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The Sheridan Sentinel Celebrates 140 Years!!

As of this issue, Volume 140, Issue 1, this newspaper celebrates 140 years serving your community! It has gone through several names, beginning with *The Sentinel* up to its current incarnation, *The Sheridan Sentinel*. We would like to thank our readers and advertisers with a small token of 'thanks' by having our office open on Thursday, September 26, 2024 for anyone to stop in to visit and enjoy a small refreshment with us anytime between 10am and 2pm. We thank you for your continued loyal support! -*The Sheridan Sentinel* Staff, Viktorija Briggs, Rachel Farber, and Lori Cressler

Celebrating 65 years with Hoxie Masonic Lodge #348



On Thursday, September 19, Larry Cressler (seated) was recognized for this 65 years with the Hoxie Masonic Lodge #348. (SCHC photo)

Kansas Alliance of Professional Historical Performers Historical Showcase 2024

Hosted by Friends of the Cottonwood Ranch
Hoxie High School Auditorium, 1625 Queen Ave, Hoxie, KS 67740 - October 19, 2024, 11am - 4pm



Dora Salter was the first woman in America to be elected in a political office. She was Mayor for Argonia, Kansas during the time of Strong opposition to liquor and supported by the WCTU voters. Portrayed by Bonnie Johnson



Hank Emerson came to Morton County in 1937 and was positive he would become rich with his wheat harvest, until his crop is hit with hail and the rains stop. Life in the "Dirty Thirties" - Portrayed by Nolan Sump



New Englander, Clara Gowing, is a teacher on the Delaware Reservation in Early 1860's Kansas. At the time the Delaware lived in Northeast Kansas and American settlers were encroaching. Clara is a firey do-gooder type ready to make a difference. - portrayed by Lynsay Flory



Mildred Axton - "Mickey" Coffeyville, Kansas was a test pilot during World War II and one of the first three women Air Force service pilots to be trained as a test pilot and the 1st woman to fly a B29. portrayed by Robin Hanson



1848, Mrs. Victoria Westman is preparing to travel west on the Oregon Trail as a school teacher, she plans to teach the children on the train each day at noon. Portrayed by Belinda Adams



***They said a Woman could not fight for her Country. They did not know Deborah Samson. Samson was the first woman to receive a pension of land & money for fighting in Revolutionary War. - Portrayed by Anna Smith

2024 Historical Performance Showcase Festival

Presented by the Kansas Alliance of Professional Historical Performers
Hosted by Friends of the Cottonwood Ranch

Join us and enjoy a FREE day of Historic Performances. Watch as historical figures from our past come alive before your eyes and tell their story!

Saturday, October 19, 2024
Hoxie High School Auditorium, 1625 Queen Ave, Hoxie, Kansas

10:45am - 11am - Introduction of Historic Performers

11am - 11:45am - Dora Salter, first woman in America to be elected Mayor for Kansas - Portrayed by Bonnie Johnson, Wichita, Kansas

12:00pm - 12:45 pm - Hank Emerson, Life in the "Dirty Thirties" - Portrayed by Nolan Sump, Blue Rapids, Kansas

1:00pm - 1:45pm - New Englander, Clara Gowing is a do-gooder type ready to make a Difference on the Delaware Reservation in Kansas. Portrayed by Lynsay Flory, Ottawa, Kansas

2:15pm - 2:45pm - Mildred Axton, first woman test pilot during WWII to fly a B29 Portrayed by Robin Hanson, Carbondale, Kansas

3:00pm - 4:00pm - Mrs. Victoria Westman school teacher prepares to travel the Oregon Trail. Portrayed by Belinda Adams, New Albany, Kansas

4:44pm - 4:45pm - Deborah Samson - Revolutionary Soldier Portrayed by Anna Smith, Carbondale, Kansas

HHS Volleyball Takes 2nd at Dighton



The Hoxie High School volleyball team traveled to Dighton on Sept 21, for the Dighton Tournament. The team played their best volleyball of the season and came home with 2nd place. Congratulations Lady Indians!! (Photo by DeeAnn Schamberger)

