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Deputy Babcock Graduates from Academy



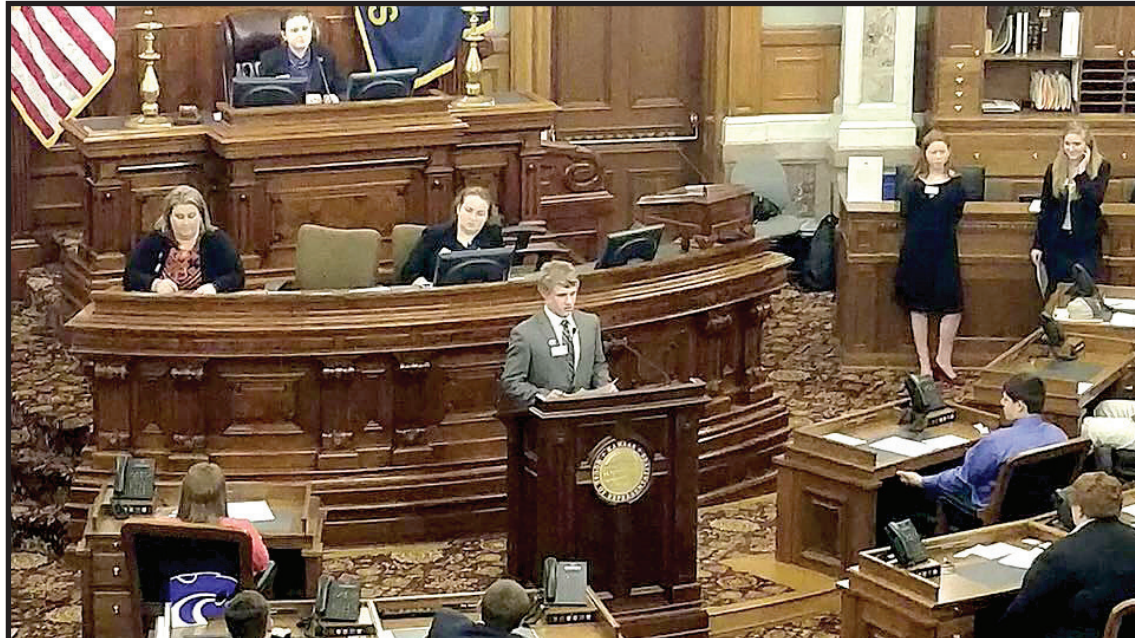
Sheridan County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Babcock (left) successfully completes Basic Training. Sheriff Brandon Carver (right) attended his graduation from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, KS. (Photo courtesy of Sheridan County Sheriff's Department)



By Joanne Emerick

What better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than with a tea party? The children who attend Story Hour at the Sheridan County Public Library read the book "Tea Party Rules" by Ame Dyckman last week, and followed the story by having their very own tea party, complete with REAL china! As they ate cookies and sipped tea (apple juice), they practiced the tea party rules they had learned from the book: 1) You must be clean; 2) You must be neat; 3) You must be fancy; 4) You must eat daintily. The Story Hour children are pictured here using the tea party rules!

Sam Bretz Speaks in Topeka at Citizenship in Action



This week, Sam Bretz spoke at Citizenship in Action in Topeka. From the 4-H website: "This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities." (Courtesy photo)

Valentine Tea Party at the Sheridan County Public Library



Tuesday Story Time



Wednesday Story Time

Showing Pride in Placing Well at New Track Club Event



By Tanya Jackson

Seventh grader Logan White (left), age 13, from Logan, competed in 13-14-year-old division, coming in with 1st

place in 400-meters, 2nd in the 200-meters, and 3rd in the 60-meter dash. Eighth grader Jessie Jackson (middle), age 14, from Lenora, competed in the

15-16 age category, placing 3rd in the 60-meter 33-inch hurdles, 4th in the long jump, and 1st in the girls' pole vaulting. Seventh grader Brynlee Pollock (right), age 13, from Logan, competed in the 13-14-year-old division, receiving a 1st place in girls pole vaulting. The USA Track & Field (USATF) Association Championship event was held at K-State Ahearn Field House. The kids are a part of a newly developed team, the Northwest Kansas Falcon Track Club. It is an organization for kids ages 5 to 18 to participate in summer outdoor and winter indoor meets. Nationals will be held in Michigan the first weekend in March. For additional information on the club, email nwkfalcons@gmail.com.

Birthdays & Valentines



King Ralph Brooks & Queen Jean Vickers



Donna Dumler



Bill & Maxine Patmon



Helen Shaw



Doris & Lyman Adams



Virginia Sander

Hannah Applequist to Perform in KWU's Band & Orchestra Spring Concert

Hannah Applequist of Rexford, KS is among the performers for Kansas Wesleyan University's spring concert directed by Sarah Bernard-Stevens and Dr. Jesse Henskiesfken. The concert features the Kansas Wesleyan University Wind Ensemble, String Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21 in Sams Chapel. Admission is free. Refreshments will follow the performance.



DSNWK RECEIVES DONATIONS FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & HOXIE LIONS CLUB



Darrin Herl with the Hoxie Knights of Columbus (left) presents a check to DSNWK's Hoxie Center in the amount of \$181.46. The K of C generously donate money each year to DSNWK and people with developmental disabilities through their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. DSNWK thanks the Knights for the continued support of our services! (DSNWK courtesy photo)



Kevin Moss (left) from The Hoxie Lions Club - Hoxie Hotrodders, presents a check in the amount of \$650.00 to DSNWK's Hoxie Center. The donation was given to help offset costs associated with storm damage to the roof of the center that took place on Christmas Day. DSNWK thanks this great organization for their support and generosity! (DSNWK courtesy photo)

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Words of Faith

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

Grain Report

Reported on: Tuesday, Feb. 21	
Wheat	3.40
Corn	3.00
Milo	2.58
Beans	8.91

Last Week's Weather

Date High Low H2O
Our area is still not served with an Official Weather Reporter. If you are interested, contact the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Goodland, KS. 785-899-7119

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Words of Wisdom

Don't discourage the other man's plans, unless you have better ones to offer.

Where's Sheridan?

Community News

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JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

The Jennings City Library is conducting an inventory of all their materials and making corrections in the records. It's a big job and we would love some help. Please look through the books you have at home. We'd appreciate the return of any library books you find. While you're at it, we'd welcome any adult or children's books you are ready to get rid of. These donations will be added to our collection if they fill the gaps we have, or they will be saved for the book sale on Fireman's FunDay. Last week we got a new crockpot cookbook. It's already been

checked out twice. If you are interested, you can get on the list. Are there other specialty cookbooks you'd like us to order?

The Cressler families received word on Saturday morning, February 18 of the death of Charlene Cressler Maske, sister of Wayne, Alfred, Deb Bowie of Jennings and Pat Hansen, Bartley, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband Tom of Elwood, IL, her daughter, Pam and husband Mike Gambosi, and a granddaughter Nicole and husband Dan Briggs of Joliet, IL. Charlene had been suffering from Parkinson's Disease for many years.

SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

On February 16 during Senior Citizens, Paul Neff won high with a score of 667, Pat Wessel took second with a score of 605. Other players included: Lillian Sulzman, Bob Wessel, Lola Cook, Royce Cook, Margaret Rhodes, Ralph Weis, Carl Mumm, Ohio Aumiller, Margee Wilson, Boyd Wilson, and Shirley Emigh.

Saturday, February 18 at pinochle night, Warren Zeigelmeier and Phyllis Zeigelmeier tied for first, Joe

Broeckelman took third, and Cathy Broeckelman took fourth. The next Pinochle night will be March 18 at the Community Center in Selden.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: February 24: Clayton Hill, Ryan Brantley; February 25: Stephanie Anderson; February 27: Judy Rogers, Theda McKee, Brantley Diers, Brittany Ritter, Jill Reichert; February 28: Pat Stevenson, Jaci and Dan Schriener; March 2: Caleb Koerperich, Rachael Ritter, Todd Jacobs.

Hoxie Farmers' Market Gearing Up for Third Season

By Viktorija Briggs

The committee members gathered for our first board meeting on February 5 for the coming season. An election of officers was held to fill two vacant seats. This year's Hoxie Farmers' Market Board members are:

Rachel Farber-President & Market Manager; Steve Seegmiller-Vice-President; Carol Farber-Treasurer; Jeannine Taylor-Secretary; Viktorija Briggs-Historian/Communications; Brian Mason; James Briggs.

The Market will, again, be located at the Fairgrounds, but we did change the Market hours; Saturdays from 9 am until noon. Arriving in the cold and dark, as we did the first year, and leaving in the heat of the day, as we did last year made that decision quite easy!

Rachel and Carol Farber, Jeannine Taylor and myself attended the Farmers' Market Workshop in Hays on Friday. There was much that was a review from last year's workshop, but we did learn a few new things that will benefit the market this season.

The Hoxie Farmers' Market's second season's epic event was the Farm-To-Table Event, held in August. It is an event that we have decided to make an annual event, and one in which we not only have this year's theme planned, but we

also already have the theme for the third one, to be held in 2018.

This year's Farm-to-Table Event will be held Sunday, August 27, 2017, the day after the Courthouse Centennial Celebration. We will report the actual venue location once it is confirmed.

For this year's event, we are going to do something a bit different. Potential chefs must compete for the position by audition!

The next Farmers' Market Board Meeting is on Sunday, March 19. All potential chefs who would like the opportunity to showcase their talents to sixty eager dinner patrons (our max number of guests) in August, must first send us a menu with several choices of dishes for each course. The Board Members will then select from those choices. Those items chosen will then be served at an audition dinner, to be held on a to-be-determined date.

We need a menu of choices that includes:
3 choices of each:
hors d'oeuvres
salads and/or soups (2 soup choices)
main meat entrees
side dishes
desserts
several beverages (water, wines [appropriate to the meat served], home brewed beers, etc.)

The absolute requirement is that ALL foods must be locally grown, harvested, raised, or brewed wherever possible. This may not be entirely possible for the audition, but it is a must for the Farm to Table Event itself. An ingredients list with their local source must also be included.

There is the possibility that we may choose a chef for each course! Depends on what we like! So, be very creative, and remember...think locally grown!

We must receive your menus by Friday, March 17 to be eligible to compete. Potential chefs please forward your menus to us at hoxiefarmersmarket@gmail.com, drop off at The Sheridan Sentinel, or mail to us at Hoxie Farmers' Market, PO Box 203, Hoxie, KS 67740.

Get planning, and get those menus to us! We look forward to seeing all of your great, creative ideas!



Mealsite Menu

February 27 - March 3

Monday: Pork Cutlet, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Apricots

Tuesday: Chili, Acini De Pepe Salad, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll

Wednesday: Baked Fish, Baked Potato, Cheesy Broccoli, Bread, Rosy Pears

Thursday: Hamburger Patty w/ Pickles, Tator Tots or Triangles, Green Beans, Bun, Mixed Fruit

Friday: Tuna Salad, Tomato Soup, Pineapple, Bread, Pudding

The Hoxie Mealsite wishes to invite those 60 and older and their guests to attend daily luncheons in the community room at Ridgewood Manor Monday - Friday. Calling 675-2154 by 11 a.m., the day before, may make reservations. Home Delivery is also available for those unable to attend due to social or physical disabilities. We also invite those working, who would like to pick up. For individuals 60 and over, a contribution of \$3.25 per meal is requested. We also invite those less than 60 years of age to attend or pickup a meal at a cost of \$6.00 per meal. A monthly menu can be picked up at a Meal Site. Pinochle is played every Tuesday (bring a quarter) & Friday after lunch. Make checks payable to HOMESTEAD Nutrition Project.

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19/10

65th Wedding Anniversary

The family of Paul & Mary Ann Oelke are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary on February 24, 2017 with a card shower.

Send your congratulations to:
1441 Maple, Hoxie, KS 67740

19/3

Upcoming Area Events

Hoxie

Wednesdays, on-going:

Moms in Prayer Meetings: Contact Kristin Johnson for more information 785-657-1478

2nd Tuesday - each month (Sept-June):
Scrappy Quilters Guild-Midwest Energy Building Meeting Room 7pm

2nd Wednesday - each month:
United Methodist Church Coffee Club in the Social Hall, 2pm

Friday, February 24:
5pm Fish Fry-St. Frances Cabrini Parish Hall \$8 adults, \$3 ages 5-12

Saturday, February 25:
11am-Senator Rick Billinger & Representative

Don Hineman-Town Hall Meeting-Bowen Scout House

Tuesday, March 21:
6:30pm Storm Spotter Class-Bowen Scout House

Colby Saturday, February 25:
8pm Brock Wagoner & Friends: \$10 cover (\$5 - K-12) - City Limits Convention Center

Sunday, February 26:
3:30pm Beverly Rucker conducts "Pictures at a Concert-A Afternoon of Music and Visual Art Pairings"-Pride of the Prairie Orchestra, CCC Campus

Friday, Saturday & Sunday: March 3, 4 & 5:
7pm High Plains Art Club Art Show-student union building-CCC

Do you have an event happening?

Place them in

The Sheridan Sentinel FOR FREE

so we can post them in the

"Upcoming Area Events" section!

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Thank You

The family of Darrell Allen would like to thank our friends and family for all the love and support we received at the loss of our beloved husband, dad, and grandpa. We were humbled by the many calls and visits, the wonderful meals brought to us, and the many cards, flowers, and memorials. We have a huge hole in our hearts, but we feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful and caring community. A special thanks goes to Pastor Carl Dumler and our church family at the Christian Church. We appreciate you so much! Also to Brad, Mary Ellen, and everyone at Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home for your help and caring during this difficult time. Lastly, a big thank you to Sarah Castle and Phillipsburg Hospice Services for your support and guidance. God bless you all!

- Karen Allen
- Kelly & Kirk Baker and Family
- Kim & Gene Deines
- Patty Ochs and Family
- Pam & Eric Washington and Family

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Monday - Friday Lunch

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Saturday, February 25

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Faith & Lifestyle

Health Highlights

It's Not Arrogant to Believe You're Great

By Viktorija Briggs, Certified Health Coach

Last week I ended with the statement "It all begins with YOU! Change your reactions, change your thoughts, change your life." This week, we're going to work on changing your thoughts...about yourself.

I once heard a pastor tell the congregation, "Toot your own horn, because nobody else will!" He told us that it was not being arrogant, but to acknowledge our own worth - to ourselves. Because chances are, we may be the only ones who will.

There are memes galore flying around the internet about self-worth, which is a wonderful thing to see! It's about time we began, as a society, to speak more positively. If even one meme hits home for you, embrace it! Because that is where you start!

Mine has always been a cartoon that was in the newspaper in May 1993. It was a Far Side cartoon. For those unfamiliar with the Far Side cartoons, they're irreverent depictions of truth at its basest level. This particular cartoon was of a race. The winner had just crossed the finish line, but what he couldn't see was that just past that line he'd crossed was a cliff. He'd won, but he was about to die! A day later I saw the phrase, "Failure Is Not An Option." That cartoon, added with the phrase, became

my mantra and motto for the next 10+ years, and to which I return occasionally, as needed. If you quit the race, you fail. If you win the race, you've lived your life (hopefully a full one), and then you die. So, you don't ever quit until death, thus you never fail.

