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I-70 Detour: A Day of Challenge and Success

September 4, 2024, was anything but a typical day in Sheridan County, Kansas. With the closure of I-70 between exits 95 at Grainfield and 128 at WaKeeney, the town of Hoxie saw an influx of traffic rerouted right through its business district, bringing an unexpected buzz of activity. The detour was necessitated by concerns over a structurally compromised bridge at the 117-mile marker in Trego County, which had suffered multiple impacts, prompting the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to prioritize its removal.

The rerouting of such a major highway through local roads demanded extensive pre-planning and coordination among multiple agencies. KDOT, Sheridan County Sheriff's Office, Hoxie Police Department, Sheridan County Fire Department, Sheridan County EMS, Sheridan County Emergency Management, Sheridan County Health Complex/AmberMed, City of Hoxie Maintenance Crew, Kansas Highway Patrol, and Sheridan County Road & Bridge developed operational plans capable of handling the sudden surge in traffic.

The planning process was intensive, covering alternative routes, access to extrication equipment, availability of tow services, and detailed action plans for various emergency scenarios. Local emergency services were on high alert, with additional staffing for Sheridan County EMS and fire departments to ensure readiness for any incidents. The Sheridan County Health Complex/AmberMed, also increased staffing to provide additional medical support.

"We had to prepare for scenarios A through G," said a Sheriff Carver, emphasizing the need to be ready for any potential disruptions that could impact the flow of traffic, cause significant delays or accidents.

Despite the complex logistics, the detour was executed smoothly, with only minor incidents reported. Some GPS systems misguided drivers onto rural county roads east of K-23, but law enforcement swiftly intervened, placing officers to block off these routes. There were also reports of two missing juveniles—one from a surrounding county and another runaway from Colorado, but law enforcement managed these situations without further complications. Additionally, there was one minor EMS call, but remarkably, no accidents or fatalities were reported throughout the day.

Local citizens played a crucial role by donating food, drinks, and snacks to emergency personnel, and their efforts to minimize road use during peak hours significantly contributed to the overall success of the operation.

A special acknowledgment goes to Sporer Land Development for their efficient and quick removal of the compromised bridge, a task that was essential in allowing I-70 to reopen ahead of schedule and preventing any major incidents.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to all involved, including the news media outlets that covered the event, bringing much-needed awareness to travelers and locals alike. And above all, we express our deepest gratitude to the higher power that watched over everyone on that day, ensuring safety, and answering our prayers.

September 4, 2024, will be remembered not just as a day of challenges, but as a testament to the power of preparedness, cooperation, and community spirit.

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Paul Heskett Receives KAB 2024 Individual Award



The Kansas Association of Broadcasters (KAB) will induct four new members into the Kansas Broadcasting Hall of Fame, as well as honor four other outstanding broadcasters. Inductees will be honored at the 2024 award ceremony at the KAB Convention in Wichita on October 20-21.

KAB HALL OF FAME: Paul Heskett (Colby, KS)

Paul Heskett has spent his 40-year career in Kansas, beginning at KAYS, KFNF, and KIOL before finding his home at KXXX in northwest Kansas nearly four decades ago. His iconic "Bop Shop Saturday" show has become a staple, known for his unique style, high energy, crazy humor, and unparalleled connection with listeners.

In 2011, Paul received the KAB Sonny Slater Award for Service to Community and Station. He has also won numerous KAB awards for "Bop Shop Saturday."

Paul is deeply involved in his community as a member of the Jaycees, a board member of the Wild West Historical Foundation, and a participant on multiple local boards promoting civic engagement and historical preservation. His dedication extends to supporting veterans through the VFW Auxiliary, Run for the Wall, and his work with Kansas Honor Flight. Paul has also emceed many events, including the Kansas Governor's Hunt.

For the other 2024 award recipients and background on the criteria for these awards, including past recipients, go to the website at www.kab.net. The KAB is a statewide trade association serving a membership of 259 full power broadcast stations.

Tractor Tuesday Signs Pioneering Women's Wrestler Marissa Porsch as Brand Ambassador



Hastings, NE - Tractor Tuesday is excited to announce that Fort Hays State University wrestler Marissa Porsch has signed a Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) deal to become a brand ambassador. Tractor Tuesday is an online auction platform for producers, empowering equipment owners with the tools to successfully represent and sell their own equipment. This collaboration is a great fit, bringing together an accomplished student-athlete with a company dedicated to supporting athletes from agricultural

backgrounds.

