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State Football Champions!



The Hoxie Indians win the 8-Man - Division 1 State Football Championship in Greensburg on November 30th, 2024. The football players, coaches, managers, and cheerleaders are all smiles as they pose with the newly earned KSHSAA trophy. (Photo by Chloe Porsch)

By Macy Wentz

The Hoxie Indians varsity football team took on the Central Plains Oilers on Saturday, November 30, 2024, in Greensburg Kansas, in the State Championship game. Going into the game, the Hoxie Indians had a record of 12-0 and Central Plains had a record of 10-2. The Hoxie boys won the game shortly after halftime in the third quarter, “forty-fiving” Central Plains with a score of 46-0. This senior-heavy team was determined to win no matter what it took to keep their perfect record.

The Indians started the game strong with Easton Nickleson scoring a 56-yard touchdown and Watkins scoring the two-point conversion. Shortly after, Central Plains fumbled the ball allowing Nickleson to recover it and turning it back over to Hoxie. The crowd and players went wild after this play. Next quarterback Duncan Bell threw Watkins in for a touchdown and Braydon Scheetz followed with the two-point conversion. Hoxie ended the first quarter with a score of 16-0. At the beginning of the second quarter, Bell threw a long pass to Trent Fenner completing another touchdown. Scheetz was able to get in for the two-point conversion. The next touchdown, once again, was run in by Fenner,

but they were not able to complete the two points this go around. With about two and a half minutes left in the second quarter, Bell threw to Braxton Munk, securing another touchdown with Scheetz running it in for the two-point follow-up. Ending the game was Watkins with a touchdown and Scheetz with a two-point conversion at the beginning of the third quarter.

“Wow! What a way to cap off an undefeated, historic season. I’m beyond grateful to have had the privilege of coaching these incredible young men. They’ve not only met but surpassed every expectation, demonstrating a level of determination and skill that’s truly inspiring. This dominant State Championship win is a perfect reflection of their character and commitment. They capped the season by breaking multiple Hoxie Football records, including the first undefeated season, most points scored, and fewest points allowed in a single season, to name a few. Not to mention only allowing Central Plains 50 total yards of offense in the state championship game,” said Coach Baar. The Indians had a perfect undefeated season with a record of 13-0 and making school history.

Bulldogs Sub-State Runner-Up!



Team members: (front) Jarett Adelman, Kelby Buehler, Adam Ritter, Diego Perez, Tanner Todd, Cristian Garcia, Conner Kier, Owen Amlong; (back) Coach Ed Weiner, Owen Patmon, Dylan Wark, Maddix Green, Wyatt Amlong, Javier Romero-mgr., Josh Rath, Miguel Garcia, Abe Taylor, Jose Rios, Tanner Black, Coach Travis Smith. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Bulldog football team finished their season as Sub-State Runner-Up in Weskan on November 22. Although they placed in the top four of the Wild West Bowl five years in a row from 2016-2020 since starting six-man football, this is the deepest the Dogs have ever advanced in the KSHSAA playoff system.

The Bulldogs posted a 6-2 regular season record and received a bye for the cross-bracket game. They defeated the Pawnee Heights Tigers in Regionals and were sectional champions following a win over Kiowa-South Barber to earn their way to the Sub-State game against the undefeated Weskan Coyotes.

The Coyotes won the toss and deferred to the Bulldogs. The Dogs punted back to the Coyotes who quickly scored their first touchdown of the game. Miguel Garcia recovered the return kick and quarterback Josh Rath connected with Jose Rios and Diego Perez for an answering score. The Coyotes were met by multiple Bulldog defenders before they found the end zone again to finish the first quarter with a 13-6 lead.

The Dogs opened the second with a 65-yard touchdown run by Dylan Wark. Rath connected with Wyatt Amlong for the extra point to tie the game up at 13. The Coyotes returned the kick for a touchdown and an extra point to regain the lead 20-13.

Owen Patmon downed the kick back to the Dogs. Wark and Perez gained yards before Rath connected with Wark for another Bulldog touchdown. The PAT pass fell short and the Dogs were knocking on the Coyotes score 19-20. The Coyotes answered with another quick run to the end zone to extend their lead 19-26. The Dogs moved the ball as senior Josh Rath exceeded 1000 passing yards on the season, but the Coyotes scored once more to finish the half with a 33-19 lead.

The Coyotes opened the third with another score to set the pace for the quarter. The Dogs answered with a Bulldog touchdown caught by Miguel Garcia and another score by Wark. The Coyotes answered with two quick touchdowns of their own. Patmon again downed the kick on the 30. Rath connected

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Hoxie senior football boys pose for a picture with their state championship trophy. Pictured (left to right): Easton Nickleson, Duncan Bell, Charlie Foote, Malcolm King, Braydon Scheetz, Max Beckman, Trent Fenner, Samuel Watkins, Harrison Meyer



\$89k Raised During Annual Match Month Campaign

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director

Hoxie - November was a month of connection, celebration, and community spirit in Sheridan County, highlighted by the overwhelming success of the Sheridan County Community Foundation's (SCCF) annual Match Month fundraising campaign.

With a goal of raising \$70,000 during the campaign—sponsored for the ninth consecutive year by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation—SCCF not only met its target but exceeded it, raising an incredible \$89,571.12 to date.

“We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the 2024 November Match Month Campaign,” said SCCF Executive Director Karl Pratt. “Your generosity ensures the growth of our endowment fund, Cultivate Sheridan County, which, once opened for applications in the near future, will support grants to benefit our local organizations and the betterment of Sheridan County for generations to come.”

Pratt reflected on the ongoing impact of community support. “It’s truly inspiring to witness the generosity and commitment of those in and around Sheridan County,” he said. “Over the past nine years, the contributions to Cultivate Sheridan County have significantly expanded our ability to invest in the county’s future.”

This year’s campaign will receive additional matching funds, including \$100,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation—split equally between the Cultivate Sheridan County Grant Fund and SCCF operations—and \$70,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation.

“We are incredibly thankful to the Dane G. Hansen and Patterson Family Foundations for their steadfast support of our mission and their belief in the potential of rural Kansas,” Pratt noted. “Their contributions are a testament to the remarkable impact of philanthropy in building stronger, more vibrant communities.”

Donations to the campaign will be accepted through Friday, December 6. Contributions can be mailed to SCCF at PO Box 445, Hoxie, KS 67740, or dropped off at Pratt Law Office, 736 Main, Hoxie.

In total, the campaign has raised \$259,571.12 to date, ensuring significant benefits for Sheridan County—today and in the years ahead.

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 for Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, visit www.growsheridancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.

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<p>For it is in giving that we receive.</p> <p>St. Francis of Assisi</p>	Reported on: Tuesday, Dec. 3	Date High Low Moisture	Community News 2	<p>I wish we could put up some of the Christmas Spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month.</p> <p>Harlan Miller</p>
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The Jennings Legion family and the Czech Museum will be holding local Wreaths Across America services at the Jennings Cemetery on December 14, at 10:00 a.m. immediately followed by Big Timber Cemetery. Everyone is encouraged to come and honor our Veterans.
 Wreaths honoring Veterans for the Wreath Across America will be placed at Jennings and Big Timber Cemeteries on December 12. Anyone interested in volunteering to place wreaths is welcome.
 The Jennings Lions Club will serve soup and dessert on Saturday, December 7, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Jennings Community Hall. Santa will arrive at 1:00 p.m. to visit with children from the area.
 The Jennings City Library will host a Book Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

WPAA Presents "The Carpenters Christmas Once More"

"The Carpenters Christmas Once More" will be Western Plains Arts Association's holiday program this year. Sunday, December 15th, at 3:00 pm in the Oakley High School Auditorium, this Branson show will celebrate the season.
 Admission is by ticket purchased at the door or by WPAA season tickets.
 This project is generously funded by Mid-America Arts Alliance, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the state arts agencies of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.
 The Dane G. Hansen Foundation has also contributed to this project.

FHSU's Annual Toy Building Event Saturday, December 7

By FHSU University Communications
Hays - As the 2024 holiday season commences, Fort Hays State University's annual toy-building event is approaching quickly.
 The 35th Annual Fred Ruda's Teaming up for Tots event is set to take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Center for Applied Technology at Fort Hays State University. This year, volunteers from the community will build over 180 wooden helicopter toys that will be distributed to children in need in our community.
 Students in the Department of Applied Technology have designed the toy and all the processes, jigs, and fixtures needed to produce the toys on a mass scale. Community members are asked to volunteer to run a station. Jobs include but aren't limited to running machinery, moving pieces from one part of the assembly line to another, gluing and assembling parts, sanding, and applying oil finish to the production toys.
 "This is one of the best opportunities for our students to give back to the community," said Zach Pixler, Assistant Professor of Applied Technology. "Not only do they learn more about the manufacturing process, they get to flex their creative muscles a bit, practice critical thinking skills, and see the positive impact that their hard work has on those around them. This year's helicopter toy incorporates some different materials, so it's a challenge for our students. I'm excited to see them all come together on our line!"
 Building will commence at 9 a.m. and will be completed by lunchtime. Join us for coffee and donuts before the event and pizza after the build. All ages are welcome. No sign-up is necessary; just bring safety glasses and be ready to build.
 For answers to any questions, contact the Department of Applied Technology at 785-628-4211.

