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Hoxie Rec's Dumpster Gets Facelift

Last week, the Beautify Sheridan County Committee completed another project. The Hoxie Rec requested their dumpster at the baseball diamonds be freshened up and revived with bold graphics. The work was done by committe members Andrea Lowry, Tami Porsch, and Janelle Cooper. They did a GREAT job! (Beautify Sheridan County Committee photos)

Gove County Rodeo Club Hosts 37th Annual Rodeo in Park

The Gove County Rodeo Club hosted the 37th Annual Rodeo in Park over the weekend. Friday night was a beautiful rodeo night. The rodeo stock was provided by J & J Rodeo Company. Many man hours and volunteers come together to make the rodeo a success. Tucker Gillespie, Tyrell Chapin, and Bryant Briggs take a moment to tell a good story prior to the sheep riding followed by the rodeo. (Photo by Paula Chapin)

A beautiful night of rodeo always begins with the American flag carried on horseback. The 37th Annual Gove County Rodeo took place June 19, in Park. Cole Kerner, Sutherland, NE, scored a 74 on his bareback horse. The score was enough to win the buckle. Rodeo stock was provided by J & J Rodeo Company. Buckles were provided by the Gove City Lodge No. 474 IOOF to each event winner. (Photo by 7-year-old Judson Rietcheck)

DH Fireworks ~ 24 Years of July 4th Fireworks Sales

DH Fireworks is located right outside of Hoxie. Bringing you the biggest and best selection in the area for 24 years! Doug has something for every age and budget. (*Sentinel* Staff photos)

New Law Prohibits Cell Phone Use in Active Construction and School Zones

Construction season is in full swing, and there are some new changes that the Kansas Department of Transportation wants drivers to be aware of on Kansas roads this summer.

Senate Bill 366, which Governor Laura Kelly signed into law this spring, will go into effect on July 1. This law prohibits handheld mobile device use in active construction and school zones.

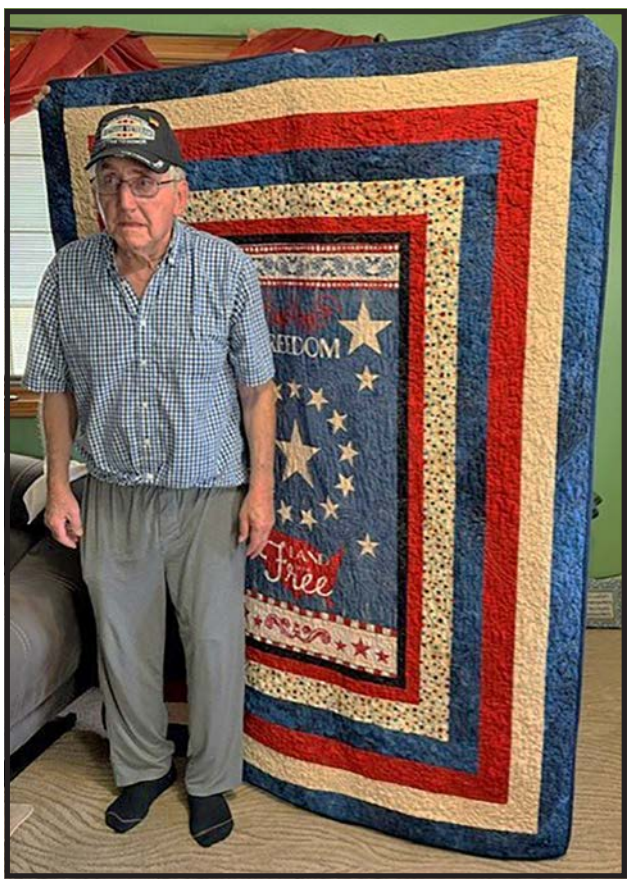
"Active" means in school zones when a reduced speed limit is enforced, and in construction zones while workers are present and signs are posted at the beginning of the road construction zone alerting drivers to such workers. Devices are still allowed to be used in hands-free mode. Removing the distraction of handheld devices in school and construction zones is an effort to improve safety in locations where vehicles and pedestrians or construction workers are brought into close contact with one another.

Law enforcement officers shall issue warning citations to anyone violating this law beginning July 1 and continuing until June 30, 2027, after which time traffic citations will be issued with a fine of $60.

Senate Bill 366 also allows construction and maintenance vehicles to display green lights in addition to the currently allowed amber and white lights. It also allows blue lights on stationary trailers in construction zones during the hours between sunset and sunrise and when workers are present in the highway work construction zone.

Friday night winners of the sheep riding at the Gove County Rodeo were, from left: Olin Jackson – 1st; Marie Beesley – 2nd; Jack Beesley and Keithyn Wamsley – tie for 3rd & 4th. Bryan and Terri Evans provide entry fees for the sheep riding contestants prior to the rodeo performance each night. (Photo by Paula Chapin)

Zerr Honored with Quilt of Valor



June 21, 2026, US Army Sergeant Albert Zerr received a long overdue recognition, for his service during Vietnam. Albert was drafted in 1966. He began his artillery training at Fort Sill Oklahoma, and from there was sent to Graf, Germany for additional training. Once that was completed, he was then transferred to Kaiserslautern, Germany and it was there that he would do shifts patrolling the Berlin Wall.

Albert spent 2 years on constant "standby" waiting to be called to the frontlines. During his time overseas, he did have the opportunity to visit Paris and Holland.

Albert is proud to have served his country, and we are so grateful for his time and his dedication given for our country.

Sheridan CO KS QOV is a local group serving all of northwestern Kansas veterans, providing a Quilt of Valor to every American Veteran, that honorably served our United States. We are a total non-profit organization based out of the QOV Foundation that recognizes and records each QOV presented. We are always wanting to be made aware of any veteran you may feel should be awarded a quilt. To nominate a veteran, you may call Jan Juenemann at 785-443-2528 or go online to http://www.qovf.org and fill out a nomination form there.

The sheep riding contestants gather for a group photo as they prepare to ride at the Gove County Rodeo in Park on Friday night. The sheep are provided by Kurt and Deb Simon. (Photo by Paula Chapin)

Saturday winners of the sheep riding at the Gove County Rodeo were, (l-r) Micah Taul - 1st, Cain Cooksey - 2nd, Canyon Werth - 3rd, and James Lynn - 4th. Sheep were provided by Simon & Simon with Bryan & Terri Evans sponsoring the entry fees for the sheep riders. (Photo by Paula Chapin)

Words of Wisdom

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, June 23

Corn	3.75
Milo	03.14
Beans	9.97
Wheat	5.53

Weather Report

Date	High	Low	Moisture
6/15	83	53	--
6/16	91	59	--
6/17	90	67	--
6/18	81	62	--
6/19	84	58	.02"
6/20	90	63	5.16"
6/21	79	63	.36"

Thought of the Week

CCC Awards 297 Degrees and Certificates

Colby — Colby Community College awarded 297 degrees and certificates during its 61st annual commencement ceremony on May 15 at the Colby Event Center.

The Registrar's Office verified that each graduate listed met the academic requirements in their respective fields. Questions may be directed to registrar@colbycc.edu or (785) 460-5509.

Associate of Arts
Dylan Wark, Rexford
Siena Vargas, Selden
Associate of Applied Science
Nicole Irwin, Hoxie
Associate of Science
Jonathan Mader, Hoxie
Jada Rathbun, Hoxie
Siena Vargas, Selden
Certificates Of Completion
Lily Bird, Hoxie
Technical Certificates
Taylor Russell, Hoxie

DAR: 135th Continental Congress

Washington, DC - Nearly 5,000 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are convening this week in the nation's capital for the 135th Continental Congress, the longstanding service organization's annual meeting. The week-long convention includes business sessions, committee meetings, service projects, and social functions, all topped off with formal evening ceremonies at which national DAR award recipients are honored.

At the Opening Night Ceremony on Wednesday, June 24, America's 250th Anniversary and DAR's role in commemorating it were a prominent part of the festivities. Pamela Rouse Wright, Honorary DAR President General and current National Chair of the DAR America 250! Committee highlighted the many ways that DAR members have been preparing for this milestone year including community events, travelling exhibitions, and other efforts that promote the organization's mission pillars. Watch a video highlighting DAR America 250! Initiatives.

Special presentations were made by DAR collaborating organizations: the Trust for the National Mall and the George Washington Foundation, both of which have longstanding relationships with the National Society. As a part of the George Washington Foundation presentation, President General Storage announced a $1 million donation to the Foundation to establish the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Chair of Education Endowment. This perpetual endowment will provide dedicated funds toward the salary and benefits of the Foundation's first ever, NSDAR Director of Education.

The acclaimed PBS documentary, "The American Revolution," by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt received the DAR Media and Entertainment Award with Burns, of Walpole, N.H., receiving the DAR Medal of Honor. Burns and the team behind "The American Revolution" were not able to attend in person but presented meaningful video remarks, with Botstein and Schmidt recording theirs at a visit to DAR National Headquarters in May.

The Founders Medal for Patriotism was presented to Derric Johnson of Winter Garden, FL, founder of the Americana singing ensemble Liberty Voices which performed a moving patriotic musical tribute for all attendees. During the singing of the national anthem there was a surprise appearance by Lincoln, a bald eagle soaring through the auditorium, bringing cheers of excitement from the audience. The President General's Medallion was also presented to the American Eagle Foundation, which facilitated Lincoln's flight, for their work in conserving this living symbol of our nation's freedom. Watch a video here of Lincoln in flight.