Marissa is a trailblazer in women's wrestling. In high school, she started the school's program, being the only girl on the wrestling team and becoming their first Kansas State Champion. Now, she and her coach are starting Fort Hays' Women's Wrestling program. She earned All-American honors at the world team trials last year. Not only is Marissa a standout athlete, she is also an accomplished academic, being class valedictorian in high school and earning a place on the President's List her past two years in college while majoring in Ag Business.

Marissa grew up on a family farm in Northwest Kansas. She says, "Growing up on a farm taught me the value of hard work. You physically get to see your work pay off when it's June and you're harvesting the wheat you planted in September or when I sell the calves, I raised on bottles all the way to yearlings." Marissa was inspired by reading the book of Olympic gold medalist Rulon Gardner, who grew up on a farm in Utah. "Seeing how he applied all the lessons he learned on the farm to wrestling and vice versa inspired me to do the same." Marissa plans to work in agriculture and coach wrestling after college.

As a brand ambassador, Marissa will represent Tractor Tuesday in various marketing campaigns and community outreach initiatives. She says, "The two things I am most passionate about in life are advocating for agriculture and growing women's wrestling. I believe that being a Farm Athlete and brand ambassador for Tractor Tuesday is a great way to do both of those things."

"It's awesome to have Marissa Porsch as part of the Tractor Tuesday family," said Zach Bosle, CEO of Tractor Tuesday. "Her passion for wrestling and agriculture is fantastic, which makes her a great advocate for farm athletes, and especially women in ag."

This NIL deal underscores Tractor Tuesday's commitment to creating opportunities for college athletes from farm and ranch backgrounds, helping them succeed in their athletic careers while staying connected to their roots.

Source: [Tractor Tuesday](http://TractorTuesday.com)

Annual Truck Convoy Honors Special Olympics



Twelve trucks completed the convoy which was a low turnout. Area Special Olympians got to enjoy a meal and silent auction with the drivers and then caravan through Colby for a sunset convoy. This event holds a special place with the Goetz family as Kayla's youngest sister, Kasey, suffers from cerebral palsy. It is the one time a year Kasey gets to ride in the truck and has a day to celebrate her!

The area Special Olympics holds events throughout the year and the truck convoy is one of the major fundraisers to help these kids get to do the many things they love! Usually, the drivers bid on the lead truck from each starting location, but this year they decided to award the trucks who had participated the most years. Justin won the Oakley location for not missing a year since they started. The Mentlick family of Colby started the convoy in Colby to honor their son, Greg, and the sisters continue on, to honor him and remember their dad, Joe. He was so passionate about the kids and their cause. Goetz Trucking is glad to have been able to give to them in a small way, and giving a ride to a Special Olympian one day a year is time well spent...their smiles are all the payment needed in return!

Field Survey Underway on K-23 in Gove, Sheridan Counties

The Kansas Department of Transportation has started a field survey on a portion of K-23 in Gove and Sheridan counties.

Crews are working along an 11-mile portion of K-23 between I-70 and County Road 70 to gather information for proposed improvements along the route. Activities will include the use of survey instruments on the ground to determine locations of existing features within the survey corridor.

KDOT expects work to be completed in January 2025.

Crews will contact property owners or tenants for permission to enter private property if access is needed. Jeff Jones of Garver will oversee the survey for KDOT.

Persons with questions may contact KDOT public affairs manager Lisa Mussman at 785-874-8107 or lisa.mussman@ks.gov.



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LETTER EDITOR FROM THE EDITOR

Viktorija Briggs

"Freedom of the Press, if it means anything at all, means the freedom to criticize and oppose." -George Orwell

Last week, I received a phone call from a subscriber who, without saying, "Hello", only stating their name and then demanding, "STOP putting political crap on the front page! Bury it in the back somewhere or not at all." Nothing like putting someone on the defensive right from the start. No attempt at being polite or diplomatic or making a suggestion. No, it was straight to "STOP!" Why? Because this person did not like what Senator Marshall had to say; felt that it was all conjecture, rhetoric, and false information. (Double checking his article on what was said, no, there was nothing untruthful in it. Everything stated had already come out as fact in all other media and was publicly published on government and other reputable sites online.)

I explained that rarely have we placed articles on the front page that were political, but last week, we literally had not received anything for local news to put on the front page. It happens sometimes, so then we find articles that are from outside Sheridan County that relatively applies to the populace as a whole.

I also explained that what is received from legislators are all relatively the same length, so providing sources to their articles would be found on the respective legislator's website. The caller wasn't interested in hearing this, only implying that I should have provided those resources along with the article. 1) There was not the space to do so, and 2) that is the responsibility of the reader who has a question regarding the information presented (*I'm not into spoon feeding all the information, look it up, you're an adult, aren't you?*). I trust that what we publish is true and accurate, but I also do my own vetting of the information and IF I find it incorrect, I will always publish a correction...on the front page, as I've always done, unlike other newspapers I've read that hide it in a tiny blurb somewhere near the back of the newspaper.

