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Hoxie Wrestling Earns Recognition



Mike Porsch was awarded the 3-2-1-A Boys Head Coach of the Year by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association. Mike has coached at Hoxie since 1994 as junior high head coach, high school assistant coach and has been the head coach for 18 years. (HHS Wrestling Photo)

Derek Johnson won 3-2-1-A Boys Wrestler of the Year award at the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association awards ceremony on Saturday, October 7, in Salina. With Derek at St. Cloud State University and unable to attend, the award was accepted by his younger sister, Clara, and brother, Travis. (HHS Wrestling photo)



The Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association (KWCA) Clinic and awards were in Salina this past Friday and Saturday, October 6-7. Coach Mike Porsch got to help with a couple of clinics and then accepted his 3-2-1-A Head Coach of the Year Award as well as the Academic State Team Champion Award for his regional's team which had a 3.93 GPA this past year. Derek Johnson was also the 3-2-1-A Senior Wrestler of the Year! (HHS Wrestling photo)

Levi Attends Capitol Leadership in DC



Levi Gleason, VP of Corporate Relations & Finance, attends Capitol Leadership in Washington, D.C. this week. He states that the trip has been "absolutely amazing" and that he has learned so



much, which has furthered his understanding of Family and Consumer Science Education funding. Others attending include the rest of the State Executive Council. (FCCLA photo)

HAT DAY at Golden Plains Elementary



The Golden Plains Kindergarten class wears their favorite hat for Hat Day during Anti-Bullying Week at the Elementary School in Selden. Monday was "Bee Kind" Day (students wore black & yellow); Tuesday was "Hat Off to Good Choices" Day; Wednesday was "United We Stand Against Bullying" (wear your Bulldog gear); Thursday was "Team Up Against Bullying-Class Color War" (each class wore a specific color, and Friday was "Pink Positive Vibes" (everyone wore pink).

Kindergarteners include: (l-r) Fallyn Huff, Gunner Pfanenstiel, Beau Korte, Zeke Benavidez, Jose Montes, Maxen Mosier, and Emery Vargas. (Photo by Amy Patmon)

Sheridan County Rural Fire Department 1 to Receive \$90,000

Topeka - Sheridan County Rural Fire Department to receive \$90,000 from the more than \$6.2 million from the Local Safety and Security Equipment (LSSE) grant program was awarded to 72 Kansas law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and 911 communications agencies. The grant funds are received through the Strengthening People Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) program funded by the federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA).

The purpose of the LSSE Grant Program is to improve the accessibility and efficiency of emergency services to Kansans. The funding provides equipment upgrades critical to emergency response; supports updated interoperability communications systems; and updates and replaces unsafe, damaged wildland firefighting equipment that meets national standards.

A total of \$6,208,299 was awarded to the agencies.



Area Non-Profits Invited to Board Training November 8 in Hoxie

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director

Hoxie - The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF), in partnership with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, Logan, is hosting a Board of Directors Training workshop for all area non-profit organizations to attend. Organizations of any size (staff, non-staffed/volunteer only, 501c3/non-501c3) in the Hansen Foundation's 26-county service area are highly encouraged to attend.

The workshop will take place at the Hoxie Jr-Sr High School Auditorium, 1625 Queen Ave, Hoxie, Kan., from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Hansen Foundation staff member Betsy Wearing, Coordinator of Communications, Programs and New Initiatives, and Betty Johnson, Hansen consulting staff member, will facilitate the workshop. Topics will include roles and responsibilities of the board and board members; how staff and board members work together; running effective and efficient meetings; and the importance of mission and goals to strengthen and grow an organization.

There is no cost to attend the workshop, though registration is requested online by Nov. 1 by visiting www.growsheridancounty.org/events.

Contact SCCF Executive Director Karl Pratt at 785-675-1240 or director@growsheridancounty.org with any questions.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life of Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, visit www.growsheridancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.

Area Non-Profits Board Training

Wednesday, Nov. 8
6:30-8 p.m.

Hoxie HS Auditorium
1625 Queen Ave, Hoxie, KS



FFA Gets Down and Dirty



Soil Judging Team (back l-r) sophomore :Jaxson Bernbeck; freshmen: Marissa Beckman, Natalie Bixenman, and Riley Tuttle; sophomores: Luke Zerr and Daniel Mason. Front (l-r): freshmen: Makenna Farber and Brant Goetz; sophomore: Broady Goetz. (WHS Photo)

By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor

Nine members of the Wheatland FFA club got their hands dirty, quite literally, when they participated in the Northwest Area Land Judging in Stockton on Wednesday, September 27

"This is the first land judging WHS has attended," said sponsor Madison Markley. "I was proud of the way they put themselves out there and represented our school well."

The purpose of the land judging is to educate FFA members about the qualities of different soils and to help them determine the best usage for each type. They looked at the coarseness of the soil, the moisture content, and examined multiple aspects of the soil pits.

The students had a few weeks to prepare their skills in the classroom before attending the judging.

Thirteen schools attended the contest.

Branton Goetz, freshman, stated, "It was a new, fun experience. It was cool to get to meet new people from other schools."

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The Jennings City Library received notification from the Brownstone Book Fund announcing the library will receive 100 new children's books, ranging from pre-kindergarten through early readers. The Brownstone Book Fund is a private foundation in New York City, interested in fostering early reading, a love of books and encouraging parents and children to read together. Please come to the Jennings City Library to explore and enjoy our new collection.

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club met on September 26, 2023, at the Clayton United Methodist Church. Afterward, members enjoyed their sack lunches, Vice President Karen Bailey called the meeting to order, and welcomed new members, Dolores Gallentine and Mary Wentz. Karen thanked the hostesses, Roberta McAllister and Patty Foster. Others in attendance included Lila Jennings, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Alice Mizer and Kathy Nauert. Karen thanked the program committee for the 2023-2024 Club Books. Members recited the Club Collect and the flag salute. Ten members answered roll call with "The Oldest Family Car You Remember." Rachel Foster joined the group for the program. Joan McKenna read the April 25, 2023 minutes and Shelley McKenna gave the treasurers report. Cards were signed for a couple members that are having health problems. Club members walked to Don and Barb Brooks residence to view their collections of one, two, three and four wheeled mode of transportation, tools, tins, advertisement signs, musical instruments, Victrola, sewing machines, clocks, vintage furniture, antique toys, dolls, tractors, dresses, pictures, kitchen items, glassware, school memorabilia collectibles and other items too numerous to mention. Don's 1962 Chevy Impala SS was also on display.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive in Jennings will be held October 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Jennings United Methodist Church. The Decatur Health Dept. will also be there to give flu shots. Tetanus immunization can be arranged if they know in advance who needs one. Call or text Shelley McKenna to schedule blood donation. 785-678-3050.

Health Plan Rates for 2024 Now Available

Topeka - Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced that the 2024 rates for individual and small group health insurance plans have been finalized and are published on the federal HealthCare.gov website. Kansans shopping for health insurance coverage through the Exchange can preview the rates at ratereview.healthcare.gov. Open enrollment officially begins November 1.

"Kansans who get their health insurance through the Exchange should use this preview period to plan ahead before open enrollment begins," Schmidt said. "Rates and plans change yearly so it does not hurt to see what is available to make sure you are getting the best plan for you."