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Kansas Holiday Gift-Givers Inundated with Scams

A new study found holiday gift-givers are being inundated with online scams and Kansas ranks No. 28 in the nation losing a record \$94.1 million last year.
 The state also ranks No. 46 for victims per capita with 752 per 100,000 residents.
 Scammers are salivating because Americans will spend a record \$240 billion buying gifts online this holiday season giving them unprecedented opportunities to steal gift-givers' hard-earned money.
 Reverse search company Social Catfish today released a study on the State of Online Scams 2024 using the most recent data from the FBI, FTC and trends from millions of users on its website.
 Fraudsters have harnessed AI to launch more personalized and sophisticated attacks, but online shoppers can stay safe by knowing what to look for.
4 Online Holiday Shopping Scams and How to Avoid Them:
1) Look-a-Like Stores with AI Chatbots: Fake e-commerce websites that mimic trusted brands use AI customer service reps to answer questions in real time creating a sense of legitimacy.
How to Avoid: Carefully check the retailer's URL (e.g., "Macys.com" vs. "Maceys.com").
2) Deepfake Videos of Public Figures: Deepfake videos make it look like trusted public figures are promoting Black Friday deals in ads or social media.
How to Avoid: Audio not matching, one facial expression, one tone of voice, extra body parts.
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How to Avoid: Perform a reverse search to verify the seller's identity.
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 Age will be figured as of April 1, 2025. Girls and Boys between the ages of 8 to 13 will be able to participate in the Elks Hoop Shoot. Below is an age guide based on the contestants' birthday.
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Hoxie High School Wrestling Looks to "Take Five"



Pictured: (back: l-r) Gunner Wentz, Kash Schiltz, Ian Giancola, Eton Moreno, Draden Herl, Beau Coster, Giovanni Gomez, Tyler Meyer, Jonathan Graham, Sarah Dardis, Molly Rahier; (front: l-r) Greyson Schippers, Bradyn Wilson, Taylor Bainter, Paicen Schippers, Mariah Barnett, Gabbi Meyer, Josie Bell, Keyara Mader, Wyntr Kroeker, Vanessa Schute, Estefenia Castaneda. Not pictured: Duncan Bell, Easton Nickelson, Sam Watkins, Chase Meyer, Mat Bretz, Alex Bufkin, Max Foote, Carter Giancola, Travis Johnson, Logan Heskett, Noah Nickelson, Sophia Hernandez

By Londyn Schiltz

After dominating the mat for four consecutive years and securing the title of State Champions, the Hoxie wrestling team is hungry for more. They set their sights on a fifth victory and the chance to secure their legacy as one of the greatest wrestling teams in State history.

Hoxie started their title run in 2021, winning the tournament with 154 team points. Placers included Drew Bell, Drew Bretz, and Derek Johnson (State Champions), Tate Weimer, Dayton Bell, and Aiden Ballman (State Runner-Ups), Wayne Shepard (4th place), Carson Ochs, and Brandon Baker (both 6th place).

In 2022, Hoxie won the tournament with 186 team points; placers included Tate Weimer, Drew Bell, Derek Johnson (State Champions), Carson Ochs, Dayton Bell, Sam Watkins (State Runner-Ups), and Drew Bretz (3rd Place).

In 2023, Hoxie dominated the state tournament, winning with 260 team points, breaking the all-class state tournament record for points scored. Placers included Derek Johnson, Drew Bretz, Dayton Bell, Gavin Schippers, Carson Ochs, Ian Giancola (State Champions), Wayne Shepard, Kash Schiltz (State Runners-Up), Tate Weimer, Duncan Bell, and Sam Watkins (3rd Place).

In 2024, Hoxie secured the tournament once again with 151.5 team points; placers included Carson Ochs, Sam Watkins, Duncan Bell, Ian Giancola (State Champions), Gavin Schippers, Easton Nickelson, Kash Schiltz (3rd place), and Chase Meyer (6th place).

Following the 2024 season, two-time coach of the year head coach Mike Porsch stepped down after 17 years of building an outstanding culture for the Hoxie wrestling program. While it was heartbreaking to see Mike Porsch retire, the Hoxie wrestling team will now be led by former assistant coach Ryan Etherton. Etherton will be assisted by returning assistant coach Kyle William and new assistant coaches Tyler Baker and Pete Koster.

Hoxie is looking to win the KSHAA 3-2-1A state tournament for the fifth year in a row. Returning four seniors include, Kash Schiltz, Duncan Bell, Easton Nickelson, and Sam Watkins, as well as junior Ian Giancola and sophomores Chase Meyer and Gunner Wentz. Stay tuned Hoxie wrestling fans, while we wait to see if these boys "Take Five."

Math Relays

By Sherrie Rebarck, Staff Reporter

On Thursday November 14, a group of students participated in the math relays, held at Fort Hays State University. This was a fun opportunity for students to show off their academic skills. A total of 48 schools and 650 participants attended.

Math relays were from 8:00 - 12:00 pm. Students could compete as individuals or as a team of three. The team would choose who goes first, second, then last.

They were challenged with a series of six tests: the first using number sense, second Trigonometry, third Algebraic manipulations, fourth Informal Geometry, measurement, arithmetic, fifth Applications of algebra and sixth Calculations with calculators.

Griffin Beckman placed 11th in Using Number Sense. Broady Goetz placed 3rd in Using Number Sense and 6th in Algebraic Manipulations. The sophomore team placed 7th in algebraic Manipulations and 12th in both Geometry and Applications of Algebra.

Jocelyn Perez placed 7th in algebraic manipulations.

The WHS student participants were Adrienne



The members of the math relays gather for a photo after eating at Thirsty's for a challenging day. (WHS Photo)

Hrabe, Jocelyn Perez, Evangline Godek, Broady Goetz, Auston Bland, Deighton Herl, Brant Goetz, Spencer Beckman, and Griffin Beckman

Miss. Wetter said, "This was a great opportunity to compete academically and show their knowledge of mathematics."

Broady Goetz stated "We tried our best and I believe that's all that really matters."



GPMS Girls Basketball Begin with a Win



Makynslee Vargas (41) plays tough defense in the Golden Plains Middle School's first basketball game of the season against Rawlins County in Atwood on November 14. The girls started off the season with both A-Team and B-Team win over the Buffaloes. (Photo by Emma Zeisler)

By Siena Vargas

The Golden Plains Middle School girls opened their basketball season with a win over the Rawlins County Buffaloes in Atwood on Thursday, November 14.

The B-Team girls opened the night with a two-quarter game. The Lady Bulldogs started the third quarter strong with a 6-2 lead. The Dogs kept up the good efforts and scored an additional 6 points in the last quarter. While keeping tough defense the Dogs only let the Buffaloes score 2. The Dogs claimed a 12-4 win to start their season. Points were scored by Emma Kier-6, MaKenlea Focke-4, Makynslee Vargas-2.

"There is a lot of stuff that needs improvement," said MaKenlea Focke. "We played defense well and I'm excited for the rest of the season to continue."

The A-team competed tough against the Lady Buffaloes the entire game. In the first quarter the Dogs worked hard to take the lead and to defend their side of the court with a 6-5 start. The Bulldogs pushed hard to lead 9-7 at the end of the first half. Coming back from halftime the Dogs scored 4 and let the Buffaloes score 2. The Lady Bulldogs were determined and never gave up as they worked their way to the basket. They added another 5 while the Lady Buffs added 6, giving the Dogs an 18-15 win.

Points were scored by Jade Dible-8, Molly Ritter-5, Elizabeth Romero-4, and Estrella Aguilar-1. "It was difficult to begin since it was our first game," said Jade Dible. "There is a lot we can improve and work on but I'm very excited for the continuation of this season."

The Dogs move forward in their season with two games before the Thanksgiving break. They will host Decatur Community on November 19 and Logan/Palco on November 21.

Bulldogs Sub-State Runner-up

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with Wark who ran the ball to the 4-yard line. Perez finished the drive for the Dogs. Jose Rios kicked another touchback to the Coyotes who attempted to pass. Conner Kier intercepted the pass for the Dogs allowing Rath to pass to Garcia for another Bulldog score. The Coyotes held the lead 54-45 at the end of the third.

