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**SHERIDAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

SCCF Reflects on Productive and Impactful November

Hoxie - November has been a month of progress and community engagement for the Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF). Alongside its annual 2024 November Match Month campaign, SCCF hosted several events to promote philanthropy and strengthen community ties.

Kicking Off Match Month

The festivities began on Monday, November 4, with a Match Month Kick-Off reception at Oscar's. SCCF staff and board members welcomed donors throughout the morning and afternoon, sharing updates and encouraging participation in the campaign.

Showcasing Community Organizations

On Monday, November 18, SCCF hosted the Sheridan County Organizations Fair at Hoxie High School. Around 20 local organizations showcased their missions, goals, and needs to community members.

"The event was a fantastic way to highlight the incredible work being done across Sheridan County," said SCCF Executive Director Karl Pratt. "We hope to make this a recurring event and look forward to seeing even greater community involvement in the future."

Pratt also announced a new funding opportunity coming in 2025, 2026, and 2027. Thanks to a generous contribution from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, SCCF will be able to offer up to \$20,000 per year in matching funds of \$2,000 per fund to establish new endowed grant funds for eligible 501(c)(3) organizations and donors. These funds require a \$10,000 principal investment, with 5% of annual net proceeds available for grants, creating a sustainable funding source for community initiatives.

"We're thrilled about this partnership with the Hansen Foundation," Pratt said. "It's a unique chance to help nonprofits secure their futures and for donors to create lasting legacies that benefit Sheridan County for generations."

Details about this initiative will be shared in early 2025.

SCCF extended thanks to USD 412 Hoxie Community Schools for hosting the event and to Leah Heskett, the Junior High Civics Class and Student Council members for their support. Gratitude also went to Austin and Tracy Poppert for their delicious soup and cinnamon roll dinner.

Match Month Dueling Pianos Event

On Saturday, November 23, the 2024 Match Month Dueling Pianos event brought members of the community together at the Sheridan County 4-H Building. Guests enjoyed a gourmet meal by Emily Campbell and her team at The Elephant Bistro and Bar, desserts by Erika Carter of Handmade, and a lively performance by John and Amy Tuck of Colorado Keys.

"We are incredibly grateful for everyone who attended and for the donors who make the successes of the Foundation, our events, activities, and fundraising campaigns possible," Pratt said. "We're on track to meet our \$70,000 fundraising goal, which will unlock at least \$240,000 in total campaign funds, thanks to matching opportunities from the Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Family Foundation."

Building a Better Future

The November Match Month campaign supports SCCF's Cultivate Sheridan County endowment fund, which once opened up for applications (in the near future) will have the capacity to provide at least \$50,000+ annually in grants for local nonprofits and projects approved by SCCF's Board of Directors.

Donations for the 2024 Match Month campaign are still being accepted through Friday, December 6, and can be mailed to PO Box 445, Hoxie, KS 67740, dropped off at Pratt Law Office, 736 Main, Hoxie, or made online at www.gnwkcf.org/donate/sheridan-match.

SCCF looks forward to closing out the year on a high note and continuing its mission to enhance the quality of life in Sheridan County.

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 for Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, contact Pratt at 785-677-5090, director@growsherdancounty.org, or visit www.growsherdancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.

Local Daycare Receives Staff Retention Grant from Hansen Foundation



Head Provider Katie Koerperich works with children at Little Paws Day Care in Selden. The center received a Dane G. Hansen Grant to help support day care providers. (Photo by Brandy Spresser)

Little Paws Daycare in Selden has been awarded a significant staff support grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, aimed at strengthening workforce stability in early childhood education. The grant provides semi-annual bonuses to daycare providers, with amounts increasing at each six-month interval of employment.

"This grant is a game-changer for our ability to retain qualified childcare professionals," says Brandy Spresser, Daycare Director. "Quality childcare depends on consistent, experienced caregivers, and this funding helps us reward our dedicated staff for their continued commitment."

The innovative retention program recognizes the critical role of experienced childcare providers in early childhood development. By offering increasing financial incentives for longevity, the program aims to reduce turnover and maintain stable, nurturing relationships between caregivers and children.

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, KS, developed this grant program to address the widespread challenge of staff retention in early childhood education.

Hoxie Girl Scouts Need Leadership

Volunteers needed to make a difference in the lives of Hoxie Girl Scouts

Hoxie - Parents, caregivers and community members in the Hoxie area are invited to inspire and lead Girl Scouts in the Hoxie area so they can continue to make a difference in the community.

The Hoxie troop needs two troop leaders. Interested adults are invited to join Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland staff as they host a meeting for current troop members, potential members and potential volunteers. The meeting is at 5 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 4, at the Hoxie Scout House.

This meeting will showcase what being a Girl Scout volunteer is like and staff will go over the requirements necessary for the role, including simple trainings, and a criminal background check. You don't need any prior special leadership training to get involved - just a passion for helping others.

As a Girl Scout volunteer, you can be someone girls can count on. You're the one who cheers them on, makes them laugh and listens when they need it most. You can help build a community where every girl is accepted and valued - just by being yourself.

"Girl Scouts offers girls the opportunity to discover who they are, what they're passionate about, and what they want to achieve both today and in the future. Help make a difference in the lives of girls in your community by volunteering," said Rolinda Sample, Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland CEO.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, contact Bobie Jennings, Troop Engagement Specialist, at bjennings@gskh.org, (888) 686-6468 or visit our website kansasgirlscouts.org/join

About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 8,000 members in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.



Patterson Family Foundation Awards Sheridan County EMS \$148,251.00 Grant

Sheridan County EMS has been awarded \$148,251.00 from the Patterson Family Foundation for a grant with the Rural EMS 2024 Program. With this grant we will be able to purchase vital equipment that will benefit the citizens of Sheridan County that are suffering a cardiac arrest.

Twenty Zoll Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) will be able to be purchased along with three Zoll AED Trainers, which will replace our outdated AED's within the community. The AED's will be accessible for community members to use prior to the EMS crew arriving on scene. The grant will also allow Sheridan County EMS to teach FREE CPR and First Aid classes to 300 community members.

Through this grant, Sheridan County EMS can purchase three LUCAS Chest Compression Systems. The benefits of a LUCAS chest compression system include quality and consistent chest compressions during resuscitation attempts, creating life-sustaining perfusion of the brain and heart of the patient, high-quality CPR during transport, and freeing up hands during a cardiac arrest.