Depending on the county they reside in, Kansans will have the option of plans provided by eight different insurance carriers. The open enrollment period for Kansans will be from November 1 until January 15. Kansans who would like to start their health insurance coverage effective January 1 must enroll by December 15. Health insurance purchased on the Marketplace between December 16 and January 15 will not begin coverage until February 1.

For additional information on shopping for health insurance, please visit the Kansas Insurance Department's website at insurance.kansas.gov/health-life.

Welcome to The Crypt!

Nestled in Palco, Kansas, the usual quaint, sleepy town comes alive in October with ghouls and ghosts from your worst nightmares. Beware the twists, turns, and sharp corners, for all beings of the afterlife haunt this half block. Lose track of time and space in our constricting rooms. Watch your back as the monsters come out to perform. Take a walk into our realm, but there is no escape. So, buckle up, buttercup—it's going to be a terrifying journey as you make your way through the two-story house of hell. But, please, do not fret, some of our creatures just want to play—to see the fright in your eyes, to hear your heart pounding in your chest, and to smell the fear leaking out of your pores as you slowly join us in insanity.

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Area Churches

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2nd Monday:
City of Hoxie ~ BOE Mtg

1st Tuesday: HAMA

2nd Tuesday: Scrappy Quilters
7pm TBD

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

Last Wednesday:
5:30pm Am. Legion Stag/Stagette
Dinner ~ Grainfield

2nd Wednesday:
American Legion
7pm @ Prime Seed

2nd Thursday:
SC Economic Development Mtg
12pm Bottle KAP Studio

3rd Thursday:
Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance
4-6pm @ Hoxie UMC
for emergency food bags call
785-475-7015 or 571-991-8679

Every Tuesday:
8am Commissioners' Mtg
12pm Rotary
7pm Fire Dept Mtg
6pm Grief Share @ Christ Community
Church-online (Monday in-person)

**SHERIDAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Community Asset Mapping Exercise for Area High School Students

7pm, Monday, October 16
register at www.growsheridancounty.org/events

WPAA Presents
Wichita Children's Theatre:
"The Ugly Duckling"
Mon-Wed, October 16-18
Area Schools

SCCF
Foundation Meet & Greet
6:30pm Wednesday, October 25
Selden

Mealsite Menu

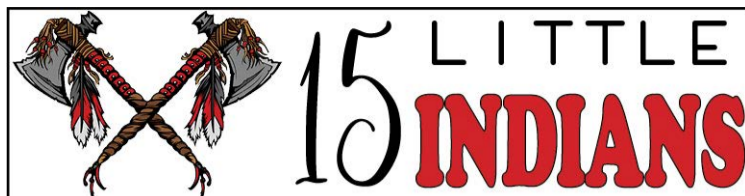
Oct. 16 ~ Oct. 20

- Monday:** Meatballs in gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Beets, Bread, Tropical Fruit
- Tuesday:** Ground Beef Vegetable Soup, Cottage Cheese, Crackers, Pineapple
- Wednesday:** Chicken Pasta Primavera, Corn, Bread, Fruit Crisp
- Thursday:** Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, Mandarin Oranges, Bun, Birthday Cake
- Friday:** Tuna Salad, Broccoli Salad, Pudding, Bread, Mixed Fruit

Substitutions may be more frequent as we experience food supply shortages.
The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older with guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday-Friday. Please call 875-3154 by 11 a.m. the day before, to make reservations. Home Delivery is available to those not able to dine in. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. Patrons over 60, a \$5.50 per meal contribution is requested. Those under 60, meal cost is \$6.50. A monthly menu can be picked up at the Mealsite. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

COTTONWOOD CONNECTIONS Season 3

- **10/15 Fit to Print** - The role of small town newspapers in chronicling the life of a town and building a community's identity.
- **10/22 The Tie That Binds** - A discussion of the importance of sewing circles to small town society and the current day role of quilts as both family heirlooms and tools for genealogical study.
- **10/29 Minium Fossil Quarry** - In 1982 a man found an unusual bone in on his parents property near Morland, Kansas. It would lead to the discovery of fossils that told the story of ancient life on the Great Plains.
- **11/5 Prairie Museum of Art and History** - Highlight the work and exhibits of this unique museum that invites I-70 travelers to pull off and explore the settlement and agricultural of the Plains, including the expansive Cooper Barn.
- **11/12 It's Not All Flat** - An invitation to viewers to explore the interesting topography and geological formations of Western Kansas and learn how, by their uniqueness, they created their own special place in our history.
- **11/19 The Law and the Outlaws** - An introduction to the infamous and to those who tried to stop them - from horse thieves to bootleggers, fraudulent city founders, illegitimate newspapers, and legends of lost gold.



Cheyenne Frontier Days

Toward the latter part of our junior year, Don decided to go and get his private pilot license. After having several crashes on his motorcycle, he thought it might be safer in the air. Why not, it was a new adventure. On a whim, Don, Harold, and Doug figured they would fly up to the Cheyenne Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyoming. They decided they would not ask their parents as they would probably say no.

The flight was nearly three hours from Hoxie to Cheyenne. After landing, they made the short walk from the airport to the fairgrounds. The day's highlight was the Denver Bronco Cheerleaders walking around and signing autographs to all the spectators. As young kids from the boonies, we were in awe and suddenly became Denver Bronco fans. It was one of the largest fairs we had ever attended.

We braved the roller coasters, bought some cowboy boots, and figured it was time to fly back to Kansas.

Once airborne, Don calculated he needed to get some gas as they didn't have enough to make it home. They decided to stop in Sterling, Colorado, to fill up the plane. Don checked the weather; it was breezy but doable. Harold was in the front seat as Doug occupied the back alone. The winds whipped around all the buildings as they came in for the landing. Don was struggling to land the plane with his limited experience. After some bounces, he got the plane down. Immediately the gusty winds lifted the airplane back off the ground with only one wheel on terra firma. Don worked vigorously on the controls to get the plane straightened out. Eventually, all three wheels returned to the ground. Don and Harold breathed a sigh of relief. Once off the runway, they both looked in the back seat to see if Doug was sick. He was out like a light bulb and had slept through the whole landing adventure. He had missed out on another near-death episode.

Shaking a little, Don filled the plane with gas, and they all headed back to Hoxie. Upon arrival, nobody breathed a word to their parents except Harold. Harold's dad asked him where he had been all day, and Harold replied that he had flown up to the Cheyenne Frontier Days Fair. His dad didn't believe him until he showed him some brochures. Harold's dad chuckled and called him a knucklehead. Eventually, our parents did find out about our adventure, but it was too late for them to be mad at us since they made it back alive. We were given a stern warning not to do it again. Years later, people would say we stole that airplane and flew it to Wyoming. To set the record straight, we just borrowed it for the day.

Entertainment

In a small town, sometimes you must create your entertainment. We were good at it, and if we could make some money, then all the better.

Somebody came up with the idea to hire a band called Daybreak for three hundred dollars. We would have them play on a cement slab near the baseball fields. These dances eventually became known as Slab Dances and would take on a reputation all their own.

Many of us got to work doing the planning at Darwin's house. The Fair Board reluctantly gave us a permit to hold the dance. Years later, they would take over as they saw we were making lots of money. We decided to charge \$5 a person to cover the band's cost and give us a little profit. We all thought it best for Doug to collect the money since he looked the oldest. Doug had facial hair



Authors: Dick, Thad, Harold, Darwin, Denny, Jeff, Doug, Grant, Don, Carl, Steve, Gary, and Herb. Missing: Mike and Bulldog. (Find the book on Amazon at: <https://bit.ly/3EeUVOy>) (15 Little Indians' photo)

at five and a beard soon after that. Gary, Harold, and some other big guys would stand close to the entrance and help Doug if any older classmates tried to get in for free.

