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# Four Grants Awarded During September



SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director, Sheridan County Community Foundation, & Levi Gleason, Student Intern

Hoxie - The Sheridan County Community Foundation has awarded four grants totaling \$23,500.00 during the September grant cycle.

A \$10,000.00 grant was awarded to the Sheridan County Fair Board in care of Sheridan County to assist with the purchase of new chairs and chair carts at the 4H Building in Hoxie. The 4H Building is one of the largest event spaces in Sheridan County and is used year-round for a variety of events including weddings, fair activities, 4H meetings, blood drives, fundraisers, and more. To reserve the space, contact Lishe Kaiser at 785-657-7440 or Shannon Kaiser at 785-657-7221.

The Western Plains Arts Association (WPAA) was awarded \$2,500.00 to assist with arts and cultural events to be held in Sheridan County during their 2024-2025 season including the following events:

October 23, 2024 - Wichita Children's Theatre will present "Elephant & Piggie" for Hoxie Elementary School students.

January 26, 2025 - Storyteller Marla Matkin will do a presentation on "Pioneering Women."

January 27, 2025 - Marla Matkin will do two student presentations on "Pioneering Women" for elementary and middle school students.

April 27, 2025 - Doug Gabriel and family from Branson will present a public performance called "#1 Hits Tribute Show."

For more information about the upcoming season including additional dates, locations, and ticket information, visit the WPAA website at <u>www.westernplainsarts.com</u>.

The Foundation awarded a \$10,000.00 grant to assist with physical upgrades to Hoxie Recreation's Community Impact Center on Hoxie's Main Street. A new door lock will be installed to better accommodate facility rentals, as well as replacement and redesign of the concrete entrance in front of the building, allowing for easier access of patrons of all ages and abilities. The project will also include several beautification and storage updates inside the facility.

All three grants were awarded from the SCCF managed Dane G. Hansen Community Pass-through Grant Fund.

An additional \$1,000.00 was awarded to Hoxie Elementary School USD 412 from the Sheridan County Youth & Education field of interest fund to assist with the grant request from the school to help cover expenses related to the elementary school utilizing the Hoxie Swimming Pool for physical education activities during the a donation of \$500.00 from Outdoor Bank combined with \$500.00 from the existing fund's proceeds.

For information regarding all of the Foundation's grant funds, please visit www.growsheridancounty.org/list-of-funds. Donors interested in contributing to any of the funds or establishing a new fund of their own are encouraged to contact SCCF Executive Director director@growsheridancounty.org or 785-677-5090.

Area organizations can submit grant applications for their projects and activities online at www.gnwkcf.org/hansen-grant for funding consideration. Application deadlines are the last day of each month for consideration during the Board of Directors' monthly meeting the following month.

Six categories are considered with making grants: 1) Education; 2) Health Care; 3) Community Social Services and Security; 4) Conservation and Environment; 5) Arts and Culture; and 6) Community Beautification.

To learn more and apply, visit <u>www.growsheridancounty.org/</u> <u>grants</u>.

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/sheridanccf.

# Midwest Energy Supports DSNWK with \$5,000 Grant

Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, was recently announced as the recipient of a \$5,000 grant from Midwest Energy, Inc. This award will be used to purchase three Digital Chair Scales and two Hoyer Lifts.

The Digital Chair Scale ensures precise weight measurement, enhancing both care and monitoring. The Hoyer Lifts with an additional battery for each lift will provide critical support for safe transfers, ensuring safety, portability and comfort for both individuals and staff. Individuals living in the homes where this equipment is needed have varying degrees of developmental challenges that increase as they age.

"Many individuals within services are prescribed medications requiring daily weights and monitoring for fluid retention," states Jerry Michaud, DSNWK President. "This equipment will significantly bolster our capacity to deliver high-quality, efficient, and safe services."

This project focuses on the safety of persons served within three residential homes in Hays and those served at the Kobler Developmental Center in Hill City.

DSNWK would like to thank Midwest Energy for their generous

# Young Gymnasts Excell at **AAU** Junior Olympics



This past July, Hoxie had three young athletes qualify and travel to Greensboro, NC, to compete in the AAU Junior Olympics. Jenna Herl and Kyrie Schwarz competed in gymnastics and Jaylen Herl competed in track & field in discus, shot put and javelin. The AAU hosted 500 gymnasts over a two-day meet. Tumbleweed Athletics in Colby and St. Francis qualified seven athletes who competed in this prestigious event. On the first day, the gymnasts

competed in their division and age group. To compete on the second day, the gymnast had to

have one of the top six scores for their division against all ages. On the second day of competition, the gymnasts only completed the individual events they qualified for.

On the first day, Kyrie Schwarz became a Junior Olympic Champion in the Platinum Division on Floor with a score of 9.7 and was also the All-Around Champion. She placed 3rd on vault, 3rd on bars and 2nd on beam. Kyrie's scores on beam and floor qualified her to compete on day two in those individual events in the Platinum Division against all ages. On the second day, Kyrie gave a

phenomenal performance on Beam and won the gold medal. She also had a solid floor routine that won her 3rd place.

Jenna Herl competed in the Open Division, which combined gymnasts from XCEL Diamond and Sapphire and Levels 8, 9 and 10. Jenna competed XCEL Diamond all regular season. On day one of the Open Division, the gymnasts were split their respective into age groups. On day two,



Kyrie Schwarz and Jenna Herl (Photo by Korey Herl)

they competed against all ages. Jenna had a tough division but showed her strength and determination competing against girls in divisions above her level. She placed 3rd in the All-Around, 3rd on Beam, 4th on Floor and 6th on Vault and Bars. Her scores on the Beam and Floor qualified her to compete on day two. Her second day competing against all age groups was also successful, she earned 3rd place on Beam and 6th on Floor. Jenna competed against high-level gymnasts and was able to hold her own and bring home some medals. Jaylen Herl competed in the track & field games of the Junior Olympics. She qualified in all three throwing events after having a successful junior high season at Hoxie. She placed 8th out of 68 girls in discus with a new PR throw of 100-6. Her 8th place finish in discus made her an All-American on the podium. She threw the shot put 33-3 ¼ and placed 27th out of 66. She threw the Javelin  $77^{-1/2}$  for a new PR and placed 15th out of 53. Overall, these young athletes did an incredible job representing Hoxie, KS at such a big event. We are very proud of all their accomplishments.

Jaylen Herl (Photo by Korey Herl

first couple weeks of the 2024-25 school year. The grant included | support of the people we serve.

# Sign Up for the Historic Nicodemus Township Bike Tour

#### By Robin Hardman

Nicodemus Township Bike Tour will be held on October 12, 2024, Graham County, Kansas

Robin Hardman is a bicycle enthusiast and recent Colorado transplant to the town of Bogue, her former roots. She is looking forward to participating in the First Annual Nicodemus Township History Trail Bike Tour. Robin shared that her experience on a bike is primarily recreational. While living in Colorado, her exercise regimen included mountain and road biking. She has participated in the Bike Across Kansas (BAK) twice: once in the mid 90's and then again in 2023 after returning to Kansas.

In addition to the promise of an amazing bike ride, Ms. Hardman will start the ride with a free breakfast sponsored by the Kansas Black Farmers Association and the Land Institute starting at 8:00 AM. Breakfast will be served at Ernestine's BBQ Culinary History Museum (former restaurant site). Robin is looking forward to learning Nicodemus history while on the bike tour. After returning from the long 33.5-mile ride she will indulge in BBQ provided by RC RubGrub BBQ of Glade and enjoy live music provided by local Graham County musicians. Friends and visitors not riding can enjoy the food and music and will have an opportunity to also watch The Ellis Trail to Nicodemus documentary at 2:00 PM in the Visitor's Center.

Robin, along with other bikers taking the longer tour, will be greeted by the friendly folks at the 4th SAG stop located at the park in Damar. This last SAG stop is sponsored by THRIVETOGETHER, a new Damar community-based group with a theme of 'working together to build communities together'. Volunteers at this SAG will provide riders with snacks, drinks and an opportunity to learn the unique history of this French-Canadian community settled primarily by French Americans. Riders can also take a brake and visit Damar's beautiful St. Joseph Catholic Church. It was built in 1912 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

We hope that you will attend the short 21.5 mile or long 33.5-mile ride or just come out and share a day of community history, fun, food and music.

To learn more about the ride and our history follow us on Facebook. Interested riders should register via the Nicodemus Historical Society's website at: nicodemushistoricalsociety.org. Register before September 27, to ensure that you get a T-shirt!

The 14 large historic signs were made possible with funding from the Sunflower Foundation.

For More Information Contact: Angela Bates (785) 839-8200 We expect a spectacular day! Please join us.

# **Our Heartfelt Thank You!**

#### Dear Community,

The Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration (NHEC), LLC Planning Committee extends heartfelt gratitude to all our generous donors, sponsors and supporters who made the 2024, 146th Homecoming Celebration a remarkable success. Your contributions are instrumental and crucial in helping us to organize and create our wonderful weekend to triumphantly be enjoyed by everyone!

We must thank all the families and individuals that became first time Homecoming sponsors. A challenge was put out for families and individuals to help support Homecoming and we received an impressive response. We are especially thankful to Hoxie Hotrodders, a new addition to our list of supporters. Your enthusiasm and contribution provided excellent shade and seating for all our visitors. We are excited to have you as a valued participant. A special thank you goes to our valued partner the Nicodemus National Historic Site (NPS), whose continued support and contributions have been instrumental in our Homecoming growth and success year after year. Your unwavering dedication is deeply valued and greatly appreciated.

To all our participants, both longstanding and new, your collective efforts are vital to the success of our humble celebration. Your steadfast support makes a world of difference, in helping us to create a celebration that brought joy and togetherness to our entire town and neighboring communities. We are deeply grateful for your continued involvement, appreciate your commitment and look forward to future collaborations. Thank You for helping us create a memorable Homecoming experience for everyone involved.