Sheridan County EMS will be able to purchase a SimMan ALS Manikin that will help our crews train from a basic assessment to advanced life-support skills. With the SimMan ALS Manikin our crews are able to train on: airway management, breathing assessment, vascular access, palpation and auscultation, fluid resuscitation, ECG interpretation, and much more.

Sheridan County EMS is also able to purchase ALS Equipment, such as intubation supplies and EZ IO drills, new first-out bags that can be taken into someone's home to provide the care needed in the home, and updating our chairs and tables in our training room.

Sheridan County EMS is thankful to the Patterson Family Foundation for allowing us the opportunity to receive this grant. This will benefit our citizens, those traveling through, and our staff. Sheridan County EMS is comprised of volunteers with only two being full-time. Sheridan County EMS embraces the saying "Neighbors Helping Neighbors," which could not be done without the amazing support we have from our volunteers, community members, and Board of County Commissioners.

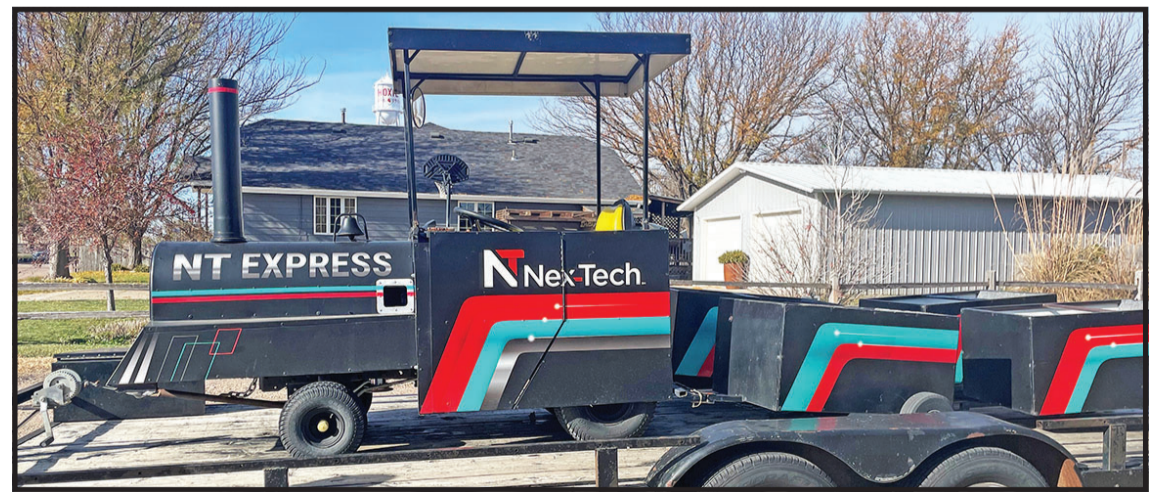
The Patterson Family Foundation, based in Kansas City, MO, is a family-led foundation that extends the legacy of Neal & Jeanne Patterson. The Foundation's mission, "Working together to help rural communities thrive," is carried forward through strategic grantmaking and other collaborative initiatives that serve rural counties across Kansas and western Missouri.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jordan Riley, Director/Paramedic, Sheridan County EMS



Nex-Tech Express Arrives for Winterfest!



The Nex-Tech Express has arrived! Stop by the Scout House on Sheridan Avenue for a ride during Winterfest 2024, 6-8 pm. (Photo by Natasha Weeks)

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SELDEN NEWS
 By Jacque Boultinghouse
 Birthdays & Anniversaries:
 November 28: Lola Wessel, Amy Wessel
 November 29: Jessica Koerperich
 December 1: Mike & Jackie Neff, Mark Juenemann, Jody Morrison
 December 2: Zeke Ruzicka, Addie Wessel, Pam Washington
 December 3: Bennet Korte, Tammy Miller
 The Selden Christmas Celebration will be December 15, at the Community Center in Selden. Bingo will begin at 4:00pm followed by a soup supper with several different kinds of soup and there will be Christmas treat bags for the children. Mark your calendar and save that date ---- it will be fun!!!!
 Those attending the Monday Coffee Club on November 18 include Elaine Koerperich, Helen Carman, Marsha Rogers, Sandy Koerperich, Boyd Wilson, JR Albers, and Carlene Bruggeman. The Coffee Club meets every Monday afternoon at 2:00pm at the Community Center ----Everyone Welcome.
 School Calendar:
 November 25 thru November 29: NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
 November 30: High School State Football
 December 2: Junior High Scholar's Bowl in Grinnell at 4:00pm
 December 3: WKLL (Western Kansas Little League) Academic Testing at 8:15 am in Rexford. High School Scholars Bowl in Tribune at 3:00pm.
 The Selden Seniors meet every Thursday at the Community Center for lunch and an afternoon of pinochle. Lunch is served at 11:30 and cards to follow. They could use more card players so, get your shuffling fingers warmed up. Those enjoying the day on November 14, include Boyd Wilson, Margee Wilson, Ellis Walker, JR Albers, Bob Wessel, Pat Wessel, Steve Skubal, Shirley Emigh, Carlene Bruggeman, Elaine Koerperich, and guests from Rexford and Hoxie.

FHSU Tree-Lighting Ceremony Set for December 5

HAYS - A long-time campus tradition is coming up to celebrate the holiday season at Fort Hays State University. President Mason will kick this event off, followed by multiple speakers including this year's Homecoming King and Queen, prior to the lighting of the tree.
 The holiday tree-lighting ceremony will be in front of Sheridan Hall. The event is open to the public and will begin at 5 p.m. Thursday, December 5.
 A variety of activities will follow the tree lighting, including creating Christmas ornaments and mini-wreaths, carriage rides beginning at 5:30, and photos with Santa Claus. Visit Santa's workshop to write letters to Santa, play games, and make Christmas crafts.
 The event is sponsored by several FHSU offices: the Office of Student Engagement, the Office of the President, and International Student Services.

Kansas Wetlands Education Center's Holiday Open House

Hays - Join the Kansas Wetlands Education Center staff in celebrating the Christmas season with a Holiday Open House from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, December 14.
 The KWEC gift store is stocked with perfect gift selections for any nature enthusiast. Visitors can take advantage of a 40 percent discount on one item, excluding consignment items. Find the hidden Christmas Goose and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate.
 Visitors will have the opportunity to decorate bird shaped sugar cookies to look like the birds that visit Cheyenne Bottoms. Information about some of the winter birds common to the area will be presented as well. Participants can also create a unique pressed flower ornament to take home. No registration is required for this free, family-friendly event. Kick start your holiday spirit with a visit to the Kansas Wetlands Education Center. For more information, visit wetlandcenter.fhsu.edu or call 1-877-243-9268.
 The Kansas Wetlands Education Center, affiliated with FHSU's Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics, is located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend along Kansas Highway 156 at Cheyenne Bottoms, 592 NE K-156 Hwy., Great Bend, KS 67530.

