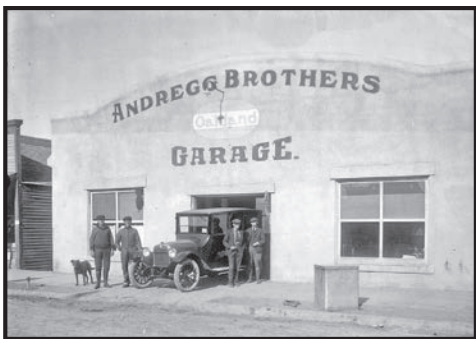




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Morland Community Foundation
Receives \$2,000 Donation



The Morland Community Foundation received a \$2,000 donation from the Millbrook Masonic Lodge on Sunday. With this being match month, their donation will be DOUBLED with a 100% match from the Patterson Family Foundation. Thank you Masons! (Morland Community Foundation photo)

Schmidt Foundation Announces \$1
Million Matching Gift for
Sternberg Museum

By FHSU Foundation

The future of the Sternberg Museum of Natural History received a significant boost today when Gary Shorman, president of the Bob and Pat Schmidt Foundation, announced a matching gift initiative that will double contributions up to \$1 million to the Fort Hays State University Foundation's Save Sternberg fundraising campaign.

Recognized for its extensive collections and contributions to scientific research and education, the Sternberg Museum houses more than three million specimens documenting the diverse life and environments of the Great Plains. A resource for discovery and learning, the museum serves university students, researchers, K-12 students, educators, and visitors from across Kansas and beyond.

"The Sternberg Museum is vital to Fort Hays State University, our community, our state, and anyone seeking to understand our region's remarkable history," said Shorman.

The Schmidt Foundation's matching gift gives supporters an opportunity to help keep the museum open and continue its mission while long-term funding solutions are pursued. Reflecting Bob and Pat Schmidt's belief that a rising tide lifts all boats, the initiative honors their commitment to strengthening the communities they served. The Schmidts, who shared nearly 69 years of marriage and a deep love for FHSU, believed strongly in investing in opportunities within the Hays community. Today, Schmidt Foundation trustees Gary Shorman, Joe Jeter, and Randy Walker continue that legacy through support of the Save Sternberg campaign.

"This gift is intended to bridge short-term funding needs while a sustainable, long-term operating plan is developed for the Sternberg Museum," explained Shorman. "The Schmidt Foundation will match up to \$1 million in gifts from individuals and companies that are specifically designated to the Save Sternberg campaign through the Fort Hays State Foundation. Gifts from other foundations are not eligible for the match but are encouraged throughout the campaign."

With a planned 1-to-1 match, eligible contributions, including those already raised through the Save Sternberg campaign, will go twice as far, providing individuals and businesses with a powerful means to help secure the future of a Kansas treasure.

The matching gift arrives at a pivotal moment as the university works to address significant reductions in state funding. While the museum's educational and scientific impact is substantial, additional funding is necessary to meet its \$1.3 million annual operating costs.

To help preserve the museum while long-term solutions are explored, university president Dr. Tisa Mason directed the FHSU Foundation to secure \$1 million in private gifts by December 31 through the Save Sternberg campaign. Thanks to the generosity of alumni, community members, and friends of the museum, more than \$237,000 has already been raised in the first few weeks of the fundraising campaign.

"We are humbled by the outpouring of generosity from those who believe in the Sternberg Museum and are stepping forward to help secure its future," said Jason Williby, president and CEO of the FHSU Foundation. With a \$1 million match on the table, every gift matters! Your donation will make twice the impact in helping safeguard the museum's future.

Individuals and organizations interested in supporting the Save Sternberg campaign can visit foundation.fhsu.edu/save-sternberg.

Hoxie Scouts BSA Troop 160
Welcomes New Eagle Scout



rank attainable in Scouts BSA.

Kyra, the daughter of Dustin & Monica Reuber, has been a member of Scouts BSA since 2021. During her Scouting journey, she has participated in several high-adventure experiences, including a weeklong backpacking trek through the mountains of Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, a weeklong sailing adventure at Sea Base in the Florida Keys, and the National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. She is a summer camp counselor at the Dane G. Hansen Scout Reservation, where she is certified to help run the Climbing Tower and COPE Course.

For her Eagle Scout service project, Kyra organized a team to build, install, and stock two Little Free Libraries in Hoxie. The libraries are located at James L. Johnson Memorial Park and Hoxie Swimming Pool Park, providing residents and visitors with convenient access to books and opportunities to share the joy of reading.

Little Free Libraries are small, publicly accessible book-sharing boxes where community members can take a book to read or leave a book for someone else. The movement began in 2009 and has grown to include more than 200,000 registered book-sharing boxes in 128 countries, promoting literacy and strengthening communities through the simple act of sharing books.

Troop 160 held a Court of Honor on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at the Bowen Scout House to recognize Kyra's achievement and present her with the Eagle Scout medal and rank. Earning the Eagle Scout rank represents years of dedication, leadership, service, and personal growth. Kyra's project will leave a lasting contribution to the Hoxie community by encouraging reading and making books more accessible to residents of all ages.

Troop 160 congratulates Kyra on this significant accomplishment and commends her for her commitment to Scouting and service to her community.

Bringing Occupational Therapy Home



Kayle Eastes remembers the first time she heard about occupational therapy. She was a Hoxie High School senior visiting Kansas State University and talking through possible healthcare careers with an advisor. She had attended the day with plans to major in physical therapy, until the advisor explained occupational therapy.

"I had never heard of occupational therapy until then," Kayle said. "From that day on, I knew that's what I wanted to do."

Kayle earned her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and later attended occupational therapy school at KU Medical Center in Kansas City. She lived in Wichita and Hays and spent much of her career in home health, which she enjoyed.

As their family grew, she and her husband knew they wanted to raise their two young sons in a smaller community. For Kayle, that meant returning to familiar people and places.

This spring, the timing finally worked. Becci Baker, AmberMed's physical therapist, heard Kayle was considering the move and encouraged her to look at AmberMed. Kayle started in early August, becoming the hospital's first occupational therapist.

"There are not many OTs around here," she said. "This is home, and these are the people I grew up with. It just feels right to be back here serving them."

At AmberMed, Kayle works with inpatients, outpatients, and long-term care residents. Occupational therapy can help people regain strength, adapt after an illness or injury, and return to daily routines.

For Kayle, the best part of rural healthcare is the connection that extends beyond the hospital walls.

"I run into patients in church or at the grocery store," she said. "It's nice to see them reach their goals here and then see them out in the community living those goals."

She believes that sense of familiarity matters.

"Here, our patients are not just a number," she said. "They're actual human beings. We know them, we know their families, and we know their stories."



Attention All Sheridan County Organizations!

If you are a group that wants to get the word out about what your organization has to offer, or if you have a project you are wanting to make the community aware of, or it's a project you need funding for, please CONSIDER PARTICIPATING in the Foundation's ORGANIZATION SHOWCASE on Monday, November 2. Contact Kelsey Epp for more information to reserve your spot for that event.

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MATCH MONTH NOVEMBER 2026
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For the 11th year, the Sheridan County Community Foundation will be participating in the annual "Match Month" campaign which is generously sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation (DGH) and the Patterson Family Foundation.

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- + \$100,000 MATCH - Patterson Family Foundation
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- + \$45,000 MATCH - DGH for SDCCF Operating Endowment Fund
- + \$5,000 MATCH - DGH for SDCCF Operating immediate needs

\$400,000: GRAND TOTAL FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY

Learn more at www.growsheridancounty.org/matchmonth2026

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SAVE THE DATES!!!

MATCH MONTH KICK-OFF EVENT: ORGANIZATIONS SHOWCASE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7 A.M.-7 P.M.
SDCCF OFFICE, 812 MAIN, HOXIE

Everyone is welcome to come see local organizations share their projects and programs with our community, and learn about Match Month

MATCH MONTH SELDEN EVENT: DINNER & MATCH MONTH INFO
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 5:30 P.M.-7 P.M.
SELDEN COMMUNITY CENTER, SELDEN

Selden residents join us for a complimentary dinner while learning about Match Month and how it supports and benefits the Selden community

MATCH MONTH FINALE EVENT: DONOR RECEPTION & ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION COMPETITION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 7 P.M.-8:30 P.M.
THE ELKS LODGE, HOXIE

Community donors enjoy appetizers and desserts as Sheridan County's Top 3 organizations present their projects. Donors vote for the most impactful project, with SDCCF awarding grants for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place

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Words of Wisdom	Grain Report	Weather Report	Thought of the Week
Patience with family is Love with others is Respect with self is Confidence with God is Faith	Reported on: Tuesday, Oct. 13 Corn4.68 Milo6.42 Beans11.74 Wheat4.18 HI-PLAINS COOP	DateHighLowMoisture 10/57852-- 10/68856-- 10/78356-- 10/88754-- 10/98757-- 10/108762-- 10/119064--	Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Viktorija Briggs

RECEIVED IN TODAY'S MAIL:

We received a letter today from someone who had a complaint. We have no problem with receiving complaints, BUT there are conditions for those complaints IF you want us to take them seriously:

- 1) YOU WILL PROVIDE YOUR NAME & RETURN ADDRESS ON THE ENVELOPE
- 2) YOU WILL SIGN YOUR LETTERS WITH YOUR FULL NAME
- 3) YOUR COMPLAINT WILL BE MADE POLITELY, WITHOUT SNARKY OR RUDE STATEMENTS

The attached photo is for reference, and we will address each point as they are listed in the letter.

1) *How is anyone expected to read something so small without a magnifying glass. Minutes of board meetings are important to the community and should be published as big as the other news, not so small no one can read it.*

*First, that should be a question mark not a period. Second, to address the question: there is only so much space available in a newspaper and that space is paid for by advertising and legals. EACH of which is dictated by the budget of said vendors. Subscriptions make up the balance. We cannot enlarge everything enough to please everyone. It's just a fact. Period.

2) *Why would anyone want to subscribe to a newspaper that prints such important information so small it cannot read with 20/20 vision, and yet publish Oberlin news big enough to read?*

To answer your question without writing a book on HOW to put a newspaper together, you would have to come in and spend a Tuesday with us to see just how it's done and WHY things are done the way they are.

"Important information" is actually published within the exact same parameters of all other content within a newspaper. There are guides we use in the program, and everything must fall within those guides. Enlarging beyond those parameters costs money; a vendor dictates what they'll pay and that's the size the ad gets to be; legal publications are paid by families or city or county taxes and again, dictated by that budget.