The Dogs continued to play hard to the finish as Weskan took over in the fourth to score four more times for the win 82-45. The Dogs ended the season with a 9-3 record as one of the top four six-man teams in the state. "What a wild ride this season has been for my football boys here at GPI!" exclaimed Coach Travis Smith. "We ended the season with a hard-fought loss to Weskan in the Sub State Round of the 6 Man playoffs. One thing I can always say about my guys is that they are never going to quit no matter the situation and they didn't against Weskan. My senior boys played their butts off. I couldn't be more proud of the season we had ending at 9-3. Most wins in a single season and the deepest run in the KSHAA 6-Man format."

Josh Rath finished the game with 237 passing yards and 12 tackles. Dylan Wark had 151 rushing yards and 103 receiving yards along with 9 tackles. Diego Perez had 16 rushing and 30 receiving yards along with 11 tackles. Additional yards were gained by Miguel Garcia 17 receiving and Jose Rios 34 receiving. Wyatt Amlong had 6 tackles, Garcia 5, Conner Kier 2, Jose Rios 2, and Maddix Green 2. Kier also had one interception.

Although the Bulldogs will graduate six strong seniors, they will return both Wark and Perez in the backfield along with Kier and Rios on defense and a large core of freshmen players. "It's always tough to see a group of seniors go," continued Smith, "but especially so for this group of boys. They have improved more than any group I've had here at GP! I hope this season is something they never forget. Thanks to all the community members, school staff and our awesome student section. As always...Proud to be a Bulldog!"



Electric Car



The electric car boys listen in as a speaker talks to them about the vehicle design. (WHS Photo)

By Teagan Roth, Staff Reporter

On Thursday, November 14, Mrs. Beckman took Daniel Mason, Jaxson Bernbeck, Avyn Teeter, and Riley Tuttle to an electric car workshop at the K-State Salina campus. The group attended three sessions during the day. They received information on vehicle design, competition and safety, and vehicle performance. The group was also given a tour of the Aerospace and Technology campus and learned about the different programs offered.

Mrs. Beckman said, "A highlight of the day was seeing a beautiful Chevy Chevelle that one of the Kansas City groups had been working for three years to restore. They converted it into an electric car."

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JD's Restaurant	Mauck Flying Service	MC Auto	Pathway Ag
Sheridan County Economic Development	Texas Style BBQ & Cafe	The Bank	Western Plains Energy

The Selden Times December 6, 1888

Eighteen cents for eggs at B & D's. M. D. Gallogly moved his family into D. A. Wynkoop's house last week.

"Uncle" Ed Denune will read the Great Religious Weekly in the future.

Mrs. Forbes' house is completed and will be occupied by Druggist Calman and family.

At the post office you will find the entire tax list for Sheridan and Prairie Dog townships, so you can pay your taxes without going to Hoxie.

J. C. Gillen went to Oberlin today. Selden will have a Christmas tree. Read the notice elsewhere.

Norton has an electric light plant, and that City will soon be illuminated.

W. S. Ambler, formerly of Danbury, Nebraska, has secured control of the mail route between Oberlin and Selden. - *Oberlin Harold*

We have lately added several new fonts of job type to our office and are better prepared to do job work. Come in and give us a call and let us give you prices.

The Allison Times plant has been moved to Jennings and last week came out as the Jennings Times. Some men seem to like to starve and this move would indicate that an editor was one of them.

Gallogly and Wynkoop have opened an exchange in Selden for the purpose of buying the farmers produce. They are located in the old bank building and will be glad to see anyone who wishes to sell their produce to an advantage for cash.

It seems by a late investigation that the collision near Denver, on the 26th ult, was due to the negligence of an operator in failing to deliver messages to the train men. His name is C. A. G. Wood and he was stationed at Colorado Springs.

Druggist Calman has moved in to Mrs. Forbes' new residence.

S. G. Hopkins and wife, of Plainville, were in town a few days this week.

R. L. Desuvedy went to Lenora Tuesday. Mr. Barbo has charge of the store during his absence.

We acknowledge a pleasant call from Mrs. Asbell, whose husband will read the Times in the future.

Rev. Boyle commenced a series of meetings at the town hall Monday night which are well attended. They will continue all the week and all should attend. Come out.

Bloomfield Blossoms

Robert Lucas and wife are visiting old acquaintances and relatives in Smith county.

It is reported that Will Harper has gone to Nebraska on important business. We wish him ----- success anyway.

B. C. Moody and Mr. McPherson estimate the total amount of molasses made at their mill this fall at 1,400 gallons. The best lot of cane made a little less than 30 gallons of molasses per acre.

125 Years Ago December 7, 1899

W. S. Quisenberry made a flying trip to Rexford Tuesday.

Davy Wiggins is visiting his mother and sister at Sterling this week.

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the parsonage December 9th, at 2 p.m.

Frank Grinnell and Ross Martin completed a large new barn for Ed Farber, of Parnell township last week.

Judge Gregg is in receipt of a new lot of elegant wedding certificates and will throw one in with each ceremony he performs.

Prof. Kirkpatrick closed a series of lectures last Thursday evening and left for pastures new. The meetings were quite well attended and considerable enthusiasm evinced.

Strayed: From my farm near Seguin, on Sunday, Nov. 26, 1 gray mare 2 years old and 1 bay mare 2 years old and black spring colt. A liberal reward will be given for their return.

S. J. Nondorf

Mrs. C. Thompson is away on a visit.

Where, of, where have my summer wages gone? C. H. Beers made a flying trip to Salina Friday evening.

Robt. Lovine paid Lincoln Center a brief visit the first of the week.

Harvey Dennison and wife, of near Rexford, were holiday shopping in Hoxie yesterday.

Charley Chelf and Jim Lovine made a brief business trip to Hill City the first of the week.

Bill Waite returned home Tuesday from his Missouri trip and reports his sister's condition much improved.

A suit between A. Jenson and one Knight, of Logan township, occupied Justice Quisenberry's court Monday. The case was continued.

The dinner and supper given by the Ladies Mite Society net them in the neighborhood of \$50.00 which will be expended in painting the church.

Charley Derowistch was up from his Saline township farm Tuesday the first time for a couple of months, he having been on a visit among relatives in Republic county.

Mrs. Henry Graham came in on Tuesday evening's train from Kansas City where she has been under medical treatment in a hospital. Her many friends will rejoice to learn that her health is much improved.

Miles J. Gray, after a stay of several months at his old home in Illinois, returned last week and at present is busy helping take care of a large crop of corn raised on his farm near Studley. He was a Hoxie visitor Saturday and was looking well.

J. G. Robinson and Fred Miller, of Selden, were Hoxie visitors the front end of this week.

W. M. Kennedy and son Frank, of Spring Brook township, were Hoxie visitors Monday.

A mail line has been established between Hoxie and Orange with A. J. Massingall, of Seguin as conductor.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Long, of Logan township, on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1899, a son. Mrs. Freeman, the attending physician, reports mother and babe doing well.

100 Years Ago

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OLDSMOBILE, HUPMOBILE,
CHEVROLET AND FORD
CARS FOR SALE.**

**HAVE SECOND HAND FORD
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From The Hoxie Sentinel, 1924. (Kenoxie Archives & Museum photo)

December 4, 1924

County Road Meeting Held at Courthouse

The law requires that all those who through their official capacities have charge of the roads, including the county commissioners and all the township boards, shall hold a meeting once each year.

Saturday at the call of County Engineer Mowry a good meeting was held at the courthouse. Ten out of the fourteen townships were represented and the new officers from five or six of the townships were in attendance, also a number of the drag men.

Local Happenings

Mrs. Ruby Beers, of Princeton, Kentucky, is the guest of Mrs. Tom L. Pratt, Jr., this week.

Rev. Flowers and family spent Thanksgiving Day with friends in Oberlin.

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? Come to the Presbyterian Bazar, if you want to know!

Mrs. Rex Wilbur and little son, Charles Rex, of Oberlin, Kansas, are visiting at the Bear home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Shafer and family took Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Rouse and son, Dorsey Lee, spent Sunday with relatives in Oberlin.

H. J. Harwi, of Lenora, Kansas, was a Hoxie business visitor Monday.

Miss Isabel Johnson spent the week end with her uncle, Osgood Johnson, and family at Lucerne.

Mrs. A. J. Steinshouer taught school a few days this week in Consolidated No. 2 district, substituting for Miss Eunice Bradbury who was ill.

Miss Gertrude Pratt entertained to a delightful turkey dinner Sunday; Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Pratt, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Tom L. Pratt, Jr., and Mrs. Charles Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crist and daughters, Beryl and Beulah, drove to Stockton Thursday and spent the day with relatives.

William Pratt, who managed the City Club rooms here for a time, is now assistant manager of a large ten-cent store in Lincoln, Nebraska, and is doing well. Since entering this business he has steadily risen through the different departments to his present position.

Midway Community

The Midway Community club did not meet last week on account of club day being the day before Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Nellie Verhoff and sons, Frank and Jake, of Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newton and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Horner and son, Archie, spent Sunday at the Huijen home.

P. D. Clear has been threshing his kafir and cane the past week.

Valley

W. O. Hines is spending the week at Stratton, Colorado, visiting his sister, Mrs. Chester Shafer, and her husband and family.