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Fall FHSU Commencement Set for December 13 & 14

Hays, KS - Fort Hays State University will recognize approximately 1,014 graduates during its sixth annual fall commencement on Friday (in person) and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, for the virtual ceremonies.
 Graduates who have chosen to participate in person will be honored in two ceremonies on Friday at Gross Memorial Coliseum (GMC). All graduates will be recognized in two virtual ceremonies on Saturday.
 The ceremonies will begin at 8:30 a.m. (central time) on Friday for undergraduate and master's candidates in the Robbins College of Business and Entrepreneurship, the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and the Werth College of Science, Technology, and Mathematics.
 The 11 a.m. ceremony will be the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and the College of Education for undergraduate, master's, and Ed.S. candidates.
 Saturday's virtual ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. (CT) for the Ed.S. and master's students. The undergraduate virtual ceremony will follow at 4 p.m. (CT).
 All ceremonies - in-person and virtual - will be broadcast on the Tiger Media Network (<https://www.youtube.com/@TigerMediaNetwork>)
 Doors to GMC will open at 7:45 a.m. Graduates and guests will be asked to enter through Gates 2 and 3. The graduates will enter the area that says, "Graduate Entrance Only," and guests will be asked to enter through the door labeled guest entrance (located at both gates).
 Students are asked to wear their regalia to GMC. Graduates may arrange to pick up their regalia before Dec. 13 at the Victor E. Apparel & Gift Co. in the Memorial Union by emailing victore_co@fhsu.edu.
 Graduates and faculty will be seated on the main floor of the Gross Coliseum. Guests will be seated in the balcony. The elevator is accessible by Gate 3. Seating for guests with mobility impairment and patrons in wheelchairs is available on the main floor; a commencement staff member will escort the individual(s) and one guest to the disability seating area on the GMC floor. There are no reservations for this area, and seating is limited. Drivers will find Gates 2 and 3, at the northwest and northeast corners, most convenient for dropping off passengers with disabilities.
 Traffic in the GMC area is anticipated to be high during the transition periods between the commencement ceremonies. Parking lots adjacent to the coliseum typically fill up quickly, but parking is available on the main campus. In the event of inclement weather, unpaved lots near GMC will be closed, making it necessary to park on the main campus.
 Graduates, families, and friends are encouraged to share photos and messages on Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook using the hashtag #tigergrad.
 Photo backdrops and flower sales will be available between Gates 2 and 3 on the upper level of the Coliseum.
 The in-person commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live at <https://www.youtube.com/@TigerMediaNetwork>.
 The commencement schedule, maps, directions, links to accommodations in Hays, and general information can be found at www.fhsu.edu/commencement/.
 For additional news and information about Fort Hays State University, go to <https://www.fhsu.edu/university-communications/>.



Thank You!
 The Family of Andrew Heim would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, devotions to many saints, and especially the many rosaries that were prayed for his successful surgery and recovery. We truly believe God blessed Andrew with a miracle. He is still recovering, but is doing well. We are very grateful for the community of faith we have in our parish and beyond.

2024 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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Hoxie High School Auditorium
3:30 pm

Great Plains
Cookies & Drinks

First State Bank
Soup

Hoxie Implement
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Nex-Tech
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Water, Pop

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Rep. Mann Addresses America's Mandate, Outlook for 119th Congress

Washington, D.C. – Wednesday, November 20, 2024, U.S. Representative Tracey Mann (KS-01) spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time since Americans delivered an Election Day mandate by electing President Donald J. Trump and Republican majorities in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. During the speech, Rep. Mann laid out his vision for the 119th Congress, including the need to reduce and reprioritize federal spending, secure the border, end the weaponization of the federal government, and spur America's economic growth.

Below are Rep. Mann's remarks as prepared for the House Floor:

Mr. Speaker, when I last spoke on this floor, I laid out the choice the country had before us. On November 5th, 2024, America made its choice loud and clear. America gave Washington, D.C. a mandate, endorsing the greatest political comeback in American history with the election of President Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States and of Republican majorities in the House and Senate.

Kansans in the Big First District rejected four more years of the chaos we have experienced with President Biden and Vice President Harris. They voted for a government that works for the people and makes their lives easier, not one that handcuffs them and their families with overreaching regulations. They voted for a government that enforces the law and seeks commonsense solutions, not open-border policies that put our national security at risk. They voted to reduce federal spending, to end the weaponization of the federal government once and for all, and for our future.

When I came to Congress almost four years ago, America was strong. Our streets were safe, and our border was secure. House Republicans and President Trump had passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, putting more money in the pockets of American families and spurring economic growth that led to the strongest U.S. economy in decades. The Trump Administration had spearheaded historic trade agreements and peace agreements across the globe that kept America competitive and secure.

Rather than capitalizing on that momentum and strength, the Biden-Harris Administration wasted four years pushing through partisan, trillion-dollar spending packages and using the federal government to air its grievances with the previous Administration. And America said no more.

Mr. Speaker, those days are long gone. This House Republican majority, alongside President Trump and the incoming Senate Republican majority, are ready to restore American greatness and the American dream. We are committed to securing a future American families can feel optimistic about.

When I ran for Congress, I promised to fight for agriculture and our conservative Kansas values. That commitment stands, and while there is a lot of work to do to get the nation back on track, I humbly accept that challenge. I am committed to working with my colleagues to unleash American energy and finally rein in energy prices that have crippled American families for the past four years. I will fight to make the 2017 tax cuts permanent and once again empower working- and middle-class families who have been strangled by the record-level inflation caused by Washington Democrat spending. I will work for commonsense policies that don't empower the Mexican cartels or incentivize illegal immigration. Americans deserve an immigration system that makes it easier for people to come here legally and more difficult for people to come here illegally. That should not be controversial.

The task before us is a big one, but I have never been more confident in our ability to deliver for America. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield.

Andbe Home and Andbe Acres Offers Many Benefits to Residents

Andbe Home offers lots of different options for our geriatric population here in Norton and surrounding communities such as adult daycare, respite care, skilled services, or long-term care. You might ask what are those different options and what do they mean?