So, now to my full response to the caller - they had me so irritated and on the defensive that I did not respond as I should have with facts and a calling out of their own obvious leanings of restrictive speech. I gave them a voice and heard them out. Responded by politely, but firmly, informing them that I would not stop publishing politics - front page, inside, or anywhere else. What truly had me riled was that this caller was *demanding* of me is typically happening all over the world, but most egregiously here in the U.S. *because* of our FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS! I am a staunch patriotic Constitutionalist Conservative, and I will forever defend *my right - and theirs* - to speak freely, whether I like what is said or not. The Left do not. For them, it is their view and no other. All others must be staunchly and quickly squashed.

While I allowed this caller to berate me and this newspaper, because it is their FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT to voice their views, they were trying to shove their socialist belief of ZERO FREE SPEECH & FREEDOM OF THE PRESS RIGHTS onto me and this newspaper.

HOW DARE YOU!
How about a few pointers for this caller - and anyone else interested in addressing this newspaper, its owner, or employees:

#1 - Amendment I: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." THIS is exactly what the Left is afraid of and working desperately to annihilate. The government-run educational system is also working to remove the truth of the beauty and value of our Constitution from its curriculum, stating that it is outdated and irrelevant. It is only irrelevant to them, because it is dangerous to them. It is the ONLY thing keeping them in-check...for the time being.

#2 - Newspapers are the true written history of this nation (and the world). Without them, we would not know most of what has ever happened that impacted the lives of those living in their respective geographic areas, from local to national to worldwide news. The Progressive/Liberal/Socialist Democrats are erasing our history - destroying statues of historical figures (remember the riots of a few years ago?), rewriting the history books (look up the 1619 Project!), forcing minority agendas down our throats (transgender grooming of our children, "minority attracted persons", massive illegal immigration, illegals allowed to vote, removing parental rights, cradle-to-grave governance, massive welfare expansion, etc. ad infinitum).

#3 - Instead of calling here to berate me and make demands on how I run my business (*seriously?! How about I do that to you?*), which if you ask anyone who knows me, knows that I run this

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NEWS from the OUTSIDE

with John Liestor

It's hunting time! I'd like to say that I started with a bang, but I didn't. Went to a spot I scouted just two days earlier where I had seen hundreds of doves, and I got a total of two. It was like they just vanished. But the day wasn't a total loss. I came home early, and Linda and I went to a party held by Cindy Eller and Roger Milton. We had a wonderful time with close to sixty fellow patriots and Christ-loving people. It was awesome to feel that much love and hope in one place! My hats off to you folks. We need to do this more often! We loved the fellowship.

Day two of dove season was a blast! Two of us got limits of mourning doves, two collared doves, and a couple of pigeons. What a difference 50 miles made! I think with the weather warming back up a bit it should be good hunting for a while yet. At least I hope it is.

I'm sure all of you hunters out there know this kind of guy. You take him hunting a few times and he becomes the all-knowing expert. Now bear in mind he's never succeeded, but he will go on and on about how you need to do things. Even when you're the one teaching him. You just have to laugh. Same goes for fishing. But one thing that will get a person on my bad side in a hurry is when they ask me where and how to catch fish and I take them straight to the spot, with instructions on what to use and how to use it. I go into town to get us all lunch. I came back out and no one is there. Why? Well, the fifteen mile an hour wind was too hard to cast in, so we moved, and then I said enough, and went home. I didn't drive that far, spending money on gas and fuel for them to decide I wasn't right, and lo and behold, they never caught a thing. Now, I will admit I am not a professional guide. However, fishing that lake since I was a toddler does give me a bit of an edge. If you're going to ignore my advice, you don't get any more help. Do not treat me like I'm stupid, and for darned sure don't be lazy about things!

Speaking of the patriot gathering, have you all heard the garbage being spewed by Kamala? She's saying that if Elon Musk doesn't censor X to her liking, she'll have it shut down. Now, you Democrats watch this closely, because this is *exactly* what Adolf Hitler did. He took control of all the media and rammed his evil ideas down the Germans' throats! Remember how he convinced the other countries that he was their best friend, right before he murdered them? Oh yes, Epstein still didn't kill himself. Also, the Democrats lies about Trump claiming to become a dictator? You all don't tell the whole story. He said "for a day" to build the wall and stop illegal immigration. But you leave that part out. Your love of the open border has caused major crime to skyrocket. Venezuelan gangs taking over apartment complexes in Aroura, Colorado and the mayor there lies about it. Oh, it's happening everywhere; and the Democrats are the ones to blame. Yes, folks it's that simple. They brought this on us.