Thank you all for being such an essential part of our Homecoming's success. We look forward to celebrating with you again next year!

We can only do this with your help. Please consider donating to keep the tradition going. Donations can be mailed to: Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration (NHEC). P.O. Box 3, Hill City, KS 67642

Stay connected and get updates by visiting our website at: NicodemusHomecoming.org. Follow us at Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Nicodemus Homecoming Emancipation Celebration, LLC Board Robert Alexander | Una VanDuvall | Robbie Seamster | Karla Bates-Adams | Frankie (Cooper) Bates | Johnine Powell | Earlice Rupp | Norma Switzer

# **WHS Homecoming Candidates**



(back L to R) Jr Gorczyca, son of Brenda and Dusty Steerman, Devin Zimmerman, son of Lisa Rieth and Doug Zimmerman, Kaden Redburn, son of Blaine Redburn, and Treyton Barnett son of Schad and Christina Barnett; (front L to R) Emily Heier, daughter of Stephanie and Roger Heier, Emma Zerr, daughter of Heather and Daryl Zerr, Olivia Thompson, daughter of Rob and Melissa Thompson, and Jocelyn Perez Jimenez, daughter of Mario and Melvi Perez Jimenez. The homecoming parade line up will begin at 2:00 and the parade will begin at 2:30 at Grainfield Main Street. The 2024-2025 theme is 'cartoons.' The Thunderhawks take on Golden Plains at 7:00 in the Hawks Nest. Please come out and support the Hawks. (WHS photo)

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Faith believes and then faith Speaks according to what it believes. ~Gloria Copeland	Reported on: Tuesday, Sept. 17Corn4.13Milo3.83BeansCOP8.96Wheat5.05	Date         High         Low         Moisture           9/8               9/9               9/10               9/11               9/12               9/13               9/14	Community News2-3Public Notices7Now & Then4Fun Page8NWKS, State, & National5Classifieds9Agriculture6Business Directory10	Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions. ~Albert Einstein

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Those enjoying the delicious meal at the Sunflower Senior Center on Wednesday, September 11, included Tim Davis; Jordán Stephenson and Gordon Pettibone, from Oberlin; Ken Carter; Julie Carter; Kay Brown; Doyle Brown; Alice Mizer; Ramona Shaw; Stanley Shimek; Allan Carter, Gwen Anderson, and Louise Cressler. A short business meeting followed. The group voted to order 12 8-foot lighter banquet tables. The propane contract has been sent in for pre-paid 1000 gallons propane from Mid Plains. The next potluck will be held October 9. All are welcome to join us. Following the senior meeting, the Women of Faith meeting was

held at the United Methodist Church.



Twin Creeks Extension consists of four counties, Norton, Graham, Decatur, and Sheridan. There are six agents representing the four counties. Board members for Sheridan County include Terry Preston, Kyle Emigh, Rhonda Gaede, and Amy Seegmiller.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

September 17: Ruth Porsch September 18: Bobbi Koerperich

September 19: Dalene Gawith

September 22: Caitlin Spresser Schwagerl

September 23: Kacie Rogers Evans, Kelsey Rhodes.

School Calendar:

September 19: Junior High Volleyball with Triplains/Brewster in Winona at 4pm and Football at 5:30pm. High School Cross Country in WaKeeney

September 20: High School Football with Wheatland/Grinnell in Grainfield at 7:00pm

September 23: Junior High Volleyball in Rexford with Decatur/ Rawlins at 4:00pm

September 24: High School Volleyball inn Rexford with St. Francis/Quinter at 4:00pm.

Big "Shout Out" to Dave Neff of Neff Seed. In honor of Jake Geisinger, on September 12, it was Kids Ag Day for 4th graders from Golden Plains, Hoxie, Norton, Northern Valley, and Oberlin schools. Jordan Riley, the Director of Sheridan County EMS, said there was about 150 kids attending the day's event.

They have road work planned for highway Number 9. That should begin in a week or so. Thery will be having delays with pilot cars. Should be finished by the end of October.

Reminder there is coffee club on Monday afternoons at the community center and Senior Citizens on Thursdays.

### **WPAA** to Present "Street Corner Symphony"

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# LETTER EDITOR

Hello! I want to publicly state, hats off to you Viktorija Briggs, for standing up for OUR First Amendment Rights! We all need to become definite in maintaining our inalienable rights! You and I have not always seen eye to eye, but we have maintained respectability! I applaud you for the way you endured the mistreatment of such an insolent reader. For those who are unhappy with my response, as the editor suggested, scroll on by or submit your written rebuttal.

God Bless America Cindy L. Eller Studley, KS jceller@outlook.com

The Sheirdan Sentinel staff would like to thank those who have called in and sent their appreciation for last week's Editorial. We appreciate the support, and will continue to stand behind and fully defend the Constitution of the United States.

# **FHSU's Career Services Announces Upcoming Career Fairs**

#### By University Communications

Hays - As FHSU's fall semester gets into full swing, career fairs provide opportunities for students to meet a variety of employers in one location.

"These events allow freshmen through seniors to learn about internship and job opportunities and make valuable connections," said Lisa Karlin, career advisor and interim director of FHSU's career services.

Mark your calendar for the following career fairs:

Nursing Employer Spotlight Day: Monday, Sept. 23, 12:30-3 p.m., Stroup Hall. Twenty-two employers are scheduled to attend.

Ag Career Fair: Thursday, Sept. 26, 2-4 p.m., Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. Accepting employer registrations through Sept.

Speech-Language Pathology and Education Career Fair: Friday, Nov. 15, 1:30-4 p.m., Fort Hays Ballroom, Memorial Union. Accepting employer registrations through Nov. 8.

To register or to find out more about FHSU career fairs, contact Career Services at 785-628-2460 or careers@fhsu.edu

For additional news and information about Fort Hays State University, go to https://www.fhsu.edu/universitycommunications/.

# U.S. 24B, I-70 Resurfacing Planned in Sherman County

Work on a pair of resurfacing projects in Sherman County is scheduled to begin the week of September. 16.

The Kansas Department of Transportation will mill and overlay the 2 miles of U.S. 24B in Goodland between the K-27 junction and I-70 interchange. Traffic will be reduced to one lane through the work zone and directed by flaggers and a pilot car. Delays not exceeding 15 minutes should be anticipated.

Following completion of work on U.S. 24B, construction will begin on a 15-mile portion of I-70 starting at Exit 12 near Caruso and ending near Edson. Traffic will be reduced to one lane with a decreased speed limit in the areas where crews are actively

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# MS Dogs Open Season at Home



Golden Plains seventh grader Ruxin Arnberger pulls the flag of a Cheylin Cougar ball carrier during the first middle school football game of the season in Rexford on September 5. The Bulldogs' first two games are flag games due to insufficient number of players on their opponents' teams. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

#### By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School football team opened their season on their home field in Rexford on September 5. They played a full flag game against the Cheylin Cougars as the Cougars were short enough players for a tackle game. The Dogs worked hard but fell to the Cougars 20-39.

The Dogs had the first possession of the game. Parker Vahling made a first down after several runs by Ruxin Arnberger. Arnberger then put the ball in the air and, despite several missed catches, finally connected with Kasch Buehler for the first touchdown of the game. They connected again for the extra point giving the Dogs a 7-0 lead.

Vahling and Buehler played tough defense to keep the Cougars out of the end zone for the remaining of the first, but the Cougars broke through to score at the start of the second quarter. They missed their extra point as the Dogs held on 7-6. The Dogs made some good gains but turned the ball back to the Cougars who found the end zone once more. They succeeded on their extra point attempt to gain the lead 14-7.

The Bulldogs answered with a pass from Arnberger to Vahling who ran in the touchdown for Golden Plains. Vahling also ran in the extra point to tie the game up at 14. With less than a minute until the half, Cheylin scored again to lead 21-14 at the half.

The Cougars added another score midway through the third. Buehler intercepted the PAT pass attempt and ran it all the way down the field to the end zone, but it didn't count as a touchdown and the Cougars held a 27-14 lead.

Both teams worked hard to move the ball both on the ground and in the air to finish out the third. The Cougars scored again in the fourth, but the PAT was stopped by Cameron Kelley for the Dogs. Back on offense, Arnberger crossed the goal line one more time for the Dogs. The Cougars finished the game with a long touchdown run to claim the win 39-20.

"It was good to get on the field and compete," said Vahling. "It would have been a better game for us if it had been a tackle game. We hope to get a win next week over Western Plains." The Bulldogs will travel to Ransom to take on the Bobcats on September 12 for another flag game.

# **Ag Day Fun!**



The Golden Plains fourth grade participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Ag Day at Neff Seeds on September 11. This day was sponsored by K-State Research and Extension and Twin Creeks District, the family of Jake Geisinger, and others. Students learned from a variety of centers including Entomology, Wheat, Goats, Drones, Agronomy, Water, Bees, Butter, Ice Cream, Beef, Implements, and ATV Safety. GP students participating included Ellsie Pfannenstiel, Eva Myers, Elias Weiner, Kimberlyn Juenemann, Archer Stoll, Jordan Pape, Maggie Focke, Irlanda Mar, Dally Hynek, and Eva Wessel. Stephanie Spresser helped sponsor the class throughout the day. (Photo by Lori Truetken)

# **FFA** Competes in Dairy Judging



Golden Plains Freshman Brielle Knowles (center) studies the cows to evaluate them at the FFA Dairy Judging in Bird City on September 9. She was a member of the Greenhands team that placed 11th overall. (Photo by Darrel Dible)

#### By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains FFA competed in Dairy Judging in Bird City on September 9. "It was fun," said Greenhand Madison Focke. 'We had to focus on one cow at a time."