Legally, we don't HAVE to make it any particular size. It just has to be published - in print or online. However, we do our best to make sure it is large enough to be as legible as possible within the budget allotted. Another factor is that newsprint paper is literally the worst paper for printing, but it is what every newspaper is printed on. It bleeds and is impacted by weather conditions and humidity both while being printed and afterward out in the environment.

We are no longer covering Oberlin as its own page as we could not get any support for or to expand its content. So, that is a moot point.

3) *The Sheridan Sentinel is supposed to be about Hoxie news. Yet we rarely get any school news and sports articles. Most of the news articles we see have already been read on Facebook. Maybe a little effort on getting out in the community and seeking out the news and asking the school coaches for articles and stats for the sports teams would be helpful.*

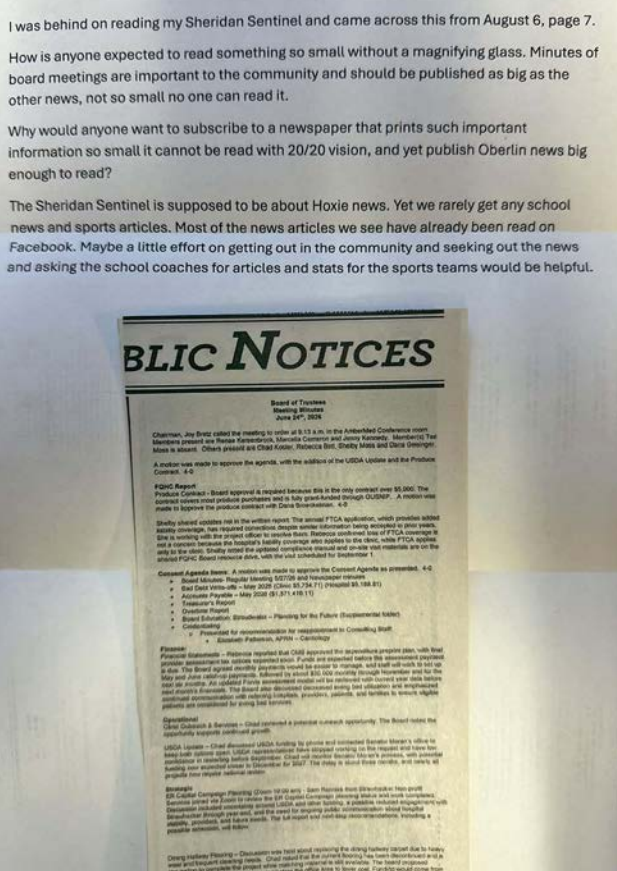
Wrong! The narrow-minded arrogance of that statement is infuriating.

The Sheridan Sentinel is NOT "about Hoxie news". It is about *anything pertinent* to Sheridan County and northwest Kansas (we have subscribers all over the NWKS area AND around the country). We share news that will be important or of interest to FUTURE readers, as is seen through the popularity of the Now & Then page.

You are also wrong regarding school news and sports. The schools send us articles written by the students and the Journalism classes. Sometimes a coach or parent has sent in article and photos, which we greatly appreciate.

As for "already been read on Facebook" - your point is??? This is a WEEKLY newspaper not a daily - like social media. So, clearly, much of the news will be a few days later. Rude of you to not acknowledge that distinction. Also, you do realize that NOT EVERYONE is on Facebook, right? We can't be "friends" with everyone in the community in order to have notifications of whatever is going on locally, and the Facebook algorithm is very inconsistent; doesn't show even some family posts; let alone those from every organization or resident in the community. So, again, your point is, regarding getting our "news" from Facebook??

As for not "getting out in the community..." - have you ever run a business? Do you even know how to FIND this news you speak of? We rely on being INFORMED of things going on in the community, beyond the usual annual events. Do YOU have time to walk/drive around the county to FIND "news"? If so, PLEASE, come speak



to us, we'll hire you to write for us. For years, we had ads in the paper asking (begging) for writers and photographers. Do you know how many applied? ZERO. ZIP. ZILCH. NADA. But do you know how many times we've heard complaints because we weren't in the office when someone stopped by BECAUSE we were "getting out in the community" or had to take a late lunch?

You fail to realize that you and this community are LUCKY to even have a newspaper! Do you know how many communities like this DO NOT?! Or how many newspapers have shut down in the last decade?! Look what happened to the Oberlin newspaper and the others bought out by an out-of-state company that then consolidated SIX newspapers into ONE. And, *that* newspaper barely covers ANY news of ANY one of those communities.

I have had this newspaper for a decade and when I receive letters like yours it infuriates me. Thankfully, we have only rarely received, maybe three times in 10 years, letters such as yours, each of which was also addressed at the time of its receipt. I have done my BEST to bring this community a GOOD, WELL-ROUNDED newspaper that includes local, area-wide, state, national, and sometimes international news. Is it a perfect paper - of course not, but we do our very best here every day. Usually, I just take the complaint and consider how to best alleviate the problem. We've implemented such adjustments over the years. But, YOUR letter, I won't ignore and I WILL respond to. It is baseless, rude, ignorant of the reality of newspaper publishing, and I will not sit back any longer and allow this kind of unfounded rhetoric ruin our day. I've said my piece. I don't feel any better about it, because I know we have given our best to this community for a decade of our lives, and as always, it only takes one rude person to put a damper on a good day.

We thank EVERYONE who has supported us for the past 10 years. You have *no idea* how much we truly appreciate it - and enjoy providing this service to the community. We look forward to the next 10 years!

WPAA Sponsoring Presentation at Area Schools

Western Plains Arts Association is again sponsoring the Wichita Children's Theatre Professional Touring Company at our area schools.

The schedule follows.

Monday, October 19:

8:30 a.m. Oakley Elementary with "Tom Sawyer"
1:30 p.m. Rawlins County Elementary with "Three Billy Goats Gruff"

Tuesday, October 20:

8:30 a.m. Colby Elementary with "Three Billy Goats Gruff"
11:00 a.m. Tri-Plains Winona with "Three Billy Goats Gruff"
1:30 p.m. (MT) Goodland Fieldhouse with "Tom Sawyer"

Wednesday, October 21:

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Elementary with "Tom Sawyer"
1:15 p.m. Quinter Elementary with "Tom Sawyer"

These programs are made possible by WPAA and our supporting sponsors. Especially The Dane Hansen Foundation and sponsored in part by the state of Kansas through Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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JESUS IN US

TODAY.

Man, Philippians 2 says every knee will bow and every tongue will confess: JESUS CHRIST IS LORD. We believe that? Then let's LIVE like it. Because we can scream JESUS until our voice gives out, but if we're hateful, dishonest, unforgiving, and treating people like garbage WHAT EXACTLY ARE WE SHOWING THEM? C'MON.

We want souls? Let's show people what Jesus has done with ours. How we love. How we forgive. How we handle pressure. How we admit we're wrong. How we treat somebody who can't give us anything back. Let them watch us walk through hell and still have peace. Until somebody asks: "MAN, WHAT DO Y'ALL HAVE?" "JESUS." Not because we're perfect. Shoot, that's half the testimony. WE KNOW WE'RE NOT.

We met a Savior who refused to leave us the way He found us. Matthew 5:16 tells us to let our light shine so people glorify our Father in heaven. WE SHINE. HE GETS SEEN. WHEW. Somebody doesn't need another argument. They need to see the love of Christ lived out through us. At the kitchen table. In the checkout line. When nobody's watching. When somebody gives us every reason to lose our temper. That's where our testimony gets legs.

Because saying we've changed is easy. LIVING CHANGED COSTS US SOMETHING. Our pride. Our excuses. Our need to get the last word. And we're not saving anybody. JESUS SAVES. But we can point hurting people toward the One who saved us.

Someone needs encouragement? Give it. Someone needs forgiveness? Forgive. Someone's falling apart? Sit beside them. An opportunity to speak His name? SPEAK IT.

We're not guaranteed another conversation. Another morning. Another chance. So quit hiding the Light God put in us. LET IT SHINE. Through our marriages. Our friendships. Our workplaces. Our comment sections.

Let somebody see mercy where they expected judgment. Truth where they expected excuses. Love where they expected rejection. Because one day every knee will bow. But TODAY, people are still searching. Still hurting. Still wondering if Jesus actually changes anything. LET'S SHOW THEM HOW GOOD JESUS IS.

And when they ask what we have? Don't point to our accomplishments. Don't hand them our highlight reel. Point straight to the cross. "HOMIE... COME MEET JESUS."



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SELDEN MATCH MONTH EVENT: DINNER & MATCH MONTH INFORMATION

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Selden residents please join us for a complimentary dinner while learning about Match Month and how it supports and benefits the Selden community.

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Hoxie Cross Country Girls Compete at MCL



By Lillie Denio
On October 8, the Hoxie girls cross-country team went to Phillipsburg for the MCL meet. The girls ran hard and competed against several schools in the area. Coaches Tom Friess and Chris Graham were with the girls as they continued to work towards their season goals
Freshman Jenna Herl led the Hoxie team, finishing 6th with a time of 21:58.11. Sophomore Brylie Lindenman was 7th (22:07.67), and freshman Aubrey Diercks was 9th (22:40.77). Senior Emily Farber was 17th (24:50.91), sophomore Kansas Tso was 18th (25:03.27), sophomore Bailynn Moser was 19th (25:22.73), and junior Lillie Denio was 21st (26:22.45). The girls continue to be a very solid team throughout this season. Their next meet will be at home in Hoxie on Thursday, October 15, for the girls, boys, and junior high. This will also be the Hoxie junior high's last cross country meet of the season.
(HHS photo)

Hoxie Indians Defeat Oberlin Red Devils



Juniors Noah Nickelson (10) and Bradyn Wilson (11) bring down the receiver at the home game against Oberlin on October 9. The Hoxie Indians held strong on defense and made several crucial offensive plays, leading to a 40-26 victory over the Red Devils. (HHS photo)
By Sofia Garcia
The Hoxie Indians played against the Oberlin Red Devils on October 9 at Hoxie. The Indians ended the game with a 40-26 victory. "Friday's win against Oberlin was a quality district win," said head coach Lance Baar. "Offensively, we were able to capitalize on a few big plays that we either scored on or we were able to put ourselves in scoring position. Defensively, we were able to bend but not break in the second half."

