video.smokyhillstv.org/livestream](https://video.smokyhillstv.org/livestream). More information on Smoky Hills PBS and its programs and projects are available at [www.SmokyHillsPBS.org](http://www.SmokyHillsPBS.org) or by calling 1-800-337-4788.

How to Get Your New Baby’s Social Security Number

By James Feyerherm, Social Security District Manager in Hays, KS

Welcoming a baby to your family is an exciting time. Doing paperwork, even for something as important as a Social Security number for your newborn, is probably one of the last things you want to do. We’ve made it easy. If your child is born in a hospital, the most convenient way to apply for a Social Security number is at that hospital before you leave.

When you give information for your child’s birth certificate at the hospital, you’ll be asked whether you want to apply for a Social Security number for your child. If you answer “yes,” you will be asked to provide both parents’ Social Security numbers. Even if you don’t know both parents’ Social Security numbers, you can still apply for a number for your child.

There are many reasons why your child should have a Social Security number. You need a Social Security number to claim your child as a dependent on your income tax return. You may also need a number for your child if you plan to do the following for your child:

- Open a bank account.
- Buy savings bonds.
- Get medical coverage.
- Apply for government services.

You can find more information by reading Social Security Numbers for Children at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10023.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10023.pdf).

Please share this information with people who are having a baby. Applying for a Social Security number at the hospital will save them time and let them focus on their new bundle of joy.

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## Sen. Marshall Statement on Passing of Bob Dole

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. issued the following statement on the passing of Senator Bob Dole:

“Today, Kansas and our entire nation are heartbroken having lost a giant with the passing of Senator Bob Dole. As one of the heroes from our greatest generation, you would be hard pressed to find someone with a bigger heart and more resilient than Senator Dole. He was an American hero, a statesman of the highest order, and one of the greatest legislators of all time.

“While he had incredible negotiating skills and was tough as nails, it was his huge heart and ability to work across the aisle that constantly led the way and delivered results for all Americans. For him, it was always more than politics, it was about being a positive influence for our nation and the world.

“I will forever be humbled and honored to follow in his footsteps here in Congress. Each day I walk the halls of the Capitol, I recognize the boots I wore in the House and now in the Senate, were once worn by Senator Dole and on days like this, those boots look mighty large. There is no doubt, Laina and I are blessed to consider him as one of our greatest role models, a mentor, and a dear friend.

“Senator Dole always imparted the best advice to me, which was to ‘always remember where you are from’ and when there is ‘any problem too big, just go listen to the people of Kansas – they will give you the answer.’ He was forever a Kansan who always put service above self and was profoundly dedicated to bettering the lives of all those in our great state.

“On this difficult day, I join all Kansans in lifting up and praying for God’s comfort and peace for Elizabeth and Robin and all the Dole family and Dole team – for the path forward without Senator Dole as our leading statesman will remain difficult each passing day.”

## Governor Kelly’s Statement on Passing of Senator Dole

The following statement is attributed to Governor Laura Kelly regarding the passing of Senator Bob Dole:

“I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Bob Dole this morning. Senator Dole was many things -- a war hero, a father, a husband, a public servant; and to Kansans, a man who embodied everything good and decent about Kansas and about America.

“In public office, Senator Dole was always a voice for Kansas. However, his work in the Senate also had a profound impact on all Americans. Most notably, his efforts to protect Social Security in 1983 and to ensure passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, which transformed the lives of those living with a disability.

“Senator Dole’s legacy goes far beyond the walls of Congress. He was a larger-than-life presence in our nation’s politics and demonstrated a decency, a humility, and a civility that should serve as a model for those of us in public life.

“My thoughts are with his wife, Elizabeth, his family and all those who loved Bob Dole.”

## LaTurner Issues Statement on the Passing of Senator Dole

Congressman Jake LaTurner issued the following statement:

“Today, Kansas and our nation lost a devoted statesman, a role model, and a true American hero.

Senator Dole was the very personification of service and never wavered from his passion for a better and stronger America. Senator Dole will always be an inspiration to me as I serve Kansas, and his legacy will live on forever.

Suzanne and I are praying for his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Robin, and the entire Dole family. God Bless Bob Dole.”

## Additional Plans Released for Bob Dole’s Funeral Which Include Memorial Services in Kansas

by: Ryan Newton

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WICHITA, Kan. (KSNW) – Sen. Bob Dole’s funeral plans are now set. Dole died Sunday in his sleep at the age of 98.

On Thursday, Dole’s casket will lie in state in the U.S. Capitol as congressional leaders honor the former Republican presidential candidate and World War II veteran who served in Congress for 36 years.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Washington National Cathedral. It will be live-streamed via the Washington National Cathedral’s YouTube page. President Joe Biden will join former presidents, current and former Congressional leaders, and Dole’s family members and close friends for a private memorial service.

Following the service, Dole’s casket will pause at the World War II Memorial on the National Mall for a public ceremony honoring his life and military service. The U.S. Army Band will perform. Remarks will be delivered by Gen. Mark A. Milley, Tom Hanks, and Savannah Guthrie. Sen. Elizabeth Dole will lay a wreath in her husband’s honor.

Initially, plans were released on the Dole Institute of Politics website to honor Sen. Dole in Kansas at multiple locations on Saturday. Late Tuesday, the Elizabeth Dole Foundation released the finalized remembrance events for Sen. Dole.

Following the WWII Memorial ceremony, the late Senator and his family will be transferred to Joint Base Andrews, Md. for his final trip home to Kansas. A departure ceremony will take place at approximately 2:35 p.m. The Senator’s casket will arrive at Salina Regional Airport the evening of December 10 and will be received by a Kansas delegation led by Governor Laura Kelly.

On December 11, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., a public viewing will be held at St. Mary Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Russell, Kansas. A service will be held at 11 a.m., with tribute remarks from Senators Pat Roberts, Jerry Moran, and Roger Marshall. The public will be invited to pass by the Senator’s casket following the service to pay their respects. At 1 p.m., Senator Dole’s casket will depart.

On December 11, 4 p.m., Kansas Governor Laura Kelly and a delegation of Kansas officials will receive Senator Dole’s casket at the Kansas State Capitol. Kansas ROTC cadets will provide an honor cordon as the Kansas National Guard Casket Team carries the Senator’s casket to its position of repose on the second level. A public ceremony will take place in the Capitol Rotunda and will

## The Nation Mourns the Loss of Sen. Bob Dole

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) today issued the following statement after the passing of former Kansas Senator Bob Dole:

“Senator Bob Dole will be remembered as a true American hero and an exemplary statesman – a man who chose what was right over what was convenient. Whether it was on the battlefield, in the halls of Congress, or in his everyday life, Senator Dole’s passion and dedication to his fellow Kansan and to his country was a steady reminder that a single person can make a difference and change the world.

“Robba and I mourn his passing, but we also celebrate his incredible life. Senator Dole was raised in Russell, Kan., before serving in World War II where he earned two Purple Hearts. He then spent a remarkable 36 years on Capitol Hill, rising to become Senate Majority Leader and leading significant legislative achievements, including the American with Disabilities Act and the Dole-McGovern Food for Education program. Known for working toward commonsense solutions over partisan ones, he became the first Kansan since Dwight D. Eisenhower to be the Republican nominee for president.

“Even after retiring from Congress, he rarely missed an opportunity to greet Kansans during their Honor Flights that took them to the World War II Memorial he helped make a reality in Washington, D.C. He personally thanked each of them for their service, making these veterans’ experience all the more memorable. He also continued to be a leader on ending global hunger and was awarded the 2008 World Food Prize. Throughout his life, he exemplified the ideals, sacrifice and tenacity of the Greatest Generation.

“On the floor of the United States Senate, I use Senator Dole’s desk, and I am regularly reminded of his tireless commitment to Kansas values while being, first and foremost, a statesman who treated others with respect and kindness. I am honored to have known him, to have learned from him and to have considered him a good friend and mentor. Robba and I are praying for Senator Elizabeth Dole and the entire Dole family and team.”

## Rep. Tracey Mann’s Statement Honoring the Life of Senator Bob Dole

Rep. Tracey Mann (KS-01) released the following statement honoring the life and legacy of Senator Bob Dole:

“America has lost a statesman, a noble war hero, and a service-minded Kansan who never forgot where he came from. Senator Bob Dole died peacefully at the age of 98, having left his district, state, and country better for his many contributions over 79 years of public life.

In WW2, Bob Dole was struck in the back and nearly killed by a German shell just months before the war ended. He was expected to die, but he lived. He was told that he would never recover from his injuries (which included paralysis from the neck down), but his unquenchable spirit carried him through. He simply refused to take “no” for an answer and chose to fight for his life and recovery, the scars of which he carried with him for the rest of his life. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star for his military service.

Before he became a United States Senator, Bob Dole was the congressman representing our Big First District of Kansas. After serving in the House of Representatives for eight years, Kansans sent him to the United States Senate where he served for 27 years, acted as the majority leader twice, and became his party’s nominee to the highest office in the land in 1996. It’s inspiring and humbling to stand on the shoulders of such greatness from Russell, Kansas.