On another note, I was very pleased to see the detour through town go without a hitch. My only question is, why in the world would you choke down that much traffic by taking away the turning lane? That seemed a bit counter-productive to me.

Well, not much else this time. I do ask, now more than ever, stay safe and enjoy the outside!

National Collection Week

On November 18, multiple locations throughout Northwest Kansas will open to collect shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—for the Samaritan's Purse project.

During the project's National Collection Week (November 18-25), volunteers in Northwest Kansas hope to collect more than 13,000 gifts to contribute to Operation Christmas Child's 2024 goal of reaching 12 million children in need.

Local Drop off location at Christ Community Church, 2008 Sheridan Ave, Hoxie, please contact Ben Rhodes at 785-386-8452.

Monday & Tuesday, November 18-19: 10am-12
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Thursday & Friday, November 21-22: 4-6pm
Saturday & Sunday, November 23-24: 9am-12
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If you would like to learn more about this project or volunteer year-round, please let me know.
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Lady Bulldogs Win Western Plains Tournament



The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs traveled to Healy on August 31 for the Western Plains Tournament. Team members included: (front) Janessa Lelija, Marisol Perez, Siena Vargas, Estella Vargas, Searee Bruggeman; (back) Coach Laura Felthoelter, Katie Carter, Hayden Wark, Kaylee Kier, Addy Wessel, Brenlynn Rath, Anais Cepeda, Lakin Wark, Kadalen Unrein, McKinzie Horobik, Coach Ashley Arnberger. (Photo by Ivonn Vargas)

By McKinzie Horobik

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs traveled to Healy on August 31 to open their season at the Western Plains Tournament. The ladies took first with a 5-0 start to their season. "We worked together well which led us to just clicking," said Siena Vargas, senior. "We came home with an even greater outcome than we thought we would. I hope we continue to improve throughout the season to better ourselves as a team."

The girls started the day with their first game against Otis-Bison. The game was back and forth the whole time, tying the game multiple times. Siena Vargas went back to serve and gave the Dogs another tie at 13. The end of the set was in sight for the Bulldogs, and they dug deep to pull the set win of 26-24. The Dogs continued to keep the game extremely close in the second set, but Otis-Bison pulled ahead with the win 21-25, taking the game to a third set. The girls had a huge momentum change in the third set allowing them to come on the court ready to play to finish the game 25-11 capturing their first win of the day.

The second game was against the Rolla Lady Pirates. In the first set, Anais Cepeda had five aces in a row to help the Dogs win 25-14. The Bulldogs had a large number of serving runs, including Lakin Wark with ten, giving the Bulldogs a second set and match win 25-4.

The girls faced Triplains/Brewster for the third game of the day. The Dogs led the whole game as they continued to work hard. They took the first set 25-19. The girls came back to the court ready for the second set ready to continue with their day and made short work of the second set 25-7. The Bulldogs then faced Weskan. In set one, the Bulldogs fought for the win and pulled it in 25-19. In the second set, the team continued their fierce energy and take the set 25-14.

The Dogs finished their day against Western Plains. The team worked hard as they battled their own tiredness from the previous four matches. The first set started with long rally after long rally, points tying again and again. The Dogs lost the set 21-25. The Dogs, not forgetting that they are still in the game and could take it to three sets, took the second set 25-22. Both teams were feeling the exhaustion from the long day of games, but the Lady Bulldogs use that exhaustion for motivation and claimed the final win 25-16.

The Bulldogs finished the day with a 5-0 record and first place in the tournament. They traveled to Brewster on September 3 to play Logan/Palco, Triplains/Brewster, and Ness City and will continue their season in Winona on September 10.

Bulldogs Open Season with a Win

Golden Plains Senior Josh Rath looks for a receiver the Bulldogs opening game of the season against Moscow in Rexford on September 6. Rath led the Dogs with 233 total yards and 11 tackles in the 62-16 third quarter win over the Wildcats. (Photo by Judy Rogers)



By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog Football team opened their 2024 season with a 62-16 win over the Moscow Wildcats on their home field in Rexford. "The game went well," said Miguel Garcia, senior. "We played good defense, had good blocking, and worked well together." The Dogs led throughout the game midway through the third quarter due to the 45-point mercy rule.

Moscow received the ball from kicker Jose Rios to start the game ending the series with a punt back to the Bulldogs who took over on the 20. Senior Quarterback Josh Rath threw the ball to senior Miguel Garcia who ran for a short gain. Rath finished the series in the end zone. Rios kicked the ball through the uprights to give the Bulldogs an early 8-0 lead.