The Education Awards Night on Thursday, June 25, presented awards to students from grades 5-8 who won the American History Essay Contest. Cason Noll, of Henderson, NV., received the award for the Patriots of the American Revolution High School Essay Contest. Douglas Alan LaRock III, of Louisville, MS, received the DAR Good Citizen for the Year Award. The DAR 2026 Outstanding Teacher of American History Award was presented to Dr. Karl McCarty, of Campbellsport, WI.

The National Defense Night Ceremony, celebrating our nation's military personnel and veterans, will be held on Saturday, June 28 and feature a 25th Anniversary Commemoration of September 11, 2001. This presentation will specifically honor the organizations and individuals that work to preserve the memories of those lost, support families affected and shape the future narrative of 9/11 around remembrance through service. As part of the tribute, the President General's Medallion will be presented to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum; the New York Medical Examiner's Office – World Trade Center DNA Identification Office; VOICES - Center for Resilience; and 9/11 Day. The Founders Medal for Heroism will be presented to U.S. Army Colonel Marilyn Wills (ret.) of Sarasota, FL, who helped to evacuate many people to safety from the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

The DAR Medal of Honor will be presented to community service leader Donna Herndon of Murray, KY. The Margaret Cochran Corbin Award honoring distinguished women in military service will be presented to U.S. Air Force Colonel Nicole Malachowski (ret.) of Colorado Springs, CO.

Recognizing the service of our military's nurses, the Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee Award – Army Nurse of the Year will be presented to U.S. Army Colonel Jodelle Schroeder, of Fairfax, VA. In honor of the 125th anniversary of the Army Nurse Corps, a special award, the Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee Legacy Award recognizing the long-term impact and sustained excellence that Army Nurses have on communities, will be presented to Dr. Wanona Sue Fritz, a retired member of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, of Surprise, AZ.

The DAR Service for Veterans Committee will also be presenting their annual service awards for 2026. Awardees include Iman Hassan of Redlands, CA (National Outstanding Youth Volunteer), Edythe McGoff-Donovan, of Winchester, VA (National Outstanding Veteran Volunteer), and Karen Pitkin, of Aurora, CO. (National Outstanding DAR Service for Veterans Award).

The DAR Continental Congress is an annual gathering that has been held each year since the organization's founding in 1890. National, state and chapter leaders as well as other members from across the country and around the world meet at the DAR National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. to report on the year's work, honor outstanding award recipients, plan future initiatives and reconnect with friends.

About the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to preserve the memory and spirit of those who contributed to securing American independence. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution is eligible for membership. Through the DAR Genealogical Research System (www.dar.org/GRS), the public can access a free database of information amassed by the DAR about these Patriots. One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships, and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service, and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit www.dar.org.

The Selden Senior Citizens met on Thursday, June 18, at the Community Center for a good meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of Midway Cafe followed by an afternoon of pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Marge Wison, Helen Carman, Barb Jones, Steve Skubal. Those staying to play cards included Shirley Emigh with a score of 557, Kou Lovin with a score of 569, JR Albers with a score of 678, Boyd Wilson with a score of 653, Carol Mick with a score of 594, Bob Wessel with a score of 852, Pat Wessel with a score of 654, and Jacque Boultinghouse with a score of 678.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 26: Marla Rogers, Jennifer Hickert Diers, Steve & Aimee Seegmiller
June 27: Carrie Spresser Turnbull
June 28: Reagan Shaw, Elon Musk
June 29: Shane & Jill Boultinghouse
June 30: Rick Pauls, Olivia Filmore, Wally Brantley, Archer Stoll
July 1: Jeremy Hunter
July 2: Terra Rath, Danny Eatherly
July 3: Mike Halbert, Lee Albers
July 4: Scott Boultinghouse, Troy & Nicole Moore, Curt Spresser
July 5: Jesse Miller, Cathy Brockeleman, Alessia Vargas, Dale & Gail Smith
July 6: Jason Rogers, Sam Astalosh
July 7: AJ Stoll, Joey Lobato, Colleen Rall
July 8: Gabrielle Schiltz Heier, Dan Spresser, Rachael Koerperich

My Favorite Place Isn't a Place

Someone asked me the other day, "What's your favorite place?" At first, my mind started running through locations. The mountains. A quiet lake at sunrise. A dirt road in the country. A favorite restaurant. Maybe somewhere from my childhood. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized something. My favorite place has never really been a place. It's been people. Because whenever I'm with the people I love most, that becomes my favorite place.

Think about your own life. The memories that make you smile aren't usually attached to a GPS location. They're attached to faces. Voices. Laughter. Hugs. Moments. Some of the greatest days of your life happened not because of where you were...but because of who was standing beside you. A hospital room becomes holy ground when someone you love is holding your hand. A beat-up pickup truck becomes a luxury ride when you're laughing until your stomach hurts with family. A folding chair at a ballgame can feel like front-row seats to joy when your people are sitting beside you. The location wasn't special. The people were.

And the more I thought about that, the more I thought about Jesus and His disciples. They didn't travel in comfort. They didn't stay in fancy places. They faced storms, opposition, uncertainty, and fear. Many days they had no idea where they would sleep. Sometimes they doubted. Sometimes they argued. Sometimes they completely missed what Jesus was trying to teach them. Yet they kept following. Why?

Because when you're walking with Jesus, peace isn't found in a location. Peace is found in His presence. The disciples learned what many people spend a lifetime chasing. Joy isn't a destination. Joy is a relationship. Peace isn't the absence of problems. Peace is knowing the Prince of Peace is walking through those problems with you. That's why some people have everything money can buy and still feel empty. While others sit around a worn-out kitchen table, sharing a meal, sharing stories, sharing love, and feel richer than kings.

Because the soul doesn't crave places. The soul craves connection. It craves belonging. It craves love. And ultimately, it craves Jesus.

Maybe that's why the greatest promise of heaven isn't streets of gold. It's that we'll be with Him. Because where Jesus is... that's home. Where Jesus is... that's peace. Where Jesus is... that's joy. And where the people you love gather together in His name, you've already experienced a little piece of heaven.

So don't spend all your energy chasing a better place. Spend it loving your people. Call them. Forgive them. Thank God for them. Because one day you'll realize the greatest places in your life were never places at all. They were the people God gave you along the way.

Now let me ask you this: Who are the people that make any place feel like home?

Chew on that.

Scott County Law Enforcement Center
would like to thank the
Hoxie Hotrodders
for their continued support for our
Blue 4 Blue Event in Scott City.
They have sponsored this annual event since it started and we are so appreciative for their dedication to helping children and families in need.

City of Hoxie
CLOSED
Friday, July 3
in observance of
Independence Day
Regular trash pickup resumes on
Monday, July 6

BANKS WILL BE OPEN
Friday
July 3, 2026
Farmers & Merchants Bank of Colby
the bank
OUTDOOR BANK
EQUITY BANK
THE FSB FIRST STATE BANK

Oberlin~Decatur County News

Pages from the Past

The City passed a $58,000 bond for the pool in November 1956, and Nichols Construction Company started working in March 1957. The pool was open in July 1957.

Oberlin Herald - June 23, 1966

The newly expanded Oberlin Municipal Swimming Pool, which opened last Thursday, attracted swarms of youngsters over the hot weekend.

Earlier in the year, Nichols Construction Co., Oberlin, started on a $12,372 expansion, which increased the size of the pool by slightly more than one-third and expanded the capacity from 182 to 270 swimmers.

A tardy shipment of tile and then a broken pump motor delayed the opening of the pool.

Decatur County Receives $103,500 Grant from GROW Decatur County Foundation

We're proud to share something really meaningful for our community.

GROW Decatur County Foundation has awarded a $103,500 grant to Decatur County to support retention bonuses for our EMTs.

In a small community like ours, being an EMT isn't just a job—it's a calling. These are the people who show up on some of our hardest days. And so often, the people they are responding to aren't strangers... they're neighbors, friends, even family. That reality carries a weight most of us will never fully understand. Yet, time and again, they answer the call with courage, compassion, and professionalism.

The work they do is demanding, emotional, and absolutely essential. If we want to make sure help is there when it's needed most, we have to support and retain the incredible individuals who are willing to step into this role. This grant is one way GROW is helping to do just that.

This effort was made possible thanks to two special funds—the Decatur Community Fund for Recruitment and Retention of Health Professionals and the Decatur County Medical Provider Recruitment and Retention Fund. These funds exist because people in our community saw a need and chose to be part of the solution.

That's the beauty of what we do. When someone has a passion for a cause—whether it's healthcare, education, youth, or anything in between—they can start a fund and create lasting impact. It's how big things happen in small towns like ours.

A very special thank you to Sharee Dempewolf, Executive Director of the Oberlin-Decatur County Economic Development Corporation, for taking on the work of writing this grant and helping bring this project to life.

We are grateful, we are proud, and we are committed to continuing to support the people who take care of all of us.

GROW Decatur County Foundation is an affiliate of GNWKCF.