I was blessed to spend some time with Senator Dole a few weeks ago. His love for Kansas and its people were on full display in his excited curiosity about our plans for the Big First. He was a thoughtful, committed, and energetic champion for our nation and our way of life in rural Kansas. He always treated others with respect and kindness – especially his fellow veterans as he attended nearly every Honor Flight that came to D.C.

I left our time together inspired and commissioned as Sen. Dole made it clear that we must never forget where we come from. He knew, deep down, that the heartbeat of our Nation is found in places like his hometown of Russell. His legacy will echo into the future, and his patriotic spirit serves as a benchmark for anyone who believes that our brightest days are yet to come. Thank you, Senator Dole, for working tirelessly to make the world a better place – may you rest in peace.

My prayers and gratitude for Sen. Dole go out to his family.”

include remarks by Governor Kelly, Senators Roger Marshall, Jerry Moran, Nancy Kassebaum Baker, and former Congressman James Slattery.

After the service, Senator Dole’s casket and family will return to Washington, D.C. Senator Dole’s internment details are forthcoming.

The Dole family requests that cards be mailed to:

The Dole Family

700 New Hampshire Ave, NW

Washington, DC 20037

In lieu of flowers, the Dole family requests that contributions/donations be made to the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics (<https://bit.ly/3rLorFO>)

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## Mr. Dole

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care plan,” noted Wikipedia.

“President Gerald Ford chose Dole as his running mate in the 1976 election after Vice President Nelson Rockefeller withdrew from seeking a full term. Ford was defeated by Democrat Jimmy Carter in the general election. Dole sought the Republican presidential nomination in 1980, but quickly dropped out of the race. He experienced more success in the 1988 Republican primaries but was defeated by Vice President George H. W. Bush. Dole won the Republican nomination in 1996 and selected Jack Kemp as his running mate. The Republican ticket lost in the general election to Clinton, making Dole the first unsuccessful major party nominee for both president and vice president. He resigned from the Senate during the 1996 campaign and did not seek public office again after the election.”

On Sunday, December 5, it was reported at the age of 98, Bob Dole went to be with the Lord. Throughout the news Sunday, Dole was regarded warmly by people from both sides of the political spectrum.

“Bob was an American statesman like few in our history,” said President Joe Biden, who served with Dole in the Senate. “A war hero and among the greatest of the Greatest Generation, and to me, he was also a friend whom I could look to for trusted guidance, or a humorous line at just the right moment to settle frayed nerves.” NPR.

“Laura and I are saddened by the passing of a great patriot, Senator Bob Dole. This good man represented the finest of American values. He defended them in uniform during World War II. He advanced them in the United States Senate, and he lived them out as a father, husband, and friend. Our entire family benefitted from that friendship, including my father. I will always remember Bob’s salute to my late dad at the Capitol, and now we Bushes salute Bob and give thanks for his life of principled service. Laura and I send our heartfelt condolences to Elizabeth and join our fellow citizens in prayer for her comfort.” BushCenter.org

For me, today, when the report came in about his death, I began to look back on my special experience with Mr. Dole. Dole became humorously personal to me when my oldest son, Joshua’s, first words were “Hi, I am Bob Dole.” I remember him running through the house proclaiming the words to our astonishment. My wife, Mary, and I had no idea how a year-plus old would have any idea who Dole would be, let alone know his name. For weeks we were baffled when my wife and I figured it out...

During the early 2000’s I was a closet talk radio junkie. I lived in Colorado, then, and liked to listen to Rush Limbaugh and other conservative radio personalities. Dole then was a regular contributor to talk radio and a sponsor for Viagra. His commercial would start by saying, “Hi, I am Bob Dole.” Years later, Mr. Dole was at the courthouse to speak in Hoxie, where we had the opportunity to tell him the story. Dole was a gracious man and took a picture with my son, Joshua.

One of the things I remember most about the event was that at ninety-plus years old he still had spunk and a heart for conservative values. I also remember his physical struggles with his disabilities from the war. However, even at ninety it would not keep him down. “Although Dole himself often makes light of his maimed right arm and his hospital stay, recalling his ‘bedpan promotion’ to captain, in reality his recovery took him through several hospitals, nine operations, and over three years of rehabilitation and recuperation. He learned to write with his left hand and to rely on that arm, since his other cannot be used.” Military.com

Now, at 98 years old, Bob Dole got a new promotion, after living a private but sincere Christian Faith he will go home to the Lord. He will now be free of those disabilities that in this life never let them hold him back. Congratulations Mr. Dole on your new promotion.

## KFB President Rich Felts’ Statement on Passing of Sen. Bob Dole

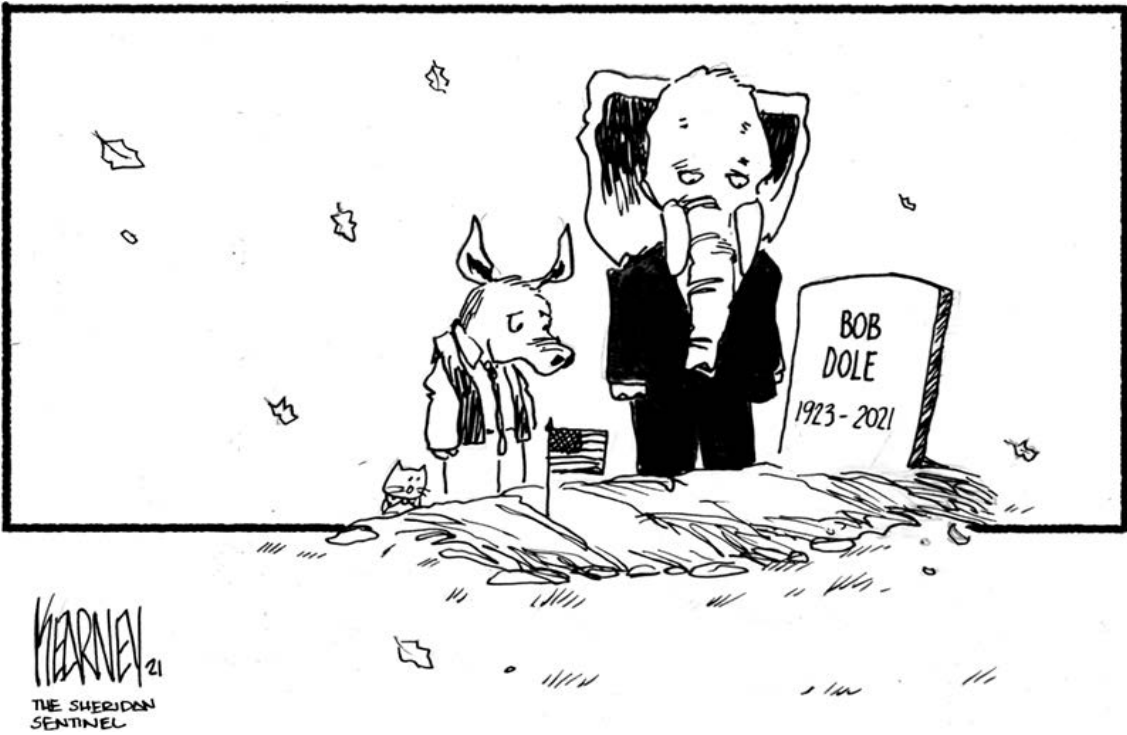
The following is attributable to Kansas Farm Bureau President Rich Felts:

“Kansas, and the world, has lost a giant. We are deeply saddened by the passing of Sen. Bob Dole, one of Kansas’ favored sons, a war hero and statesman whose influence spanned farms to foreign affairs. Sen. Dole was an exemplary public servant who successfully balanced principle with pragmatism to represent the interests of Kansans and the country. We offer our deepest condolences to Elizabeth and family.”

## AG Derek Schmidt’s Statement on the Passing of Senator Bob Dole

Kansas Attorney General Derek and Jennifer Schmidt issued the following statement in connection with today’s passing of Senator Bob Dole:

“America has lost a national hero and Kansas a favorite son. A powerful example of the courage and integrity of the Greatest Generation, Senator Dole dedicated his life - in the military and in elected office - to selfless service to his beloved country and his fellow Americans. Jennifer’s and my prayers are with the family of this extraordinary person. God bless America.”







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## MS Boys Play First Games of Season

By Jamie Graves

The Golden Plains Bulldog Basketball team opened their season on Tuesday, November 16 at Oberlin. Both the A and B teams lost to the Decatur Community Red Devils.

The B-team started off slow. Javier Romero made the first point of the game for the Bulldogs with a free throw in the 3rd quarter. The Red Devils soon after made a quick 12 points in the 3rd quarter also. Romero came back and made an additional two points leaving the final score 3-12. “We need to improve our defense and dribbling,” said Christian Garcia. “It was fun to be able to play both games.”

The A-team started off the game behind nine points with a score of 2-11. They came back in the second quarter and scored nine points making the score 11-13 at half. Five of the points were made by Diego Perez. During the second half, the Bulldogs scored six points, making the final score 17-40 with a win for the Red Devils. “We have a really good team this year,” said Diego Perez, “but we need to work on our lay-ups and our defense.”

The Bulldogs next game was on Thursday, November 18 at Logan/Palco at 4:00 pm.

## Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

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The Kansas Masonic Foundation will award 190 scholarships to students going to Kansas schools. Your counselor can share a brochure or go to <https://bit.ly/3ElrvMp>. Highlights include the General Scholarship, where ten \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending KU, KSU, WSU, WU, FHSU, ESU, and PSU. The Cynthia Ruth Russell Memorial Scholarship is for the same schools, but for up to \$5000 for students with medically approved disabilities.

And there's more: Ten \$500 scholarships to each of the seven Kansas Technical Colleges and twenty-five \$500 scholarships to any of the nineteen Kansas Community/Junior Colleges. The deadline for premier scholarships at Wichita State just passed, but you can still get in on many offers.

At <https://bit.ly/3rzDbHR>, you can access ScholarshipUniverse, which helps you sort out all scholarships outside of WSU that might help you. They also have a net price calculator, so you can find out what money you have already earned (be sure you sent your FAFSA results to WSU). You do not have to decide right away what school you are attending, but to make the best choice you need to apply everywhere you are interested.

The Kansas State priority scholarship deadline has already passed, but to keep up to date with everything you need to do as a senior applying there go to [www.k-state.edu/admitted](http://www.k-state.edu/admitted). Freshmen are required to live on campus. To get your request in for a specific hall or living situation you want to apply as quickly as possible when residence hall contracts go live December 7. Go to [www.housing.k-state.edu](http://www.housing.k-state.edu) for more info. The Deadline to apply is December 10, but there are still work-study opportunities available for second semester (2022) in the Nex-Generation program. And participants can receive a \$500 stipend. There are internships in Woodworking, Animal Care, Medicine, History, Agriculture, Accounting, Event Planning, Missions, Recreation, and more.

Find out about careers while you are still in high school and make connections for the future. Go to <https://bit.ly/3n2n4Of> for all the details now!

The Missouri Welding Institute will host its annual Welding Competition on January 27 for high school students and January 28 for vocational students. First place will be a Full Tuition and a welder at MWI, value of over \$20,000. Second and third place are partial tuition and smaller tools, with lesser tools for 4th and 5th. Each participant will receive a \$1000 scholarship and a welding jacket. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3pnGOHf> or call 800-667-5885.

Through Carnegie Mellon's Summer Pre-College Programs, rising juniors and seniors in high school have the opportunity to experience a world-class education on a beautiful, vibrant college campus. Programs prepare these students for their upcoming college experience, help them narrow their career focus, and build critical knowledge and skills.

Free summer programs are offered in Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science, and Math/Science. There are other classes you have to pay for (scholarships available) in architecture, art, computational biology, design, drama, writing/culture, and National High School Game Academy. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3ofcuWL>.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

December 10: Rudd Scholarship Deadline

December 31: Deadline for CCC Accelerated Tuition Scholarship

Jan. 7 (2022): Registration deadline for Feb. 12 ACT test

Feb. 25: Registration deadline for April 7 ACT test

March 4/5: Final Fine Arts/Communications Audition Day at Butler CC

March 15: Deadline for Kansas Masonic Foundation (190) Scholarships

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

May 6: Reg

## For the Books

By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor

For the first time in Thunderhawk history, Wheatland's football team advanced to the state championship game, November 26, 2021, in Newton. Although the season started off with a rough defeat by the Axtell Eagles of 62-16, the boys took this as a wake-up call. They came to a realization that Axtell was a good team and was a team they wanted to see at the state championship game. That is what they used as their motivation for the next eleven games. Through the rest of the season, the boys were undefeated, winning against Kinsley 58-34; Stockton 63-8; Quinter 58-26; Wallace County 65-12; Logan-Palco 50-0; St. Francis 46-0; Tri-Plains-Brewster 55-20; South Central 50-0; Bucklin 53-22; and South Barber 46-0

Then came substate week and the boys faced the Victoria Knights. This is the team that ended their season last year. They knew exactly what the Knights were bringing. After coming out strong in the beginning, the boys were ahead by half. They had the help of the crowd in the stands and other people throughout the community. This was one of the firm foundations that helped them make it thus far. Once they defeated Victoria 42-30, the boys knew they were getting the revenge game against the Axtell Eagles in the state championship game.

The state battle stayed very close in the first half, with the halftime score of Eagles 20-Wheatland 12. Axtell scored 24 more points in the second half, while the Thunderhawks scored one more touchdown. Junior Jett Vincent received seven passes for 147 yards; one of those passes resulted in a touchdown. The other two touchdowns were rushing touchdowns by senior Isaac Mendez. Senior and quarterback, Trey Vincent, completed 178 passing yards. However, the final score was Axtell 44-Wheatland/

Grinnell 18.

Season totals show the good work this team achieved in the 2021 year. Senior Isaac Mendez ended with 2,069 total yards and 41 touchdowns, senior Trey Vincent ended with 505 rushing yards, and 2442 passing yards, and junior Jett Vincent ended with 1,341 receiving yards and 18 touchdowns. Mendez scored 398; junior Treven Humphries received 328, and senior Ryan Heier 253.

Junior Nathan Vollbracht said, “State was a good experience; it didn’t turn out the way we wanted it to, nothing to hang our heads about because we gave it our all and made history”.

Head Coach Jesse Vincent said, “I’m proud of the boys and how they improved over the course of the season. We had a few things not go our way and got beaten by a really good team. I look forward to the momentum this game should give us towards the future.”

The football team thanks family, friends, and the community for the outpouring of support throughout the season. It is much appreciated.



The Senior boys are walking out for the coin toss as they get ready to compete in the very first state game for Wheatland. (WHS photo)

## MS Boys Play in Damar

By Keyth Masoner

The Golden Plains Middle School boys traveled to Damar to take on the Logan-Palco Trojans on November 18. Both A-team and B-team lost to the Trojans.

In the first quarter, the Bulldogs scored 5 points, whereas the Trojans started with 11. The next quarter, the Dogs put in 6 more points, as the Trojans gained 2, keeping them in the lead. During the third quarter, the Bulldogs added 9 points, while the Trojans extended their lead with 11 more. In the final quarter, the Bulldogs gained a final 5 points whereas the Trojans ended the quarter accumulating another 7 points, winning 29-25. “It went pretty good,” said Ezekiel Weiner, 8th grade. “We put in a lot of effort. We played a good game but came out short.”

The B-team only had a game with two quarters. The Bulldogs were unable to score in the first quarter, but the Trojans gained 4. During the second part of the game, the Bulldogs earned 4 points as the Trojans added 7 for the 11-4 win. “The team needs to practice working together,” said Tanner Black, 8th grade. “Passing the ball and getting to post are our main areas of flaw.” The boys will play their first home game against Triplains/Brewster in Rexford on December 6.



## School Calendars: Dec. 11-Dec. 18, 2021

### Hoxie USD #412

Saturday, December 11

FHSU KMEA Honor Choir

9am V WR @ Clay Center Tourn.

9am JH-B BB @ Phillipsburg Tourn.

6pm V BB @Purple & Gold

9:30pm JV/G WR @ Onega Tourn.

Sunday, December 12

2pm Hoxie Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

Monday, December 13

4pm JV SB @ Norton

4pm JH BB vs Oakley

7pm BoE Meeting

Tuesday, December 14

6pm K-6 Concert

7:30pm 7-12 Concert

Thursday, December 16

5pm JH BB @Norton

6pm V WR Dual vs Plainville

Friday, December 17

End of 2nd Nine Weeks

4pm JV/V BB vs Hill City

Saturday, December 18

10am V WR @Goodland Tourn.

7pm Max Haverfield & Company

Christmas Program

### Golden Plains USD #316

Saturday, December 11

All Day-KMEA District Honor Choir

All Day-HS BB @ Sagebrush/Brewster

Monday, December 13

4pm MS Basketball vs Quinter

Thursday, December 16

4pm MS Basketball @ Northern Valley

Friday, December 17

End First Semester

Dismiss @ Noon

6pm HS Basketball @ Western Plains/Healy

Saturday, December 18

8pm HS Christmas Dance

### Wheatland USD #292

Monday, December 13

7:30pm BoE Meeting

Tuesday, December 14

4pm HS BB @ St. Francis

Friday, December 17

4pm HS BB vs Northern Valley

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



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## Hoxie Scholar's Bowl Team Take Third at Hill City



Placing third at the Hill City Scholars Bowl Tournament are sophomore Levi Gleason, freshmen Brenden Cook and Nathan Snyder, sophomore Elyssa Rucker, junior Maddy Snyder, and senior Troy Swint. (HHS photo)

Hoxie High School took a team to the Hill City Scholars Bowl Tournament on Monday, December 6, 2021. Hoxie's team consisted of Troy Swint, Maddy Snyder, Elyssa Rucker, Levi Gleason, Nathan Snyder, and Brenden Cook. The team took third place in the tournament. They were defeated by Osborne who took second place, and Hill City who took first place. Other teams at the tournament were Ellis, Plainville, Stockton, and Trego. Hoxie's highest scorer was Troy Swint with 115 points.

Next scholars' bowl tournament is Monday, December 13, 2021, at Norton Community High School. This is a JV tournament.