The Greenhands (freshman) competitors included Kelby Buehler, Madison Focke, Briella Knowles, Shayna Altman, and Tannor Todd. They finished in 11th place as a team. "It wasn't hard," continued Focke, "but the paperwork was a little confusing. The hardest part was keeping your cows in the right order and explaining your reasoning."

The senior division placed 6th overall as a team with Janessa Leija, Katie Carter, Addy Wessel, Kailee Wessel, McKinzie Horobik, and Kadalen Unrein competing. Leija scored the highest in 19th place out of 74 participants.

# **STEM Lab Equipment Arrives at WHS**



Sophomores Avyn Teeter and Eric Kulhman work on projects in the new stem lab. (WHS photo)

#### By Maggie Kindler, Staff Reporter

This school year, as part of the Congressional STEM Grant, Wheatland High School purchased 3D printers, small laser engravers, a small CNC router, and a latex vinyl printer and cutter. The students have been working to set up the STEM Lab and assemble the equipment. They are designing models to 3D print on Inventor, a 3D CAD modeling software program. Students will also be designing and using the laser and waterjet cutter as well as the CNC Plasma Cutter. Students will learn other design software programs such as AutoCAD, Revit - which is a structural modeling program, Lightburn, Corel, and other design software.

Other topics that will be covered during the year will be programming, robotics, electronics, aquaponics, and drone technology. Members of Applied Technology will participate in KidWind.

"My favorite equipment is the resin 3D printer since it is more realistic." said Jaxson Bernbeck

"The Applied Tech students have done a wonderful job in setting up and using the equipment. They are excited about the possible projects they can make and learning about the new technology." said Miss. Wetter.

# Football Kicks off the Season, 6-Man Style



Senior Jr Gorczyca runs the ball during the Grinnell football game. (WHS photo)

# MS Girls Open Volleyball Season at Home



The Golden Plains Middle School Volleyball team celebrates a point scored in their first match of the season against the Cheylin Cougars in Rexford on September 5. The A-Team girls won their match while the B and C teams fell to the Cougars to open the season. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

#### By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School volleyball team opened their season against Cheylin on their home floor in Rexford on September 5. The A-Team girls won their game in two sets while the B-Team and C-Team fell to the Cougars.

The Cougars opened with a slight lead in the first set of the A-Team game. Seventh grader MaKenlea Focke served to tie the game up and a 10 point serve streak by eighth grader Jade Dible gave the Bulldogs a 14-4 lead. The Bulldogs regained the serve and held on for the 25-14 win.

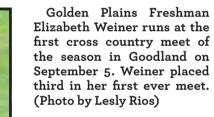
The Cougars fought back in the second set holding the lead for much of the game. Alicia Vargas took over the serve midway through the game and pulled the Dogs into the lead. The Bulldogs held on for the win 25-20.

"We did pretty good," said Dible. "We could get to the ball better, but I'm pleased we did so well in our first game."

The B-Team girls fell to the Cougars in two sets. They played a close first set but lost 16-25. The second set was a little closer as the girls traded points throughout most of the game. The Cougars pulled ahead at the end for the win 25-19.

The C-Teams were able to play one set. These young Bulldogs gained some valuable court experience as they lost to Cheylin 11-25. The girls will play their first game on the road as they travel to Ransom to play Western Plains on September 12. "We need to set the ball better this week," added Dible. "If we keep a positive attitude and keep talking to each other, it should be good game."

# **GPHS** Runs in **First Cross Country Meet**



#### By Luz Aguilar

The Golden Plains Cross Country team started the season in Goodland on September 5. Junior Ezekiel Weiner ran an 18:56.90, improving his time from the year before by a minute. "My

goal for this meet was to break 19 minutes," said Weiner. "I had to push hard because of the hills, so I'm glad I met my goal."

Junior Dylan Wark ran with a time of 19:23.00 placing 16th. This is his first year running cross country.

On the girls' side, Freshman Elizabeth Weiner ran 22:02.90, placing 3rd. Freshman Adilyn Meier placed 10th with a 22:45.50 run. Sophomore Kailee Wessel and Freshman Briella Knowles both placed in the top 5 for JV. Kailee placed 1st with a time of 27:19.20. Briella placed 2nd with a time of 29:07.60. "I had a lot of fun at my first meet," said Briella. "It was very humid which made it hard to go up the hills."

The Bulldogs next meet will be on September 12 in Quinter.

# JV Girls Split Games in Winona

#### By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains JV girls' volleyball team lost to Greeley County and came back to defeat Triplains/Brewster in Winona on September 10. "This was a good night for us," said freshman Madison Focke. "We communicated more than we did in our first game and had better coverage."

Their first game of the afternoon was against the Greeley County Jackrabbits from Tribune. The girls just couldn't get in sync on the court dropping the first set 9-25. They regrouped and played hard in the second set pushing the Jackrabbits to the limit, but the 'Rabbits claimed the set and the win 26-24.

The JV played a one set match against Triplains/Brewster to complete the matches for the evening. The two teams pushed each other, but the Bulldogs held on to finish with the win 25-21.

The JV will support the Lady Bulldogs at the Gove County

Jaden Dohm, By Staff Reporter & Emma Zerr, Staff Editor

On Friday, September 6, the Thunderhawk Football team battled their first game of the season against the Cheylin Cougars in Grinnell.

The WHS Booster club provided hamburger feed

before the game to raise funds for projects throughout the year.

The Thunderhawks fought hard but lost with a score of 26-74. Jr. Gorczyca scored one touchdown, and Riley Tuttle scored two touchdowns.

Senior Jr Gorczyca stated, "I am proud of that game, even though we did not win. We did our best and are on the road to a good season."

Head Coach Bryant Briggs said, "I thought our kids played well for our first game out. There were a lot of adjustments going into a 6-man game that ultimately were difficult, but I am excited to get back to our style of football this week and hopefully show some improvement at the next game against St. Francis."



Golden Plains sophomore Addy Wessel prepares to hit the ball back over the net in the Greeley County volleyball game in Winona on September 9. The JV girls fell to the Jackrabbits but came back to win over Triplains/Brewster. (Photo by Hayden Wark)

Harvest Market

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Classic on September 14 before traveling to Almena to play Northern Valley and Victoria on September 17. "We continue to work hard in practice and hope to get more wins this season."

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Local Athletic and Academic Boosters for the 24-25 School Year Hoxie Indians - Golden Plains Bulldocs - Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks	Local Athletic and Academic Boosters for the 24-25Sc Hoxie Indians - Golden Plans Bulldogs - Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderha
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# **KENOXIE ARCHIVES & MUSEUM'S** Now & Then

The Selden Times *September 20, 1888* 

The first train pulled into Hoxie on the 10<sup>th</sup> inst. and started east.

Is there a baseball club in this county who wants to match against Selden's nine?

Harry Horner will give up his position on the railroad and come home and help his father.

Horner & Son bid on the painting for the large brick building in Hoxie and were awarded the contract.

S. A. Bassett, of the Woodston Register, has returned to Kentucky and the name of C. C. Thompson appears as editor.

J. F. Sloan and family returned last week from a brief visit to their old home in Neb., J. F. says he is perfectly satisfied with northwestern Kansas.

Yours truly made a business trip to Mystic Saturday. We found that part of God's moral heritage flourishing and farmers generally busy with their fall work.

This is the festival season of the county fair, when the pumpkin vies with the pretty country girl for the attention of the crowd and gets left every time, world without end.

Dave Warne was around town Monday morning trying to find a pair of scales large enough to weigh the young man who put in an appearance at his house Sunday night.

M. G. Loughlen, of Adel township, called briefly Saturday. He is a candidate for superintendent and if nominated would make a good officer.

Davidson says the people of Hoxie saw something last week they had never seen before, "A real train of cars in Sheridan county." Any of them could and many of them did see that at this place any day last summer.

G. L. Hutchinson drove up to our door last week and unloaded about a dozen fine musk melons, a large, juicy water-melon and a sample of beets that is hard to beat. Not content with that he comes around quite often with more musk-melons determined to kill the whole force but up to date we have been equal to the emergency and return thanks to the generous donor.

We acknowledge a pleasant call Tuesday from G. W. Shook, editor of the Jennings Echo. He is contemplating a visit to Iowa in the near future. Shook & Day are giving the people of Jennings a good paper and they show their appreciation by patronizing it liberally.

The sale of the building known as the Jackson store building was consummated this week to a gentleman from Norton county, who will immediately stock it with drugs.

We would like to have a correspondent in every neighborhood in this vicinity to send us the local news. Send for stationery, have your name entered and commence at once. Send us the items and we will fix them for publication.

#### 100 Years Ago September 21, 1899

Mrs. Nondorf and the children who have been visiting friends in the east, returned Tuesday to their Logan township farm.

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

F. S. Cook, of Jennings, was a Hoxie visitors a party and both parties were talking in less than Grinnell last Thursday night. But Sunday afterthirty minutes.

noon it was a different story when Gove came over and shellacked the locals 24 to 3. Part of the local team on this occasion was made up of junior players. Faubion pitched for Hoxie in both games.

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#### Compiled by Rachel Farber, Archive Director

with Hill City on top with a 6 to 0 lead. The probable turning point of the game, was when the second half kickoff was returned all the way for a touchdown by Maier of Hill City. From then on the Indians seemed to lose momentum, and made a lot of costly mistakes, allowing the Ringnecks to capitalize on some of them.

#### Mickey's Want Ads

We can't get plastic window covering but we did get a roll of the plastic vinyl rug runner for protecting carpets at doors.

Teacher: "What is a census taker?"

Pupil: "A census taker is a man who goes from house to house to increase the population."

The sale price is still in effect on Scotts fertilizer. Up to \$2.00 off on a stack.