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Physical Therapist Assistant. Full Time or Part Time
Apply in person or online at www.decaturhealth.org.
This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

Newsstands	Grain Report		Weather Report			
	Reported on: Tuesday, June 23		Date	High	Low	Moisture
Vivo Travel Store	Wheat	5.33	6/8	83	51	--
			6/9	92	54	--
Crossroads Express	Corn	3.97	6/10	90	66	--
			6/11	82	60	--
Raye's Grocery	Milo	3.17	6/12	82	57	.02"
			6/13	85	61	1.29"
	Beans	10.32	6/14	77	62	.21"

Day 8, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

By Shelby Priddle, Assistant Director of Communications, Kansas Wheat

This is day 8 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Harvest is over halfway complete, resulting in what may be one of the earliest harvests in recent memories. Drought conditions and late freeze events are top contributing factors to the early harvest. While the wheat is mostly ready across the state, rains are still keeping some farmers out of the fields.

Jay Armstrong, a farmer from Atchison County, reported starting harvest on June 16 and finishing up right before the rain started on June 19.

"The Soft Red Winter (SRW) wheat we grow was hurt by the March freeze that destroyed all the tillers," said Armstrong. "Our crop averaged 72 bushels per acre; in comparison, we averaged 117 bushels per acre last year."

Armstrong states they fertilize and seed for 100 bushels per acre, so this year has not been a good year for them. Even though the late rain has not been good for the wheat crop, things are looking better for those with fall crops.

"The promising thing with the wheat harvest being a week to 10 days earlier than normal is that we were able to finish planting our double crop soybeans right behind the combine," said Armstrong. "With the rain we got after planting, the beans have already emerged, so hopefully a good double crop will help make up for the disappointing wheat crop."

Justin Knopf, who farms in Saline County, reported being two-thirds of the way done with harvest with three to four good days left. Knopf says they've had four to five rain events since taking their first load on June 10.

"Our proteins have varied by fields; I've been mostly seeing 12 to 14 percent," stated Knopf. "Our test weights have also had some variability due to the rain, ranging from 57 to 63 lbs. Notably, the (Kansas Wheat Alliance) variety KS Mako is where we had our highest test weights, from 61 to 63 lbs."

Like many this harvest season, weather has been a major contributing factor to the challenges Knopf has faced this wheat harvest. An extremely hot, dry and windy spring put the crop under drought stress during that important time. Then, several late freeze events impacted tillers. When the rain did come, it was too late to benefit the crop.

"Since the start of harvest, we've had nearly six inches of rain," stated Knopf. "From November 1 to May 1, our area received six and a half inches of total precipitation for that entire six month span. So, we received just about as much rain during harvest as we did during the entire growing season of this wheat crop."

In the southwestern corner of Kansas, reports of increased abandonment have been coming in due to poor yields.

"There is a lot of 15 bushel wheat out there," said a grain merchandiser in southwest Kansas. "Guys harvesting 30 bushel wheat feel like they've hit a home run."

The 2026 Harvest Report is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association, and the Kansas Cooperative Council. To follow along with harvest updates on X, use #wheatharvest26. Tag us at @kansaswheat on Facebook, Instagram and X to share your harvest story and photos.

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After several days of scorching temperatures and dry conditions, farmers have been able to get back into the fields. Harvest is making steady progress, with the possibility of harvest wrapping up soon, as long as the weather cooperates.

According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service crop progress report ending June 28, 2026, the Kansas wheat harvest is 72 percent complete, well ahead of last year's 48 percent and the five-year average of 52 percent complete. Winter wheat conditions stayed the same as last week's report.

Brian Linin, a farmer in Sherman County, reported having just started due to the weather, and said he is about 10 percent done. Linin noted having a below average year due to drought conditions during the spring.

"We have success with KS Western Star (Kansas Wheat Alliance), Langin (PlainsGold) and KS Dallas (Kansas Wheat Alliance)," said Linin. "This just gives you an idea of how resilient wheat is, when it can make a crop in this kind of year."

Nicole Small, a farmer in Wilson County, reports she and her husband have been done with harvest for about three weeks now.

"Half of our wheat had hail damage, which is unusual for our area," said Small. "I'm pretty certain we're the only ones done in our area; with the amount of rain we've received, it's just enough to keep you out of the field."

Small stated their 2026 wheat crop has faced significant challenges, resulting in a below average harvest compared to last year.

"Along with the drought, we also had the surrounding rivers get out and flood," said Small. "The majority of our wheat was in the river bottom. Flooding happened early on, causing the wheat to not mature and not fill."

Jeanne Falk Jones, K-State Northwest Area Agronomist in Colby, Kansas, commented on the possibility of seeing some secondary infections (mold) on heads or test weights decreasing due to extended periods of wet weather. Producers are encouraged to reach out to the K-State Department of Agronomy at agronomy@k-state.edu with any agronomic questions that they may have during harvest.

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Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

The Hoxie Democrat
Friday, July 3, 1891

Mrs. Frazier's mother is visiting her.

Quisenberry was in Selden this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodsil were in the city Wednesday.

Several extra trains passed over the Hen Coop route this week.

Frank Stakebake is running the furniture business for Quisenberry.

Mrs. Menefee was visiting her father W. C. Hausafus last Wednesday.

The Gregg toe-weight is a dandy and all horsemen should examine it.

Mr. Saathoff had his wheat insured this week. He has three hundred acres.

Mrs. Caleb Frazier and daughter, Cora, will spend the Fourth of July at Denver.

Tom Pratt says the only harm the hail did at Museum was to dehorn a few cattle.

Mr. Stauber planted his tree claim and put out five acres of corn and left for his home in Nebraska.

John Jones was in the city Tuesday and says his judgement is better than anyone's. At least it suits him better.

Ten people have left our county this week by the Great Rock Island. They were going to visit friends during the fourth.

Miss Hattie Young is helping at home this week. She was in the city Wednesday in company with Miss Sadie Tolbot.

William Stevens has arrived at home and will stay this summer. He is in love with Oregon and may in the future make it his home.

W. F. Cardell says that if Oklahoma gets another crop this year that it will be the best country in the world and will catch him about next September.

Frank Lee and Judge Wanzer got on their road to Arkansas as far as Quinter, where in the night one of their horses got away and Frank was in the city Tuesday enquiring for it.

Mr. Horner is having some trouble at Dresden this week about some cattle and horses. We hope he may come out victorious and think that he will, as he has more luck than anyone when it comes to a lawsuit.

S. M. Shaw arrived home Monday and immediately took possession of his team and will drive them with his family to Missouri, where he has a good job of work. It seems that Langley will get left in the shade.

W. M. Langley and family are spending their Fourth at the residence of a brother in Nebraska.

W. E. Haines the gardener suffered severely by the hail storm losing his entire crop.

125 Years Ago
July 4, 1901

Joe Gregg is painting long's studio both out and inside.

The Annual Normal Ball given by the W. O. W. will be held Friday evening, August 16.

Charley Evans was down from Allison Tuesday and spent the whole afternoon shaking hands with the boys.

Gust and John Shoemaker, were Hoxie visitors Tuesday and reported a fair rain in their neighborhood Monday night.

Frank Lee's menagerie consisting of two coyotes and a badger on the east side of Main street proves quite an attraction.

John Leffingwell, of Union township, was a Hoxie visitor Saturday and did considerable business with our merchants.

Ex-Sheriff Terrill, of Gove county, was a Hoxie visitor Sunday, he being on his way to Jennings for a visit with relatives.

The territory between Guy and Studley was visited by a very destructive hail storm Monday evening and we are informed that crops of all kinds were completely destroyed.

Solomon Bouts, of Adell township, was arraigned in Justice Schultheis' court last Thursday afternoon on a charge of larceny, but in the eyes of the court the evidence was insufficient to justify binding defendant over, so he was released.

"Katie Dyd," the *Sentinel's* Elliott correspondent, was a pleasant caller at this office Monday.

Cramer Brothers, A. F. Smith and Willie Small, of the tribe of Lucerne, visited Hoxie one day last week.

Ed Crum received a car load of Jones headers the latter part of last week and has already disposed of them all and wired for more.

W. R. Organ and son Otis, of Springbrook, were in Hoxie Saturday as witnesses in the homestead proof of Mrs. Elizabeth Shouse.

Miss May Turner left Tuesday afternoon via Selden, for Clinton, Mo., for a visit with her friend, Mrs. Clarence Thompson. Miss Nora Deupree occupies her place in the postoffice.

Uncle R. R. Davis, of Bow Creek township, came in Saturday morning on the train from the west. He spent last week at Fort Collins, Colorado, where he met an older brother from Iowa, whom he had not seen for years.

Herman Baalman, of Thomas county, and his cousin Tony, of Solomon township, formed a partnership and bought a header from Ed Crum Monday and started out just before the rain came. We have not heard, but will wager they got their hides well soaked before they got home.

PALACE THEATRE

JACK HOXIE in

"The Red Rider"

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JULY 1 AND 2

He had a red skin but a white heart. And he fought for love and honor with the pioneers.

The shy little Indian maid loved the great chieftain who dared to love the beautiful daughter of a pioneer. And then war—the wild, red game the Indians played. Down on the settlers swept the feathered warriors—fearless, fanatical. See this great Indian drama—vivid, pulsating,true to life. Jack Hoxie is the chieftain—a man of deeds and daring—performing the feats which have made him loved by millions.