Some might think this is a rather arrogant belief. But does that honestly make me arrogant if I think that I will never fail? When we choose to learn from our experiences, good or bad, we can never fail. This makes us greater with each lesson. Is that arrogant? How about narcissistic and vain?

No. Vanity and arrogance comes from a place of feeling less, not more. We should all refuse to allow ourselves to think less of who we are. I know my strengths and my weaknesses. I KNOW myself. It's amazing how many people actually do not "know" themselves. They know their favorite color, or their favorite pair of shoes. But, ask them what is their favorite part of themselves (physically, mentally, and spiritually [self, not deity]), and the first thing out of their mouth will be, "Oh, I don't know. But I do hate... (whatever)." That's not what I asked!

Most people, teens in particular, when given a compliment the response is to always point out the flaws. Many even go further by explaining why there was nothing good in what they had just complimented. My mother once told

me, "When you receive a compliment, no matter how easy it is to dispute it, just say, 'Thank you,' and leave it at that. They meant the compliment or they would not have said it. And by disputing it you are demeaning it, which hurts their feelings." From then on I did this. It was hard, but I did it. So, the next time someone compliments you...just say "Thank You."

An exercise to undertake which can assist to change your way of thinking, and ultimately speaking, is to look in the mirror each day and before any thoughts of "Oh, blah! Look at those bags!" are allowed to fully formulate; stop that thought immediately and replace it with something positive. For example, if you first see those bags, then ignore that thought and say something more like, "I'm happy to be here, thank you God!" And after making that more positive statement, tell yourself, "Thank you!" And leave it at that.

When we phrase a thought or sentence with a negative in it we turn a positive into a mud puddle. What was just said isn't crystal clear. Taking the example above, "Blah! Look at those bags!" and comparing it with "I'm happy to be here, thank you God!" brings two different views to mind. In the first, the mind's eye (i.e. the mind!) sees only ugliness, which then brings down your mood. In the moment, you may still feel like you look like crap, but just thank God for giving you another day!

To minimize what we don't want to accentuate, we must

learn to rephrase our words and thoughts so that the subject matter is, indeed, minimal. I don't know about you, but I don't like mud puddles. You can't see the bottom, which means you can't be sure what you're stepping into. So, I work to keep my thoughts positive so that my view is clear and I can avoid any negative mishaps.

Like attracts like: positive brings positive and negative brings negative.

Speaking positively to yourself and about yourself will strengthen your self-esteem. You will not be arrogant, because remember, arrogance actually stems from a feeling of low self-esteem. When we over-compensate, consider what it is which is being so grossly blown out of proportion. It is that which is actually the lowest. Now, I'm not referring to someone's skillset and who knows how good they are at that ability: painting, mechanics, singing, computers, or whatever. No, I'm referring to someone who wants everyone to believe that they are extra good or talented at something for which they are not. Basically, they misrepresent themselves and their abilities. That person is arrogant and self-absorbed.

So, learn to speak kindly to yourself. In turn, you will then naturally begin speaking more kindly to others. Our mind consumes whatever we feed it so make sure it is healthy and beneficial 'nutrition'!

Next: *Another Cliché: You Are What You Eat*



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WPAA Concert Coming to Hoxie HS Auditorium

Crossroads is an interdenominational gospel chorus based in Hays, Kansas. Western Plains Arts Association is bringing the chorus to Hoxie High School Auditorium on Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. CST. Admission is by WPAA season ticket or \$5 at the door for both adults and children.

The group, which has been performing for nearly 18

years, is comprised of four quartets, a fine accompanist and other instrumentalists. They blend their heartfelt harmonies performing well known hymns, a little Southern gospel, and some contemporary Christian. The chorus is comprised of members who come from all walks of life and denominations from mostly Ellis and Trego Counties.

They share a love of music and come together to participate in a "singing ministry". Much of their music is steeped in the rich Southern tradition of a true gospel sound.

Season programs are made possible this season by a major gift from the Dane Hansen Foundation, Logan, Kansas, and by businesses and individual donors throughout the region.

Jokes & Quotes

A poor widow's son down in Texas struck it rich with oil and as Mother's Day approached, made up his mind to show his appreciation by some unusual gift for all his mother had done for him. So, he told the owner of a pet shop that he wanted the most unusual and expensive pet he had.

The merchant replied, "I have a Myna bird worth \$27,000. It is the only one in the world that can recite the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm, and the 13th Chapter of 1 Corinthians."

"I'll take it," said the Texan, "Mom will get so much comfort hearing it recite scriptures."

So, he bought it and shipped it to his Mom. Later, he called her long distance, "Did you get my bird?" he asked.

"Yes, son and it was delicious, thanks."

A new bride said to her new

husband at the first meal she cooked, "Dear, my mother taught me to cook and I can cook two things well: lemon pie and beef stew."

The husband, biting into the stew said, "Fine dear, and which is this?"

A little boy was saying his go-to-bed prayers in a low voice. "I can't hear you, dear" his mother whispered.

"Wasn't talking to you, Mom," said the little boy, firmly.

Alice is determined to stay young at all costs. She buys only foods with preservatives.

Maybe, "Be yourself" is about the worst advice you can give to some people.

Falling down doesn't make you a failure, but staying down does.

~B.B

The Kenoxie Archives & Museum, a soon-to-be 501(c)3 entity, is looking for any area newspapers, school newspapers, or other publications since the area's settling 137+ years ago. If you have anything and would like to help preserve the history of the area, please bring them to The Sheridan Sentinel office at 716 Main Street, Hoxie. 785-675-3321

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Left-Over Bread

In most families any large amount of dry bread on hand shows bad management, for toast of various kinds may be made, supper dishes, puddings and the crumbs are used in too many ways to take space to mention.

A half loaf of bread may be dipped in cold water and heated in the oven a few moments, making it almost like fresh bread. French toast, fried toast, cheese sandwiches fried are all appetizing dishes which may be prepared from stale or slightly dry bread.

Supper Dish - Spread four or five slices of bread with butter, lay them in the bottom of a buttered baking dish, sprinkle with a half cupful of grated or finely cut cheese, pour over a pint of milk, two eggs, well beaten and mixed; a little salt and a dash

of paprika. Bake until the custard is set, then serve hot.

A delicious pudding may be made using bread in the same way and pouring over it canned fruit of any kind or finely chopped rhubarb, mixed with sugar. Bake until the fruit is well soaked into the bread and serve with cream and sugar.

Queen of Puddings - Beat four egg yolks with a cupful of sugar, add a quart of milk, a pint of bread crumbs and a pinch of salt. Bake until firm, then spread over the top a layer of crushed berries, with sugar or jelly or preserved or canned fruit drained of its juice. Over this put the meringue made of the beaten whites, mixed with two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Brown and serve cold with a sauce made from the canned fruit used or with cream.

Bread buttered and cut in small squares and placed butter side up on the top of any escalloped dish adds to its appearance as well as its food value. These small squares may be browned in the oven and served with soup. Finger-sized pieces, buttered and browned and served with salad, are also an addition to it.

Not one crumb of bread should be wasted; even the chickens may be fed a cheaper food.

By Nellie Maxwell
The Sentinel Archives
The Hoxie Sentinel
March 15, 1917



Now & Then

Compiled by Rachel Farber

From the Sheridan County Democrat
February 22, 1895

To P. C. Judd: You say that you did not ask for aid. How did you come to get 150 pounds of flour if it was not asked for? When Mr. Wilhelm found out that you were getting a pension of \$24 per month, he was warm under the collar and wanted to give an order to anyone who would go after the flour.

He has gone, never to return, not will he again lay his fair shaggy head in our lap and beg for something to eat; no more will he put up his paw to shake "good morning." He died young, consequently knew no bad tricks. We refer to our full-blooded Newfoundland pup Caesar. While we was east a few weeks ago, someone, and we would be willing to give five dollars to know who, gave the pup a dose that made him a fit subject for the dog heaven.

Saline Township

A horse of Andy Nestor, who had the misfortune to cripple one of its feet by stepping on an iron rake, is fast recovering.

A seed grain meeting was held at the Davidson school-house last Monday afternoon, for the purpose of making an estimate of how much seed would be wanted. A large number were present. On motion, Andy Nestor was elected chairman and H. Albert clerk. P. C. Judd was present and said that he walked from his residence to the above-named school-house, a distance of eight miles, in one hour, which we think was nearly a bicycle record.

Kansas Stray

Conglomeration

Frank Fay had the misfortune last week Thursday to have a horse fall upon him, scratching his face and laming his right leg.

A week or two ago we said that a family was feeding aid flour to their horses. It was true that flour had been fed to their team, but it was purchased by selling bones.

Fred Witt of Adell township, was in the city last Saturday. Fred took advantage of our cheap rates.

Tom Donovan and Henry Oelke of Parnell township, were in the city bright and early on Monday morning, having heard that two cars of aid coal had arrived Saturday night. It was a false report. Tom informed us that his youngest child, sixteen months old, had frozen its feet so bad that the skin began to peel off, nevertheless it had on shoes and stocking. He said that for about a week, it was almost impossible to keep the house warm with surface coal.

**125 Years Ago
February 24, 1892**

Sam Morgan, one of the prominent citizens of Valley township, was in attendance at court.

J. F. Patterson, Selden's lone lawyer, was in attendance at District court this week.

The assault and battery cases in Bloomfield township resulted in a finding of guilty as to the defendants Mr. and Mrs. Houck and a fine of \$10 and costs.

We are confidentially informed that there are



The wrestling team from 1969. Most of them are named. Can you name the rest? Front Row: Vic Bielser, Gerald Ackerman, (unnamed) Adams, Tim Brainard, Bob Anderson, Mike Stillwell; Back Row: Dale Brown, Dale Smith, (unnamed), Hugh Wiggington, Ed Miller, Mike Cooper. If you know the others, please let the Sheridan County Historical Society know! (Photo courtesy of the Sheridan County Historical Society)

rumors of a wedding in Hoxie in the near future. The high contracting parties are ----- -- now wouldn't you like to know?

We acknowledge a very pleasant call from H. R. Howe, of Auburn, Nebraska, last Friday. Mr. Howe, in company with his father, Hon. Church Howe, have purchased a quarter section of Sheridan county's rich soil and was here for the purpose of making arrangements for growing a crop the coming season. We seldom meet a more companionable gentleman than Mr. Howe.

The farmers came to town in full force last Saturday.

The small boy and the old musket are making life a burden to the ducks now.

Sam Davidson's little girl, Crystal, is suffering from an attack of scarlet rash.

A. J. Blankenship, of Belleville, Kansas, was looking us over during the past week.

Mrs. Carrie Brown remains very low and but little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Brother Patterson, of the *Palladium*, took the evening train for Denver Monday. He promised us to be back in a week.

It is currently reported that the *Palladium* has been sold to certain Alliance leaders and that a formal transfer will take place with in the next week.

The W. R. C. will give one of their popular entertainments on March 4th, consisting of a short literary and musical program, followed by luncheon. All for the small sum of ten cents.

A big, bouncing, ten pound boy is reported at S. J. Foster's, near Macgraw.

Driven From Home

Despite the threatening weather, the Opera Hall was well filled when the curtain rose on the first act of the drama "Driven From Home," given by our local talent last Monday evening. Although few, if any, of the participants had ever taken part in anything of the kind before, the performance far surpassed the average plays given by amateurs.

**100 Years Ago
February 22, 1917**

H. E. Morris made a business trip to Salina last week and drove home a new Model 90 Overland.

L. H. Launchbaugh is building a new house near his residence in North Hoxie.

Rumor has it that another wedding is about to take place.

W. J. Hart, the mason, informed us Tuesday that Monte Beery's new building at Guy is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy soon.

J. U. Andregg will hold a public sale at his place in the Menlo neighborhood March 7. Mr. Andregg has sold his farm and is making a sale to dispose of his stock. Bear his sale in mind.

Houck's Landing

E. A. Patterson is hauling lumber for his new house.

Belle Lucas, of Arvada, Colorado, was recently married to a young man of that city. We give this item prominence because Belle was born and grew to womanhood here.

Lucile, your idea of the gathering of the Sentinel's correspondents in Hoxie to have a general good time and feast to our hearts content is fine. We are going to leave our part of the proposition in regard to the arrangements with you, but remember if you bring any peanut butter for our dinner we shall promptly sever diplomatic relations with the entire bunch.

Valley

(Omitted last week.) Mrs. Clem Willis, of Beattie, Kansas, arrived Saturday morning in response to a telegram telling her of her father's serious illness. She was accompanied by her brother, Rollo Ewers, who had arrived in the city on Thursday morning.

(This week's items.)

Yes, Lucile, I think it would be a good plan to meet at Hoxie and get acquainted with our brother and sister correspondents and have a nice social time together.

Mrs. Clem Willis returned home the last of the week accompanied by Mrs. Ewers who will visit at Beattie for a while.

Northwest Prairie Dog

(Crowded out last week.) Mr. and Mrs. Masterson, of Achilles, spent Sunday at Mr. Cyrus'.

Try as we will, we fail to get all the neighborhood news of interest. T. B. and John Clark were called to the bedside of a sick brother-in-law at Perry, Iowa. The boys were there and back before we heard anything about it. However, they report the brother some better.

75 Years Ago

February 19, 1942

Fire Alarm Tuesday

The fire whistle rang about 1:30 Tuesday afternoon. The fire was in the apartment of Miss Lorena Koster at the Crist apartments. A basket of kindling had caught afire as it sat too close to the stove. Miss Germeroth called Northwestern Motors for help in putting it out and they soon had things under control. The floor and linoleum were burned for a small area where the basket stood. And the walls are smoked up quite badly. All feel lucky that no more damage occurred.

Car Wreck Near Studley

Mrs. J. E. Bomgardner of Palco were hurt Sunday morning when the 1940 Chevrolet Coupe went into the ditch a few miles east of Studley. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bomgardner, son Ralph and grandchildren Jeraldine and John were enroute to Hoxie to spend the day at the Alfred Davidson home. Mrs. Bomgardner received a badly cut hand and many cuts and bruises. She is spending this week here at the home of her daughter so as to be near a doctor. The car hit a slick place in the road while going only about 30 miles per hour which caused it to swerve into the ditch. The rest of the group returned to Palco Sunday evening in another car.

Fire at Clem Kruse Farm

Fire of an unknown origin in the Clem Kruse chicken house at twelve o'clock Tuesday night destroyed many chickens and six head of pigs. Mr. Kruse and Leonard fought the fire for several hours to keep it from destroying his barn. No further damage resulted.

Local Happenings

Mr. Connie Cramer drove to Denver Sunday on business and to visit his son Irwin and wife, expecting to come home Monday night. He found them well. They retired about midnight and in a short time Irwin became dangerously ill. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital and by 6 a.m. Monday morning has been operated upon. However the nature of the illness or operation was not fully known yet at noon. Mr. Cramer remained in Denver to be near him.

Mrs. Roy Richardson has been quite ill at their home in the country. Her many friends hope that she will soon be up and about.

Mr. Fred Thompson of

Liberal Kansas spent several days in Hoxie and vicinity visiting friends and neighbors of his former residence near Seguin.