Studley Items

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Owings of Colorado arrived at the home of her (Barbara's) parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams Tuesday evening to be here to attend graveside services for his mother, Mrs. Ava Owings.

Mrs. Mary Niblock was delivering Tupperware here Tuesday afternoon.

Charlie Davis attended some ball games in Manhattan and Kansas City over the weekend.

#### McGraw News

Mrs. Sadie Smith had surgery at the Oberlin hospital last Thursday and is getting along fine. Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith visited her at the hospital Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris McMannis of San Francisco were Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh and Steve.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Bainter and Jean. Mrs. Harold Wright was an evening caller.

#### **Broadway News**

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shafer went to Grand Junction, Colo. the last of August and visited relatives. They brought back peaches and pears for themselves and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Smith went to Salina Sept. 9 where Albert had a medical checkup.

Cass Breeden is in the rest manor at WaKeeney.

#### Ringneck Campers Met at Kirwin Lake

The Ringneck Campers Club held their meeting at the Kirwin Lake on Sept. 6, 7, 8. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kahlor, Rexford, were chairmen. A hamburger cookout and watermelon was enjoyed by 24 members and 12 visitors.

The vice president, Roy Cooper, opened the meeting with the flag salute. Roll call and reports were read. A contribution was made to the Ruth Chrystie Memorial Fund.

Next meeting of the Ringneck Campers will be at Alma, Nebr. on Oct. 4-6. - Mrs. Grant Currier, Reporter

#### 25 Years Ago September 23, 1999 Hoxie Scouts to Receive Rank to Eagle

Two young men from Hoxie Troop 160 will receive scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout, in a ceremony on September 26 at Bowen Scout House in Hoxie. This ceremony is open to the public.

Monday.

Dr. I. E. Larrick, the Oberlin Dentist, will be in Hoxie October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

C. C. Evans and A. L. McCallum made a business trip to Selden Tuesday.

P. J. Meier, the Grinnell merchant, is enjoying a phenomenal trade, but wants more.

Mrs. P. S. George, of Hubble, Nebraska, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Crum.

W. S. Quisenberry, Frank Brown, and J. H. Jones took in the Norcatur race meeting last week.

Jack Webb has severed his connection with the Selden-Hoxie mail route and gone to Illinois.

Morland will have a big celebration on October 10, consisting of ball games, horse races, foot races, etc.

O. D. Foose, of Tescott, is the new miller and it is said that the Hoxie mill is turning out a mighty fine quality of flour.

Bert Turner Jr. who has resided in Mitchell county the past two years returned to Sheridan county the first of the week and expects to stay with us this time.

Edward Canfield of Belleville, Kans., is here to make final proof on his homestead entry. Mr. C. is an enthusiastic believer in Sheridan county's wonderful resources.

Solomon is on the boom, within the past two weeks a number of homeseekers from Illinois have been there and several have already made up their minds to locate.

John Vedder left Wednesday morning for Coffeyville to take charge of the Montgomery Democrat, he having had the party ousted to whom he leased it last January, for non-payment of rentals.

Toney Haverkamp, of Solomon township, made the best cattle sale a short time ago we ever heard of. \$37 was what he got for his two-yearolds and \$32 for his yearlings. It is said however, that he had one of the finest bunches in the county.

Mrs. M. H. Horton and the children visited in Adell township last week.

School commenced Monday morning with an enrollment of 80 odd. Prof. Hancock, Misses Jennie Freeman and Meda Rodebush is charge.

Judge and Anna Hedge, Crystal and Willie Davidson, C. T. Dallam and wife and a number of other Hoxieites took in Ringling Bros show at Norton last Saturday.

#### Seguin Squibs

Charley Nondorf has lease the Dodd cattle ranch for a term of three years. Charley is a good hand with cattle.

Mr. Clark from near Menlo, laid the foundation for Will Long's house last week.

Jo Cooper has ordered seven new Hapgood discs for our farmers. They seem to be taking the lead with the most of our people.

#### 100 Years Ago September 18, 1924

Gets Milwaukee in Less Than Four Minutes

Mrs. Earl Hill, night operator of the Consolidated Telephone Company, is guite proud of the fact that she secured Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for

The Milwaukee operator answered in four minutes but as the Chicago circuit was busy the talk was delayed a while.

#### Delphian Club Meets

Thirteen members responded to roll call Tuesday afternoon of last week when the Hoxie Delphian Society held its first meeting of the season.

Mrs. Grover Walker directed the literary program which was an intellectual feast. The subject under consideration for the afternoon was, "The Function of Art and the Gates of Art Appreciation." Some interesting discussions relative to "strengthening a curve," "trabeated and arcuated architecture," "how art is a growth," took place.

#### Local Happenings

Mrs. Strayhorn is moving today into the B. N. Jones house.

Attend the dance Saturday evening at John Ferguson's barn. Music by Byer Bros.

Ben Smith, of Morland, and Banker Root, of Studley, were Hoxie business visitors Wednesday

Miss Violet Hanchett, of Phillipsburg, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Irvin Shaw, and family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hally Altman took in the big Free Fair at Topeka last week and went on from there to Missouri to visit their son, Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nichols are the happy parents of a baby boy, who arrived in their home on Wednesday, September 10. He has been named Harold Robert and will be called "Bobby"

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vose and children, of Kansas City, Missouri, are visiting Sheridan county relatives and friends this week. While in Hoxie they have been the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Humphrey. Mrs. Vose was formerly Miss Eva Whitton.

The Sheridan county friends of the Rev. Johnson family who resided for a number of years in Selden and in Hoxie will be pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Pearl Johnson. She passed away last week at her home in Bird City. Pearl was a schoolboy when his father was pastor of the M.E. church in Selden.

#### Midway Community

The Midway Community club met at the Fred Herman home September 10 with fifteen members present. As the hostess had no work for them they passed the time piecing a quilt to belong to the club. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess and all went home feeling they had spent a very pleasant afternoon. Visitors present were: Mrs. Cleo Butler, Mrs. Stewart, Miss Alair and Miss Mae Kiggins.

Mrs. Ray Russell spent all day Thursday with Mrs. Claude Adams.

Miss Mae Kiggins is visiting at the O. W. Steinshouer home.

#### 75 Years Ago September 22, 1949

#### **Baseball Happenings**

The seasons end of baseball shows the team looking fine in one game and ragged in another. The locals took the big end of an 8 to 4 score from

The final game of the season will be tonight (Thursday) with Park. A good crowd of fans are expected to turn out as this team always play heads up ball and make the game interesting from start to finish.

#### **Building Progressing**

The new Henry Ochs building, just north of the Burkepile Motor Co., is beginning to shape up, as most of the outside structure is complete. Work is also being done on the front walk. It is planned to have this building complete in about 10 days. The appearance of this trim all masonry structure and cream brick front will add much to the appearance of a better looking main street.

#### **Green Valley**

#### By THE SCHOOL

School at Green Valley opened Monday with all pupils present. Mrs. Nettye Chamberlain who at one time attended school here and later taught here, is our teacher for this term.

Our editor elected for the coming month is Joe Spresser and all the other pupils his reporter.

Mr. Kenneth Newman finished drilling wheat for Mike Stegeman last week.

#### Studley Items

Rev. Gardner and Rev. Austin were in Studley, Wednesday, for quarterly conference.

Earl Stout spent Thursday night in Hill City, looking after 4-H club stock at the fair.

James Foster and Mrs. Norman Twell and children were in Hill City, Saturday.

#### Fairview

Ray Corkes and Cecil O'Dell attended a workers conference at Oberlin, Tuesday.

Dewayne Simon is the owner of a Chevrolet car which he purchased recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy James took their grandson, Jimmy Landon, to his home in Denver Tuesday. Mrs. James remained there for a few days visit.

#### Mickey's Want Ads

Try Dramax, the one coat sand finish paint. White and colors.

An Irishman who was rather too fond of strong drink was asked by the parish priest: "My son, how do you expect to get into heaven?"

The Irishman replied: "Shur, an that's aisy! When I get to the gates of heaven I'll open the door, and shut the door, and open the door and shut the door, and keep doing that till St. Peter gets impatient and says: "For goodness sake, Mike, either come in or stay out.'

See the new Remington automatic model and the new Winchester model 28 here.

#### 50 Years Ago September 19, 1974

#### Indians Defeated 26-0 by Ringnecks in Opener

The Hoxie Indians were defeated by the Hill City Ringnecks 26 to 0 in a football game played here last Friday night.

The Indians kept the game close the fist half,

Honorees are Brent Oelke and Jeremy Sekavec

#### Rexford

A surprise 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Edna Colson was held at the Rexford Community Hall on Sept. 11 with the family enjoying a noon meal and open house from 2-4 p.m. It was sponsored by her children, Grace Elling and family, Stan Kaus, and Charles and Cheryl Colson and family of Colby; Arthur and Nancy Colson and family of Hoxie; Roberta Coson and Jason, and Marge Quast and family of Goodland; Kathryn and Floyd Richard and family of Norton, and Ernest and Janine Colson and Jesse of Selden.

Zula Horinek returned home from San Diego. Calif., last Saturday after visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Leland Lunsway. She attended her grandson Lance Lunsway's wedding held at a resort in Fallbrook, Calif. The wedding was beautiful.

The Thieler family reunion was held on Sept. 12 at the Red Barn with a carry-in dinner, reminiscing and taking pictures. Homemade ice cream and cake were enjoyed in the afternoon.

#### Jennings-Allison

The sixth district ALVA coffee hour with Fred Dumas, tourmaster, arrived in Jennings on Sept. 15 at the American Legion Hall, for a joint meeting of the Jennings Auxiliary and the American Legion Post 351.