It's Always Cool. Admission 10 and 25c.

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

100 Years Ago
July 1, 1926

Jess Crist Buys Back Barber Shop

Jess Crist closed up a deal with Mr. Brubaker this week for the latter's barber shop. Mr. Crist opened this shop some two or three years ago and later sold it and moved to his farm. He now intends to move back to Hoxie, and of course, wanted something to do. He will take possession as soon as harvest is over.

Mr. Brubaker intends to leave Hoxie, which will be a disappointment to him many friends.

Local News

Mrs. B. C. Decker and Norman Morse left Thursday morning for Illinois where they intended to spend several weeks with relatives. Mr. Decker became suddenly ill in the evening and Mrs. Decker, was summoned home from Salina, where she was waiting for the train. At present Mr. Decker is much improved.

Dr. N. L. Dailey is building a new residence in the south part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Johnson spent several days in the country last week visiting relatives.

Charley Timmons while in Hoxie Wednesday called at this office and placed him name on our mailing list.

Hio Saathoff was shaking hands with his Hoxie friends Wednesday. He is looking after his land interests.

C. H. Currier, who has spent several months in Kansas City, was shaking hands with his numerous Hoxie friends, Monday.

The M. E. Sunday School food sale which was planned for Saturday will be held the following Saturday, July 10. Bear this in mind, please.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Harris arrived home from Covert Tuesday Miss Vera Francis, sister of Mrs. Harris, accompanied them home.

Northwest Prairie Dog

Several of our men in and around Selden are in the southern harvest fields.

Will Huddle and son, David, Lester Davis and John Johan is somewhere in the southern harvest fields.

Oscar Brown and our county Feedmore is grading the roads in Prairie Dog township this week.

North Fork News

Robb Biship, of Wichita, Kansas, visited his brother, Fay Bishop, last week.

Rosie and Bertha Zodrow visited at Leo Zodrow's Tuesday night.

Irwin Aumiller visited with Irving Montanye, Friday.

Pleasant Ridge

W. I. Transue and family were visiting at Floyd Transue's Friday evening.

I. P. Borger and wife were visiting at the C. C. Jones home Monday evening.

Mrs. Clara Morgan and boys called on Mrs. Henry Epler Tuesday afternoon.

75 Years Ago
July 5, 1951

Swimming Pool Notes

The first three weeks of Red Cross lessons have gotten a good start. In the Beginner class there are about 25 children enrolled. In the Intermediate and Swimmer classes there are about 20 all together. The weather has not been good and many mornings both teachers and pupils know how icicles feel. Some of the Beginners have passed all of their test and many will with more practice.

Northwest Sheridan

Archie Carman and Clarence Carman visited relatives and friends at St. Francis and Goodland Sunday and Monday and at Oberlin, Phillipsburg, and Norton on Wednesday. Clarence and his daughter, Cleo and family, called at the Lyle Emigh home Thursday morning before starting back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Shaw spent Sunday evening at the Augusta Geisenhener home.

Ralph Bouls and Mortz Nauer are helping Leo Kleinsorge put up hay.

Fairview

Harold Richard and family spent Sunday at Harry Richards.

Gracie and Arlene O'Dell spent Sunday after church with Lois Corke.

Mrs. Lee Minium, Klara Marie Meier, Billy Minium, Mrs. Dale Woofter and Sherida, Mrs. Glen Woofter and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Transue were dinner guests at Howard Transues Thursday. The ladies dressed chickens.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Spresser are the parents of a daughter born Friday, June 29. She weighed in at 8 pounds and 14 ounces and has been named Kathy Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Winters and son were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and family.

Bud Kruse, of Wichita, is spending his vacation with his parents and other relatives.

Mickey's Want Ads

How about a bicycle, boys wagon, tricycle or a pair of skates?

Jinx: Smith is not only a bad driver – he's a crook!

Binx: How so?

Jinx: We had a collision, and he gave me a drink to steady my nerves – and then the police came.

If you are planning on a new sink or a complete kitchen, see the American first. It's the most modern.

Adell Oil Pool Vicinity

Ray Foster competed a new silo on his place last week.

A moving van came for Parker Parrishe's furniture Thursday. Parrishe's moved recently to Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo McKenna will be at their home near the oil filed for the next three months as Theo will be the relief pumper for the regular pumpers here who will be on vacation.

50 Years Ago
July 1, 1976

Law Officials Nab Fugitive

A 31-year old Colorado man, an escapee from the Colorado State Reformatory, was picked up about noon on Monday by Sheridan County authorities. James A. Martin was serving a sentence in the reformatory, not to exceed 14 years for forgery, when he escaped May 2, 1975. A NCIC check by local law officers approved that Martin was a fugitive. Martin had been living in Sheridan County for about the past three months.

Leoville News

Mrs. Doris Daniels and daughter left for their home in Milwaukee on Tuesday after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fortin.

Danielle and Cynthia Ochs of rural Hoxie visited their grandmother, Mrs. August Karls and helped her do some papering Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Swartz were afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke.

Broadway News

Saline Valley 4-H met at Dave Popps Monday evening. Christie Simon took her birthday cake and shared with the group. Other refreshments were served by the Popp family.

Mrs. Albert Smith and Mrs. Nella Simon attended Leigh Circle Bible Study at Perry Corke's Tuesday evening.

Mamie Borger spent the weekend at Oscar Borgers and attended church at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

McGraw News

Mrs. Gayle Bainter and Mrs. Jim Gaumer and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bainter of Colby on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice were Friday dinner guests of the Mike Weimers. That evening they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Herl.

Mrs. Cyril Weis visited Mrs. Jim Bainter Friday evening.

Ladies Golf

Twelve ladies were on hand Tuesday, June 19 to enjoy golfing on Ladies Day at the Hoxie Golf Course. Carolyn Eland won last week's prize of the best score with two clubs and a putter. Next week the prize will go to the lady who is closest to the pin on No. 9 hole. – Reporter

Mickey Want Ads

Sprinklers by Nelson, Rainbird, Melnor and more – every type for every need.

After giving what he considered a stirring, fact-filled campaign speech, the candidate looked out at his audience and confidently asked: "Now, are there any questions?"

"Yes," came a voice from the rear. "Who else is running?"

Thermos jugs and bottles. Stainless steel bottles.

Solomon Valley 4-H Club Met June 21

The monthly meeting of the Solomon Valley 4-H Club met June 21 at the 4-H building. Meeting was called to order by President Randy Mader and we said the flag salute. Roll call was your favorite cooky. Joan Schieferecke led us in singing Three Blind Mice, Row, Row, Row Your Boat, and London Bridge in a round. The secretary read the minutes and they were approved.

25 Years Ago
June 28, 2001

Project Learning Day Held

Several members of local 4-H groups were involved in "Project Learning Day" on June 19 at the Sheridan County 4-H building.

The learning day offered participants a chance to learn new things about bread baking, computers, photography, quilting, first aid, family history, cake decorating and arts and crafts.

Rexford

A surprise birthday party for Doris Jean Oliver was given by her daughters, Marla, Mary, Marilyn, and their families. The party was held on June 13 at the Rexford Community Hall.

Cleda Moeder hosted the Social Hour Club on Wednesday afternoon at The Red Barn with 10 members and Marge Leh's 5-year-old granddaughter, Elizabeth Jardin, present.

Sandra Oleson of Amarillo, Texas, came Saturday to visit with Darrell and Margie Leh for a few days.

Broadway

Sunday and Monday were surely miserable days – weather wise with temperatures above 100 degrees and strong south winds. Thank the Lord we were blessed with .85 inches of rain Monday evening.

Steve Smith drove the van Sunday morning as Neal and Barbara Mann went to Colorado for the weekend. Karie Popp had eth special music and fellowship dinner followed the service.

Katherine Simon and Stella Sumner came to Hoxie Monday afternoon to bring Velda Transue home as she had to leave her blazer for repair work.

Girls Take Second at Tournament

The Hoxie girls were among the 76 teams that participated in the 11th-12th grade division of the Mid-America Youth Basketball (MAYB) National Invitational Tournament on June 6-8.

In pool play, Hoxie defeated the Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs, 41-28, but suffered a 43-39 loss to the Tullahoma, Tenn. Lady Cats and a 50-37 defeat to the Winfield Vipers.

Boys Claim First at Salina Cage Tourney

The Hoxie boys claimed first place in the 11th-12th grade division at the Salina Mid-American Youth Basketball (MAYB) tournament on June 16-17.

After opening with a 51-48 loss to the Salina Cougars, Hoxie defeated Smith Center, 53-38, and followed that with a 72-38 win over Ellinwood. Hoxie continued to roll against Haven as it came away with a 74-37 victory.

'Speeding Catches Up with You' Campaign Launches

As the summer travel season swings into full gear and thousands of families take to Kansas roadways, the Kansas Department of Transportation urges drivers to obey posted speed limits.

To reinforce safe driving habits, drivers will see increased local and state law enforcement presence on Kansas roads from July 7-15 as part of the national 'Speeding Catches up with You' enforcement campaign.