Miss Miriam Conard returned from Menlo last Wednesday where she had spent two weeks visiting her uncle, W. H. Conard, and family.

Irene Morgan, who at first hadn't seemed to much hurt from her auto collision, after two or three days became quite ill and the first of the week Ralph Getz took her to Hays for treatment.

75 Years Ago December 8, 1949

Juniors to Present "Granddad Steps Out" Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10

"Granddad Steps Out," the junior play to be given on Friday and Saturday nights, December 9 and 10, in the SCHS auditorium, promises to be one of the outstanding events of the school year. The curtain is scheduled to go up at 8:00 p.m. and

tickets may be obtained from any junior or at the door the night of the performance.

Studley Items

Earl Stout combined kalo, Monday. Jess Pratt and family were in Hoxie, Thursday.

Kenneth Woods and family spent Thursday evening at the Earl Stout home.

Seguin Items

The Fairview 4-H club held their monthly meeting at Joe Bange's home on Dec. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robben and wife were supper guests at the John Kruse home in Leoville, Sunday.

A number from the Fairview 4-H club attended the junior leadership party in Hoxie, Thursday evening.

Northwest Sheridan

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schulz, of Beaver Crossing, Nebr., were guests at the John M. Huber home Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shaw spent Saturday evening at the Ernest Shaw home.

Little Karen Dean Gilchrist underwent a tonsillectomy at eh Children's hospital at Denver.

McGraw Items

Wednesday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Broyles were Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Badger.

George Launchbaugh visited Lyndol Zimmerman at St. Anthony's hospital in Hays one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bainter visited Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Broyles.

Menlo Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moos were visitors in Selden, Friday.

Lucy Lietz was home Saturday evening for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Lietz.

The Menlo boys and girls won their first basketball game Friday night at Rexford. The boys score was 85 to 24 and the girls 36 to 19.

Midway Items

Midway unit met Nov. 17th with Mrs. Floyd Chapman for an all day meeting. There were 12 members and one visitor, Mrs. Fred Bixenman. The meeting was adjourned to meet next with Mrs. Lester Chapman, Dec. 1st.

Unit met Thursday, Dec. 1st, with Mrs. Lester Chapman for an afternoon meeting. Ten members and two visitors, Mrs. Leonard Stevens and little Kathleen Beckman. There was no regular lesson. Mrs. Lea Chapman gave a report. Our next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lea Chapman Dec. 15. Pot luck dinner and each member will bring a Christmas gift for your Capsule sister.

Mrs. Geneva Hopkins and Mrs. Donna Stewart were Gove and Grinnell callers, Wednesday.

Mickey's Want Ads

Give a set of the beautiful Fiesta dishes for Christmas.

A young man driving toward the city, honked his horn and pulled up to the curb; the young lady got into his car.

As they drove along he said, "When we get to the next traffic light you'll have to tell me whether it's red or green. I am color blind."

The young lady grinned at him and replied, "Yassuh, al'll say yo is!"

Sampson card tables and folding chairs are nice gifts.

50 Years Ago December 5, 1974

New Librarian Hired Here

Miss Carol J. Thummel of Plainville, Kansas, has been hired as librarian at the Sheridan County Public Library in Hoxie, to replace Mrs. Jewell Walden, whose resignation is effective January 1, 1975.

Miss Thummel received her Bachelor of Arts

degree at Fort Hays Kansas State College and a Masters in Library Science from Kansas State College at Emporia. She was employed for four years as periodicals librarian at Northwest Missouri State College at Maryville, Missouri.

Broadway News

Mrs. Geo Simon accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mader to Hill City Nov. 20.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaner and Charles McClelland were Thursday evening, Nov. 21 supper guests at Albert Popp's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jr. Wagoner were dinner guests of Mrs. Geo Simon, Nov. 23.

Studley Items

A large crowd of relatives and friends attended funeral services for Mrs. Stella Pratt United Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Rawson of Morland, Miss Hilda Pratt and Mrs. Esther Brandt enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Twell and Mrs. Jessie Kelley.

Mrs. Rachel Niblock enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with her daughter (Marjorie) Mr. and Mrs. Duane Dechant and daughters at Morland.

McGraw News

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Tribble were Tuesday evening visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Tice. Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter were Saturday morning coffee guests.

Mrs. Harold Wright called on Mrs. Lee Walker Wednesday evening.

Alvin Leist spent the weekend at the George Launchbaugh home.

Mickey's Want Ads

Electric grinders, blenders, mixers, coffee makers - all the popular makes. Get one where you can get a guarantee.

The young lady had finished her first driving lesson and her instructor complimented her, "I must say, you handled that car like a veteran."

"How," was the blushing response, "would you know how I handle a veteran...?"

G. E. and Remington electric combs up to 900 watts. That good Schick hair dryer.

Ringneck Campers Christmas Party

The Ringneck Campers Club enjoyed their Christmas party at the Odd Fellows Hall in Rexford. The Rexford members hosted the party on Sunday, Dec. 1.

A short business meeting was called to order by President Ernest Shaw, opening with the flag salute. Forty-four members answered roll call by stating "What you would like to be doing five years from to day". Visitors were Debby and Lester Yoos of Granville, Ill. They are grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yoos.

The next meeting of the club will be at Hoxie on Jan. 5. - Mrs. Grant Currier, Reporter

25 Years Ago December 9, 1999

Chamber Drawing Set for Saturday

The Hoxie Chamber of Commerce will give away \$1,000 during its first Christmas drawing on Saturday.

The Chamber will draw tickets and award Hoxie scrip for the amount of the purchase written on each ticket up to a maximum of \$250. Names will continue to be drawn until approximately \$1,000 in Hoxie scrip has been given away. People can win more than one time at this first drawing and must be present to win.

Jennings-Allison

William and Rachel Carter went to Sharon Springs Friday after Thanksgiving to spend some time with Mary and Darwin Smith. While there Mary and Rachel attended the bridal shower for Megan Kuhlman. Others from Jennings attending the shower were Julie, Becky and Ann Carter, and Norma Ward of Clayton. The Carters spent the night with the Smiths.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of the Bob Tachas were Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tacha and Dusty of Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Tacha, Ashely and Garrett of Hoxie were afternoon callers.

Meme Carper went to Kanorado on Friday for Thanksgiving with the Dan and Charlene Mangus family. Others who went were Cecil and Annette Bailey and Katie, Carol Topliff, Jason, Joslin and Josh, Teresa and Les Hopson, Mathew and Rebecca, Danelle, J. J. and Derek Couch, Tim and Ann Bailey and girls of Oklahoma, and Dorothy Mangus and Betty Day.

Broadway

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Simon and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Simon drove to Wichita Wednesday Katherine and Lawrence flew to Kansas City where they joined a group of farm couples going on a tour of Mexico. Brad and Sarah visited her grandparents and other relatives and returned home Thursday.

The Sunshine Club met Thursday with four members present.

Rexford

Guests of Bill and Donna Dible for Thanksgiving were Robert Dible from California, Lynn and Mike Zimmerman, Nathan and Drew of Hays; Susan and Gary Pfrang and children of Goff; Michelle and Lenny Patmon and family of Hoxie. On the weekend the Dibles took Robert to Kansas City to take the plane home and visited Anita and R. J. Passantina over the weekend.

Genevieve Cameron of Yakima, Wash., is a guest of Vesta Roth this week and her mother, Annie Roth in Hoxie.

Delores and DeAnna Deble visited with Hazel Richardson at the Logan County Manor on Tuesday.

McGraw

Thanksgiving Day Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bainter and Joe Bainter ate dinner with Russel Bainter. This week Jim Bainter, Bill Bainter, Joe Bainter and Danny and Ryan, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Bainter visited Russel.

Mr. and Mrs. Shane Richards of Tulsa spent Thanksgiving weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bainter. All were Friday evening supper guests of Pauline Loughry and Leora King.

Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Bainter went to Cheyenne, Wyo., on Sunday and Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Bainter.

Tradition of Excellence Continues for Hoxie Wrestling Program

By Patrick Kelly

The sport of wrestling has been a part of the fabric of Hoxie High School and the northwest Kansas community, dating back to the first State championship in Kansas in 1930 when Hoxie, coached by principal A.B. Keith, was one of just ten schools that participated in the inaugural Kansas high school State wrestling tournament. The program originated a year earlier when five boys, led by captain Elden Steinsouer, competed in the precursor to the first State tournament, an invitational in Manhattan, along with eight other schools.

Leading up to and after the school's first State championship in 1969, under Bill Pickinpaugh's leadership, the program has had a generational consistency that makes Hoxie one of the few "wrestling schools" across the state. After fourteen State team championships, Hoxie is among the elite programs in Kansas high school wrestling history. Only Arkansas City (21), Norton (17), and St. Francis (16) have more State championships.