## BULLDOGS OPEN SEASON AT HOME



**Tip-Off!** Golden Plains senior Alex Gonzalez (1) tips the ball to open the Bulldogs basketball season in Rexford on December 3. The Dogs got off to a good start but lost their momentum as the fell to the Weskan Coyotes. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

*By Judy Rogers*

The Golden Plains Bulldog basketball team opened their season with a home game against Weskan in Rexford on December 3. The Bulldogs got off to a strong start but were unable to maintain their momentum falling to the Coyotes 19-54.

The Bulldogs started the game with five seniors on the floor including Alex Gonzalez, Ethan Weiner, Fabian Cepeda, Roberto Loya, and Garrett Carter. Although Weskan put in the first basket, Gonzalez quickly answered with one for the Dogs. The Coyotes scored again only to have Cepeda hit a three for a Bulldog lead. The Coyotes then went on a 9-point run before the Dogs could score again. The first quarter ended with a 17-9 Coyote lead.

The Dogs continued to work hard in the second but only added four more while the Coyotes extended their lead 24-13. They Coyotes took over in the second half adding 17 while holding the Dogs to six. The Bulldogs were unable to make a single basket in the fourth as the Coyotes claimed the win 54-19.

Gonzalez led the Dogs with seven points with six added by Cepeda. Ethan Shea put in three, Ethan Weiner two, and Roberto Loya one. "I was glad to get the season started," said Gonzalez. "We were missing two posts and look for them to return next week. We will continue to work on our fundamentals."

The Bulldogs will enter the Sagebrush tournament in Brewster on December 7 as they play Triplains/Brewster in the opening game.



Senior Jaidlyn Harvey operates a heavy-duty machine during the Glassman Trip on November 23. (WHS photo)

## Christmas Concert Projects



**Working Together**—Golden Plains Fifth Grader Taitum Roach works with Kindergartener Henry Gaede to make Christmas ornaments in preparation for the upcoming Christmas concert during a combined classroom project in Selden. (Photo by Justine Tuttle)

## MS Girls Open Season in Oberlin



**Strategy!** The Golden Plains Middle School girls discuss their game plan with Coach Travis Smith during a time out during their first game of the season in Oberlin. (Photo by Valeria Ortiz)

*By Luz Aguilar*

The Golden Plains Girls Middle School Basketball Team had their first game of the season on November 16 at Oberlin, Kansas. The A team lost their game 9-36 against Oberlin, but B-team won their game 9-8 over the Decatur Community Red Devils.

The A-team started their game off strong with a three-point shot from Braylee Knowles but fell behind 3-11 by the end of the quarter. The second quarter went by fast with the Bulldogs making 2 points and Oberlin 8 for a 5-19 half time score.

At the end of the third quarter, the score was 9-24. The Bulldogs were unable to score in the fourth losing to the Red Devils 9-37. Braylee Knowles finished the game with 5 points, with 2 apiece from Laure Moore and Katie Carter. "Something we all need to work on is communication," said 8th-grader Anaïs Cepeda, and moving the ball."

The B-team started their first game strong with good defense by both teams. Elizabeth Weiner made the first shot of the night in the second quarter sending the crowd wild. As the game went on the Lady Bulldogs didn't lose their spirit and kept shooting points on Oberlin. The Bulldogs were unable to score in the third as Oberlin took the lead 4-2.

The Lady Bulldogs came on strong again in the fourth quarter to make 6 points while the Red Devils added four to tie the game up 8-8 leading the Bulldogs and Oberlin into overtime.

Both teams kept up both the intensity and their spirit and the Bulldogs were able to make a point with a free throw by Lakin Wark while holding the Red Devils to zero to give the Lady Bulldogs a 9-8 win.

Wark finished the game with six points along with two from Elizabeth Weiner and one from Brenlynn Rath. "I was very nervous to play my first game as a middle schooler," said 6th grader Evelyn Ortiz. "It was exciting and fun." The Golden Plains Middle School Girls Basketball Team will have their next game at Winona, against Triplains/Brewster on December 6.

## Students Go on Glassman Field Trip

*By Karoline Schroeder, Staff Reporter*

On November 23, before Thanksgiving break, the shop class of Wheatland-Grinnell went on a trip. They went to tour the Glassman facility in Hays, KS. Senior Jaidlyn Harvey, Senior Isaac Mendez, Senior Trey Vincent, Junior Adam Phillips, Junior Kerri Heier, and Junior Robert Mason attended. All the students soldered metal and got to handle heavy-duty equipment. Students saw how air conditioning and heating works in a building. They viewed their plasma cutter and got to check out all their water pipes.

Mr. Heier said "I thought the Glassman tech day was really good and informational. The students that went got some really good hands-on opportunities to see what a career and plumbing heating and air-conditioning and sheet-metal work would be like".

I heard great things from so many of them. They all said it was a great experience to see how everything works in the heavy-duty work industry. Junior Kerri Heier said, "It was a cool experience seeing all the different things Glassman does. It was also fun getting to deal with the heavy-duty equipment!" This was a great learning experience for the students.

## It's Christmas Concert Season!



**Christmas Music**—The Golden Plains Middle School/High School band plays in the Christmas Concert held in Rexford on November 29 under the direction of Michael Karnes. Band members, including (l-r) Briella Knowles, Jordyn Fleckenstein, Lakin Wark, Elizabeth Weiner, Katie Carter, and Jamie Graves, performed three holiday songs. (Photo by Anette Hernandez)



**Christmas Concert!** Golden Plains First Graders Dally Hynek, Archer Stoll, and Eva Wessel sing and dance to "Don't Worry, Be Happy" at the Golden Plains Elementary Christmas Concert on December 2, in Selden. All students Kindergarten-Fifth grade performed in the concert directed by Michael Karnes and Bonnie Cameron. (Photo by Rayna Taylor)

## Scholars Bowl Team Competes in Tribune



**Sophomore Madison Zerr, freshmen Emma Zerr and Olivia Thompson, and sophomore Jordyn Beckman attended the Scholars Bowl in Tribune Monday, November 30. Not pictured: sophomore Marsha McDonald. (WHS photo)**

*By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor*

Sophomores Marsha McDonald, Madison Zerr, Jordyn Beckman, and freshmen Emma Zerr, and Olivia Thompson competed at the scholar's bowl meet in Tribune, Monday, November 30.

The meet had a total of 18 teams divided into two different pools of nine teams each. WHS students were in pool A. WHS won three of eight rounds. Jordyn Beckman was the top scorer of the meet with 14 correct answers, which is the most she has scored so far this season.

The next meet is Monday in Colby, December 6. Fourteen teams will compete in the tournament.

## Principles of Technology Adventures



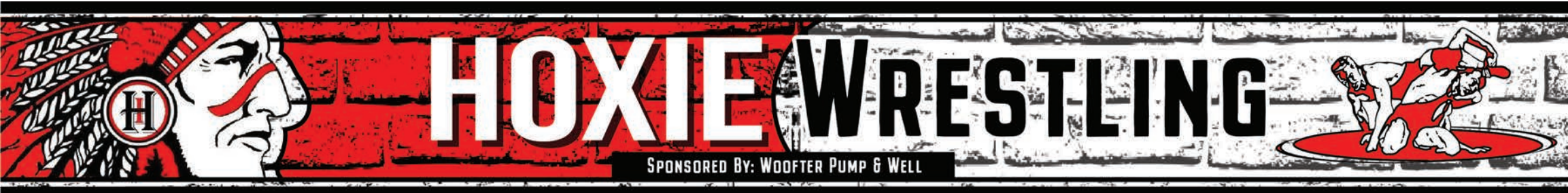
*By Jill Gallentine, Staff reporter*

On Monday, November 22, the Principles of Technology class went to Barton University along with many other schools from the area, to learn a little more in depth on subjects of their choice out of over fifty different subjects. The group consisted of juniors; Halle Habiger, Nathan Volbracht, Treven Humphries, Jett Vincent, Robert Mason and Jill Gallentine. First the students listened to their directions of what building their activity group would be in. Then the students split up and went to breakout sessions; for example, junior Halle Habiger went to a breakout session to learn about origami and what a big part it has in the world and even in outer space.

Halle Habiger said, "Really fun hands-on stuff and I wasn't unaware of how big of an impact on the real world that it had."

After the first breakout session, students gathered in the auditorium to join on a zoom call with the team that created Google Earth. They talked about their process of designing and creating every little detail to the best he could and then went into talking about when he found issues and how he fixed all of them. Conclude this part.