Adult daycare is a service we can provide for someone that is dependent on a loved one to take care of them but they need to be gone for hours at a time rather than so they can work or go out of town for a doctor's appointment. We can provide care for your loved one while you need to take care of yourself.

Respite care is for those caregivers that need to be gone longer than a few hours. Maybe you have a vacation planned or need to be gone for several days so we can take care of your loved one while you are gone.

Skilled care is what a hospital calls "swing bed". This means that for whatever reason you need to be admitted to the nursing home for care and therapy services while you recover from surgery or illness such as hip fractures, knee replacements, hospitalization. Medicare will pay up to 100 days of your stay at our facility to get you strengthened back up and your independence to return home. We provide nursing care and therapy in-house during these stays.

Long Term Care is just that we take care of you or your loved one when they are no longer able to take care of themselves or their home. We can provide these cares and a place where they are safe without the worries of living alone and keeping a home especially in the wintertime. We can offer in-house therapy when needed for our residents. They also enjoy the socialization of other residents and the entertainment of activities and exercise programs that they often miss and need when living alone.

Andbe Home offers private rooms with private bathrooms for every resident admitted no matter what their payor source is. Andbe Home works with private pay, Medicaid and long term care insurances as pay sources. Medicare does not pay for long-term care however they will pay for part B therapy services and up to 100 days of skilled/rehabilitation care. Andbe Home is a non-smoking facility. We are licensed for 50 beds which include 5 beds on our special care unit which is also referred to as our memory care unit. This unit is often full and does have a waiting list.

Andbe Home is admitting residents as long as we can meet their needs, but we do have fluctuations in admissions based on our staffing. What does that mean for our community? It means that we want to take every possible admission, but we also have to have the staff to work and care of our residents that is why we are always looking for help rather than in our environmental services, kitchen, or nursing departments.

Our nursing home can provide you with a home when you can no longer stay in yours that is why it is named Andbe Home "And This Be Your Home."

For more information on admission requirements, cost, or to set up a tour call 785-877-2601.

Andbe Home Acres is an assisted living and independent living facility here in Norton that is owned and operated by Andbe Home Inc. Andbe Home Acres has both assisted living and independent living apartments for those in our community and surrounding towns. Our assisted living rooms are licensed for those residents who are in need of assistance with meals, activities, medication management, and care. What services does the assisted living unit provide? We offer limited assistance with ambulation, dressing, bathing and personal hygiene. We provide 3 meals a day and snacks, specialized diet management under the supervision and guidance of the dietary manager and registered dietician, LPN/RN on call 24/7, transportation to local doctor appointments. Assisted living studio apartments include all utilities, cable television, wireless internet, maintenance of apartment, smaller kitchen with microwave and refrigerator, wearable call light and fall management, weekly apartment cleaning and laundry services, activities, and socialization. All these services are included with monthly rent.

Our independent living provides a one- or two-bedroom apartment that includes all utilities, cable television, wireless internet, maintenance of apartment, and full kitchen, 3 meals a day, lifeline pendant, and fall management, weekly apartment cleaning and laundry services, activities, and socialization. All these services are included with monthly rent.

Garages are also available for rent. **If you or your loved one are interested in either our assisted living units or independent apartments give us a call at 785-877-8779 and we can set up a tour.**

Sen. Moran Requests Mail-In Options for New BOI Federal Regulations

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) called on Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network Andrea Gacki to allow rural business owners to submit their beneficial ownership information (BOI) through the United States Postal Service (USPS) instead of using the current BOI E-Filing due to broadband connectivity issues across the United States. The full letter can be read below.

Director Gacki:

I write today with concern on behalf of rural Kansans who do not have access to a secure, dependable internet connection. On January 1, 2024, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) launched its beneficial ownership information (BOI) E-Filing website so that companies may report their information digitally to comply with the Corporate Transparency Act. While an online method will suffice for many companies across Kansas and the United States, this system alienates the many rural businesses unable to access a reliable broadband connection. In turn, I urge you to allow businesses to transmit these forms through the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Considering the harsh penalties associated with a failure to file, FinCEN would essentially be penalizing Americans for operating their businesses in areas that do not have reliable internet access. Federal Communications Commission data estimates that more than one in five Americans in rural areas and nearly three in ten Tribal residents lack access to a dependable broadband connection. Given the existing burdensome regulatory environment that our economy currently operates under, allowing rural business owners to submit these forms through USPS would help level the playing field for mom-and-pop businesses in our nation's smallest towns.

Prudent regulation is necessary to ensure a level playing field for businesses of all sizes, and it should be the goal of federal agencies to maximize the compliance capabilities of the entities they regulate. I look forward to a resolution of this problem for rural businesses, and would request a response no later than Friday, December 6th. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

November – March	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
April – October	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Saturday	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- **Paper:** shredded, magazines, newspaper, office paper
- **Chipboard:** cereal boxes, frozen food boxes, beverage boxes, etc.
- **Cardboard:** corrugated only
- **Clear Plastic:** #1 clear pop bottles, juice bottles
- **Colored Plastic:** #2 laundry detergent bottles, coffee containers, etc.
- **#2 Natural Plastic:** Milk jugs, rinsed chemical containers
- **Glass:** beer/liquor bottles, pickle jars, etc.
- **Aluminum Cans:** pop, beer
- **Tin Cans:** soup cans, tuna cans, cat food cans, etc.
- **Grocery Sacks:** plastic grocery sacks

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Sauyer, & Lucy*

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The Selden Times November 29, 1888

Our Sunday school will meet next Sabbath at 1 o'clock sharp. All cordially invited.

D. A. Wynkoop moved his budding over from Shibboleth last week. W. R. Moore did the work.

Blind Robert (R. F. Rouser) gave a musical entertainment at the city hall last night to a good audience. Several prizes were voted to different ones of our citizens. For full particulars inquire of Gillen or Gallogly.

Raffling seems to be the order of the day. Yesterday W. H. Craig raffled off a fine steer and a box of cigars. I. N. Pence captured the steer and J. C. Gillen and R. B. Gray the cigars on a joint ticket.

M. A. Chambers was one of the three members of the state legislature who were returned, Walround, of Osborne and Miller, of Lincoln are the other two.

While in Alton last week we had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Salvation Army and to anyone who has never attended one we say you should do so just once. We have paid to see much poorer shows The singing was good and the tambourine playing was excellent; the whole performance as a minstrel was a brilliant success but as a religious worship it was simply ridiculous.

