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Local 4-H Clubs Celebrate National 4-H Week



Solomon Valley 4-H Club

Bale decorating for 2023 4-H Week. (Solomon Valley 4-H Club photo)



Angelus 4-H Club

Here are thoughts from the Angelus 4-H club for 4-H week...

Jayden Mishler - What I love about 4-H is getting to go to 4H camp in Rock Springs and working at the food stand. Thaddeus Lager - I like taking care of animals and I learned how to show animals. 4H is fun.

Jude Lager - I like the fair, because I get to work the food stand, you get to show your animals, go to the carnival, and you get to interact with all the other clubs with the different activities.

Blaise Lager - My favorite part of 4-H is the fair.

Dominic Mishler - 4-H is fun as there are so many activities like 4-H camp, baking, arts, and geology. I like to do community service, and this is a way to do that.

Margaret Mary Lager - I like working on projects and submitting them in the fair. I liked learning how to sew.

Killian Lager - I liked showing my sheep. To show my sheep I had to train it by working with it every day. I'd take it on walks to tone its muscles...I ran it up and down hills and got to feed it treats.

Lettie Rumback - I liked doing food and nutrition and learning new recipes. I liked training my pig with the pig stick. 4-H is fun and others should join.

Roch Lager - With 4-H I have learned public speaking and speaking confidently.

Lucy Anne Lager - We do a lot of community service, and it is fun and a great way to give back. 4-H is a good life skills experience.

Peter Lager - I like feeding my animals. With 4-H I learned how to take care of my animal.



(Harvesters 4-H Club photo)

Harvesters 4-H Club



Macie Juenemann participating at State Fair. Macie is a member of the Harvesters 4-H Club. (Harvesters 4-H Club photo)

Health Fair Well Attended



Sheridan County EMS booth

(Photos by Lori Cressler)

Sheridan County Community Foundation booth



Pregnancy Pathways booth



Sheridan County Health Department booth



Alydia Offutt shared information on insurance and Medicare at the AmberMed booth (left photo) at the health fair last weekend. She said that "We had about 28 lab draws and about 60 people visited us at the health fair". While this year's attendance was less than last year's, it was still considered to have been well-attended. (Alydia Offutt photo)

KDOT to Hold Open House for K-23 Project

The Kansas Department of Transportation will host an open house from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28, for the upcoming modernization project on a portion of K-23 south of Hoxie.

The event will be held at the Hoxie Community Center, 820 Main Street, in Hoxie. KDOT and project staff will provide a project overview starting at 5:30 p.m. Design plans and detour information will also be available for review.

This project is part of KDOT's Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, known as IKE. Project work will involve reconstruction of 6 miles of K-23 starting at County Road 70 S (CR-406) and replacement of the bridges over Sand Creek and the South Fork Solomon River.

Anyone who requires special assistance or accommodation to attend the meeting should contact KDOT Public Information Officer Lisa Mussman at 785-874-8107 or lisa.mussman@ks.gov one week before the meeting date.

WPAA Presents The President's United States Marine Band

WPAA wants to remind everyone that "The President's United States Marine Band" will be in concert at the Colby Event Center, Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 PM. Admission is by special ticket available free at <https://marineband.ticketleap.com/colby2024>.

And walk-ins will be welcomed at 7:15 pm. No ticket required.

Sunday, October 20, at the Oakley High School Auditorium, join us at 3:00 PM for a USO style show "Letters from Home". The mission of "Letters from Home" is to honor veterans, celebrate people, and unite the nation through music. This program infuses the classic style of wartime music with a witty, modern edge. "Letters from Home" features high-energy singing and tap dancing. You will leave inspired after this funny, heartfelt, harmonic, and uplifting performance. Admission to this program is by WPAA season ticket, or program tickets can be purchased at the door. This program is made possible through the generosity of area businesses, individual donors, and a grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan and the Logan County Community Foundation.



SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director, Sheridan County Community Foundation

Hoxie - The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to announce a series of events this fall and winter aimed at enhancing the quality of life for Sheridan County residents. These events are part of SCCF's ongoing mission to support the community now and for future generations.

A highlight of the season is the Sheridan County Daycare Duplex Facility Open House and Ribbon Cutting. The event will take place on Sunday, October 20, from 2 to 5 p.m., marking the near completion of a multi-year project designed to address the growing childcare needs in Sheridan County.

SCCF is proud to welcome two new childcare providers, Jordan Ewers of The Jungle Gym and Caitlin Schwagerl of Kingdom Kiddos, who will soon open their businesses within the new facility. Both daycare businesses are expected to be operational before the end of the year.

SCCF invites the public to celebrate this achievement alongside contributors, funders, coalition members, and partners.

In addition to this milestone event, SCCF is gearing up for 2024 November Match Month, an annual fundraising campaign with the potential to significantly amplify local donations. Thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and the Patterson Family Foundation, donations made during November will be matched more than two-fold. SCCF aims to raise \$70,000 locally, which will be matched by \$170,000 (\$100,000 from the Hansen Foundation and \$70,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation), bringing the total potential campaign amount to \$240,000.

Funds raised will be added to the Foundation's "Cultivate Sheridan County" endowment fund which now has more than \$1.1 million in principal funding from which grants can be awarded via the monthly grant application process.

Area organizations are encouraged to apply by visiting www.growsheridancounty.org/grants.

While the 2024 November Match Month campaign officially kicks off on November 1, the Foundation will be conducting a "Kick-Off" Reception on Monday, November 4 at Oscar's, 845 Main, Hoxie, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The public is invited to join members of the SCCF staff and the Board of Directors for complimentary refreshments and conversation, and to drop off donations. The event is come-and-go. SCCF is paying for the first \$500 in coffee sales during the event. (Limit one FREE specialty drink per person).

In coordination with Hoxie Junior High Social Studies teacher Mrs. Leah Heskett's Civics Class students, the Foundation will be conducting a Sheridan County Community Organizations Fair on Monday, November 18, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Hoxie High School, 1625 Queen Ave.

The evening will begin in the auditorium with a welcome and announcements from the Foundation followed by introductions from representatives of each attending organization. Attendees will then move into the gymnasium for the remainder of the fair in which the public can interact with various organizations for which they might be interested in helping serve as volunteers,

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life of Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, contact Pratt at 785-677-5090, director@growsheridancounty.org, or visit www.growsheridancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.

Upcoming Events and Match Month Campaign

future board members, etc. All are invited to attend. Dinner refreshments will be provided during the event. Registrations are required online at www.growsheridancounty.org/events to assist with event preparations.

Finally, on Saturday, November 23, beginning at 5 p.m., the Foundation will be holding the November Match Month Dueling Pianos Fundraising Event at the Sheridan County 4H Building, Hoxie.