Immediately, we set out plastering posters around the town and advertised the event in our local newspaper. After soaking our city with signs, we headed to the other nearby towns. It seemed every telephone pole within fifty miles had a poster on it. Our parents became skeptical about the number of people attending and if it would get out of control. Who could blame them? We kids wanted as many paying customers as we could get since that would be more money in our pockets.

On the day of the concert, we all started early to get things set up. A few of us obtained a small fence and roped off the area around the slab so no freeloaders could get too close to the action. We got an electrician to come and hook up power while Darwin's dad provided all the extension cords. By three o'clock we were all set.

The summer night was perfect as the band cranked up the music. It was a complete success as a sea of people showed up from all over the area. Halfway through the night, most of us realized we were missing out on the fun and gave up on collecting any more money. Doug's pockets were bursting at the seams. Who wants to get rich and not be able to participate in any of the fun?

After the live band finished their last set, Dick, Don, and Thad cranked up their little disco and played a few hours more. They were called DDT Disco. Great thought and many hours went into that name. Having little money when they started, they bought an amp and a couple of turntables. Later they would build some speakers and a lighting system.

Thad controlled the microphone as he had a gift like "Wolfman Jack" over the airways. Nobody could understand him, but he did a great job getting the crowd riled up enough to start dancing. If that didn't work, Thad would pay them to dance.

Mike was always guaranteed to show up and request "More Than a Feeling" by Boston to continue the party. We lived in the time of Rock & Roll, and long hair was in fashion. It was the 70's.

We all had a blast and cleared a couple hundred dollars each that night. Slab Dances now would become an annual ritual.

The following year our Slab Dance had a few hiccups. We hired the band "Flight" from Nebraska. After the dance, the band's bus broke down and they could not get home. So, Gary piled the band members and all their equipment in the back of a wheat truck and took them back to Nebraska.

We were practicing to be future businessmen and didn't even know it. We just wanted to have some fun.

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Juneteenth Now a State Holiday

-Kansas Joins 28 Other States Including Texas, Missouri, and Nebraska--

Topeka – Governor Laura Kelly announced that Kansas will designate Juneteenth as a state holiday, joining 28 other states and the District of Columbia.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, the day the last enslaved Americans received word that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation to abolish slavery more than 2 years after the end of the Civil War. Governor Kelly has issued proclamations recognizing Juneteenth every year since 2020.

"I am thrilled that Juneteenth will be a state holiday," said Stacey Knoell, Executive Director of the Kansas African American Affairs Commission. "This day is a perfect example of the importance of learning the full picture of history, not to cast blame but to find reasons for acknowledging resilience. I hope this day can become one where Kansans can unite in celebration."

In 2021, Juneteenth became the first federal holiday created in more than 40 years. Since then, Kansas' neighboring states of Nebraska, Missouri, and Colorado have also established Juneteenth as a state holiday. The holiday will apply to Executive Branch employees under the Governor's jurisdiction.

Cenex Brand Launches Community Giveback Program

Hometown Throwdown will continue the brand's tradition of giving back to communities by awarding \$150,000 to fund local festivals.

Inver Grove Heights, MN - Cenex, the energy brand of CHS Inc., launched Hometown Throwdown, a social first contest encouraging local pride by asking individuals and organizations to share what makes their hometown festival unique. Qualifying festivals have a chance to win up to \$100,000 to bring the celebration to the next level.

Hometown Throwdown is inspired by the Cenex brand's strong local roots and is a continuation of its long history of giving back to the communities it calls home. The brand is local to its core with all 1,400-plus retail locations across 19 states run by members of the community. To date, Cenex has given more than a half a million dollars in grants to support local communities. These efforts have helped fund more than 80 community projects, including the improvement of aging baseball fields, providing athletic workshops in schools, supporting local food shelters and more.

"At Cenex, we have always made it a priority to celebrate and support our local communities where our valued retailers and dealers call home. This new social contest, Hometown Throwdown, does just that and so much more," says Mimi Berlin, expert marketing and communications specialist, energy, at CHS Inc. "It highlights the unique celebrations that bring our local communities together and fosters community pride. We are excited to launch the Hometown Throwdown contest to enable consumers to celebrate the festivals that are near and dear to their hearts."

The entry period for the competition starts October 3, 2023, and runs until December 15, 2023. Individuals and organizations can enter by nominating their festival by posting a photo to Facebook, Instagram (tagging @CenexStores) or TikTok (tagging @CenexStores_) and using the #PoweredLocally and #Contest hashtags. Nominations can also be submitted online through the Hometown Throwdown online entry form. Once the entry period has closed, three finalists will be announced in April 2024, and voting will open. The grand-prize winner will be revealed in May 2024 and will receive \$100,000 for their festival. The remaining two finalists will receive \$25,000 each.

To be eligible, festivals must be run by a local chamber of commerce, municipality, downtown commission, community-oriented non-profit group, or other similar organization. Festivals must take place in the following states: AR, CO, ID, IA, IL, KS, MI, MN, MT, MO, NE, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, WA, WI, and WY.

Additional information about Hometown Throwdown, along with further details about entry requirements and restrictions can be found at CenexHometownThrowdown.com.

If you'd like to learn more about the ways the Cenex brand gives back to local communities, follow us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and YouTube, or visit www.Cenex.com/local-giving.

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Cenex (www.cenex.com), the energy brand of CHS Inc., provides high-quality refined fuels through nearly 1,400 locally owned convenience store locations across 19 states. Consumers depend on Cenex fuels, lubricants, propane and renewable energy products to power homes, businesses, and communities. CHS Inc. (www.chsinc.com), which owns the Cenex brand, is a leading global agribusiness owned by American farmers across the United States with domestic and international operations, including energy, agronomy, grain trading and food processing.*

Kobach Asks 10th Circuit to Cease Pronoun Police Practice

Topeka – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach is asking the Chief Justice of the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals to cease the practice of requiring those appearing before the court to use the preferred pronouns of counsel, litigants, and counsel during hearings.

"The government compelling specific speech is unconstitutional. But it's particularly troubling in a courtroom, where the scales of justice should be balanced," Kobach said. "The requirement gives the appearance that a judge has staked out a position on a controversial issue that is not yet settled in law."

In the letter, Kobach writes that a handful of 10th Circuit Justices require the use of preferred pronouns in their courtrooms. The letter argues that the practice may violate religious freedom of individuals who appear before the court. The letter notes that no courts required the practice prior to 2022.

"The courtroom is no place to dismantle science, butcher the English language, and deny constitutional rights in order to spare an individual's feelings," Kobach said.

According to the letter, enlisting the power of the state to force others to affirm a person's selected pronouns crosses a line and raises major questions regarding compelled speech and the First Amendment. Specifically, the letter argues that compelling some Christians to use preferred pronouns in court violates their religious beliefs.

"...The spread of this novel requirement is both problematic and potentially unconstitutional. It has moved us to ask you to act," the letter concludes.

<https://bit.ly/3F9bJX9> (Editor's Note: Follow the link to read the letter in its entirety. His resources cited are impressive, and the letter is clearly very well thought through covering all aspects, from legal to religious, of this gender pronoun argument.)