Jam Club - The Jesus and Me Club began their new season following school on Sept. 15 with 20 present.

The videotape, a Veggie Tale entitled "Where's God When I'm Scared" was viewed.

The Sunflower Senior Center had its monthly potluck on Sept. 14 with approximately 30 present. Special guests were Kasey May and her daughters. After a delicious meal, Bob Jones presented a very good program on antiques. He brought an array of antique lamps and quilts and talked about each.

#### McGraw

Tom and Ileen Wright of Salina visited Russel Bainter on Wednesday. Other visitors this week were Bill Bainter, Jim Bainter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter.

Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith, Kyle and Noah, helped celebrate Dave Herrmann's birthday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Herrmanns visited the George Launchbaughs this week.

Gerald and Leora Sines of McCook visited Mr. and Mrs. George Launchbaugh on Saturday.

#### Broadway

The ABW meeting was held Sept. 8. The mission speaker was Sarah Boyd Jedlika of Ness city. Thirteen ladies attended, a potluck dinner was provided, and 10 neighborhood women joined for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McWilliams and Alma Maude Smith went to Concordia Wednesday to help Harold McWilliams celebrate his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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### Annual Butterfly Festival September 28

#### By FHSU University Communications

Hays - The Kansas Wetlands Education Center's 11th annual Butterfly Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. in Great Bend.

Each year, millions of monarch butterflies undertake their annual fall flight to Mexico. Nets and tags will be available during the event for those who want to capture and tag monarch butterflies.

Participants head out into the flower-filled fields and shelter belt around KWEC to capture monarchs, with tagging leaders stationed along the trail to help with the tagging process. For the past several years, monarchs tagged at the event were recovered at three Mexico roost sites.

On their way to Mexico, data collected from tagged monarchs helps support the research of Monarch Watch. Tagging helps answer questions about the origins of monarchs that reach Mexico, the timing and pace of the migration, mortality during the migration, and changes in geographic distribution. It also shows that the probability of reaching Mexico is related to geographic location, size of the butterfly, and the date.

StoneLion Puppet Theatre will be back again this year presenting "Bubba & Trixie," a story of a scaredy-cat caterpillar afraid to leave his leaf until it meets a fearless ladybug. This story about friendship and facing fears is sure to delight attendees of all ages.

Larned-based Kellie Honey Farm will be present with a demonstration hive on display in the exhibit hall to educate about the importance of honeybees. KWEC will also feature an invertebrate zoo with giant walking stick insects, butterflies, caterpillars, chrysalises, fluorescing scorpions, and more. Kids can make a crawling caterpillar craft or a butterfly mobile at the craft station and take part in many other activities.

Grassland Groupies, a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the conservation of grassland ecosystems, will be at the festival with a Bumblebutt Petting Station, an all-male (so they won't sting) bumble bee interaction display.

Explore the Melody Marsh, a new interactive addition to the KWEC Pollinator Garden, and paint a section of a mural celebrating the monarch butterfly that will be displayed on the garden's fence.

The garden provides wildflower planting ideas to use at home. It features a variety of native and adaptable plants that serve as host plants for different species of caterpillars and provide nectar sources for pollinators, including butterflies, birds, bees, beetles, and more.

Milkweed plants and wildflower seeds will be available free until they run out. For more information, contact KWEC at 1-877-243-9268 or visit: wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.



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# NWKS, State, & National

# Legislation Introduced to Protect Kansans' Private Property Rights

Legislation would prevent federal government from seizing land for proposed transmission corridor

**Washington -** U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.) and U.S. Representative Tracey Mann (R-Kan.) introduced legislation to prevent the federal government from using taxpayer dollars to seize private property to be used for electric transmission lines.

The Department of Energy (DOE) recently announced a National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) proposal to consider building a transmission line across Kansas. By designating land as part of a NIETC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) would have new authority to site electric transmission lines.

The Biden administration's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act allows FERC to issue permits for transmission lines in a corridor even when state regulators have denied an application.

"Kansans have made it clear to the federal government that their land is not for sale," said Sen. Moran. "The NIETC proposal has been problematic from the start since the DOE permitted only 45 days for folks to submit their comments regarding the proposed transmission line. Sen. Marshall, Congressman Mann and I introduced legislation, the passage of which would prohibit the Department of Energy from trampling on the rights of Kansas landowners or usurping the authority of state regulators in order to build a transmission line across Kansas. These decisions should be left up to Kansans, not Washington."

"Bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. should not have the unchecked authority to approve projects that could strip Kansans of their property rights," said Sen. Marshall. "It's as simple as this: decisions affecting local lands should always rest with the states."

"Iam vehemently opposed to any effort by the federal government to seize private land," said Rep. Mann. "The Department of Energy's phase 2 announcement of the NIETC proposal was grossly under publicized, overly vague, and left landowners with no clarity regarding whether their lands would be impacted. Senator Moran and I have heard Kansans loud and clear—they are not interested in the federal government grabbing their land. We introduced this legislation to protect the rights of Kansas landowners and prevent the federal government from treading on their liberties. Any land given to the federal government for this project should be voluntarily, not mandated, and I will never stop fighting to defend that right."

"Kansas Farm Bureau appreciates the leadership of Sens. Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall and Rep. Tracey Mann in introducing legislation to level the playing field and encourage good faith negotiations for the siting and building of electric transmission lines," said Joe Newland, president of Kansas Farm Bureau. "Additionally, this bill recognizes the important voice state regulators have in the process. While our policy supports reliable, low-cost electricity, and increasing transmission capacity to keep pace with growing demand, without vital protections included in this legislation, landowners will continue to face unilateral ultimatums from transmission developers who are using taxpayer dollars to build infrastructure."

#### This legislation would:

Ban federal funds from being used to condemn private property to be used for electric transmission lines, and

Prohibit FERC from using its authority to overrule a state regulator's rejection of an electric transmission project.

Sens. Moran and Marshall and Rep. Mann secured an agreement from the DOE, so they continue accepting comments regarding the NIETC proposal in Kansas. If a Kansan would like to offer comments on the proposed transmission line to the Department of Energy, they can email their comments to NIETC@hq.doe.gov

# CongressMann Mail

#### **Countering Communist China's Influence**

America must hold communist China accountable. I sent a clear message on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives that America is not up for grabs. No other nation allows its adversaries to go unchecked in purchasing its property, which is why I supported legislation last week to require the Secretary of Agriculture to report on foreign transactions. I also voted to rescind Biden-Harris Administration tax incentives for products from China and led my colleagues in a letter to the U.S. Treasury demanding that the Administration prioritize domestic producers. American tax credits should be used to benefit American producers. Period.

#### Fighting to Prevent the Federal Government from Seizing Land for Proposed Transmission Corridor

Last week, I introduced legislation that will prevent the federal government from using taxpayer dollars to seize private property to be used for a proposed National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC). Since the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) phase 2 announcement of the NIETC proposal, Kansans have made it loud and clear—we are not interested in the federal government's land grab. DOE's phase 2 announcement of the NIETC proposal was grossly under publicized, overly vague, and left landowners with no clarity regarding whether their lands would be impacted. Senator Moran and I introduced this legislation to protect the rights of Kansas landowners and prevent the federal government from treading on our liberties. Any land given to the federal government for this project should be voluntary, not mandated, and I will never stop fighting to defend that right.

#### Kansas Chamber of Commerce

I joined the Kansas Chamber of Commerce for their annual Congressional Fly-In last week. During our time together, I spoke about my legislation, the Regulatory Transparency for Small Business Act, and the need to cut harmful red tape and burdensome regulations for small businesses. The last thing small businesses need are more rules from Washington, D.C. that make it harder for them to make an honest living and serve their communities well. Thank you, Kansas Chamber, for being a fierce advocate for small businesses in the Big First and across the state.

#### **Kansas Farmers Union**

Last week, I met with Kansas Farmers Union to discuss the state of farm country, the U.S. State Department's backlog of visa requests for farm labor, and policies impacting the types of crop insurance available to Kansas agricultural producers. The federal government should support our agricultural producers instead of burdening them with unnecessary regulations. Thank you, Kansas Farmers Union, for meeting with me in Washington, D.C.

#### Commodity Group Coalition

Last week, representatives from various agricultural commodity groups from across the country traveled to Capitol Hill to urge Congress to pass a five-year Farm Bill like what the House Agriculture Committee passed in May. We discussed what I have said all along – farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers need a fiscally conservative, five-year Farm Bill, and they need it now. I was pleased to meet with some of these advocates as we all understand that the Farm Bill cannot become another political game in Washington, D.C. Too many lives depend on it. Thank you for meeting with me and your role in feeding, fueling, and clothing the world.

# New Round of SEED Grants Available for Rural Quality-of-Life Initiatives

**Topeka** – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland announced today that \$250,000 will be available through a third round of Strategic Economic Expansion and Development (SEED) grants. The SEED program supports economic development and revitalization efforts in smaller counties across Kansas through investments in quality-of-life initiatives. "SEED grants are a vital part of our commitment to ensuring every community in Kansas has the opportunity to succeed,' Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "These grants are creating real impact in rural communities, helping them build stronger local economies, and enhancing the quality of life for residents. By investing in these communities, we continue laying the foundation for long-term growth and prosperity." The grants are administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce to communities in 78 designated counties with a population of 5,000 or less. Grants up to \$25,000 will be available in the following categories: Childcare and senior programming - Projects that support or enhance these services, such as building improvements, educational materials, supplies and equipment Community vibrancy - Projects that refresh, re-energize and unlock the attractiveness of rural communities, such as art installations, murals and signage Food retail - Projects that support access to food retail establishments, including development, renovation and/or expansion Libraries - Projects that support providing free and open access to a broad range of materials and services, including reading material, technology, furniture and building improvements Local governments, economic development organizations, chambers of commerce and other organizations in towns not previously awarded a SEED grant are eligible to apply. Applicants must provide a minimum 10-percent match and complete the project within 12 months of receiving grant funds. Funds will be distributed half at the beginning of the grant cycle and the balance will be given upon successful completion of the project. Funding for the SEED program is provided through the Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions (TEFFI) Development and Expansion Fund. The TEFFI Act was enacted in 2021 through bipartisan legislation to promote economic development throughout the state. SEED grant applications will open Monday, September 16, and close at 11:59 p.m. Monday, November 8. Grant awardees will be announced in mid-December. A recorded informational webinar about the SEED grant is available here. A list of previously awarded towns, guidelines for the grant application, and a list of eligible counties can be found here. The Office of Rural Prosperity will host virtual Office Hours from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 20, for anyone who might have questions regarding the grant and the application process. To register, go to https://bit. ly/4e7JEPW.