On last Monday in company with J. A. Verback we visited the county capital. We found everything moving along in the usual channel and the city quite metropolitan since the completion of the railroad. At the court house we found the officers busy in the interests of the people as likewise were the rest of the county officers at their respective offices. While in the city we accepted of the hospitality of Judge Wanzer making the acquaintance of his estimable family. On Tuesday morning we reluctantly mounted our buggy heading the team toward our own peaceful and prosperous city, where we again come face to face with the stern reality of life - one meal a day. We are, if possible, more than ever convinced that Hoxie is one of the best towns and inhabited by the whitest, most whole souled boys on earth.

Bloomfield Blossoms

Mrs. Mary Beaman went to Iowa instead of Nebraska as reported last week.

George Vinsonbaler and family have moved to Smith county. He didn't sell his farm and may come back "sometime," he says.

John Elson and his mother have gone to Smith county on a visit. The latter will, perhaps, remain during the winter.

Cillott

Hawkeye Happenings

Mr. Markham, our worthy post master, is feeling so well over the election he thinks probably he will recover his health.

Uncle Dan Huddle said he would quit herding after election but we see he still retains his position.

Mrs. Daniels, of Iowa City, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hold.

125 Years Ago

November 30, 1899

Judge Joe Gill, of Colby, was legalizing in Hoxie one day last week.

Ed Crum shipped another load of hogs to Kansas City Tuesday morning.

E. H. Lupton is having a large cattle shed built on his South Solomon alfalfa farm.

Charley Monteith and Gabe Baner represent the thriving city of Selden in Hoxie Tuesday.

Owing to the fact that our farmers are all busy sowing wheat, news items are very scarce.

C. T. Sharp has returned from his Brown county visit and is feeling much better than when he left.

M. C. Zegler has bought the Perkins farm east of Guy, and has already begun improvements thereon.

Hakon and John Hansen, the former of Manhattan and the latter of Perry, Oklahoma, visited their parents near Guy last week.

Judge Gregg issued a marriage license last Friday to Ben Mense and Miss Rosina Tholer of the German settlement southwest of Hoxie.

Prof. George R. Kirkpatrick, a prominent temperance lecturer of Topeka, is delivering a series of lectures at the church this week.

Our old esteemed friend, O. Hansen, of Guy, we are sorry to say contemplates moving to Perry, Oklahoma, to locate permanently. Mr. Hansen has been a resident of this county for a good many years and has always been a much respected citizen.

O. D. Stubbs returned home last week after having leased a number of pieces of land to be sown to wheat.

Prof. Hancock and Misses Freeman and Rodebush are in attendance at the Northwest Kansas Teachers' Association meeting at Colby today.

Frank Brandram, George Pratt and wife and Mrs. James Forster, of Studley, took in the show Monday evening and visited in the city Tuesday.

Col. Joe Tolliver, of Lincoln, was a Hoxie Tuesday. The Col. will move to Kansas City in a short time where he has accepted a position as cattle salesman for a commission company.

J. W. Toothacre sold 97 three year old steers to Henry Breedes of Lincoln, the first of the week. It was a tip top bunch of feeders averaging 930 pounds.

County Attorney Hedge has been at Selden several days this week seeing that the prohibition law was enforced.

A sister representing St. Margaret's hospital at Kansas City, Kansas, was in Hoxie Monday soliciting funds with which to build an addition to that institution. She was quite successful.

Seguin Squibs

Tim Healy, our popular section foreman, is happy over the arrival of a new girl at his home.

Mr. Knight, who has been staying with Tony Jepson, went back to Sherman county last week.

Irvin Hoffeditz has a new piano, the first in the township we believe. Irvin is one of our most steady young men and we believe will make a

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100 Years Ago

November 27, 1924

Western State Lumber Co. Changes Hands

Last week the Mid-West Lumber Company, with head offices at Mankato, Kansas, completed a deal for the Hoxie yard of the Western States Lumber Company.

The new company has about twenty yards in this part of Kansas most of them are located on the Rock Island railway, only two or three on the U. P.

The Hoxie yard will be know as The Hoxie Lumber Company.

Local Happenings

George Schulte, of Angelus, has gone to St. Louis to spend a part of the winter.

Anna Mary Reed spent the first part of the week with her sister Bernice, who teaches in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Percival were in Kansas City last week purchasing goods for the Percival & Sons dry goods store.

Mrs. J. H. Mosier, who has been keeping house for her father, Mr. B. C. Decker, during the absence of Mrs. Decker, returned to her home in the country Monday.

Miss Virginia Lewis, of Morland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. M. McKinney, this week. Miss Lewis has been suffering from rheumatism for some time but is much improved now in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Burr Deibert and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Deibert made an auto trip to Colorado last week to visit relatives. Burr said that they found that Sheridan county is as good and much better than many places they visited.

Mrs. B. C. Decker and Norman Morse returned Sunday from Chicago, Illinois. They stopped two days on their return trip with Mr. and Mrs. Frank McIvor in Topeka.

Delphian Club Meets

The Delphians reassembled at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon to discuss "The Golden Age of Painting (continued) and Renaissance Architecture."

Mrs. Ab Summerson directed the study program. The lesson was most interesting.

The question for general discussion was, "For which of the great five, Leonardo, Micael Angelo, Raphael, Coreggio or Titian, do you care most, and why?"

The subject of the next lesson will be, "In the Italian Galleries." Mrs. B. R. Reed will lead.

Valley

Mrs. M. I. Woods is spending Thanksgiving week in the country with her children.

Mrs. C. D. Crum arrived home on Friday night from the Mayo Bros. hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, and it is hoped very much improved in health. She has a host of friends here who will rejoice with her.

Mrs. Welty, of Studley, is staying with the T. A. Conard family and caring for Mrs. Conard.

Midway Community

The Midway Community club met with Mrs. A. L. Comeau November 12. A very pleasant afternoon was spent piecing quilts and tying comforts after which the hostess assisted by her daughter, Miss Della, and Mrs. Burr Deibert served refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, pie and coffee. There were eight members present. The visitors present were: Mrs. Rosenkrans, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Claibourne, Mrs. Cardinal, Mrs. Corwin Deibert and Mrs. Frank Deibert.

75 Years Ago

December 1, 1949

Showing New Trucks

H. W. Deane is inviting everyone in this trade area into his place today (Thursday) for free

coffee and donuts, and to look over the new I-H trucks on display in the show room.

Firemen Make Run

The local fire department made a fast run to the R.W. Babcock residence last Saturday to extinguish a grass fire which was almost out of control. No damage resulted.