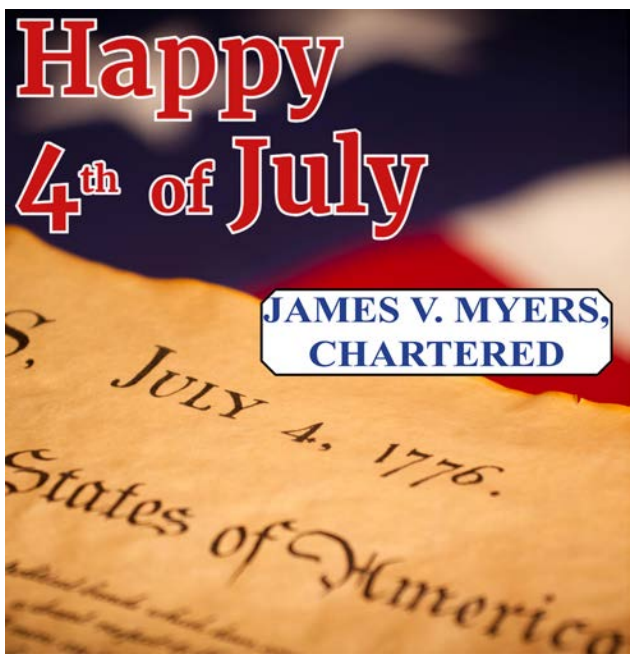
Speed limits are calculated to keep all road users safe. Every mile per hour driven over the limit increases the risk of a crash and the severity of resulting injuries. According to preliminary Kansas 2025 crash data, 20% of people killed and 39% of those injured in crashes were speeding.

Not following posted speed limits is not only against the law, but it also creates serious risks for everyone on the road, including:

- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
- Reduced effectiveness of occupant protection equipment
- Increased stopping distance after a driver perceives a hazard
- Significant economic costs associated with speed-related crashes
- Increased fuel consumption and higher travel costs

Drivers can find more educational resources on speeding by visiting www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/speeding.

For the latest updates on road closures and conditions, visit KanDrive.gov, call 511 in Kansas or 866-511-5368 outside Kansas. Travelers who need assistance on the highway can dial *47 for the KHP or *582 while on the Kansas Turnpike. If it's an emergency, call 911.



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Governor Defends Kansas' In-State Tuition Law

Topeka — Governor Laura Kelly filed a motion to intervene after the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) this morning filed a lawsuit to overturn a decades-old state law making Kansas students without legal immigration status eligible for in-state tuition at higher education institutions.

Shortly after the lawsuit was filed by the DOJ, Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach filed a joint motion for entry of consent judgment with the DOJ. Essentially, the Attorney General is refusing to defend Kansas law. The overturning of this law is contrary to the will of the Governor and the Kansas Legislature, as Governor Kelly's veto of SB 254 this session was not overridden. Thus, in her capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of the state, Governor Kelly filed a motion to intervene to provide the state with the defense it deserves.

In response to the lawsuit and the Attorney General's refusal to defend Kansas against the federal government, Governor Kelly has issued the following statement:

"There are many ways that we could, and should, work together to fix this country's broken immigration system. However, the federal government using its resources to target Kansans who were brought to the United States as children does nothing to solve the fundamental issues our nation faces.

"In pursuing higher education, these young Kansans are a net-benefit to our entire state, gaining the education and training needed to be valuable members of our workforce and contribute to our economy.

"Today, the Attorney General entered a filing indicating his unwillingness to defend a law that has been in effect for over two decades. Since he is refusing to stand up for Kansas law, I have filed a motion to intervene to ensure all Kansas children have the opportunity to pursue an education, become contributing members of society, and a benefit to our economy."

Entries Now Open for KDA Photo Contest

Manhattan — The beauty of Kansas agriculture can't be captured by a camera, but we encourage you to try in the annual Kansas Department of Agriculture Photo Contest. KDA is now accepting photo entries and will continue accepting entries through August 16.

This year's KDA Photo Contest categories were selected to celebrate the hard work that happens all year long in Kansas agriculture by recognizing the seasons: Spring into the Fields, Life in the Summer, Fall on the Farm, and Winter at Work. These categories allow you to showcase Kansas agriculture in many ways — from spring planting through fall harvest, from the intense heat of summer to the bitter cold of winter. As always, there is a separate Youth division, for young photographers aged 18 and under, and a video category will welcome drone footage, harvest videos, or other short clips of under 30 seconds that showcase Kansas agriculture. Prizes will be awarded to the top two winners in each of the six categories.

KDA serves to advocate for agriculture, the state's largest industry and economic driver. Photos which best capture the categories will be used throughout the year as we tell the story of Kansas agriculture. After submission, KDA is granted permission to use any photograph for publications, social media, websites, displays, etc. without payment or other consideration from the photographer.

Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to KDA.PhotoContest@ks.gov. Videos should be sent in .mp4 or .mov format. Entries must include a title and brief description, where and when the photo/video was taken, the photographer's full name and age, entry category, hometown, and email address.

Guidelines for the KDA Photo Contest, including deadlines, categories and prizes, can be found at www.agriculture.ks.gov/PhotoContest. Voting to select finalists will begin on KDA's social media sites in mid-August. For more information, contact Heather Lansdowne, KDA director of communications, at Heather.Lansdowne@ks.gov or 785-564-6706.

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USDA Unlock Billions for American Farmer

Washington, D.C. – On the heels of President Donald J. Trump signing an Executive Order advancing regenerative agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Brooke L. Rollins simultaneously announced a final Regenerative Feedstock Rule, a landmark action that will help farmers voluntarily capture new value from regenerative agricultural practices through biofuel markets.

The announcement builds upon President Trump's historic record of support for American agriculture and domestic biofuels. From delivering nationwide year-round E15, establishing the highest Renewable Volume Obligations in American history, and extending the 45Z Clean Fuel Production Credit through the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, the Trump Administration has consistently expanded markets for America's farmers while strengthening U.S. energy independence. Today's Executive Order and USDA's Regenerative Feedstock Rule provide the next critical step by ensuring producers have a practical pathway to benefit from those expanding markets.

Together, President Trump's Executive Order and USDA's Regenerative Feedstock Rule represent the most significant market-driven effort ever undertaken to reward America's farmers for voluntarily implementing regenerative practices while producing the crops that fuel America's growing bioeconomy.

The Regenerative Feedstock Rule establishes a framework to connect regenerative agriculture practices to new markets within the biofuel supply chain for corn, soybeans, sorghum, and spring canola. These standards include:

Covered biofuel feedstock crops and participating entities throughout the supply chain;

Field-level quantification of crop-specific carbon intensity;

Mass balance chain-of-custody standards, including traceability and recordkeeping;

Auditing and verification requirements; and

Regenerative agriculture practice standards for covered feedstock crops.

USDA is also releasing an updated USDA Feedstock Carbon Intensity Calculator (USDA FD-CIC) to help producers quantify regenerative practices such as cover crops, and improved nutrient management, and conservation tillage—including no-till and reduced tillage. Producers can use the resulting reports when marketing eligible feedstocks to participating biofuel producers.

The new framework creates significant opportunities for America's leading biofuel feedstock producers. American farmers currently produce approximately 6 billion bushels of corn used annually for ethanol production, with 68 percent of corn farmers already implementing at least one regenerative practice. Likewise, producers grow approximately 1.8 billion bushels of soybeans for biofuel production, while 70 percent of soybean farmers already utilize at least one regenerative practice. As participation grows, USDA expects the rule to expand premium market opportunities for producers across the country.

The Regenerative Feedstock Rule supports President Trump's broader agenda to strengthen rural America by expanding domestic markets, promoting American energy dominance, reducing regulatory burdens, encouraging regenerative agriculture, and ensuring America's farmers remain the most productive and competitive in the world.

These actions build on USDA's Regenerative Pilot Program that provided $700 million to help American farmers adopt practices that improve soil health, enhance water quality, and boost long-term productivity, all while strengthening America's food and fiber supply. Under this pilot USDA has already completed over 67,000 whole farm conservation plans, covering more than 49 million acres and over 1,500 conservation contracts worth more than $200 million.

Additional information about the Regenerative Feedstock Rule and the USDA Feedstock Carbon Intensity Calculator will be available at USDA.gov once posted to the Federal Register.

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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending June 28, 2026, there were 2.6 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4% very short, 10% short, 58% adequate, and 28% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% very short, 14% short, 65% adequate, and 14% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat mature was 98%, ahead of 91% last year and 86% for the five-year average. Harvested was 72%, well ahead of 48% last year and 52% average.

Corn condition rated 3% very poor, 6% poor, 25% fair, 52% good, and 14% excellent. Corn silking was 24%, near 20% last year, and ahead of 15% average.

Soybean condition rated 2% very poor, 6% poor, 24% fair, 59% good, and 9% excellent.

Soybeans planted was 92%, near 89% last year and 94% average. Emerged was 85%, near 81% last year, and equal to average. Blooming was 12%, near 11% last year and 9% average.

Sorghum condition rated 2% very poor, 4% poor, 34% fair, 46% good, and 14% excellent.

Sorghum planted was 86%, near 88% last year and 89% average. Headed was 5%, near 1% last year and 2% average.

Cotton condition rated 5% very poor, 16% poor, 53% fair, 24% good, and 2% excellent. Cotton squaring was 36%, well ahead of 11% last year, and ahead of 31% average. Setting bolls was 2%, near 1% both last year and average.

Sunflowers planted was 72%, behind 82% last year and 84% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 5% very poor, 12% poor, 27% fair, 45% good, and 11% excellent.