The Oberlin Red Devils started the game with the opening kickoff. Freshman Hadley Juenemann scored the first touchdown for Hoxie, making the score 6-0. Oberlin made the score 6-2 with a safety, then to 6-10 in the last seconds of the first quarter. Senior Mat Bretz made the first touchdown for the second quarter, making the score 12-10, and Oberlin answered with another touchdown. Sophomore Gage Epp ran 49 yards to score again for the Hoxie, tying it 18-18. Junior Griffin Zerr ended the first half with another touchdown, and the score was tied at 26-26.
In the third quarter, Epp threw the ball to Zerr and made the only touchdown of the quarter. With the Indians' strong defense, Hoxie held the Red Devils to no scoring opportunity, and the third-quarter score was 32-26. Epp ran for a 50-yard touchdown, and senior Chase Meyer made the 2-point conversion, making the score 40-26 in favor of the Indians. The final score was 40-26.
"Oberlin was able to move the ball, but we were able to get stops in the red zone. With special teams, we were able to flip the field on a couple of punts and kickoffs after touchdowns because of outstanding coverage and open-field tackling by those units," continued Coach Baar. "Overall, this was a good team win." This win gives the Indians confidence for their next game on Friday, October 16, at Hill City against the Ringnecks.

Lady Bulldogs Win Three at Tourney



The Golden Plains Lady Bulldog Volleyball team celebrates another point scored against the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes in the final game of the Decatur Co. Tournament in Oberlin on October 3. **The Bulldogs defeated the Buffaloes in two close sets to win the consolation bracket of the tournament for fifth place. Team member on the court include (clockwise from top) Kadalen Unrein (27), Ellie Romero (5), Estella Vargas (4), Brenlynn Rath (14), Katie Carter (15), and Lakin Wark (1). Cheering from the bench were Coach Ashley Arnberger, Coach Sidney Taylor, Jade Dible (12), Kaylee Kier (11), Emma Kier (3), Makynslee Vargas (6), and Molly Ritter (20). (Photo by Judy Rogers)**

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs volleyball team competed in the Decatur Community Tournament in Oberlin on October 3. The Bulldogs won three of their five matches to place fifth.
Their first match of pool play was against the Brewster Bulldogs. The GP girls took control early in the first set winning easily 25-2 with steady serves by Katie Carter, Kaylee Kier, and Kadalen Unrein. The Brewster girls fought back in the second set taking the lead in the early part of the game. The Bulldogs pulled ahead with a string of serves from Ellie Romero. The Brewster girls stayed strong but Golden Plains won the set and the match 25-22.
The second game of pool play was against the Hoxie Lady Indians. The Indians captured an early lead and held their momentum for the win 25-9. The Bulldogs gave it their all in the second set and led 8-2 to start off. The Indians worked their way back into the set and pulled ahead for the win 25-19.

The Bulldogs faced the Dundy County Tigers out of Beckelman, Nebraska, for the third set. The Tigers quickly took control of the first set with a series of powerful kills. The Dogs worked hard but fell to the Tigers 8-25. The Dogs came back in the second set staying within a few points of the Tigers and tying it up at 20. Both teams covered the net well, but the Tigers' killer slams gave them the win 23-25.
The Bulldogs advanced to bracket play to face the St. Francis Lady Indians. The teams played three close, exciting sets with the Bulldogs claiming the first set win 25-22. The Indians kept the second set tied up throughout pulling ahead at the end for the 25-23 win. In the third and final set, the Bulldogs pulled ahead to a 12-4 lead. The Indians worked their way back in to tie the game up at 14. The Dogs again gained a lead only the have the Indians match them at 22. With Brenlynn Rath behind the serve line, the Dogs held on for the win 25-23.
The final match of the day was against the Rawlins County Lady Buffaloes for fifth place. The girls played two more intense sets. They stayed neck and neck in the first set, and the game was tied at 21. Lakin Wark served four in a row to give the Dogs the 25-21 win. The second set was another close game with the girls tying it up several times. The Dogs finally pulled ahead to a 19-9 lead. The Buffaloes fought back to close the gap, but the Dogs claimed the match 25-20 to win out on the consolation side of the bracket placing them fifth in the tournament.

"We definitely fought to the finish," said junior Lakin Wark. "We had to have grit to finish strong and win." "It was a fun tournament," added Brenlynn Rath. "It took us a while to settle down. Everyone was nervous, but we stuck together well."
The girls finished the tournament with 30 ACE serves including Katie Carter 9, Lakin Wark 6, Kaylee Kier 5, Kadalen Unrein 3, Ellie Romero 3, Brenlynn Rath 2, Makynslee Vargas 1, and Molly Ritter 1. They had 70 Kills from Wark 24, Rath 22, Jade Dible 15, Unrein 12, Estella Vargas 4, and Carter 2.
Seventy-two assists were given by Unrein 28, Wark 22, E. Vargas 12, Carter 9, and Rath 1. Wark and Dible each had 2 solo blocks and Unrein 1. The girls dug up 192 digs from Rath 34, Unrein 31, E. Vargas 28, Wark 25, Romero 23, Carter 21, Dible 16, Kaylee Kier 12, and Emma Ier 2.
The Lady Bulldogs hold a 15-10 record for the season. They will play in Winona on October 6 before traveling to Goodland for the WKLL league tournament on October 10. "The season is going fast," added Wark. "We're trying to make sure we have a good record for seeding for regionals and sub-state."

Palco Roosters Prove No Match for Thunderhawks



Senior MaKenna Farber cheers for the boys during the Palco game Friday, October 2. Thunderhawks defeated the Roosters 52-0. (WHS photo)

By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Sponsor
The Wheatland High School varsity football team defeated the Palco Roosters Friday, October 2 at the Hawks Nest with a final score of 52-0. Thunderhawks now have a 4-1 win-loss record.
Senior Branton Goetz rushed 99 yards and scored two touchdowns in nine carries. Goetz has scored a rushing touchdown four consecutive games. Also with nine carries, fellow senior Spencer Beckman rushed for an impressive 123 yards and scored a touchdown. Quarterback Riley Tuttle completed two of three attempts, passing for 41 yards. Tuttle also scored a touchdown. Junior Jackson Foster brought another touchdown to the WHS scoreboard as well as receiving 41 yards.
Sophomore Remi Hancock stated, "I think we played really well, and I think we will carry that momentum the rest of the season."
Thunderhawk fans face Cheylin Cougars in the Hawks Nest for Homecoming, Friday October 9. Come support your Hawks!

Volleyhawks Struggle, Then Bounce Back



Senior Brooklyn Thomas and junior Jayden Wood block at the net while Italy Teeter and Natalie Bixenman cover during the TMP game at the Scott City tournament. (WHS photo)
By Carolyn Nelson, DTP sponsor
The WHS Volleyhawks have faced some tough competition in recent matches. On Saturday, October 3, they played in the Scott City Dig Pink tournament.
At the tournament they battled against Garden Plain (tie 0-0); Goodland (1-2); Lakin High School (0-2); Thomas More Prep- Marian (1-2); Garden Plain (1-2); and Wichita County (2-0).
The next fight was Monday at a triangle competition at Weskan as the Volleyhawks met the Dighton Hornets and the Weskan Coyotes Monday, October 5. WHS took down the Coyotes in only two sets (25-14; 31-29) for a victorious match. The Volleyhawks also won against the Hornets in two sets, making a great evening.
Added to the excitement of the evening was Natalie Bixenman achieving her 1000 career kills. Congratulations, Volleyhawks.

Walk and Roll to Safety

By Carolyn Nelson, DTP sponsor
Wheatland High School Wellness Committee hosted the third annual Walk and Roll to Safety on Wednesday, October 7.
High school students met the grade school students at the firehouse at 7:40 a.m.. GCDC and NHS served breakfast. The FACS class cooked burritos, with cold breakfast snacks.
After breakfast, elementary students walked in groups with the NHS students listening and learning about crosswalk safety. When they reached the grade school, everyone met in the gym and listened to Gove County deputies Dusty Taul, Seth Gruber, and Dustin Dusin discuss crosswalk safety and other safety issues.
Wellness Committee president Dina Heier stated, "It is so important for the children to learn about safety and this is a fun way for them to do this. Thanks for the support from GCDC, FACS class, NHS students, the fire station, Mayor Harvey Heier, Trina Gruber, the City of Grainfield, and the sheriff's department."

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The Sheridan County Democrat October 15, 1892

Wid Comer has gone to farming.
Court adjourned Wednesday noon.
Montgomery has the Enterprise Meat Cutters in stock.
John Woltzen cannot stay in Seguin over Sunday.
Frank Tucker commenced his school last Monday.
George Pratt and Charley Taylor were in town Thursday.
Emery Williams is lonesome, Pooler has skipped the country.
M. C. Revielle got side-tracked Tuesday and failed to materialize as billed.
Lou Korb sold Wednesday his livery stable and stock to John Smith of Grainfield.
Giles Humes was in town Wednesday, marketing. He had a dozen tomatoes for sale.
M. D. Gallogly, Rev. Henslee and Mr. Vail, all of Selden, were attending court Tuesday.
Emery Walden brought in four loads of broom corn Wednesday and has more to come.

L. Tabor, of Colby, was in the city Wednesday to be examined for an increase of pension, Comrade Tabor was raised near us in the old empire state.
Mrs. E. L. Gregg presented her son Otto this week with a fine hair chain neatly trimmed with gold. The hair was taken rom Otto's head when he was eighteen months old.

Next week the *Sheridan County Democrat* will be six months old; and we intend to dress it up in new clothes. This week we have only time to make panties.
Fred and Alta Taylor arrived last week from the mountains, where they had been rustivating for some time. They left Saturday morning for parental roof which is in Decatur county.

D. C. Cooper and wife, of Shelby, Iowa, arrived in the city last Sunday, on a visit and vacation from the toils of a busy life. Mr. C. is a brother of Mrs. Sanford Battey, and she is the cause of this visit, Sandford and Marsh thrown in.

Tom Dunn, who once resided in the county, but went back to Iowa, came in again last Saturday. He is a son of Jim Dunn, the noted horse doctor, who at one time not long since was a resident of the county.

John Barber and son and accompanied by a brother, all of Linn county, Iowa, passed through town last week. They had been out in the mountains and were on the road home. John and E. L. Gregg were old acquaintance.

R. S. Brogan of Bow Creek township has received the patent to his land.

J. E. Campbell and Jos. A. Gill, of Colby, were in attendance at court this week.

125 Years Ago October 17, 1901

Mrs. Lew Hanback, of Lawrence, is visiting Dr. and Mrs. Hall.

Mayor Decker and wife visited relatives at Hill City the latter part of last week.

Ray Warner, of Selden, had a load of apples on the Hoxie market Monday and found ready sale for them at \$1.25 per bushel.

W. S. Quisenberry is adding many improvements in the way of outhouses, fences and paint to his residence which he recently bought of I. H. Prince.

Last Sunday's ball game came near resulting disastrously, no less than three participants carrying "wounds without a cause," they all having been hit by the ball.

Robt. Kirk, a former resident of Sheridan county, is the Republican nominee for commissioner in Graham county. Mr. Kirk is an excellent gentleman and should he be elected, the people of Graham county will find that they made no mistake.