The Dogs defense, led by junior Diego Perez and senior Wyatt Amlong, stopped the Wildcats from advancing. Junior Dylan Wark recovered the punt and ran it into the end zone for a second Bulldog score. Rios kicked another PAT for a 16-0 Bulldog lead. The Dogs followed with another touchdown from Rath. The extra point kick went wide as the Dogs extended their lead to 22-0.

The hometown boys continued to play tough defense, including a sack by Amlong, to stop the Wildcats from advancing. Following a gain by sophomore Conner Kier, Garcia caught another pass and ran it in for a Bulldog score and a 28-0 lead with 1:33 remaining in the first.

With just .04 left in the first, the Wildcats crossed the goal line for their first score of the game. They kicked in the extra point to end the quarter with a 28-8 Golden Plains lead.

The Dogs opened the second quarter with a touchdown run by Diego Perez. Rios kicked a successful PAT to put the Dogs up 36-8. Perez had to deep tackles sending the Wildcats back down the field. They attempted to pass but were blocked by Wark ending the series with a punt.

Back on offense the Dogs moved the ball to the air but had some interference by the Wildcats and missed connections. Rath ran for some good yards to get within sight of the goal allowing Kier to finish in the end zone. Senior Abe Taylor connected with senior Maddix Green for the extra point and a 43-8 Bulldog lead.

The Wildcats answered with a quick score and followed with an extra kick to give them 16. The Dogs came back with runs by Perez and a pass to Wark. Wark finished in the end zone to extend the Dogs lead. Perez stayed strong on defense getting quickly into the backfield to push the Wildcats back. The Dogs took over on the 10-yard line finishing the first half with a 49-16 lead.

The Bulldogs received the ball to start the second half. Following a short run by Perez, Wark ran to the end zone for another Bulldog touchdown. Taylor connected with Freshman Kelby Buehler for the extra point. Josh Rath connected with Wyatt Amlong for a final touchdown to give the Dogs the win 62-16 with 6:23 remaining in the third.

"It was great start to our season," said Coach Travis Smith on the first game of his 25th season as the Bulldogs head coach. "The growth these guys have made since last year has been tremendous. I couldn't be more proud. Next week is a major challenge as we face #2 Ingalls. I think our boys are up to the challenge."

Josh Rath finished the game with 233 total yards-90 rushing and 143 passing. Miguel Garcia had 96 receiving yards along with 57 receiving yard by Wyatt Amlong. Dylan Wark rushed for 74 yards and Diego Perez rushed for 43. Conner Kier rushed for 17, and Maddix Green 2. Abe Taylor passed for 2 yards received by Kelby Buehler.

Jose Rios kicked 3 out of 4 PAT's. Perez and Rath led the team with 11 tackles apiece along with Wark and Amlong with 7 each, Garcia 4, Kier 3, and Rios & Green 2 each. The Bulldogs will kick off against Ingalls at 7:00 pm on September 13 in Rexford. "We need to work on our pass defense," added Garcia. "We are hoping for the win!"

Colby Spirit Spreader

By Ashlyn Hoskins, Staff Reporter

On Thursday, August 29, the Wheatland Cheer team started the season off with the Colby Spirit Spreader. They spent the whole day learning new skills and improving themselves for the new season. The cheer team got to work one on one with the United Cheer Association (UCA) team. This was a great opportunity for our cheerleaders. There were approximately 20 schools from the area that attended this event.

This year several new cheerleaders joined this year's cheer squad, Halle Zimmerman, Abby Thomas, Makenna Farber, Evangeline Godek, and Ashlyn Hoskins. The WHS team now has nine



The cheerleaders for the 2024-2025 school year. (WHS photo)

total cheerleaders in the squad.

"It was such a good team bonding experience I was glad to get to experience," said Emma Zerr.

FACS Fundraiser

By Jaden Dohm, Staff Editor

The WHS FACS class canned peaches and sold shirts as a fundraiser to raise money for the upcoming school trip to Hays to watch the Broadway play of Dear Evan Hansen. They made the peaches at the end of August. They sold over 50 jars of peaches. The FACS class also designed shirts to make and sell. The whole class created a design and Booster Club voted on their three favorite designs for people to choose from.

The WHS students are attending the live performance of the play on September 30. It is part of the Fort Hays Encore Series. The play is about the emotions that high school students go through daily.

FACS teacher Kayla Goetz said, "The kids learned a lot and became very efficient in the process. They have been very hard at work with all these projects."