# Hoxie Invitational 2021 Results for Hoxie

**138-143 Marissa Porsch (5-0) placed 1st.**  
Round 1: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 5-0 won by tech fall over Elocin Moran (Rock Creek) 2-3 (TF-1.5 4:42 (17-2))  
Round 2: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 5-0 won by fall over Zoe Brown (Plainville) 2-3 (Fall 5:16)  
Round 3: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 5-0 won by fall over Olivia Flores (Hugoton) 3-4 (Fall 2:34)  
Round 4: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 5-0 won by fall over Addybelle Birdsall (Plainville) 0-5 (Fall 0:29)  
Round 5: Marissa Porsch (Hoxie) 5-0 won by major decision over Jaden Ney (Russell) 4-1 (MD 14-4)

**106 Kash Schiltz (0-3) placed 3rd and scored 7.0 team points.**  
Round 1: Dawsen Degood (Colby) 3-0 won by decision over Kash Schiltz (Hoxie) 0-3 (Dec 6-0)  
Round 2: Cristian Don Juan (Hugoton) 2-1 won by major decision over Kash Schiltz (Hoxie) 0-3 (MD 11-1)

**113 Tate Weimer (5-1) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.**  
Round 1: Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 5-1 won by fall over Evan Fry (Scott Community) 4-2 (Fall 1:51)  
Round 2: Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 5-1 won by fall over Reid Fort (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 2-3 (Fall 3:33)  
Round 3: Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 5-1 won by fall over Erik Garcia (Cimarron) 1-4 (Fall 2:32)  
Round 4: Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 5-1 won by fall over Jose Calleja (Hugoton) 0-5 (Fall 3:30)  
Round 5: Tate Weimer (Hoxie) 5-1 won by fall over Kaeden McCarty (Colby) 5-1 (Fall 1:33)

**120 Wayne Shepard (2-2) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 2-2 won by fall over Peyton Jackson (Hugoton) 0-3 (Fall 2:43)  
Semifinal: Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 2-2 won by fall over Josh Juenemann (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 3-1 (Fall 5:13)  
1st Place Match: Carter Krier (Oakley) 4-0 won by decision over Wayne Shepard (Hoxie) 2-2 (Dec 7-6)

**126 Carson Ochs (4-0) placed 1st and scored 21.5 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 4-0 won by tech fall over Spencer Bard (Rock Creek) 2-2 (TF-1.5 2:53 (16-0))  
Semifinal: Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Ayden Presson (Scott Community) 3-2 (Fall 2:24)  
1st Place Match: Carson Ochs (Hoxie) 4-0 won by decision over Logan Normandin (Plainville) 2-1 (Dec 2-0)

**132 Dayton Bell (4-2) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.**  
Round 1: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 4-2 won by fall over Ian Clark (Rock Creek) 0-5 (Fall 1:08)  
Round 2: Collin McDaniel (Scott Community) 6-0 won by decision over Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 4-2 (Dec 1-0)  
Round 3: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 4-2 won by fall over Tucker Wark (Colby) 4-2 (Fall 1:54)  
Round 4: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 4-2 won by fall over Bly Gosch (Lakin) 2-3 (Fall 3:01)  
Round 5: Dayton Bell (Hoxie) 4-2 won by fall over Kohle Nuss (Russell) 1-4 (Fall 2:12)

**138 Drew Bell (4-0) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Drew Bell (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Curtis Beam (Lakin) 0-2 (Fall 0:45)  
Semifinal: Drew Bell (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Alex Rodriguez (Scott Community) 3-2 (Fall 0:15)  
1st Place Match: Drew Bell (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Lukas Zodrow (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 2-1 (Fall 1:23)

**145 Duncan Bell (3-2) placed 4th and scored 9.0 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Duncan Bell (Hoxie) 3-2 won by fall over Landyn Plummer (Oakley) 1-2 (Fall 0:47)  
Semifinal: Reece Grafel (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 2-1 won by decision over Duncan Bell (Hoxie) 3-2 (Dec 6-2)  
Cons. Semi: Duncan Bell (Hoxie) 3-2 won by decision over Aiden McKinney (Rock Creek) 2-2 (Dec 4-0)  
3rd Place Match: Jacob Windholz (Russell) 3-1 won by fall over Duncan Bell (Hoxie) 3-2 (Fall 2:36)

**152 Drew Bretz (4-0) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Timmy Johnson (Lakin) 1-2 (Fall 1:04)  
Semifinal: Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Brayden Suchy (Russell) 3-2 (Fall 2:48)  
1st Place Match: Drew Bretz (Hoxie) 4-0 won by decision over Adam Mendoza (Hugoton) 3-1 (Dec 6-2)

**160 Derek Johnson (4-0) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Tucker Rohr (Plainville) 0-2 (Fall 0:33)  
Semifinal: Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Kaden Jackson (Hugoton) 0-3 (Fall 1:07)  
1st Place Match: Derek Johnson (Hoxie) 4-0 won by fall over Houston Frank (Scott Community) 2-2 (Fall 0:24)

**170 Sam Watkins (4-1) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.**  
Round 1: Sam Watkins (Hoxie) 4-1 won by fall over Alex Sefried (Cimarron) 0-4 (Fall 0:30)  
Round 2: Sam Watkins (Hoxie) 4-1 won by fall over Alonso Frances (Scott Community) 1-4 (Fall 0:53)  
Round 4: Sam Watkins (Hoxie) 4-1 won by fall over Brendan Smith (Rock Creek) 2-2 (Fall 1:12)  
Round 5: Sam Watkins (Hoxie) 4-1 won by decision over Tyler Voss (Colby) 4-1 (Dec 5-4)

**182 Ryan Shaw (5-1) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.**  
Round 1: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 5-1 won by decision over Nick Rehmer (Colby) 4-2 (Dec 5-4)  
Round 2: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 5-1 won by decision over Omar Gonzalez (Lakin) 0-5 (Dec 4-0)  
Round 3: Kale Wheeler (Scott Community) 6-0 won by major decision over Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 5-1 (MD 12-3)  
Round 4: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 5-1 won by fall over Jesse Wilkerson (Plainville) 1-4 (Fall 0:34)  
Round 5: Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) 5-1 won by fall over Jarrett Bogner (Cimarron) 2-3 (Fall 2:50)

**195 Donovan Balluch (4-1) placed 3rd and scored 16.0 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 4-1 won by fall over Andrew Bogner (Cimarron) 1-2 (Fall 1:08)  
Semifinal: Kyle Werner (Plainville) 2-1 won by fall over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 4-1 (Fall 2:21)  
Cons. Semi: Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 4-1 won by fall over Brady Welker (Scott Community) 2-2 (Fall 0:34)  
3rd Place Match: Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) 4-1 won by fall over Colin Carroll (Colby) 3-3 (Fall 4:11)

**285 Gavin Schippers (4-1) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.**  
Quarterfinal: Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 4-1 won by decision over Logan Haggard (Colby) 2-3 (Dec 3-2)  
Semifinal: Ivan Jirak (Oakley) 3-0 won by decision over Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 4-1 (Dec 2-1)  
Cons. Semi: Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 4-1 won by fall over Blake Schilling (Cimarron) 0-2 (Fall 2:18)  
3rd Place Match: Gavin Schippers (Hoxie) 4-1 won by decision over Logan Haggard (Colby) 2-3 (Dec 3-1)

## Team Scores for the Boys Division:

- Hoxie 229.5
- Scott Community 158.0
- Colby 114.5
- Oakley 59.0
- Russell 57.0
- Plainville 56.0
- Oberlin-Decatur Community 47.0
- Rock Creek 43.0
- Hugoton 36.0
- Cimarron 28.0
- Lakin 21.0



Dayton Bell (Hoxie) working for the fall against Tucker Wark (Colby). (Photo by Coleen Shepard)



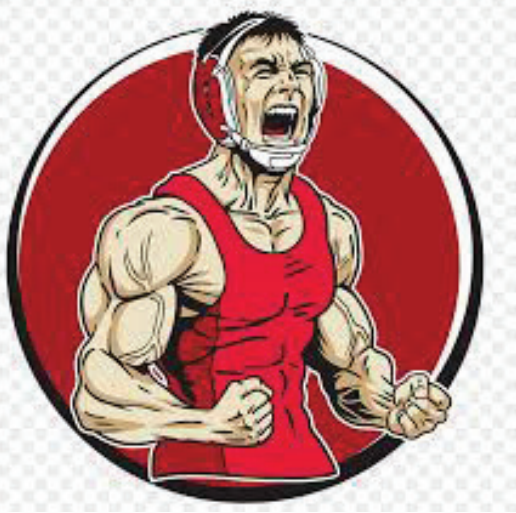
Sam Watkins (Hoxie) going for the take down against Tyler Voss (Colby). (Photo by Coleen Shepard)



Tate Weimer (Hoxie) getting the pin against Kaeden McCarty (Colby), while his teammates give encouragement from the sidelines. (Photo by Coleen Shepard)



Hoxie Wrestling Team hosts Hoxie Invitational. Team members (front l-r): Carson Ochs, Drew Bretz, Derek Johnson, Drew Bell, Tate Weimer, Sam Watkins, Marissa Porsch (back l-r): Asst. Coack Kyle William, Wayne Shepard, Gavin Schippers, Ryan Shaw, Donovan Balluch, Dayton Bell, Duncan Bell, Kash Schiltz, Head Coach Mike Porsch (Sentinel Staff photo)



## WRESTLING

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

## Varsity Match Results and A Team 40-27 Win Over Colby

106 Dawsen Degood (Colby) over Kash Schiltz (HX) (Dec 6-0)  
113 Kaeden McCarty (Colby) over Tate Weimer (HX) (Dec 3-2)  
120 Aiden Cook (Colby) over Wayne Shepard (HX) (Dec 8-5)  
126 Carson Ochs (HX) over Simon Salcido (Colby) (Fall 1:35)  
132 Tucker Wark (Colby) over Dayton Bell (HX) (Dec 6-1)  
138 Drew Bell (HX) over Conner Lanning (Colby) (MD 19-7)  
145 Duncan Bell (HX over Cai Lanning (Colby) (Fall 1:11)  
152 Drew Bretz (HX) over Mac Haines (Colby) (Fall 0:52)  
160 Derek Johnson (HX) over Jaxson Careny (Colby) (Fall 0:22)  
170 Tyler Voss (Colby) over Sam Watkins (HX) (Dec 3-2)  
182 Nick Rehmer (Colby) over Unknown (For.)  
195 Donovan Balluch (HX) over Colin Carroll (Colby) (Fall 1:24)  
220 Corey Coulter (Colby) over Unknown (For.)  
285 Gavin Schippers (HX) over Logan Haggard (Colby) (Fall 4:52)