GPHS Homecoming Candidates



Golden Plains High School Homecoming Candidates are (front-) Hayden Wark, McKinzie Horobik, Anais Cepeda, Brielle Karnes, Adilyn Meier; (back-) Miguel Garcia, Wyatt Amlong, Isaiah Gonzales, Javier Romero, and Adam Ritter. Crowning will take place at half time of the high school football game against Triplains/Brewster in Rexford on September 27. (Photo by Judy Rogers)

"It Takes a Village" ~ Home Saved from Fire

On September 17, 2024, at approximately 2:30 PM, Sheridan County Communications received a 911 call reporting a structure fire involving an attached garage approximately 1 mile west and .8 miles south of Hoxie. All emergency services were immediately paged, as well as Midwest Energy.

A deputy with the Sheridan County Sheriff's Department arrived on scene within minutes of the call. Upon arrival, the deputy observed the northwest corner of the garage involved (sp) [engulfed] in flames. Attempts were made to extinguish the fire; however, the fire had already spread within the walls of the structure.

The cause of the fire was determined to be an electric cook stove located in the attached garage.

Sheriff Carver referred to the outcome as a "miracle" as, while the garage was a complete loss, the residence was saved with only minimal smoke damage. Southern winds posed significant challenges for our firefighters in containing the fire, yet they did an incredible job protecting the home attached to the garage.

Several firefighters were treated on scene as a precaution, and one firefighter was transported to the hospital due to heat exhaustion. As of September 18, the firefighter has been released from care.

Incidents like this require substantial equipment and manpower. As the saying goes, "it takes a village," and in a rural community, this rings especially true. We want to recognize the Sheridan County Fire Department, Sheridan County EMS, Sheridan County Road & Bridge, Sheridan County Communications, Sheridan County Sheriff's Department, Hoxie Police Department, SCHC, Gove County Fire, Gove County EM, and Midwest Energy for their outstanding teamwork.

We are pleased to report that the Olson family was able to have power and gas restored, allowing them to return to their home last night. We send our thoughts and prayers to the Olson family as they navigate through this challenging time.

Sheriff Brandon Carver
Sheridan County Sheriff's Office

K-23 Modernization Project to Begin in Sheridan County

The Kansas Department of Transportation expects to begin work on the first phase of a modernization project on approximately 6 miles of K-23 in Sheridan County the week of September 30.

The project will involve full-depth reconstruction of the pavement into a 30-foot paved surface with 3-foot turf shoulders starting near Road 70S and extending north to Walnut Avenue in Hoxie. The bridges spanning Sand Creek and the South Fork Solomon River will also be replaced.

Work will be phased across multiple construction seasons, with most activity occurring off the roadway in 2024. Daily lane closures may be necessary at times, and traffic will be directed by flaggers in those instances.

KDOT plans to close the highway in March 2025 and reopen in late fall. A state route detour will be in effect during the closure. More information about the closure and detour will be provided at a later date.

The project is expected to be fully completed in early 2026.

The project is part of KDOT's Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program, known as IKE. Sporer Land Development of Oakley is the primary contractor with a total contract cost of approximately \$19 million. For more information, contact KDOT Area Construction Manager Todd Anderson at 785-953-6011 or todd.anderson@ks.gov.

LETTER EDITOR TO THE EDITOR

To Whom It May Concern:

Stay OFF my grass. I do not like people driving on it when the alley between 19th and 20th street is wet.

Would you want me to come and drive on your grass when it is wet?

Buck Colson
832 20th St, Hoxie, KS

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SELDEN NEWS
 By Jacquie Boulinghouse

Birthdays & Anniversaries:
 September 25: Diana Alstrom, Kent Ashley, Kenny Bastin, Nolan Ritter, Noel Ritter, Elliot Wenger
 September 26: Dan & Delores Juenemann
 September 27: Emily Truetken, Ashley Stoll, Brooke Stoll
 September 28: Tara Ingram, Jerrie Jacobs
 September 29: Kevin Stevenson, Morgan Ritter Dinkel, Koi Wessel, Kade Wessel, Karen Adelman
 September 30: Matt & Lyn Cheney
 October 1: Asher Rhodes, Brooklyn Ingram
 Golden Plains School Calendar:
 September 26: Junior High Volleyball in Rexford with Northern Valley at 4:00pm. High School Cross Country at Norton at 4:30pm. Junior High Football vs Northern Valley in Rexford at 5:30pm
 September 27: Homecoming. High School football in Rexford with Triplains/Brewster at 7:00pm. Crowning of King & Queen
 September 28: Homecoming Dance in Rexford at 8:00pm to 11:45pm
 September 30: NO SCHOOL in-service
 October 1: High School Volleyball with Rawlins County/Cheylin at Bird City at 3:00pm. High School Cross Country at Oberlin at 4:30pm

