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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



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)



## Golden Plains Receives Grant for Creativity

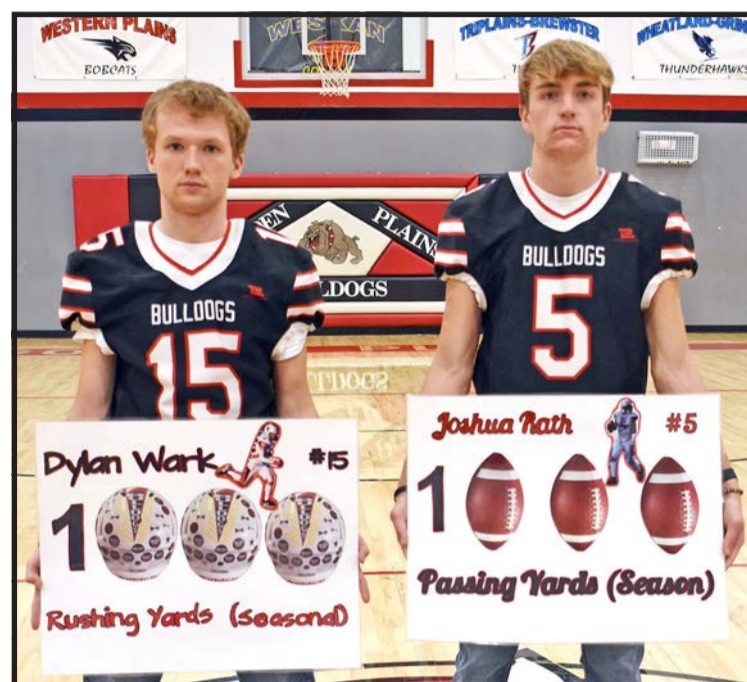


By Judy Rogers

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 20-year 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.

## 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.

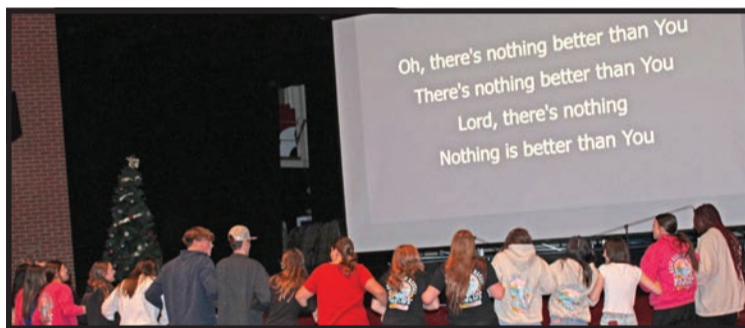
Junior Dylan Wark exceeded 1000 rushing yards for the season at the Regional game against Pawnee Heights. He totaled 1360 for the season and has 2266 so far after 3 years. He had 719 his junior year and 187 as a sophomore. Wark has also tallied 666 receiving yards so far in his high school career. He 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.

"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.

## HHS FCA Host Community Praise & Worship



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)

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Wednesday this year, our print schedule has to be changed for these two weeks. Our schedule is as follows:

### Christmas Week Schedule:

ALL advertising or article content MUST be in our office by 12pm THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19. Newspapers will be at the Post Office and on newsstands Monday, December 23.

### New Year's Week Schedule:

ALL advertising or article content MUST be in our office by 12pm THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26. Newspapers will be at the Post Office and on newsstands Monday, December 30.

The Sheridan Sentinel office will be closed:

December 23 through December 27

please email any content for the December 26 issue.

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## JENNINGS NEWS

By Louise Cressler

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

- Campsites:
  - Memorial Day Weekend: 4-night minimum including May 22-25, 2025
  - July 4th Weekend: 3-night minimum including July 3-5, 2025
  - Labor Day Weekend: 3-night minimum including August 29-31, 2025
- Cabins:
  - Memorial Day Weekend: 3-night minimum including May 23-25, 2025
  - July 4th Weekend: 2-night minimum including July 4-5, 2025
  - Labor Day Weekend: 3-night minimum including August 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 ReserveAmerica.com in advance of the December opening dates.
- Ensure your login information is current, with a complete profile, or create an account if you're new to these platforms.
- Download the CampItKS mobile app for easy access on the go.
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## SELDEN NEWS

By Jacque Boultinghouse

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 & Dezy Eatherly, Gary & Dee Vaughn, Travis Smith & Kelli Small-Buehler, Leroy & Renee Spresser, Jerry & Chryst 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.