The program remained relevant after Pick's seven-year tenure under head coach Rex Mauck (Hoxie High Class of 1970), followed by Bob Lovin (Class of 1956). During their run from 1976-84, the team finished out of the top eight at State only once and twice finished as runner-up in Class 321A.

By the time the next coach, Kirk Baker, retired as Hoxie High's head coach in 2006, he had earned legendary status in the Kansas wrestling community.

The 1976 Goodland High grad put together one of the most impressive high school careers in state history under Hall of Fame coach Rocky Welton. He appeared in four consecutive 3A State finals matches, winning the title in 1974 and 1975. In 1975 and 1976, he made the finals of the only two Grand State championships contested. He came up short as a junior, but his title in '76 came in dramatic fashion over Kapaun's Kendall Hershberger, who bested him in the 3A title match just one week earlier.

After two successful years in the Colby Community College line-up, where he was a two-time NJCAA national qualifier (1977 and 1978), Baker moved to Hoxie, where he embarked on a twenty-two-year career as head coach of the Indians. He led the program to sixteen top-four finishes at State. Among those finishes were seven State titles: 1990, 1991, 1994, 1998, 1999, 2002, and 2003.

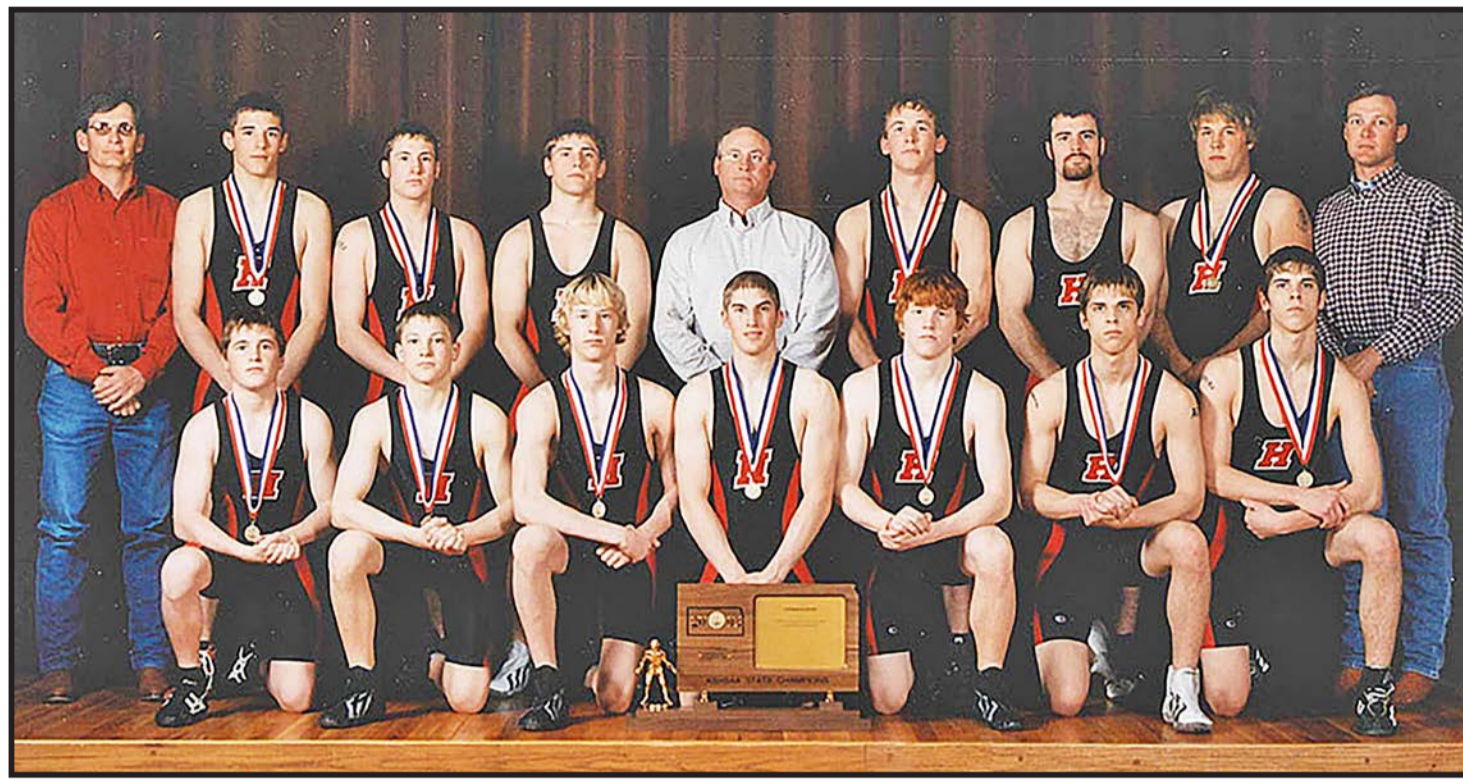
"Winning Grand State is definitely near the top of the accomplishments, but with coaching, I was able to help more people. My goal was always to get the kids to compete at the level I got to, and it was always a good feeling when they did," said Baker as he reflected on his career.

Mike Porsch was part of the Baker-led Hoxie program, graduating in 1988 as a two-time State place winner, including a runner-up finish at 145 pounds in 321A as a junior. After a stint at Colby Community College, he spent years bringing up the next generation of Hoxie wrestlers as part of the kid's club program and high school coaching staff. After a decade as an assistant under his mentor's leadership, Porsch was elevated to head coach when Baker retired.

Early on, Porsch endured several seasons of performances below the high expectations that the program was accustomed to. "When I stepped down, Mike's coaching ability was there. I knew he could coach and take the program over. At the start, it was a numbers issue. Mike's a smart guy. He knew things were going to pick back up, and I was confident that he could develop the kids. There were detractors, but he also had good community support and a good kids club backing him up during that time," said Coach Baker.

By the end of his tenure last season, things had indeed picked up! He led the program to a historic run when Hoxie won the four most recent 321A State titles and finished those seasons among the top tier of Eric Johnson's mythical but well-researched Kansas All-Class Ranking. In 2023, the Indians played the role of wrestling's version of Hickory High in the basketball movie Hoosiers when the school, with an enrollment of just one hundred thirty-three students, ended the season on top of the All-Class Rankings ahead of schools with enrollments exceeding the population of the entire community of Hoxie.

Every good coach knows that it takes a village. For Hoxie wrestling, that village includes Next Level Training Academy.



Established in 2021 with a practice facility on Main Street, the club has been the conduit to take the Hoxie High program to the 'next level' and help maintain that success. The academy is led by Porsch's oldest son, Tristan (Class of 2017), a two-time State champion and four-time medalist, and four-time State champion Matt Gilliland (Class of 2004). The USA Wrestling-affiliated club has helped bring Hoxie and the entire northwest Kansas area closer to the position that made it the hotbed of Kansas wrestling in the early years of the sport's development in the Sunflower



State. Next Level provides year-round training opportunities and coaching at competitions from the local level to national events.

When Porsch began contemplating retirement and made it official last spring after eighteen years as head coach, one had to wonder if the program's success would go with him. Even in the state's most populated areas, accomplished wrestling coaches are hard to find.

Porsch, however, is comfortable with his decision and confident that the program will continue where he left off. "The culture of the program is in a great place. We've got a good senior class coming back and underclassmen operating at a high level," he said. He went on to sing the praises of his head coaching replacement. "Ryan Etherton is ready to take over as a head coach with Kyle Williams (Class of 2001) and Pete Koster (Class of 1997) assisting him. All of those aspects make it a perfect time to step away. I wanted to leave the program in the best shape possible," he said. He continued, "Ryan's got a great wrestling mind, and his character is above reproach. He's going to care about these kids, not only wrestling-wise but also life-wise. I think that's a big part of it."

Porsch sees himself staying involved through Next Level Academy and being available for anything the current staff needs help with.

Dr. Etherton, a Chiropractor with his own practice in Hoxie, has a background in the sport that rivals any candidate that a national search could have produced. He was a successful high school and college wrestler with coaching experience in tradition-rich Iowa. He also has the added benefit of being an assistant on Porsch's staff for the past two seasons.

Etherton graduated from Lincoln East High School in 2005 as a four-time State medalist and two-time Nebraska Class A State champion. The Spartans, led by Hall of Fame coach Marty McCurdy, won three team State championships during Etherton's high school career. Incidentally, Coach McCurdy began his coaching career in Kansas with stops at Phillipsburg, Blue Valley, and Norton. In 1987, his P-burg Panthers were 321A State champions when Hoxie finished as runner-up.

Etherton's high school success led him to the University of Nebraska at Kearney, then and now an NCAA DII power in wrestling. During his time as a Loper, he was a two-time All-American and was part of a program that won the NCAA title in 2008 and finished as runner-up in 2006 and 2007.