The event will be similar to the Community Appreciation Event held in January of this year; however, it will be ticketed with fees including a delicious meal catered by The Elephant Bistro & Bar, drinks, dessert, and the dueling pianos entertainment provided by Colorado Keys of Denver.

Ticket details and sales will be announced and opened up soon. Check the Foundation's events webpage mentioned above for more information.

SCCF encourages community members to participate in these exciting events and help support their mission of enhancing Sheridan County's future.

Open House & Ribbon Cutting for Daycare Duplex Facility

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director, Sheridan County Community Foundation

Hoxie - The Sheridan County Daycare Duplex facility in Hoxie is nearing completion, and excitement is building as construction wraps up. Furnishings are being put in place, and the two new childcare providers, Jordan Ewers of The Jungle Gym and Caitlin Schwagerl of Kingdom Kiddos, are preparing to launch their new daycare businesses.

The community is invited to attend an Open House & Ribbon Cutting event on Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Daycare Duplex Facility, located at 2024 Royal Ave, Hoxie, KS 67740, in the Sunrise Addition, east of the hospital campus.

This event is an opportunity for community members to see the final stages of the project, meet the childcare providers, and learn about the upcoming childcare services that will soon be available in Sheridan County. The organizers extend their gratitude to all partners who have supported this project.

Event Highlights Include:

- Tours of the new facility
- Light refreshments
- Balloon artist entertainment for children
- Meet and greet with the childcare providers

Attendees are encouraged to spread the word and bring family and friends, especially those with young children who might enjoy the festivities. The Sheridan County Daycare Duplex project marks an important step in enhancing local childcare services, and the community's participation in this celebration is warmly welcomed.

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Area Churches

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1000 Valley Ave, Hoxie

Hoxie Christian Church
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900 12th St, Hoxie

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School Calendar:
October 10: JrH Volleyball in Grinnell-4:00pm; HS Volleyball in Rexford at 4:00pm with Wallace County/Weskan; JrH Football in Grinnell at 5:30pm
October 11: HS Football in Weskan at 7:00pm
October 12: HS Volleyball, WKLL/NWKL Tournament at Colby Event Center-10:00am
October 14: NO SCHOOL; Parent Teacher conferences
October 15: HS Volleyball in Dighton with Dighton/Trego/Wheatland-3:00pm

The Sheridan County recycling program has bins set up in Selden. They are located up at the old State shop building along the highway on the east side of town. There is a pickup box with a wire cage that is for chemical jugs only. There is a green trailer with several bins set up on it and each bin is for a different item - such as cans, glass, newspapers, magazines, plastics etc. We ask that you put the right item in the right bins. There is a white enclosed trailer that is for cardboard. Please use the side door to put your cardboard in. Also, please break down your cardboard so there is room for lots more. If we recycle as much stuff as we can that will make our landfill last longer. As we all know---our tax dollars are what it takes to dig a new pit at the landfill.

Sinclair Creek Gifts in Selden is having a big 40% off sale. Her store will be closing, and all items are priced to sell. Stop by Sinclair Creek Gifts and take advantage while you can.

Just a reminder there is road construction on Highway 9 from the beginning just south of Dresden for several miles. Be prepared to stop and wait on a pilot car.

Reminding everyone about the Monday Coffee Club. They meet at 2:00pm every Monday at the Community Center. If you are not a coffee drinker, bring your own drink and have a good visit with everyone.

Also, a reminder about Senior Citizens. They meet every Thursday at 11:30 for a meal followed by an afternoon of pinochle. If you are interested contact Ellis Walker as he is the President of the group.

Kansas Farm Bureau will be giving a Medicare Presentation on October 22, at 3:00pm at the Sheridan County Health Complex. There are several changes to the Medicare Part D Plan so don't miss this opportunity. For more information or to sign up for the meeting call Alydia Offutt at 785-677-4172. Open enrollment starts October 15, and you have until December 7 to make changes. Please give Alydia a call and she will fix you up.

The Jennings American Legion will be having a Flag Retirement Ceremony on October 26. The Flag retirement will be at 5:00pm followed by a Hot Dog Roast at 6:00pm and a Trunk or Treat as the kids will be in costume as well. If you have questions or have a flag that needs to be retired call Tia at 785-678-3022 or Scott at 785-475-8454.

On Wednesday, October 30, between 6:30 and 7:30 pm the Selden CYO Classes will be going around Selden to collect non-perishable food items (that have not expired) to donate to the Sheridan & Decatur County food banks.

If you will not be home, you may leave a bag/box of food by your front door, and they will pick it up. Please try to remember to leave your porch light on so they do not miss your donation. You may also drop your donation off inside of the catholic church in Selden. If you have questions, please call Tia 785-678-3022. Should the weather not be favorable for kids to be out in, they will attempt to collect donations on Wednesday, November 6.

REVIVAL MEETING
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Monday - Thursday
October 14 ~ 17
7pm



EVANGELIST
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October 13
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The prairie dog towns will be plotted and treated.
Thank you.

STINT Takeover Night at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church

The Todd Becker Foundation of Kearney, NE, is hosting a "STINT Takeover Night" in Hoxie on November 13, 2024. This free event will be held at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at 7:00 PM.

According to Barna Research, 70% of high school youth walk away from church after graduation. This event is intended to awaken the 70% of youth group students who are projected to leave the church. This night will challenge and encourage students to take their faith seriously.

During this evening, students will experience a time of worship, testimonies, and a powerful message from God's word. Come join them on November 13, for a life-changing night!

About the STINT Internship: STINT is the Todd Becker Foundation's internship program, which prepares and equips recently graduated high schoolers to stand firm in their faith after they leave high school. The STINT Program is a cost free, 9-month internship that gives students real world, front-line ministry experience that significantly impacts their spiritual growth and maturity as a Christian.

Join the Albin Oil Painting Workshop!

Logan - Enhance your oil painting skills in this two-day workshop with experienced artist Laurie Albin. Laurie will cover the basics of oil painting, demonstrate key techniques, and guide students in color development. The workshop will take place at the Logan Youth Center, 402 W. Church, Logan, KS, on October 25th & 26th, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Participants will use a landscape photo as a reference to create an original work of art. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced painter, you'll focus on value changes in landscapes and learn how to add dramatic flair to your work. Most importantly, you'll experience the joy of applying brush to canvas.

The registration fee is \$120.00 for this two-day workshop, with discounts available for Sustaining and Patron Hansen Museum Members. Call the Museum to register or find the registration form on our website (hansenmuseum.org) under Classes & Workshops.

This workshop is part of the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program, supported by the Hansen Foundation.

Museum Hours:
Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays & Holidays: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. It is handicap-accessible, and thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, admission is always free.