Tasco Notes

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Crum had as their Thanksgiving dinner guests, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Magley, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crum and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Crum, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Taylor and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor and Bob Smith were Thanksgiving supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Getz, Wayne Rebarck and Donna Sample ate Friday supper at H. Timmons.

NE Sheridan Items

Mrs. Gerald Shipley was hostess to a Stanley party Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Randolph, Dale and Deloma, stayed in Wichita this past week with her sister, who was ill.

A pot-luck supper was had at the school house last Monday evening, getting acquainted with the new teacher, Mrs. Dougan, of north of Morland.

Seguin Items

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Thummel and family attended a family dinner at the Ed Moos home on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Lillie Kinston spent Thanksgiving vacation at Hoisington and Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baalman and family were Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Baalman of Grinnell.

Green Valley

The Green Valley club met this week at Arthur Moores'. All members were present. Visitors were Ray Spillman and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dederick and family.

Norman and Norbert Harold attended the Hoxie movie Saturday evening.

Mrs. Chamberlain and Earl spent Thanksgiving at Vern McGatkins with their host and family and other relatives who were there to enjoy the day.

Jennings News

A. B. Colman, who has been staying at the Geo Colman home, is reported not so well and under the care of Dr. Hardesty.

Dr. and Mrs. Hardesty spent Thanksgiving day in Denver visiting relatives and friends returning Friday night to Jennings by train.

Billy Tacha and wife are moving out of the A. M. Brock building this week.

Menlo Items

The Thanksgiving day guests at the J. E. McK-inney home were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lotta and daughter, Dorothy Lee, of McDonald, and Mrs. H. V. Christensen.

Miss Faye Steiger, of Lyons, returned home Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Steiger.

Miss Phyllis Duffey, who teaches school at Glen Elder, arrived early Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving vacation in Emporia.

50 Years Ago

November 28, 1974

Elks Ladies to Hold Holiday Fashion Show

The ladies of the area will be entertained with a Christmas fashion show and soup supper at the Hoxie Elks Lodge on Thursday, December 5, according to Mrs. Bill Vickers, wife of the Exalted Ruler.

The evening will begin with a soup supper at 7:00, followed by a beautiful holiday fashion

show at 8:00, featuring clothing from the two stores in Hoxie. The garments will be modeled by local ladies.

Mickey's Want Ads

We have some new Samson luggage. The little Samson Dopp kit is real nice and a handy carrier.

My goodness, you look like my third husband, said the divorcee.

The bachelor inquired, "How many husbands have you had?"

"Two," was the reply.

Farberware in electric griddles, skillets, open hearth broilers as well as pots and kettles, all in stainless steel.

Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Schieferecke went to Denver Saturday and will visit their children, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schieferecke and boys and the Ray Heim family and their daughter Mary. They plan to go to California to visit their daughter and family before returning home.

Mrs. Ray Jacobs returned home from Ames, Kans., where she has spent some time with the Buford Ferron family.

Mrs. Vencil Skubal attended Royal Neighbor Lodge Thursday afternoon in Jennings and also visited friends there.

Studley Items

Mrs. Mary Sanger, Mrs. Julia Knoble, Mrs. Marie Waggoner, Mrs. Opal Minium, Mrs. Amelia Ploeger, Mrs. Esther Brandt and Mrs. Rachel Stout attended the Arts and Crafts show at Norton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Stramel visited her mother, Mrs. Anna Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Rachel Niblock went to Hoxie Monday morning for an appointment with her medical doctor.

Night Class is Working with Wood

Bill Smith is teaching a night class in wood-working. The class meets at the Hoxie High School each Thursday night.

The students who are enrolled in this class are Ruth Bainter, Wes Bainter, Dale Brown, Kevin Cooper, Rick Coulter, Donna Farber, Jim Gaurmer, Keith Karnes, Gordon Mahanna, Joe Pratt, and Dan William.

Indianettes Are Chosen

The 1974-1975 Indianettes were chosen Monday, November 18, for the drill team. The 14 girls chosen are Nancy Meitl, Ellen Wasserman, Mary Conway, Paula Pratt, Carol Treu, Patty White, Karen Bell, Jan Kennedy, Tracy Brown, Stephanie Kliewer, Karen Heim, JanNell Petersen, Sheri Spresser, Stephanie Baalman, and alternate Deb Lewis. Their directors are Mrs. Vickie Deines and Miss Roxie Rein.

The girls will be performing at every home basketball game.

Tigers Split Games

The Hoxie Tigers saw their first basketball action of the season on Thursday, Nov. 21 at W-Keeney. The seventh graders went down to a 30 to 22 defeat while the eighth grade Tigers scored a 32 to 23 win.

25 Years Ago

December 2, 1899

Elks to Have Annual Service Ritual

At 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 5, the current officers of the Hoxie Elks Lodge will be conducting their Annual Elks Memorial Service Ritual. Widows and family members are most welcome to attend this service in honor of the deceased spouse.

Cookie Sale Planned for Dec. 8

The Hoxie United Methodist Women will be having their annual Cookie Sale on Dec. 8.

The cookie sale will be held in the fellowship hall of the Hoxie Methodist Church. Tables will be filled with over 20 varieties of cookies for you to choose from.

Rexford

Several Rexford people attended the fundraiser sponsored by the American Legion on Nov. 20 in Selden to benefit the ambulance fund.

Nov. 17, Vesta Roth, Delores Dible and Peg Greenwood attended the Lions Zone dinner in Oberlin.

The Rexford American Legion held their first winter pinocle party last Saturday at the community hall. The Lions served lunch for the crowd.

Broadway

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Simon were all home for Thanksgiving. Other guests were Kent and Victor Hinchaw, Delores Paintin and Velda Transue.

Alman Maude Smith was a Thanksgiving dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smith, Brandon and Kassie Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Cooper's family were together Thanksgiving day.

Jennings-Allison

Santa Claus will be in Jennings on Dec. 11 at city hall. Anyone wanting to donate gifts may leave them with Louise Cressler or Deb Bader.

Mrs. Leona Kasper, Hays, and Mrs. Carol Cook, San Jose, Calif., were Thanksgiving day dinner guests at the home of Eunice Petracek. They spent the day visiting.

Deb Bader was a Friday night supper guest of Don and Barbara Bouts, along with their daughter, Kathy. Other guests were Robert and Kathy along with their children from Denver. A wonderful Mexican supper was prepared by Robert.