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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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# Area Schools ~ Athletics & Academics

## Hoxie Indians Battle Norton Bluejays

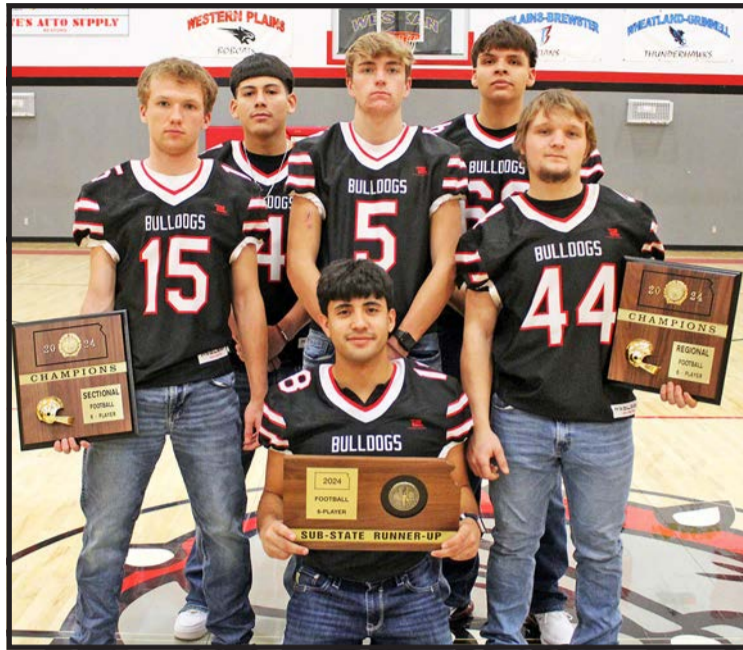


**By Emma Cersovsky**

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 full-court 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 teacher 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."



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

**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 quality-of-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

*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.

"Kansasans 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

### 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.

Acree 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.

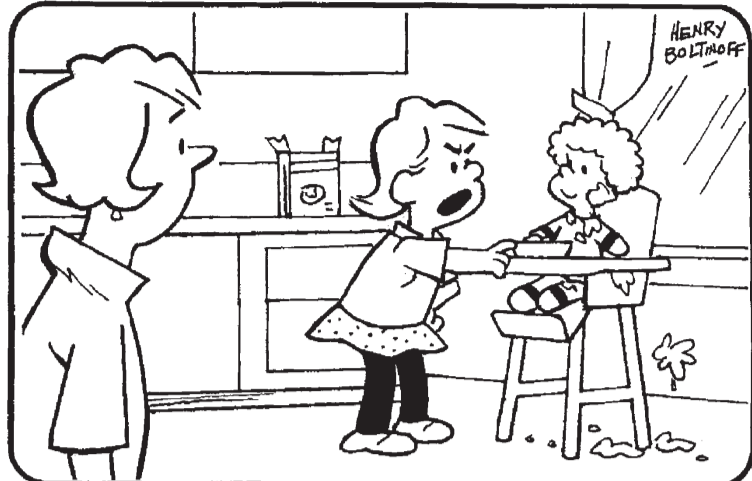
Grant applications open Monday, December 16, and will close February 28, 2025. Awardees will be announced mid-April 2025.



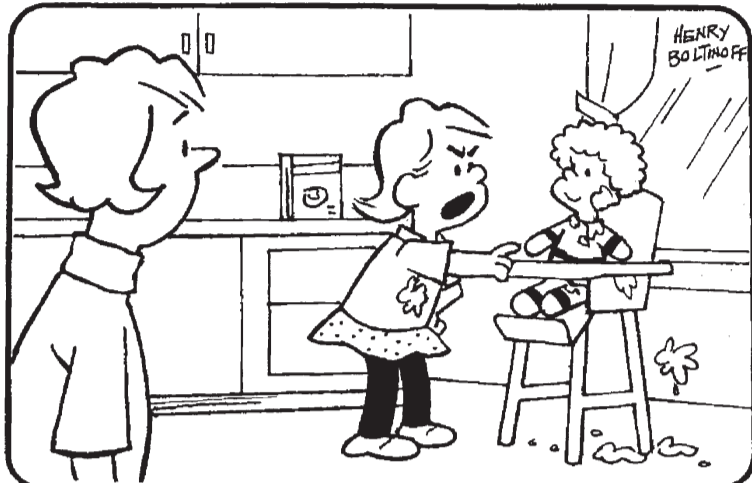


## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Earring is missing. 2. Box is closed. 3. Doll's collar is different. 4. Cabinet handles are added. 5. Mom's shirt is stained. 6. Girl's shirt is stained.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