Angelus 4H Club

The Angelus 4-H Club held their monthly meeting on Sunday, September 15, 2024. Acting president, Jude Lager, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Members stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Thaddeus Lager led prayer. Lettie Rumback led us in singing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". Acting secretary, Margaret Mary Lager, called the roll, which was answered by naming an inventor and what he/she invented. There were no communications to be read. Safety Officer, Roch Lager, told members to watch out for deer crossing roads because they are moving more this time of year. There were no September birthdays to celebrate. 4-H History Officer, Jude, gave some interesting facts about 4-H in Iowa. They will celebrate 75 years in 2024.

Community leader, Linda Lager, reminded the members about the upcoming deadline for record books and the 4-H Week articles for the newspaper. The date for the Achievement Banquet is November 3. Congratulations to those who entered something at the State Fair!

We will celebrate 4-H Sunday on November 10 in Angelus and recognize veterans like we did last year. A bill for the special events candy was presented. It was moved and seconded to pay the bill of \$12.48. Motion carried.

Acting Vice President, Dominic Mishler, introduced the program for the meeting.

Peter, Thaddeus, and Lucy Anne Lager gave a presentation on how muffins can be a healthy start to your day when you do not have time to sit down and eat breakfast. They gave many tips on how to make good muffins. Lucy Anne led the club in a game of "Simon Says". Jayden Mishler led the 4-H Pledge, and the meeting was adjourned. Linda Lager served ice cream sundaes for refreshments.

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Cottonwood Connections Season 5 Premiers

Bunker Hill - Smoky Hills PBS is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated return of Cottonwood Connections for its fifth season, premiering this Sunday at 6 PM.

The locally-produced series continues its mission of highlighting the stories, people, and heritage of rural Kansas.

"As we dig into the topics for each new season, it is always compelling to realize how many more stories there are to tell. We have such a complex and interesting history on the Plains that encapsulates so much of what shaped our country," said Ed Lowry, Cottonwood Connections Creator. "It is a privilege to tell those stories and to introduce a broader audience to the great folks who work so hard to expand our understanding of our own history."

Since its debut, Cottonwood Connections has become a staple in our programming lineup, showcasing the unique and diverse experiences of Kansans. Season 5 promises to build on that tradition, featuring these episodes:

- 9/22 - Kansas Fossils and a New Generation
- 9/29 - Battle of the Buffalo Soldiers
- 10/6 - K-18 baseball series in Lucas, KS
- 10/13 - Legacy in Stone
- 10/20 - Bird City Tri-State Antique Engine and Thresher Museum
- 10/27 - Art and the Native Experience
- 11/3 - Cattle Industry
- 11/10 - They Call the Thing Rodeo
- 11/17 - The Spark of Pawnee Fork
- 11/24 - Dane G. Hansen
- 12/1 - Antiquing
- 12/8 - A High Plains Holiday

Tune In:
 Cottonwood Connections, Season 5
 Premieres every SUNDAY at 6 PM CST, starting SEPT 22
 Rebroadcasts of each episode will air on FRIDAYS at 1:30 PM and SATURDAYS at 6 PM

Seasons one, two, three, and four, and the documentary The Legacy of Cottonwood Ranch are available to stream anytime on Smoky Hills PBS Passport.

About the Show:
 The series is hosted by Don Rowilson and presented by The Friends of Cottonwood Ranch, an organization that supports the work of the Cottonwood Ranch Historic site and has the mission of encouraging historical education about the plains.