### JV Matches

132 Abraham Beltran (HX) over Keegan Mollendor (Colby) (Fall 1:54)  
132 Abraham Beltran (HX) over Kyle Beavers (Colby) (Fall 0:48)  
138 Giovanni Gomez (HX) over Wyatt Davenport (Colby) (Fall 2:11)  
138 Giovanni Gomez (HX) over Noah Matchell (Colby) (Fall 1:08)  
145 Easton Nickelson (HX) over Marcus Singer (Colby) (Fall 1:30)  
160 Ryan Shaw (Hoxie) over Caleb Hill (Colby) (Fall 0:18)  
You can find more details regarding this dual at <https://bit.ly/3Ir5obl>

## Hoxie Wrestling Did Not Disappoint

### By Coleen Shepard

The first two competitions of the year for Hoxie wrestling did not disappoint fans. Hoxie hosted Colby Friday evening for their dual against the Eagles. With this year's wrestling roster being the most complete the Indians have seen in years, the fans were treated to an evening of varsity and junior varsity matches. Earning six wins by fall and one win by major decision the varsity wrestlers outscored their opponents for a 40-27 dual win. In addition, Hoxie's junior varsity squad wrestled six exhibition matches against the Eagles, with the Indians winning every match by fall. Hoxie's wrestlers returned to their gym Saturday morning to host the Hoxie Invitational Tournament.

Saturday's action was filled with outstanding wrestling and significant wins by the Indian wrestlers. Tate Weimer (113 lb) and Dayton Bell (132 lb) pinned the 4A No. 2 ranked 113 and No. 6 ranked 132 pounders, Kaeden McCarty (Colby) and Tucker Wark (Colby). Hoxie's 170-pound freshman, Sam Watkins, defeated Colby's Tyler Voss who holds the No. 3 ranking in 4A.

Competing against 10 teams Hoxie's varsity boys earned 30 wins by fall, one win by technical fall and eight wins by decision. With six champions, two runners-up, three 3rd placers and one 4th place finisher, the Hoxie wrestlers tallied 229.5 points, winning the first-place team trophy by 71.5 over second place Scott Community.

The 138-pound girls champion bracket went to Hoxie's Marissa Porsch, who finished the day with three wins by fall, one by technical fall and one win by major decision. In addition to bringing home Champion brackets, Hoxie's Drew Bell (138 lb) and Marissa Porsch (138 lb) were named Outstanding Wrestlers for their divisions.

The Hoxie wrestlers will continue the season at 6:00 p.m. this Thursday at home with a dual against Atchison County. They will then travel to Clay Center for a dual Friday night, start time of 6:30 p.m. The boys' varsity wrestlers will compete at the Clay Center Invitational Tournament at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday with the junior varsity and girls wrestling at 9:30 a.m. at Onaga.





ASA Seeks  
Farmer Input for  
2023 Farm Bill

The American Soybean Association would like to invite all active soybean farmers to participate in a brief, 20-minute survey to better assess farmer needs as the organization plans for the 2023 farm bill. Among the topics included are farm bill safety net programs, conservation programs, disaster assistance, marketing loan programs and crop insurance.

To take the survey, go to <https://bit.ly/3ou2bhJ>. Please complete the entire survey (you cannot save the survey and return to it later). Survey responses are due Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Kansas Crop  
Progress and  
Condition

For the week ending December 5, 2021, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 19% very short, 33% short, 47% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 18% very short, 31% short, 50% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 9% poor, 30% fair, 49% good, and 9% excellent.

Cotton harvested was 88%, well ahead of 68% last year.

Crop Updates Export Report

A cumulative 11.2 million bushels of sorghum were purchased for export last week by China. Additionally, more than 7.2 million bushels of sorghum were shipped to China, with a small portion shipped to Mexico. Last week's purchases bring total sorghum export purchases to 158 million bushels, or 50 percent what was estimated in the most recent USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) just three months into the 2021/22 marketing year. Basis remained steady in the interior, and sorghum is trading at 116 percent of corn on the Gulf.

**USDA Releases Farm Sector Income Forecast**

U.S. net farm income is forecast to reach \$116.8 billion in 2021, up \$22.0 billion (23.2 percent) from 2020 with the 2020 level up \$15.7 billion (19.9 percent) from 2019, according to the Farm Sector Income Forecast from USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS). The forecast shows higher crop receipts which increase forecast income to highest level since 2013. However, a dramatic fall in government payments as ad-hoc, disaster payouts decline, and high and rising input costs in nearly every category threaten to pour cold water on things.

**Sorghum Crop Progress Report**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Weekly Crop Progress Report said 97 percent of the 2021 sorghum acreage had been harvested by November 28, two percentage points behind last year but 1 point ahead of the 5-year average. Harvest progress was complete or nearing completion in all estimating states.

RMA Announces Series of Updates

USDA's Risk Management Agency announced a series of regulatory updates this week. RMA is making permanent a flexibility allowing producers to hay, graze, or chop cover crops for silage, haylage, or baleage at any time and still receive 100 percent of a prevented planting payment, a change sought by Senators John Thune (R-SD), John Hoeven (R-ND) and Kevin Cramer (R-ND). Previously, cover crops could only be hayed, grazed, or chopped after November 1. RMA is also introducing new "1 in 4" prevented planting flexibilities including: (1) the annual regrowth for an insured perennial crop, such as alfalfa, red clover, or mint, to be considered planted; (2) allowing a crop covered by the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to meet the insurability requirement; and, (3) if crop insurance or NAP coverage is not available, allowing the producer to prove the acreage was planted and harvested using good farming practices in at least two consecutive years out of the four previous years to meet the insurability requirement.

RMA is also revising four organic definitions to be consistent with USDA's National Organic Program. Additionally, RMA is providing an option for producers to delay measurement of farm-stored production for 180-days through the Special Provisions, similar to flexibilities already available to grain crop producers. The Agency also added earlage and snaplage as acceptable methods of harvest for coarse grains.



**By Jackie Mundt**, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Do looks really matter? This topic is better suited to philosophers, but a series of observations from my trip to the Baltics earlier this year with Kansas Farm Bureau's Casten Fellows Program has had me questioning my belief that if something works, it does not matter if it looks good. I have pondered the value of aesthetics in the spaces where we spend our time and the possessions with which we fill them.

Maybe the most important part of this realization has been that the aesthetics of the environments we create and spend time in are not just a reflection of a person, they also reflect into the person.

This realization came slowly, pieced together from some of the most obvious parts of our trip to this northern region of Europe. Everywhere we went we saw flowers. Not small or neutral toned flowers, but big, vibrant flowers.

We knew people in this region had a particular connection to nature, but this was also much further north than where I grew up in Wisconsin. I know how hard it is to grow beautiful flowers there because it is a cold region.

Why would people in a cold region have so many beautiful, colorful flowers? It was more than flowers and artfully designed landscaping. Everywhere I looked, there was beauty and happiness; greenhouses dotting most back yards; spaces that were well kept, cozy and lived-in.

The pride and joy the Baltic people had in their homes, businesses and whole country was obvious everywhere we looked. The most surprising part of the realization came close to the end of the trip: There was a constant feeling of contentment, relaxation and joy. Even after almost two weeks of travel, experience overload and long days, I just felt

Pride in Ownership

happy and peaceful because everything was so nice.

The Baltics are not a country filled with material possessions or dependent on a need for new fueled by vanity or greed. They appreciate old and historic because it is what they have. The realities of communism during Soviet occupation are a not-so-distant memory. They fought for the freedom to make things their own, they are grateful to be able to ability to maintain them and want to live in places that are functional, beautiful and bring them joy.

I returned home with a burst of energy to show more pride of ownership and appreciation for my own home, but knew I needed to start small because I was on my own for the project during harvest. I decided to fix the very short section of fence that adorns the entrance to our driveway. It had been repainted so many times it was a decaying eyesore.

I don't have space to recount the whole humorous story, but you can imagine how it went by my new title of "Lumberjack Princess." Tired, dirty and a little banged-up, I knew that my observations had been correct. My idea, my work, my perseverance, made the fence even more beautiful in the moment. Even after a few months, I smile every time I drive in the yard or think about the project because I made that. And I know now that rest of the world can somehow tell that, even if it is just from the way it looks.

My momentum from the fence build has grown in this Christmas season. A visitor or passerby at my home will now see a site I never expected to create at a farmhouse so far off the beaten path: an amateur-built, festively decorated welcoming fence.

The effort we make with the look of our world shows pride and brings joy far beyond the recognition that might come from the outside world. My efforts, small or large, are not to impress the world, but for my own fulfillment.