During his college days, he was a teammate of wrestling 'names' such as two-time

Olympian Tervel Dlagnev and UFC star Kamarudeen Usman. He also had notable experiences competing against NCAA champions Brent Metcalf of Iowa, Darrion Caldwell of North Carolina State, and Harvard's J.P. O'Connor. Among that list is also a pair of matches against one of the world's greatest wrestlers, Jordan Burroughs. Burroughs recently fell short in his attempt to win his eleventh world or Olympic medal at the 2024 World Championships in Tirana, Albania.

After completing his undergrad at UNK, Etherton entered chiropractic school at the renowned Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa. While in the Quad Cities, he gained valuable coaching experience at one of the most successful programs in Iowa, Bettendorf High School, led by four-time Iowa high school State champion and Iowa State University All-American Dan Knight.

Prior to relocating to Hoxie, Dr. Etherton's first professional experience was at a chiropractic clinic in Beatrice, Nebraska.

The coaching seed was planted nine years ago when Etherton and his wife, Crystal, made the move to her hometown. "I was literally pulling into the city limits of Hoxie with our first load during our move from Nebraska and I got a call from Coach Porsch. He heard we were moving and was reaching out to kick the tires to see if I might be interested in helping out." With the demands of starting a new medical practice from scratch, joining the staff wasn't possible, but he did begin helping out with the kids' club program when he could. "I was able to coach the kids that have been coming through for the past several years and get familiar with the culture and the wrestling families and learn how they did things here. Hoxie is a special town. Wrestling is really important here and that's not something you see, even in more populated areas," he said.

"Hoxie is so blessed with coaching at all levels. There are probably about twenty guys in the town of Hoxie who have wrestled in college, which is amazing for a town of this size. Starting at the kid's club level, the guys get started with coaches who know what they're talking about in order to teach the fundamentals. The junior high, Next Level, and then the high school, we just have an amazing community of coaches that have set up a great environment for the kids to get better," he said.

Etherton understands the gravity of the task ahead but is excited about it. "I look at it as an amazing opportunity. I know so much of it comes down to these kids, and they want it. They are a great group of kids, and if we can keep them excited and teach them good techniques, I'm confident their success will continue. I also hope to guide them to be good husbands and fathers and now, with the girls, good wives and mothers. It is a big responsibility, but I'm more excited about it than concerned about it," he said.

Pickenpaugh and Baker hailed from fellow former Northwest Kansas League power Goodland High before rooting themselves in Hoxie. Former coaches Mauck, Lovin, and Porsch were Hoxie through and through. The tradition runs deep.

Etherton is an outsider, but not interested in shaking things up. "I'm sure there will be some changes, but for the most part things will stay the same. There is a good culture here with a lot of things that have been working well. There is not a reason to go in and change those things," he said.

One area that might look a bit different is certain techniques



favored by the new coach. "I came from a different background that focused on the Granby, so there may be some areas where we will introduce different options, but for the most part, there doesn't need to be many changes. We want to continue down the path we are going," he said.

With a young, enthusiastic coach in the driver's seat and the two most recent occupants in the area to lean on for support, in addition to a top-notch club program, the rich history of Hoxie Wrestling is in a position to continue with business as usual in 2024-25 and beyond.



Photo Credits:

1- (Photo Credit: Hoxie High School): Kirk Baker (top row, middle) coached Mike Porsch (top row, far right) during his high school days, then brought him on as an assistant before Porsch took over after Baker's retirement. Pictured is Baker's seventh State championship team in 2003, known as Baker's Dozen, for qualifying all thirteen individuals to State. The team set an all-time, all-class record, at the time, of 218.5 points. That record was broken by the 2023 team that accumulated 260 points.

2- (Photo Credit: Patrick Kelly): New coach Ryan Etherton (left) poses with Kirk Baker (head coach from 1984-2006) and Mike Porsch (head coach from 2006-2024) in front of the 'champions wall' in the Hoxie High wrestling room.

3- (Photo Credit: UNK Athletics): Ryan Etherton brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new role of head wrestling coach at Hoxie High, including All-American finishes in 2008 and 2009 while competing for the Lopers of UNK.

4- (Photo Credit: Patrick Kelly): Mike Porsch demonstrates the pride Hoxie High has in its wrestling program by pointing out the display of past champions on the wall outside of the school's gym.



Pride of the Prairie Orchestra Presents "Christmas Memories"

The Pride of the Prairie Orchestra will present "Christmas Memories" on Sunday, December 8, at 3:30 p.m. (CST).

For more information, please visit our website: www.prairiorchestra.com or search for us on Facebook.

Museum News

By Shari Buss, Director, Dane G. Hansen Museum

As we swiftly transition from Thanksgiving to Christmas, this year feels particularly rapid due to Thanksgiving falling late in November.

In the coming weeks, we will share videos featuring photographer Thomas Zimmerman discussing some of the works on display in his exhibition.

Due to popular demand, our Christmas Floral Design class is now full; however, there are still about five spots available in the Homemade Bierock Class.

Looking ahead to January, the Hansen Museum will host our annual Winter Dance class.

The exhibition Kansas from 400' or less will be on view through January 26, 2025.

Knowing the Christmas Story Versus Truly Understanding it are Very Different Things

By J. Basil Dannebohm

Author Barbara Robinson's popular novel, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, which was recently made into a major motion picture, begins: "The Herdmans were absolutely the worst kids in the history of the world."

Set in a small, provincial community where even the most infinitesimal detail of one's life is subject to the scrutiny of the often-quirotic townsfolk, the six obstreperous Herdman children - Imogene, Ralph, Claude, Leroy, Ollie, and Gladys, are nothing short of taboo.

Suffice it to say that a gaggle of pearl-clutching parents were mortified by the news that the Herdman children were slated to lead the pageant, which had been an annual tradition in the community for decades.

One common scene throughout the story is a concerned Beth Bradley, the first-person narrator, frequently asking her mother, the newly appointed director, how things will unfold.

Though she didn't know, Grace Bradley remained hopeful that her inaugural production would go down in history as the best Christmas Pageant ever.

Theoretical physicist Richard Feynman once observed, "Knowing is easy, understanding is hard."

More often than not, we tend to think we "know" an individual, a family, a group of people - but we rarely take the time to authentically "understand" them.

The story of the Nativity itself is largely known, though somewhat misunderstood. Many of us are content with our fairy tale notions of a gentle manger, a dainty Mary, and a picturesque porcelain silent night.

Big Game Hunting Permits Now Open

Topeka - Kansas-based chapters of nonprofit organizations focused on wildlife conservation and promoting the hunting and fishing heritage have a special fundraising opportunity thanks to the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission.

- 1. Visit ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Commission
2. Click "Commissioner Permits" toward the bottom of the page
3. Download the file titled, "2025 Commissioner Permit Application fillable."

Each year, the program offers up to seven Commission Big Game permits (no more than one elk and one antelope and up to seven deer permits), depending on applicants' preferences.

Winning organizations keep 15 percent of their sale price of the Commission Big Game Permit to support their missions.

For more information, contact Jake George, KDWP Wildlife Division Director, at jake.george@ks.gov.

Hearing for Proposed Changes to Live Plant Dealer Regulations

A public hearing will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, to consider changes to the administrative regulations relating to live plant dealers.

KDA is proposing regulations to implement changes to the Plant Pest and Agriculture Commodity Certification Act, K.S.A. 2-2112, et seq.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes, as well as an expanded notice of public hearing, may be accessed on the KDA website at agriculture.ks.gov/PublicComment.

Anyone individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request a copy of the regulations in an accessible format.

KDA Warns Poultry Owners of HPAI Risk

The increase in migratory bird activity brings the risk of a resurgence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), which is primarily spread by wild waterfowl.

Anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard chicken owner to the large commercial producer should review their biosecurity activities to assure the health of their birds.

moment He took His first breath. Indeed, Emmanuel was an olive skinned, persecuted, known but largely misunderstood refugee.

Like the Nativity story, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever should be revisited annually.

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According to the Government Accountability Office, the federal government sent more than \$235 billion in improper payments to people and entities that were ineligible to receive such payments last year.

Sounding the Alarm on the National Debt

America's national debt has exceeded \$36 trillion. The Congressional Budget Office projects that debt service costs alone could exceed \$1 trillion.

One of my biggest priorities in Congress is to break Washington's spending addiction and get our fiscal house in order.

Holding President Biden Accountable

Over the weekend, President Biden announced a pardon for his son, Hunter. Make no mistake, this pardon is wrong.

Joint Letter Sent to Congress Urging Farm Bill Reauthorization

Washington, D.C. - Seventeen Republican governors sent a joint letter to Congress expressing their concerns about the delayed passage of an updated Farm Bill.

In the letter, the governors argued that the reauthorization of a Farm Bill and immediate assistance in the interim will allow farmers and ranchers to do what they do best—provide for America and feed the world.

Domestic agricultural production is a matter of national security. If a country can't feed itself, fuel itself, or fight for itself, then it cannot survive.

Our nation's agriculture industry is in trouble and if meaningful support is not provided soon, the well-being of the nation is at risk.