KDA Seeks Marketing Advisory Board Members

Manhattan — The Kansas Department of Agriculture is seeking qualified applicants to serve on its Marketing Advisory Board.

The board provides guidance and input on KDA programs that support Kansas agriculture, including agricultural business development, international trade and market development, From the Land of Kansas, local food systems, agricultural workforce development and agricultural education initiatives.

Board members help shape programs and priorities that promote growth, innovation and awareness of the state's largest industry — agriculture. Members serve four-year terms and meet quarterly.

Individuals interested in serving on the Marketing Advisory Board should submit a resume, statement of interest or cover letter, and tax clearance confirmation PDF by email to Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, Director of Agriculture Marketing, Advocacy and Outreach, at Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov.

For more details about the Marketing Advisory Board and the application process, go to agriculture.ks.gov/MarketingAdvisoryBoard. Questions may be directed to Suzanne Ryan-Numrich at 785-564-6704 or Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov.

Applications are due August 1, 2026. The first board meeting of the new fiscal year is scheduled for Friday, September 18, at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel July 2, 2026)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL COURT DEPARTMENT

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Plaintiff,
vs.
BENJAMIN BUFKIN, ET AL.

Defendants.

Case No.: SD-2026-CV-000002
Division No.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Sheridan County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Sheridan County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 AM on July 27, 2026, of the Sheridan County Courthouse for the following real estate located in the County of Sheridan, State of Kansas, to wit:

LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS COMMITMENT IS DESCRIBED AS ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SHERIDAN, AND STATE OF KS AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 03/19/2010 AND RECORDED 04/01/2010 IN VOLUME / PAGE:280 / 835 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE, AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOTS, TRACTS OR PARCELS OF LAND LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF SHERIDAN AND STATE OF KANSAS, TO-WIT: TRACT I: THE EAST 65 FEET OF THE SOUTH 55 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF BLOCK 17, LOVELAND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF HOME, SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS. TRACT II: THE EAST 81 FEET OF THE CENTER 50 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF BLOCK 17, LOVELAND ADDITION, TO THE CITY OF HOME, SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS. ("Property")

Commonly known as: 1733 Trail Avenue, Hoxie, KS 67740

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisement and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court.

Brandon Carver
Sheridan County Sheriff

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
DAN WINTER, Deceased

Case No. SD-2026-PR-000009

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 owner of an interest in the real or personal property hereinafter described, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

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You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Hoxie, Kansas, 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.

Vic Winter
Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
JOHN WINTER, Deceased

Case No. SD-2026-PR-000010

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 owner of an interest in the real or personal property hereinafter described, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate:

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Commission Minutes
6/23/26

Now on this 23rd day of June 2026, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman David Stithem presiding. Other members present were Kyle Emigh, Mike "Buck" Mader, 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.

Hirsch discussed approving a Disaster Declaration for the storm on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Stithem made a motion to approve the Sheridan County Disaster Declaration, seconded by Emigh. Carried 3-0

Herskowitz stated he had talked with Penco Engineering, and they have said that any bridges that we want inspected due to the storms, they will do now. Four bridges for sure need to be looked at.

Bracht asked the Board if it was ok to get the equipment off the County property purchased from Don Ammons after July 1 if they are unable to get in due to weather. The Board agreed that was fine.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz distributed storm damage photos from around the county. There was discussion about the damage and how things might be taken care of. Herskowitz feels 85%-90% of the damage has been called in. The employees are marking the danger spots and currently building barricades. Herskowitz will check roads and make sure the dangerous roads are marked.

Adam Teeter has reached out and advised Herskowitz that he has gravel, rock and sand available if needed.

There was a discussion about payroll and overtime.

Mowing was discussed. Herskowitz stated a little mowing had been done prior to the storm, but they will get back on top of it.

Mader made a motion to counter the price of the 2026 CAT 140-15J Motor Grader from Foley Equipment at $320,000. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0. Original cost was $324,854.79. Herskowitz will make the call to Foley.

O'Neill Smith, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Smith advised the Board he would like to purchase two 4-wheelers for treating prairie dogs. Smith has talked with Better Built Trailers and could trade in one of the side-by-sides and purchase the two 4-wheelers

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Apply Now for Small Farm and Food Business Funding

Appleton City, MO — Food and farm businesses across eligible rural counties in Kansas and western Missouri will soon have access to new funding designed to help local food products move from farm to market.

Harvest to Market grants range from $5,000 to $25,000 for projects that strengthen businesses serving local and regional food markets.

Approximately $1 million in total funding is available through the program.

Applications are due August 31, 2026, by noon Central Time.

The Harvest to Market grant is part of the Heartland Regional Food Business Coalition's work to ensure small food and farm businesses have the right resources at the right time as they work to meet increasing demand for locally produced and raised food. It is designed to support food and farm enterprises that are ready to expand market access, improve processing capacity, strengthen distribution systems, increase storage infrastructure, or invest in marketing and product development.

"Many local food businesses have strong products and strong market demand for their products. But they often need help with the next step — the equipment, systems processing, and infrastructure distribution that allow them to reach more customers and larger markets," said Katie Nixon, Food Systems Director at New Growth. As part of their work with the Heartland Food Business Coalition, New Growth administers the Harvest to Market grant. "The Harvest to Market grant is intended to help businesses make those strategic investments."

Funding Priorities

The program focuses on post-harvest and go-to-market investments that help local food businesses grow and serve regional markets more effectively.

Examples include:

- Processing equipment
- Cold storage and refrigeration
- Distribution and delivery equipment
- Packaging and labeling improvements
- Marketing and branding investments
- Online sales platforms
- Logistics and supply chain systems
- Product development
- Value-added food processing

Additional consideration will be given to projects that create shared benefits across multiple farms or food businesses, including collaborative distribution, aggregation, and market development efforts.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants include:

- Farms and ranches
- Food producers
- Farmers markets
- Food hubs
- Aggregators and distributors
- Value-added processors
- Retail food businesses

Nonprofits are not eligible to apply. Businesses must be located in eligible rural counties in Kansas or western Missouri. See the Heartland Coalition's website for a map of the eligible counties.

No Match Required

Unlike many grant programs, Harvest to Market does not require matching funds.

Projects will operate on a partial reimbursement basis. Awardees will receive 60% of grant funds up front with 40% received after they have submitted their final report at the end of their project.

Projects must be completed within six months.

Building Regional Food Resilience

The Harvest to Market Grant is part of a larger effort to strengthen local food economies, expand market opportunities for farmers and food entrepreneurs, and improve regional food value chain resilience.

This project is supported in part by a foundation grant to Heartland Food Business Coalition partner New Growth, working with The Kansas City Food Hub, The Food Circle, University of Missouri Extension, and other partners in Kansas, including Kansas State Extension and the Kansas Rural Center.

Learn More

Businesses interested in applying are encouraged to begin preparing now and to connect with a business counselor for support.

For updates, eligibility information, and application details or to connect with a business counselor visit: heartlandfoodbusiness.org/harvest-to-market-grant/

About the Heartland Food Business Coalition

The Heartland Food Business Coalition supports food and farm entrepreneurs across Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Northwest Arkansas through business assistance, market development, financing support, and regional collaboration. The coalition works to strengthen local and regional food systems while expanding economic opportunities for food and agricultural businesses. Heartlandfoodbusiness.org

About New Growth

New Growth is a nonprofit in west central Missouri working to build small businesses, small farms, and small-town opportunities. newgrowthmo.org.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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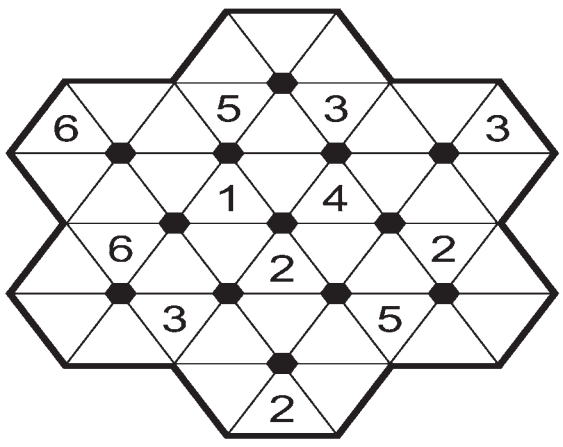
SNOWFLAKES

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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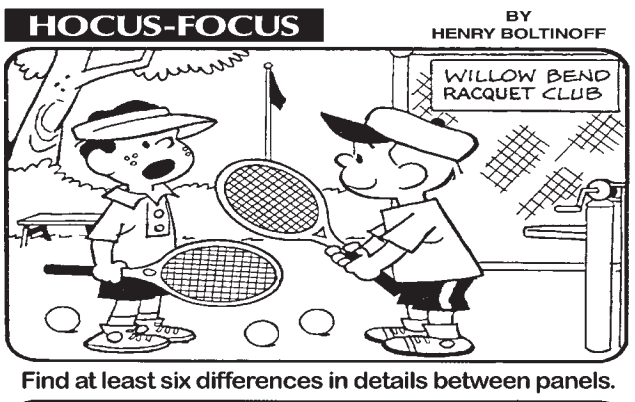
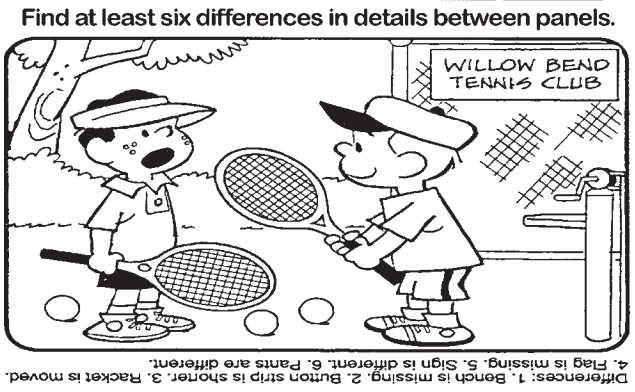
HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bench is missing. 2. Button strip is shorter. 3. Racket is moved. 4. Flag is missing. 5. Sign is different. 6. Pants are different.

