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Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Presents \$2,000 to Hoxie DSNWK



The Knights of Columbus once again has donated their annual Tootsie Roll drive to DSNWK. Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Mat Juenemann (right, back), Grand Knight, presented DSNWK with about \$2000. Pictured with Mat are (front) Foster Schwarz, Jenni Ostmeyer, Kayla Geerdes, Jason Oelke, Kade Zimmerman, (back) John Richardson, Melissa Meier, Mark Richardson, and Lisa Bieker. (Sentinel staff photo)

# SCHC Residents Build Gingerbread Houses



## Golden Plains Receives Grant for Creativity

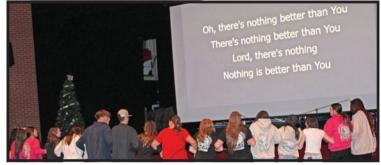


## By Judy Rogers

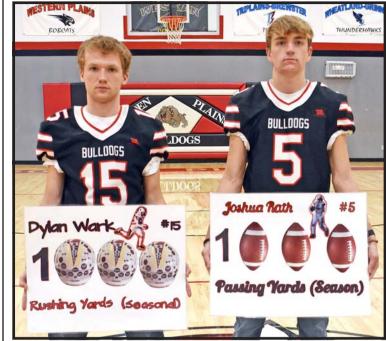
Golden Plains School received a grant from the Patricia A. Embree Fund through the Thomas County Community Foundation to purchase updated art supplies and sewing machines for the FACS classes. "With the new art supplies coming in, some of the older supplies that can still be used will go to the grade school so the grader schoolers can have exposure to a wider variety of materials," said art teacher, Madison Weins, who wrote the grant for the school.

The sewing machines will be bought locally and include a 20year warranty. All supplies that are one-use will be able to be replenished by the school, but this gives the district a good starting point for the project. This grant and the supplies will benefit and impact approximately 99 students district wide.

## HHS FCA Host Community Praise & Worship



# Rath & Wark Surpass 1000 Mark



Golden Plains junior Dylan Wark rushed for over 1000 yards this season for the Bulldogs. He has 1360 for this season and 2266 total career rushing yards at the end of his junior year. Senior Josh Rath passed over 1000 yards this season with a total of 1224. He has over 3000 yards gained throughout his high school career. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

## By Judy Rogers

Two Golden Plains High School Football team members surpassed the 1000 mark on statistics during the 2024 season.

Senior quarterback Josh Rath exceeded 1000-passing yards this season at the Weskan Sub-State game. He finished the season with 1224. He also passed for 671 yards as a junior and 472 as a sophomore for a career total of 2371 yards. Rath rushed for 370 yards as a senior and 246 as a junior and received 30 yards his sophomore year. His career total yards gained was 3017. "My passing success would not have been possible without my teammates. Whether it was blocking, snapping, or catching, they always did their part. I am very happy with the team growth over the years and I wish the future Bulldogs good luck." In addition to his offensive gains, Rath totaled 214 career tackles, 3 interceptions, and 5 fumble recoveries.

Junior Dylan Wark exceeded 1000 rushing yards for the season at the Regional game against Pawnee Heights. He totaled 1360 for the season and has 2266 so far after 3 years. He had 719 his junior year and 187 as a sophomore. Wark has also tallied 666 receiving yards so far in his high school career. He had 382 this season, 170 as a sophomore, and 114 as a freshman. "I appreciate my teammates for blocking and opening up the gaps for me," said Wark. "I hope to continue to have success as a team again next year." He also contributes defensively with a three-year total of 203 tackles, 8 interceptions, and 3 fumble recoveries

On December 8, the Hoxie High School FCA hosted a community praise & worship time at the HHS Auditorium along with Quinter High School's FCA group. (Photo by HHS Yearbook Staff)

Gingerbread houses are so fun to make! All-Star Kids came up to sing on Wednesday night, December 4, and did a great job. The residents enjoyed hot chocolate and wrote letters to Santa, too. (SCHC Activities photo)





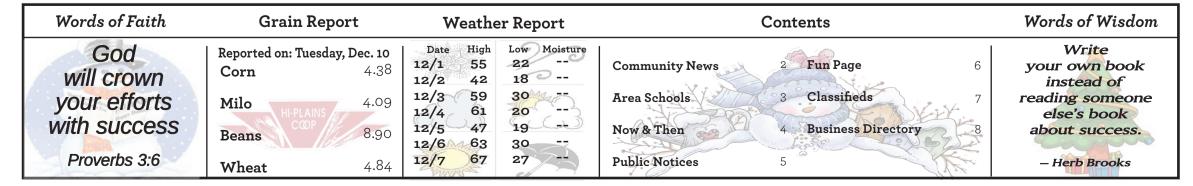
"The success Josh and Dylan had this season comes from their own hard work, and from the hard work of their teammates as well," said Coach Travis Smith. "To have 1000 yards passing and 1000 rushing yards is a great team accomplishment."

Another consistent player for the Bulldogs is junior Diego Perez. Perez has a three-year total of 1523 rushing yards—366 as a junior, 413 as a sophomore, and 744 his freshman year. Perez also has a total of 652 receiving yards for the past three years. His defensive strength includes 292 total tackles, 2 sacks, 2 interceptions, and 2 fumble recoveries. "I feel proud to say I played for this team," said Perez. "I've always tried my best and this year really showed that. This year has been really fun. I'll miss the seniors who have always backed me up. They are all really close friends and will be missed next year. Hopefully, the underclassmen are ready to step up so we can have the same opportunities next year."

Seniors Miguel Garcia and Wyatt Amlong were both big contributors to the Bulldogs' success. Garcia has accumulated a total of 428 receiving yards along with 22 passing yards, 102 total tackles, and 4 fumble recoveries throughout his career. "I enjoyed being part of the team and am glad to have contributed to the team's success," said Garcia. Amlong was a defensive force with 159 career tackles and 5 fumble recoveries during his senior year. "I'm satisfied that I did my part to contribute to the team and our success," added Amlong.



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Family members gathering last Saturday for the annual Shaw Family Christmas gathering included Tom Neff and Chris Gillespie, Marion; Elliott Gillespie and Emma, Belton, MO; Christa Ippel, Shawnee; Aaron & Tara Gillespie, Jackson and Greyson, Hays; Kevin & Colleen Wagoner, Sharon Springs; Brandon Wagoner, Noah and Naomi, Joplin, MO; Brittany Bostick, Rogers, AR; Kyle & Lisa Bollers, Tyce and Tenley, Strasburg, CO; Mark & Shelley Shaw, rural Logan; Ethan & Mary Shaw, Sarah and Lane, rural Jennings; Bryce & Erin McKennon, Ayla Mae and Aspen, Hoxie; Cindy Black, Gem; Katie Golemboski, Lexy, Lenzy, Lakyn, Scott City; Logan Black and Nevi, Gem; Kori Guy, Kashmir and Delta, Colby; Jordan Black, Saylor and Bayker, Colby; Jeff & Mary Wahlmeier, rural Clayton; Nick & Kerrie Wahlmeier, Trenton, Kyndal and Brynn, rural Oberlin; Adam & Sierra Wahlmeier, Asher and Blakely, Norton; and Ramona Shaw, Jennings.