McGraw

Thanksgiving day, Dave Herrmann and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith, Kyle and Noah, spent the day and had Thanksgiving dinner at Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmann's. Kyle also spent Saturday night with the Herrmanns.

Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Weis, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mauck, Michaela and Adam, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weis, Noel, Teran, Jenny and Jacob were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weis on Thanksgiving, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cech and Josh visited the Ray Weises.

Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh were Thanksgiving day dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Launchbaugh, G. G. and Karl. The George Launchbaughs visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sines in McCook on Saturday.



A Feast of Thanks

By Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher
We are on the eve of Thanksgiving and one of the most iconic meals of the year. Who does not crave the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, rolls, cranberries, pumpkin pie, etc. I know my plan is to fall asleep in front of the TV in a turkey induced food coma.

The American Farm Bureau Federation has come out with its annual comparison of the cost of a traditional dinner for 10 and the price has fallen for the second year in a row. The cost is \$58.08, or \$5.80 per person. This is a reduction of 5 percent from 2023 and down from \$64.05 in 2022.

I do not know if anyone else finds this interesting – maybe it is just my ag econ degree talking – but I like comparing one year to the next. I saw one commentator who disputed whether Thanksgiving dinner could be purchased at that price, but I really think that is irrelevant. The fact is one of the things we must be thankful for is living in a country where we have an affordable, abundant food supply.

I also like to think that Thanksgiving is a time when we should celebrate agriculture and all that we, as an industry, do to make the United States the greatest nation in the world. The foundation of any stable nation is a stable food supply. It is really hard to accomplish great things on an empty stomach.

I know we all take the food choices we have for granted. This past week I went to the grocery store to buy our Thanksgiving turkey, and I was met with a wide selection of brands and weights of turkeys. Driving down the street I saw restaurant signs offering to prepare the bird. The possibilities presented on the aisles of our grocery stores are endless. Consider the fact that you do not even have to go to the grocery store to buy food and you start to get the idea.

Most of us do not have to worry about where our next meal is coming from, we just must figure out what we want to eat. That is where those of us in agriculture come in. Without the incredible network of farmers and ranchers this safe, abundant food supply is not possible.

We are so good at what we do that most of our consumers take it for granted, and maybe that is why I find the annual comparison from the American Farm Bureau so fascinating. Most of us will go to the grocery store, pick up the necessary items and never give a thought to the cost or how they got on the shelves. We are good at what we do, but we are not good at tooting our own horn.

Without our incredible production it is not possible to serve a feast to 10 people for less than \$60, and that is something the rest of the world is in awe of. So, this Thanksgiving, stop and take a minute to be proud of being part of what feeds the United States, we are really good at what we do. That is something to be thankful for.

“Insight” is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state’s largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

Commerce Announces New Housing Workforce Development Grant

Topeka – The Kansas Department of Commerce today announced the launch of the Fostering Residential Advancement through Mentoring and Education (FRAME) grant program, a groundbreaking initiative that will address both housing needs and workforce development in Kansas. This new opportunity will provide up to \$2 million to qualified Kansas technical and community colleges to build and renovate residential homes, while training the next generation of well-skilled trade workers.

“Kansas has ushered in unprecedented levels of business investment, unlocking more workforce opportunities than we’ve ever seen before, but we don’t want a housing shortage to limit our potential,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “This new grant opportunity will help build more housing in Kansas and create more opportunities for skilled professionals to put down roots in our state.”

FRAME was developed in response to a housing study conducted by the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. The study highlighted the critical shortage of housing and skilled workers needed to meet the state’s growing demand. Existing contractors are stretched thin, and there is an urgent need to recruit and train a new workforce to ensure Kansas communities can build, grow and thrive.

“We believe the FRAME grant program has the ability to transform communities across the state,” Assistant Secretary of Quality Places Matt Godinez said. “Not only will we see added housing, but we are creating a pipeline of skilled workers who are essential to the future of our economy.”

Key details of the FRAME include:

- Funding Amount: \$2 million in total funding is available, with individual awards ranging from \$250,000 to \$1 million per college
- Eligibility: Open to technical and community colleges in Kansas with existing construction programs
- Purpose: Funds will support the construction of new homes or renovation of existing homes while providing training in skilled trades such as construction, plumbing, electrical work and more
- Application Period: Opens on December 1 and closes on February 14, 2025
- Awards Announcement: Recipients will be notified in March 2025

Those applying should clearly demonstrate how the funds will be used to expand or develop housing programs, add residential housing in Kansas, and train students in various skilled trades. Colleges must outline a sustainable plan for future growth and how they will partner with local high schools, community organizations and industry professionals to engage students and ensure employment opportunities.

To learn more about the FRAME grant, go to <https://bit.ly/412VJCS>. Commerce will present an informational webinar at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 3. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/4eHKKVX>.

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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending November 24, 2024, there were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4% very short, 13% short, 72% adequate, and 11% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% very short, 27% short, 62% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 9% poor, 33% fair, 46% good, and 9% excellent. Winter wheat emerged was 96%, near 92% last year, and ahead of 90% for the five-year average.

Sorghum harvested was 96%, equal to both last year and average. Cotton harvested was 71%, behind 78% last year, but near 68% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 93%, near 91% last year and 94% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 12% very poor, 22% poor, 43% fair, 21% good, and 2% excellent.

Kansas Cattle on Feed Down 4%

Manhattan - Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.42 million cattle on feed on November 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 4% from last year.

Placements during October totaled 485,000 head, up 10% from 2023.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 430,000 head, up 5% from last year.

Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Kansas Milk Production

Manhattan - Milk production in Kansas during October 2024 totaled 368 million pounds, up 4% from October 2023, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The average number of milk cows was 183,000 head, 8,000 head more than October 2023. Milk production per cow averaged 2,010 pounds.

Northern Plains Farm Labor

Lincoln, NE - In the Northern Plains Region (Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota) there were 36,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on farms and ranches during the week of July 7-13, 2024, down 3% from the July 2023 reference week, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Workers numbered 42,000 during the week of October 6-12, 2024, down 2% from the October 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$19.78 per hour during the July 2024 reference week, up 6% from the July 2023 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$20.16 per hour, up \$1.29. Livestock workers earned \$17.95 per hour, up \$0.51. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$19.17, was up \$0.99 from the 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 45.2 hours during the July 2024 reference week, matching the hours worked during the July 2023 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$20.48 per hour during the October 2024 reference week, up 6% from the October 2023 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$21.16 per hour, up \$1.28. Livestock workers earned \$17.51 per hour, up \$0.21 from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$19.79, was up \$0.90 from the October 2023 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 46.2 hours during the October 2024 reference week, compared with 47.9 hours worked during the October 2023 reference week.