**50 Years Ago
February 23, 1967**

Cooper Dry Goods Celebrating 10th Anniversary

Cooper Dry Goods store in Hoxie is observing their 10th anniversary this weekend with a birthday sale. Dale and Barbara Breit will be offering many specials and bargains to shoppers on Friday and Saturday.

There will also be a drawing for a birthday cake to be given away Saturday night.

Mickey's Want Ads

I call your attention again to the great Sealy Sale now on on mattresses.

Two youngsters were walking home from Sunday School after having been taught a lesson on the devil. One little boy was heard to say to the other, "What do you think about this devil business?"

The other thought a moment and then replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your dad."

An extra firm mattress \$49.95 with a box spring for the same price. A very good buy. Others at \$39.95, \$59.95, \$69.95 and up."

One of the benefits of inflation is that kids no longer get sick on a nickel's worth of candy.

Studley Items

Mrs. Jess Williams has been helping in the home of their son Tom and family in Denver. Tom recently had surgery, and they also have a new baby girl.

Studley school children entertained their mothers, Mrs. Clarence McClelland, Mrs. Roy Covalt and Mrs. Albert Bell and friends, Mrs. Albert Smith and Mrs. Earl Stout and their teacher Mrs. Claude Spencer with a short Valentine program and an exchange of Valentines Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Richmeier are parents of a baby boy born Feb. 15 at the Graham County hospital. The little one has two brothers and one sister to welcome him.

Tasco Notes

Tasco Community Club met Friday, Feb. 17 with Mrs. Eunice Taylor. Eighteen members were present for the potluck dinner. Quilting on two quilts was the work done for the hostess. Next meeting will be with Joan Taylor and again there will be quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pratt and Harry Joe were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Ina Hill.

Mildred Anne Jones celebrated her 11th birthday anniversary on Feb. 18. Several of her girl friends were guests.

Hoxie Grade School News

Mrs. Whitmer's First Grade - Room members felt honored to have Karen Karnes win third place in the first and second grade division of the Soil Conservation Poster contest.

In arithmetic the students are working on addition and subtraction facts, mainly to 10, although some are done up to 20.

Miss Welter's Fourth Grade - Tina Lewis and Ellen Wasserman, third graders,

visited the class and gave an interesting report about Abraham Lincoln. The pictures, information, and question and answer session were enjoyed by all.

The class enjoyed having Mrs. A. A. Cooper visit on February 15. There aren't many more weeks of school left and it is hoped that many more parents visit.

**25 Years Ago
February 20, 1992**

Notes From The Historical Society

Sheridan, the oldest town in the county was established in 1876 by Geo. Kious and Mr. Bayliss in Sec. 29, Range 28, Twp. 6. This was on the land homesteaded in 1874 on the North Solomon River. The Sheridan post office was located one mile west and Mr. Bayliss was named postmaster in 1876. It was the scene of the worst Indian raid in the county in 1876. At that time it had only a sod house, 2 dugouts, and a dugout barn. The first white child born in the county was born here - the daughter of Geo. Kious'. When Sheridan was moved to Selden in 1888 the town had two stores, a hotel, a livery stable, school house and a dozen or so residences. The new town of Selden was on the Rock Island R.R.

Annual Hoxie History Day

The Annual Hoxie History Day competition was held on Feb. 10 at the Hoxie Grade School Gym. This is the fifth year that Hoxie Junior High eighth grade student have participated in the contest. Mr. Hageman, Social Studies teacher, said, "I am pleased with this year's entries. We had the usual projects, performances, and papers along with one new area of competition, Media.

"This is the first time any students tried the area of Media and I was surprised by how well they were done. I want to thank all the people who helped these students make some very interesting as well as unusual presentations. Without their help we could never develop the type of product necessary in order to compete on the district and state levels."

Golden Age Center

Father Kieffer led our church Thursday morning, Feb. 13 with Helen Heim playing the piano. Thank you both.

Peter and Heidi Koster visited Mildred Shaner last week to see her missionary cabinet. They are great grandchildren of Fern Hatten and had been visiting her too.

Rexford News

In spite of the icy roads a nice sized crowd attended the After Five dinner meeting Tuesday evening at the Shepherd's Staff Center. The table decorations were roses made from chocolate and the prayer cards were decorated with small roses. Everyone enjoyed the program which followed the delicious meal.

Debbie Nickols and Diane Liddy are new residents in town. They have been in the Chicago area working for several years. They are making plans for a new business so watch for their announcement later.

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NWKS News

Kansas FFA Foundation Kicks Off Individual Giving Campaign

The Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees invites individuals across the state to celebrate National FFA Week by promoting and supporting participation in the Washington Leadership Conference.

Created in 1969 and held annually in Washington, D.C., this conference provides the opportunity for students to undergo comprehensive leadership training. Through this five-day event, students analyze their personal skills and interests, develop leadership skills, and create a community service plan that will make a meaningful difference in their home communities.

During their time in D.C., students also experience the history of the nation's capital, touring landmarks including the Washington Monument, War Memorial, the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Capitol, among others. Students also have the opportunity to promote agricultural education and meet and interact with their legislators through congressional visits during the week.

This once in a lifetime trip costs approximately \$1,400, including airfare. For many

students, cost is the only barrier preventing them from being able to attend the conference. The Kansas FFA Foundation is asking individuals to consider donating to their individual giving campaign to assist Kansas FFA members in raising the funds to attend the Washington Leadership Conference. All funds collected by the Kansas FFA Foundation will be distributed to 2017 WLC participants selected via a grant application process. Grant applications from Kansas FFA members will be due March 15.

The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Kansas FFA Foundation supports this mission of youth leadership development through stipends, scholarships, and grants to attend trainings and conferences. To learn more about the Kansas FFA Foundation's Strategic Plan and opportunities to donate today, visit www.kssffaoundation.org.

Grant Reviewers Needed for Farmers Market & Local Food Promotion Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is seeking reviewers to evaluate grant applications for the Farmers Market and Local Food Promotion Program (FMLFPP) and the Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program (FSMIP). Local food grants strengthen America's rural communities by supporting direct farm-to-consumer markets and local food enterprises.

Interested agricultural professionals are invited to apply to become a grant reviewer. Reviewers will apply their knowledge and expertise to score the grant applications. The deadline to apply to become a reviewer is March 20, 2017. AMS will contact selected FMLFPP reviewers in mid-April and FSMIP reviewers in late April. Non-federal reviewers for both programs will be compensated for their service.

FMLFPP reviewers are expected to have operational knowledge of local food direct-to-consumer marketing and background in agriculture, retail, or farm-to-table marketing. The FMLFPP review period is approximately six weeks from late April to mid-June, 2017. Each reviewer will contribute 35 to 45 hours. Reviewers will receive a general orientation by

conference call and a mandatory training by webinar in late April. FMLFPP reviewers serve in 3-member teams and follow a pre-set scoring system, with each person reviewing 15 to 20 proposals. Team leaders will receive additional training. At the end of the evaluation period, reviewers will participate in an online group consensus review to summarize comments and submit a final score.

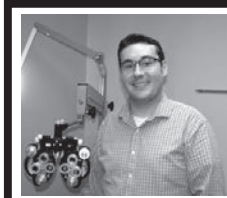
FSMIP supports applied research to explore new market opportunities and efficiency for U.S. food and agricultural producers. FSMIP reviewers can include individuals from the federal government, state universities and colleges, state departments of agriculture and other appropriate state agencies. Reviewers are expected to have general knowledge of agricultural marketing, applied economics or marketing experience for farmers and ranchers. Also, FSMIP reviewers should have specialized knowledge on topics such as food safety, consumer economics, foreign market development, labeling, post-harvest handling and/or transportation. The FSMIP website contains a complete list of expertise needed. FSMIP reviewers will have 4 to 5 weeks beginning in early May to review up to 10 applications, each consisting of a 10-page narrative plus supporting materials. Reviewers serve in 3-member teams to evaluate proposals grouped together by a common topic or theme. Reviewers will receive a general orientation by conference call. Team leaders will receive additional training.

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer, visit the FMLFPP website or the FSMIP website to submit an application.

Applicants for FY2017 FMLFPP or FSMIP grants are not eligible to serve as reviewers. Reviewers will not evaluate proposals for which they - or their organizations - have a conflict of interest. Reviewers must sign a conflict of interest and confidentiality agreement to refrain from sharing information about the process, the applications, and the outcomes during and after the evaluation period.

Twin Creeks Schedule

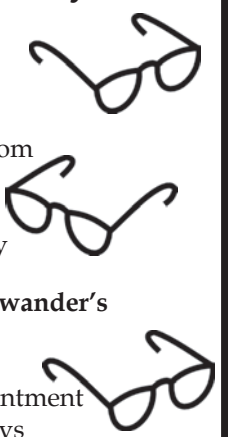
March
 March 1, 2017 Elsie C Robinson Scholarship Application Due
 March 3, 2017 Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day Registration Due
 March 4, 2017 (Tentative) 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Market Steer Weigh-In (Norton Livestock Salebarn)
 March 4, 2017 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight Horse Council BBQ & Boogie (Norton Eagles)
 March 5, 2017 2:00 p.m. Favorite Food Show (Golden Age Center, Oberlin)



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KDA Seeks Participants for Beef Genetics Trade Mission

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is seeking individuals to participate in a beef genetics trade mission to Costa Rica on April 23-27, 2017. In an effort to increase market opportunities for U.S. and Kansas beef genetics, this program provides an opportunity for Kansas purebred beef cattle producers and allied industry to continue developing relationships with livestock producers in Costa Rica. KDA strives to encourage and enhance economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy by exploring and expanding both domestic and international marketing opportunities.

Attendees will participate in a field day showcasing calves sired by U.S. Red Angus and Charolais bulls crossed with local Costa Rican Brahman dams in an effort to demonstrate the advantages of heterosis in a tropical climate. Initial data from this project supports the use of U.S. genetics. Attendees will also visit a local research university implementing projects utilizing

U.S. beef genetics. Additional opportunities to engage with potential buyers of beef semen and embryos and visit Costa Rican ranches will be arranged as part of the mission. Kansas ranchers and related agribusinesses specializing in producing germplasm qualified for export are invited to participate.

This trade mission is funded in part by the U.S. Livestock Genetics Export, Inc. Selected participants will be eligible for travel stipends for airfare depending upon number of applicants and fund availability. Participants will be responsible for the cost of hotels, meals and other incidental expenses.

Individuals interested in participating should complete the application form available on the KDA website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/international. The application deadline is Monday, March 6, 2017.


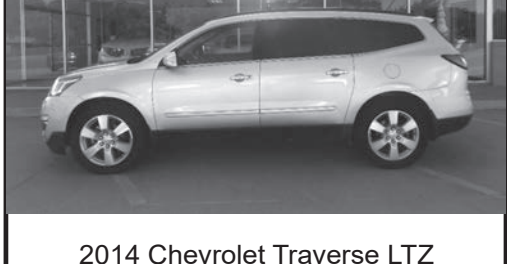

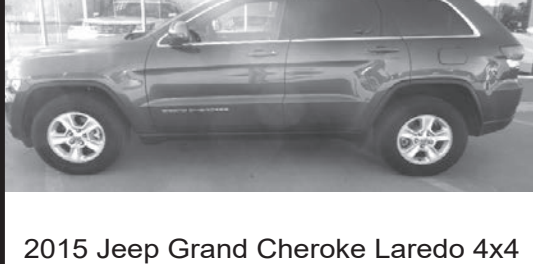
For more information, please contact KDA agribusiness development coordinator Billy Brown at billy.brown@ks.gov or 785-564-6752.

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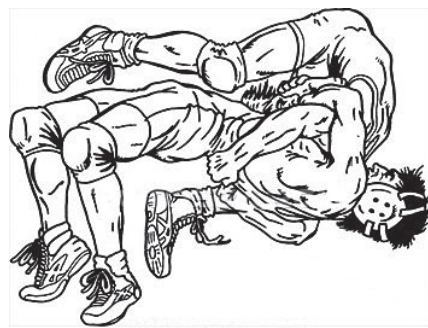


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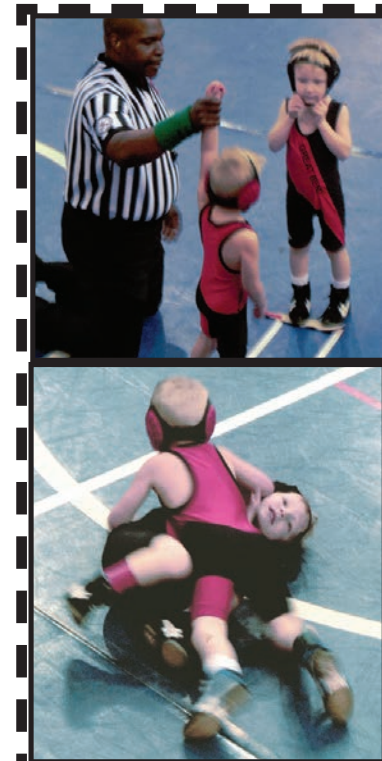
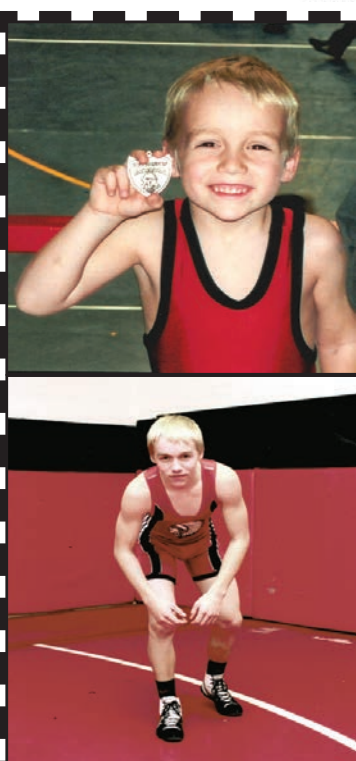


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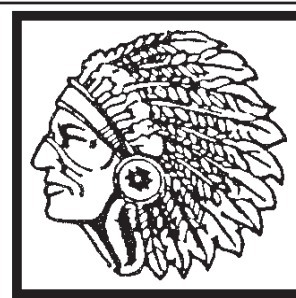
We will be watching
you from Minnesota!

Love,
Pa & Grandma





Hoxie Schools



Road Clean-Up Community Service for Troop #160

By Casey Johnson, 4th Grade Teacher, Hoxie Grade School On Saturday February 18, the Boy Scouts Troop #160 met for a community service activity for the Rotary Club. After gathering their trash bags and putting on their yellow & orange vests and protective gloves, we headed south of Hoxie on Highway 83. The troop split into four groups. Two groups started at the south edge of town near the elevator; one group on the east side and one on the west side of the highway. The other two groups went south about 2 miles to the top of the hill by Mike Schamberger's farm to begin their work. One group on the west and one group on the east. The groups picked up trash as they moved toward each other and met somewhere in the middle. The troop worked from 9:30 am to

1:00pm. During their clean-up outing, the troop was able to collect 25 large black trash bags full of trash. The troop and the parents enjoyed refreshing drinks and pizza at JD's after a thorough hand washing!!!
Editor's Note: Littering is not only unattractive to see along the highway, but it can be detrimental to the environment and the animals that come across it. The fact that there were 25 bags of trash gathered in a 3 1/2 hour time period, says that too much trash is being thrown out of car windows. Granted, some of it was probably blown in on the wind from other locations, but regardless, better care must be taken to keep this from happening. We have a beautiful state, county and city ~ let's keep it that way! Thank you to Troop #160 for their hard work!