We collectively request that Congress fulfill its obligation to protect and revitalize the agriculture industry before it's too late.

Signatories include: Governor Kay Ivey (AL), Governor Sarah Sanders (AR), Governor Brian Kemp (GA), Governor Brad Little (ID), Governor Eric Holcomb (IN), Governor Kim Reynolds (IA), Governor Jeff Landry (LA), Governor Tate Reeves (MS), Governor Mike Parson (MO), Governor Greg Gianforte (MT), Governor Joe Lombardo (NV), Governor Mike DeWine (OH), Governor Kevin Stitt (OK), Governor Henry McMaster (SC), Governor Bill Lee (TN), Governor Spencer Cox (UT), Governor Jim Justice (WV).

Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending December 1, 2024, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 5% very short, 16% short, 74% adequate, and 5% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 7% very short, 26% short, 65% adequate, and 2% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 4% very poor, 9% poor, 31% fair, 47% good, and 9% excellent.

Cotton harvested was 79%, behind 89% last year, and equal to the five-year average.

Sunflowers harvested was 95%, near 96% last year and 97% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 10% very poor, 21% poor, 46% fair, 22% good, and 1% excellent.

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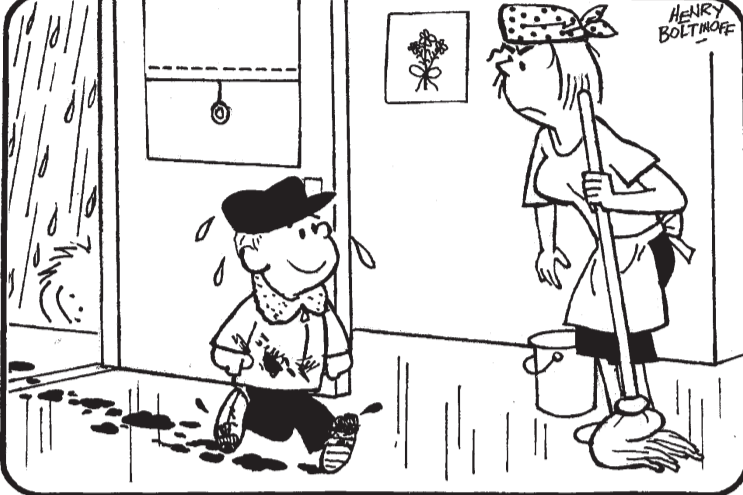
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bandanna is backward. 2. Picture has been added. 3. Shade is lower. 4. Bucket has no water. 5. Boy's hat is different. 6. Broom handle is taller. 7. Girl's hat is taller.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

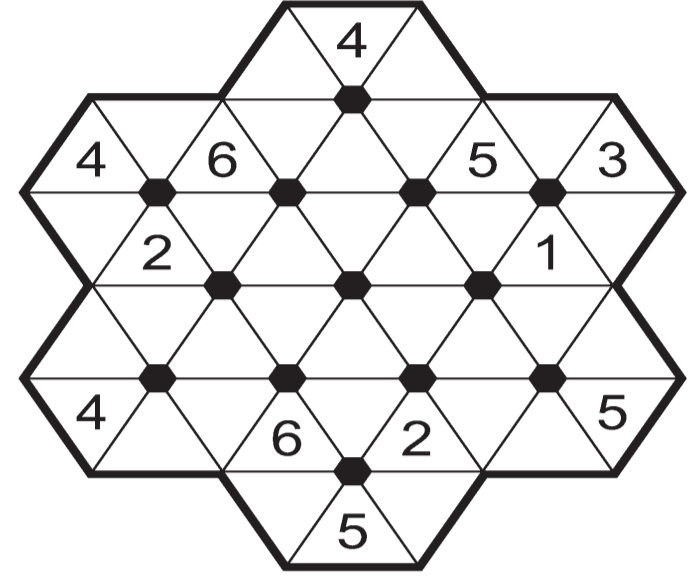
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦♦♦ Easy ♦♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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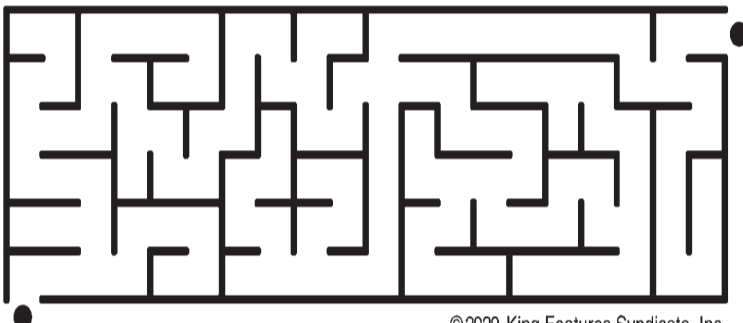
by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - HOLIDAY BUFFET

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **What mythical vegetable is served at Thanksgiving dinner?**

BAKED HAM	B	R	I	S	K	E	T	I	U	N
BEETS	D	A	E	R	B	I	S	H	A	C
BREAD	O	W	K	O	R	N	A	S	N	H
BRISKET	N	A	O	E	C	N	L	U	U	S
CHICKEN	U	L	T	I	D	P	A	S	T	A
CIDER	T	S	D	H	E	H	D	R	U	U
COLE SLAW	F	E	E	B	T	S	A	O	R	Q
DONUT	R	L	B	E	E	T	S	M	K	S
PASTA	C	O	O	C	H	I	C	K	E	N
ROAST BEEF	E	C	I	R	D	L	I	W	Y	B
SALAD										
SQUASH										
SUSHI										
TART										
TUNA										
TURKEY										
WILD RICE										

Kids' Maze



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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: S equals T

MFUO XBY MOFDJ SMFS SMO
UFKJFGH JOHSDBXOJ DBFJ HQTKH,
NYGGQKT BYS FGG SMO HSBNH?

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SCRAMBLERS

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

Crater	MASCH	□	□
Unique	SACPILE	□	□
Ambiguous	CLEANUR	□	□
Scoff	PINES	□	□

TODAY'S WORD

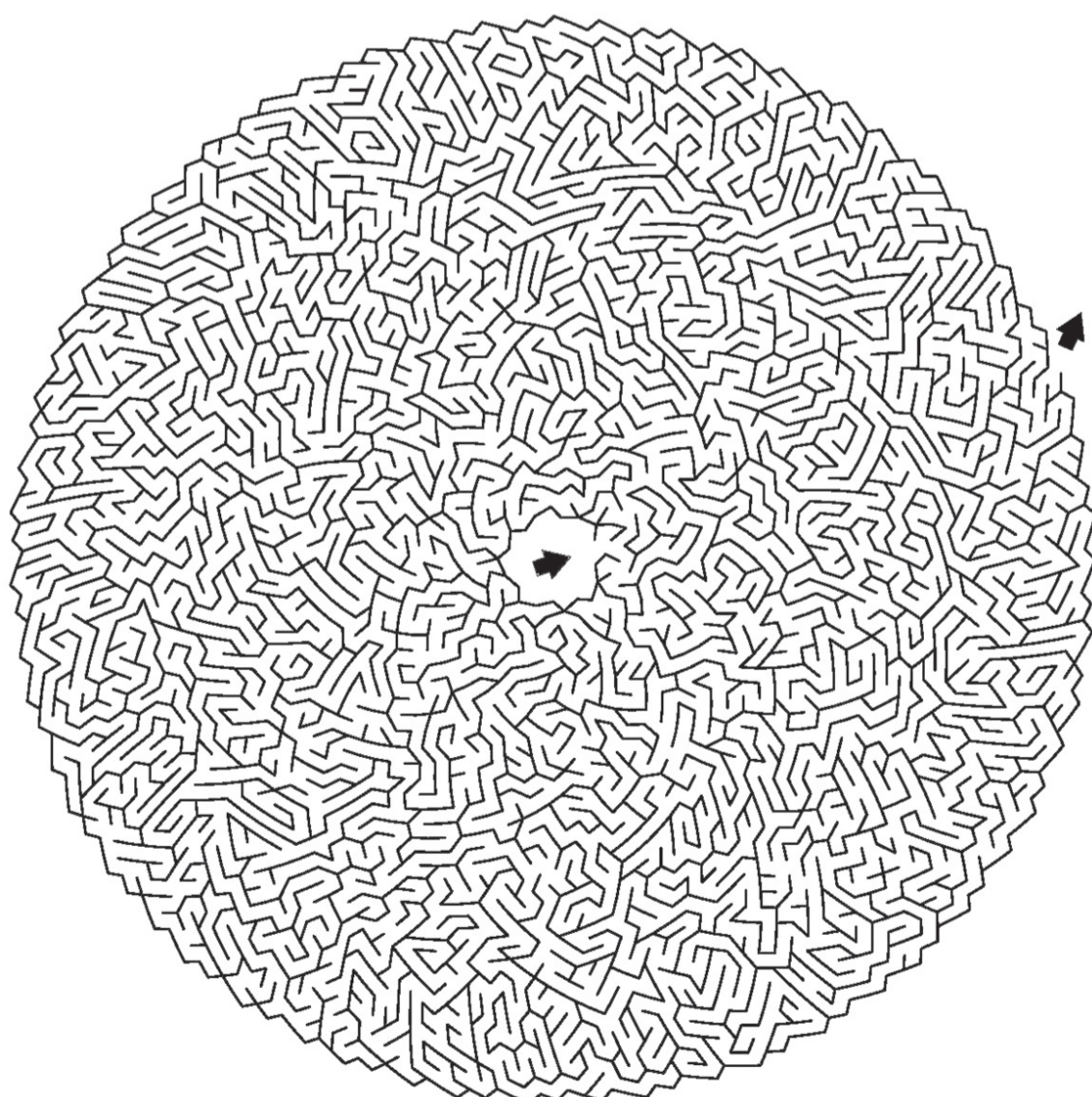
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"I must be improving — my music teacher didn't need any _____ today."