## Kansas State Park Annual Permits and 2025 Campsite Reservations **Coming Soon**

Topeka - Are you eyeing a cozy cabin by the water, aiming to complete your Kansas State Park bucket list, or breaking in a new tent? Mark these important dates for purchasing annual park permits and reserving campsites at Kansas State Parks on your calendar.

Starting December 9, 2024, annual permits for visiting and camping at Kansas State Parks will be available for purchase online and at state park offices.

Annual State Park Vehicle Permits that cover unlimited entry to all Kansas State Parks through December 31, 2025, at a cost of:

\$25 for a standard annual vehicle permit, available for residents and non-residents

\$13.75 for senior/disabled Kansas residents

Unconventional Vehicle Permit: \$52.50 (for UTVs and golf carts, allowed on improved roads and parking areas only, and available only at state park offices)

Annual State Park Camping Permits that cover all daily camping fees (utility fees still apply) at all Kansas State Parks through December 31, 2025\*, at a cost of:

\$202.50 if purchased before April 1 or after September 30 \$252.50 if purchased between April 1 and September 30

14-Night State Park Camping Permits that cover daily camping fees (utility fees still apply) on a total of 14 nights at Kansas State Parks for \$112.50.

Camping permits do not cover additional daily utility fees or prime site fees, and valid state park vehicle permits are also required. You must be 18 or older to rent a campsite or cabin at Kansas State Parks.

\*All campers are limited to 14 consecutive days and a five-day absence is required before returning to the park to camp again.

In addition to these state park permits, reservations for campsites during the prime season (April 1 through October 31) at Kansas State Parks will open on:

December 13, 2024, at 12 p.m. CST for: Cedar Bluff, Cheney, Clinton, Eisenhower, Hillsdale, Kanopolis, Meade, Milford, Pomona, Perry, Sandhills, and Tuttle Creek state parks.

December 20, 2024, at 12 p.m. CST for: Crawford, Cross Timbers, El Dorado, Elk City, Fall River, Glen Elder, Historic Lake

Scott, Lovewell, Prairie Dog, Webster, and Wilson state parks. For those planning to visit Kansas State Parks during holiday

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Birthdays & Anniversaries: December 4: Stacey Brown December 5: Nicole Schiltz December 9: LaVina Paulson, Jacob Astalosh December 10: Rick Shaw, Dale Smith December 12: Carl Spresser December 13: Teri Brantley, Kyle & Tasha Carman December 14: Chris Koerperich, Travis Smith, JayLynn Wenger December 16: Steve Carman, Dana Broeckelman December 17: Robyn Mendiola, Nick Koerperich December 18: Kami Miller Taylor

December 19: Renee Bruggeman Filmore, Chad Focke, Avery Spresser Aspegren, Ben & Christa Wessel

Selden Community Christmas Celebration will be December 15, at the Community Center. Bingo begins at 4:00 pm. First card is free while additional cards cost \$5 each. The soup supper will be from 5:30pm to 6:30-ish and the Big Guy (Santa and Mrs. Claus) will stop by with treats for the kids. Mark your calendar, we hope to see lots of people join in the fun!!!!!!!!

Selden is starting to have the look of Christmas. Those who have taken advantage of the nice weather to get lights up include Joe & Cathy Broeckelman, Lad & Lori Truetken, Ryan & Tiffany Stevenson, Danny & Dezzy Eatherly, Gary & Dee Vaughn, Travis Smith & Kelli Small-Buehler, Leroy & Renee Spresser, Jerry & Chrys Rall, Dusty Spresser & ReChelle Horinek, Robert & Laura Ritter, Darrel & Pam Dipman, Ivonn Vargas, Justin & Sara Kennedy, Nick & Elaine Koerperich, Tim Douglas, The Bank, Steve & Helen Carman, Alan & Chelsie Bruggeman, Tyler Stevenson & Bre Slipke, Darrel & Carlene Bruggeman, Boyd & Margee Wilson, Tammie Stevenson & Ed Uecker, Davis & Terra Rath, Jerry & Paula Schiltz, Ruth Porsch, Jacque Boultinghouse, Jeff & Brena Wessel, Bob & Pat Wessel, Jeremy & Nicole Schiltz, Linda Brown.

The Tripoley Club met on Wednesday, at the Community Center. Several members were busy and not able to attend, but the few that met had a good time. Those attending include Marsha Rogers, Sandy Koerperich, Helen Carman, and Elaine Koerperich.





Lil' Hawks Village Daycare Facility in Grainfield offers an incredible opportunity for a licensed childcare provider-or anyone aspiring to start their own daycare-to step into a fully-equipped, turnkey facility, ready to bring your vision to life!

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weekends, please note these minimum stay requirements for campsite and cabin reservations:

Campsites:

Memorial Day Weekend: 4-night minimum including 0 May 22-25, 2025

July 4th Weekend: 3-night minimum including July 3-5, 0 2025

Labor Day Weekend: 3-night minimum including August 0 29-31, 2025

Cabins:

Memorial Day Weekend: 3-night minimum including 0 May 23-25, 2025

July 4th Weekend: 2-night minimum including July 4-5, 0 2025

Labor Day Weekend: 3-night minimum including August 0 29-31, 2025

To improve your chances of reserving a campsite on your preferred dates, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks recommends the following tips:

Familiarize yourself with CampItKS.com or 1. ReserveAmerica.com in advance of the December opening dates. Ensure your login information is current, with a complete 2.

profile, or create an account if you're new to these platforms.

Download the CampItKS mobile app for easy access on 3. the go.

Set reminders for state park permit sales and campsite 4. reservation dates.

For a complete list of Kansas State Parks, including maps and available amenities, visit ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks.



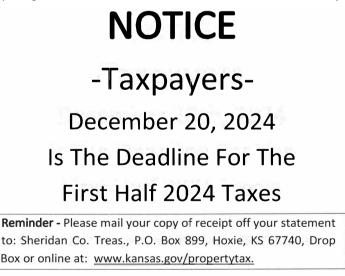
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The first half of the 2024 taxes are now due. If not paid on or before December 20, 2024 your taxes will draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968. All delinquent real estate taxes will be published by name and description as per K.S.A. 79-2301, 79-2302 and 79-2304. All delinquent personal property taxes will be published by name, last known address and tax amount as per K.S.A. 19-547

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## Hoxie Indians Battle **Norton Bluejays**



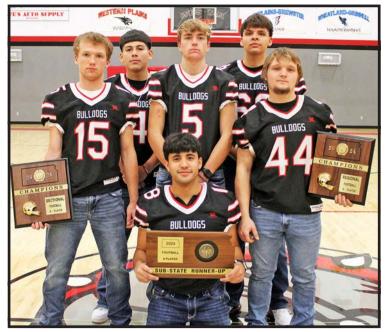
### By Emma Cersovsky

The Hoxie High School basketball teams had their first games of the season against the Norton Bluejays at home. This year, the Lady Indians have 14 players on the team with two of them being seniors. The seniors are Sofie Gourley #1 and Emily Bainter #2. The Lady Indians put on a solid performance and started the year strong. They led the Bluejays at halftime 24-11. The Indians fullcourt press proved to be a major point of frustration for the other team. They ended the game with a solid lead, keeping constant pressure on the opponents for all 4 quarters. The Lady Indians won 58-25 and started their season with a commanding win.