Public Invited to Bison Auction on November 1

Pratt – On November 1, 2023, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will hold a public auction for surplus bison from Maxwell Wildlife Refuge and the Sandsage Bison Range. The auction will begin at 11 a.m. and take place at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge – 6 miles north of Canton in McPherson County. Bidding and non-bidding parties are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Maxwell Wildlife Refuge is managed specifically to preserve the area's prairie heritage. As such, herds of bison and elk are maintained, both species that are native to Kansas grasslands. However, because the Refuge can support only a certain number of animals, surplus bison are occasionally sold at a public auction.

A combined total of 62 bison will be auctioned this year, including:

- 10 – Cows
- 10 – Yearling Heifers
- 12 – 2-yr-old Bulls
- 11 – Yearling Bulls
- 9 – Bull Calves
- 10 – Heifer Calves

Heifer calves older than 6 months will be vaccinated for brucellosis and certificates issued.

Those interested in bidding may pre-register by filling out the bidder registration form and emailing it to sarah.navarro@ks.gov. Registration will also be available on site.

Buyers must pick up bison on the day of the sale or make arrangements with the refuge manager prior to the sale. Animals become the buyer's responsibility upon settlement on auction day.

Load-out assistance is available until dusk on the day of the auction. Trailers should be covered or lined, as bison transport best in dark conditions.

Cash and personal checks (if accompanied by a notarized authorization letter from the issuing bank) will be accepted. KDWP reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

For questions regarding the auction, contact Maxwell Wildlife Refuge manager Cliff Peterson at (620) 628-4592 or the KDWP Pratt Operations Office at (620) 672-0797.

For more on Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, including tour information, go to <https://bit.ly/3D5mOrW>.

For more on the Sandsage Bison Range, go to <https://bit.ly/3EPZKNKS>.

Senator Marshall on Securing Our Border

There is an invasion at our southern border.

Recently, Sen. Roger Marshall introduced a resolution that would declare the crisis at our southern border an invasion as defined by the United States Constitution, granting each state the right to secure the border themselves.

He has been to the border four times and seen this catastrophe for himself. He states, "Believe me, it is truly a crisis. Our wide-open border is the number one most immediate national security threat that our nation faces."

Currently, we have:

- Over 7.5 million illegal border crossings, including "gotaways," since Biden took office.
- That's more than DOUBLE the entire population of Kansas.
- OVER 5.8 MILLION illegal crossings of our southern border.
- Over 1.6 MILLION illegal immigrants have evaded apprehension at our southern border, according to Border Patrol sources.

• Cartels are now making \$13 billion a year smuggling migrants into the United States.

• So far this year, 146 people on the Terrorist Watchlist were stopped trying to cross the Southern Border, an all-time HISTORIC record.

• In the last year alone, over 18,000 Chinese nationals illegally crossed our southern border:

- Of those, nearly 95% have been military-aged single adults.
- Some are connected to the CCP's People's Liberation Army

"It's a sad day in America when the Chinese Communist Party is more concerned about the southern border and paying more attention to it than the President is. Border Security is national security. We need to stop catch and release, reinstate the Remain in Mexico policy, and raise the bar for asylum as well." Sen. Marshall said.

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Varsity Volleyball Girls Celebrate Winning Season



The Varsity Volleyball girls celebrate as they continue their winning season! Their last home volleyball match is Thursday, followed by the MCL tournament on the 14th in Russell. (Photo by DeeAnn Schamberger)

The Lady Indians Destroy the Oberlin Tournament

By Brodie Tremblay

On Saturday, September 30, the Hoxie High School volleyball team traveled to Oberlin to compete in a regular season tournament. The Hoxie High Indians walked away as champions winning 4-0. The Hoxie Varsity team has won this tournament for the past two years.

The Indians started the day off competing against Rawlins County. They won in two sets, scoring 25-13 in the first and 25-16 in the second. In their second match, they competed against St. France where they once again won in two sets: scoring 25-15 in the first and 25-21 in the second. Their third match was against Dundy County. Keeping the trend, the ladies pulled out a victory in just two sets, scoring 25-12 in the first and 25-19 in the second. Ending their third game, they were next up for their final match against Oberlin with the mentality of champions.

The whistle blew and Chloe Porsch started the Lady Indians in the right direction. The first set was very close and both teams were looking to get the upper hand. The girls ended the first set 25-18, giving the momentum to the Indians. Emily Bainter and Londyn Schiltz started the second set with a massive block. Schiltz had an incredible tip to win the game for the Indians against Oberlin 25-12.

The Lady Indians will compete next at Hoxie on October 5.

Hoxie Cross Country Teams Runs at Norton Invitational Meet

By Brenden Cook

On September 22, the Hoxie Cross Country Teams went to Norton to take the competition by force. The Hoxie Lady Indian Varsity Cross Country Team started off great with Taegan Lindeman finishing in 6th at 21:59.04, then Isabella Baier finished in 26th with 26:25.88. Following them, the JV girls ran; starting with Emily Farber in 6th with a time of 28:37.76, finishing off was Kyra Reuber with a time of 37:23.95 in 11th place.

Next was the varsity boys, winning the meet for the Indians was Michael Haffner in first place with 17:29.33. Aaron Keith followed closely at 18:02.97 in second place, and Conner Dierks in 4th with a time of 18:15.30. Then in 7th place Kane Epp ran across the line with 19:14.33. Finally for the varsity boys was Draden Herl with a time of 22:36.18. With a time of 24:41.44 was Nick Robben who took a strong 8th place for the JV team.

The Hoxie Indians Cross Country Teams will run on September 26, at the Oberlin Invitational.

Hoxie's Homecoming Game is Over by Half-Time

By Chloe Porsch

"The Devils came down to Hoxie they were looking for a game to win, they were in a bind they fell behind, because our team is the best there's ever been," said Head Cross Country Coach, Tom Friess, during the homecoming pep rally. The Hoxie Indians played their homecoming game on Friday, September 29, against the Oberlin Red Devils. Hoxie ended the game at half-time with a win of 46-0.

Senior Jonathan Mader scored the first touchdown with 5:53 left in the first quarter. Mader and juniors Duncan Bell and Easton Nickelson were able to beat Oberlin on defense. Immediately, as Hoxie got back on the offense, Junior Sam Watkins made the second touchdown of the night. Junior Brayden Scheetz ran through the Devils defense to secure the Indian's two-point conversion. Hoxie Indians ended the first quarter 24-0.

Mader and Scheetz each scored a touchdown in the second quarter, pushing the score to 36-0 with one-minute left. Hoxie got a safety, adding two more points to the score. The Indians win at half-time was ensured when Bell got the two-point conversion after the last touchdown of the night by Brayden Scheetz.

Hoxie's next varsity football game will be on October 6 against the Hill City Ringnecks. The following week, Hoxie will be hosting a game against the Quinter Bulldogs on October 13.

Hoxie JV Volleyball Team Finish Season Strong



The Hoxie Jr Varsity Volleyball Team finished the season strong last week, with an overall record of 28-3. (Photo by DeeAnn Schamberger)



Counselor Corner

By Chris Lee

The Kansas Masonic Foundation sponsors an essay contest each year. Local lodges frequently award scholarships, but the state KMF will award 8 scholarships in addition to local ones, the best of which is \$4000. Alex Dart of Cheylin won this two years ago.