Blood Drive in Hoxie



Marty Cressler, coordinator for the American Red Cross Blood Drive held Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the 4-H Building in Hoxie stated they set the goal for 59 donations, with 52 appointments scheduled, a few cancellations and some walk-ins expected. At time of publication, results were not in to determine if the goal was met. Donors received a \$10 Amazon card. To schedule for the next drive, Tuesday, December 10, 2024, call or text Marty at (785) 675-8765 or go to www.redcrossblood.org.

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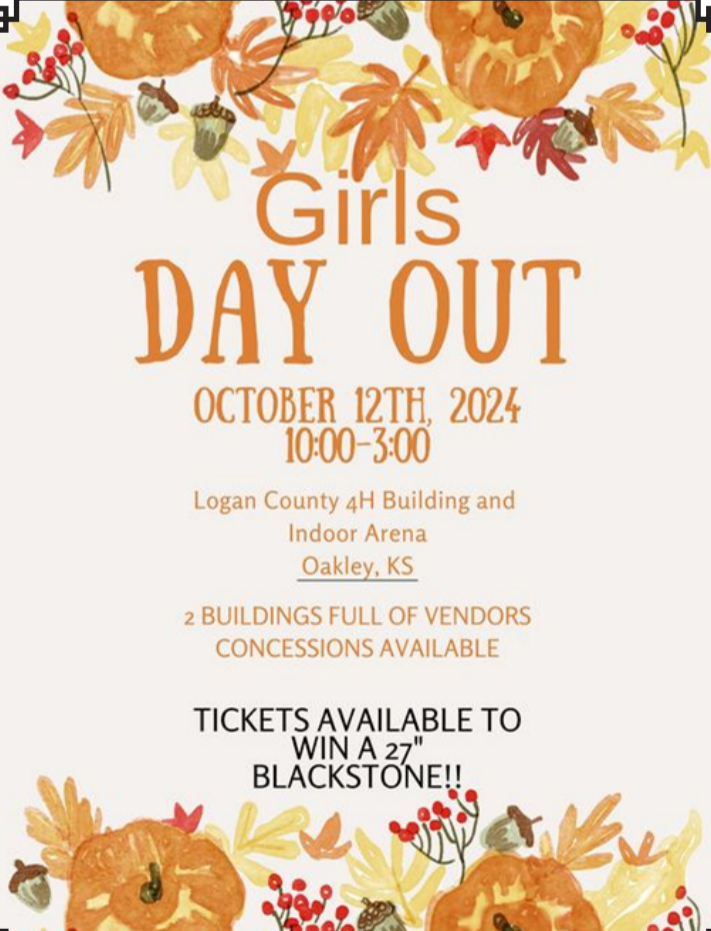
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Area Schools ~ Athletics & Academics

MS Dogs Win Close Game Over Northern Valley

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School football team won a close game 39-34 over the Northern Valley Huskies in Rexford on September 26. "Once we found the right gap that we needed to shoot, everything started going according to plan," said Parker Vahling who ran in three touchdowns in the game. "Then we could get the sacks in the back."

The Bulldogs struck first with a touchdown run by Parker Vahling. A pass from Ruxin Arnberger to Brandon Karnes gave the Dogs the extra point and a 7-0 lead early in the first. Koen Schaben kicked back to the Huskies who moved the ball but with tackles by Vahling and Kasch Buehler, they turned the ball over just shy of the first down.

The Dogs moved the ball with a good run and several successful passes from Arnberger to Buehler and Schaben. Arnberger connected with Buehler for a second Bulldog touchdown. The extra point run was stopped, and the Dogs were up 13-0. The Huskies answered with a touchdown of their own, but it was called back due to a penalty. They repeated the score, this time without any flags, and ran in the extra point to close the gap to 13-7 at the end of the first.

The Bulldogs opened the second with a first down but turned the ball over to the Huskies. The Huskies scored a second time midway through the quarter. Buehler tackled the runner of the PAT attempt, and the game was tied up at 13.

The Dogs had trouble moving the ball back on offense due to pressure from the Huskies. Vahling broke through for a 50-yard touchdown run and put in the PAT to put the Dogs back on top 20-13. The Huskies fumbled on the kick return and Schaben recovered for the Bulldogs. The Huskies responded with a pass interception, but the Dogs defense stopped them just short of their goal before the Huskies finished in the end zone and ran in the PAT to tie the game up at 20 at the half.

The Huskies scored again early in the third to gain their first lead of the game 27-20. The teams traded possessions throughout much of the quarter. Arnberger again connected with Schaben and Vahling before Vahling crossed the goal line again. The PAT was stopped by the Huskies, but the Dogs closed the gap to 26-27 at the end of the third.

The Bulldogs quickly regained the lead with a touchdown by Buehler at the start of the fourth. Vahling ran in the extra point with a 33-27 Bulldog lead. Midway through the fourth, the Huskies pulled back ahead 34-33. With just 8 seconds remaining in the game, Arnberger connected with Buehler once again for a final score and the win 39-34. "That last touchdown for the win was definitely and highlight!" continued Vahling.

The Bulldogs will play at home again on October 3 as they host Weskan. "Our goal is to get better on defense and to know all our plays," added Vahling.



Score! Golden Plains Eighth Grader Parker Vahling heads to the end zone for another Bulldog touchdown against Northern Valley in Rexford on September 26. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

Pillowcases for Hospital

By Jaden Dohm

The freshman FACS class learned how to make pillowcases. The pillowcases are being sent to Children's Hospital in Colorado. Each student has made at least one pillowcase to send as well as pillowcases to keep. Mrs. Kayla Goetz and Mrs. Nickolet Cox were the instructors throughout the project. Mrs. Cox assists the freshman class with their sewing projects.

FACS teacher Mrs. Goetz said "The freshmen are catching on to all the projects quickly. I am proud of the progress we have made so far."



Freshman Emily Hrabe holding her pillowcase for the children's hospital. (WHS photo)

Football Against the Trojans



Sophomore Spencer Beckman runs the ball against the Trojans. The team rushed for 102 yards. (WHS photo)

By Maggie Kindler, Staff Reporter

On Friday, September 27, the Thunderhawk Football team played against Logan/Palco. The football team fought hard but lost to a score of 20-6.

Although other stats are not available, the highlight of the game for the Hawks was when Riley Tuttle went 6-10, throwing for 65 yards.

As a team, the Thunderhawks had 102 yards on the ground, and Riley Tuttle scored the only touchdown on a quarterback run from the 9-yard line.

Riley Tuttle stated, "The team played really well together, and our defense was our strong suit that night."