Lady Indians Win on Senior Night

By Nicole Heim
On Tuesday, Feb.14, the Hoxie Lady Indian Basketball Team matched up with the Norton Bluejays. Hoxie's three seniors were honored before tonight's game, Brynn Niblock, Nicole Heim and Erin Carter, who has been out for the whole season due to a shoulder injury and surgery. Hoxie also sported pink uniforms and warm-ups to raise awareness for breast cancer on Pink Night. Kicking off the first quarter junior Lilly Schamberger drove in for a layup for the first points of the game. Following right afterward junior Rebekah Castle stole the ball which led senior Brynn Niblock for an easy basket. Brynn added another basket to take the Indians on 6-0 run. Hoxie outscored the Bluejays 17-5 in the first quarter. Two freshmen came out strong with big points in the second quarter, Addi Campbell with 5 points and Macy Schamberger with a free-throw. The Indians continued to play hard and led the score 27-14 heading into the locker room. The Bluejays scored first in the

third quarter, but the Indians never backed down. Junior Rebekah Castle had a big third quarter with three great post moves and layups to add six points to her stats. The Indians kept fighting to go into the fourth quarter with a lead of 42-31. Senior Nicole Heim and junior Lilly Schamberger both knocked down 2 three-pointers in the fourth quarter to keep the lead for Hoxie. The Indians never quit fighting and defeated Norton with a final score of 60-42. Junior Lilly Schamberger led the team with 16 points, 11 rebounds, 5 assists and 1 steal. Senior Brynn Niblock added 11 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists and 4 steals. Following right behind her was junior Rebekah Castle with 10 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist and 1 steal. Senior Nicole Heim finished with 9 points, 1 rebound and 2 assists. Tallying 8 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals was freshman Addi Campbell. Freshman Macy Schamberger added 6 points, 1 rebound and 2 steals. Junior Brooke Dorenkamp contributed 3 rebounds and 2 steals.

County) 9-8 (Dec 12-11)
Cons. Semi - Colton Shoemaker (Smith Center) 8-7 won by fall over Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 16-10 (Fall 2:36)

113 - Zack Sherman (7-17) placed 3rd and scored 13.00 team points.
Quarterfinal - Bryan Valeta (Lakin) 13-7 won by decision over Zack Sherman (Hoxie) 7-17 (Dec 7-1)

Cons. Round 1 - Zack Sherman (Hoxie) 7-17 won by fall over Austin Niblock (Phillipsburg) 10-15 (Fall 2:29)
Cons. Semi - Zack Sherman (Hoxie) 7-17 won by decision over Rhett Pospichal (Russell) 14-12 (Dec 12-5)

3rd Place Match - Zack Sherman (Hoxie) 7-17 won by fall over Colton Ketterl (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 20-13 (Fall 3:49)

132 - Dayton Porsch (29-0) placed 1st and scored 27.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 29-0 won by fall over Alec Stults (Hays-TMP) 2-15 (Fall 2:35)

Quarterfinal - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 29-0 won by fall over Zayden Littell (Hugoton) 5-15 (Fall 3:08)
Semifinal - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 29-0 won by fall over Isaiah Mason (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 14-10 (Fall 1:17)

1st Place Match - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) 29-0 won by major decision over Josh Lenker (Phillipsburg) 32-6 (MD 9-1)

145 - Tristan Porsch (10-0) placed 1st and scored 27.00 team points.
Champ. Round 1 - Tristan Porsch (Hoxie) 10-0 won by fall over Xavier Chavarria (Sublette) 5-20 (Fall 0:44)

Quarterfinal - Tristan Porsch (Hoxie) 10-0 won by fall over Trevor DePriest (Wa Keeney-Trego Community) 15-16 (Fall 1:29)

Semifinal - Tristan Porsch (Hoxie) 10-0 won by fall over Cole Sramek (Atwood-Rawlins County) 35-6 (Fall 2:48)

1st Place Match - Tristan Porsch (Hoxie) 10-0 won by major decision over Colton Hutchinson (Smith Center) 35-6 (MD 10-1)

152 - Andrew Foote (4-20) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Dylan Newton (Cimarron) 23-12 won by fall over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 4-20 (Fall 1:07)

Cons. Round 1 - Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 4-20 received a bye (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Cade Wurm (Oberlin-Decatur Community) 11-10 won by fall over Andrew Foote (Hoxie) 4-20 (Fall 2:23)

160 - Sam Bretz (6-16) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Adson Day (Hill City) 5-19 won by fall over Sam Bretz (Hoxie) 6-16 (Fall 0:51)

Cons. Round 1 - Aaron Moss (Smith Center) 14-15 won by fall over Sam Bretz (Hoxie) 6-16 (Fall 4:10)

182 - Colton Heskett (11-16) place is unknown and scored 5.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 11-16 won by decision over Ryan Junkermeier (Plainville) 19-17 (Dec 8-2)

Quarterfinal - Josh Seabolt (Cimarron) 31-1 won by fall over Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 11-16 (Fall 0:46)

Cons. Round 2 - Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 11-16 won by fall over Jamel Roberson (Sublette) 14-9 (Fall 4:06)

Cons. Round 3 - Hunter Folsom (Wa Keeney-Trego Community) 22-14 won by fall over Colton Heskett (Hoxie) 11-16 (Fall 2:59)

285 - Tye Washington (19-4) placed 3rd and scored 18.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Tye Washington (Hoxie) 19-4 received a bye (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Tye Washington (Hoxie) 19-4 won by fall over Alex Patel (Hays-TMP) 6-7 (Fall 3:56)

Semifinal - Avery Hawkins (Smith Center) 26-13 won by decision over Tye Washington (Hoxie) 19-4 (Dec 4-3)

Cons. Semi - Tye Washington (Hoxie) 19-4 won by fall over Kody Edzards (Tribune-Greeley County) 16-12 (Fall 2:41)

3rd Place Match - Tye Washington (Hoxie) 19-4 won by injury default over Logan Gugelmeyer (Lakin) 28-4 (Inj. 0:00)

2017 State Wrestling Tournament Schedule

Classes 6A, 5A, 4A, 3-2-1A (four mats per site except where indicated)

Friday, February 24, 2017
Ticket Sales & Gates Open 8am

Session I
10am First Round
2pm Second Round
Championship Quarterfinals
4pm First Round Consolation (four mats)

*Champion semifinals will immediately follow the conclusion of the first-round consolation, but not earlier than 4:30pm

Saturday, February 25, 2017
Ticket Sales & Open 7am

Session II
9am Consolation Cross Bracketing

10:45am Consolation Quarterfinals

12:15pm Consolation Semifinals

2pm Fifth Place (four mats)
3pm Consolation Finals (two mats)

Parade of Champions-40 minutes after consolation finals

Championship Finals (one mat)-45 minutes after finals.

Should the tournament run ahead of schedule, it will continue to run ahead and no adjustments will be made.

Hoxie High School Wrestling Roster

- 106 Dylan Weimer 9
 - 113 Zack Sherman 11
 - 126 Braylan Gomez 9
 - 132 Dayton Porsch 10
 - 138 Wylie Weems 9
 - 145 Ben Aumiller 9
 - 145 Tristan Porsch 12
 - 152 Andrew Foote 9
 - 160 Sam Bretz 10
 - 182 Colton Heskett 10
 - 285 Tye Washington 10
- Head Coach: Mike Porsch, Asst. Coach: Kyle William, Managers: Cami Schamberger, Sarah Zahradka, Aidan Baalman, Superintendent: Jim Howard, Principal: Gary Johnson, Athletic Director: Lance Baar

2016-2017 Hoxie Basketball Rosters

- Boys Basketball**
- 2 Logan Weimer 10
 - 3 Matthew Diercks 10
 - 5 Troyal Burris 11
 - 10 Kaden Tremblay 10
 - 11 Jarrod Dible 10
 - 12 Jake Geisinger 10
 - 13 Jared Kennedy 10
 - 14 Easton Slipke 10
 - 20 Justin Weese 11
 - 21 Latham Schwarz 11
 - 25 Taylor Burris 11
 - 33 Luke Schippers 11
 - 34 Brodrick King 12
 - 35 Sean Robben 10
 - 40 Parker Jones 9
- Head Coach: Jake Moss, Asst. Coach: B.J. Beiker, Managers: Ashton Dowell, Cade Gourley, Gavin Tremblay, Kyrle Niblock, Superintendent: Jim Howard, Principal: Gary Johnson, A.D.: Lance Baar, Cheer Sponsor: Megan Beiker, Cheerleaders: Kaylyn Weems, Myah Sorter, Abby Depenbusch, Zayetsy Gomez, Victoria Rucker.

- Girls Basketball**
- 3 Macy Schamberger 9
 - 4 Lilly Schamberger 11
 - 5 Macalee White 10
 - 10 Brynn Niblock 12
 - 11 Brooke Dorenkamp 11
 - 12 Nicole Heim 12
 - 13 Addi Campbell 9
 - 15 Lexi Torluemke 9
 - 20 Katie Geerdes 10
 - 21 Chloe Johnson 10
 - 22 Maiah Castle 10
 - 23 Ashlyn Dorenkamp 9
 - 24 Karlissa Shepherd 9
 - 25 Lyndzee Fellhoelter 9
 - 30 Latasha Fellhoelter 10
 - 31 Ashlyn Kaus 9
 - 32 Trinity Balluch 10
 - 33 Rebekah Castle 11
 - 34 Brecken Rowh 10
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Feb. 28 Hoxie @ Sub-State (Plainville) TBD

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Feb. 25 Hoxie @ 321A State Tourn. (Hays) 10am

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TAKING A LOSS

By Matthew Diercks
On Feb. 14, the Hoxie Indians hosted the Norton Blue Jays. Hoxie knew this was going to be a tough game. Norton was ranked in 3-A high school basketball and their losses were only by a few points.

The first quarter of this game was a good matchup; Hoxie and Norton battled it out and played strong. Hoxie kept the score close and didn't allow Norton get ahead by too much. The first quarter ended with a score of 17-12.

In the second quarter, Hoxie still wanted to win. Hoxie continued to fight but they allowed Norton to keep the lead. Norton gained two more points on Hoxie but Hoxie was still in this fight. The score at the end of the first quarter was 34-27 with Hoxie losing.

After halftime is when Norton came out strong and made shots that Hoxie couldn't defend. Hoxie also was scoring, just not as much as Norton. Norton outscored Hoxie 22-11. Hoxie was losing at the end of the third quarter 56-38.

In the fourth quarter, Hoxie still tried to make a comeback. They could not seem to do that. Every time Hoxie scored Norton would do the same. Hoxie could just not close the gap and lost. The final score was 79-52.

Four Boys Qualify For State Wrestling

By Cami Schamberger
The 321A Regional Wrestling Tournament was held on February 17-18 in WaKeeney. The first day ended with Sam Bretz getting beat out. The second began with freshmen Dylan Weimer and Andrew Foote, sophomores Colton Heskett and Tye Washington and junior Zack Sherman on the back side of the bracket. Foote, Weimer, and Heskett also got beat out of their weight classes. The team scored altogether 91 points giving Hoxie fifth place. Moving on to State he next week in Hays at the Fort Hays State University Gross Memorial Coliseum are sophomores Dayton Porsch and Tye Washington, junior Zack Sherman and Senior Tristan Porsch.

"Getting four qualified isn't bad. We had some ups and downs and battled through some health issues. It's always good to win the placing matches. We just have to stay wrestling aggressive at state. I feel that all of the boys improved as the year went on and fought hard in their matches," said Head Coach Mike Porsch.

KSHSAA 3-2-1A - Trego - Regional Results for Hoxie

106 - Dylan Weimer (16-10) place is unknown and scored 1.00 team points.

Quarterfinal - Alec Segarra (Hill City) 14-13 won by decision over Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 16-10 (Dec 5-2)

Cons. Round 1 - Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) 16-10 won by decision over James Ricke (Leoti-Wichita

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Hoxie Schools



Public Speaking Team Takes 3rd



Congratulations to the public speaking crew! Placing 3rd as a team. Andrew Foote made finals in the freshman division and placed 6th in extemporaneous! Skyler Denio placed 1st in the senior division, as well as 2nd in extemporaneous and qualifies to compete at state! (Courtesy photo)

NWKL CHAMPIONS: HOXIE JR. HIGH WRESTLING TEAM



Congratulations to the Hoxie Jr. High Wrestling Team....they are NWKL Champions. Aidan Baalman, Drew Bell, and Ashton Dowell all placed first in their weight classes at the league tournament. (Photo by Lola Baalman)

RED CALENDAR

MONDAY 2/27:
Sub-State Varsity Basketball

TUESDAY 2/28:
Sub-State Varsity Basketball

THURSDAY 3/2:
Sub-State Varsity Basketball

FRIDAY 3/3:
Sub-State Varsity Basketball
End 3rd Nine Weeks
NO SCHOOL-Teacher In-Service
Registration Deadline for April ACT Test

SATURDAY 3/4:
Sub-State Varsity Basketball

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY 2/27:
Strawberry Bagel, Cereal, Bananas, Juice, Milk

TUESDAY 2/28:
Breakfast Round, Cereal, Diced Peaches, Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY 3/1:
Waffle Sticks, Cereal, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk

THURSDAY 3/2:
Sausage Link w/ Toast, Cereal, Pineapple Tidbits, Juice, Milk

FRIDAY 3/3:
Long John, Cereal, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY 2/27:
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Romaine Garden Salad, Broccoli, French Bread, Diced Peaches, Half Apple, Milk

TUESDAY 2/28:
Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Chicken & Noodle Soup, Romaine Garden Salad, Tomatoes, Applesauce, Half Banana, Chocolate Sheet Cake, Milk

WEDNESDAY 3/1:
3-Cheese Calzone, Green Beans, Curly French Fries, Garden Salad, Garbanzo Beans, Diced Peaches, Cherry Crisp, Milk

THURSDAY 3/2:
Loaded Oles, Corn, Salad, Tomatoes, Cinnamon Roll, Pineapple Tidbits, Half Apple, Milk

FRIDAY 3/3:
NO SCHOOL

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Hoxie Schools USD #412

7th Graders Learn What It Takes to Build A House



Wes Bainter gave a presentation to the 7th graders on the construction of a house. (Photo by Andrea Ziegler)

By Kendra Lay
The Hoxie Junior High 7th graders listen to Wes Bainter give a presentation about constructing a house. My class is currently studying the Geometry unit, and the first lesson is Scaling. The students were assigned a project to construct their dream house by drawing a blue print. They first had to draw a sketch of what they wanted their house to look

like. Afterward, students will transfer that sketch to grid paper and include proper measurements. While drawing their house design, they are learning how to scale; changing inches to feet to calculate the real-life size of the house. Wes gave the students a breakdown of the costs of everything that goes into building a house. The students then must find the total square footage of

their house, and calculate how much it would cost to construct their dream home. Within that cost will be the price of windows, doors, flooring, counters, appliances, etc. The class will also learn how to scale a house from paper to actual size, as well as managing the building cost of a house. I would like to thank Wes Bainter for taking time out of his morning to present to the 7th grade class.