The Hoxie Indians Boys basketball team has a total of 12 Varsity Boys and 8 JV boys. The boys' team is led by a big group of seniors. The seniors are Noah Dowell #0, Aaron Keith #1, Trent Fenner #4, Braxton Munk #5, Braydon Scheetz #10, Charlie Foote #12, Max Beckman #13, Nathan Snyder #32, and Harrison Meyer #52. At halftime, the Hoxie Indian boys and the Norton Bluejays boys were tied with 23 points each. They fought hard but were unable to keep pace with the Bluejays in the second half. The final score was 41-50 in favor of Norton. Several basketball players finished their football season six days prior and had four full days of practice before the first game. They will no doubt make great strides in the next couple weeks and have significant improvement as the season progresses



Bulldogs Named to WKLL **All-League Team** 



Golden Plains High School had several students named to the Western Kansas Liberty League All-League Football team for their efforts on the field this past season. Athletes honored include (front) Diego Perez; (middle) Dylan Wark, Josh Rath, and Wyatt Amlong; (back) Jose Rios and Miguel Garcia. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

#### By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains had numerous team members named to the WKLL All-League Football teams for their efforts on the field this season. The number of players named to the all-league team is a direct result of the success we had as a team this year," said Head Coach Travis Smith. "I am incredibly proud of all these young men and everything they have accomplished."

On the offense side, Dylan Wark was named all-league running back. Miguel Garcia was named all-league offensive line, and Josh Rath was named all-league utility player. On defense, Wyatt Amlong was named all-league defensive line, Josh Rath all-league linebacker, and Dylan Wark all-league defensive back.

"I was happy to see the improvement on and off the field this season," said Rath, "and to get named first team is an honor to be a Bulldog." "I'm proud of making all-league," continued Wark. "It shows the strength of our team. We hope to continue to have success next year."

Jose Rios was named to the all-league special teams as kicker. "I am proud of myself and our team for our accomplishments and opportunities we created this year," said Rios. "We are looking forward to continuing our success next year. We will continue to work hard to be the best we can be."

Diego Perez received honorable mention for both defensive line and utility player and Dylan Wark received Honorable Mention as returner. Perez has been honored the past two years. "I feel proud that I've gotten these awards," said Perez. "It shows I've been working as hard as possible for this team and will continue to

## **KACD Speech Contest**



Avyn Teeter presents his speech to the Kansas Association Conservation District annual speech in Wichita November 25. Teeter placed third in the speech competition. (WHS)

#### By Sherrie Rebarchek, Staff reporter

On Monday Nov 25, Avyn Teeter delivered his speech at the state convention of Kansas Conservation Associations Districts. He represented area one, the western part of the state. His speech focused on conserving water in rural Kansas.

Teeter competed against the other area winners and placed 3rd in the state competition, earning him an honorable mention. Congratulations Avyn Teeter!

Teeter stated "It was a lot different than I expected. I didn't think I would be as anxious as I was and it was a humbling experience. I definitely thought my speech would have done better."

Mrs. Nelson, speech teacher, said "Avyn did a great job at the state competition. His speech incorporated conservation techniques in agricultural areas as well as the importance of water conservation for future generations. I was very pleased with his hard work and performance."

work hard leading into my senior season. I am hoping to improve the most this off season."

While this is Wark, Garcia, and Rios' first year to receive all-league recognition, Rath, Amlong, each received league recognition last year. "I was glad to be named to the all-league team," said Garcia. "I've worked hard throughout high school and appreciate the recognition." "I'm proud of how the team finished the season," added Amlong. "I'm also proud of how well the younger guys stepped up during the season.'



## **Court Stops Biden from Giving Obamacare to Illegal Aliens**

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Topeka - A federal court today halted a Biden rule that would have provided taxpayer-subsidized health plans to illegal aliens. Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach personally argued the request for a preliminary injunction in a Bismarck courtroom in October. Today, the court sided with Kobach and the 19-state coalition he led on the case and stopped to proposed rule from going into effect.

"This decision is a big win for the rule of law. Congress never intended that illegal aliens should receive Obamacare benefits. Indeed, two laws prohibit them from receiving such benefits. The Biden administration tried to break those laws. But we fought back and defeated the Biden Justice Department."

The regulation would have made more than 200,000 deferred action for childhood arrival (DACA) recipients eligible for Obamacare. The number includes more than 4,350 DACA recipients in Kansas. Kobach argued that a 1996 law generally prohibits illegal aliens from receiving federal benefits, and the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, itself says that an alien has to be lawfully present in the United States to receive subsidized health insurance.

Kobach led a coalition of state attorneys general, including AGs from Alabama, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Florida, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

## **Commerce Launches New Quality of Place Grant** for Rural Revitalization

Topeka - Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland announced today the launch of the new Towns grant program. This program is an initiative designed to spur qualityof-place improvements in rural Kansas communities that have received no funding from the Kansas Department of Commerce in the past three years. This new opportunity will have \$100,000 available for its first round of funding.

The program provides grants that range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 to support small-scale projects that will deliver meaningful results in rural communities, with a focus on increasing local capacity, fostering community and youth engagement, and mobilizing volunteers and local investment.

"The Kelly-Toland Administration remains committed to bringing prosperity to all of Kansas, and this program will strategically foster new investments that provide our smaller communities with greater opportunities to flourish," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "These grants will empower local leaders to transform ideas into reality, creating vibrant spaces that attract families, support local businesses, and strengthen the fabric of rural Kansas for future generations."

## Legislation Introduced to Delay Business **Federal Reporting Requirement**

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This legislation would help rural businesses comply with new federal regulations

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) today introduced legislation that would prohibit the enforcement of the Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reporting requirements until the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) meets important criterion. A federal court issued a preliminary injunction against this rule, but congressional action would provide greater certainty to business owners.

"Kansans have voiced their concerns regarding the new federal reporting requirements for businesses, particularly in rural areas," said Sen. Moran. "This legislation would help provide additional time, clarity and flexibility for businesses in Kansas to comply with federal standards without facing burdensome and unnecessary penalties."

This legislation would prohibit federal funds being used to enforce the BOI reporting requirement until:

The effective date for all BOI requirements is delayed by a minimum of one year,

FinCEN has finalized all outstanding BOI rulemakings, and

FinCEN allows rural businesses to file their information • via mail

In November of this year, Sen. Moran called on FinCEN Director Andrea Gacki to allow rural business owners to submit their beneficial ownership information through the United States Postal Service (USPS) due to the persistent lack of broadband connectivity across the rural United States.

Sen. Moran also joined his colleagues supporting the Protect Small Business and Prevent Illicit Financial Activity Act that extends the deadline for new and existing companies to report ownership information to FinCEN.

Eligible applicants must represent a community with a population of 5,000 or less and that has received no Commerce funding in the preceding three years.