Super Crossword

ARE NOT!

- | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 1 Rigs out | 49 MGM Grand, e.g. | 89 Go by boat | DOWN | 1 Triage pro | 44 Years (for) | 80 Tokyo-based |
| 7 Beer holder | 51 "Scarface" inspirer | 62 Ionizable gas | 91 Convent residents | 2 In the function of | 46 Nissan, once | 46 Nissan, once | truck maker |
| 10 IRS worker | 54 Discoloration on the biceps or triceps? | 63 Vast period | 92 Eyelid affliction | 3 Ball caller | 49 Middle grade | 49 Middle grade | 81 French artist |
| 13 Not passive | 57 Meshwork | 64 It may zoom | 93 Make slanted | 4 Spanish island known for its nightlife | 50 Biblical beast | 50 Biblical beast | Edouard |
| 19 India's largest city | 58 Razor cut | 65 Simply being declared? | 94 Italian public square | 53 Tending to the situation | 52 12-time | 52 12-time | 82 Letters with curves |
| 20 Made embarrassed | 59 Closet rackful | 66 Gradually stop nursing | 97 Scrabble 10-pointer | 54 Relatively small inker, for short | papal name | papal name | 85 Brain product |
| 22 Jumped ship | 60 Journal | 67 Gradually stop nursing | 98 Staff symbol | 55 Country west of Colombia | 53 Tending to the situation | 53 Tending to the situation | 84 Audition not closed to anyone |
| 23 Affixing, as gift wrap | 61 Fashion designer Anna | 68 Botanic gardens site | 101 One of the Little Rascals goes on a rant? | 57 "Steve Jobs" star Rogen | 54 Relatively small inker, for short | 54 Relatively small inker, for short | 85 Brain product |
| 24 Marionette doing some undercover police work? | 62 Ionizable gas | 69 Fine | 104 Many a charger for an e-device | 58 Whole bunch | 55 Dryer debris | 55 Dryer debris | 86 Cabaret singer Edith |
| 26 Billy of "The Phantom" | 63 Vast period | 70 Gradually stop nursing | 108 Feed on | 57 "Steve Jobs" star Rogen | 57 "Steve Jobs" star Rogen | 57 "Steve Jobs" star Rogen | 89 Jacuzzis and whirlpools |
| 28 London botanic gardens site | 64 It may zoom | 71 Distinction | 109 Peaceful | 58 Whole bunch | 58 Whole bunch | 58 Whole bunch | 90 Feel poorly |
| 29 Fine | 65 Simply being declared? | 72 Back rub response | 110 Beef cut that brings misfortune? | 59 Spill catchers | 59 Spill catchers | 59 Spill catchers | 93 — |
| 30 YouTube upload on how to cook clams and rice? | 66 Gradually stop nursing | 73 Paper unit | 111 Kitty cat, e.g. | 60 Journal | 60 Journal | 60 Journal | 95 Gabor who lived to be 99 |
| 32 Affixing, as gift wrap | 67 Gradually stop nursing | 74 TV camera movement | 112 Hoo-has | 61 Fashion designer Anna | 61 Fashion designer Anna | 61 Fashion designer Anna | 96 Confidence |
| 36 Use a beam on in surgery | 68 Botanic gardens site | 75 CIO partner | 113 Addis —, Ethiopia | 62 Ionizable gas | 62 Ionizable gas | 62 Ionizable gas | 99 "Little Men" actor Jack |
| 37 "La Cage — Folies" | 69 Fine | 76 "Make — what you will" | 114 Marked with bands | 63 Vast period | 63 Vast period | 63 Vast period | 102 FDR's |
| 38 Of Peruvian peaks | 70 Gradually stop nursing | 77 "Hobbyists' buys | 118 Hand out cards to | 64 It may zoom | 64 It may zoom | 64 It may zoom | Scottie |
| 39 Pickle option | 71 Distinction | 78 Hobbyists' buys | 119 Object of fear | 65 Simply being declared? | 65 Simply being declared? | 65 Simply being declared? | 103 Some hotels and old cars |
| 41 Buddha statue, e.g. | 72 Back rub response | 79 When to call it a night | 120 Is beaming | 66 Gradually stop nursing | 66 Gradually stop nursing | 66 Gradually stop nursing | 104 Fed. food safety org. |
| 45 Elated | 73 Paper unit | 80 When to call it a night | 121 Former British prime minister | 67 Gradually stop nursing | 67 Gradually stop nursing | 67 Gradually stop nursing | 105 Dele undero |
| 47 Lodgings for wayfarers | 74 TV camera movement | 81 Deluge's waters subsiding? | 122 Clement | 68 Botanic gardens site | 68 Botanic gardens site | 68 Botanic gardens site | 106 Really tired |
| 48 Schnozz or Motor ender | 75 CIO partner | 82 Deluge's waters subsiding? | 123 "Send help!" | 69 Fine | 69 Fine | 69 Fine | 107 Flows back |
| | 76 "Make — what you will" | 83 Deluge's waters subsiding? | 124 Like the letter R in this puzzle's entire solution | 70 Gradually stop nursing | 70 Gradually stop nursing | 70 Gradually stop nursing | 111 Its cap, is Vienna |
| | 77 "Hobbyists' buys | 84 Deluge's waters subsiding? | | 71 Distinction | 71 Distinction | 71 Distinction | 112 Dove noise |
| | 78 Hobbyists' buys | 85 Deluge's waters subsiding? | | 72 Back rub response | 72 Back rub response | 72 Back rub response | 113 Boxing stats |
| | 79 When to call it a night | 86 Deluge's waters subsiding? | | 73 Paper unit | 73 Paper unit | 73 Paper unit | 115 Malted quaff |
| | 80 When to call it a night | 87 Struck lightly | | 74 TV camera movement | 74 TV camera movement | 74 TV camera movement | 116 Diver's goal |
| | 81 Deluge's waters subsiding? | 88 Chapel vow | | 75 CIO partner | 75 CIO partner | 75 CIO partner | 117 NYC hrs. |



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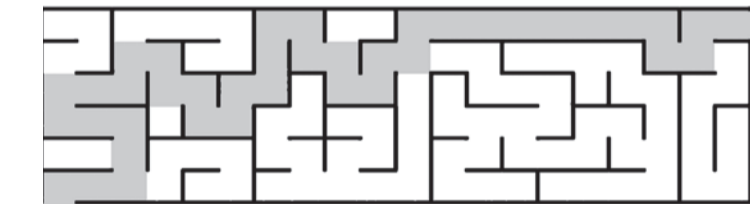
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1	3	7	9	8	5	4	6	2
8	9	4	1	2	6	3	7	5
6	1	2	5	9	8	7	4	3
9	4	3	6	7	2	8	5	1
5	7	8	4	3	1	9	2	6
3	5	6	7	1	4	2	8	9
4	8	9	2	5	3	6	1	7
7	2	1	8	6	9	5	3	4

SCRAMBLERS solution

1. Chasm 2. Special;
3. Unclear; 4. Snipe
- Today's Word
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Answer

G	R	I	S	K	E	T	I	U	N
O	A	E	R	B	I	S	H	A	N
O	W	K	O	R	N	A	I	S	I
N	A	O	E	O	N	L	U	U	S
U	L	T	I	O	P	A	S	T	A
T	J	S	D	H	E	H	D	R	U
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E	C	I	R	D	L	I	W	V	B

Riddle Answer:
Unicorn on the cob.

CryptoQuip
answer
Have you heard that the vandals destroyed road signs, pulling out all the stops?

Super Crossword

Answers

E	Q	U	I	P	S	C	A	N	C	P	A	A	C	T	I	V	E	
M	U	M	B	A	I	A	B	A	S	H	E	D	B	A	I	L	E	D
T	A	P	I	N	G	P	U	P	P	E	T	O	N	A	S	T	I	N
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