Road Clean-Up Community Service for Troop #160



Owen Milton, Kai Howery, Zach Reynolds, Derek Johnson, Tanner Herskowitz, Matthew Deircks, Connor Deircks, Issac Deircks. Not shown; the adults that accompanied the boys were, Brian and Sarah Deircks, Tim Reynolds, Roger Milton, and Casey Johnson. (Photo by Casey Johnson) See story on previous page.

Continuing The Winning Streak

Bella Sauvage of Selden, KS, the current 2016 Kansas Junior High School State Champion barrel racer recently won the 11-14 girls Young Guns Breakaway Roping year-end and finals championship in Dodge City, KS on February 18-19, 2017. Bella is the daughter of Heith Sauvage of Selden and Shani Sauvage of Hoxie. (Photo by Heith Sauvage)

Rotary Student of the Month



Hoxie senior Nicole Heim is the Rotary Student of the Month for February. She is a member of the volleyball and basketball teams, FFA, National Honor Society, and CYO. Nicole is the business manager and sports section editor for the HHS Yearbook, is the senior class treasurer, and is on the Honor Roll. Nicole is the daughter of Patrick and Stacey Heim. (Hoxie Schools courtesy photo)





Golden Plains Schools



All-League Academic Team



Golden Plains seniors Morgan Ritter (l) and Gabrielle Schiltz (r) were named to the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Academic Team during the championship games of the league tournament on February 4 in Colby. Morgan is the daughter of Robert and Laura Ritter of Selden and Gabrielle Schiltz is the daughter of Jeremy and Nicole Schiltz of Selden. (Photo by Nicole Schiltz) See story on next page.

Duet Qualifies at First Meet



Devin Carter and Taryn Fleckenstein were excited when they learned they had placed first in their duet "Boys Meets Girl: A Love Story" at Golden Plains' first forensics meet of the season in Norton on February 4. This was the first time they had performed this season. The win qualifies for them for State tournament later this season. (Photo by Robynn Wessel) See story on next page.

BULLDOGS DROP GAME TO HILL CITY



Morgan Ritter grabs the rebound and put it back up for the bucket and a free throw. The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs captured a 47-41 win against the Hill City Ringnecks on January 7. (Photo by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.

JV Boys Fall to Ringnecks



Jose Ortiz (12) looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during Golden Plains' JV game against Hill City on February 7. The JV boys fought hard against Hill City but fell 15-52 to the Ringnecks. (Photo by Morgan Ritter)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV boys lost another game as they fell to Hill City 52-15 in Rexford on February 7.

The Ringnecks jumped to a 15-8 lead by the end of the first quarter. They continued to outrun the Bulldogs adding another 12 to the Bulldog 5 in the second.

The Bulldogs were only

able to a single basket in the second half as the Ringnecks pushed their way to the 52-15 win.

Golden Plains points came from Dylan Spresser 6, Nolan Ritter 3, Austin Patmon 2, Devin Carter 2, and Nick Brown 2. The Bulldogs will play again on February 10 when they travel to Cheylin.

Lady Bulldogs Improve Record



Morgan Ritter grabs the rebound and put it back up for the bucket and a free throw. The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs captured a 47-41 win against the Hill City Ringnecks on January 7. (Photo by Judy Rogers) See story on next page.

JV BOYS LOSE TO BUFFALOES



Golden Plains Freshman Austin Patmon (23) and sophomore Nolan Ritter (50) focus on defense during the JV game in Atwood. The JV boys have shown steady improvement throughout the year. They will wrap up their season against Northern Valley in Rexford on February 21. (Photo by Noel Ritter) See story on next page.



BULLDOGS' CALENDAR

- MONDAY 2/27:** Sub-State Basketball-TBD
- TUESDAY 2/28:** Sub-State Basketball-TBD
- WEDNESDAY 3/1:** Sub-State Basketball-TBD
- THURSDAY 3/2:** Sub-State Basketball-TBD
- FRIDAY 3/3:** Sub-State Basketball-TBD
- End 3rd Quarter
- Registration Deadline for April 8 ACT Test
- SATURDAY 3/4:** Sub-State Basketball-TBD

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REXFORD MENU

- MONDAY 2/27:** B: Pancake & Sausage L: Weiner Wrap
- TUESDAY 2/28:** B: Little Smokies L: Chicken Fajita
- WED 3/1 - FRI 3/3:** B: ?? none listed L: ?? none listed

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SELDEN MENU

- MONDAY 2/27:** B: Burritos L: Beef & Noodles
- TUESDAY 2/28:** B: ?? none listed L: Pizza
- WED 3/1 - FRI 3/3:** B: ?? none listed L: ?? none listed

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Lady Bulldogs Add Another Win



Sophomore KayCee Miller protects the ball from a Rawlins County defender as she looks to pass to a teammate in the Golden Plains basketball game in Atwood on February 14. The Lady Bulldogs were able to come away with the win over the Buffaloes and improve their record to 15-3. (Photo by Noel Ritter) See story on next page.

JV Girls Earn Win

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV girls gained their fifth win of the season with a 13-9 victory over Hill City on February 7 in Rexford.

The girls led Hill City 11-7 at the end of the first quarter. Each team added two in the second quarter of this shortened game to give Golden Plains the win.

Bulldog points came from Carmen Sepulveda 8, Emily Stoltz 3, and Candace Taylor 2. The JV girls, who have won four of their last five games, now hold a 5-4 record. They will not have a game in Cheylin on Friday, but will play another half game in Atwood on February 14.



Jennifer Esparza (45) keeps her hands up on defense during the Golden Plains JV game against Hill City on February 7 in Rexford. The JV girls gained their fifth win of the season over the Ringnecks. (Photo by Morgan Ritter)

STATE BASKETBALL
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GO BULLDOGS!



Golden Plains USD #316



Golden Plains Schools



All-League Academic Team

By Judy Rogers
Morgan Ritter and Gabrielle Schiltz from Golden Plains High School were named to the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Academic Team during the championship games of the league basketball tournament on February 4.

To be selected for this honor, senior must have a minimum 3.7 GPA and have participated in at least six athletic event and six non-athletic events throughout their high school career.

Morgan Ritter, daughter of Robert and Laura Ritter of Selden, has been a four-year team member of both volleyball and basketball and plans to compete in track for a fourth year. She has participated in cheerleading, yearbook, National Honor Society, band, and has been class secretary for two years and class president for two years. "It's an honor to be selected," said Ritter. "It's good to be recognized for all the hard work throughout high school."

Gabrielle Schiltz, daughter of Jeremy and Nicole Schiltz of Selden, has also been a four-year team member of the volleyball, basketball and track teams. She has also participated in track, yearbook, National Honor Society, vocal and served as class secretary for three years. "It's nice to be selected not just as top of our class," said Schiltz, "but as one of the top in the league."

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

~Phil Jackson

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BULLDOGS DROP GAME TO HILL CITY

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Bulldogs dropped another game to give them a 4-14 record as they lost to the Hill City Ringnecks 62-12 in Rexford on February 7.

The boys kept the game close at the beginning of the first as the Bulldogs trailed 6-7 midway through the quarter. Hill City took over then and extended their lead to 21-6 by the end of the first.

The Ringnecks continued to control the game throughout the second as they extended their lead to 39-10 by half time. The Bulldogs added a single basket by senior Nick Brown in the third but were unable to score in the fourth giving Hill City the 62-12 win.

Golden Plains' points were scored by Brett Gerbitz 4, Devin Carter 3, Nick Brown 2, Jaime Infante 2, and Dawson Spresser 1. "We are slowly improving," said senior Nick Brown. "We are working better together on the floor." The Bulldogs travel to Cheylin on February 7 for the first of three road games.

Duet Qualifies at First Meet

By Beth Luna
The Golden Plains Forensics Team competed at their first meet of the season at Norton on February 4, against 13 other teams. Participants competed in 4 categories, Duet, Poetry, Prose, and IDA. "This was our first meet this year," said Coach Robynn Wessel. "Hopefully we will only get better from here."

Devin Carter and Taryn Fleckenstein performed their Duet "Boy Meets Girl: A Young Love Story" by Sam Wolfson. This was their first time to perform together. They placed first in two of their three rounds to place first overall which qualifies them for the state tournament in Salina later this spring.

Devin Carter and Angel Sanchez competed in IDA (Improvised Duet Acting), which resulted in them getting 3rd place. Carmen Sepulveda and Noel Ritter also competed in IDA for their first time as partners. They performed well enough to place 4th. "I was scared at first," said Ritter, "but after getting the feel of things, I felt more confident about myself, and I learned things that I could improve on for the next time."

Angel Sanchez and Kellee Snyder both competed in Prose. They each did very well with each of them missing finals by only one point. Charlotte McCurdy competed in poetry but didn't place. "She did well her first time out this year," said Coach Wessel, "but the competition was incredibly tough." Poetry and Prose both had over 40 entries at this competitive meet.

The team will be on the road early on February 18 for their next meet at Western Plains in Ransom.



GO BULLDOGS!

Lady Bulldogs Add Another Win

By Morgan Ritter
The Lady Bulldogs of Golden Plains High School added another win to their record when they traveled to Atwood to take on and defeat the Rawlins County Buffaloes 46-30 on February 14. "We came out strong and ready to play," said senior Gabrielle Schiltz. "Our goal is to improve every time we step out on the court, and I think everyone on the team is working hard to do so."

With junior Kaylie Schaben stealing the beginning tip, the Lady Bulldogs jumped to a quick 12-6 lead in the first quarter. The Buffaloes were able to keep up with the Bulldogs in scoring 7 points each in the second quarter, but the Lady Bulldogs were able to stay ahead on the scoreboard 19-13.

In the third quarter of play, the Lady Bulldogs were able to keep up their intensity and outscore Rawlins County 18-10. The score heading into the

last quarter of play was 37-23, in favor of the Bulldogs. Maintaining a strong lead, the Lady Bulldogs won the game 46-30. With this win, the 'Dogs improve their record to 15-3.

Final stats for the Bulldogs were Gabrielle Schiltz with a season high 23 points, 6 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal; KayCee Miller had 16 pts., 9 reb., 3 ast., 2 stl.; Morgan Ritter- 4 pts., 4 reb., 2 ast.; Mabel Lugo- 3 pts., 4 reb., 3 ast., 1 stl.; Kaylie Schaben- 8 reb., 1 ast., 2 stl.; Maggi Nieman- 2 stl.

"I am excited to see what we will accomplish as the season comes to an end," added Schiltz. The Lady Bulldogs have another away game on Friday, February 17 when they travel to Palco to take on the Roosters. Tuesday, February 21 will be the final regular season game for the Bulldogs when they host the Northern Valley Huskies.

Lady Bulldogs Improve Record

By Gabrielle Schiltz
The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs played a close game against the Hill City Lady Ringnecks on January 7 in Rexford. "We knew that coming into the game would be a challenge," exclaimed Kaylie Schaben. "We had good team effort and never gave up," added Maggi Nieman. "We are going to keep working hard to improve every game here on out."

The Lady Bulldogs started the game off with a two-point basket from KayCee Miller after Kaylie Schaben won the tip off. Hill City wasn't afraid to go down to their end of the court and shoot making the score 2-12. Gabrielle Schiltz then put up a three pointer to allow the 'Dogs side of the scoreboard to improve. Hill City was far enough ahead to keep the 8-16 lead at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter was full of both teams scoring and playing tough defense. The Lady Bulldogs went into halftime trailing 20-26.

Coming back from halftime the Lady Bulldogs scored three baskets holding the Ringnecks to zero. After gaining the lead the 'Dogs knew they needed to keep up their enthusiasm making sure their defensive end was staying strong. Miller was able to grab a steal and bucket along with buckets from both Kaylie Schaben and Maggi Nieman to make the end of the third quarter 37-30.

Bulldogs Score in Cheylin

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains varsity boys scored 40 points on the road in Cheylin on February 10. The Cougars put in 47 to win this close contest.

The Bulldogs got off to a slow start in the first quarter only managing 5 points to the Cougars 10 but came back in the second to outscore the Cougars 11-10 in the second to trail by four 20-16 at the half.

Both teams added 15 in the third, but the Cougars spent much of the fourth on

the final quarter was no less of a battle as both teams worked hard to gain control of the ball to put in some baskets. Hill City was able to keep the 'Dogs from scoring after Nieman put in a free throw coming into the quarter to make the score tied again. The score went back and forth until Schiltz hit a basket making the Lady Bulldogs have a one point lead.

A double dribble from Hill City gave the 'Dogs possession of the ball will 22 seconds left on the clock. Schiltz was then fouled putting her to the line. She was able to put in her first free throw giving the Bulldogs a two-point lead. After missing her second free throw Mabel Lugo was in position to get the rebound. Coach Parker Christensen then used his last timeout. Coming back from the timeout Morgan Ritter put a basket in and also made a free throw, after getting fouled, securing the 'Dogs lead 46-41. Miller was then sent to the free throw line with 1.2 seconds left making the final score 47-41.

Miller ended the game with 16 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and 6 steals. Schiltz added 10 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 assists. Lugo had 8 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 steals. Nieman put in 6 points, 5 assists, and 2 steals. Ritter scored 5 points, 3 rebounds, and 2 assists. Schaben had 2 points, 7 rebounds, and one steal. The Lady Bulldogs will travel to McDonald to play the Cheylin Cougars on January 10.

JV BOYS LOSE TO BUFFALOES

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains JV boys lost on the road 24-48 in Atwood. They played a full four quarter game. Dylan Spresser put in six points for the Bulldogs in the first. Another basket from Nolan Ritter put the Bulldogs behind 15-8.

The Bulldogs added another six from Austin Patmon and Jaime Infante in the second, but the Buffaloes pushed forward with another 17 to lead 32-14 at the half. The 'Dogs were unable to get a basket in the third while Atwood added 12.

The Bulldogs didn't give up as they put in 10 in the fourth with baskets from Patmon,

Devin Carter, and Infante. The Buffaloes only added 4 in the final quarter but were able to win the game 48-24.

"Although we played ok as a team," said Nicolai Schuellner, "we still need to work on rebounding the ball." Austin Patmon put in 9 of the Bulldog points. Dylan Spresser added 6, Jaime Infante 3, Devin Carter 3, and Nolan Ritter 2.

"We have steadily improved this season," added Schuellner. "We are getting better at playing as a team." The JV boys will finish their season in Rexford on February 21 against Northern Valley.

Bulldogs Fall to Buffaloes

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains JV girls lost a short two-quarter game 24-18 to the Rawlins County Buffaloes on February 14 in Atwood. "It was a rough, rough game," said freshman Karri Schaben. "There were a lot of foul calls. We played pretty good for them pressing the entire game. We have learned a lot our freshman year," added Schaben.