The ball game last Thursday between the Single and Married fellows resulted in a victory for the former by a score of 21 to 13. Th married men lay the defeat to the absence of two of their players and are anxious to have one more trial ere the season closes.

Frank Lee left last Friday morning for a business trip to Illinois.

C. H. Beers has added to his general store one of the latest most complete cash registers.

Mr. Malchow, of Seguin, had the second load of corn on the Hoxie market Saturday.

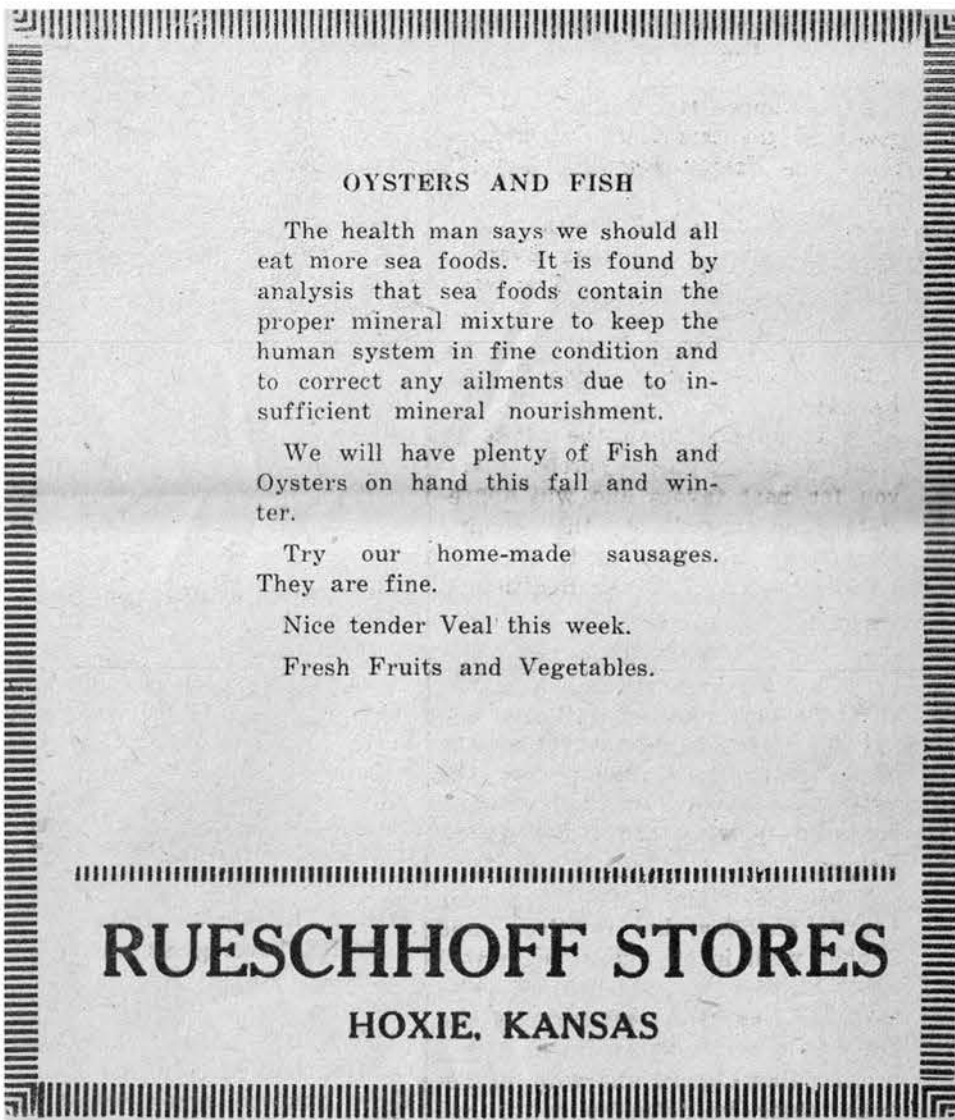
J. M. Hall, the new barber, has packed his outfit and returned to Morland, thus leaving Hoxie with but one barber.

An Oberlin lady recently held an "at home" to celebrate her husband's absence. Oberlin society never misses a chance to celebrate.

V. A. Hank and family returned to Hoxie the latter part of last week after a week's visit with relatives and friends in the vicinity of Ellsworth.

Jennings ball team failed to come and play ball with the Allison boys last Saturday, on account of the bad weather we suppose.

Studley Items



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

Reporter
Linus Fogle is getting out rock for a new house.
Clem Willis and Mr. Kelley are busy putting up alfalfa.
F. M. Ewers is convalescent after a serious spell of sickness.

Elliott Clippings
By Katie Dyd
B. F. Phillips went to Hoxie last Wednesday.
L. C. Miley is putting up a tank that will hold 300 barrels.
E. E. Pickerell has been quite sick at Elliott the past week.

**100 Years Ago
October 14, 1926
Chamber of Commerce Luncheon**
The Chamber of Commerce enjoyed an excellent luncheon Tuesday, which was serve by the Rebekah Lodge. Owing to the fact that many of the members were assembled in the hall, awaiting the appearance of ex-Governor Davis, there was only a small crowd in attendance during the noon hour.

The hospital committee made its report as follows: Nearly \$140 has been secured or pledged to the hospital fund, including the rent for the first month. About \$100.00 more is needed to reach the goal.

Local News
Mrs. Effie Transue and sons, Harold and Billie, and Miss Erma Gallagher, of Hays, Kansas, spent the weekend with Mrs. Emma Gallagher and other relatives.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church has postponed its regular meeting until October 27 on account of the absence of several of the members who are attending the synod at Emporia.

Mrs. H. C. Humphrey entertained to dinner Sunday the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Beers and Mr. W. F. Schultheis.

Miss Elta Belle Boles spent last week in Hoxie with her sister, Mrs. L. V. Mowry.
Chester Newland was called to Corning, Kansas, Wednesday owing to the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ivan Newland.

Dr. J. R. Trotter received the appointment last week as dental inspector for the school children of the county.

Anton Baalman passed through Hoxie last Thursday on his way home from Studley where he visited his son who is assistant cashier of the Studley State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mowry and children, Mrs. Davis and children and Miss Elta Boles spent the weekend at Subletter, Kansas, visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wingerd.

E. A. Schneider, of Menlo, while in town Monday applied for one of our travel-accident policies. E. A. is a stockholder in the Continental Insurance Company and soon as he saw a sample policy, he wanted one.

Valley
Mr. W. L. McCartney celebrated his 85th birthday on Sunday, September 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Connie Taylor ate dinner with him on that day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schropp and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Conard, Mrs. P. A. Conard and Miss Miriam Conard spent Sunday the 3rd with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Klaurens near Seguin.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor spent last

week in Glen Elder visiting relatives.

**75 Years Ago
October 18, 1951
Grade Band Concert**

The Hoxie grade school band will present its first concert of the year Monday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m. in the grade school gymnasium. There will be no admission and everyone is welcome.

New uniforms were recently purchased for the band and this will be their first occasion to show them to the public.

Leoville News
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Meitl and children, of Oakley, were visitors at the John Kruse home Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Berls who spent the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Moeder and children in Wichita, returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kogl and daughter, of Atwood, visited her mother, Mrs. Louise Schroer and family Sunday.

Midway Items
Courtesy in Home and Public Places, was the lesson given by Mrs. J. Clinesmith at the regular meeting of Midway Unit in the home of Mrs. O. B. Duncanson, Thursday afternoon. Ten members and two visitors were present. We had a very good lunch and adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bill Vickers, Nov. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Schaffer and boys are spending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Schaffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Ochs and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Phil Gallagher home.

Studley Items
Frank Bretz Jr. and Earl Stout sold cattle at the Hill City cattle sale Monday.
Mrs. Elsie Woods and children and Eldon Stout spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stout and grandad.

Mrs. Ray Davis and Mrs. Earl Stout attended Methodist conference at Salina Oct. 4 to 7.

Mickey's Want Ads
Better get a new mattress for the long winter nites ahead. We suggest a Simons Beauty Rest.

Mother: What's taking you so long to put on your bathing suit?

Daughter: I can't quite decide where to put it.

See us for that new gas stove. A Cirklair will do the job.

Tasco Notes
Club met with Inez Haynes on Oct. 11th, with 12 members present. A crib quilt was quilted for the Methodist W. S. C. S. The usual good dinner was served at noon. It was voted to have club on Wednesday. We will meet with Eunice Taylor, Oct. 24th.

Mrs. George Jones and Mary Lynn spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hojda.

Mrs. Floyd Karnes and Mrs. W. A. Ackerman returned Monday from their trip to Missouri and Eastern Kansas.

**50 Years Ago
October 7, 1976
Organizational Meeting for Girl Scouts**

An organizational meeting for parents and girls interested in joining Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts will be held Monday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the Presbyterian Church.

Anyone having Brownie or Junior uniforms they would like to sell may bring them to the meeting or call Mrs. Carolyn Eland.

Broadway News

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Popp called at Albert Smith Tuesday evening. Irene Richards was a Wednesday luncheon guest and Harold McWilliams of Assaria spent Wednesday night at Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carley called on Mrs. Nella Simon Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Borger called on Mamie Borger and Bob Lovins Friday afternoon. They called at Lawrence Simons Sunday afternoon.

Solomon Valley 4-H
Many people went home Sunday, Oct. 3 with a stuffed stomach, and happiness in their hearts. These people were the Golden Agers which the Solomon Valley 4-H Club served.

The dinner was pot luck, but mostly lots of good food for everyone.

After the dinner the 4-H'ers held a program which started with a piano solo by Joyce Karnes. Then we had a vesper service, and the members sang America. Joan and Linda Schieferecke gave a skit. Randy Mader and Janet Karnes sang some songs. Randy played the guitar and Janet played the piano while they sang.

Mickey Want Ads
Bulletin Boards available in solids, in blue, greens, in kitchen decorator designs, and in childrens designs with cartoon character. A \$4.95 value now \$3.45 each.

On the first day of school, each new kindergartner arrived home with a note from teacher. It read, "Dear Parents: If you promise not to believe all your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe all he says happens at home."

Hunting jackets with game pouch and shell belt \$5.95.

Leoville News
Mrs. Don Robben and Lynn of Oakley visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. Anna Kruse.

Mrs. Al Meier and daughters, Denise, Irene and Alice of Menlo, visited Magdalen Gassman and girls Sunday and were dinner guests.

Mrs. Evelyn Meitl and Mrs. Magdalen Gassman attended a Diocesan Workshop at Colby Sunday afternoon.