"The Towns grant will provide an opportunity for grassroots, rural leaders to revitalize our small and rural communities," Assistant Secretary of Quality Places Matt Godinez said. "By targeting these resources to underserved regions of the state, we can continue ushering in a promising future for every Kansan, no matter their geographic location."

Applicants must demonstrate investment in the projects by providing a minimum match of 10%, which can come in-kind for communities with populations under 1,000. The matching funds must come from a private source or non-state funded grants.

Awards will be disbursed to a variety of eligible project types across the entire state. Communities with similar needs are encouraged to leverage resource sharing such as grant

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## Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending December 8, 2024, there were 6.3 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 4% very short, 18% short, 74% adequate, and 4% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% very short, 27% short, 64% adequate, and 2% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 3% very poor, 7% poor, 35% fair, 47% good, and 8% excellent.

Cotton harvested was 87%, behind 94% last year, and equal to the five-year average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 10% very poor, 20% poor, 45% fair, 24% good, and 1% excellent.

## **Kansas Crop Production Report**

Manhattan - Cotton production in Kansas is forecast at 190,000 bales, up 28% from last year according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics.

Acreage for harvest, at 120,000 acres, is up 26,000 acres from 2023. Yield is forecast at 760 pounds per acre, down 1 pounds per acre from a year ago.

## State Board of Agriculture to Meet December 16

The Kansas State Board of Agriculture will meet for its regular quarterly board meeting on Monday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the Kansas Department of Agriculture office at 1320 Research Park Dr. in Manhattan.

The meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be held in person only. For more information or to receive a copy of the agenda, please contact Auburn Wassberg at Auburn.B.Wassberg@ ks.gov. Persons who require special accommodations must make their needs known at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

administration, grant writing and matching funds.

To support potential applicants, Commerce will host a series of informational webinars and workshops. The Office of Rural Prosperity (ORP) will host virtual office hours for applicants who might have questions regarding the grant program. Registration for the webinars and office hours, guidelines for the grant application, and a list of eligible communities and project expenses can be found here.

Grant applications open Monday, December 16, and will close February 28, 2025. Awardees will be announced mid-April 2025.

# KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S Now & Then

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Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

#### The Selden Times December 13, 1888

Barbo is expecting an extra fine stock of boots, shoes, dry goods, etc., next week.

Fred Underwood has a set of boxing gloves which afford the boys no end of amusement.

Jake Thomas, Jr., returned from 11worth yesterday, accompanied by his brother, Dave. They report the family well.

Agent Cissell has taken a 15 day lay off and with his wife left for Goodland this week. His place is supplied during his absence by Z. T. Singleton, from St. Joe.

Rev. Boyle closed his series of meetings at this place Friday night.

Plant your holiday "ad" in this Times and let people know what you have.

We want to say to our patrons if you want job work, try us and if we can't suit you it shall cost you nothing.

E. Hendrix had the misfortune to get his hand in a corn sheller last week inflicting a very painful and serious injury.

Lost: About a dozen correspondents! The finder will please return them to this office where they will be summarily dealt with.

A grand wolf hunt is reported for Christmas day the party to encircle and scour 6-28. A grand time is anticipated; turn out.

It is almost invariably the case that the man who runs down his local paper is himself and dead-beat and owes the editor for the paper.

Miss E. E. Merchant, of Clay county, Iowa, arrived in town Monday and is visiting her sister, Mrs. F. C. Thompson.

The Commercial 'bus team furnished a little excitement on two separate occasions this week by running away. We promised to say nothing about driver Underwood - but there was no damage done.

Charles Snell called yesterday and had us print some cards for his mother-in-law who is soon to start for this country from Iceland. Mr. S. will read the Times and our books which we offer elsewhere.

A little altercation took place last night in town between two men. The cause dates back some time but the immediate cause was one man insisting that another was some relation to a dog - a son we believe.

For some time we have perambulated the street almost hourly in hopes of catching a racy item in regard to a certain building that moves about town promiscuously, but up to date we have been heartlessly disappointed. We await the outcome with as much patience as possible.

Later: - The building disappeared last night and has not been found up to time of going to press

On Saturday evening a party of Seldenites consisting of Messrs. Gallogly, Gray, Gillen and Liggitt invaded the city of Goodland for the space of several hours. They report a big time and say Goodland is one of the best towns in the west.

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mas but Santa will come anyhow and you had better get ready for him.

Our store has been in touch with the Spirit of Christmas for a long time and we are pleased to offer you many articles suitable for gifts.

FOR MEN

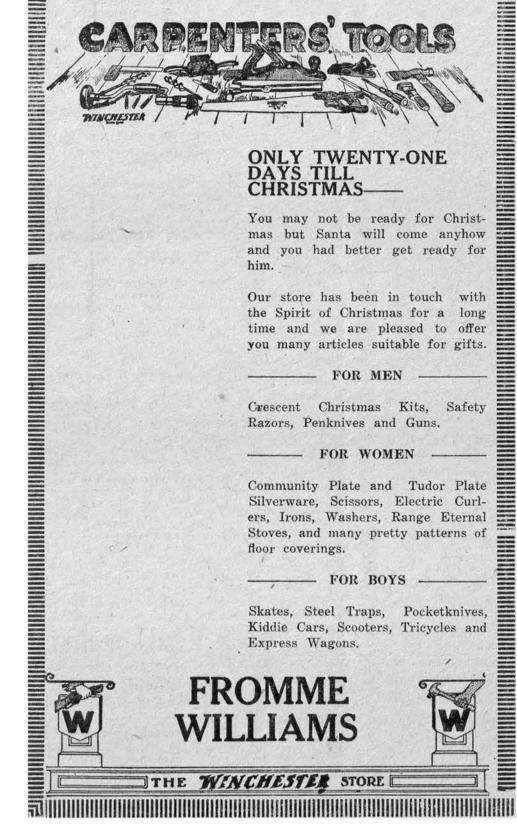
Crescent Christmas Kits, Safety Razors, Penknives and Guns.

FOR WOMEN

Community Plate and Tudor Plate Silverware, Scissors, Electric Curlers, Irons, Washers, Range Eternal Stoves, and many pretty patterns of floor coverings.

Skates, Steel Traps, Pocketknives, Kiddie Cars, Scooters, Tricycles and Express Wagons.

FOR BOYS



From The Hoxie Sentinel, 1924. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

100 Years Ago December 11, 1924 Allen Loving Meets a Tragic Death by Elec-

Ariz. Fireman Called

The local fire department was called to the Matt Boxler residence early last Friday evening, when a

Willie Mannebach, Hoxie Junior, has been named Sports Editor of the Fort Hays Kansas State College student newspaper, the State College Leader for the spring semester.

Mannebach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Mannebach, is a 1972 graduate of Hoxie High School majoring in English at Fort Hays State.

#### Leoville News

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacobs and Rena of Denver came Friday and spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jacobs.

Mrs. Christina Miller spent Thanksgiving Day at the Wilfred Miller.

Mrs. Andy Stephens spent Sunday afternoon with her mother and Sister Florita.