The teams played a pretty even first quarter with the Buffaloes holding an 8-7 lead. The Buffaloes

outscored the Bulldogs 16-11 in the second quarter of play to win the game 24-18.

Karri Schaben put in 7 points for the Bulldogs along with Carmen Sepulveda 4, Amanda Cheney 3, Candace Taylor 2, and Jennifer Esparza 2. The JV girls hold a 5-5 record and have two more games to play. They will compete in Palco on Friday, February 17, and finish their season in Rexford on February 21 against Northern Valley.

Bulldogs Lose on the Road

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains Bulldogs lost a game on the road to the Rawlins County Buffaloes 71-27 in Atwood on February 14.

The Buffaloes completely controlled the first quarter of the game as they just couldn't miss and hit nearly every shot they put up. With many of these baskets coming from behind the arc, they pushed their way to a 32-0 lead playing the full court press at a high rate of speed. The Bulldogs finally scored two free throws from Dawson Spresser near the end of the quarter to go into the second trailing 32-2.

"Their press gave us trouble in the first quarter," said Brett Gerbitz. "We weren't taking our time to set up our offense. We played better in the second."

The Bulldogs were determined and worked hard to overcome this early deficit. The Buffaloes extended their lead to 27 points before Brett Gerbitz hit a couple of shots for the Bulldogs. By working together as a team, the Bulldogs were able to add 11 points in the second. The Buffaloes added 20 to lead 52-13 at half time.

The Bulldogs continued to play their game as best they could in the second half. They added 9 in the second and 6 in the fourth as the Buffaloes held on to extend their lead for the 71-27 win.

Nick Brown led the Bulldogs with 8 points along with 7 from Brett Gerbitz. Dawson Spresser added 4, Austin Patmon 2, Devin Carter 4, and Nolan Ritter 2. The 'Dogs will be on the road again on Friday, February 17, as they travel to Palco.

JV Boys Lose Close Game

By Judy Rogers
The Golden Plains JV boys lost a close two-quarter game against Cheylin in McDonald on February 10. "We played well," said freshman Austin Patmon. "We are coming together as a team."

Both teams played well in the first quarter with the Bulldogs putting in 8 points and the Cougars scoring 11. The Bulldogs outscored the Cougars in the second but a buzzer beater by the Cougars gave them the win 21-19. "We were actually up by as many as six in the second quarter,"

added Patmon, "but didn't make enough plays to win."

Nicolai Schuellner led the Bulldogs with 7 points along with 6 from Dylan Spresser. Devin Carter added 4 and Austin Patmon 2.

The JV team will play again on the road as they traveled to Rawlins County on February 14 and will play their final game of the season at home on February 21 against Northern Valley.

Farm News

SOY CATCHES MORE VALUE THROUGH AQUACULTURE

New approval for U.S. aqua feed could increase demand for soybean meal

Casting a wider net to increase soybean meal demand is paying off. The soy checkoff, along with the Soy Aquaculture Alliance and many others, is opening doors to increase soybean use in U.S. aqua feeds.

Following years of checkoff-funded research, the Association of American Feed Control Officials recently authorized a new definition for the use of synthetic taurine in fish feeds. Approving taurine from additional sources reduces the need for fishmeal in feeds and allows for more soy protein; a change that could directly impact farmers' bottom lines.

"Years ago, we recognized that taurine was a limiting factor to maximizing our share of a fast-growing market," says Mike Beard, soybean farmer from Frankfort, Indiana, and director on the United Soybean Board. "This new approval opens up a significant part of the aquaculture diet for soy."

Following this approval, farmers could start seeing added demand and the benefits it brings.

Soybean meal offers a high-quality, renewable protein source for many species of fish. This makes it an economical choice for fish feed manufacturers. The potential for increased soy demand in this market will have a direct impact on the return farmers receive for

their soybeans at the elevator.

Demand for seafood is growing at a staggering rate. Identifying this opportunity years ago, ensured that farmers would be able to begin capturing their share of value right along with it.

"This is a great example of the checkoff's commitment to maximizing soybean farmers' profitability," comments Beard. "We will see our efforts from this innovative investment in aquaculture pay off for years to come."

USB's 73 farmer-directors work on behalf of all U.S. soybean farmers to achieve maximum value for their soy checkoff investments. These volunteers invest and leverage checkoff funds in programs and partnerships to drive soybean innovation beyond the bushel and increase preference for U.S. soy. That preference is based on U.S. soybean meal and oil quality and the sustainability of U.S. soybean farmers. As stipulated in the federal Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Act, the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service has oversight responsibilities for USB and the soy checkoff.

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House Ag Approves Bill Reducing Regulations on Pesticide Use

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the House Agriculture Committee approved HR 953, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017. The bill amends the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act in an effort to "provide clarification on the use and application of EPA-approved pesticides," according to a press release by bill sponsor Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-Ohio). The bill also amends a 2009 court decision requiring a duplicative and unnecessary National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for pesticides that have already been regulated, tested and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"This is a classic example of why so many Americans are frustrated with Washington," said Rep. Gibbs. "Bureaucratic red tape is making it more difficult and costly for farmers to responsibly protect their crops." House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (R-Texas) added, "The Agriculture Committee has now passed the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act five times. This unnecessary permitting process has not only cost American farmers time and money, it has also had implications for public health. It was never Congress' intent to create two different permitting requirements. It is time for Congress to finally act to correct a misguided court decision and give farmers and pesticide applicators much-needed relief from this costly and duplicative regulation."

House Ag Conducts First Farm Bill Hearing of New Congress

The House Agriculture Committee held its first hearing of the 115th Congress on Wednesday, Feb. 15 to review the many challenges facing farmers in preparation for the 2018 Farm Bill. Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (R-Texas) said, "There is a real potential for a crisis in rural America. Net farm income for America's farmers and ranchers has fallen 50 percent over the past four years with the collapse in commodity prices. As we begin the farm bill process, these economic realities must be front and center."

One witness, U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Economist Robert Johansson, said, "With interest rates still low and farmland values declining relatively slowly, farm debt presents a lower risk to the sector than in the 1980s. Current data suggests interest payments on current debt relative to net farm income are at about 20 percent; whereas in 1985 it exceeded 60 percent." However, Conaway also noted that farmers and ranchers have seen their net income drop 45 percent over the last three years, the largest such drop since the start of the Great Depression.

Upcoming Sorghum Events

- Feb. 23**
Senate Agricultural Committee Public Hearing, *Manhattan, KS*
- Feb. 23-24**
Agricultural Outlook Forum, *Arlington, Virginia*
- March 1-4**
Commodity Classic, *San Antonio, Texas*
- March 2**
Commodity Classic Sorghum General Session, *San Antonio, Texas*
- March 3-4**
Mid-South Farm and Gin Show, *Memphis, Tennessee*

Farm Bureau's First Peas to the Table Contest

The American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has announced its second **First Peas to the Table Contest**, which opens Feb. 20 and runs through May 15. The national competition for schools encourages children in kindergarten through fifth grade to plant, raise and harvest peas this spring.

The student team that grows the greatest amount of peas (measured in cups) using no more than 20 seeds during the official contest period will be declared the winner and receive the grand prize - a visit from Miss America 2017 Savvy Shields.

"It is an honor to have Miss America 2017 Savvy Shields recognize the winners of the First Peas to the Table Contest," said Julia Recko, education outreach director of the Foundation. "Getting their hands dirty is the best way for children to learn," added Recko. "Through this contest, we're pleased to provide a wealth of fun, hands-on learning opportunities for students across the country."

The contest highlights a recent Foundation Book of the Year, "First Peas to the Table," by Susan Grigsby. The Foundation created the contest to help students understand the importance of healthy foods and agriculture in their everyday lives, and to increase their understanding of how plants grow.

The contest runs Feb. 20 - May 15. Peas (garden shelling or English) may be grown in any manner including: hot house, hoop house, indoor pot/planter or outside garden. An official entry form, guidelines and rules are available at <http://www.agfoundation.org/projects/first-peas-contest-2017>.

In conjunction with the contest, Recko encourages educators to invite local farmers and ranchers to speak in their classrooms about food production and the importance of agriculture. Contacting your county Farm Bureau office is a good way to find local farmers.

FSA Dates to Remember

March 15 - Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) application closing deadline for millet, sorghum forage, pecans, walnuts, safflower, sesame and most annual fruits and vegetables

March 31 - Deadline to request Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency payments for 2016 harvested wheat, barley, canola, crambe, flaxseed, honey, oats, rapeseed and sesame

May 31 - Deadline to request Marketing Assistance Loans and Loan Deficiency payments for 2016 harvested corn, grain sorghum, and soybeans

July 15 - Reporting deadline for all spring-planted crops

August 1 - Final date to enroll in the 2017 ARCPLC program

Bumble Bee Listing Delayed

After the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officially announced in January the addition of the rusty patched bumble bee to the endangered species list, the service has now pushed the effective date for the listing of the bee from Feb. 10 to March 21. This action is a result of the Trump administration's order to delay rules for 60 days from the date of the Jan. 20 memorandum.

The species has been identified from Minnesota east to Maine and south to Tennessee and North Carolina and is the first bee species in the continental U.S. to be so listed. The USFWS did single out neonicotinoid insecticides as having a potential impact on species decline, while saying the exact cause is uncertain. However, academic researchers and agricultural organizations called the reasoning behind the agency's conclusions flawed and contrary to information presented in the proposal.



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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Yes, You Need a Hobby

Hobbies can help keep us physically and mentally fit, and there are plenty of them to choose from. If you've recently retired, you might not even know where to begin. Here are some ideas to get you started.

For the physically active, explore outdoor photography, yoga, wood-working, metal detecting, ballroom dance, golf or indoor swimming at the Y. While you're there, check out the Y's offering of fitness classes for seniors.

For those who'd rather sit at a table or computer, those boxes of memorabilia will give you plenty of items to begin your own scrapbook. (Add stories and poetry, or photos to pass down to the next family generations.) Try online chess or other games for brain stretching. Start a collection, or expand one you dabbled at before, such as coins or stamps. Consider ham radio, and talk to the world.

Even if you don't think you can paint or draw, taking a class will give you a start. (Remember that Georgia O'Keeffe painted into her 90s.) Writing a daily or weekly blog post on an online forum of your own can give you a voice to express your opinions. Stories, poetry or even a novel are at your fingertips. Take a computer class that will teach you how to create and save files, if that's where you need to begin.

Still don't know where to start? Make a list of things that interest you and expand from there. If you're good at sewing or painting, see if your skills are needed by the local theater group. If a line-dance class sounds good, try that. If you're going to travel, take a foreign-language class.

Bonus: You don't have to limit yourself to one hobby. For the most fun, combine active and sitting activities.

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For the last two years, the tax debate has been whether or not to put the LLC's and others back on the tax rolls. This year's debate is not about whether or not we will repeal the LLC loophole that will happen; it is about whether we raise the rates on the other taxpayers. Voting for taxes was not taken lightly or without much consideration. I personally agonized over whether-or-not to raise taxes. The State of Kansas is over \$300 million short this year and we do not have the money to pay our bills. At this point we are selling off our assets to pay the bills, have transferred millions from KDOT, our debt is skyrocketing and our credit rating is falling. There are areas where the state can do a better job with efficiencies and I continue to push savings through efficiencies. The State has cut the budget 9 times since 2011, there are 2,816 fewer people employed by the State and we have held total spending increases to 1%. Somethings we can't control are the enrollment in our schools, some have increased, or the State's Human Services caseload, which has increased by \$144 million (7.1%) between 2012 and 2016. Every solution requires give and take. While this bill is not perfect, it restores fairness in our tax code. I voted for this structural solution.

On Friday, the Senate debated Sub HB 2178, the tax bill that passed out of the House this week. There was substantial debate on this bill. Some colleagues thought that this bill didn't go far enough to close the current \$350 million budget deficit and some thought that it taxed too much and cut too little. Sub HB 2178 would close the LLC exemption, and would expand our current two-bracket tax system into a three-bracket system. This bill will be retroactive to January 1, 2017.

Under the new tax proposal this would be the three-tiered system:

Low-income wage earners under \$30,000 will not see a change; rate would remain at 2.7%

Rates for middle-income wage earners \$30,001 to \$100,000 will

change from 4.6% to 5.25%, a full percentage point lower than the 6.25% Kansas paid prior to 2012.

Rates for high-income wage earners \$100,001 and above will change from 4.6% to 5.45%, a full percentage point lower than the 6.45% Kansans paid prior to 2012.

The legislation would also restore a tax deduction for medical expenses. Taxpayers will be able to begin claiming certain non-wage business income losses in conformity with Federal treatment. It will eliminate a tax exemption for limited liability companies that more than 330,000 entities currently use. The Kansas Department of Revenue estimates the bill would generate about \$590 million next year. The state's budget shortfall is anticipated to exceed \$500 million next year. Separate legislation will address the current-year shortfall of about \$310 million.

The new tax rates would be 2.7%, 5.25% and 5.45%. Here is a comparison of Married Filing Jointly Tax Rates in our surrounding states:

Nebraska: \$6,120+ 3.51%, \$36,730+ 5.01%, \$59,180+ 6.84%
Colorado: Flat Rate 4.63%
Oklahoma: \$7,500+ 3.0%, \$9,800+ 4%, \$12,200+ 5%
Missouri: \$7,000+ 5%, \$8,000+ 5.5%, \$9,000+ 6%

Sub HB 2178 has been passed to Governor Brownback's desk. Governor Brownback openly stated he would not sign this bill, although that doesn't mean it won't become law. The Governor is now presented with three options: he can sign the bill into law, he can let the bill become law without signing it by letting it sit on his desk for 10 days after receiving it, he can veto the bill within 10 days of receiving it. If the Governor should choose to veto Sub HB 2178 the bill will go back to the House, where a motion to override the veto would be in order at any time. For the House to override the veto two-thirds majority or 84 members would have to vote in favor of this bill. If the House overrides the veto, the bill will come back to the Senate and would also require

2017 ARC/PLC Signup

The annual farm program signup is currently underway for the 2017 year. To date, only about half of the farms are approved for payment. In order to be approved, all owners and operators who share in crops must sign the contract each year. Please do not let this requirement slip by, as with the current depressed market prices, payments under the ARC County and PLC programs could be quite substantial. While you sign up we will also be requesting payment eligibility forms and the loan deficiency payment forms for the upcoming harvests. While the market price has recovered and no LDPs are currently applicable, it is better to be safe than sorry on these government payments.

Producers who have had changes in their farming operations should be reporting those as soon as they are known. With March 1 approaching, the number of changes in tenant are usually quite high this time of year. If you purchased some land, now is the time to report those changes, as we don't want payments issued to the previous owner or operator, because we failed to timely report the change.

America's Most Admired

By John Schlageck, Kansas Farm Bureau

Nobody likes us. Everyone's out to get us. We can't buy a break. Don't believe it. It isn't so. Never has been and hopefully never will be. Farmers and ranchers still rank at the top of America's most admired professions. This A-list is comprised of those who serve others, including firefighters, doctors, nurses, farmers and ranchers (who feed the world), police, teachers and engineers who build things. And when the public thinks of agriculture - two words come to mind. If you guessed "hard working" you're right. That's the ranking in a recent article in *Forbes*.