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

Continuing Our Investigation into Secret Service for Trump Assassination Attempt Failures

Two months have passed since the attempted assassination of President Trump and we are no closer to answers or accountability for the failures that happened that day. The Secret Service is

stonewalling our inquiries and no one has been fired for the top-down mistakes that were made.

This week I wrote a letter to the Department of Homeland Security Office of the Inspector General (DHS OIG) requesting that the Inspector General fully investigate the Secret Services failing culture that left President Trump within centimeters of losing his life and killed American Hero Corey Comperatore.

This is unacceptable from an agency once respected as one of the nation's top law enforcement bureaus they've lost the public's trust. The American people are demanding answers and we must leave no stone unturned.

**VP Kamala Harris Is Still Soft on Crime** While Vice President

Kamala Harris continually

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Septembelf 27-28 Join us in Atwood, Kansas at the KC Hall! Friday Night -

The public is invited to come visit with teams, enjoy some music and a fun backyard BBQ atmosphere!

# **Saturday** The Fun Starts At Noon!

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Kansas Crop Production Report

**Manhattan -** Based on September 1 conditions, Kansas's 2024 corn production is forecast at 760 million bushels, up 24% from last year's production, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Area to be harvested for grain, at 5.80 million acres, is up 13% from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 131 bushels per acre, up 12 bushels from last year.

Sorghum for grain in Kansas is forecast at 165 million bushels, down 3% from 2023. Area for harvest, at 2.70 million acres, is down 17% from last year. Yield is forecast at 61 bushels per acre, up 9 bushels from last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 175 million bushels, up 67% from last year. Area for harvest, at 4.48 million acres, is up 11% from 2023. Yield is forecast at 39 bushels per acre, up 13 bushels from last year.

Cotton production is forecast at 180,000 bales, up 21% from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 120,000 acres, is up 26,000 acres from 2023. Yield is forecast at 720 pounds per acre, down 41 pounds per acre from a year ago.

### Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

**Manhattan -** For the week ending September 15, 2024, there were 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 24% very short, 44% short, 31% adequate, and 1% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 21% very short, 46% short, 32% adequate, and 1% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat planted was 9%, near 7% for both last year and the five-year average.

Corn condition rated 14% very poor, 18% poor, 30% fair, 29% good, and 9% excellent. Corn dented was 94%, equal to last year, and near 90% average. Mature was 72%, near 70% last year, and ahead of 55% average. Harvested was 26%, near 24% last year, and ahead of 17% average.

Soybean condition rated 6% very poor, 13% poor, 30% fair, 44% good, and 7% excellent.

Soybeans setting pods was 97%, near 96% last year and 94% average. Dropping leaves was 37%, behind 48% last year, but ahead of 32% average.

Sorghum condition rated 10% very poor, 15% poor, 37% fair, 33% good, and 5% excellent.

Sorghum coloring was 80%, near 77% both last year and average. Mature was 35%, near 31% last year, and ahead of 21% average. Harvested was 5%, near 6% last year and 3% average.

Cotton condition rated 8% very poor, 21% poor, 31% fair, 35% good, and 5% excellent. Cotton bolls opening was 53%, well behind 74% last year, but ahead of 42% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 11% very poor, 21% poor, 36% fair, 28% good, and 4% excellent.

### Wheat Scoop: Don't Start Too Early!

#### By Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

K-State Agronomy issues guidance on optimum planting windows for Kansas wheat producers

September signals the Kansas State Fair, football games and, specifically for Kansas farmers, the kickoff of wheat planting season. While producers may be eyeing opportunities with moisture availability or to increase forage for a dual-purpose system, K-State experts cautioned producers not to start planting too early, lest their fields suffer from disease, insect and weed pressure from the very start of the growing season.

"The wheat yield response to planting date is a curve that goes

## Alfalfa Management: Deciding on the Last Cutting This Fall

CASE IN HOXIE

Alfalfa will quit growing after the first hard freeze (when temperatures reach below 26°F), which in Kansas occurs on average around October 15 but can be as early as October 1 or as late as November 1. The decision should be weather based at this time of the year because the timing of the last two cuttings impact the winter survival and productivity of the stand in the following year.

Before fall dormancy, the last cutting should be made based on expected crown regrowth rather than one-tenth bloom because of the decreasing photoperiod. The last cutting should be made so there will be 8 to 12 inches of foliage, or 4 to 6 weeks of growth time, before the first killing frost. This should allow adequate time for replenishment of root reserves. This means the second to final cutting should occur around early September. As the days get cooler and shorter, drying hay in a timely manner can become risky for the last cutting. Though tempting to bale before it's properly dry, heat damage, mold, or spontaneous combustion fires occur commonly in fine-stemmed, high-quality, tightly packed bales. The additional factor of moisture makes the ideal environment for heat-producing microbes.

At this stage of the growing season, alfalfa plants need to store enough carbohydrates to survive the winter. If root reserves are not replenished adequately before the first killing freeze in the fall, the stand is more susceptible to winter damage than it would be normally. That could result in slower greenup and early growth next spring and, in some cases, stand loss due to winter kill. The potential of the alfalfa crop to grow new foliar tissue in the spring is greater with greater root reserves in the fall; thus, root reserves this fall are the main driver of next crop's yield and quality. Varieties are continually being selected for winter hardiness, so varieties today are less susceptible than varieties of yesterday to winter injury, but it is still important to manage varieties for best success. Otherwise, spring growth can be reduced and stand loss can occur.

The final cutting should occur right after the first killing freeze before too many leaves have dropped. Producers should be prepared to enter the fields as soon as soil moisture conditions allow. After a killing freeze, the remaining forage (if any) can be hayed safely. However, the producer should act quickly because the leaves will soon drop off.

Late fall is also a great time of the year to collect soil samples from alfalfa fields. This timing allows for an accurate assessment of available soil nutrients and provides enough time to make nutrient management decisions before the crop starts growing in the spring. Key soil tests include pH, phosphorus, and potassium, and to a lesser extent, sulfur, and boron. Potassium is highly related to winter survival, so it's important to make sure to have an optimum range of potassium in the soil before entering the winter. When sampling for immobile nutrients, the sampling depth should be six inches, while mobile nutrients (sulfur) should be sampled to 24 inches. Based on the soil test, a fertility program can be established to ensure nutrient replenishment and maintain hayfield productivity. To submit soil samples to the KSU Soil Testing Laboratory, stop by your local K-State Research and Extension Office today!

## Mann Protects U.S. Farmland, Intellectual Property from Communist China

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Representatives Tracey Mann

Legislation Introduced to Increase Access to Federal Water Conservation

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# Resources

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**Washington, D.C.** - U.S. Senators Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), alongside U.S. Representatives Brittany Pettersen (CO-07) and Juan Ciscomani (AZ-06), introduced the Water Project Navigators Act. The bill would establish a new program at the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to fund navigator positions with states, Tribes and rural communities to boost capacity for developing, funding and implementing water management and conservation projects.

"Widespread drought is impacting many communities across Kansas, hurting family farms, local municipalities and businesses," said Sen. Moran. "While there are federal resources available to help preserve water, accessing these resources can be a challenge for Tribal and rural communities. This legislation will connect these communities with the resources available to them to help combat the impact of droughts."

"Rural and Tribal communities deserve their fair share of federal funds to address drought, but all too often are left out," said Sen. Hickenlooper. "Our Water Project Navigators will help these communities get their share."

"The effects of climate change continue to accelerate, and the impact on our critical water resources are felt throughout Colorado," said Rep. Pettersen. "However, many areas – like our most rural areas in Colorado – lack the necessary resources to secure federal funds for water projects. It is critical that we invest in these areas to strengthen and protect our water resources and help communities draw down federal dollars. This bill will fund 'navigator' positions to help state and local governments, Tribes, special districts, and other groups implement water projects and access this critical funding, helping bring federal investment to the communities that need it most."

"In Arizona, water is our most precious resource. As the drought worsens in the West, it is now more important than ever that impacted communities have the necessary tools to secure federal dollars for critical multi-benefit water infrastructure projects," said Rep. Ciscomani. "I am proud to have worked with a bipartisan, bicameral group of my colleagues on this legislation that will create a community navigator position through the Bureau of Reclamation to assist our constituents that need it the most in funding their water conservation efforts."

Rivers and streams across the West are threatened by severe drought and persistent wildfire. In rural and Tribal communities, aging infrastructure faces challenges from increasing water demand and changes in hydrology. The Bureau of Reclamation has grant programs to help states and local governments manage these challenges, but many rural and Tribal communities still lack the necessary capacity and resources to apply for and access these federal resources.

The Water Project Navigators Act would close this resource gap by creating navigator positions to help communities to plan, implement and secure resources for projects that improve water efficiency, reduce water consumption and enhance ecosystem resilience.

Specifically, the bill would:

Help communities build capacity to develop and implement multi-benefit water projects.

Accelerate creation of projects that support a variety of water supply and sustainability goals.