About the September 27 game, Coach Briggs stated, "We had a much better team performance this week. Although it still resulted in a loss, we showed some good things that we can hopefully build on in the coming weeks. The team got a little banged up but hopefully we can recover from some of the injuries and have a strong second half of the season."

On October 4, the football team will be playing against the Marmaton Valley Wildcats in Greensburg, KS.

Lady Bulldogs Set PR's at Oberlin



Celebrate! The Golden Plains Cross Country team celebrates their achievements at the Decatur-Oberlin Invitational on October 1. Each girl setting a new PR and both boys set career high placements. Team members include (l-r) Dylan Wark, Lesly Rios, Elizabeth Weiner, Adilyn Meier, Briella Knowles, Kailee Wessel, Zeke Weiner and Brielle Karnes. (Photo by Shanda Brown)

By Jaxson Vabinder

The Golden Plains Bulldogs Cross Country team competed in the Oberlin-Decatur Invitational in Oberlin on October 1, with Elizabeth Weiner, Adilyn Meier, and Kailee Wessel all setting new personal records.

The Bulldogs two male competitors had hit their highest placements of the season with Ezekiel Weiner coming in 3rd at 18:18.25 and Dylan Wark finishing 5th with an 18:38.02 run.

The Golden Plains girls all set PR's at this meet, with Elizabeth Weiner coming in 2nd at 20:51.12, Adilyn Meier placing 4th at 21:22.90, and Kailee Wessel finishing 20th at 25:50.67.

"We keep getting better," said Elizabeth Weiner. "Working hard in practice helps us improve." The next meet Golden Plains will attend is the Northwest Kansas League in Sharon Springs on October 8.

Bulldogs Set PR's at Norton



Golden Plain Junior Zeke Weiner set a new personal record of 18:09.31 at the Norton Invitational on September 29. Nearly every Bulldog runner set a new PR at the Norton Invitational. (Photo Taken by Brielle Karnes)

By Luz Aguilar

The Golden Plains Cross Country team ran in Norton for their fourth meet of the season on September 26 at Norton.

Golden Plains had two male participants, Ezekiel Weiner and Dylan Wark. Weiner, a Junior, ran a personal best time of 18:09.31 placing 8th. Wark is a Junior as well and ran a time of 18:36.09 placing 11th. "I had a really good time running with my friends and competing," said Wark. "I will continue to improve to get on with the season."

Elizabeth Weiner, Adilyn Meier, and Kailee Wessel each set a new personal record in the Golden Plains female division. Weiner placed in 2nd with a time of 21:01.69. Meier placed 4th with a time of 21:32.08.

Wessel, a sophomore, improved her time 26:48.02 placing 28th. The Bulldogs will have their next meet at Oberlin on October 1.

Playground Fun!



Golden Plains Elementary Students enjoy being pushed on the merry-go-round on the playground in Selden by GPHS

Football/Cross Country team members Miguel Garcia, Zeke Weiner, and Owen Patmon during the Homecoming Pep Rally on September 26. The team members and lifetime fitness class members spent the morning of activities with the grade schoolers in preparation of the Homecoming football game. (Photo by McKinzie Horobik)

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Cheerleading Stunt



The Golden Plains Middle School Cheerleaders perform a stunt during half time of the MS Football game against Weskan in Rexford on October 3. Cheerleaders include (l-r) Estrella Aguilar, Kaydence Cregger, Jade Dible, Molly Ritter, (Ellie Romero (top)), Yarely Romo, and Alicia Vargas. They are sponsored by Mandy Focke. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

WHS Attends "Dear Evan Hansen"



WHS students in front of the Schmidt Beach Performing Arts Center at Fort Hays State University Monday, September 30. Thirty-five students along with sponsors attended the Broadway touring group perform the live stage presentation of "Dear Evan Hansen." (WHS photo)

Carolyn Nelson, Sponsor

Thirty-five WHS students and their sponsors attended the live stage performance of the Broadway musical "Dear Evan Hansen" on Monday evening, September 30, at the Beach Schmidt Performing Arts Center in Hays.

The students began the night with a burger bar in a Thirsty's banquet room. It was a popular choice and was organized by senior Treyton Barnett as part of a FACS class project. FACS also helped support the dinner by hosting a peach canning fundraiser in September.

Sophomore Deighton Herl stated, "I enjoyed the overall experience and if something like this came up again then I would probably go again."

Freshman Emma Thomas agreed, saying, "I really liked the overall experience. If I had the chance to go again I would because I really enjoyed the musical. I had a fun time with my friends as well. I think this was a good school trip."

Emily Hrabe, freshman added, "I thought it was nice sitting down with our classmates and getting to talk with each other. We were not rushed at all to finish eating, and I appreciate the people that helped fund the food for us to eat."

WHS students and faculty thank GCDC and the Gove County Endowment Foundation for their financial support to make this trip possible.

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SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CALENDAR OF 2024 FALL EVENTS

THE SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (SCCF) IS INVITING THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND SEVERAL EVENTS THIS FALL IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS MISSION TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SHERIDAN COUNTY RESIDENTS, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE.

OCT 20 2-5 P.M. SHERIDAN COUNTY DAYCARE DUPLEX RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE, 2024 ROYAL AVE, HOXIE (SUNRISE ADDITION)

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**A Doctor's Note -
Senator Marshall's Weekly
Newsletter**

Senator Marshall Slams FEMA for Putting Illegal Aliens Before American Citizens Devastated by Hurricane Helene

The Harris-Biden Administration has repeatedly demonstrated that they do not prioritize the safety of Americans, from their FEMA fiasco with Hurricane Helene to allowing thousands of convicted criminals to enter the United States across our southern border.

Kamala Harris and Joe Biden grossly mismanaged federal funds through FEMA, spending millions in disaster funding to house illegal immigrants. I joined Mornings with Maria on Fox Business to discuss the Harris-Biden Administration's disastrous Hurricane Helene response and criminals pouring across the southern border because of Border Czar Kamala Harris' open borders agenda.

Senator Marshall Fights to Keep Dangerous Criminals from Illegally Entering United States

A shocking report revealed that tens of thousands of illegal immigrants with sexual assault and murder convictions are loose on the streets across the United States. Border Czar Kamala Harris's open borders agenda has flooded the United States with these violent criminals, putting American citizens in harm's way. No illegal aliens convicted of sexual violence should be allowed to live in our great nation, let alone have the opportunity to enter in the first place.

Americans deserve to be SAFE in their communities. I am proud to join Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA) in introducing the Better Enforcement of Grievous Offenses by UnNaturalized Emigrants (BE GONE) Act, which will allow the United States to deport sex offenders currently in the country and block those seeking to enter. This legislation will ensure that predators and criminals are identified, stopped, and deported - something the Harris-Biden Administration should have been doing all along.