Super Crossword

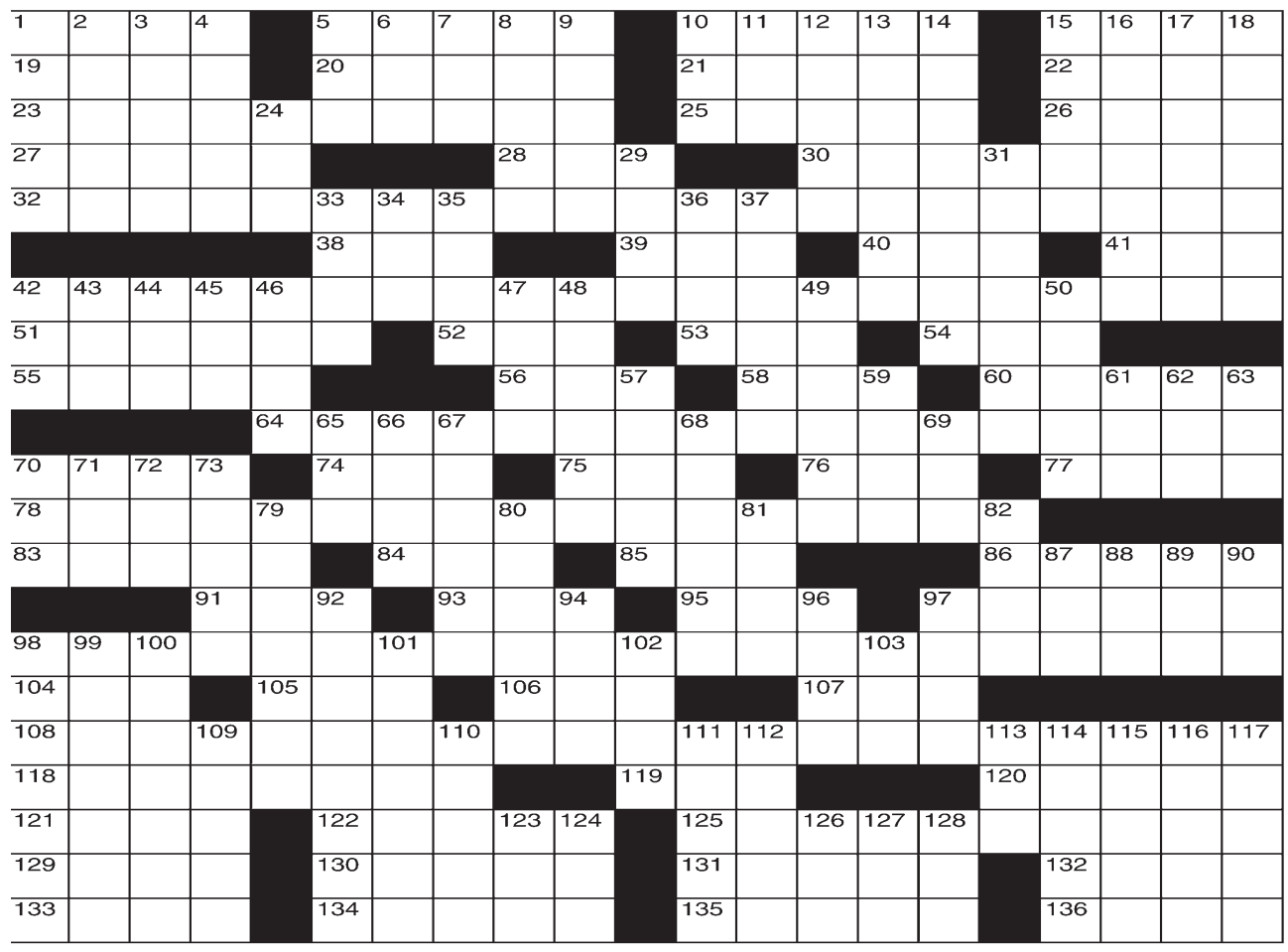
BED OF FISH

ACROSS

1 Santa — (desert winds)
5 Heroic tales
10 "iZombie" network
15 Marathoner's statistic
19 Promote
20 Horror, e.g.
21 Prefix with gram or liter
22 Strong — ox
23 Start of a riddle
25 "That is to say ..."
26 Piper's garb
27 AWOL part
28 Pat lightly
30 Short literary sketch
32 Riddle, part 2
38 Jailbird
39 Poet's "always"
40 German's "one"
41 Suffix with sucr- or lact-
42 Riddle, part 3
51 Starting point
52 Ike's inits.
53 Cell stuff
54 Government loan agcy.
55 Runway user
56 Clumsy sort
58 Dollar pts.
60 He beat Romney
64 Riddle, part 4
70 "Look, I did it!"
74 Ostrich kin
75 Bohea, e.g.
76 That, in Chile
77 Oil gp.
78 Riddle, part 5
83 '90s-'00s boy band
84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
85 Wimbledon unit
86 Swimming (in)
91 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
93 Mind-reading ability
95 Lilted syllable
97 "Hägar the Horrible" creator Dik
98 Riddle, part 6
104 Pitching whiz
105 Ballpark fig.
106 Prefix meaning "equal"
107 Syllable after "Mao"
108 End of the riddle
118 Merit the best score, maybe
119 Half of hexa-
120 See 45-Down
121 Lacking width and depth, for short
122 Els of golf
125 Riddle's answer
129 Baseball team count
130 Actress Tierney
131 Plants used in first aid
132 Borscht vegetable
133 Anti-DUI org.
134 More sneaky
135 Flirty laugh
136 Probability

DOWN

1 Slanting
2 Like free banking
3 Acoustic
4 Rock's Perry
5 "I" problem
6 Chapel seat
7 Hotel's kin
8 Set of beliefs
9 Roomy car
10 "No need to share all that," in texts
11 That bloke
12 School pupil, in France
13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
14 Fancy shoes
15 George of "Star Trek"
16 "... true statement, correct?"
17 Dog or cat breed
18 Went inside
24 Ida. borderer
29 British TV network, with "the"
31 Tiny self-propelled machine
33 Clicked-on graphic
34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
35 With a sharp image, briefly
36 — -do-well
37 Long ditch
42 Marge Simpson, to Bart
43 — -Magnon
44 Prefix with day or week
45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
46 Sledding site
47 Work like —
48 Cherished by
49 Ramble on
50 Verboten act
57 Feudal lands
59 Cubs hero Sammy
61 Galaxy buy
62 Pal of Larry and Curly
63 Jets' gp.
65 Conifer with toxic seeds
66 Apple choice
67 Sipped on
68 Sex cell
69 Down vote
70 Earthy color
71 Muscles below pecs
72 Handyman's initialism
73 Nixon's veep
79 Actress Annabella
80 Not make the event in time, say
81 Other, in Chile
82 Delhi wear
87 Concave pan
88 Stupefy
89 NBC skit show since '75
90 Kin of "Psst!"
92 Secondary details
94 Elegant
96 Voting 69-Down
97 Cordon — (chicken dish)
98 Particles composed of quarks
99 South Pacific region
100 Soho locale
101 Left-leaning
102 Ring around a castle
103 Pa. hours
109 Surrendered
110 Listless feeling
111 Yummy morsel
112 Edge shyly
113 Abbr. at LAX
114 1990s fitness fad
115 "— a drink!"
116 Looked at provocatively
117 Swift homes
123 Wrath
124 Acoustic organ
126 "So fancy!"
127 Peace gesture
128 Nationality suffix



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals I

PEWA OILKYGYAT YZ CLAZIR ZW BIYGI ZSI RLF, L VOIBSCLZIO VYBS EOWDEZKF TWZ PE LAR UOYIR "ULOE RYID!"

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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.

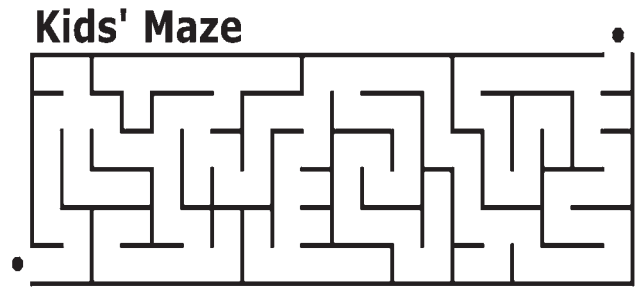
DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!