Prioritize applicants with the most need, including Tribes and rural communities.

Work within eligible entities such as states, Tribes, regional local governments, special districts, conservation districts, and non-governmental organizations, tapping into local expertise to maximize federal resources on the ground.

up and down. That optimal window is where we minimize the risks for that crop," Romulo Lollato, K-State extension wheat and forages specialist, noted during a segment on K-State's Agriculture Today. "But if we're planting too early or too late, we have concerns on both ends of that curve."

Depending on the year, earlier-planted or later-planted wheat may perform better or worse. Those results are driven by environmental conditions and disease pressure that are hard to predict at the start of the growing season. However, researchbacked guidance for producers is readily available through K-State Research and Extension.

K-State recently posted the optimum wheat planting windows in Kansas by zone and other general guidance for producers in an Agronomy eUpdate. The update also details the potential risks of planting wheat too early, including increased risk of disease pressure, insect pests, weed infestations and undesirable growth of the crop.

"For planting too early, most of the concerns are related to some viral diseases that we have increased risks," Lollato said, noting critters like wheat curl mites that transmit Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV) or aphids that transmit Barley Yellow Dwarf (BYD) are more active earlier in the fall when the weather is warmer. In addition to disease transmission, other pests like armyworms are also more likely to cause direct damage to the crop when the weather remains warm.

Because of these active critters, controlling volunteer wheat that has emerged is an essential part of preparing for the upcoming planting season. K-State encourages wheat producers to terminate volunteer wheat at least two weeks prior to planting to allow enough time to kill all the disease-carrying wheat mites or aphids present in a field.

Beyond disease transmission, planting wheat too early can also have adverse consequences for the crop's growth and development.

"Some varieties are what we call 'temperature germination sensitive,' meaning that if we're planting in warm soils, they might not germinate until there's a rain that comes and cools things down," Lollato said. "And if we're reaching for moisture and try to go deep, another concern of planting early is reduced coleoptile length."

If the wheat plant is too far underground reaching for moisture, then the first true leaf might come up still underground, resulting in decreased emergence and poor stand establishment.

The final consequence of planting too early is a penalty on final grain yields due to excessive fall growth. For producers in a dualpurpose system where they plan on grazing wheat fields, planting earlier and having more biomass is a tempting proposition. But Lollato cautioned producers not to give in to this temptation too early as the increased biomass can use too much of the moisture profile too early, causing increased drought stress later on in the growing season.

"So many things can go wrong, even in the fall, so that the crop doesn't get off to a good start," Lollato said. "But, in an ideal scenario, you have had enough moisture for our volunteer to come up and have controlled the volunteer two weeks before planting, reducing our chances of WSMV, and we have had enough moisture for germination. And now in the fall with decent temperatures, we will have good root production and good tiller production for going into the winter with greater chances of reducing any potential harm from planting too early."

Learn more about the latest planting recommendations and find your optimum planting window at kswheat.com/wheatrx. Wheat Rx is a series of Extension publications and other educational outreach designed to address key management areas of hard winter wheat. These publications contain recent data based on novel research funded in part by wheat farmers through the Kansas Wheat check-off. (KS-01) voted to advance H.R. 9456, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act. The legislation, which passed in the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 269-149, will add the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), ensuring that foreign purchases of American farmland are appropriately scrutinized for national security risks. Rep. Mann released the following statement following the vote:

"The Big First District of Kansas is one of the largest agricultural producing districts in the country," said Rep. Mann. "Over the past ten years, Communist China's investments in American assets like our farmland and intellectual property have increased by tenfold. No other nation allows its adversaries to go unchecked in purchasing its property. Neither should America. I supported this legislation to ensure that any transaction of U.S. land from a foreign entity is properly reviewed and does not allow our adversaries like the CCP to put America's food or national security at risk."

Since coming to Congress, Rep. Mann has worked to hold Communist China accountable. In February 2022, Rep. Mann opposed House Democrats' partisan COMPETES Act that failed to address China's malice behavior and protect America's interest. Later that month, Rep. Mann pushed the Biden-Harris Administration to make the U.S.-China agricultural trade relationship more balanced. In July 2023, Rep. Mann voted to advance legislation that supported America's defense and countered the Chinese Communist party. Rep. Mann has continued to advocate for the U.S. to become less dependent on China by reining in federal spending and restoring fiscal sanity. H.R.9456 will now go to the U.S. Senate for further consideration.



"As a rural community facing severe drought, the City of Russell supports the Water Projects Navigators Act as a means to assist communities like ours in securing long-term sustainable water resources," said Jim A. Cross, Mayor of the City of Russell. "Our community has a long history of water conservation practices that have become a way of life. As a community, we work together to protect our most vital resource. The scarcity of this resource prevents business recruitment, expansion, and economic growth. The Water Projects Navigators Act can assist Russell and communities like ours in building a sustainable future through helping provide access to federal resources."

"The Water Project Navigators Act will alleviate some of the stress Kansas is experiencing with drought, depletion of the Ogallala Aquifer, and sedimentation in our reservoirs," said Bill Simshauser, President of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts. "The Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) applauds Sen. Moran's and Hickenlooper's leadership to address water challenges in our region."

"The Water Project Navigators Act would provide important tools and resources to help communities across the West address urgent water conservation issues," said Kim LaFleur, President of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). "NACD appreciates Senators Hickenlooper's and Moran's efforts in developing this bill to address these growing concerns."

"The Water Project Navigators Act builds on successful efforts in Colorado to provide critical investments in enhancing local capacity that in turn will increase the pace and scale of water projects providing benefits to both water users and fish and wildlife," said Alex Funk, Director of Water Resources of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. "We applaud Senators Hickenlooper and Moran leadership in working to ensure federal resources to address our most pressing water resource challenges are made more readily accessible to community-based watershed organizations, Tribes, rural areas, and other historically underserved communities."

The bill is supported by the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, National Water Resources Association, Trout Unlimited, Audubon, Farmers Conservation Alliance, The Nature Conservancy, Southwestern Water Conservation District, Kansas Water Office, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department of Agriculture - Division of Water Resources.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SHERIDAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No.: SD-2024-PR-0000026

JOHN J. TRAVIS, Deceased (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Todd J. Travis and Michelle A. Osbourne, as Co-Trustees of the John J. Travis and Sandra A. Travis Revocable Trust, dated July 6, 1989, and any amendments, requesting that: the foreign will of John J. Travis, deceased, dated July 6, 1989, amended and restated on September 23, 2004, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Sheridan County, Kansas:

# An undivided one-fourth (1/4) interest in and to the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Four (4), Township Seven (7) South, Range Twenty-six (26) West of the Sixth (6th) Prime Meridian situated in Sheridan County, Kansas, containing One Hundred Sixty (160) acres more or less.

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will. You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before October 16th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, n the city of Hoxie, Sheridan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written elenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition. The below Zoom information can be used to attend the hearing:

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### **Commission Minutes** 9/10/2024

Now on this 10th day of September 2024, the Board of Commissioners, Sheridan County, Kansas met in regular session with Chairman Mike "Buck" Mader presiding. Other members present were Joe Bainter, David Stithem, Joe Pratt, County Attorney, and County Clerk, Heather Bracht. Guest was The Sheridan Sentinel.

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

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Mader and second from Stithem, the Agenda was amended to include Dana Hess, Dispatch. Motion carried 3-0. A bid was received from Colby Glass Company for the installation of a new keyless entry pad. Cost of the keyless entry pad is \$960.00. Stithem made a motion to approve the purchase and installation. Mader seconded the motion. Carried 3-0. Hess exited the meeting.

Joe Herskowitz, Road & Bridge Supervisor, came to the table. Herskowitz advised the Board that on Friday the inspector from KDHE came and inspected the Landfill. There were several deficiencies. The County has 30 days to remedy the problems. Herskowitz asked the Board about purchasing a speed mover. This piece of equipment could be used at the landfill and other places as well. Herskowitz found a used one for sale at \$2,000 or a new one for \$4,700. There is a little work to be done on the used unit with hoses, but by consensus, the Board approved purchasing the used speed mover at a cost of \$2,000. KDHE has extended the

made. The Board and Bracht discussed insurance and repairs needed since the storm in June. Bracht will contact KCAMP and set up an appointment for the adjuster to come back and view the damages with the two contractors who submitted bids.

Pratt discussed the City of Hoxie looking at two new warning sirens for the city. Cost is \$69,582.60. These sirens would have battery backup. Possible ARPA money donation?

At 9:38 Stithem made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 20 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Bainter seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, and Pratt. The door opened at 9:58 with no decision being made. The Board will discuss further at the next meeting.

Stithem made a motion to approve two Treasurer Abatements. Mader seconded. Carried 3-0

The 2024/2025 Cereal Malt Beverage License for Studley Tire was approved and signed by the Chairman. Stithem made a motion to approve the September 6, 2024 Payroll and the September 10, 2024 Warrants as presented. Bainter seconded. Carried 3-0 The September 3, 2024 Minutes were approved as amended on a motion by Stithem and second by Bainter. Carried 3-0.

# **Senator Marshall**

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tries to rebrand herself on the national stage, her soft on crime record speaks for itself.

VP Harris continues to assure the American people that her values have not changed. Her defunding the police record, embrace of cashless bail, upending school safety and a litany of others pro-criminal 'values' have not changed. Make no mistake, VP Kamala Harris has celebrated her record of lawlessness. Don't take my word for it, take hers (watch video at <u>https://x.com/</u> RogerMarshallMD/status/1833545149583876358):

"Defund the police. We have to reimagine how we are creating safety." 2020 radio interview

"For far too long, the status quo thinking has been to believe that by putting more police on the street we're going to have more safety, and that's just wrong!" (video shows innocent bystanders being punched in the head, hit with bricks, etc.)