#### Mickey's Want Ads

Electric engravers, solder guns, glue guns, power screwdrivers, angle drives, electricians fishing wires, wrench sets, staple guns, and all types of tools.

On the first day of the season, a deer hunter from the city showed up at a backwoods general store dressed in a red hat, red jacket, red trousers. One of the old codgers sitting around the stove, who maintained that a red hat was sufficiently conspicuous, looked the city fella up and down, down and up, spat out a cud of cut plug and twanged, "Ain't you taking an awful chance wearing them black boots?"

We have the Mr. Coffee coffeemaker along with percolators of several makes and other appliances.

#### **Broadway News**

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hall and Mrs. George Simon spent Tuesday evening at Jim Maders.

Jim Nease, Hays, dug the basement for the new parsonage the past week. He was a Thursday dinner guest at Albert Smiths.

Albert Smith called at the Hill City hospital and rest home Friday.

#### **Tom Tom Tribune**

Psychology Class Does New Experiment - The psychology class did an interesting experiment to see fi the students had a good sense of direction and to see what it would really be like to be blind.

The experiment was to blindfold the student, then take him to some part of the school and see if he could find his way back to the classroom.

The second part concerned the sense of smell and taste. While the student was still blindfolded, he had to guess what he was tasting while he smelled an onion.

Vo Ag I Goes to the Shop - Mr. Lambert's fourth hour Vo. Ag. I class has been going to the shop two days a week. They have been divided into five groups. The different areas the groups are working in are arc welding, woodworking, forge, acetylene welding, and cold metal. The students will be learning skills of these different areas which will help them when they start making projects. The other three days a week the class is staying in the classroom, working on their Vo. Ag. record books. These are books of records for their farm

#### December 14, 1899

Our merchants all report a heavy holiday trade. Born: To Rev. and Mrs. Green on Saturday, December 9, a daughter.

The literary exercise at the fair will be interesting. Come and hear the children.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Deupree, Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m.

Drayman Brown was laid up the fore part of the week with something that ailed him.

Isaac N. Pence, of Selden, came down Sunday evening and remained over to pay taxes Monday.

Charley Montieth, Selden's indefatigable grain, stock and implement dealer, visited Hoxie Monday.

Tim Healy, for the past two years section foreman on the L & C has been transferred to a section near Salina.

Frank Grinnell has fitted the building south of Richardson's store up for a carpenter shop and is kept busy most of the time.

A. L. McCallum is catching on to a few things in regard to the office to which he has been elected. He is assisting Charley Evans this week.

Claud McKinney returned from his Salina visit Saturday and brought the report that the Black 400 company struck hard sledding at Salina their outfit being attached for debt.

Dr. Freeman has just returned from a week's business trip through Iowa and Wisconsin and reports that they are experiencing much more winter like weather up there than we have been having.

Isaac N. Teeters, of Solomon township, was a social caller at this office Tuesday and reported that he had a hundred acres of wheat that looks as fine as he could ask for and that he expected to sow another hundred before spring.

Tom L. Pratt left Sunday evening to assume the duties of the position he recently accepted in the stock yards at Kansas City as salesman. Mr. Pratt did not go with the intention of settling permanently, but will give it a trial of six months, after which if all is satisfactory he will move his family down.

J. B. Beal, of Grainfield, was in Hoxie Monday and organized a Sunflower club. This club is a Democratic organization and originated at the Hutchinson meeting some time ago when a man by the name of Brown was sat on so hard. Mr. Beal was a deputy grain inspector under Leedy and it seems odd that instead of working up a Populist organization he is working in the interest of Democracy.

Within the past week we have done a little prying into other people's business, that is we have inquired into the condition of wheat sown in Sheridan county, and we find that wheat never went into a winter under as auspicious conditions as it has this year. The ground is thoroughly wet and an unusually large acreage is out. We were talking with Herny Suffecool, of Logan township, yesterday and Elmer McDonald, of this township, both of whom have out more than three hundred acres and they say their fields look as if every kernel sown had come up.

Wednesday afternoon while Allen Lovin and Frank Strayhorn were out repairing street lights Allen came in contact with a live wire and was suddenly ushered into eternity.

When they drove up to the light in front of the Robert Reid home they found the wire broken and one end lying on the ground. Mr. Strayhorn went to the Reid residence to phone the power plant to shut off the current before they attempted to repair the wire. He didn't get central the first trial and was a little longer than usual getting the plant because of this. When he came out to the scene he saw Allen lying doubled up on the ground and called to him, but receiving no reply, he ran and grabbed him and tried to work his arms so he could breather. Allen gasped some for breath but soon died. Dr. Smith was called but he was dying when he arrived.

#### **Local Happenings**

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The Delphian club has adjourned until the second week in January.

Miss Helen Rawson was a supper guest at the home of Mrs. Mary Woods Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Laura Rawson gave a party for her school pupils at the schoolhouse Tuesday evening. All present report a fine time.

Mrs. Washington Turner returned home Sunday from Boulder, Colorado, where she spent several months wither daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Piper, and family.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church, met on Tuesday afternoon of last week with Mrs. N. W. Harris. Mrs. F. M. Burr was leader. Those reporting on topics were: Mrs. Vinson, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Monteith and Mrs. Harris. The society meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Mrs. W. F. Lipton returned home from Waterville, Kansas, on Mondy evening, where she spent a few days helping care for her son, Dr. S. F. Lipton, who has been seriously ill with intestional "flu". She left the doctor feeling much better Sunday.

A. S. Huson and his brother were called to Loveland, Colo., this week owing to death of their father.

John Launchbaugh has bought out the Keller dray line and is now in charge.

Robert Van Horn, who has been baking for the U. P. all fall has been laid off for awhile until business with the road demand more men. Mr. Van Horn has secured an agency for a school swing which he intends to push the sale of while waiting his turn to again join the U. P. force.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zimmerman moved to Tasco last week where they will make their home. Mr. Zimmerman is manager of one of the grain elevators at Tasco.

#### 75 Years Ago December 15, 1949

#### **Entertain Anns**

The Hoxie Rotary members entertained their Ann's to dinner and a program in the Presbyterian church basement Tuesday evening. Following the dinner "Slim" Lewis of Palco, showed colored slide pictures of fishing trips to Colorado, hunting trips in Utah and scenes in and around Tucson, stove in a trailer house nearby became unruly. No damage was reported, other than smoke.

#### **Tasco Notes**

Club met Dec. 8th with Mrs. Nettie Ackerman. Twelve members and four visitors were present. Embroidery work was done. Club will meet with Mrs. Simonton on Dec. 21st. This will be the Christmas meeting.

Bill and Eva Long ate Tuesday supper with Mrs. Grace Simonton.

Rev. Albert Smith and Sheree and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Epler and Fred called at Leslie Samples Wednesday.

#### **Seguin Items**

Jerome and Bonita Heim were Thursday dinner quests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mannebach and children.

Several of the Fairview 4-H members attended the council meeting in Hoxie Monday night.

The new officers of the St. Ann's Sodality for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Bill Thummel: Vice president, Mrs. Paul Robben: secretary, Mrs. Ben Ostmeyer and treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Wegman.