Ways to Watch:
 To watch this documentary, tune into Smoky Hills PBS, which can be found through antenna, on many cable systems, Smoky Hills PBS LLS Channel, DirecTV, Dish Network, the LocalNow app, YouTube TV, and HULU+LIVE TV. You can also access Smoky Hills PBS via the FREE mobile app for Android and iPhone devices. For more information, visit SmokyHillsPBS.org or call 1-800-337-4788.

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WPAA Presents Suzy Bogguss October 6

Suzy Bogguss had a revelation on stage with Garrison Keillor in 2008. Everyone loves to sing along on "Red River Valley" - except the children who somehow don't know the song. Folk songs are the scrapbook of the American experience, but as music education fades from our public schools, she worried; these beautiful melodies are in danger of being overlooked. She resolved to record these timeless songs in an updated but reverent way - so that everyone can sing along on "Red River Valley."

And who better than the golden throated Suzy? The platinum selling songstress already had a full bookshelf of Grammy and CMA awards and now with the release of American Folk Songbook she can put her own book up there too. The CD and companion Songbook was released in the summer of 2011.

Northwest Kansans can hear Suzy at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, in Oakley, at the Oakley High School Auditorium.

Admission is by season ticket or individual ticket at the door.

In addition to the many WPAA businesses, individual sponsors, and the Logan County Community Foundation. The Dane Hansen Foundation is a major contributor.

"Music has always been my purest joy even as a child," Suzy writes. "One of my favorite memories is my grade-school music teacher pounding on the piano and leading the class in rousing renditions of folk songs from all around the world."

Bogguss is originally from Aledo, IL. Her dad was a machinist for International Harvester and her mother is a retired secretary who taught Suzy at an early age to read vocal music. She has three older siblings. Married to songwriter Doug Crider, the couple has one child, Ben.

Suzy joined the church choir at age five and began to play the piano at the urging of her musical mother. When her older siblings began playing the drums, Suzy followed suit and continued this musical course through high school. As a teenager, she added the guitar to her repertoire and bought her first 12-string with the money she earned from baby-sitting. Though she sang in musicals and other school groups, it never occurred to her that her future was on stage.

Her songs have been heard on television shows and in commercials. She has performed on many national television shows including "In Performance at the White House" (PBS), "A Capitol 4th" (PBS), "Austin City Limits", "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno, "Live with Regis and Kelly", and "The View". Suzy is a frequent guest on National Public Radio's "A Prairie Home Companion with Keillor".

Come join us to enjoy Suzy again as she returns to Western Kansas.

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Area Schools ~ Athletics & Academics

Bulldog Runners Improve at Quinter



Golden Plains junior Dylan Wark runs at the Quinter Cross Country Meet on September 12. Wark improved his time to 18:59.46 to place 8th. He is the only GPHS athlete competing in both Cross Country and Football this season. (Photo by Brielle Karnes)

By Judy Rogers

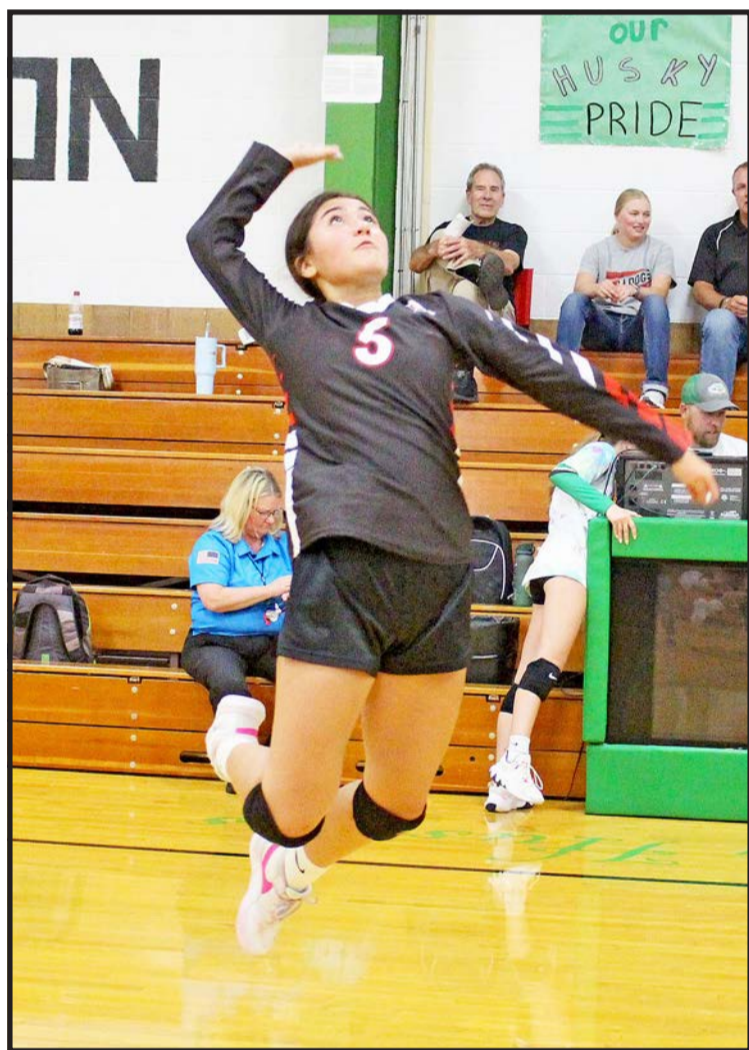
The Golden Plains Cross Country team members posted improved times at the Quinter Invitational on September 12 with Freshmen Elizabeth Weiner and Adilyn Meier taking top spots for the girls.