"I always am going to interpret these protests as an essential component in evolution in our country. (video show buildings and police cars on fire.)

"What we need to do about taking - de-militarizing - our schools and taking police officers out of schools." (Democrats speak at the 2019 Presidential Justice Forum at Benedict College.)

"A most important and more significant aspect of my policy perspective and decisions is my values have not changed."

#### Google MUST Be Held Accountable

Following Google's censoring of search terms related to the assassination attempt on President Trump, we have relentlessly demanded this Big Tech giant explain this blatant act of election interference. In a response to a letter I previously sent, Google declared the assassination attempt was still 'hypothetical' for multiple days after the shooting.

We are less than two months out from a presidential election and Google has acted as a propaganda agent for the Far Left. Big Tech should never have the power to censor conservatives and prop up Democrats, purposely swaying public opinion and gatekeeping access to information. Our fight continued this week with a new letter demanding that Google publicly testify before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

## **American Legion Family Strengthens Communities** Across the Nation

In an era where community support and veteran advocacy are more crucial than ever, the American Legion Family stands as a beacon of commitment and service. Comprising the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Sons of The American Legion, and the American Legion Riders, this collective group is making significant strides in strengthening communities and supporting veterans across the nation.

Founded in 1919, the American Legion has long been a cornerstone in advocating for veterans' rights and providing essential services. From its inception, the organization has worked tirelessly to support military families, promote patriotism, and engage in community service.

The American Legion Auxiliary, established the same year, has been an indispensable partner in this mission. With a focus on service, advocacy, and charitable activities, the Auxiliary mobilizes volunteers to address the needs of veterans and their families, from organizing care packages to supporting educational initiatives.

The Sons of The American Legion (SAL), founded in 1932, extended the Legion's mission through the dedication of descendants of veterans. This group supports various Legion programs and engages in community projects, continuing a legacy of patriotism and service across generations. In more recent years, the American Legion Riders (ALR) have joined the fold, combining their love for motorcycling with a passion for advocacy. Established in 1993, the ALR organizes motorcycle rides and events that raise funds for veteran-related causes, often drawing attention to the needs of veterans through high-profile rides and community gatherings. The American Legion Family's impact is far-reaching. Through initiatives such as Veterans Day parades, support for homeless veterans, youth programs, and disaster relief efforts, these organizations address a wide array of community needs. Recent projects include a nationwide drive to provide financial assistance to veteran families affected by recent natural disasters and a major push to improve mental health resources for veterans. "Our mission is to ensure that those who have served are never forgotten and that their families receive the support they need," said National Commander James Thompson of the American Legion. "The strength of the American Legion Family lies in our collective dedication and the diverse ways we come together to serve our communities." As the American Legion Family continues to grow and evolve, its focus remains steadfast on supporting veterans and their families. Upcoming initiatives include expanding youth mentorship programs, enhancing veterans' health care services, and increasing outreach to underserved communities. In a time when community spirit and veteran support are vital, the American Legion Family exemplifies the power of collective action and shared values. Through their unwavering commitment, they ensure that the legacy of service continues to shine brightly for generations to come. For more information about the American Legion Family and how to get involved, please join us for an informational meeting at the Bowen Scout House on Wednesday, September 25th at 7 pm or contact Jen Carder, Post Commander at American Legion Post 221 Hoxie at 785-657-7079 or jcarder2513@gmail.com.

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Judy Weeks October 3, 1934 ~ August 30, 2024



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Judith "Judy" (Karnes) Weeks, 89, of Hoxie, KS, passed away on Friday, August 30, 2024, at the Sheridan County Long Term Care. Judy, the first child of Floyd & Ida Nell (Schropp) Karnes, was born October 3, 1934, at the family home in rural Sheridan County, KS. Judy was the oldest of three children. She attended elementary school at the Tasco School and graduated from the Sheridan County

High School in Hoxie with the Class of 1952. Judy was married to the love of her life, Al Weeks, on April 12, 1953, at the Hoxie Presbyterian Church. Judy & Al were blessed with four children, Marilyn, David, Donna, and Debra. They made their home in Sheridan County and moved to their forever farm home east of Hoxie in 1974.

Judy was a wonderful cook, and everything she made was from scratch. She was a seamstress. She could sew anything. Judy sewed clothes for her children, made beautiful quilts and did embroidery work. She made prom dresses for her children and grandchildren that were very beautiful. Judy and Al traveled to visit their children, grandchildren, and attend family reunions. Family was especially important to them. Judy was a member of the Tasco and Hoxie Presbyterian Church. She had a strong faith. Judy was a strong, beautiful woman. She was persistent and tenacious. She treated obstacles as steppingstones and met them head on, not letting them get her down. Judy's strength and kindness will be missed.

Judy leaves to mourn her passing her children, David Weeks and wife, Pam, of Ellsworth; Donna Simpson and husband, Jeff, of Mesa, AZ; and Debra Shugart and ,husband, Russ of Parker, CO; sister-in-law, Ardith Karnes; 7 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; and extended family & friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Weeks; daughter, Marilyn Carder; parents, Floyd & Nell Karnes; grandson, Jeremy Carder; brother, Victor Karnes; sister, Joyce Peter; and brother-in-law, Gary Peter.

A funeral service was held Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 1pm. at the Christ Community Church in Hoxie. The private family burial was held in the Hoxie City Cemetery and visitation was at the Christ Community Church. Memorials are suggested to the Sheridan County Long Term Care and may be sent in care of Mickey-Leopold Funeral Home, PO Box 987, Hoxie, Kansas 67740. You may leave words of comfort and care at <u>hoxie@mickeyleopoldfuneral.com</u>.



disaster timeframe from the June 6 hailstorm.

Herskowitz will meet Leroy Spresser/Spresser Excavation on Wednesday to review the road one-half mile east of Hoxie and then north.

Herskowitz advised the Board he went to Studley and looked at the Reynolds property. Herskowitz thinks maybe putting small chunks of rock at the corners would work. There is no hurry at this point.

There have been comments about Section 3 mowing that hasn't been done. The County is busy with other things right now so maybe after the first frost will get to it.

Herskowitz distributed information about the graders and how much has been spent on repairs for each one. The Board and Herskowitz discussed graders. Herskowitz will get numbers with and without a trade-in.

There was a brief discussion about pickup and grader tires.

The Sand & Gravel Lease Contract with Ron and Sharon Schamberger was signed by the Board for gravel in the SW4 27-7-27. There was discussion about roads and equipment.

At 8:44 Mader made a motion to enter into executive session for a period of 15 minutes for the discussion of non-elected personnel. Stithem seconded. Carried 3-0. Present were the Board, Bracht, Pratt, and Herskowitz. The door opened at 8:59 with no decisions being

The following Payroll and Warrants were approved and signed:

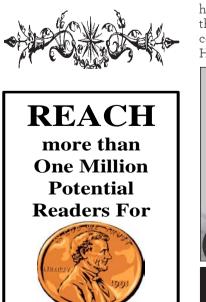
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Landfill \$1,923.66 At 10:11 a.m. with no further business, Stithem made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bainter. Carried 3-0. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's

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



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# The Punny Farm

#### By Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

My grandfather was always quick with a joke and more often than not the punchline was a play on words. Or, in at least one case a play on letters. My grandparents kept a green glass candy dish on a low bookshelf that was normally stocked with peppermints or caramels, except for one time when my mother removed the lid to find only a slip of paper reading "MT". It took a couple minutes for her, and everyone except my grandfather, to decipher the message: the bowl was empty.

Another time he regaled the entire family with a story about finding a cooler on the side of the road that was filled with ice and a single big toe. After a sufficient windup that involved thinking through exactly who to contact, he ultimately decided the best course of action was to call a tow truck.

The comics page in the newspaper was also a frequent source of laughs, with a particularly funny one being clipped out and secured to the refrigerator door for the occasional reminder to laugh, or double check to see if everyone had read it yet.

While situational humor was always welcome, it was the corniest of puns that usually garnered the loudest laughs, whether it was a toe truck or an MT container. There's no shortage of farm-related puns to lighten the mood. Here a just a few examples:

A bankrupt rancher has no complaints. Sorry, they have no beef.

Be careful when talking to a dairy farmer. You're likely to hear udder nonsense.

It's easy to spot a great farmer. They're outstanding in their field.

But if they're growing corn, it's also possible they can't find their way out of the maize.

Most people don't know the term coward came from a couple of scared cows, or a cowherd, if you will.

A lost steer is a miss-steak. Anyone in the search party can claim to be on a steak out.

The key to losing weight is to simply follow what horses do and eat a stable diet.

I've always thought mathematicians would make great farmers. They know how to use protractors.

Chickens are excellent musicians. They have their own drumsticks.

As with any kind of comedy, timing is everything. I wouldn't suggest workshopping any of these while sorting cattle or immediately after a key piece of machinery breaks down. But in the right spot, they should get a laugh out of just about anyone.

One of my favorite puns to use while driving is to loudly shout "hey" and wait for everyone in the vehicle to look before pointing at some haybales in a field. My wife thought it was funny the first time I did it, and now she's doomed to a lifetime of hearing it. It's OK, she knows who she married.

For all the serious issues farmers and ranchers deal with, like unpredictable weather, high prices for inputs and low prices for outputs, sometimes the only thing you can do is laugh at the situation. It might not be every day, but occasionally there's room for pun on the farm.

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





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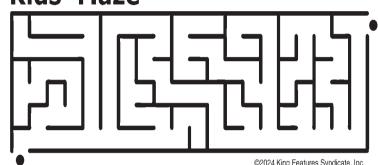


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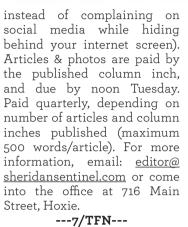
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