#### Fairview

Mrs. Howard Shafer and daughters spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Howard Transue.

Calvin Chestnut spent Friday in Hays.

The Mt. Pleasant Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Chas. Critchfield this Wednesday.

#### Morland News

Mrs. Henderson, who is 92 years old, mother of Mrs. George Olson, is a patient in a Hays hospital with a broken hip.

Mrs. Bessie St. John returned last Sunday evening from Bakersfield, Calif., where she spent the past several months with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Underhill is confined to her home with a lame back.

#### Kil Kare Klub

Club met at the home of Orpha Moss, Dec. 8 with 13 members and 6 children present. A lovely dinner was served at the noon hour. Embroidery work was done for the hostess, and the Christmas gift exchange was held. Plans were also made for their family party. New club books were given out. The next meeting will be with Doris Pope January 12.

Lyle Emighs and Emery Selbes were shopping in McCook, Saturday.

Mrs. Mann entertained a few friends on December 5, in honor of Mrs. Montgomery's birthday. Those present were: Mrs. Tony Knopp, Mrs. Dave Gilchrist, Miss Ora Farber, and Mrs. Ray Thurlow and daughters.

#### Northwest Sheridan

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rogers and daughter called Thursday evening at the Clarence Maris home.

Shaw Brothers shipped two carloads of cattle to Omaha, Saturday.

The Violenta school is having a Christmas program, the 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### 50 Years Ago December 12, 1974

#### Willie Mannebach is Sports Editor at Hays

#### 25 Years Ago December 16, 1999 Cardiac Arrest Raises \$2,900 Locally

Some very important citizens went to jail to raise money for the American Heart Association. The Cardiac Arrest held on Dec. 10 at the Bowen Scout House in Hoxie raised over \$2,900.

Some of the charges were shopping too much, singing off key, etc. The charges were trumped up a bit, but it was all in good fun.

#### Rexford

Seventeen Royal Neighbors and guests enjoyed a dinner and gift exchange at noon on Monday at the Rexford Café. Before the dinner a meeting was held and officers for year 2000 were elected.

The Worthwhile Club held their Christmas dinner and meeting at the Bastin home Wednesday. Guests included Jim Cheney, Rex Carswell and Dean Bastin. Following the dinner, officers for next year were elected with Edna Colson as president and Grace Cheney as secretary-treasurer. Their next meeting will be in January.

The Rexford Bridge Club met for a no-hostess party at the Desert Rose on Wednesday in Colby. After the delicious dinner, bridge was played with Deb Stepper, Marguerette Edmundson and Irma Hibbs being winners. Irma Hibbs will be the next hostess on Jan. 12.

#### Broadway

ABW held their December meeting at the church with five ladies present-Lois Simon, Lynn and Lisa Popp, Dalene Babcock and Alma Maude Smith. Doug Babcock gave an interesting lesson on horse training based on scripture. Dean Thomas joined them for a soup and dessert dinner.

Carolyn Bell, Zola White and Betty Corke accompanied Ruby White to Hays on Tuesday for an eye checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Renner and family drove to Wichita Tuesday to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Simon who flew in from their Mexico tour. Gary Simon returned Stella Sumner home Thursday from the Dwayne Simon home where she was staying while Katherine and Lawrence were on their trip.

#### Jennings-Allison

Weekend hunting guests of Rosa Brock were Bill Brock and Carl Hershberger of Lindsborg, Kan.

Roger, Peg and Dusty Tacha of Oakley, and Royal Tacha of Hoxie, spent the weekend hunting and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tacha.

Norine Bailey and Debbie Graham attended the basketball game in Norton Monday night in which Norton beat Smith Center.

#### St. Paul's D of I

St. Paul's D of I met Dec. 6 at St. Mary Church center in Grinnell. Seventeen members and one guest enjoyed the potluck dinner. Our last meeting of the millennium followed.

Christmas letters from the state and national chaplains and the state and national regents were read.

The annual Christmas party will be at 1 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the annex in Oakley. Gifts will be given to the St. Elizabeth Maternity Home in Hays.

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### 2024 TAX LEVY FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY Rate of tax levied for 2024 on \$1,000. per assessed va VALUES ARE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2024

TANGIBLE VALUATION OF SHERIDAN COUNTY IS \$72,170,249, INCLUDING PENALTY OF \$5,423.

STATE	K.S.A.	Levy	CITY FUND LEVIES	K.S.A.	Levy
Educational Building Fund	76-6b01	1.000	Hoxie City-Valuation	11,092,830	
State Institutional Fund	76-6b04	0.500	State		1.500
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		1.500	County		72.26
COUNTY FUNDS			USD 412		48.712
72,164,826			RFD 1		4.403
General	79-1945	27.620	City		57.791
Road & Bridge	68-5,101	29.131	Twin Creek Extension		1.99
Noxious Weed	2-1318	1.624	TOTAL (Tax Unit 001)		186.663
Library Service Contract	12-1215	0.262	Hoxie City Breakdown		
Intellectually Challenged	19-4004	0.630	General	12-101a	33.350
Hospital Maintenance*	19-4606	10.000	Library	12-1215	3.201
Public Health	65-204	0.500	Bond & Interest	10-113	1.003
Mental Health	19-4007	0.236	Employee Benefits	12-16,102	14.773
Elderly Service Program*	12-1680	0.750	Street Resurfacing	15-733	4.964
Pool Lease/Purchase Contra	ct 10-1116c	1.508	Airport	3-121	0.500
COUNTY TOTAL		72.261	Total		57.79
Indicates Election			Selden City Valuation	1,394,879	
			State		1.500
			County		72.26
			USD 316		55.481
FIRE DISTRICT LEVIES	K.S.A. 19-3610		RFD 1		4.402
District	Valuation	Levy	Selden Cemetery		0.845
Oakley Fire	109,814	1.462	Selden City		60.975
Rural Fire 1	61,714,841	4.402	Twin Creek Extension		1.997
Rural Fire 4	4,206,334	2.068	TOTAL (Tax Unit 002)		197.461
			Selden City Breakdown		
REGIONAL LIBRARY	K.S.A.	LEVY	General	12-101a	58.960
Valuation	59,677,117		Library	12-1215	2.015
GENERAL	79-2551	1.201	Bond & Interest	10-113	0.000
Employee Benefits	12-16,102	0.180	Total		60.975
TOTAL		1.381			
TWIN CREEK EXTENSION	K.S.A. 2-623		CEMETERY FUND LEV	IES K.S.A.	12-1403
District	Valuation	Levy	DISTRICT	VALUATION	LEVY
District 9	72,164,826	1.997	Dresden Cemetery	2,176,912	1.520
			Fairview Cemetery	3,026,350	3.208
			Hawkeye Cemetery	393,890	1.84
			Lucerne Cemetery	1,616,017	0.000
			Rexford Cemetery	1,789,832	0.680
			Selden Cemetery	6,439,543	0.845
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Heather Bracht