Until we get a new sheriff in Washington, Congress must act with legislation that will block this administration's free-for-all open border policies, stop threats before they enter over the southern border, and ensure Americans' safety and security above all else.

Farm Bill Update

On Monday, the Farm Bill, which provides crucial support for Kansas agriculture, expired. While an extension remains in place through the end of this year, it is extremely disappointing the Senate could not come to a long-term agreement.

We still have not seen any effort by Democrat leadership or this White House to prioritize a Farm Bill. My Republican colleagues and I have put in the work. Senate Republicans released a framework that puts FARM back in the Farm Bill after years of one-sided priorities from the Harris-Biden Administration. The Republican Framework would bolster crop insurance, increase commodities reference prices, and preserve record-high SNAP benefits for hungry families.

I am frustrated but determined to secure a good deal for farmers, ranchers, and rural America. I know farm country is hurting right now, but we have to get this bill right and we need our colleagues across the aisle to commit to putting FARM back in the Farm Bill before we can get that done. We will get there.

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From Senator Jerry Moran

One Year Later: The U.S. Still Stands with Israel

On this first anniversary of Hamas' terrorist attack against Israel, we remember the 1,200 innocent lives murdered, including 40 Americans. This unprovoked assault had no justification, and we support Israel in its ongoing efforts to prevent this from happening again. We also remember our fellow citizens who are held hostage by Hamas alongside nearly 100 others awaiting their freedom. All efforts must be made to bring them home alive.

This past year has also resulted in enormous suffering among innocent Palestinians and Lebanese as terrorists who control Gaza and Lebanon are allowing mass civilian casualties as Hamas and Hezbollah use schools, hospitals and apartment buildings for protection. I am deeply concerned about the humanitarian situation in Gaza and implore the timely passage of food and medicine into the territory.

As Israel continues to defend itself against terrorists including Hamas, Hezbollah and Houthis - all backed by Iran, which has also attacked Israel twice in the last year - this day is a reminder that these enemies of Israel also pose direct threats to Americans in the Middle East and around the world. Shortly after the attack, I traveled to Israel and met with Prime Minister Netanyahu and other Israeli leaders to show the United States' support of our ally. The United States must be consistent in its support for Israel and work to achieve an enduring peace which safeguards the Jewish state's security and lasting existence and brings long-term peace in the Middle East.

Improving Benefits for Veterans

The Senate recently passed legislation I introduced with Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) to make certain the rate of disability compensation and other financial benefits for veterans and military survivors from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) keeps pace with rising costs. The Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act will increase certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children to reflect increases in the cost of living. We have a responsibility to provide care and support for our nation's veterans and their families, especially those who rely on VA for essential financial support. I am thankful for my colleagues' support of our nation's veterans, and I look forward to the President signing this legislation into law.

Calling on Support for our Farmers

I joined KSN to discuss the importance of providing immediate and long-term support for our farmers and ranchers. With the current Farm Bill set to expire, Congress has the option to provide an extension, pass a new Farm Bill or let the bill expire. If we had enough bipartisan cooperation now, we wouldn't have to worry about what might happen. The problem is our farmers don't have that time to wait and see, so Congress must act now to prevent our farmers from struggling even more.

Spring Internship Program

Applications are now open for the Spring Internship Program. The intern program is open to qualified undergraduate and graduate students who have a strong interest in public service and government and have achieved academic excellence. The Spring Internship Program is from January 13-May 23. The deadline to apply is Friday, October 25 at 11:59 p.m.

KDA and KDHE Remind Kansans to Vaccinate Animals Against Rabies

Manhattan - The Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment together advise Kansans to be alert to the human health risk caused by unvaccinated animals, following a second detection of rabies in a cat in the last two weeks. The two cases were in Jewell County and Harvey County, and both involved outdoor cats which exposed multiple humans and other cats. The known human exposures have started rabies post-exposure prophylaxis, a series of five vaccinations to prevent rabies in humans.

Rabies is a viral disease transmitted by the bite or scratch from a rabid animal. There have been six positive cases of rabies in cats this year, as well as several cases in wildlife. Both of the cases this month were in unvaccinated outdoor barn cats.

"Rabies is not unusual in the wildlife population, and unfortunately this often means domestic animals that roam freely can be exposed to the virus," said Animal Health Commissioner Justin Smith. "It is vital to vaccinate domestic animals against rabies, especially animals that interact with humans, because humans can be infected. Vaccinating pets and livestock against the virus protects both animal health and human health."

Even if an animal is kept indoors, ensuring their vaccination against the virus is up-to-date serves as an important barrier if they are ever exposed to a wild or stray animal that could be carrying the disease. Those who have barn cats should have them vaccinated against rabies.

Many Kansas cities and counties have vaccination requirements; know what is required in your community and contact your veterinarian for more information about rabies vaccination.

Rabies attacks the brain and spinal cord and can take several weeks to months for symptoms to appear, but early treatment after an exposure can prevent rabies in both humans and pets that are up to date on vaccinations. The vaccination is highly effective.

If you notice unusual behavior in your animal, or you think your animal may have had contact with rabid wildlife, it is important to immediately contact your veterinarian to determine the next steps to take.

If you are a veterinarian, remember to always consider rabies as a potential diagnosis for neurologic animals. In Kansas, rabies is a reportable disease which requires a veterinarian to report a positive rabies test to the KDA Division of Animal Health.

In order to prevent the spread of rabies, people should teach children to be cautious around outdoor animals, wild or domestic, even if they look to be friendly; wash a wound from an animal encounter thoroughly with soap and water and get medical attention immediately; keep pet vaccinations current; and monitor pets when outside.

If you have concerns about rabies, please visit www.kdhe.ks.gov/1497/Rabies or call the KDHE Epidemiology Hotline at 877-427-7317.

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**Task Force 2 for
Swift Water Search and Rescue
Deployed to Florida**

Topeka - Governor Laura Kelly announced today that the Kansas Division of Emergency Management received another Emergency Management Assistance Compact request from Florida for a swift water search and rescue task force in preparation for Hurricane Milton's arrival. Working with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Kansas Task Force 2 was deployed last night to Florida.

"Kansas is once again sending assistance to Florida due to another large and powerful hurricane landing this week in the Gulf Coast," Governor Laura Kelly said. "We're committed to mobilizing resources and personnel to provide immediate support to those affected by Hurricane Milton."

"The personnel responding to Florida to assist with Hurricane Milton have trained for this kind of disaster response," Mark Engholm, Kansas Fire Marshal, said. "They are committed to providing professional search and rescue support to those in need. Kansas can be proud of our men and women who have chosen to deploy."