McGraw News
The Victory Club met at the home of Mrs. Russel Bainter Thursday afternoon with eight members and one guest present.

Jody Weimer was a Monday guest of Mrs. Dwane Tice while Mrs. Wiemer had a dental appointment.

Jeff and Melissa Vahling were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice while Mrs. Bill Vahling bowled.

**25 Years Ago
October 11, 2001
Middle School Spikers Suffer Pair of Losses**

On Sept. 27, the middle school volleyball team traveled to Grinnell. There, the volleyball girls played against Wheatland and Grinnell. The first game was against the Wheatland Shockers. The varsity Bulldog girls lost, 10-15, and 14-16. The top servers win that game were Jessica Shaw and Katelyn Spresser with six points each.

Tigers Improve to 6-0
The eighth grade football team improved to 6-0 with a 29-12 victory over Oberlin on Oct. 4.

The Tigers got things rolling in the first quarter when Toliver Bird scored on a three-yard run. Tyler Baker then connected with Brett Oelke for the two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

Rexford
On Sept. 30, the Red Barn Band spent an enjoyable evening at the Fairview Estates Retirement Community in Colby. A lovely dinner was served to everyone and then the band presented a program of music, singing, and dancing using their many puppets and gadgets. The residents were attentive and some took pictures of the band.

On Sept. 28, Lula Thieler and Betty Carswell attended a dinner at the Landmark Inn in Oberlin sponsored by the Oberlin Herald for the correspondents. Each introduced herself and received a nice gift. Many thanks to the Haynes for the lovely day.

Grace Cheney went with Gary and Kay Cheney to the First Christian Church in St. Francis last Sunday to see her great-granddaughter Amanda Kay Cheney, be christened. Amanda Kay is the 2-month-old daughter of Matt and Lyn Cheney.

Jennings-Allison
The Rock Island Rockets have a National 4-H Week display in the showcase by the gym at the Jennings School. Be sure and check out some of the 2001 local entries in the Decatur County Fair with some of the entries that went to the Kansas State Fair.

This week, the Jennings junior high volleyball and football teams traveled to Agra. The volleyball A-team lost the match 0-2 with scores of 4-15 and 10-15. The B-Team came back to win both of their matches with scores of 15-4 and 15-9. The football team played a tough game. At the halftime they were down 36-0 and they came back to a score of 36-30 after the half. They ended up losing with a score of 54-30.

Heart of a Tiger: Boots, Ropes, and Big Dreams, The Heart of FHSU Rodeo

By Tisa Mason
Hays - There is something special about people who rodeo. The students and their coach are always respectful and kind. They say, “yes, Ma’am” and “no, Ma’am” the old-fashioned way. But what really stands out is how they use the word “rodeo.” For most of us, rodeo is just a noun - a show, an event. For Trevor Meier and Tyler McCauley, it’s a verb. It’s something they do every single day. It’s not just what they watch. It’s how they live.

Tyler grew up in Pender, a small town in northeast Nebraska. Last year, he made a trip to Hays, Kansas, to check things out. He wanted two things: a good rodeo team and a school that could prepare him for a career as an electrician. Together, Fort Hays State University and Fort Hays Tech | North Central offered both.

“I saw FHSU had a tech school partnership,” Tyler said. “I came, visited, and loved the town and the program. I loved the teachers. I really wanted to come here to get my education, and I wanted to compete in college rodeo.”

Because Fort Hays Tech | North Central does not have a rodeo team, Tyler competes as an individual member, wearing the Fort Hays Tech | North Central vest, while being a full member of the Fort Hays State University Rodeo Club.

Tyler’s days start early. He feeds his horses around 7 a.m., then heads to class until 2:30 in the afternoon. After that, he practices roping for several hours. Then it’s dinner, a shower, and bed, so he can wake up and do it all again. “Not a lot” of downtime, he admits with a small laugh. “I’m pretty focused on the rodeo.”

Tyler has been competing since he was just seven years old. Now he competes in calf roping and team roping. Someday, after he finishes his two-year electrician program, he hopes to head south to Texas or Oklahoma. There, he plans to keep rodeoing while working toward a business degree.

Even with his busy schedule, Tyler has found time to enjoy his new life in Hays. “They are good people,” he said about his new teammates. “They are friendly, so I like that.” He was especially excited about his first rodeo with the FHSU team on September 11th in Colby.

Coach Meier fully embraces the partnership between FHSU and Fort Hays Tech | North Central. Coach Meier didn’t just join rodeo. He was born into it. He started roping and racing when he was only four or five years old. His mother was the rodeo coach at Garden City Community College at the time, so rodeo has always been part of his family. Coach Meier went on to compete for Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and he still rides in professional rodeo events today.

This fall marks the start of Coach Meier’s second year as head coach at Fort Hays State.

“The first year was fun,” he said. “It worked out well to be the assistant coach my first year and see everything, but not have all the responsibilities yet, on my own. It made it an easier transition.”

If Tyler’s schedule sounds busy, Coach Meier’s might top it. His day begins at 6 a.m., roping calves until 8 or 9. Then he heads to his office for meetings, paperwork, and checking on students. By late afternoon, he’s back at the rodeo grounds for another four hours of practice, followed by feeding and caring for the animals.

Asked if he ever sleeps, Coach Meier just chuckled. “Not as much as I’d like, for sure. We stay busy.”

He’s not alone, though. His graduate assistant, Tee Koch, helps with morning and evening chores, health checks, and general animal care. Tee also competes in steer wrestling, calf roping, and team roping alongside his younger brother, Brodin, who is also a student at FHSU.

This year’s team has 28 members, what Coach Meier calls “a comfy number.” Taking care of many team members also means caring for many animals. The team leases cattle from ranches in Nebraska and Oklahoma, trucking them in for practice and competition.

Coach Meier spends much of his time watching high school and community college rodeo athletes across a huge stretch of land, from South Dakota down to Oklahoma, hoping to find the next great addition to the FHSU family.

This past summer, two team members made it to the College National Finals Rodeo: Abigail Olson in barrel racing and Madison Scott in breakaway roping.

For readers less familiar with these events, barrel racing is a timed event, almost always run by women, where a rider on horseback races a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels set up in the arena. It’s all about speed combined with precision control of the horse; even a fraction of a second lost in a wide turn can cost the run. Barrel racing is one of the most popular events for fans because it’s fast, athletic, and easy to follow. The lowest time wins.

Also, typically a women’s event, breakaway roping is a variation of calf roping built for speed and safety. Here’s the key difference from traditional roping: the rope is tied to the saddle horn with a string, and once the loop catches the calf and the horse stops short, the rope simply “breaks away” from the saddle instead of the roper dismounting to tie the calf’s legs (like in tie-down roping). It’s judged purely on speed — fastest clean catch wins — and it’s gained a lot of popularity recently as its own standalone event rather than just a practice drill for calf roping.

Tiger Nation is proud of Abigail and Madison, and Coach Meier is hopeful for what that means for the future.

“We have a really strong women’s team this year,” Coach Meier said.

The season ahead is packed. The team will compete in four fall rodeos and six in the spring, spread across Kansas and Oklahoma. The road leads all the way to the National Finals in Casper, Wyoming, next June, which would mark the team’s third straight trip if they qualify.

But for Coach Meier, it’s not really about the trophies. It’s about watching young people become who they’re meant to be.

“It’s amazing to watch the students grow and all they learn,” he said, “from the time they are freshmen all the way through college.”

Rodeo is woven deeply into the lives of Coach Meier, Tyler, and the rest of the FHSU rodeo family. It’s not just a sport or extracurricular activity; it’s who they are. From early mornings, long days, and hard work to the life-long friendships they build along the way, rodeo is their way of life.

ATF Forced to Drop Some Nationwide Registration Requirements

Topeka – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach welcomed an open letter from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives announcing that, effective October 9, 2026, ATF will no longer require individuals to obtain federal approval before making or transferring short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, silencers, and certain other firearms classified as “any other weapons.”

The policy follows a federal court ruling in Silencer Shop Foundation v. ATF, a case in which Kansas led a coalition of 14 states and private plaintiffs in challenging National Firearms Act registration requirements after Congress eliminated the associated making and transfer taxes in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. A federal judge in Texas ruled that, with the tax gone, the government could no longer force people to register these items or get permission before buying or making them, and blocked enforcement of those rules against the plaintiffs. ATF has now decided to stop enforcing the rules nationwide, not just for the people who sued.

“This is a huge victory for firearm owners. Now it’s not just Kansans who can purchase suppressors, short barrel rifles and short barrel shotguns without seeking special permission from the government. It’s for citizens of all 50 states. I’m proud to say that Kansas led the way in delivering this win,” Kobach said.

Under the guidance, individuals may acquire the covered items without submitting an NFA application or waiting for ATF approval. Background checks and other requirements under the Gun Control Act remain in effect. ATF will continue to process voluntary registration applications for those who choose to file them.

Kobach said the outcome confirms that once Congress removed the tax that had been the constitutional basis for these rules, the federal government no longer had authority to force law-abiding citizens to seek permission before exercising their Second Amendment rights.

College Receives \$600K Mental Health Awareness Grant

Goodland - Fort Hays Tech | Northwest has been awarded funds by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to train individuals and communities on how to recognize and safely respond to mental health crises.

“This funding will make a meaningful impact for our students and the communities we serve,” said President Corey Isbell. “This investment represents an important step forward in how we support our students and community.”

Through this three-year grant, the College will build a mental health awareness, crisis response, and referral network. The College will provide training, education, and resources to students, with broader reach into schools, healthcare organizations, emergency-response agencies, and community settings.

As this project continues to develop, more information will be shared about the services and opportunities it will provide. Visit FHNW.edu to stay up to date on the latest developments.

Museum News

By Shari Buss, Director, Hansen Museum

There is never a dull moment at the Hansen Museum, especially when a group of competitive middle school athletes comes through the doors! This past week, the Colby Middle School Cross Country Team visited Going Places and took one of the exhibition’s bicycle interactives to a whole new level of fun.

What started as an opportunity to explore the exhibition quickly turned into a full-fledged bicycle tournament, complete with a competition bracket and a set of rules established by the students themselves. Each participant was required to ride both bicycles, with the best times determining who advanced to the next round. The competition was on!

The students had an absolute blast challenging one another and cheering on their teammates. What made the whole experience even more entertaining was their determination to keep the tournament moving. If the next competitor had wandered off to explore another part of the exhibition, someone would track them down, announce that it was their turn, and off they would go, ready to ride! It was such fun watching these young athletes turn an interactive learning experience into a spirited competition filled with laughter, encouragement, and a little friendly rivalry. Their enthusiasm was contagious!