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FFA Caucus in  
U.S. House of  
Representatives  
Established

U.S. Representatives Tracey Mann (R-KS) and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA) announced the establishment of the Congressional FFA Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives. The FFA Caucus will serve as an informal group of U.S. Representatives dedicated to issues related to the next generation of agriculture leaders and students pursuing careers in agriculture, food, natural resources, and related sciences.

"As a past chapter FFA president from Quinter, Kansas, and proud FFA alumnus, I am honored to establish the first-ever FFA Caucus on Capitol Hill," said Rep. Mann. "The National FFA Organization plays an important role in preparing the next generation of leaders who will change the world. As a member of Congress and the House Agriculture Committee, I'm dedicated to raising awareness about school-based agricultural education, FFA, and the next generation of leaders who will feed, fuel, and clothe our world."

"I'm proud to have worked with my colleague, Representative Tracey Mann, to co-found and co-chair the bipartisan FFA Caucus in the U.S. Congress. Although Tracy and I come from different parts of the country, we work together in Congress to protect our nation's agriculture and perpetuate the involvement of young farmers in our food security," said Rep. Panetta. "The Congressional FFA Caucus will be another way to encourage other members of Congress to support agriculture, enhance opportunities for future farmers, and ensure their involvement in the future of America's agricultural."

Kansas Department of Ag  
Prioritizes Mental Health

**By Mike Beam**, Secretary of Kansas Department of Agriculture

We need mental health awareness in Kansas agriculture community. Resources are available.

- In agriculture, these forces are often unavoidable and inescapable, making stress an inherent aspect of the industry.
- Although many resources do exist to help Kansans who are struggling with their mental health, those resources aren't always well known or used by the agriculture community. Often, the need to find help is hampered by the unfortunate stigma that exists regarding mental health.
- To overcome this challenge, the Kansas Department of Agriculture worked with health advocates and ag partners to create a website in 2019 aimed directly at the Kansas ag community: KansasAgStress.org.
- Providing this resource for Kansas' agriculture community has been a priority for KDA under Governor Laura Kelly's administration. Gov. Kelly has been a leading voice in promoting healthy families in Kansas, and her establishment of the Office of Rural Prosperity shows her dedication to rural families.
- The next step for Kansas is a new statewide campaign which will begin in 2022, supported by a Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network State Departments of Agriculture grant. This campaign will lead the way as we work to destigmatize the concept of mental health and reduce suicides in the Kansas agriculture community.

The bipartisan FFA Caucus will work to strengthen relationships between Congress and agricultural education students and FFA members and will raise the profile of school-based agricultural education, FFA, and the next generation of leaders in food and agriculture.

"FFA plays a key role in educating our youth and developing the next generation of leaders. With the development of this caucus comes the opportunity to share the message of the importance of agriculture to others," said Scott Stump, CEO of the National FFA Organization. "We know FFA members are not only our future leaders, but they are the ones who will continue to fill the talent pipeline in the industry of agriculture. It is exciting to be able to share this message with a broader audience through this caucus."

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2021 TAX LEVY FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY					
Rate of tax levied for 2021 on \$1,000, per assessed valuation					
VALUES ARE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021					
TANGIBLE VALUATION OF SHERIDAN COUNTY IS \$72,638,700, INCLUDING PENALTY OF \$38,328.					
STATE	K.S.A.	Levy	CITY FUND LEVIES	K.S.A.	Levy
Educational Building Fund	76-6001	1.000	Hoxie City-Valuation	9,704,880	
State Institutional Fund	76-6004	0.500	State		1.500
TOTAL STATE FUNDS			County		61.983
COUNTY FUNDS			USD 412		42.653
Valuation 75,795,962			RFD 1		4.017
General	79-1945	31.476	City		66.000
Road & Bridge	68-5,101	16.524	Twin Creek Extension		1.715
Noxious Weed	2-1318	0.173	TOTAL (Tax Unit 001)		177.878
Library Service Contract	12-1215	0.264	Hoxie City Breakdown		
Intellectually Challenged	19-4004	0.633	General	12-101a	36.606
Hospital Maintenance*	19-4606	9.999	Library	12-1215	3.655
Public Health	65-204	0.500	Bond & Interest	10-113	1.258
Mental Health	19-4007	0.237	Employee Benefits	12-16,102	18.118
Elderly Service Program*	12-1680	0.750	Street Resurfacing	15-733	5.864
Pool Lease/Purchase Contract	10-1116c	1.427	Airport	3-121	0.499
COUNTY TOTAL		61.983	Total		66.000
*Indicates Election					
FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES			K.S.A. 19-3610		
District	Valuation	Levy	RFD 1		4.017
Chickley Fire	126,044	1.644	Selden Cemetery		0.892
Rural Fire 1	61,292,768	4.017	Twin Creek Extension		1.715
Rural Fire 4	4,656,037	2.500	TOTAL (Tax Unit 002)		174.857
REGIONAL LIBRARY			Selden City Breakdown		
Valuation	61,633,928	Levy	General	12-101a	54.183
GENERAL	79-2551	1.010	Library	12-1215	2.074
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	0.141	Bond & Interest	10-113	0.000
TOTAL		1.151	Total		56.257

FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES	K.S.A.	19-3610		
District	Valuation	Levy		
Oakley Fire	126,044	1.644		
Rural Fire 1	61,292,768	4.017		
Rural Fire 4	4,656,037	2.500		
REGIONAL LIBRARY	K.S.A.	LEVY		
Valuation	61,633,926			
GENERAL	79-2551	1.010		
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	0.141		
TOTAL		1.151		
TWIN CREEK EXTENSION	K.S.A.	3-623		
District	Valuation	Levy		
District 9	72,600,372	1.715		
CEMETERY FUND LEVIES	K.S.A.	80-932		
DISTRICT	VALUATION	LEVY		
Dresden Cemetery	2,215,408	1.468		
Fairview Cemetery	3,262,142	1.466		
Hawkeye Cemetery	402,939	1.742		
Lucerne Cemetery	1,867,342	0.000		
Rexford Cemetery	2,035,111	1.133		
Selden Cemetery	6,028,564	0.892		

VALUATIONS LISTED ARE SHERIDAN COUNTY VALUATIONS ONLY, STATE OF KANSAS, SHERIDAN COUNTY, SS: I, Heather Bracht, Clerk of Sheridan County, Kansas hereby certify the foregoing are the legal levies of Sheridan County, Kansas for the year 2021 as shown by the records on file in my office.

JNIFED SCHOOL DISTRICTS									
		211	274	291	292	293	294	316	412
VALUATION	K.S.A.	SB41	37,836	75,003	4,259,944	3,307,649	3,922,586	20,942	7,525,630
General	72-6431		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
VALUATION			40,332	80,150	4,382,737	3,377,874	3,966,297	22,242	7,584,568
Supp Gen	72-6435		17,072	21,938	9,521	20,563	21,244	15,437	26,467
Cap Outlay	72-8801		5,500	7,998	4,079	7,998	7,988	8,000	2,006
Recreation	12-1927		2,998	1,999					
Bond & Interest	10-113								
TOTALS			45,570	51,935	33,600	48,561	49,232	43,437	48,493

2021 Levies by Taxing Unit						2021 Levies by Taxing Units					
TAX UNIT	LEVY	USD	GEN	CEM	TWP	TAX UNIT	LEVY	USD	GEN	CEM	TWP
ADILL TWP-Valuation \$2,227,447. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)						EAST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,549,861. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)					
Sale Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000	East Saline Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000
310	115,936	211				095	119,598	293			
314	113,029	412				096	113,029	412			
315	114,407	412/Dresden Cem				WEST SALINE TWP-Valuation \$4,263,532. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)					
BLOOMFIELD TWP-Valuation \$2,485,969. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)						West Saline Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000
Boonfield Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000	099	118,927	292			
340	117,342	316				091	118,927	292			
341	118,506	316/Fairview Cem				092	119,598	293			
342	118,475	316/Rexford Cem				093	113,029	412			
343	118,234	316/Selden Cem				SHERIDAN TWP-Valuation \$3,302,802. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)					
344	111,512	412				Sheridan Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000
345	112,404	412/Selden Cem				025	119,751	316/Selden Cem			
BOWCREEK TWP-Valuation \$3,835,917. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)						026	113,921	412/Selden Cem			
Sowcreek Tax Unit			0.299	0.000	0.399	SOLOMON TWP-Valuation \$6,651,967. (Rdg Library)					
255	113,440	412				Solomon Tax Units			2.439	0.000	2.439
KENNETH TWP-Valuation \$4,681,816. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)						075	120,746	274			
Keneth Tax Unit			0.000	0.000	0.000	076	122,390	274/Oakley Fire			
365	113,029	412				077	104,055	291/Oakley Fire			
JOGAN TWP-Valuation \$9,556,092. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)						078	102,411	291			
Jogan Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000	079	117,372	292			
370	113,029	412				080	118,770	316/Fairview Cem			
371	114,495	412/Fairview Cem				081	111,474	412			
372	120,325	316/Fairview Cem				082	112,940	412/Fairview Cem			
JARNELL TWP-Valuation \$5,731,510. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)						SPRINGBROOK TWP-Valuation \$7,331,214. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)					
Jarnell Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000	Springbrook Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000
350	113,029	412				085	103,966	291			
351	113,921	412/Selden Cem				086	118,927	292			
352	119,751	316/Selden Cem				087	113,029	412			
HAIRIE DOG TWP-Valuation \$2,167,468. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)						UNION TWP-Valuation \$2,222,356. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)					
Hairie Dog Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000	Union Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000
330	114,026	294/Hawkeye Cem				021	113,029	412			
331	117,342	316				022	114,407	412/Dresden Cem			
332	119,084	316/Hawkeye Cem				VALLEY TWP-Valuation \$2,623,831. (RFD 1/Rdg Library)					
333	118,475	316/Rexford Cem				Valley Tax Units			0.439	0.000	0.439
334	118,234	316/Selden Cem				060	113,436	412			
335	112,404	412/Selden Cem									

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

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

Case No. 2021-PR-33

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

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-1030, the Board of Directors of the Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 4 will conduct on January 5, 2022, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Groundwater Management District offices, 1290 West 4th, Colby, Kansas, a public hearing to hear testimony regarding revisions to the 2022 Operating Budget. Should a Board Quorum not be possible on January 5, 2022, the alternate date will be January 12, 2022. Said revisions consist of incorporating all 2021 unexpended funds into the previously approved 2022 Operating Budget. Copies of the proposed revised 2022 Budget will be made available at the hearing.