Weiner improved her time to 21:57.86 to claim first place. "I wasn't expecting to get first, but it was awesome to do so especially with the wind," said Weiner. "It was good to have some tougher competition." Meier placed third with a PR time of 22:28.22. Kailee Wessel placed twelfth with a 27:58.15 run.

Junior Dylan Wark improved his time to 18:59.46 for an eighth-place finish. Ezekiel Weiner ran a 19:21.15 to finish tenth. "It was a pretty good day," said Wark. "I had a good time. My goal was to break 19 at this meet. I want to get in the low 18:40's by next week. We just keep working hard in practice every day."

The runners will compete again in WaKeeney on September 19.

Lady Bulldogs Split Games in Almena



Golden Plains sophomore Estella Vargas goes up to spike the volleyball during warm up in Almena on September 17. Vargas serves the team as libero and plays both varsity and JV. The Bulldogs lost to Victoria but captured the win over Northern Valley. (Photo by Robynn Wessel)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldog Volleyball team won one and lost one at the Northern Valley Triangular in Almena on September 17.

Their first match was against the Victoria Lady Knights. The Dogs kept the game close in the first set but fell to the Knights 17-25. The Knights controlled the second set from start to finish, defeating the Dogs 25-9.

The Bulldogs faced the Northern Valley Huskies for their second game of the evening. They rebounded from the Victoria loss to defeat the Huskies in two sets 25-19, 25-18. This brings their season record to 11-6 as they prepare to host their first home games of the season in Rexford on September 24 with St. Francis and Quinter.

"Overall, I think we did well to get another win after the Victoria loss," said senior McKinzie Horobik. "We stayed positive after to lost to the Knights which helped us get the win. We are looking forward to playing on our home court next week."

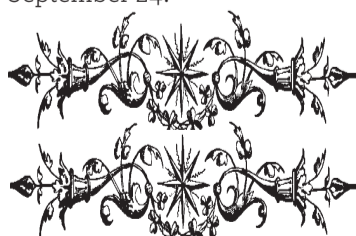
The JV team only played Northern Valley. The Dogs defeated the Huskies 13-25 in the first set and held on to win the second set and the match 17-25. They, too, will play Quinter and St. Francis in Rexford on September 24.

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Thunderhawks Lose to St. Francis



The Hawks scored six points against the St. Francis Indians Friday, September 13, but were defeated. (WHS photo)

By Maggie Kindler, Staff Reporter

On Friday, September 13, the Thunderhawk Football team played their second game of the season against St. Francis Indians at St. Francis. The football boys fought really hard but lost with a score of 6-54.

Riley Tuttle passed the ball to wide receiver Junior Gorczyca where then Junior ran the ball to a touchdown! The team scored a total of 95 passing yards and rushed 46 rushing yards.

Senior Junior Gorczyca stated "It was a rough game, but we fought our hardest. We are learning, and we're close to being a great team this season."