Across this country consumers believe farmers are important. When people take the time to think about their importance, most agree farmers feed everyone. They'll tell you there isn't anybody who doesn't need farmers.

Other words used by consumers to describe farmers included necessary, good for society, honest, take care of the land, independent and good family values. Americans also believe farmers are highly believable when speaking on farm-related issues. When asked if they would believe a farmer talking about the challenges of farming, nearly 90 percent said they would.

Farm wives were deemed even more believable than farmers. Depending on the topic, university researchers or scientists could be just as believable as farmers while environmentalists and government officials rated less favorably. Most consumers will tell you they believe farmers and ranchers choose their

occupation based on the satisfaction it gives them, not the money they make. They also believe when faced with a decision between economics and doing the right thing, most farmers and ranchers would do what is right. Today's American consumer also believes farmers have a high level of professional training and competency in agriculture. They also will tell you farmers care about food quality and safety. Nearly 80 percent of the public thought farmers and ranchers do an excellent job of taking care of their farm animals. Believe it or not, depending on where you look or find information, two of every three people agree the use of land for agriculture is good for the environment. The public believes farmers take care of the land. Nearly half believe farmers and ranchers do an excellent or good job of taking care of the nation's water. Don't listen to what the naysayers say. The public's image of farmers and ranchers remains strong. Overall, the public appreciates the jobs farmers are doing and they like hearing from them. That means farmers should take every opportunity to speak up about their profession. Stand up for agriculture. Say what's on your mind and speak from the heart. American farmers and ranchers can help shape the message and mold the public image of their profession in their own likenesses, rather than having it molded for them by dictionary synonyms or advertising's stereotypical overalls and pitchforks. John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

Farmers to Receive Documentation of USDA Services

Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers that FSA provides a receipt to customers who request or receive assistance or information on FSA programs.

The 2014 Farm Bill requires a customer receipt to be issued for any agricultural program assistance requested from FSA, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD). Receipts include the date, summary of the visit and any agricultural information, program and/or loan assistance provided to an individual or entity. Electronic receipts for acreage reports began on Aug. 1, 2016.

A service is any information, program or loan assistance provided whether through a visit, email, fax or letter.

FSA Offers Improved Program to Limit Losses on Forages

Reduced forage quality is now considered a production loss for weather disaster assistance coverage under the new buy-up provisions of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

This safety net is important for cattlemen who produce non-insurable forages for feeding livestock. Previously, FSA only considered a decrease in overall forage tonnage produced when determining if the producer suffered a compensable loss after a qualifying weather event. Under FSA's new NAP buy-up provisions, a decrease in forage quality - such as protein content - is also considered.

To receive coverage for the 2017 crop year, producers must enroll their eligible forage in NAP by March 15, 2017. Beginning, limited resource and targeted underserved farmers or ranchers are eligible for a waiver of the NAP service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction in buy-up provisions.

For more information on NAP, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

be used for both farm ownership and operating purposes.

Guaranteed farm ownership loans can be used to purchase farmland, construct or repair buildings, develop farmland to promote soil and water conservation or to refinance debt.

Guaranteed operating loans can be used to purchase livestock, farm equipment, feed, seed, fuel, farm chemicals, insurance and other operating expenses.

FSA can guarantee farm ownership and operating loans up to \$1,399,000. Repayment terms vary depending on the type of loan, collateral and the producer's ability to repay the loan. Operating loans are normally repaid within seven years and farm ownership loans are not to exceed 40 years.

Please contact your lender or local FSA farm loan office for more information on guaranteed loans

two-thirds majority vote or 27 votes to override the veto. If the Governor vetoes the bill and both Chambers vote to override his veto it will become law. If the vote does not override the veto, we will begin the tax process once again.

It was a pleasure to have a fine group of 4-H's visits the Capitol this week. I hope you all had a memorable experience.

Mark your calendars for the town hall meetings:

- Saturday-February 25, 2017 Senator Billinger and Representative Don Hineman 8:00 a.m. Trego Co. WaKeeney Jake N Chet's Café 9:30 a.m. Graham Co. Hill City Buck's Bar and Grill 11:00 a.m. Sheridan Co. Hoxie Bowen Scout House 1:00 p.m. Thomas Co. Colby CCC, Room 106 Student Union 2:30 p.m. Logan Co. Oakley Buffalo Bill Cultural Center 4:00 p.m. Gove Co. Quinter Jay Johnson Public Library
- Monday-February 27, 2017 Senator Billinger and Representative Adam Smith 8:00 a.m. MT Wallace Co. Sharon Springs CAB Building 9:30 a.m. MT Sherman Co Goodland Farm Bureau Office 1610 Main St 12:30 p.m. Cheyenne Co St. Francis The Flat Iron 2:00 p.m. Rawlins Co. Atwood Jamboree Foods, Deli 3:30 p.m. Decatur Co. Oberlin BEE Building
- Tuesday-February 28, 2017 Senator Billinger with Representative Ken Rahjes 9:00 a.m. Phillips Co. Phillipsburg Branding Iron II 11:00 a.m. Norton Co. Norton Town & Country Kitchen

Anyone interested in being a Page please contact my office assistant at 785 296-7399. It is an honor and privilege to be your voice in Topeka. I can also be reached at 785 899-4700 or rick.billinger@senate.ks.gov

Export Report

Exports were very strong this week with China, Japan, Mexico and South Africa committing to purchase 5.3 million bushels. This is the first commitment by South Africa this year, and the purchase brings the total participants in the U.S. sorghum market to eight. Shipments were also strong, with the same countries that committed purchases taking delivery of 6.0 million bushels. Total commitments and shipments now total 133 million bushels and 91 million bushels, respectively. Gulf prices are still relatively flat compared to corn but are markedly stronger than interior bids. Sorghum for February or March delivery is priced at \$4.25 per bushel at the Gulf Coast. This price indicates export demand is still firm.

Biotech Comment Period Deadline Extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has moved the comment deadline back an extra 30 days for its proposed rule to revise regulations on the importation, interstate movement and environmental release of certain genetically engineered organisms. The original comment period was slated for May 19 but is now extended to June 19.

Guaranteed Loan Program

FSA guaranteed loans allow lenders to provide agricultural credit to farmers who do not meet the lender's normal underwriting criteria. Farmers and ranchers apply for a guaranteed loan through a lender, and the lender arranges for the guarantee. FSA can guarantee up to 95 percent of the loss of principal and interest on a loan. Guaranteed loans can



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Probate Division
In the Matter of the Estate of

CHARLES BECKMAN,
Case No. 2017-PR-2
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by SHARON BECKMAN, Executor of the Estate of CHARLES BECKMAN, deceased, requesting that: the foreign will of CHARLES BECKMAN, deceased, dated November 3, 2014, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Sheridan County, Kansas:

An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in Lot Four (4) and the East Twelve Feet (E 12') of Lot Five (5) in Block Six (6), Loveland Addition to the City of Hoxie, Kansas

An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the East One Hundred Six (106) acres of Section Thirty-One (31), Township Nine (9) South, Range Thirty (30) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas.

An undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the South One-Half (S½) of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Thirty-One (31), Township Ten (10) South, Range Thirty (30) West of the 6th P.M., Sheridan County, Kansas be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before March 3, 2017, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, in the City of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

DATED this 3rd day of February, 2017.

SHARON BECKMAN,
PETITIONER

Submitted by:
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of

CARL GAEDE, Deceased
Case No. 2016-PR-31

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated 12 December, 2016, has been filed in this court by Arleda Gaede, as surviving widow of Carl Gaede, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Grant Gaede and Cynthia Streck as co-executors of the estate.

You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the executor or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred.

Arleda Gaede, Petitioner

Steven W. Hirsch #12789
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

KATHALEEN K. KICHTY,
Deceased
Case No. 2016-PR-20

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on February 15, 2017 in said Court by the undersigned, executor of the Will of the decedent, praying for final settlement of the estate, approval of the acts, proceedings and accounts of the executor, allowance of fees, expenses and costs of administration, determination of the heirs, devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the Will of the decedent. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Hoxie, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Craig Kichty
Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

DENNIS K. BRETZ,
Deceased
Case No. 2017-PR-4

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

Lots Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14), Block Five (5), City of Studley, Sheridan County, Kansas.

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

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before March 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. of said day in said court, in the city of Hoxie, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition

Joy Bretz
Petitioner

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Mary Lou Long



Mary Lou Long, 86, passed away February 16, 2017, in Norton, KS. She was born November 14, 1930 to John and Amelia (Wasinger) Ploeger. She married Ernest A. Long September 7, 1948.

Survivors are sons: Dennis Long, and Jan Long; daughters: Linda Appleby, Sandra Durbin, Patricia Wilson, Mary Childers (Dan), Jackie Lynd, Sheila Rhodes, Jolene Porter (David), and Samantha Brown (LaRoyce); 26 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two sisters.

Visitation: 2-7 p.m. Sunday, February at Stinemetz Funeral Home, Hill City.

Services were held Monday, February 20, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Almelo, with burial in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorials to Masses or to-be-determined at a later date by the family, in care of the Stinemetz Funeral Home, Hill City, Kansas.

Darrell W. Allen



Darrell W. Allen passed away Friday, February 3, 2017, at his home in Hoxie, Kansas at the age of 84. He was born in rural Sheridan County to Earl and Rose (Bachman) Allen on October 20, 1932. His family lived and farmed in the Menlo, KS area before moving to Elizabeth, CO for a year to get treatment for Glenn. They moved back and settled on a farm west of Hoxie. Darrell attended Menlo Elementary School and Sheridan Community High School graduating with the Class of 1950. He turned down a scholarship from Kansas State University in order to stay home and work on the farm.

Darrell entered the United States Army in 1954 at Fort Riley, Kansas then went to Fort Ord, CA for Basic Training. A member of the National Honor Guard, he was stationed in Tokyo, Japan before going to Korea for three months near the end of the Korean War. After returning home in December of 1955 he worked at M&M Body Shop and on his parent's farm. On April 4, 1958, he was united in marriage to Karen Smith in Norton, KS. They made their home on the farm and eventually moved to Hoxie. They were blessed with four daughters, Kelly, Kim, Patty, and Pam.

Darrell was a farmer and rancher for most of his life and had no inclination of ever retiring. He worked to include family in the farming operations, including partnering, owning, and operating Hoxie Grain Inc. over the years with Archie Moss, and then son-in-law Kirk Baker. He was still operating Allen Feedlot, and this past summer was busy running the combine, tractors, and packing corn during harvest. After his grandchildren were born, he enjoyed going to all of their events and hardly missed anything they were involved in. He was a member of the Hoxie Christian Church where he served as a Deacon and Trustee. For over 25 years, he was a board member of Hoxie Co-Op, served on the Hoxie School Board, and was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Darrell is survived by his wife Karen of the home in Hoxie; daughters Kelly Baker and husband Gene, Patty Ochs, and Pam Washington and husband Eric all of Hoxie; sister-in-law Peggy Allen; grandchildren Travis Baker and wife Julie, Trent Baker and wife Ashley, Tyler Baker and wife Becci, Brandon Baker, Megan Ochs, Calvin Ochs, Carson Ochs, Kane Washington and Tori Mackley, Scout Washington, Taye Washington, Willow Washington, and Knox Washington; and great-grandchildren Allison Baker, Caroline Baker, Addilyn Baker, Ethan Baker, and Eli Baker.

He was preceded in death

by his parents Earl and Rosine Allen, and brother Glenn Allen.

Funeral Services were held at 10:30am on Friday, February 10, 2017, at the Hoxie Christian Church. Burial followed in the Hoxie City Cemetery with Military Rites by Fort Riley Honor Guard, Fort Riley, KS. Visitation was from 11:00am-7:00pm on Thursday at the funeral home with family receiving friends from 6:00-7:00pm. Memorials are suggested to the Hoxie Christian Church, Sheridan County Benefit Walk, or Phillipsburg Hospice and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, KS 67740. On-line condolences may be left at www.mickeyleopoldfuneral.com.

Darrell was the type of man the Proverbs writer spoke of when he said, "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children." The inheritance Darrell leaves to us includes not only all that he spent his life working for in this world, but more importantly, the spiritual inheritance of his unwavering faith in the Lord's plan, eternal hope in His provision, and unconditional love for God, family, friends, and neighbors.

Charlene Maske



Charlene Mae Maske (nee Cressler) of Elwood, IL, passed away at Alden of Orland Park, Saturday, February 18, 2017. Age 77 years.

Charlene is survived by her husband of 61 years, Thomas F. Maske, daughter Pam (Mike) Gambosi of Joliet, granddaughter Nichole (Dan) Briggs of Joliet; two brothers Wayne (Louise) Cressler and Alfred (Betty) Cressler both of Jennings, KS; two sisters Pat (Lyle) Hansen of Bartley, NE, and Deb (Keith) Bowie of Dresden, KS; her grand-dogs Zinger, Momma and Cassius; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents Walter "Toots" E. Cressler (2011) and Ruby L. Cressler (1986), her brother Leslie Cressler (1996) and her best buddy Rocky.

Charlene was born in April 22, 1939 at Studley, Sheridan County, Kansas to Walter E. Cressler and Ruby L. (Mowry) Cressler. Her childhood years were spent growing up in Kansas and she always considered it her true home. On December 15, 1956 Charlene married Thomas F. Maske in Norton, KS. In 1978 they moved to New Lenox, IL. Then to Elwood in 2001. The family will fondly remember her for her love of cooking, singing and knowing where all the good and best antiques were. She loved teaching Sunday School and doing craft projects of all kinds.

Funeral services will be held at the Carlson-Holmquist-Sayles Funeral Home and Crematory 2320 Black Road, Joliet on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 11:00 AM. Rev. Vinton Ritchie officiating. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Visitation at the funeral

Janice Nusser



Janice Marie (Richmeier) Nusser, age 57, passed away on February 17, 2017 at the Kansas Heart Hospital, Wichita, KS. She was born on June 23, 1959 at Hoxie, KS, the daughter of E. J. (Elmer) and Mary Jean (Aich) Richmeier. Janice was a Medical Receptionist for the Stafford County Health Department, St. John, KS. She graduated from St. John High School in 1977, attended the Sydney Hairdressing College and was a resident of St. John, KS since 1975. Her memberships include, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church and Altar Society. On Nov. 19, 1977, she married Phillip E. Nusser at St. John, KS, he survives. Other survivors include both parents of Shell Knob, MO; two sons, Jeremy W. Nusser, Wichita, KS, Justin L. Nusser, Stafford, KS; a brother Glenn Richmeier (Jennifer), Tampa Bay, FL; two sisters, Brenda Rose & fiancée Danny Spain, Edwards, MO, Lisa Bascue (Brad), Olathe, KS; brother-in-law, Kelly Nusser (Beth), Lyons, KS; sister-in-law, Lori Nusser, St. John, KS; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary Lee and Fred Joseph Richmeier. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 AM, Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, St. John, KS with Father Michael Klag presiding. Vigil service will be 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at the church. Memorials may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in care of Minnis Chapel, P.O. Box 34, St. John, KS 67576.