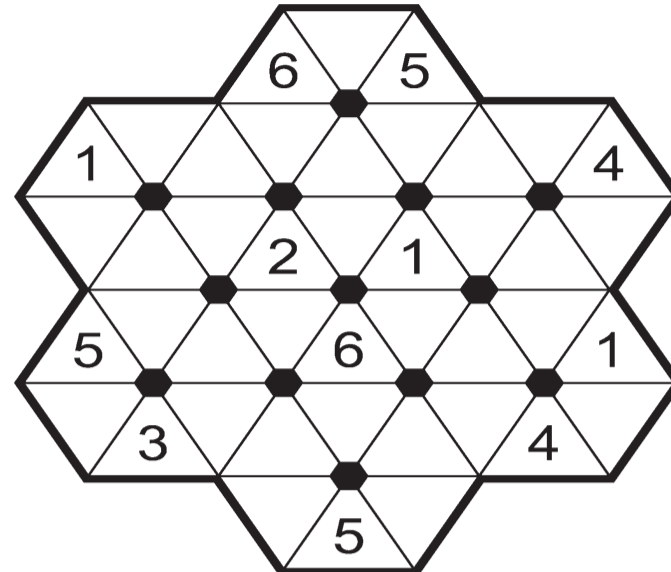
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## 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.

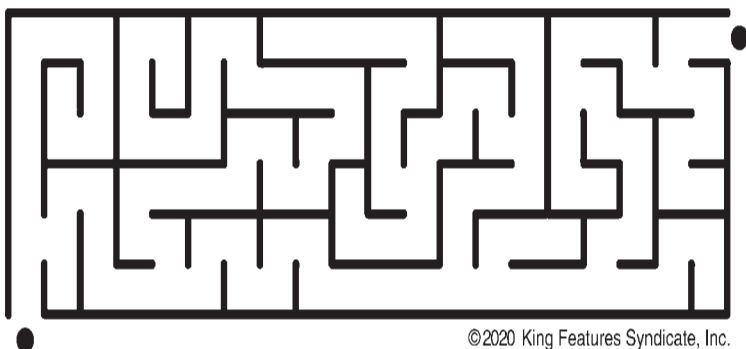


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## Kids' Maze

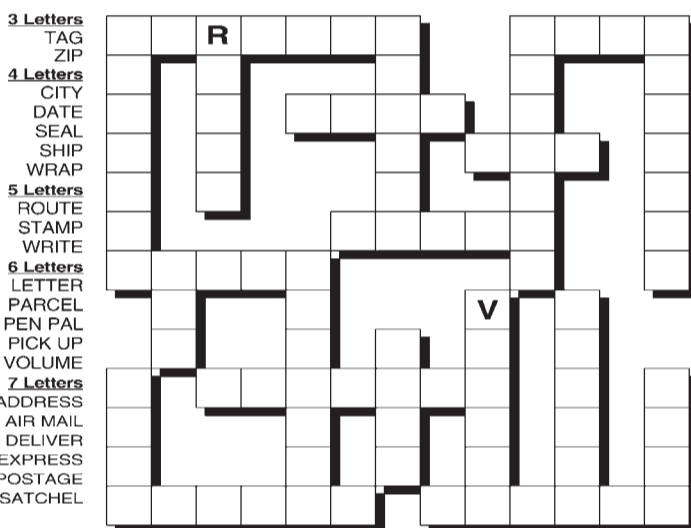


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## Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

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



- 3 Letters: TAG, ZIP
- 4 Letters: CITY, DATE, SEAL, SHIP, WRAP
- 5 Letters: ROUTE, STAMP, WRITE
- 6 Letters: LETTER, PARCEL, PEN PAL, PICK UP, VOLUME
- 7 Letters: ADDRESS, AIR MAIL, DELIVER, EXPRESS, POSTAGE, SATCHEL

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals E

XS V WRVY NRYR VQQLNRU PL  
KYRKVYR JLSSRR LY PRV, JLGQU  
ALG PMRH OVA MR NVO WYGXH?