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Janet Moss
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Janet Sue (Bird) Kaba-Moss, 79, of Hoxie, Kansas, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2024, following a brief illness. Janet was born on May 15, 1945, in Hutchinson, Kansas, to John E. and Norma Jean (Hornbeck) Bird.

After graduating from Plainville High School, Janet attended Fort Hays State University for one year. She later settled in Hoxie, where she devoted 35 years as the beloved school secretary of Hoxie High School, making a lasting impact on generations of students.

On October 3, 1964, Janet married Kenneth Kaba at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plainville, Kansas. Together, they had two sons, Douglas Paul and Steven Frederick. In 2002, two years after Ken's passing, Janet was blessed to reconnect with her daughter, Wilinda Shaffer-Harmon, shortly thereafter. This reunion became a source of immense joy, and Wilinda and her family were a treasured part of Janet's life ever since.

In 2005, Janet married Archie Moss at The First Christian Church in Hoxie. They shared eight wonderful years together, enjoying dinners, movies, and card games with dear friends, before Archie's passing in October 2013.

In her later years, Janet found companionship and joy in spending time with her friend Doug Cass. They enjoyed trying new restaurants and playing cards with friends.

Janet's life was defined by her kind and nurturing spirit. She had a deep sense of care for those around her, whether it was supporting students during her years at Hoxie High School or lovingly caring for her family, including Archie, her father, John, and her brother, Jerry, during their final years. She was always ready to help anyone in need.

Janet is survived by her three children: Doug (Templeton, CA), Steve (Topeka, KS), and Wilinda (Greg) Shaffer-Harmon (Fairview, OK). She also leaves behind her stepchildren: Rick Moss, Don Moss, Shelia (Moss) Krannawitter, and Pam (Moss) Erwin. Janet was deeply proud of her grandchildren: Eric Schmidt, Brendan Schmidt, Cale Harmon, Taylor Kaba (Kailee), Clayton Kaba (Sophie), Kami Kaba, Rhys Kaba, as well as her great-grandchildren, Addison and Rowan, who held a special place in her heart. Janet is also survived by her sister, Connie (Jim), Nephew Chad (Candi) Teichman, great nephew Trent Teichman.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ken; her second husband, Archie; her parents, John and Norma Jean Bird; her brother, Jerry Bird and niece Leaa Teichman Shaffer.

Janet's kindness, dedication, and love for her family and community will be cherished and remembered by all who knew her.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

HOXIE FEEDYARD, L.L.C.,
Plaintiff,
and
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,

Case No. SD-2024-CV-000016

and

DOONAN PETERBILT OF GREAT BEND, LLC
Defendants.

Pursuant to Chapter 60 of Kansas Statutes Annotated

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Commission Minutes 10/19/2024

Now on this 19th day of November 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, David Stithem, Joe Pratt, County Attorney and County Clerk, Heather Bracht. Guests were The Sheridan Sentinel, Kyle Emigh, Michael Egner and Ron Farber.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor came to the table. Sales representatives from Foley Equipment and Murphy Tractor were present and distributed bids for new graders. Each representative discussed the equipment and answered any questions presented by the Board. Representatives were advised the Board and Herskowitz would discuss further and let them know.

Michael Egner was recognized and received clarification from Bracht on the election results for the township boards.

Ron Farber was recognized and there was discussion about dragging of the roads. The current agreement expires December 31, 2024. Farber would like to continue dragging and would like a three-year contract including another section. Last year \$56,346 was spent for dragging and to-date this year \$21,900.

The Board and Herskowitz discussion the bids for the graders. The Board would like the Kenworth taken off as a trade-in. Mader made a motion to approve the bid from Foley Equipment for a 2024 CAT 140-15J at a cost of \$300,000. This includes a trade-in of the 2012 CAT 12M2. Stithem seconded the motion. Carried 3-0

Bracht advised the Board that there was a tie for Solomon Township Trustee and Treasurer. Mader flipped a coin to break the tie and landed on tails. Brian Baalman was chosen Solomon Township Trustee and Bernard Dickman as Solomon Township Treasurer. There were no nominations for Bowcreek Treasurer or Trustee, but Bracht spoke with Scott Shaw, the current Trustee and he is willing to stay on as Trustee and that Mary Rose is willing to be the Treasurer. The Board approved. The Board and Bracht discussed the Hospital Board of Trustees needing another board member. They will try and come up with suggestions.

Justin Armknecht, City of Hoxie Superintendent, came to the table. Armknecht presented information for new tornado sirens with battery backup. Total cost for two new sirens is \$70,000. The Board was asked if they would be willing to help with some of the cost. The Board will help with the cost after a final amount of grant money is known.

Jordan Riley, EMS Director, came to the meeting. Riley discussed the Patterson Family Foundation grant Sheridan County EMS was awarded in the amount of \$148,251. The Board had received information in their packets of the items Riley planned on purchasing for EMS with these funds. Bainter made a motion to accept the money, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. Riley advised the Board that he had secured \$169,000 in grant dollars this year.

The Board was advised that the EMT class has started with six students.

Dana Hess, Dispatch, came to the table. Hess advised the Board that through the 911 Council, a new app is going to be purchased for first responders. Hess will write a policy as it pertains to HIPPA. Hess is in charge of approving first responders to have the app and setting them up.

There was a brief discussion about dispatchers and how it is going. Vyve customers lost internet and phone service the previous week for approximately six hours due to an issue with an AT&T line. Once the service was restored, dispatch still had problems with their equipment. The Vyve tech got to the office at 8:00 pm and Hess feels he was very rude, did not take responsibility for problems with Vyve equipment, and just created more stress to the dispatcher's job. Hess would like to go back to NexTech for their phone and internet service. She and Pratt will review the contract the County had with NexTech previously. The Board has not approved the Sheriff's Office to change back to NexTech at this time.

Hess advised the Board the dispatchers will attend an active shooter scenario in Decatur County.

Pratt had a brief discussion with the Board about some land and work at Sheridan County Lake.

Stithem made a motion to approve the November 12, 2024 Minutes and the November 15, 2024 Payroll as presented. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0

The following payroll was reviewed and approved:

General \$91,927.30
 Road & Bridge \$33,598.01
 Nox Weed \$2,159.63
 Public Transp \$886.75
 Landfill \$1,819.82
 MV \$1,288.00

At 10:27 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stithem. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

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