Kansas Task Force 2 consists of personnel from the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Chanute Fire Department, Cherryvale Fire-Rescue, Johnson County Med-Act, Manhattan Fire Department, Neodesha Fire Department, Salina Fire Department, Shawnee Kansas Fire Department, and Wichita Fire Department.

Their objectives will be to search for and rescue individuals, provide basic life support medical care, transport humans and animals to the nearest location for secondary air or land transport, provide shore-based and boat-based water rescue, provide animal rescues, and support helicopter and urban search and rescue in water environments.

CongressMann Mail

Fighting for a Nation That's Safe

Elected officials have the duty to protect the American people. Under the Biden-Harris Administration's failed leadership, our national security has been weakened. From our wide-open southern borders to proposed policies that would endanger family farms across Kansas, the Biden-Harris Administration has taken America backwards. As part of my Commitment to the Big First, I am fighting to:

- End the humanitarian and fentanyl crisis at our southern border
- Support our military troops and law enforcement officers
- Stand strong as the world leaders in democracy and freedom

House Republicans are working to get America back on track. I will continue supporting efforts to ensure the safety of all Americans and will keep holding our federal government accountable.

Addressing the Nation: A Time for Choosing

When Kansans think of the future they want for their children, they want a nation with a strong economy, secure borders, and a land of opportunity. I spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives about the consequences that the November election will have on that future.

In the coming weeks, Americans will head to the polls, and we'll have a choice before us. We can vote for a candidate that has told us what she wants to do to address her failing policies, or we can vote for a candidate who has shown us what his policies can do to strengthen the nation. I know what choice I will make.

Spring 2025 Internship Applications are Open

I am accepting internship applications for Spring 2025. My first job on Capitol Hill was interning for a Kansas representative, and I'm honored to extend that same opportunity to other young people. Interns are a vital part of a congressional office, and the program is a rewarding experience for students interested in learning more about our government and serving Kansans in the Big First District.

If you, or a student you know, are interested in applying for an internship in my Washington, D.C., Manhattan, or Dodge City offices, please click the link below to learn more and apply.

The last day to submit all required application materials is Friday, October 25, 2024, at 11:59 PM CDT.

Livestock Marketing Association

The Big First District is the number one beef producing congressional district in the country. During my meeting with the Livestock Marketing Association, we discussed the importance of fighting regulations that handcuff our beef producers like the Biden-Harris Administration's Packers and Stockyards rule that harms competition and hinders family ranchers who are trying their best to make an honest living. We also discussed the need for fewer unfunded, mandated rules from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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or a group you want me to talk with, **please contact me at 620-874-4498 or jimminnix@icloud.com.**

The deadline to register to vote in the 2024 general election is Tuesday, October 15. The General Election is just over 4 weeks away and advanced voting starts in most counties on October 16, and ends at noon on Monday, November 4. **The polls will be open 7 AM to 7 PM on November 5.**

Please VOTE! Jim Minnix

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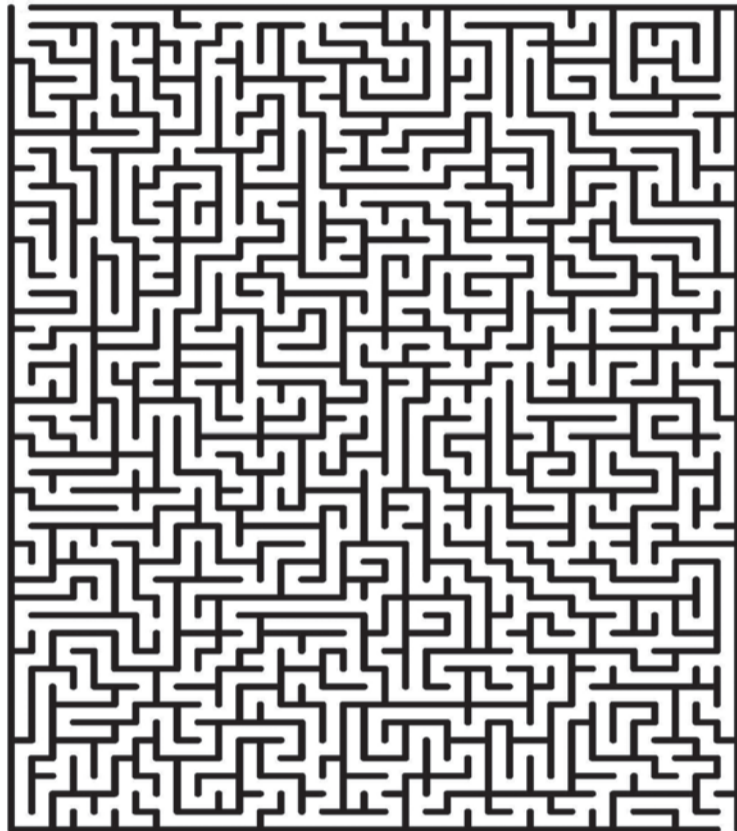
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: SCATTERED TRASH

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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5						9	6	4	
	6			8					2
		8				3	9		
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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: ◆

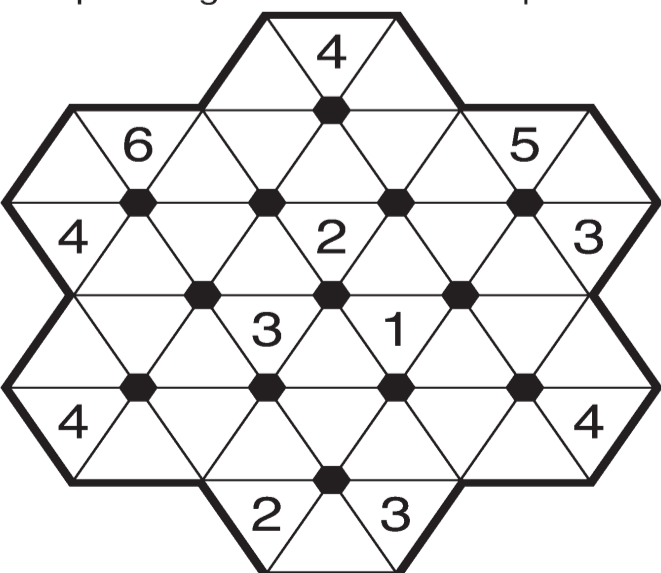
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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.