This year's theme: If you were to start an organization or network to help foster interpersonal relationships and connectivity, what principles would you incorporate and why. It's only a 300-500-word piece. Find out all you need at www.kansasmasonic.foundation/program/essay-contest. Local lodges must receive your essay/cover sheet by November 1. If you have trouble locating your local lodge, ask your counselor or call 785-234-5518.

Area high school juniors and seniors are invited to the GCCC campus to explore various fields of study and discover the opportunities that GCCC provides. Exploration Day will take place on Wednesday, November 8. All parts of the campus will be open, including hands-on ones like Fire Science, EMT, Criminal Justice, and Cosmetology, etc. Seniors who register by Friday, October 20, will be entered into a scholarship drawing for three (3) \$1,000 scholarships and six (6) \$500 scholarships! You can register by going to www.gccc.edu, then click on the Exploration Day icon.

High school juniors, seniors, and college transfer students: This is your chance to experience Tiger Nation! You're invited to join us on campus to explore academic and student life opportunities, hear from current Fort Hays State students, take a walking tour of campus, and check out on-campus housing options.

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If you plan to enter teaching you may rather go to FHSU on October 16. This event is open to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors interested in becoming teachers. It will allow students to learn more about the profession and what it's like to be part of Tiger Teacher Nation at FHSU. This event is free and will include a continental breakfast and buffet-style lunch. Admissions and Teacher Education will also draw for scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$1,000. Sign up at www.fhsu.edu/admissions/events/future-educators-day. Registration closes October 11.

The Topeka Zoo is hosting a writing and art contest for people of all ages. Submit a piece of work that centers on conservation issues happening in the world right now. Maybe it's something you are already working on for a science or art class. The deadline to submit is March 31. Details are available at <https://topekazoo.org/>, or call 785-368-9137 or email education@topekazoo.org. All people who submit an entry get into the zoo free on Saturday, April 20 (Earth Day).

Deadlines to remember:

- October 9-13: Build a Ratrod at NW Tech
- October 20: Hansen CT scholarship application due in Logan
- November 3: deadline to apply for December 9 ACT
- December 1: deadline to apply for Rudd Scholarship
- January 5: deadline to apply for February 10 ACT
- February 19: deadline to apply for Ellis Foundation Scholarship
- March 8: deadline to apply for April 13 ACT
- May 3: deadline to apply for June 8 ACT
- June 7: deadline to apply for July 13 ACT

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Referee Appreciation Week at GPHS



Golden Plains High School recognized the referees at the high school football game on Friday, October 6, in honor of Referee Appreciation Week. Both teams, Golden Plains and Triplains/Brewster honored referees front--Brad Cox, Brant Cox, back--Bruce VanLoenen, and Shane Bird, following the game. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Bulldogs Run Best Times of Season at Oberlin

By Zeke Weiner

The Golden Plains Cross Country team went to Oberlin on September 26th to compete in their fifth meet of the season. Each team member set a season PR at this meet.

Emma Weiner ran for the girls, placing second with a time of 20:27.59. It was Emma's third meet of the season after being out with a stress fracture in her leg.

The boys had three runners, Zeke Weiner, Owen Patmon, and Tanner Black. Black ran JV and placed fourth with a time of 24:43.62, his best time of the season. "It was cool to place 4th," said Black. "My time is getting where I want it to be. My goal is to beat the time I set at regionals last year."

Owen Patmon and Zeke Weiner ran Varsity, and both did very well. Patmon ran a PR with a time of 21:09.72 for eighteenth place. Weiner ran a time of 19:39.68 for a thirteenth-place finish and a medal.

The Bulldogs will go to Sharon Springs to run in the NWKL league meet on October 3.



Golden Plains sophomore Tanner Black runs along the course at Oberlin on September 26, at the Decatur Community Invitational. Tanner ran his best time of the season at this meet, as did the rest of the team. (Photo by Ava Brantley)



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GPMS Girls Win One at Weskan

Golden Plains 8th grader, Lakin Wark, serves the ball tough at the Weskan Coyotes on September 28 in Weskan. The Lady Bulldogs A-Team claimed a three-set win over the Coyotes in three close games. (Photo by Elizabeth Romero)



By Siena Vargas

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team took on the Weskan Coyotes on September 28 in Weskan. The A-team gained a victory and both B-team and C-team lost their matches.

The first match was played by the A-team. The Dogs fought tough with a close score the entire set to take the win 27-25. In the second set, the Lady Bulldogs fell behind 13-25. "We had really good rallies, but we could improve on ways we approach the ball," said Briella Knowles 8th grader. "We could also improve on our serves." This took the game into a third set. Golden Plains won another close third set against the Coyotes 25-22 to claim the match win.

The B-team girls played the second match of the night. The Lady Bulldogs came out ready to fight and won the first set 25-17. Onto the second set, the Dogs served the ball tough and kept the score close with the Coyotes but fell short 23-25, taking it to a third set. The Dogs kept the score close, trailing behind the Coyotes the entire set. Although the Dogs fought as hard as they could they fell short 15-17 with a win for the Coyotes.

The C-team played one set. The Lady Bulldogs brought energy to the court and played their best but could not defeat the Coyotes for a score of 20-25 with a win for the Coyotes.

The Lady Bulldogs will continue their season against the Grinnell/Wheatland Thunderhawks in Rexford on September 5.

MS Football Falls Short at Weskan



Flag Football! Sixth grader Ruxin Arnberger (5) receives the snap from Vincent Taylor (2) during the Golden Plains Middle School flag football game at Weskan on September 28. Nash Ziegelmeier (50) and Cameron Sweigart (25) get down and ready for the snap. The Bulldogs fell short in the flag game 0-38. (photo by Elizabeth Romero)

By Emma Weiner

On Thursday, September 28, the Golden Plains Middle School Football Team traveled to Weskan to face off against the Coyotes. The boys played hard but fell short 45-12.

The first quarter started off slow with neither team able to find themselves in the end zone. The action began to pick up in the second quarter with a Bulldog touchdown by 8th grader Adam Ritter. "We need to keep working on running our plays correctly," said Ritter, "but I really enjoy playing football with my friends." The Coyotes were also able to score, putting up a couple of touchdowns of their own. Going into halftime, the score was 12-6 in favor of the Coyotes.

In the second half, the Dogs struggled on the defensive side, allowing the Coyotes to add more points to their lead. The Dogs were still unable to capitalize on the offensive side to chip away at the Coyotes' lead. In the final quarter, Adam Ritter was able to add 6 more points with another Bulldog touchdown, but the defense allowed the Coyotes to put up two touchdowns of their own to end the game with a final score of 45-12 in favor of the Coyotes.

The Bulldogs played their second flag football game of the season. They also fell to the Coyotes, ending the game with a final score of 38-0. On the offensive end, the Dogs struggled keeping their focus. "We need to work on route running, running hard, and keeping a positive attitude," said 6th grader Ruxin Arnberger. "I felt like we ran our plays better this game, but Weskan was a better team."

The Dogs will continue their season on October 5th at home as they face the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks.

Seasonal FACS Class Projects

By Karoline Schroeder, Staff Reporter

Wheatland High School got a new FACS teacher this year, Mrs. Kayla Goetz. She has started the year out with fun projects. Freshman FACS classes have done Cross Stitch 1st Letter of Names, Bandana Pumpkins, Hand Stitch Bibs W/ Button & Snap Applied. They are planning to move on to sewing machines. They will create pillowcases for St. Jude, and also make Teddy Bears. Brielle Hanna said, "We have learned a lot by having Mrs. Goetz as a teacher. The things we are learning are very useful for our future lives."