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## SCRAMBLERS

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

Waver: LAFTR

Help: VERSE

Thick: NEEDS

Rebuff: LEPER

TODAY'S WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

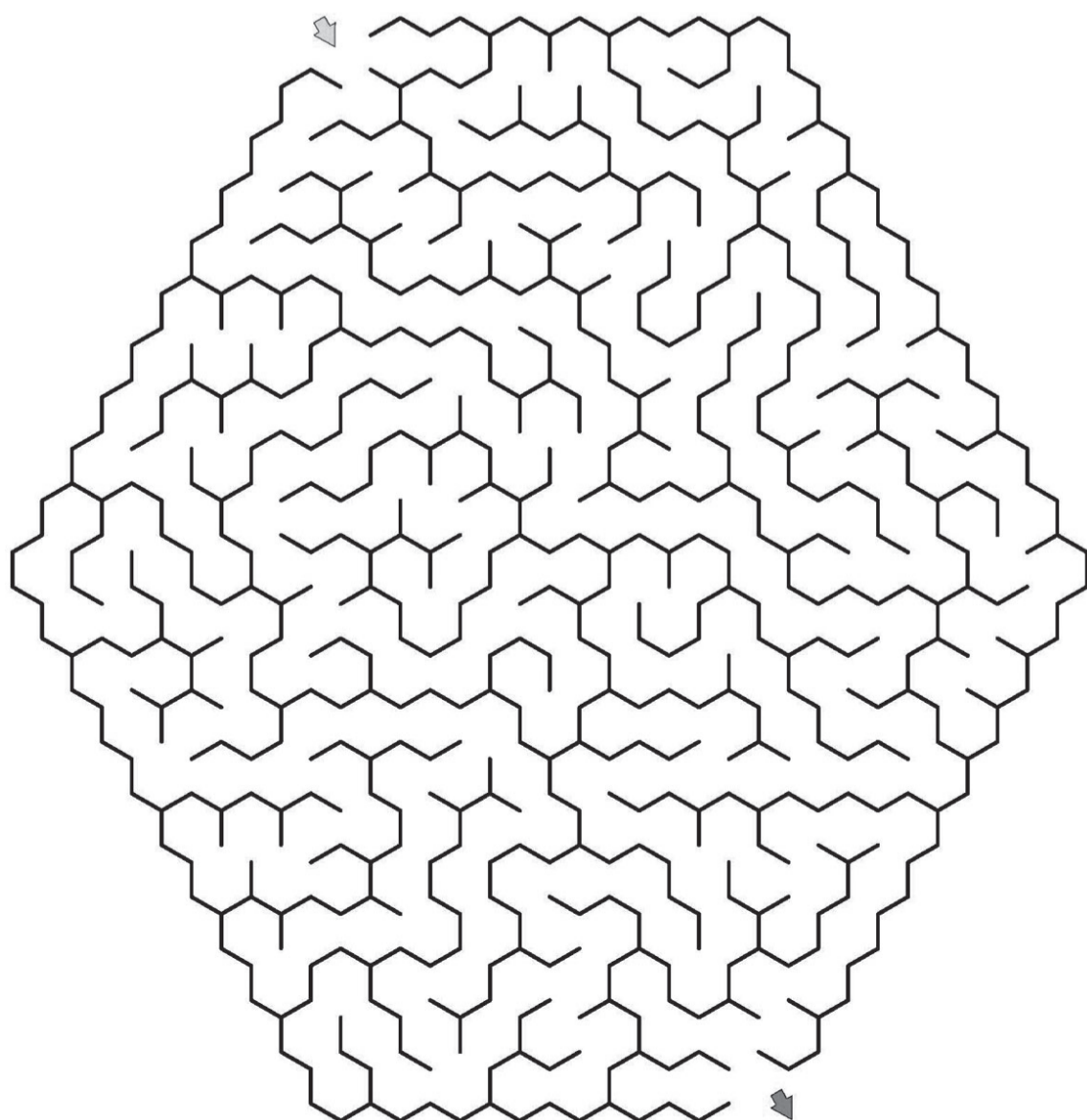


"I don't think so. I have to be home by \_\_\_\_\_."