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

In an effort to streamline the call process with calls for service the Hoxie Police Department phone number has changed to 785-675-3481. This will ring you into Sheridan County Communications as they already dispatch for the police department. This will allow trained dispatchers to take your information/complaint and dispatch the police department to you. This will also provide 24/7 phone coverage when the City Office is closed. As always, the Hoxie Police Department is here to serve you and assist with any issues you may have.

Paul Wisinger, Chief
Hoxie Police Department

Of course, the Colby athletes weren’t our only visitors this past week. We also welcomed Logan’s third-grade students and fifth and sixth graders from Alma, Nebraska. Both groups thoroughly enjoyed exploring Going Places and discovering the many interactive components throughout the exhibition. In addition to their time in the gallery, the students participated in our tessellation activity. It has been wonderful to see how each group brings its own personality and energy to the Museum. No two field trips are ever quite the same!

In addition to all the excitement surrounding Going Places, we encourage visitors to explore our October Artist of the Month display featuring Kristin Johnson, owner and artist behind Praisin’ Art of Hoxie, Kansas. Kristin specializes in transforming gourds into beautiful, one-of-a-kind works of art. Her collection includes jewelry, buttons, bowls, vases, and an impressive variety of crosses. Using wood burning, alcohol inks, and other embellishments, she creates intricate designs that reflect both her artistic talent and her faith. Many of the gourds she uses are grown right at her home in Hoxie. Her display is a wonderful reminder that art can be created from some of nature’s most unexpected materials. Be sure to stop by and take a look at her unique creations while they are on display throughout October.

If all this creativity has you feeling inspired, why not try your hand at creating something of your own? Our next Museum class, Introduction to Chalk Pastels, will be held Saturday, October 24th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Logan Youth Center. Instructor Laurie Albin will introduce participants to the colorful world of chalk pastels, demonstrating techniques for blending and layering colors to create depth and dimension. This workshop is designed for beginners,

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but those with previous pastel experience are also welcome. Participants will work toward completing at least one finished piece, and if time allows, they may begin a second project. The cost of the workshop is \$35, and registration is available online through the Hansen Museum’s website. We hope you’ll join us for a fun day of learning, experimenting, and creating!

The Going Places exhibition continues to offer plenty of opportunities for visitors of all ages to explore

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Kansas Water Authority Meeting in Atchison

The Kansas Water Authority (KWA) will meet on Wednesday, October 21, in Atchison at the Atchison Event Center located at 710 S. 9th Street, Atchison. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m.

For additional meeting information and the online meeting link, visit the Kansas Water Office website calendar at kwo.ks.gov or call (785) 296-3185.

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

If accommodations are needed for a person with disabilities, please notify the Kansas Water Office at 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 404, Topeka, KS 66611-1249 or call (785) 296-3185 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending October 11, 2026, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 6% very short, 17% short, 65% adequate, and 12% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 10% very short, 25% short, 58% adequate, and 7% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 44%, behind 56% for the five-year average. Emerged was 20%, behind 29% average.

Corn harvested was 63%, near 64% average. Soybean condition rated 11% very poor, 21% poor, 34% fair, 30% good, and 4% excellent. Soybeans dropping leaves was 88%, near 86% average. Harvested was 27%, behind 37% average.

Sorghum condition rated 14% very poor, 26% poor, 36% fair, 20% good, and 4% excellent. Sorghum mature was 71%, behind 83% average. Harvested was 23%, behind 40% average.

Cotton condition rated 8% very poor, 23% poor, 40% fair, 25% good, and 4% excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 84%, ahead of 79% average. Harvested was 9%, near 12% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 16%, behind 31% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 12% very poor, 20% poor, 35% fair, 30% good, and 3% excellent.

Join Kansas Farm Bureau for 108th Annual Meeting

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) will celebrate its 108th annual meeting Dec. 5-7 in Manhattan. The organization's annual meeting will begin Saturday evening with KFB's Foundation Fundraiser, themed around the National Finals Rodeo, which will be streamed live. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.kfb.org/Article/KFBs-Foundation-for-Agriculture-Night-with-the-NFR-Fundraiser>.

On Sunday, informational workshops, tradeshow vendors and a silent auction will be open to attendees. Jason Brown, former NFL lineman who now owns and operates First Fruits Farm in North Carolina, will provide the keynote address.

During the general session, awards for Friends of Agriculture, county Farm Bureaus, media and the 2026 mental health advocate will be presented. Farm Families of the Year and Leadership KFB will be recognized during the banquet Sunday evening, in addition to honoring the Distinguished Service honoree.

On Monday, voting delegates will debate and adopt policy statements for 2027, in addition to elections for KFB president and board members from even-numbered Farm Bureau districts. To learn more about candidates running, go to <https://www.kfb.org/KFB-Elections>. (Kansas Farm Bureau membership sign in required.)

Other notable items related to the annual meeting include:

- We're seeking voice talent to sing the National Anthem Sunday, Dec. 6. Go to <https://form.jotform.com/kfbcommunications/kfbs-2026-annual-meeting-national-a> to upload your demo by Nov. 5.
- Get your water tested for free by Kansas Geological Survey. Go to <https://www.jotform.com/form/262075189991066> to sign up by Oct. 15.

For full annual meeting details, visit www.kfb.org/annualmeeting.

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Dyed Diesel Update

On Monday, October 5, Pres. Donald Trump signed an Executive Order to temporarily allow off-road dyed diesel for highway use and defer the applicable federal excise tax.

Specifically, the order does the following:

- Directs the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to defer payment of the Federal excise tax imposed for on-road use of dyed diesel fuel for the remainder of the year without interest or penalties, and to explore pathways to eliminate the obligation to pay the deferred taxes.
- Directs the Secretary of Transportation to coordinate with states, industry leadership and labor organizations on access to dyed diesel.
- Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to ensure farmers' access to dyed diesel in high-demand areas and to encourage corresponding action by states.
- Directs the Director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to encourage more states to adopt policies that correspond with the Secretary of the Treasury's actions pursuant to this order.

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) joined Kansas agricultural commodity associations asking Gov. Kelly to add Kansas to a growing number of states deferring or temporarily suspending state fuels tax on diesel. The same day Gov. Kelly issued the following statement, "In Kansas, this executive order cannot be legally implemented as drafted, and even if it could be, the expansion of red dye diesel would ultimately result in its cost skyrocketing to the same price as regular diesel. There are also serious concerns from Kansas Highway Patrol that execution of this executive order, if it were legally possible, would result in law enforcement difficulties once red dye diesel returns to its normal usage restrictions. Once again, the Trump administration is attempting to put out a fire it created and causing more harm and long-term consequences in the process."

While this remains a fluid situation, it is important to know the federal executive order only defers the fuels tax and fuel consumers should anticipate having to pay the deferred fuels taxes at some point in 2027. Across the state of Kansas, the Kansans Highway Patrol, Kansas Department of Transportation and others will continue to enforce state rules and regulations prohibiting using non-highway diesel on public roads.

Kansas Farm Bureau will continue to monitor the situation at the federal and state levels.

Farmers Grateful for Diesel Tax Relief

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall applauded the executive order signed by President Trump to ease limits on the use of tax-exempt dyed diesel fuel to give farmers a break.

"We thank President Trump for recognizing that what happens at the fuel pump directly affects what happens on the farm and therefore at dinner tables across America. Allowing dyed diesel fuel to be used over-the-road will bring welcome relief for farmers because every cent per gallon matters when you're running a fleet of grain trucks or hauling cattle hundreds of miles.

"As we detailed in a letter to the president last week, this effort will bring much needed price relief for farmers as they work to complete harvest across the U.S. The federal highway diesel tax is currently more than 24-cents per gallon, so it's a big deal to farmers to be able to use tax exempt diesel more broadly to get their harvest to market. We appreciate that the president listened to farmers and responded."

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The Voice of Agriculture

First in Time

By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Farming in western Kansas would look much different today without the massive infrastructure built to bring groundwater to the surface to sustain crops, water livestock, support industry and provide drinking water. Groundwater is at the heart of life on the High Plains.

Kansas water law dedicates, or appropriates, this resource for the use of the public by allowing individuals to obtain water rights for beneficial purposes under the Kansas Water Appropriation Act.

For example, an individual can apply for a water right to develop a well for 14 uses such as municipal, industrial, stock watering and irrigation, among others. This appropriation right grants the right to use water, but it does not convey ownership of the water itself. The right to use that water, however, is a property right protected under Kansas law.

These property rights rely on a tiered system, based on the priority of when each was applied for. This principle is commonly referred to as "first in time, first in right." During a shortage, water rights with earlier priority dates must be satisfied before those with later dates.

Water, both surface water and groundwater, is the lifeblood of Kansas because of the significant investments required to put it to beneficial use. Without the stable and secure property rights afforded by the priority system, farmers and ranchers would have less incentive to invest their labor and capital since their ability to use water could be taken away without regard to established rights. Without these longstanding protections from both government and private interference, there would be fewer wells, pumps and pivots making crop production possible. Without these investments, the economic vitality of Kansas would look drastically different.

In theory, dating back to 1945, this seniority-based system provides a framework for allocating available water during shortages. In practice, the state granted more water rights than groundwater sources could sustainably support in some areas, and decades of inaction have created the need to reduce consumptive use.

When water is plentiful, priority rarely gets a second thought. During a shortage, however, some call for abandoning it based on misguided notions of fairness or equity. Just as priority is the bedrock of Kansas water law, private property rights are at the heart of Kansas Farm Bureau's grassroots policy.

That policy supports our members Doyle Saddler, Clayton and Lori Janicke and Conrad and Pamela Popp as they intervene in a proposal stemming from Groundwater Management District 4's five-year review of its Local Enhanced Management Area (LEMA).

Under the LEMA proposal, the government would impose mandatory pumping reductions only on irrigators. This would violate both state law and KFB's member-established policy, under the guise of conservation.

Preserving groundwater is a laudable goal, but ignoring priority undermines not only the value of water rights but also accompanying land values and the livelihoods of farmers and ranchers. In essence, the proposed cure could be worse than the disease.

Maintaining priority does not preclude conserving Kansas' precious groundwater supplies. Priority already provides a framework for addressing shortages. KFB policy recognizes this, stating that any "reductions needed to stabilize aquifers should be done by a percentage of water right allocation based on priority..."

"First in time, first in right" isn't just a catchy slogan. It has been a cornerstone of Kansas water law since the passage of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act in 1945. Across-the-board cuts exclusively targeting irrigators might seem like the easiest solution, but the government must follow the law as written, not simply choose the approach that is most convenient. Kansas Farm Bureau supports conservation, but only when done through lawful methods that respect private property rights and more than 80 years of state law.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		8	6				4	
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		7	5		3			
	2			9				7

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy's jacket is black. 2. "Down" sign is different. 3. Woman's dress is black. 4. "Sale" sign is added. 5. Windows are missing. 6. Woman's hairstyle is different.