The FACS Class as a whole has been focusing on philanthropy/community service & giving back to school and community. They log a minimum of three hours for 50 class points every nine weeks. Students must have two different types of community service like cleaning the school, working the concession stand, picking up trash on the highway, or other services. Classes are laundering the football jerseys every game, learning stain removal and painting and basic laundry skills. Goetz said, "I have really enjoyed learning with the kids & excited for them to develop new skills."

The upperclassman FACS Classes are metal stamping, making epoxy/ resin coasters & decorative medallions, and cross stitch names. They will also be focusing on aesthetics - macramé, leather, crochet, yarn rugs, and t-shirt designs.

DTP's Busy Day



WHS DTP wears their 2023 DTP shirts to the KSPA Fall Conference September 25. This year's yearbook theme is Disney, and each of the team members is a different character, written on the back of the shirt. (WHS Photo)

By Olivia Thompson, Newspaper Editor

Five members of the WHS Desktop Publishing Team attended the Kansas Scholastic Press Association (KSPA) Fall Conference at Fort Hays State University Monday, September 25 in the Memorial Union.

KSPA staff presented topics such as "We Keep Covering the Same Stuff in the Same Ways," "In the Frame," "Staff Leadership," "Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner," and "The Very First Words." The morning began with keynote remarks by Eric Thomas, KSPA president and ended at 12:30 p.m.

Following the sessions, the team was able to contact a few businesses in Grainfield for yearbook ad sales.

New member, Evangeline Godek said, "I learned a few new things and it was a happy day."

Advisor Carolyn Nelson added, "We did everything we intended to do and had time for a little extra stop. It truly was a good day."

WHS Bites Into 2023

Mountain Plains Crunch Off

By Carolyn Nelson, DTP Advisor

What says autumn more than the smell and taste of a crunchy crisp apple? Nothing! This fall WHS used apples to compete in the Mountain Plains Crunch Off. The Crunch Off is designed as part of local farm to table month and encourages healthy eating and using local produce.

To kick off the competition, WHS celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday with a daily trivia contest and apple taste testing. Students tasted four types of apples and tried to correctly label each one from a list of seven. Fuji, Red Delicious, Honeycrisp, and Sweet Tango were used in the testing. Junior Jady Gallentine won the apple tasting quiz and won a goody bag from Dina Heier, head cook. Each day, the trivia quiz winner also won a goody bag, which of course contained one of Heier's prize ducks!

WHS cooking staff is preparing for next week's observance of National School Lunch Week as Farm to School month gets into full swing.



Students bite into fruit as they support the WHS Mountain Plains Crunch Off and Johnny Appleseed's birthday September 26, 2023. (WHS Photo)

Bulldogs Win First Game of Season



Golden Plains junior Miguel Garcia blocks a Bobcat in the high school football game against Western Plains/Healy in Ransom on September 29. The Bulldogs allowed the Bobcats to strike first, then shut them down for a 57-7 first win of the season. (Photo by Emma Weiner)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School Football team won their first game of the season with a 57-7 half-time victory over Western Plains/Healy in Ransom on September 29.

The Bulldogs received the ball to start the game and following a return by Josh Rath and runs by Dylan Wark and Diego Perez, punted back to the Bobcats. The Bobcats ran in their first play of the series and the extra point to take the lead with their only score of the game 7-0.

The Bulldogs quickly put a stop to the Bobcat offense as the Dogs rarely started past mid-field. Rath scored a quick touchdown for the Dogs and Jose Rios-Mendoza kicked the extra points for the Dogs to take over 8-7. Rath also connected with Diego Perez for another Bulldog score. Rios once again kicked in extra points for a 16-7 Bulldog lead.

The Bobcats continued to pass the ball but were unable to connect to put the Dogs back in control. Dylan Wark ran in his first of four scores in the who were quickly tackled by Rath near the

goal line to finish the first quarter.

The Dogs took over early in the second with a second touchdown run by Wark. Rios lined up to kick the extra point, but, with the fake, passed it to Abe Taylor for the extra point. Following tackles by Perez and Rath, the Bobcats turned the ball over once more. The Dogs tried to pass but could not connect so Rath ran a first down to the 5-yard line. He then passed to Miguel Garcia in the end zone for another Bulldog score. Rios ran in the extra point for a 38-7 Bulldog lead.

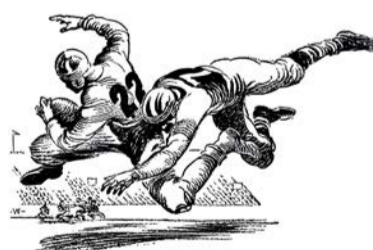
Rios kicked back deep to the Bobcats who fumbled the ball in the end zone. Dylan Wark recovered the fumble adding another touchdown for the Bulldogs. The Bobcats were unable to gain much yardage on their next possession and fumbled the ball. Will Bruggeman picked it up and crossed the goal line, but it was called an incomplete pass, so the Bobcats regained possession. The Dogs took over inside the 10. Maddix Green gained a few yards for the Dogs with Diego Perez running in another touchdown for Golden Plains. The extra point pass was caught by Bruggeman for a 51-7 lead as the clock neared the half.

Rios kicked another touchback which was fumbled by the Bobcats. The Dogs recovered and with just seconds on the clock, Rath handed off to Wark for a final touchdown of the game ending with a 57-7 win for the Bulldogs.

"We all pulled together for the win," said junior quarterback Josh Rath. "We had success running the football and, after that first possession, our defense was strong." Although the Dogs didn't tally a large number of yards as most of their possessions came inside the 20, Rath was able to run in one and pass for two touchdowns—one to Diego Perez and one to Miguel Garcia. Dylan Wark scored 4 times, and Perez ran in one more. Jose Rios-Mendoza went three for three on PAT kicks, threw one PAT to Abe Taylor, and ran in one more. Will Bruggeman caught a PAT for an extra point.

Rath had a combined total of 77 yards, Wark 73, Perez 35, Garcia 16, Rios 5, and Taylor, Green, and Bruggeman with 2 each. Tackles were made in this shortened game by Perez 8, Wark 7, Rath 7, Wyatt Amlong 7, Green 2, Taylor 1, and Rios 1. Wark, Bruggeman, and Garcia each had a fumble recovery.

The Dogs will return home to host the Triplains/Brewster Titans in Rexford on October 6 for their second game of district play. "If we use our speed to our advantage, we should be fine," added Rath.