	×		−		26
+		−		−	
	+		×		10
×		×		×	
	+		×		27
6		24		21	

1 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9

Kids' Maze



Fun Page Solutions

CryptoQuip answer

Upon realizing it wanted to seize the day, a freshwater fish promptly got up and cried "Carp diem!"

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

4	2	6	1	7	9	3	8	5
9	3	7	8	5	2	6	4	1
8	1	5	6	3	4	2	7	9
5	8	2	4	9	1	7	3	6
6	9	3	7	2	5	4	1	8
7	4	1	3	6	8	9	5	2
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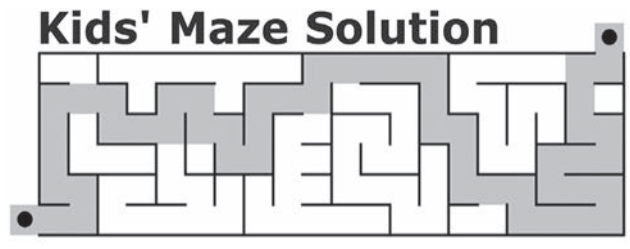
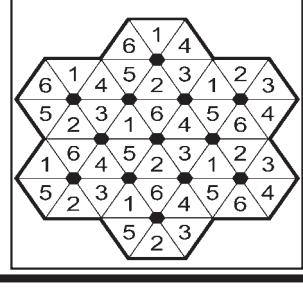
Kids' Maze Solution



SNOWFLAKES solution



Go Figure! answers

5	×	7	−	9	26
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×		×		×	
1	+	8	×	3	27
6		24		21	

Super Crossword Answers

A	N	A	S		E	P	I	C	S		T	H	E	C	W		T	I	M	E	
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE
STATE OF KANSAS

I, Heather Bracht, County Election Officer of Sheridan County, Kansas do hereby certify, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-209, that the following is a list of candidates having either filed with the Sheridan County Election Officer or the Kansas Secretary of State Scott Schwab, a Certificate of Candidacy certifying that the following candidates have filed the proper petition or declaration of candidacy and are entitled to be placed on the ballot at the Primary Election to be held on the 4th day of August A.D. 2026.

United States Senate
Republican
Roger Marshall
Pond Naramore, 1339 Maple Ln, Lawrence, KS 66044
Democratic
Damon Anderson, P.O Box 860010, Shawnee, KS 66226
Christy Davis, 715 1st St, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845
Adam Hamilton, PO Box 6, Stilwell, KS 66085
Jason Hart, 302 N. Pershing, Wichita, KS 67208
Kevin Latz, 6341 Belinder Ave, Mission Hills, KS 66208
Erik Murray, P.O. Box 3032, Kansas City, KS 66103
Sandy Spidel Neumann, PO Box 2159, Mission, KS 66201
Anne Parelkar, PO Box 25174, Overland Park, KS 66225
Patrick C. Schmidt, 303 SW Woodlawn, Topeka, KS 66606
Michael "Mike" Soetaert, 815 N Woodlawn Ave, Apt 127, Wellington, KS 67152-2837
Noah Taylor, 7130 W Maple St, Suite 230, Wichita, KS 67209

United States House of Representatives – 1st District
Republican
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Craig Musser, 570 SE 50th Road, Ellinwood, KS 67526
Democratic
Colin McRoberts, #326 645 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044
Lauren Reinhold, 4000 W. 6th Street, Ste B #241, Lawrence, KS 66049

Governor/Lt. Governor
Republican
Ty Masterson/Jeffrey Klemp, 1539 Phyllis Ln, Andover, KS 67002
Charlotte O'Hara/Michelle Dombrosky, 15712 Windsor St, Overland Park, KS 66224
Nick Reinecker/Katy Reinecker, 504 S. Maple, Inman, KS 67546
Stacy L Rogers/Michael W Smith
Philip Sarnecki/Joy Eakins, PO Box 12081, Overland Park, KS 66282
Vicki Schmidt/Joe Newland, P O Box 3801, Topeka, KS 66604
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Democratic
Ethan Corson/Renee Duxler, P.O. Box 4513, Overland Park, KS 66204
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Curt Skoog/Jennifer Bacani McKenney, P.O. Box 7053, Overland Park, KS 66207
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Democratic
Jennifer Day, P.O. Box 104, Mission, KS 66202-9810
Samuel Lane, 6302 Hallet St, Shawnee, KS 66216

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Democratic
Dinah Sykes, 10227 Theden Cir, Lenexa, KS 66220

State Representative – 118th District
Republican
Jim Minnix, 1213 Jackson St., Scott City, KS 67871
Democratic
No Candidate

State Board of Education – 5th District
Republican
Kelly Ancar, 2004 Hall St, Hays, KS 67601
Jean Clifford,102 Drury Lane, Garden City, KS 67846
Democratic
Lorie Wood, Dresden, KS 67635

County Offices
County Commissioner – District 1
Republican
David Stithem, Hoxie, KS 67740
Democratic
No Candidate

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Board of Trustees Member
No Candidates

Township Offices - Clerk
Bowcreek Township
No Candidates
Solomon Township
No Candidates
Valley Township
No Candidates

Precinct Committeepersons – Democratic Party
Adell Township
No Candidates
Bloomfield Township
No Candidates
Bowcreek Township
No Candidates
East Kenneth Township
No Candidates
West Kenneth Township
No Candidates
Logan Township
No Candidates
Parnell Township
No Candidates
Prairie Dog Township
No Candidates
East Saline Township
No Candidates
West Saline Township
No Candidates
Sheridan Township
No Candidates
Solomon Township
No Candidates
Springbrook Township
No Candidates
Union Township
No Candidates
Valley Township
No Candidates

Precinct Committeepersons – Republican Party
Adell Township
No Candidates
Bloomfield Township
No Candidates
Bowcreek Township
No Candidates
East Kenneth Township
Committeeman
Tony Meyer, Hoxie, KS 67740
Committeewoman
Carolyn Meyer, Hoxie, KS 67740
West Kenneth Township
Committeeman
No Candidates
Committeewoman
Dawn Elliott, Hoxie, KS 67740
Logan Township
No Candidates
Parnell Township
No Candidates
Prairie Dog Township
No Candidates
East Saline Township
No Candidates
West Saline Township
No Candidates
Sheridan Township
Committeeman
Joe Broeckelman, Selden, KS 67757
Committeewoman
Cathy Broeckelman, Selden, KS 67757
Solomon Township
No Candidates
Springbrook Township
No Candidates
Union Township
No Candidates
Valley Township
No Candidates

City of Hoxie - Water Commissioner
Kevin Schoendaler, Hoxie

The polling locations are as follows:
Adell Township – Main Building – Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Bloomfield Township – Selden Community Building - Selden, KS
Bowcreek Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Kenneth Township (East & West Precincts) – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Logan Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Parnell Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Prairie Dog Township – Selden Community Building – Selden, KS
East Saline Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
West Saline Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Sheridan Township – Selden Community Building – Selden, KS
Solomon Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Springbrook Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS
Union Township – Selden Community Building – Selden, KS
Valley Township – Main Building - Sheridan County Fairgrounds – Hoxie, KS

The polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th day of August 2026.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of my office this 19th day of June 2026.
Heather Bracht
Sheridan County Clerk/Election Officer
Sheridan County, Kansas

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Area Churches

Christ Community Church
2008 Sheridan Ave, Hoxie

Hoxie Baptist Temple
1000 Valley Ave, Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
1025 Queen, Hoxie

Hoxie United Methodist Church
900 12th St, Hoxie

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
Hwy 223, Leoville

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1400 Locust St, Hoxie

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454 Hwy 24, Hoxie

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
14988 E Rd 70 S, Hoxie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
202 S Missouri, Selden

St. Frances Catholic Church
924 17th, Hoxie

Selden United Methodist Church
Selden

St. Martin's Catholic Church
Seguin

Commission Minutes

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and an enclosed trailer for a total cost of $25,000. Smith was advised by the Board to get other bids for the trailer and 4-wheelers and come back.

Smith stated he is currently getting bids for chemicals and prairie dog bait.

Approximately 592 miles of roads have been treated for weeds.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director, came to the table. Riley discussed purchasing three iPads to replace the current tough books that are old and outdated. Riley can get a deal through Verizon with a three-year term, paying zero dollars a month. At the end of the three-year term, the County would own the iPads. The iPads will have wi-fi built in. Riley will keep the tough books that can be used as backups if needed. The Board agreed to the plan. Riley advised the Board that units #217 and #218 had been fully repaired. The Board was advised that EMS across the state received no grant dollars from the Rural Health Care Program.

On a motion from Mader and second from Emigh the June 16, 2026 Minutes were approved as presented. Carried 3-0

Stithem made a motion to approve the June 18, 2026 Payroll as presented. Emigh seconded. Carried 3-0

The following payroll was reviewed and approved by the Board:
General $96,047.80
Road & Bridge $43,079.35
Nox Weed $2,617.63
Public Transp. $ 901.00
Landfill $2,257.71

At 9:20 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, June 23, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, David Stithem, Chairman

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Emergency Mgmt. 785-386-8051
County Clerk 785-675-3361
Road & Bridge Dept. 785-675-3621
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Chairman: David Stithem ~ sixds@ruraltel.net
Vice-Chair: Buck Mader ~ mcauto2@outlook.com
Kyle Emigh ~ ebrosfarms@gmail.com

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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

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