Volleyball in the Hawks' Nest



The Volleyhawks celebrate a point. (WHS photo)



Senior Emily Heier sets the ball for teammate Aliviah Ball. (WHS photo)

By Teagan Roth, Staff Reporter

On Friday, August 30, the Wheatland High School VolleyHawks played their second game of the season. They played against Hoxie and Decatur. They were unfortunately unable to beat Hoxie, but scored a victory against Decatur. The Hoxie game saw 9.7 kills per set and one block. There were 9 kills per set in the Decatur game and a total of five blocks.

"It was a successful night even though we lost one game," said Senior Emily Heier.

On Tuesday, September 3, the Wheatland High School VolleyHawks played against Cheylin and Northern Valley. They scored a win of 2 and 0 against Northern Valley. The VolleyHawks also won against Cheylin in another 2 and 0 game. There were 9.5 kills per set and a total of two blocks against Northern Valley. In the Cheylin game, there were a total of 13 kills per set and four total blocks.

"We are currently well on our way to being undefeated in the league," said Senior Adrienne Hrabec.

Lady Bulldogs Open Season 7-1

By Siena Vargas

Following the Western Plains Volleyball Tournament championship. The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs opened their regular season on September 3 in Brewster. The Dogs won two games against Logan/Palco and Triplains/Brewster and took their first loss against Ness City for a 7-1 start to the season.

"It was fun to finally play a game with good teammates," said Marisol Perez, sophomore. "We still need to work on our communication to improve our game."

The first match of the evening started with a JV game against Logan/Palco. The girls started off struggling in the first set falling behind the Trojans 11-25. When the Lady Bulldogs stepped back onto the court in the second set they pushed through and played a tough close set but still fell behind the Trojans 20-25.

"We got closer in the second set since we got all the nerves out in the first one," said Katie Carter, a sophomore.

The varsity girls faced the Logan/Palco Trojans for their first game of the day. The Lady Bulldogs played a tough set competing against the Trojans but succeeded with a 25-23 win. In the second set the Dog held their ground and also claimed a 25-22 win to start off their evening.

The next varsity match was against the Ness

City Lady Eagles. The Bulldogs fell short in the first set 20-25. They struggled in the beginning of the second but pulled together and got within reach of the Lady Eagles. The Lady Bulldogs couldn't keep up and fell short in the end 21-25 after a hard-fought set.

The final game of the night was against Triplains/Brewster. The Dogs kicked off with a strong start to claim the first set 25-12. Coming out into the second set just as strong, the Dogs finished off the evening with a final set of 25-17 to bring home another win.

"We played a lot better than we did at the jamboree since we are getting more comfortable with our rotation," said Janessa Leija, sophomore. The Lady Bulldogs will continue their season on September 10 as they travel to Winona to play Triplains/Brewster and Greeley County.