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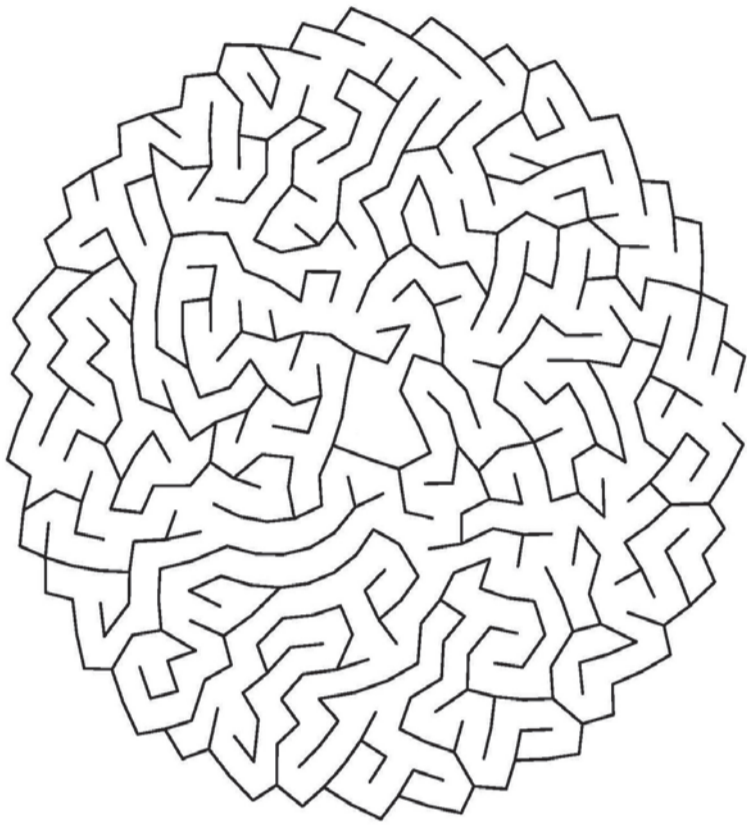
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C B A E V A H O L N F A C L J
I T H E K A T G F E D J C A Y

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: MEDAL FOR BEING WOUNDED

Artichoke Broken From the Jarvik
Artificial Change of Hand on Take
Bleeding Cold Have a Young at
Brave Cross your Heavy

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is missing; 2. Cap is missing; 3. Jacket is missing; 4. Cuts are missing; 5. Flashlight is missing; 6. Rabbit is missing.

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - IT'S AUTUMN

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

BAT
OWL
PIE

4 Letters

LEAF
LOGS
MOON
SOUP
STEW

5 Letters

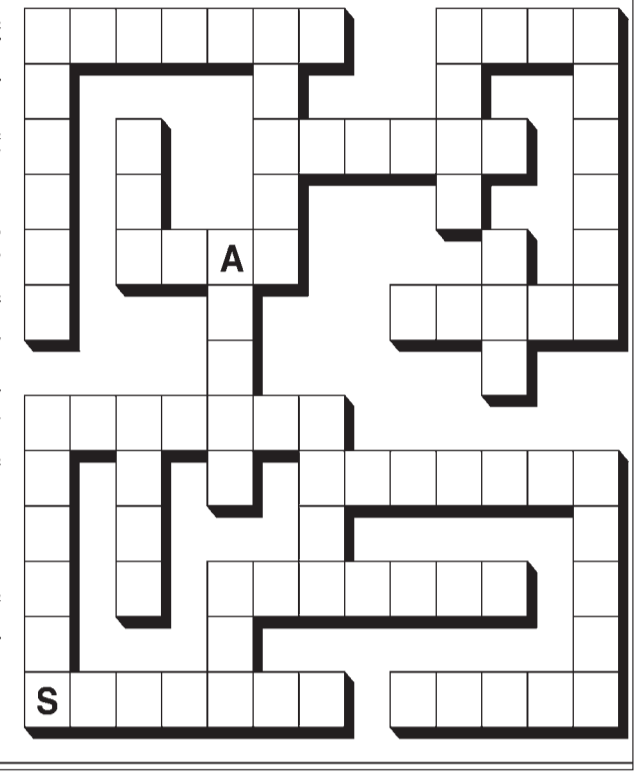
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SCARF

6 Letters

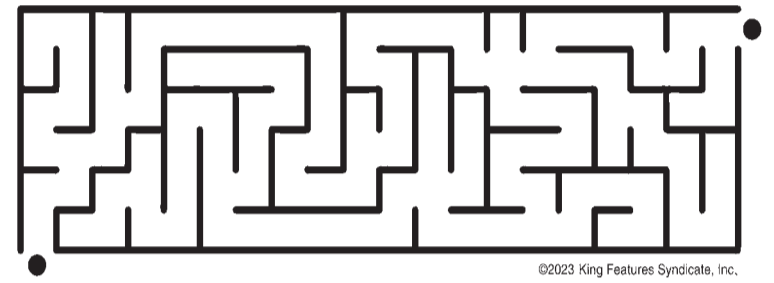
APPLES
HEATER
PARADE
PECANS

7 Letters

BONFIRE
HARVEST
OCTOBER
PILGRIM
SWEATER



Kids' Maze



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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: V equals F

FLBP ZLXSGH WI PLI VBKXYDPI
VYSDPE WIKIYBJI XV OLSYOL
TITWIZY FLX BYIR'P XYHBDRIH?
GBETBR-BHI.

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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.

Release
VIEWAR

Usual
MARLON

Elder
NOSIER

Goal
GREATT

TODAY'S WORD

"If you want to run things in this country, why don't you start with the _____?"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

POTENT POULTRY

ACROSS

- 1 Durable, lustrous fabric for table linen
- 7 Babysits, e.g.
- 12 Heavy burden
- 16 Machines connected to mice
- 19 Person expressing viewpoints
- 20 Do some igniting
- 22 Syrup source
- 23 Beginning of a riddle
- 25 Even a hint of
- 26 Not so bright
- 27 Old sporty Pontiac
- 28 The Palm Tree was one, in brief
- 29 Arctic home
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 39 "— qué?" ("Why?" to Juanita)
- 40 Tofu base
- 41 Contest involving balancing on a floating log
- 42 Lead-in to bad news "— girl!"
- 45 Fortunetellers
- 49 U.S. pres. during the Gulf War
- 53 Riddle, part 3