## Super Crossword

### AUTO SUGGESTION

- ACROSS**
- 1 Halo sporter
  - 6 Nest nuggets
  - 10 Had no being
  - 15 "Vamoose!"
  - 19 "I wanna try!"
  - 20 Cameo, e.g.
  - 21 Lend — (pay attention)
  - 22 Poi source
  - 23 Participants in a guided discussion
  - 25 Longtime kids' nature magazine
  - 27 Spanish for "bear"
  - 28 McDonnell Douglas jet
  - 30 Refuge
  - 31 Thelma's cohort, in film
  - 34 Use an entryway
  - 35 Velvet or hallow ender
  - 36 — hop (jitterbug)
  - 37 14- to 18-year-old in a British youth association
  - 40 Source copy: Abbr.
  - 42 "BTW" part
  - 43 You, in Berlin
  - 44 Road given a no.
  - 46 Pop-rock singer
  - 50 Kind of sheet metal
  - 54 Border illumination on some smartphones
  - 57 Mini-whirlpools
  - 58 What bran provides, to Brits
  - 60 Grads.-to-be
  - 61 Basso Pinza
  - 62 Outfits anew
  - 64 "No" voter
  - 65 "— culpa!"
  - 66 Slender nails
  - 67 Large cosmological aggregate
  - 71 Imams' God
  - 75 U.S. tax org.
  - 76 Berlin article
  - 77 Ejected lava
  - 82 Waste time
  - 83 Party game
  - 84 "— not lost"
  - 86 1980s TV's Remington
  - 87 1966 Wilson Pickett hit
  - 90 The "I" of 75-Across
  - 92 Show up for
  - 93 Farm female
  - 94 Abbr. for those with only one given name
  - 95 Mil. unit
  - 96 Tooth anchor
  - 98 First extended stay on the International Space Station
  - 104 Spiny plants
  - 107 With 103-Down, didn't know at all
  - 109 Radio knob
  - 110 Loin steaks
  - 111 Put in order
  - 113 Writer Franz
  - 114 "Y" athlete
  - 115 Annual Arizona football game
  - 117 New York City fashion-industry agency whose name is apt for this puzzle
  - 122 Shoe fillers
  - 123 Conical tent
  - 124 Comics' Kett
  - 125 "Peachy!"
  - 126 Sommer of Hollywood
  - 127 Lauder of fragrances
  - 128 Asian nation
  - 129 Garish
  - DOWN**
  - 1 TV title alien
  - 2 Natal lead-in
  - 3 Yukon maker
  - 4 Avian-based skin care product
  - 5 To a smaller degree
  - 6 Botch it up
  - 7 "Sheesh!"
  - 8 Biochemical sugar
  - 9 Erma Bombeck's "The Grass Is Always Greener Over the — Tank"
  - 10 Alert
  - 11 Actress Ortiz
  - 12 Pick up on
  - 13 1998 Winter Olympics city
  - 14 Nonkosher
  - 15 More direct
  - 16 — terrier
  - 17 Curved
  - 18 Sweet white wine
  - 24 Word after film or play
  - 26 Frank topper
  - 29 Musician
  - 31 Vowel, e.g.
  - 32 Bull leather
  - 33 Capsizes
  - 35 Ending for major
  - 38 Conn. hours
  - 39 Compulsion
  - 41 Inferior mags
  - 45 Someone — problem
  - 47 Tony winner
  - 48 Writer Blyton
  - 49 Huge heads
  - 51 More, in music
  - 52 "Psycho" co-star Janet
  - 53 Dog in "The Thin Man"
  - 54 Bidding site
  - 55 Common battery type
  - 56 Infuriated
  - 59 "What You Need" rock band
  - 63 Injured-arm supporter
  - 65 Actor Paul
  - 66 Yahoo
  - 68 Left the bed
  - 69 Kin of a tulip
  - 70 Once, once
  - 71 Mater
  - 72 Yahoo
  - 73 Rearmost
  - 74 It lingers in the mouth
  - 78 — annum
  - 79 Bodily band
  - 80 Benes on "Seinfeld"
  - 81 Investigates
  - 83 Annual
  - 84 Author
  - 85 A lot like
  - 88 Rub oil on
  - 89 Wowed
  - 91 Future louse
  - 94 Bismarck is e.g., in brief
  - 100 — Tower (Paris sight)
  - 101 Agenda part
  - 102 Like an oval or rectangle
  - 103 See
  - 107-Across
  - 104 — latte
  - 105 Disney's "Little Mermaid"
  - 106 Streamlet
  - 108 Become a parent to
  - 112 Fence "door"
  - 113 Swiss painter Paul
  - 116 Really small
  - 118 Berlin article
  - 119 Water, to some folks
  - 120 "Inc." cousin
  - 121 — latte



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