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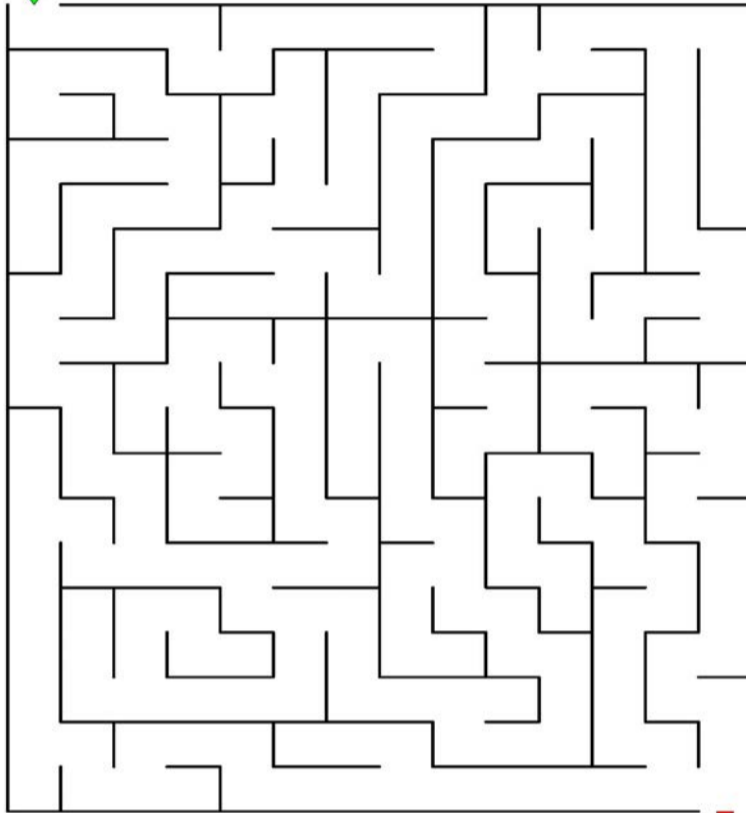
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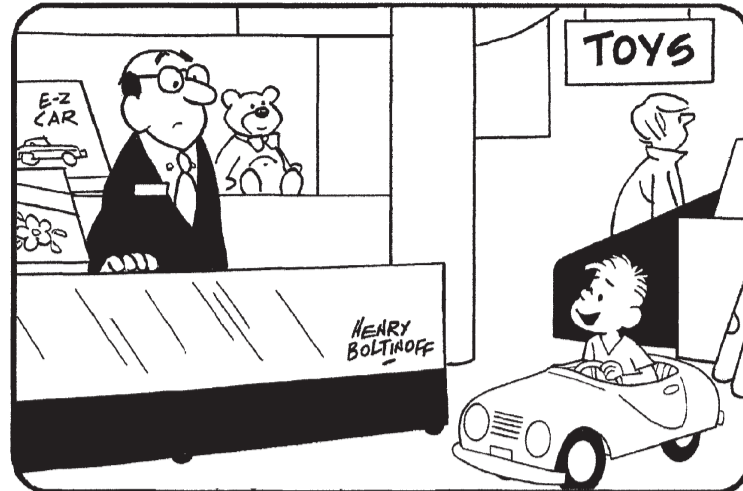
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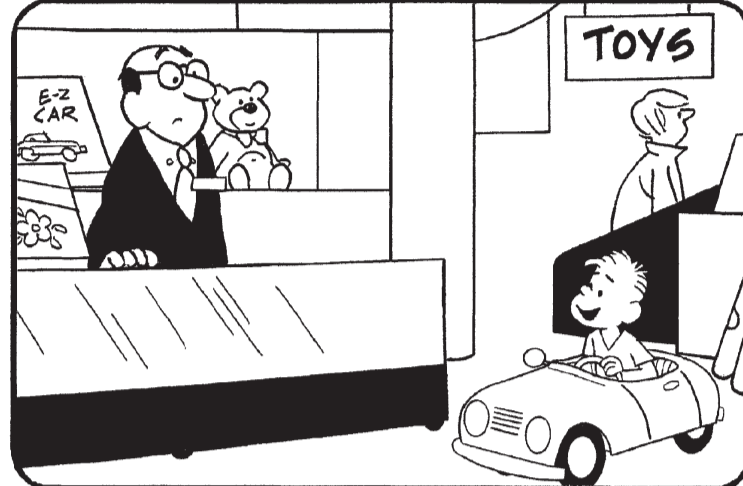


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



mirror is added to car. 4. Teddy bear is moved. 5. Nametag is moved. 6. License plate is missing.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: D equals P

NC Z DLKAGE RGAS Z VOGRL
PIEYO GC VLNQOS, WG HGI
AIDDGAL OL YGIRW QLS Z
EG-PLRRH DKNFL?

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

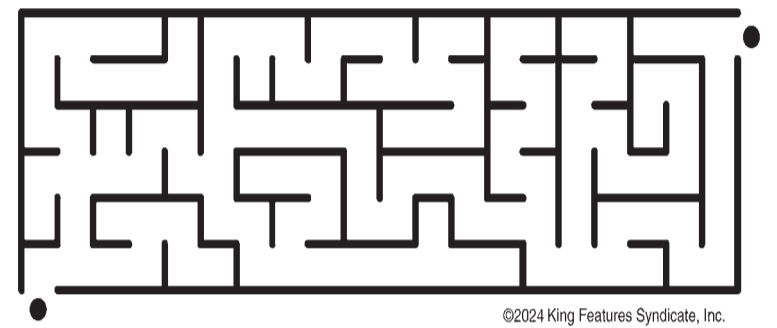
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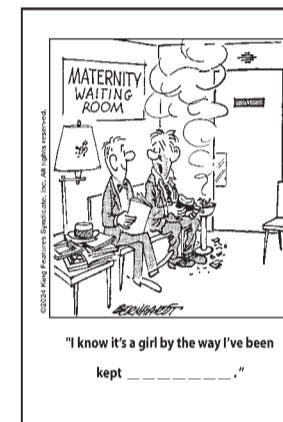
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BSF BMXBZT QFFQJOH.