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Fun Page

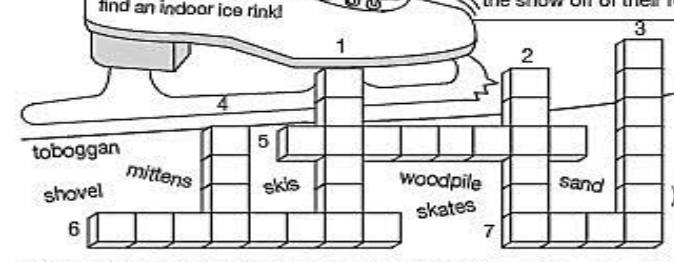
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Weird, Wintry Weather!

Wow! Every winter we seem to say at some point that we are having "weird weather this year." Sometimes the temperature is above freezing for a period of time and fun, outdoor events may be called off due to lack of cold, ice and snow. Other times we have deep cold with surprisingly low temperatures and we break records. And once in awhile, we have a winter with "too much" snow. In some areas people even have to shovel some of the snow off of their roofs!

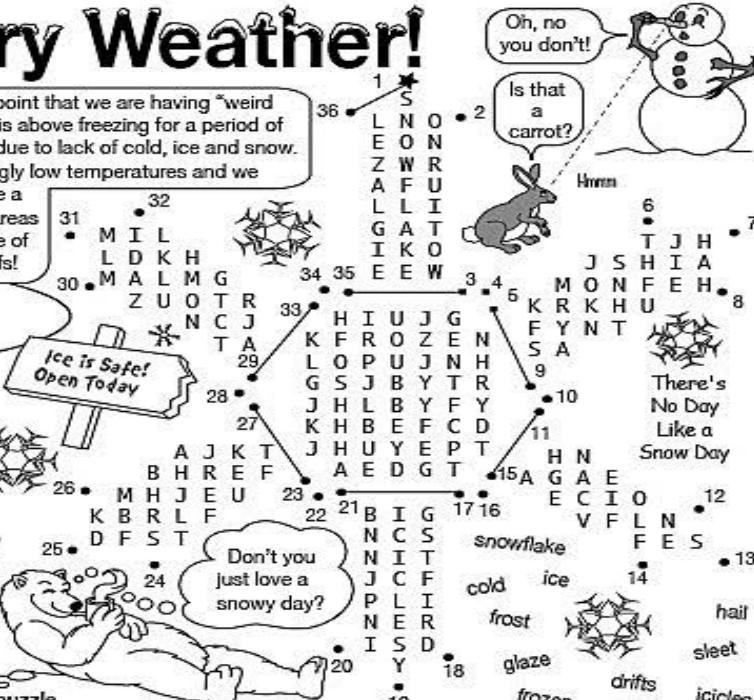
If ponds are not frozen enough to skate upon them safely, find an indoor ice rink!



Read the clues to fill in this wintry weather puzzle:

- handy to clean the driveway and sidewalks
- are sharpened and ready to glide
- will keep my hands warm while I build a snowman
- will keep people from slipping on ice
- is waxed and ready to carry my friends downhill
- is stacked and ready to fuel warm fires
- are next to the poles, ready to slide downhill

Follow the dots to see what's coming down. Next, find and circle the snowy day words in the word search puzzle.



Oh, no you don't!
Is that a carrot?
Hirm
There's No Day Like a Snow Day

What Do People Do When There's No Snow? Too Much Snow!

Some people think that we may be in for more bitter, cold weather before spring arrives. Right now, in many areas it is too cold to stay outside for long periods of time, but there is no snow for sledding and the ponds are not safe for skating. People are still getting outside for exercise and a breath of fresh air. Can you fill the correct word in the blanks for outdoor activities that can be done when there's no snow?

Dad is putting _____ on the car, because a snowstorm may be coming.

Tag! You're it!

Kids are:

- playing a game of _____
- playing street _____
- scattering _____ for birds
- bouncing _____
- racing radio-controlled _____
- walking their _____
- kicking _____ balls

Fill in the missing letters to see what people are busy doing when there's just too much snow! Then fill in the names of the storms that bring the snow.

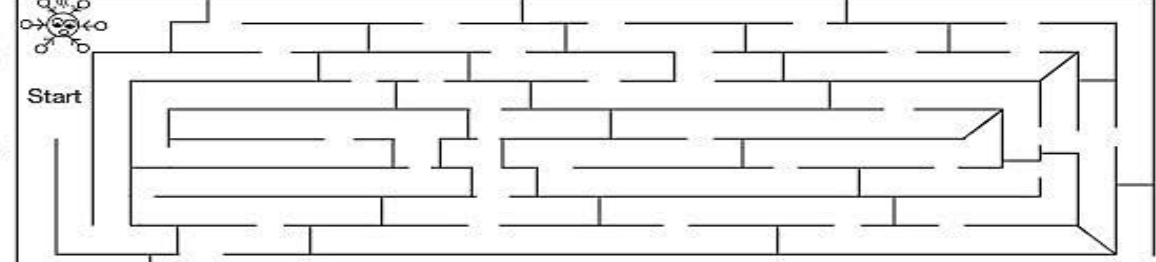
When a lot of precipitation falls in a short period of time, usually combined with a lot of wind, the meteorologist calls it a storm. A storm may have rain, hail, sleet or snow. What are the names of storms that bring snow?

Can you find and circle at least 12 words that begin with the letter "w" as in the word "winter"?

cars tag hockey basketballs dogs seeds snow tires soccer

Snow Daze!

Just one little snowflake is swirling in the sky! Help him drift through the maze to land gently on the ground!



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

	x		-		13
+		+		-	
	x		+		15
÷		x		x	
	x		+		17
8	16		18		

1 2 3 4 6 7 8 9 9

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

WOW! WARM AND SUNNY IN FEBRUARY!
SO... OLD MAN WINTER...
IS HE LOSIN' IT OR FINALLY COMIN' TO HIS SENSES?

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

MY NEW DIET IS GREAT.
...I FEEL AS LIGHT AS A FEATHER.
IT MUST BE A REALLY BIG FEATHER.

Amber Waves

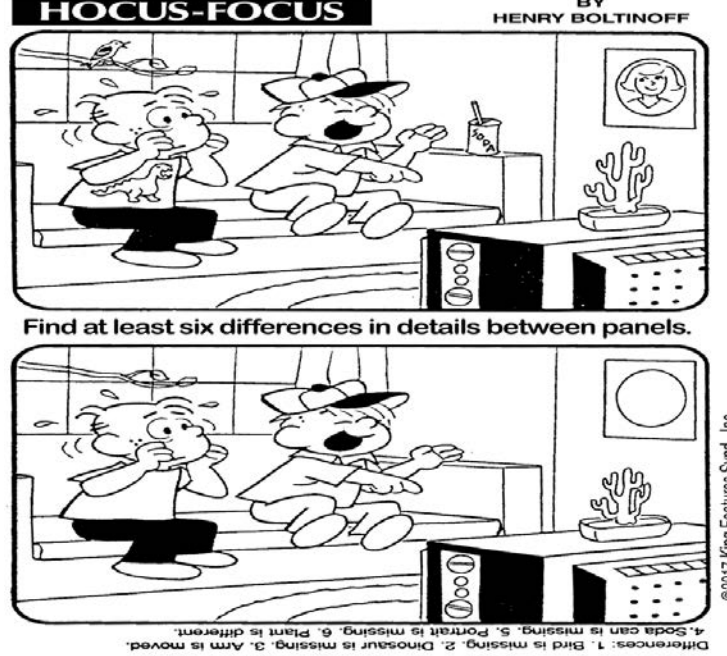
by Dave T. Phipps

FINALLY A SUNNY DAY! IT'S BEEN SO LONG AND I'VE BEEN SO TIRED FOR SUCH A LONG TIME.
WE SHOULD CELEBRATE AND DO SOMETHING FUN LIKE ROLL AROUND IN THE MUD.
TOO OBVIOUS. HOW ABOUT INSTEAD WE TAKE A GOOD LONG NAP IN THE SUN?
YOU'RE KIDDING RIGHT? AT WHAT AGE DOES A NAP STOP BEING A PUNISHMENT?

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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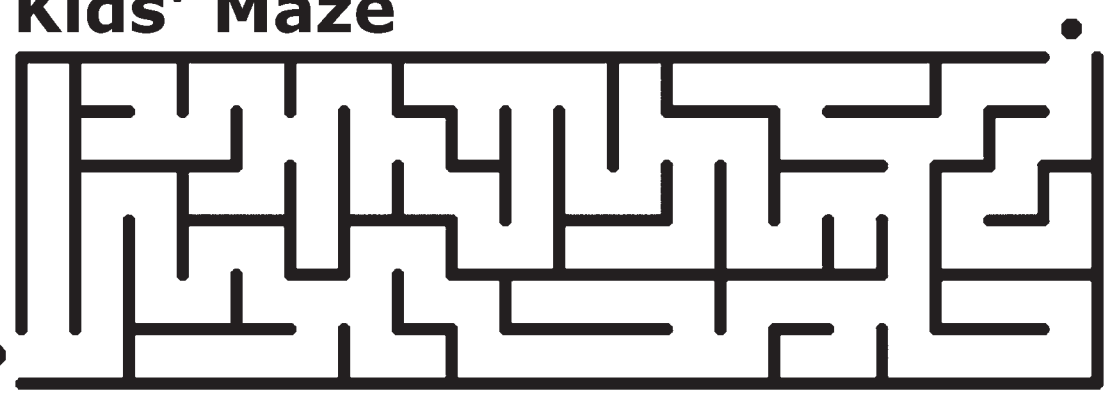
WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT IS AS LARGE AS AN ELEPHANT BUT WEIGHS NOTHING?

REVISE	___	VEERS	RECAST	___	REACT
LIFTED	___	FILED	TRASHY	___	STRAY
PASSER	___	REAPS	SHARON	___	HORNS
			DEXTER	___	EXERT
			HOARSE	___	SHEAR
			WALTER	___	LATER

Kids' Maze

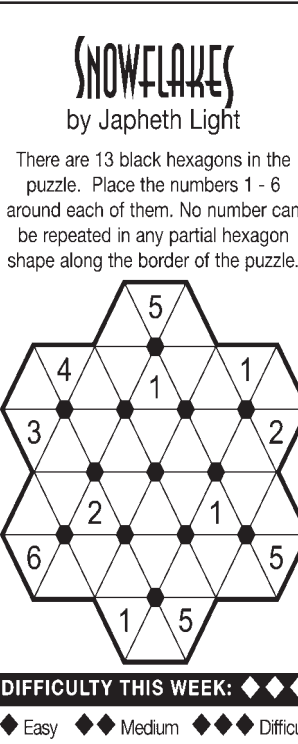


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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!
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Super Crossword

INTERNAL CAPITAL

ACROSS

- Seer's "gift," for short
- Pig noise
- Tosses out
- Some choir women
- With 74-Down, "Such gall!"
- Tree-topping six welder
- Expiate, with "tor"
- Statue of Liberty feature
- African beast submerged?
- Ranch rope
- Unit of Time
- Park or Fifth: Abbr.
- Like partially spoiled oil?
- Five-alarm, for one?
- Mao — -tong
- British isle
- Slyly derisive
- Mocked by imitating
- Humdrum
- Amor or Abbr.
- Magic lamp owner's language?
- Purpose
- Property unit
- Hereditary unit
- 55 Daphnis' lover
- 56 Tint-colored door security feature?
- 57 Banknotes
- 58 Wichita-to-Akron dir.
- 59 Fueled (up)
- 60 Tennille or Braxton
- 61 "The Watson of Johnny"
- 62 Hero of Sophocles' "Electra"
- 63 It's hidden in this puzzle's 10 longest answers
- 64 Native of Cuba's capitol
- 65 Like to do as promised
- 66 Watson of "The Bling Ring"
- 67 Texas border city
- 68 "The Simpsons" clerk
- 69 Q.V. link
- 70 Snap-on parts of a tot's tote?
- 71 Friend of the Lone Ranger
- 72 Tenderfoot
- 73 Do injury to
- 93 Jockey (for) Farewell, Ms. Clooney!?
- 94 Wading birds
- 95 Raccoon relative
- 96 Israel's Eban
- 97 Texas city near Dallas
- 98 Dick — Dyke
- 99 Washroom, informally
- 100 Thoroughly clean some fruit?
- 101 Tune about Houdini?
- 102 Several eras
- 103 Flat piece of microfilm
- 104 Cause Rousey to digress?
- 105 By itself
- 106 Without — (worry-free)
- 107 Faked out, in ice hockey
- 108 Fiery feeling
- 109 Grand
- 110 Confound
- 111 Scholastic
- 112 Swoot part
- 113 What — the odds?
- 114 Set of values
- 115 kebab
- 116 Giant in soda
- 4 Providing with footwear
- 5 Modern, in Münster
- 6 Rent-to- —
- 7 Adjust on a timeline
- 8 — Fountain (Flome landmark)
- 9 Skull bone
- 10 Great Salt Lake's state
- 11 — moment too soon
- 12 Honored a king, maybe
- 13 Bondman
- 14 Razor name
- 15 Pork cut
- 16 Like phone calls and outlines
- 17 1 followed by 27 zeros
- 18 Like arbors
- 19 Living proof?
- 20 Relating to the kidneys
- 21 Grand
- 22 Confound
- 23 Scholastic
- 24 Swoot part
- 25 Pres. before JFK
- 26 Of a large store of data
- 27 Opposite of "yep"
- 44 "Hasta —!" (Spanish "Later!")
- 45 Often-quoted Wilde
- 46 Sonnet, e.g.
- 47 In one's own house
- 48 Peruvian of yore
- 49 Below, in a 46-Down
- 50 "Meh" mark
- 51 Decide
- 52 Pre-'91 empire
- 53 Fade away
- 54 Xanadus
- 55 Lover of Lennon
- 56 Top part of some forms
- 57 Intend to declare!
- 58 Actress
- 59 Mia
- 60 Brawl
- 61 Diplomat's bldg.
- 62 See 19-Down
- 63 Allow to enter
- 64 Snoots
- 65 Fellas
- 66 Toothpaste box org.
- 67 Many a Net radio host
- 84 Teamster ID
- 85 Utterly fail
- 86 Toothbrush brand
- 89 Pekeo, e.g.
- 91 Irish actor
- 92 Stephen
- 95 Annoy
- 96 Crunches crunch
- 97 Thro' the
- 98 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- 99 Not divided into parts
- 100 "Bye!"
- 101 "Thro' the
- 102 Forceful
- 103 Line of motor scooters
- 104 President of Syria
- 105 Be
- 106 Sweltering
- 107 City NNE of Tampa
- 108 N.J. Devil, e.g.
- 109 Swamp plant
- 110 As well
- 111 Look keenly
- 112 Neighbor of
- 113 Actor
- 114 Richard
- 115 TV's Turner
- 116 Keystone policeman
- 117 Carly — Jepsen

Classifieds

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---20-2TC---

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answer
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Go Figure!
answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

SNOWFLAKES solution

Puzzles4Kids

Answer

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E	E	O	R	G	G	E	O	A	
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9. LINCOLN
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11. BUCHANAN
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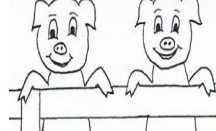


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