Sheridan County Cler

UNIFIED SCHOOL DIS	TRICTS								1000			
		211	274	291	292	293	294	316	412	1		
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General 72-5142		20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000	20.000			
VALUATION		39,053	-115,427	4,066,474	3,046,962	3,658,619	20,899					
Supp Gen 72-5147		20.770	21.858	13.319	22.066	24.026	22.517	27.490				
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Recreation 12-1927		2.909	2.494									
Bond & Interest 10-113		7.893				25.710						
TOTALS		58.572	52.332	39.319	50.056	77.736	50.517	55.481	48.712	1		
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042	135.368	316/Rexfor					093	130.253			Deg I Berger	-
043	135.533	316/Selder	n Cem						lation \$3,709	,079. (RFD 1/		
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045	128.764	412/Selder					025	137.867	316/Selden (			
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KENNETH TWP-Valuat	tion \$5,038,0	695. (RFD 1	I/Reg Libra	ary)			075	132.093	274			
Kenneth Tax Unit			0.000	0.000	0.000		076	133.555	274/Oakley F	Fire		
065	130.253	412					077	120.542	291/Oakley i	Fire		
LOGAN TWP-Valuation	n \$9,345,104	. (RFD 1/R	eg Library	)			078	119.080	291			
Logan Tax Units			0.000	0.000	0.000		079	129.827	292			
070	130.253	412					080	138.450	316/Fairview	Cem		
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## **Commission Minutes** 12/3/2024

Now on this 3rd day of December 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas, met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, Joe Pratt, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht.

At 8:00 a.m. Mader called the meeting to order.

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Evan Turley, Noxious Weed Director, came to the table. Turley provided an update on spraying and treating of prairie dogs. Turley stated he got about one-half of the FAS roads done before the wet weather set in and just finished two prairie dog sites. He is getting ready to start on bigger ones. Another site was mentioned, he needed to treat by the elk farm. The Board and Turley discussed spraying of highways. Turley advised the Board he would finish the FAS roads in the spring.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. The Board and Herskowitz discussed dragging. All contracts expire December 2024. There are currently only two individuals who drag roads. The Board questioned Pratt on whether the dragging agreements have to be put out for bids or if the County can just ask specific individuals if they want to continue dragging and what section. Pratt stated it doesn't have to go out for bid. The Board will discuss further when Stithem is back.

Herskowitz advised the Board that the new grader was delivered and was used yesterday.

Herskowitz has talked with one of the body shops about a specific type of glass for the blades. He will talk with the other body shop this week.

The landfill was inspected again. The Board discussed the results of the landfill inspection and the compost pile having trash in it.

At 8:50 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 10 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Carried 2-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Herskowitz, and Pratt. The door opened at 8:57 with no decision being made.

Several abatements were approved and signed on a motion by Mader and second from Bainter. Carried 2-0

A bid for a new desk for the Appraiser's Office in the amount of \$1,121.23 was approved on a motion from Bainter and second from Mader. Carried 2-0

Bracht will contact Aqua Shield Roofing about the Historical Society building damage.

The November 26, 2024 Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Mader and second from Bainter. Carried 2-0

The Payroll for November 29, 2024, was approved on a motion by Bainter. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 2-0

The following payroll was reviewed and approved:

General \$63,165.77

Road & Bridge \$17,817.66

Nox Weed \$2,172.38

Public Transp. \$979.00

Landfill \$1,703.35

MV \$729.81

At 9:17 a.m. with no further business, Mader made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 2-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room.

Attest: Heather Bracht, County Clerk, Mike "Buck" Mader, Chairman

Hoxie Veterinary Service, PA 1367 N Hwy 23, Hoxie 785-675-3378 Derek Pridey, DVM Brandi Taul, DVM

# **PUBLIC NOTICES**

## **BBB and FBI Share** Holiday Shopping Tips to Protect Against **Online Scams**

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) of the Midwest Plains and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Omaha Field Office are partnering this holiday season to raise awareness of the increased risks of scams during peak shopping periods. As online holiday sales in the U.S. are projected to reach nearly \$240 billion this year, consumers are urged to stay vigilant and follow safe shopping practices to protect their money and personal information.

"Scammers spare no one, targeting people across all age groups and demographics," said Josh Planos, BBB Vice President of Marketing, Communications & Public Relations. "The good news is that with a few simple, proactive steps, consumers can safeguard themselves and significantly reduce the risk of falling victim to scams reported to both our organizations."

BBB's Scam Tracker Risk Report revealed that online shopping scams accounted for 41% of all reports to the scam reporting tool in 2023. BBB Midwest Plains has fielded nearly 400 online-purchase scam reports in 2024. Shortages of popular items often drive desperate shoppers to untrustworthy websites, which increases the prevalence of scams.

"The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year for online scammers," said Eugene Kowel, FBI Omaha Special Agent in Charge. "They can rob you of your hard-earned money and personal information. Scammers count on harried consumers looking for a deal to click on phony emails and advertisements. Resist the pressure to act quickly. Take a beat - and be wary of deals that seem too good to be true."

Best practices for online shopping:

Research before purchasing: Use BBB.org to check business ratings, read shopper reviews, and ensure stores have clear return policies and warranties.

Be wary of unrealistic deals: Scammers use deep discounts to lure victims. If it seems too good to be true, it likely is.

Check website security: Look for "HTTPS" and a lock icon in the website's address bar before entering payment information.

Beware of fake websites: Watch for bad grammar, incorrect URLs, and missing contact information.

Use secure payment methods: Pay with credit cards or secure, traceable options. Avoid prepaid debit cards or payment apps unless you trust the seller.

Scrutinize shipping updates: Avoid clicking on suspicious shipping links in emails or texts; verify updates directly on the shipper's official website.

Verify the BBB seal: Businesses displaying the BBB Accredited Business seal have pledged to uphold high standards of trust. Verify the seal by visiting BBB.org.

- Common online shopping scam red flags:
- Items offered at deep discounts
- Unfamiliar retailers selling popular products

Payment requests through non-traditional methods, such as apps or gift cards

Where to report scams:

If you encounter suspicious activity:

Report to BBB Scam Tracker at bbb.org/scamtracker.

File complaints with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at 877-FTC-Help.

Notify the FBI Omaha Field Office at 402-493-8688 or submit a report online at ic3.gov.