Super Crossword

DO YOU WANT TO?

ACROSS
1 Latin "to be"
5 Specifics
12 Comic Johnson
16 Dol. fractions
19 "Tell Mama" singer James
20 The Christian gospel, old-style
21 Author Roald
22 Noted coach Parseghian
23 Having the tidy quality that spotted horses are known for?
25 Per — (daily)
26 Pt. of MCAT
27 Outs, in court
28 Car engine
30 Sprint rival
32 Coeur d'—, Idaho
33 Berlin's land: Abbr.
34 Meeting to generate enthusiasm for a tummy-soothing product?
36 School org.
37 And so on: Abbr.
40 Allays
42 Diva Melba

DOWN
1 Poetic dusk
2 Furtive
3 Reason to use a room freshener
4 Not dine out
5 Lucy's man
6 Longoria and Mendes
7 Spigot
8 Asian cartoon style
9 One giving the cold shoulder
10 Riga dweller
11 Yachts' kin
12 Tack on
13 Bonnie of blues rock
14 "I'm a Believer" pop group
15 "Cuba Libre" novelist — Leonard
16 Wife of Prince Charles
17 Vine-growing frame
18 Part of a forlorn face
24 As red as —
29 Soul singer Des'—
31 Ointment
32 Basilica area
33 Simple sugar

ACROSS
43 Sentry in front of a Japanese shrine?
46 Cartoon cry
48 Swarm
49 Fictional Jane
50 Kid gloves
51 Serum vials
55 Muse who lifts poets' spirits?
62 Actress Zadora
65 Bristol brews
66 Sleekly designed
67 Canada's Nova —
68 Tree remnant
70 Bird feed bit
72 Cork, e.g.
75 Intermediary
76 Knee injury
78 Fit nicely
80 Certain part of speech
82 Pal of Curly
83 Comment after someone describes how state-run gambling games work?
88 Pasta dish
89 Three wise men
90 Had being

DOWN
94 Decade, e.g.
98 Maya of architecture
99 Middle of a right-hand book page?
102 Up-front
104 Intended (to)
107 Fossil fuel
108 Org. archiving movies
109 "Serpico" star using his high singing voice?
111 Pt. of NCAA
113 Really into
115 Tiny baby
116 Human trunk
118 Prison warden, to Brits
120 French pal
121 Window ledge
123 Epic poem division about night crawlers?
126 Writer Anaïs
127 Yard pest
128 Even a tiny bit
129 Schnitzel meat
130 Flying expert
131 Skiing stuff
132 Electrician
133 This, to José

DOWN
35 False: Prefix
38 Add up
39 Striped gems
41 Old saying
44 Born, to Luc
45 From — Z
47 Pixieish type
52 Transforms gradually
53 Betting group
54 Trig ratio
56 Descend a rock face, in a way
57 Appear gradually, as on film
58 Firewood bit
59 Newsy bit
60 Spanish boy
61 Portal
62 "Hey, you!"
63 Have a yen
64 Halo effect
69 Gym surface
71 "Zine online
73 Open, as a 61-Down
74 Infant's noise
77 High praise
79 Web, to a fly
81 Upstate New York city
84 Chi follower
85 Island patio
86 "Mad Men" network

DOWN
87 Have
91 Bric-a-brac stands
92 Configure anew
93 Activist Brockovich
94 Doo-wop group at Woodstock
95 Strong verbal attack
96 "Training Day" director Fuqua
97 A noble gas
100 Player of Lou Grant
101 Funny bone's location
103 Cramps, e.g.
105 Accrued qty.
106 Bovine, to a tot
110 Viola relative
112 Comic Fields
114 "Amo," in English
117 Rajah's mate
118 "I — Name" (1973 hit)
119 Picasso's "Lady With —"
122 Actor Ayres
124 — -pah band
125 — -Blo (fuse brand)

Conceptis Hitori

Each puzzle consists of a square grid with numbers appearing in all squares. The object is to shade squares so:

- No number appears in a row or column more than once.
- Shaded (black) squares do not touch each other vertically or horizontally.
- When completed, all un-shaded (white) squares create a single continuous area.

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★
★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

1 2 2 4 5 6 7 8 9

Kids' Maze

Fun Page Solutions

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answer

4	2	4	5	3
4	5	5	2	5
1	5	2	5	4
1	1	1	4	5
2	4	3	1	1

Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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

Kids' Maze Solution

SNOWFLAKES

solution

Go Figure!
answers

6	-	2	x	7	28
-		x		-	
1	+	9	x	2	20
x		+		x	
4	x	8	-	5	27
20	26		25		

Super Crossword

Answers

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A	L	I	B	I	S	M	O	T	O	R	T	M	O	B	I	L	E
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Divine Fellowship

Fellowship is a term often associated with the church and religion. Christians often say, “We had fellowship at church today.” However, the term also applies outside the church. Spectators at a sporting event experience fellowship as they cheer on their team, talk with one another in the stands, and enjoy the fabulous food from the concession stand. A family that never attends church finds fellowship around the dinner table or during a family outing. Fellowship can be found anywhere where people share common interests and enjoy each other’s company.

Whether small or large, and even across different cultures and backgrounds, Christians can fellowship because of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, our salvation, and God’s work in our hearts and lives.

Having fellowship with each other is easy, but what about fellowship with God? 1 Corinthians 1:9 tells us that God has called us “unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.” Christians can sit at a table, talk, listen to a sermon or music together, meet in the aisle at the grocery store, and have fellowship with one another. But we won’t meet Jesus physically until we are carried into His presence at death or the rapture, so how do we have fellowship with Him?

Looking at an event that happened while Jesus was physically here can clarify how we can have fellowship with Him while we are here and He is on the throne in heaven.

It is the afternoon of His resurrection. Two men are walking from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. The area buzzes with news of the empty tomb. The Romans are claiming that followers of Jesus stole the body while the guards slept. Women who went to the tomb that morning claim angels greeted them and told them He had risen from the dead. The Apostles are in hiding.

Most Jews at the time believed the Messiah would come, conquer Rome, and establish Israel as the dominant nation on earth. Multitudes of people believed Jesus to be that Messiah, but three days earlier He was placed in a tomb after being crucified. Now rumors of His resurrection are circulating everywhere. People did not know what to think.

These two men, walking along, were trying to make sense of the day’s news. Luke 24:15: “And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.”

These two men shared the most intimate kind of fellowship. Look at the wording: they “communled together”; to commune is to communicate intimately; they also “reasoned,” using their faculty of reason to reach conclusions. They shared their opinions, thinking out loud and putting facts together. Why haven’t the Romans punished the sleeping guards? How could someone roll that heavy stone away from the sepulcher door without waking them? Are the women telling us what they wanted to happen, or what really happened?

Jesus then shows up and starts walking along with them. Jesus asks them what they are talking about.

One of the men asks Jesus if He is a stranger. How could anyone not know what happened around Jerusalem that Passover weekend?

Jesus responds with two words: another question, “What things?” After Jesus asked, the men laid it all out on the table and told Him everything they knew.

Take a step back and think for a minute. Jesus knew exactly what happened; He lived through it. He is the main character in the events. When He first joined them, He knew what they were talking about, so why ask the questions? Why not just tell them why He was killed and explain the resurrection?

By asking twice what was going on, Jesus tried to open their hearts. Notice what Jesus says in response to their explanation of events. The first words out of His mouth were, “O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?”

Jesus did not want an explanation of events; He already knew them all. He wanted these men to look at their own hearts. They did not believe ALL that the prophets had spoken. Remember, all these men had was the Old Testament. The Old Testament speaks of a

Museum

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future time when Christ sits on the throne in Jerusalem and rules the earth. That’s the Messiah the Jews were looking for. They had lived under oppression for so long; they wanted physical deliverance. Passages like Isaiah 53, with the words, “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed,” were ignored and set aside. By putting faith (as they should) into passages about the Lion, they totally missed the passages about the Lamb.

Jesus didn’t engage them until they fully answered the question, “What things?” Jesus instructed them in Scripture. After His ridicule about not believing all the prophets had to say about Him, the Bible says, “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27).

This is how fellowship with God works. To have meaningful, ultimate fellowship with God, we must pour our hearts out to Him. Tell Him everything: your fears, what angers you, and any questions you have about what you don’t understand; confess your sin; and tell Him things you wouldn’t tell anyone else, including your best friend. Tell Him your mood, whether you’re happy, sad, or frustrated, or whatever.

After those two men told Jesus everything, Jesus began to explain things from Scripture. That is how He talks to us. Open your Bible, study it, hide the Word in your heart, and let God use His Word to mold you into who He wants you to be. Pure fellowship with Him is a two-way communication street. We pour our hearts out to Him, and He pours His heart into us through His Word.

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OBITUARY

Berneice Powers

December 2, 1936 ~ October 8, 2026



Rhoda Berneice Powers (Rowlison), 89, passed away peacefully on October 8, 2026, at Trego County Lemke Memorial Long Term Care, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born in Menlo, on December 2, 1936, Berneice was the daughter of Theodore Oscar and Bessie Phobe

(Jones) Rowlison. She attended Hoxie Grade School and graduated from Hoxie High School. She was no stranger to hard work and held several jobs while in high school, including working at Ben Franklin Five & Dime and Mickey’s Hardware in Hoxie.

Berneice married Melvin Wittman in 1958. They remained married until his passing in 1976.

While working at Jake and Larry’s Best Yet in Quinter, Berneice was introduced by a friend to the love of her life, Ronald Powers. They were married on July 15, 1978, and shared 48 years together. Berneice & Ron lived and worked on the farm south of Quinter before moving to town in 2003.

After moving to town, Berneice found herself with more time to become involved in her community. She participated in the Red Hat Ladies, volunteered at the Jay Johnson Library, and on Election Day, and was particularly proud of her service as president of the Quinter Hospital Auxiliary.

Berneice made Thanksgiving and Christmas special in her home and cherished family traditions. Her home was always filled with warmth, comfort, and unconditional love. Her family, especially her grandchildren, was the love of her life. Berneice loved to travel, visiting Hawaii, New York City at Christmas, and the Pacific Coast Highway, as well as taking a cruise. She was a dedicated Quinter Bulldog fan who rarely missed an opportunity to watch her children play and continued attending games long after they had grown up. Above all, Berneice loved to mow—not only her own yard but also her neighbors’ yards.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald Powers; sons, Dexter Wittman, Rapid City, SD; Bruce Wittman (Michele), Houston, TX; and Rex Wittman (Angie), Newton, KS; daughters: Sharon Kuntz (Steve), Edmond, OK; Debbie Millete (Tom), Bridgeport, NE; and Carmen Powers, Lake Charles, LA; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore Oscar and Bessie Phobe (Jones) Rowlison; brothers: Harold, Dale, Wayne, Ronnie, Marvin, and Larry Rowlison; and sister, Doris A. Fishback.