Kids' Maze



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SCRAMBLERS

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

Exit	SPINIER	
Rain	SWEAT	
Peril	GARDEN	
Shine	RUSTLE	

TODAY'S WORD

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9				2	7		6
	4		8				1
		7		3			5
		6		5		4	
1			4				3
8	2		6			1	
6			5			3	
		2			7		9
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Super Crossword

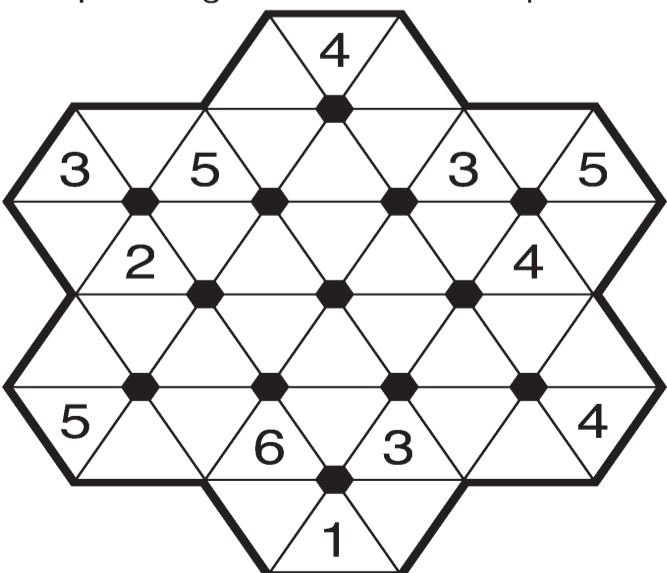
RULING PARTY

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live" | 1 Son of Willy Loman |
| 9 Certain martial arts surface | 2 Tibet locale |
| 16 Just OK | 3 Bat very gently |
| 20 Enthusiastic reply to a request | 4 Emerging |
| 21 Raised, as a building | 5 Actor Studi |
| 22 Central point | 6 Herr's "Alas!" |
| 23 British ruler applying veneer? | 7 Sits tight |
| 25 Violent anger | 8 Writer Rice |
| 26 Nutrition Facts category | 9 Pa Clampett |
| 27 Brewed beverage | 10 Arg. neighbor |
| 28 Great Plains tribe | 11 Last mo. |
| 29 The Devil | 12 Golfer Lorena |
| 30 Nile goddess | 13 Volcano in E. Sicily |
| 33 Turkish ruler's pungent condiment? | 14 — Fables |
| 38 Quaint office transcribers | 15 Six-pt. plays |
| 41 Sleep study diagnosis | 16 Shredded bit |
| 42 Regarding | 17 Pontificate |
| 43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has? | 18 Fructose, e.g. |
| | 19 Yoked yaks |
| | 24 Utters breathlessly |
| | 29 Oral |
| | 31 Most vinegary |
| | 32 "Understood" |
| | 34 Sch. in the Granite State |
| | 35 Director Ang |
| | 36 Mai — (drink) |
| | 37 UFO pilots |
| | 38 Commotion |
| | 39 Commotion |
| | 40 Actress Mireille — |
| | 41 Singer Paul |
| | 44 Ending for cash |
| | 45 Comedian Hart, casually |
| | 47 Hoosier State |
| | 48 Building story |
| | 49 Part-goat god |
| | 50 Where it's at |
| | 54 "It's — real!" |
| | 55 Boast |
| | 58 Irritated |
| | 60 Big name in peanut butter |
| | 61 Break out in — |
| | 62 Actress Berry |
| | 63 Set to a slow speed |
| | 64 Bow shapes |
| | 66 Berry of Brazil |
| | 70 Some mollusks |
| | 71 Loathe |
| | 72 Oohs and — |
| | 73 "Lord, is —?" |
| | 74 Precursors of embryos |
| | 75 Brief parody |
| | 76 Cry of woe |
| | 81 Person crying |
| | 82 Golf gizmo |
| | 83 Kind of tide |
| | 84 Used a spade |
| | 86 Cronies |
| | 87 Model Macpherson |
| | 88 Doe or stag |
| | 92 Spaghetti sauce brand |
| | 95 GPS calculation |
| | 97 Egyptian — (cat breed) |
| | 98 Cold cubes |
| | 99 GPS calculation |
| | 100 Grape cluster |
| | 101 Visual insult |
| | 103 Slope-hitter's headwear |
| | 104 Energetic sort |
| | 107 Small sailboat |
| | 108 Citation |
| | 109 Officiated on the diamond |
| | 110 Vessel used to lure U-boats |
| | 111 Foul-smelling |
| | 112 Profs' degs. |
| | 115 Maestro |
| | 117 Strong desire |
| | 118 1940s film critic James |
| | 119 "— she blows!" |
| | 121 This yr.'s grads |
| | 122 Hosp. VIPs |
| | 123 "Give — try" |
| | 124 Obtained |
| | 125 Med. group |
| | 126 DVD- — |

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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