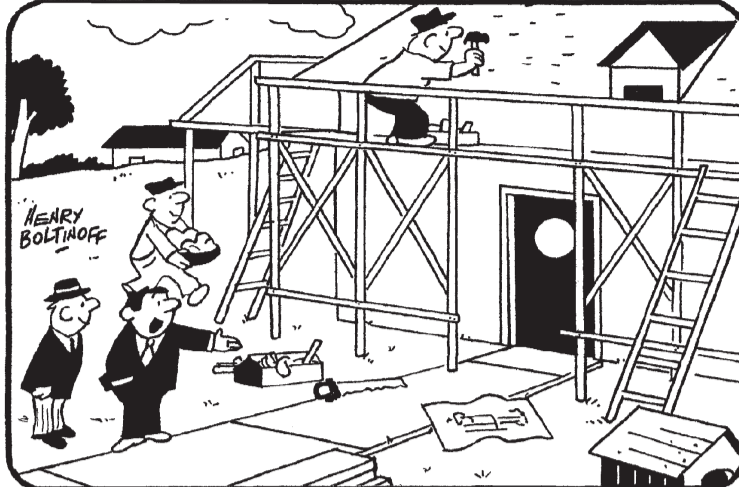
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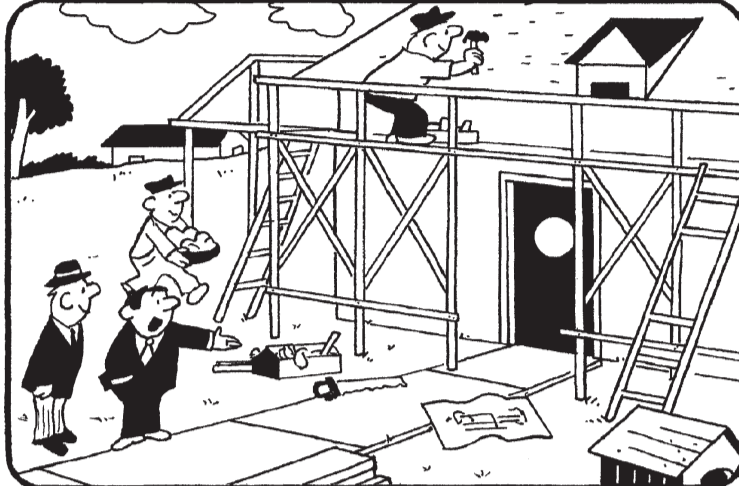
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Panel 4: Ladder is moved. Panel 5: Ladder rung is missing. Panel 6: Ladder is moved.

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: X equals C

GYN ZJT IFEMHDZ FJG RG GYN
ZTU IFJCQD'G GRMN GYN GHUN
GF GRCM GF LNFLCN. YN YRQ
GFF URDT LENKKHDZ XFDXNEDK.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

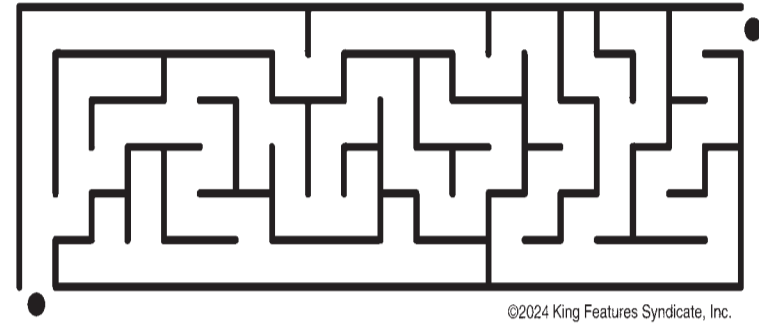
CRISSCROSS – FEBRUARY TWENTY-NINTH WORDS*

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.

*All words are formed from the letters in FEBRUARY TWENTY-NINTH

3 Letters	AWE
	BUY
	INN
	TEN
4 Letters	AUNT
	FATE
	HERB
	NINE
	TINY
5 Letters	AFTER
	BRAIN
	FRUIT
	HEART
	INNER
	NANNY
	WRITE
6 Letters	FATHER
	UNFAIR
7 Letters	FEATHER
	FREEWAY
	THEATER
8 Letters	ETERNITY
	RETAINER

Kids' Maze



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

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Theft	THEIS		
Escort	SHURE		
Alter	NAMED		

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Super Crossword

WELL-DEFINED

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Ran after | 1 The Sims or Minecraft, say |
| 8 — oil (trendy marijuana extract, for short) | 2 Muse of astronomy |
| 11 Old TV ET | 3 Fast part of a river ride |
| 14 Feudal peons | 4 Govt. stipend |
| 19 More ill-bred | 5 Adm.'s org. |
| 20 Loaf in a deli | 6 Brain wave test: Abbr. |
| 21 Palme — (Cannes award) | 7 Harry Potter bully Malfoy |
| 22 "La Traviata," e.g. | 8 Burial vaults |
| 23 120-Across #1 | 9 Poet Percy — Shelley |
| 25 "Over here!" | 10 — Moines, Iowa |
| 26 Sieved, as potatoes | 11 One-off, as a committee |
| 27 Folk rocker DiFranco | 12 Lerner's songwriting partner |
| 28 Drink holders | 13 Skillet |
| 29 120-Across #2 | 14 Ilk |
| 31 120-Across #3 | 15 Grand-scale |
| 36 Suffix of enzymes | 16 Give new energy to |
| 37 Don effortlessly, as shoes | 17 Region prohibiting slavery prior to the Civil War |
| 38 Toxin-fighting fluids | 18 Made unhappy |
| 39 Functional unit of a kidney | 24 — -Puf (facial sponge) |
| 42 Wield a saber or foil | 29 Really hate |
| 45 Sky twinkler | 30 Suffix with serpent |
| 48 Stray calf | 32 Resist boldly |
| 49 120-Across #4 | 33 Singer Lisa |
| 55 Plead | 34 City in Sicily |
| 56 Cabinet chief: Abbr. | 35 Once, once |
| 57 Muse of poetry | 40 Word file alternative |
| 58 Mimosa tree, e.g. | 41 — polloi |
| 62 "Put — Happy Face" | 43 Syringe amts. |
| 64 DiCaprio of "Titanic" | 44 Stretch (out) |
| 70 120-Across #5 | 46 — Lingus (Irish carrier) |
| 75 More furtive | 47 Writer Dahl |
| 76 Possess | 49 The Beatles' "— Work It Out" |
| 77 Gets the impression | 50 Tequila plant |
| 78 Core belief | 51 Sacred image |
| 81 Light tan | 52 Big Apple address abbr. |
| 84 Groom's vow | 53 Sch. near the Rio Grande |
| 85 120-Across #6 | 54 Axes, e.g. |
| 94 "Take —" ("Jot this note") | 55 Scrooge's outbursts |
| 95 Water spigots | 59 U.S. spy org. |
| 96 Extort money from | 60 Fluid in a pen |
| 97 Fit to reside in | 61 Anxiousness |
| 100 Architect Saarinen | 63 In times past |
| 103 Island near Bora Bora | 65 Scot's denial |
| 107 Rage | 66 Novelist Rand |
| 108 120-Across #7 | 67 Varnish stuff |
| | 68 "Judge —" (Stallone film) |
| | 69 — buco |
| | 71 Artist Jan van der — |
| | 72 "Nola" composer Felix |
| | 73 Actor Wilson |
| | 74 How much '90s music was recorded |
| | 79 LAX info |
| | 80 High-quality |
| | 82 CSA soldier |
| | 83 Web address |
| | 85 Certify |
| | 86 The "E" of UAE |
| | 87 Overturns |
| | 88 Singer Sumac |
| | 89 Word before goblin |
| | 90 Employed |
| | 91 — bad example |
| | 92 Split |
| | 93 Ritalin treats it, for short |
| | 98 Science writer Willy or ESPN anchor Bob |
| | 99 Urge strongly |
| | 101 Kind of steak |
| | 102 Like some headsets |
| | 104 Chemist's "I" |
| | 105 Brief pang |
| | 106 For a really long time |
| | 109 Muscle car booster |
| | 110 Macabre |
| | 111 Interval |
| | 112 Is really angry |
| | 114 Lotto variant |
| | 115 Deposits, as eggs |
| | 120 License-issuing agcy. |
| | 121 Palindromic file suffix |
| | 122 Fitting |
| | 123 Cashew, e.g. |