About FBI Omaha Field Office

The FBI is committed to protecting the American public by investigating and addressing fraudulent activities. For additional

(First published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 5, 2024) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

(Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 19, 2024)

In the Matter of the Estate of JANET SUE KABA-MOSS, Deceased Case No.: SD-2024-PR-

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition dated November 21, 2024, has been filed in this court by Douglas Kaba, as a surviving son of Janet Sue Kaba-Moss, deceased, praying for administration of said estate and for the appointment of Douglas Kaba as administrator 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

/s/ Douglas Kaba Douglas Kaba, Petitioner /S/ Steven W. Hirsch Steven W. Hirsch #12789 HIRSCH LAW OFFICE 104 So Penn, PO Box 296, Oberlin, Kansas 67749 821 Main, Hoxie, KS 67740 PH: 785-475-2296 steve@hirschlaw.net Attorney for Petitione (Last published in The Sheridan Sentinel December 19, 2024)

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**ORDINANCE NO. 740** 

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATES FOR THE SALE OF WATER AND THE MEASUREMENTS THEREOF BY THE CITY OF HOXIE, KANSAS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 683.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOXIE, KANSAS:

- Section 1. MEASUREMENTS AND RATES FOR SALE OF WATER. Water shall be sold by meter measure and the amounts consumed shall be determined by a standard water meter except as may be hereafter by ordinance specified. The following rates are hereby declared established for the consumption of water on a monthly basis, to-wit:
  - A minimum charge of \$13.00 per month for the first 2,000 gallons or less (a) consumed at each residence or business establishment and this minimum charge shall apply to each meter, if more than one meter is located at such s establish
  - For each 1,000 gallons above 2,000 gallons used per meter at a business (b) establishment, the rate shall be \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons consumed.
  - For each 1,000 gallons above 2,000 gallons consumed at a residence, the charge shall be \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons until 60,000 gallons are consumed (c) and for each 1,000 gallons consumed thereafter, a charge of \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged.
  - (d) There will be no charge for the first 60,000 gallons or less consumed at the residence of a city employee and a charge of \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons for each 1,000 gallons consumed thereafter.

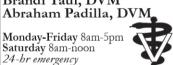
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- These rates shall take effect March 1, 2025. Section 2.
- Ordinance No. 683 is hereby repealed Section 3.
- This Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its publication in the Hoxie Section 4. Sentinel, the official City newspaper

Passed by the commission this 4th day of November, 2024. Signed and approved by the Mayor this 4th day of November, 2024.



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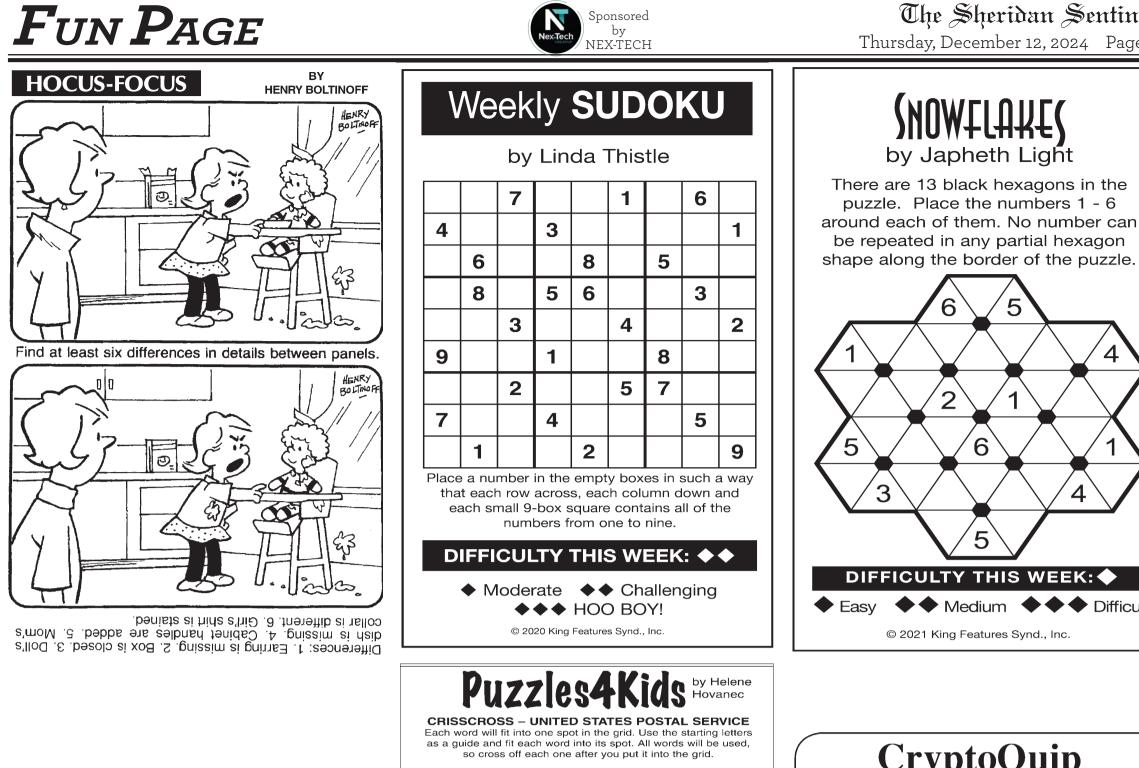
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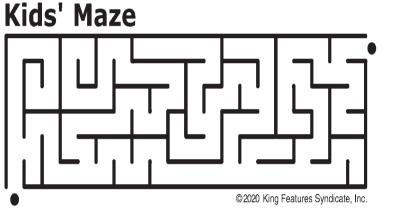
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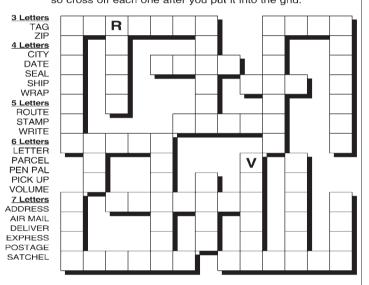
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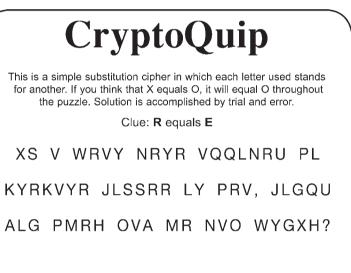


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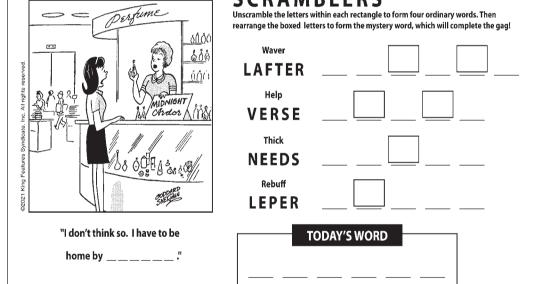
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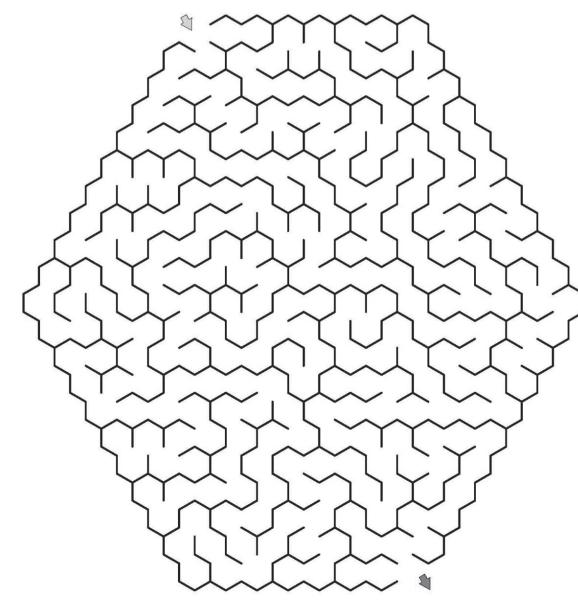
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