Attest: Lynn Goossen, GMD 4 Treasurer

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
GARY SMITH, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-37

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:  
You are hereby notified that on November 24, 2021 a Petition was filed in this court by the undersigned.  
The Petition requests that Jerri Coats and Dustin Smith be appointed as Administrators of this estate without bond.  
You are further advised that the Petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings in the administration will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.  
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 28, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. of said day, in this court, in the city of Hoxie, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.  
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

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NOTICE  
-Taxpayers-  
December 20, 2021  
Is The Deadline For The  
First Half 2021 Taxes

Reminder - Please mail your copy of receipt off your statement to: Sheridan Co. Treas., P.O. Box 899, Hoxie, KS 67740, Drop Box or online at: [www.kansas.gov/propertytax](http://www.kansas.gov/propertytax).

The first half of the 2021 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before December 20, 2021 your taxes will draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968. All delinquent real estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302 and 79-2304. All delinquent personal property taxes will be published by name, last known address and tax amount as per K.S.A. 19-547.

Shirley Niermeier  
Sheridan County Treasurer

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Commission Minutes  
11/23/21

Now on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Wes Bainter presiding. Others present were Joe Bainter, Buck Mader, Joe Pratt County Attorney and County Clerk Heather Bracht. Guests were Carolyn Meyer and The Sheridan Sentinel.

Wes Bainter called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meyer advised the Board she would proceed with the 501c3 on her own. There was discussion about the professional organizations that Pregnancy Pathways would be under.


Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz presented a Utility Construction Permit from Rural Telephone Service for the area of 110S and 10W. Wes Bainter made a motion to approve and sign the Utility Construction Permit Request seconded by Mader. Carried 3-0.

Herskowitz stated that they were going to work on the County Line Bridge this

PUBLIC NOTICES

Jerrie Robinson

October 10, 1939 ~ December 3, 2021



Geralene “Jerrie” Robinson passed away at the age of 82 on December 3, 2021, at her home in Butler, OK. She was born in Winters, TX on October 10, 1939, to parents Claud Reagan and Geneva (Fine) Reagan. Jerrie attended school in Amarillo, TX, and later she was extremely proud to have completed her GED through Colby Community College. Jerrie married Gary Robinson in Clayton, NM, on May 27, 1967, and became true partners in all aspects of their lives over the next 54 years.

Following a new job opportunity, Gary and Jerrie moved their new family to Northwest Kansas. They raised their three children in Hoxie and Selden, KS. Later they continued their adventure in Hadley and Morgantown, KY. They completed their lifelong journey in Butler, OK. Jerrie had a passion for and was gifted in, making every house feel like a home no matter where life took them.

Jerrie wore many hats over the years from homemaker to “chore girl” to bookkeeper to Avon Lady to rodeo mom (and driver). During her Kentucky years she even worked on campus at Western Kentucky University where we are sure she “mothered” many students and became their number one fan. Everywhere Jerrie lived she cultivated strong friendships, which lasted throughout the rest of her life. The memories of those friendships remained close to her heart. If you were to ask her what her greatest accomplishment was, she would tell you it was raising her three children and watching their family grow. Over time Jerrie developed a strong relationship with her Lord and Savior, and that faith carried her throughout the rest of her life.

She is preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Mary, Pat, and Woo; two brothers, Adrian, and Pete.

Jerrie is survived by her husband, Gary, of the home; her children - Debbie and Joe Powders of Freedom, OK; Gaylon and Sherry Robinson of Cimmaron, KS; and Tammy and Brendan Fangman of Dumas, TX; her grandchildren - Kelsy and Justin Boots, Jesse and Coli Selman, Baylee Powders, and Macy Fangman; and her great-grandchildren - Cooper, Bella, and Rowdy. She is also survived by her brothers, Darwin and Gene Reagan and sister, Nata Wheeler, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 10, 2021, at the Strong City First Baptist Church officiated by Laura Nell Hays and Allan Barnett. Burial will immediately follow at Strong City Cemetery under the direction of Chris Whinery and the staff of Affordable Cremation Service-West. Condolences can be made online at [www.classicfunerals.com](http://www.classicfunerals.com).

In lieu of flowers the family requests donation be made to the Strong City First Baptist Church.



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## Super Crossword

## ANIMATED WOOFERS

**ACROSS**

1 Agree (with)

5 Ability to cope well with difficulty

11 Mini-devils

15 Girl

19 Forget to say

20 Vocation

21 Heist booty

22 — Stanley Gardner

23 She played Kira Nerys on "Deep Space Nine"

25 Sicilian resort city

26 Rain-starved

27 Get riper

28 Taken with

29 Legendary nude horse rider

31 Small bird

32 Enhaloed Fr. woman

33 Lightning source, as shortened in weather reports

36 Like wicker baskets

37 Rotating rocket ride at Disney theme parks

40 Alternatives to dice

43 Has the helm

44 Exactly

46 Lime drink

47 "Oh, go on!"

49 Kevin Bacon's "Footloose" role

55 Spring-loaded stick

58 R&B's Rawls

60 Suffix with script

61 Elvis — Presley

62 Twitched, as a muscle

65 Pasta strip

69 Raiment

71 — and yang

72 Depressing or untidy sort

75 Santa —, California

76 Overprotect

78 Most ashen

79 Discovered

81 Old cracker brand

82 Short time, for short

83 Sheeran and O'Neill

85 Regatta tools

86 Grammy nominee for writing the Lee Ann Womack hit "I May Hate Myself in the Morning"

92 Retort to "No you're not!"

95 Moray, say

96 Gin mill

98 Be emphatic

102 Moniker for Boston's locale

107 Flying disc renamed "Frisbee" in 1957

109 Zones

110 FDR part

112 "Indeedy"

113 "Law & Order: —" (NBC series since '99)

114 Silly grin

117 Gravy Train competitor

118 Insult, in rap

119 Be very mad

120 Baseball's Ty

121 Their names begin eight answers in this puzzle

125 Wilds

126 Major city in Norway

127 Squirrel food

128 Actress Hathaway

129 Period before 6-Down

130 Close-call cry

131 Present in a different form

132 Attention-getting cries

**DOWN**

1 Piano recital pieces

2 Free-verse poet

3 Kitchen hook

4 Hellenic H

5 Red apple

6 It follows Holy Week

7 Stooges, e.g.

8 New Year in Vietnam

9 Zodiac sign

10 Mess up

11 "Word has it ..."

12 Munchies from Mars

13 Pint-size

14 Smelterly junk

15 Entice

16 Get there

17 Split-off bit

18 Alternatives to coupes

24 Sun blockers

29 Oscar winner Sophia

30 Proprietor

33 Uncle, in Spanish

34 Sky shiner

35 Head, in French

38 Creditors' takebacks

39 Square in the first column of a bingo card

41 Speed

42 Nuptial vow

45 Try to equal

48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray

50 Regatta group

51 Gym pad

52 Pop singer

53 Intersection

54 Presses and stretches

55 Hitchcock film of 1960

56 Downer drug

57 India's Indira

59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase

63 Nero's 1,550

64 Up 'til

66 Popeye's Olive

67 Lofty poem

68 "ER" roles

69 Exist

70 Luggage-screening org.

73 Oil gp.

74 "Frozen" heroine

77 Fawn nurse

80 Hen's perch

82 Road deicer

84 T. rex, e.g.

87 U.S. flag sewer Ross

88 Meadowland

89 Sappy tree

90 Earthen

91 cooking pot

92 Person, place or thing

93 Motorist's distance marker

94 Attach with a click

97 Siouan tribe

99 "All finished!"

100 "Kids" actress Chloë

101 Bridge supports

102 Amount a sack will hold

103 Stimulate

104 Naval petty officers

105 Most secure

106 OK for eating

108 Traffic cones

111 Funny bone locale

115 Garbage barge

116 Dance violently

117 Razor choice

121 Uber order

122 Fabulous flier

123 Fabled flier

124 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"

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