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Board of Education Minutes
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UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 412
SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

The Board of Education of Unified School District No. 412 met for their regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the District Board Room located in Hoxie, KS.

PRESENT WERE: Michael Bretz, Reba White, Bill Beckman, Brett Oelke, Mitchell Leonard Weber
ABSENT: Sharris Werner
BOARD CLERK: Mandy Shipley
PRINCIPAL: Carey Fose
GUESTS: Ethan Stickel, Dixie Gelvin, Bailynn Moser, Riley Milton, Carla Weilert, Ethan Baker, Davin Wade, Olivia Walker, Jentry Rhodes, Viley Pridley, Bella Urban, Tiffni Carter

Michael Bretz called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Board and all in attendance recited the flag salute. Mandy Shipley took roll call attendance. Six Board members were present. The agenda for the Board meeting was approved as amended (Beckman/White 7-0).

The Board moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended (White/Beckman 6-0).
a) Approve Current Bills
b) Approve September Treasurer's report
c) Approve Monthly Fund-Balance Summary (will approve in November)
d) Approve September Activity Fund Reports
e) Approve September 9, 2024 RNR Hearing Board Minutes
f) Approve September 9, 2024 Budget Hearing Board Minutes
g) Approve September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
h) Approve Professional Leave
i) Approve Gift and Grant Awards

Transportation: Ethan Stickel gave an update to the Board regarding district transportation. Large-Scale Projects: Ethan Stickel and Sharris Werner presented a bid from Mammoth regarding the high school track, and discussion followed on next steps.

Department reports were reviewed.
FHTNW: No report
NKES: Minutes provided, brief update from Michael Bretz.
Food Service: No report
Administrator Reports: Carey Fose and Sharris Werner provided updates on their respective buildings and the district.

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The Board reviewed their current goals.

The Board moved on to address items in Old Business:

Leonard Weber entered the Board meeting at 8:11 PM.

The Board moved to reconsider action taken at the regular Board meeting on September 9, 2024 regarding district policy (Oelke/Baalman 7-0).

The Board discussed JR/SR High Student Handbook policy related to out of school suspension.

The Board moved to approve the 2024-2025 JR/SR High Handbook as amended (Oelke/Beckman 7-0).

Tiffni Carter and Dixie Gelvin exited the Board meeting at 8:20 PM.

The Board took a break at 8:20 PM and resumed in open session at 8:25 PM.

The Board moved on to address items in New Business:

The Board moved to approve August KASB Board policy updates as discussed (White/Herrick 7-0).

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:27 PM to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 30 minutes with the Board only present returning to open session at 8:57 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/Oelke 7-0).

Sharris Werner was invited into the executive session at 8:51 PM and remained until the Board resumed in open session.

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 8:59 PM to discuss the 7-12 Principal contract pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board and Sharris Werner present returning to open session at 9:14 PM in the District Boardroom (Beckman/Weber 7-0).

Carey Fose was invited into the executive session at 9:06 PM and remained until the Board resumed in open session.

The Board moved to approve the resignation of Joan Winter as part-time cook effective September 25, 2024 (Beckman/White 7-0).

The Board moved to approve the resignation of Landon Heim as full-time grade school custodian, effective October 8, 2024, with regrets (Weber/Herrick 7-0).

The Board moved to accept the resignation and retirement of Carey Fose upon completion of her contract as 7-12 Principal for the 2024-2025 school year (Oelke/Baalman 7-0).

The Board moved to approve new hires and staff updates as listed (Oelke/Herrick 7-0):
Taylor Meitz: Full-time school year High School Office Aid
Kaitlyn Schamberger: Junior High Track Coach

The Board moved to enter into executive session at 9:25 PM to discuss non-elected personnel pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for 15 minutes with the Board, Sharris Werner, and Carey Fose present, returning to open session at 9:40 PM in the District Boardroom (Oelke/White 7-0).

Michael Bretz adjourned the meeting at 9:41 PM.

MICHAEL BRETZ, PRESIDENT
Approved this 11th day of November, 2024
MANDY SHIPLEY, BOARD CLERK

Fun Page Solutions

CryptoQuip answer
The guy working out at the gym wouldn't take the time to talk to people. He had too many pressing concerns.

SNOWFLAKES solution
A snowflake-shaped Sudoku puzzle with numbers 1-6.

Kids' Maze Solution
A complex maze puzzle with a solution path highlighted.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer
A 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9.

Puzzles4Kids Answer
A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

SCRABLERS solution
1. Noble 2. Heist; 3. Usher; 4. Amend
Today's Word: HUSBAND

Super Crossword

Answers
A crossword puzzle grid with the following words filled in: PURSUED, CRASSED, GAPING, ANI, MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN, EASE ON, WAY BACK IN THE OUTFIELD, BEG, ACACIA, HAVING MANY GOOD PLAYERS, SNEAKIER, VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND, AMEMO, LIVABLE, TIRE, DARKLY, AT SEA, TEENY, ESSOS, CBD, ALF, SERFS, RYE, DOR, OPERA, HEY, RICED, LOW PITCHED, STAR, DOGIE, SECY, ERATO, LEONARDO, GOOD, BLEED, OWN, SENSES, ECRU, IDO, TAPS, BLEED, TAHERI, FARDOWN, BEAU, DIA, DEEP MEANING, EXPUNGE, VER, SETTEES.

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