Visitation was held Sunday, October 11, 2026, at Schmitt Funeral Home in Quinter. The funeral Monday, October 12, at Quinter Methodist Church. Burial followed at Baker Township Cemetery.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
ADAM WINTER, Deceased

Case No. SD-2026-PR-000018

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by the undersigned, as an heir of the decedent, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Thirty (30), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-seven (27) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided one-sixtieth (1/60) interest in and to: Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided three-one hundred sixtieths (3/160) interest in and to: Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Six (6) South, Range Twenty-eight (28) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Sheridan County, Kansas.

The Petition also requests a determination of descent of all other property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of death.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Sheridan, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Victor Winter, Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 1. Qualifications of electors. Every(a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:

(1) Is a citizen of the United States who;
(2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and who
(3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he-or-she such person seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector:

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he-or-she such person seeks to vote, if his such person's new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.”

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his-or her such person's former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he-or-she such person seeks to vote, if his such person's new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

“Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same.”

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

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2025 DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WARRANTS

25W01 \$59.93	RACHEL LEE AGAN 1816 MEADOWBROOK RD PRESCOTT AZ 86303
25W03 \$77.73	CHRISTOPHER BECKISH 177 MCKENNA COVE TUPELO MS 38804
25W07 \$75.67	SUSAN ELIZABETH BOWER 3103 RUSTIC MEADOW TRAIL MANSFIELD TX 76063
25W08 \$220.57	GEORGE WALTER CARLTON 1010 ELM ST HUMBOLDT KS 66748
25W09 \$81.75	CASTILLO CONTRACTORS 1203 KINGSBURY RD GARDEN CITY KS 67846
25W11 \$178.61	NATHANIEL CAULK 1717 RIVERSIDE DR #220 COSMOPOLITAN APTS TULSA OK 74119
25W12 \$92.93	CECO, LLC 1649 S SHERMAN ST DENVER CO 80210
25W13 \$73.07	CECO, LLC 1649 S SHERMAN ST DENVER CO 80210
25W15 \$90.16	LEAH M CHARLES 1600 ANN BRANDEN BLVD APT 733 NORMAN OK 73071-1558
25W21 \$158.18	CHARLES E ERVIN 15 CHIPOLA DRIVE CHEROKEE VILLAGE AR 72529
25W63 \$535.84	BETTY A GINSBURG REVOCABLE TRUST 9058 BENNETT APT 1 EVANSTON IL 60203
25W28 \$73.58	JUSTIN HUNTINGTON 2310 EAST KIRKWOOD SPRINGFIELD MO 65804
25W33 \$102.46	KARLA KESSINGER 11015 E 14TH PLACE TULSA OK 74128
25W43 \$62.20	BRIAN P MCCLARY 1000 13TH ST APT 502 GREELEY CO 80631
25W59 \$93.13	REDHAWK ASSET SERIES LLC - SERIES KS1 1629 N MARION AVE OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73106
25W60 \$196.58	REED RESOURCES LLC 5815 S FRANKLIN COURT GREENWOOD VILLAGE CO 80121
25W93 \$521.71	GAVIN TREMBLAY 1008 4TH ST HOXIE KS 67740
25W69 \$67.25	ED UECKER PO BOX 163 SELDEN KS 67757
25W02 \$102.99	GEORGE G VAUGHT JR ESTATE PO BOX 13557 DENVER CO 80201-3557
25W71 \$124.20	JEREMY VELASQUEZ 2250 S LOWELL BLVD DENVER CO 80219
25W72 \$127.30	JERRY L VONFELDT 929 TIPTON LOOP MOUNTAIN HOME AR 72653-4964
25W73 \$127.17	THOMAS E VONFELDT 431 E 9TH AVE BELLE PLAINE KS 67013-9013
25W75 \$120.05	OUTBACK FABRICATION 11013 E RD 60N HOXIE KS 67740
25W76 \$801.16	DUANE WENTE II 11013 E RD 60N HOXIE KS 67740

\$4,164.22 Grand Total
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE FOLLOWING LISTED TAXPAYERS AND THEIR LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES ARE UNPAID. THE DELINQUENT TAXES SHALL CONTINUE TO ACCUMULATE INTEREST. THE TAX WARRANTS HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE SHERIDAN COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE. I HAVE FILED THE TAX WARRANTS IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS. K.S.A.19-547 & 79-2101
SHIRLEY NIERMEIER-SHERIDAN COUNTY TREASURER

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Commission Minutes
9/29/26

Now on this 29th day of September 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Mike “Buck” Mader, Kyle Emigh, Steve Hirsch, County Attorney and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

At 8:00 a.m. Stithem called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chad Koster, CEO AmberMed, came to the table. Koster discussed the roofing project which they are trying to get funding for through the revolving loan fund. Stithem made a motion to designate the AmberMed Hospital Board of Trustees as able to sign the contract. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Koster advised the Board that Monica Reuber, Public Health Administrator, submitted her resignation effective 10/11/2026. Stithem will talk with the Graham Public Health staff and give them Koster's phone number so they can discuss specific details for the transition. The Board asked Koster about the inability for the hospital to do a blood test for alcohol after an accident. Koster will do some checking.

Jennifer Coffman, Interim EMS Director, called into the meeting. At 8:28 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Emigh seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Hirsch, and Coffman via the phone. At 8:43 Mader made a motion to extend the executive session for a period of 10 minutes. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0. The door opened at 8:55. Coffman will be placed on the agenda for October 6.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. The Board and Herskowitz discussed semi's using the feedlot road coming from the north. The road heading toward the feedlot from the north is being damaged by

semi drivers. What can be done? The suggestion is to put up the sign in Selden stating the road is closed. Coordinate with Sheriff Carver.

There have been multiple complaints about the Angelus Road (130W). The road repair needs to be high priority.

The Board and Herskowitz discussed the compost pile and what additional steps can be taken to prevent abuse.

The Board stated that yes, purchasing a new grader can be done this year in December. Herskowitz will get value for graders #257 and #261. There was discussion about dirt and gravel for roads.

Herskowitz gave a brief update on his pickup truck and the Catholic cemetery as it pertains to parking.

Stithem made a motion to approve the September 22, 2026 Minutes as amended. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0

The September 25, 2026 Payroll and September 29, 2026 Warrants were approved as presented on a motion by Stithem and second from Emigh. Carried 3-0

Stithem stated he would be talking with Graham County Public Health about taking over the Public Health Office for business.

Herskowitz re-entered the meeting and stated he spoke with Undersheriff Diercks who stated there might be a legal issue to place the sign stating “Road Closed”. Diercks will talk with Sheriff Carver about it.

The following Payroll and Warrants were approved and signed by the Board:

General	\$137,521.74
Road & Bridge	
	\$194,270.86
Opioid	\$142.20
Tech Fund	\$109.50
Patterson Grant	
	\$13,873.25
Eg11	\$699.22
Noxious Weed	
	\$4,472.97
Public Transp.	
	\$2,333.27
Landfill	\$4,705.17
MV	\$2,073.64
Conceal Carry	\$175.00

At 10:35 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht, Clerk, David Stithem, Chairman

City Commission Minutes
9/14/26

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

The Governing Body of the City of Hoxie, Kansas, met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Office. Present were Dawn Elliott, Mayor, Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner, Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner, Janet Bainter, City Clerk, Justin Armknecht, City Superintendent, Paul Wisinger, Chief of Police, and Harry Joe Pratt, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dawn Elliott at 7:00 p.m.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 10, 2026, were read and approved on a motion made by Mayor Elliott and seconded by Erwin. Motion carried 3-0.

Carolyn Chrisman, Kerissa Payne, Jodi Rogers, and Kelsey Epp entered the meeting to provide a Strategic Planning update. Ms. Chrisman reviewed survey responses submitted by Sheridan County residents and discussed the elements of the Strategic Plan. The group left at 7:24 p.m.

Ryan Darveau and Josh Bauer of HOA Solutions attended to discuss the SCADA system upgrade. The system controls the water towers and signals the lift stations when to pump to the lagoons. They explained that the current equipment is obsolete and replacement parts are no longer available. They presented an upgrade proposal of \$186,411.00, valid through the end of the year. Mr. Darveau and Mr. Bauer left at 7:37 p.m. No action was taken.

Marcia Bingham addressed the Commission about concerns regarding a neighboring property. Pratt said the owner had already been notified to clean up the property. Although some progress had been

made, substantial work remained. Pratt will send a second letter giving the owner 30 days to complete the cleanup. Ms. Bingham exited at 7:48 p.m.

Erwin made a motion to pass Ordinance 746 adopting the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, 2026 edition. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0)

Erwin made a motion to pass Ordinance 747 adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, 2026 edition. Schoendaler seconded the motion. (3-0)

On a motion by Erwin and a second by Schoendaler, Debbie Isom was appointed to the Sheridan County Library Board. Motion carried 3-0.

More discussion was held regarding the demolition of the old Getz IGA building.

Harry Joe recommended offering a basic e-bike and scooter safety class for youth ages 12 to 16. Chief Wisinger will contact the Colby Chief of Police to obtain information about Colby's e-bike ordinance.

Chief Wisinger informed the Commission that the patrol radar had been fixed.

At 7:55 p.m. Sofia White entered the meeting to update the Commission on her position as Sheridan County Community Foundation Project Coordinator. White informed the Commission that she will be turning in her resignation to the SCCF Board. The Commission expressed how much they appreciated all her hard work on the Pocket Park Project and let her know that they would like her to be the one to complete the project. White indicated she would like to see the project through to completion and offered her services as a volunteer under the City. White exited at 8:12 p.m.

Armknecht updated the Commission on the water leak at the south end of Main Street. He explained that cutting out a section of pipe would have required hiring another company to install temporary line stops at both ends of the block for approximately \$6,800.00. Alternatively, two permanent valve inserts could be installed at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00 each, plus a \$3,000.00 rush fee. The Commission questioned whether the valves should be replaced if the entire water main also needs replacement. Armknecht will obtain estimates for replacing the Main Street water main. Armknecht indicated he was still planning on exercising the valves, which had previously been approved. The cost is \$35.00 per hour when the machine is running and is expected to take two days.

With no further business, Schoendaler made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Elliott seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Dawn Elliott, Mayor
Jim Erwin, Street Commissioner

Kevin Schoendaler, Water Commissioner

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