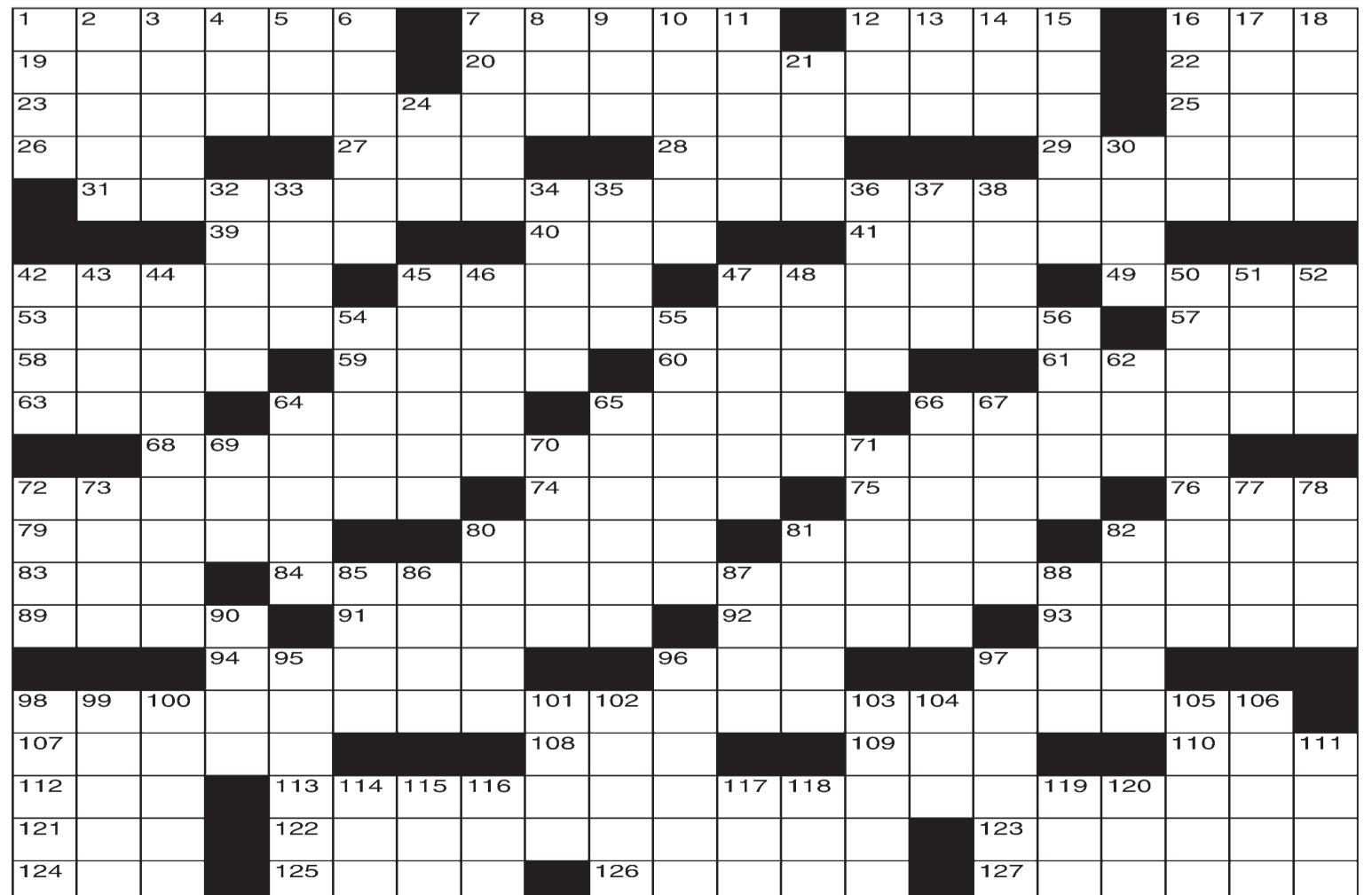
- 57 Austrian "a"
- 58 Hidden valley
- 59 "— From Muskogee"
- 60 "Incredible" superhero
- 61 Bert's Muppet pal
- 63 "— darn tootin'!"
- 64 Broad smile
- 65 Foal's father
- 66 Mini-carpet
- 68 Riddle, part 4
- 72 Woman with will power?
- 74 Deteriorates
- 75 Dahs' Morse counterparts
- 76 Pet treater
- 79 "Tomorrow" musical
- 80 "d'oeuvres"
- 81 Peru's capital
- 82 "Gotta go!"
- 83 Muscle jerk
- 84 Riddle, part 5
- 89 Tree of Life's garden
- 91 Boffo reviews
- 92 Funnywomen Schumer and Poehler
- 93 Has a go at
- 94 Have a loan from
- 96 Lead-in to puncture or pressure
- 97 Class for U.S. immigrants
- 98 End of the riddle

- 107 Put back to 0, perhaps
- 108 NASA "yes"
- 109 Tolkien meanie
- 110 Rom- (film genre)
- 112 Aussie avian
- 113 Riddle's answer
- 121 Diana Ross musical, with "The"
- 122 Relaxes, informally
- 123 Shoelace hole
- 124 Disco — (guy on "The Simpsons")
- 125 "Yes, yes!" in Yucatán
- 126 Discontinues
- 127 Cookout condiment

- 10 Visit briefly
- 11 Reading room
- 12 Two — kind
- 13 Not a one
- 14 Website ID
- 15 Frozen floating brine
- 16 Church song
- 17 Tippy craft
- 18 Observe slyly
- 21 Put — on (limit)
- 24 Broadway's Hagen
- 30 Mapmaker's sci.
- 32 Home to Barcelona
- 33 Driver's alert
- 34 Lauder of perfume
- 35 Chomsky of linguistics
- 36 Vacuum cleaner company
- 37 Actress Petty
- 38 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
- 42 Azalea of rap
- 43 Manicurist's tool
- 44 From the time that
- 45 Guitarrist Chet
- 46 Entity
- 47 Rejects with disdain
- 48 Trapped morays
- 50 Much-married English king

- 51 Nintendo console that debuted in 2012
- 52 Rare blood type, in brief
- 54 Pierces
- 55 Japanese massage technique
- 56 Ogling looks
- 62 Old washcloth
- 64 Say "hi" to
- 65 Cutoffs, e.g.
- 66 Hostility
- 67 Affix a new label to
- 69 Hexa- halved
- 70 Recurrent theme
- 71 Benefit spiritually
- 72 Dislike a lot
- 73 "National Velvet" novelist
- 77 Roof's edge
- 78 Feet have five
- 80 Widespread destruction
- 81 Primate of Madagascar
- 82 Keyboard command for "paste"
- 85 Rich rocks
- 86 Vatican's denom.

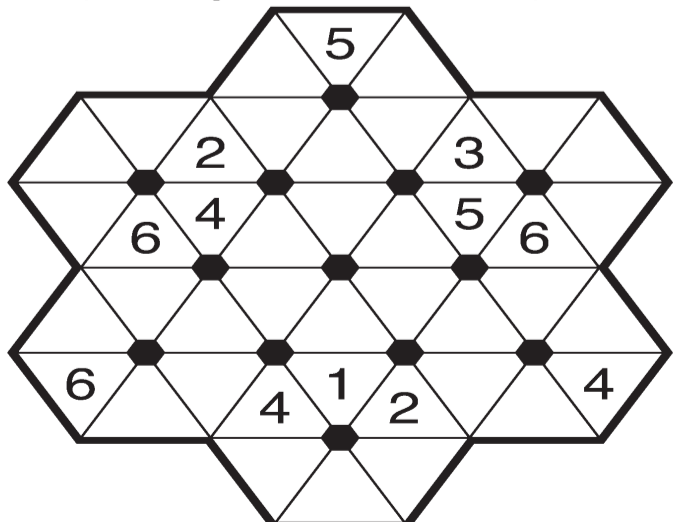
- 87 Go quickly
- 88 Stilted-sounding reply to "Who's there?"
- 90 G flat, for one
- 95 — hat (Broom-Hilda costume part)
- 96 Beginning of a classic JFK quote
- 97 Artist working on glass
- 98 Pub offerings
- 99 Send in, as payment
- 100 Japanese truck maker
- 101 "Mighty" trees
- 102 Yule songs
- 103 9-Down and 119-Down are opposite ones
- 104 Bit of a circle
- 105 GI tract bacterium
- 106 Tender spots
- 111 Fictitious tale
- 114 "Bali —"
- 115 Officeholders
- 116 Hi-tech film effects
- 117 Dove's noise
- 118 Cobra type
- 119 Certain caucus reply
- 120 — Aviv-Yafo



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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solution

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Answer

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

Puzzles4Kids
Answer

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E C G S B O N F I R E
A S A B O N F I R E
N S W E A T E R C A N D Y

HEART

SCRAMBLERS
solution
1. Waiver 2. Normal;
3. Senior; 4. Target
Today's Word
MOWER

Super Crossword

Answers

DAMASK TENDS ONUS PCS
OPINER STARTAFIRE SAP
WHATWOULDYOUCALLA ANY
DIM GTO PDA IGLLO
DISHEATENBYPOLICEMEN
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IFEAR ATTA SEERS GHWB
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