Head coach Bryant Briggs said "After watching film from last week's game, we are real close to where we need to be as a team. Our goal this week as we have another challenging 6-man game, is to be responsibility sound and continue to compete and adapt throughout the game."

Blood Drive



Superintendent Bryant Briggs supports the NHS blood drive on Friday, Sept. 13. Forty donors contributed blood during the drive. (WHS photo)

By Sherrie Rebarckek, Staff Reporter

On Friday September 13, the National Honor Society hosted their fall blood drive. Forty people came to donate blood, and we met our goal of 39 donations.

Four people donated with the Power Red. Power Red is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow the donor to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation while returning their plasma and platelets.

WHS will host another blood drive on Tuesday, March 11.

Mrs. Wetter, NHS sponsor, stated "Thank you to everyone who donated blood! The Red Cross Blood Drive is an important community service project for the National Honor Society. The American Red Cross offers a scholarship to a graduating senior if we meet our blood donation goal in both the fall and the spring, so we are very thankful for the community's support."

Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, sickle cell patients, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. By donating you can save lives, maybe even the life of a loved one." -American Red Cross - [Donate Blood, Platelets or Plasma. Give Life | Red Cross Blood](#)

Bulldogs Fall to Ingalls



Golden Plains senior Wyatt Amlong (44) jumps over senior Miguel Garcia (66) on his way to protect his teammate against Ingalls in Rexford on September 13. The Bulldogs numerous penalties were detrimental to them as they lost to Ingalls 21-52. (Photo by Lesly Rios)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School football team lost 21-52 to the Ingalls Bulldogs in the second game of the season in Rexford on September 13. Ingalls opened the season ranked #2 in the state in 6-man and improved their record to 2-0 with this win. "The

State Wrestling Sites Selected

Topeka - AdventHealth Sports Park at Bluhawk in Overland Park will host the 6A KSHSAA Boys and Girls State Wrestling Championship, February 28 - March 1, 2025. This marks the first time a KSHSAA State Wrestling Championship has been hosted east of Topeka since 1983 and the first time in the Kansas City Metro since 1978 when the 5A competition took place in Shawnee Mission.

AdventHealth Sports Park at Bluhawk is designed to host a variety of sports including basketball, volleyball, hockey, ice skating, dance, cheer, pickleball, 5v5 soccer, wrestling, gymnastics, bowling, and so much more.

"With the growth of girl's wrestling and the increase of classifications, more sites will be used to accommodate crowd size and lodging. The KSHSAA will evaluate this on a yearly basis," said KSHSAA Assistant Executive Director Mark Lentz.

The Class 3-1A competition will return to Gross Memorial Stadium in Hays. Fort Hays State has hosted 50 KSHSAA State Wrestling Championships, the return comes after a one-year hiatus due to scheduling conflicts.

Class 4A will return to Salina and Class 5A will stay in Park City. Full site details for 2025:

The state tournaments will be held at four different sites on February 28 - March 1, 2025.

-Class 6A girls and boys at the AdventHealth Sports Park at Bluhawk in Overland Park.

-Class 5A girls and boys at The Park City Arena, in Park City.

-Class 4A girls and boys at The Tony's Pizza Events Center in Salina.

-Class 3-1A girls and boys at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

Regional Wrestling Information

1) The girls' regional tournaments are super regionals for each classification. Schools will be assigned to an east or west regional, that will be held on Friday, February 14 - Saturday, February 15, 2025. If the number of participants permits, then this will be a Saturday only tournament.

-The top 8 finishers from each weight class in each regional will qualify for the state tournament.

2) The 6A and 5A boys' regional tournaments will be held on February 21-22. These are also super regionals.

3) The 4A and 3-1A boys' regional tournaments will be held on February 22. There will be four tournaments in each classification.

KSHSAA Board of Directors Approve Changes

Topeka - The KSHSAA Board of Directors voted Wednesday to allow high school basketball teams to play 23 games during the regular season starting with the 2025-26 season.

A proposal initiated by the Kansas Coaches Association and advanced to the Board of Directors agenda by the KSHSAA Executive Board, changes the allowable games a student may participate in from 20 to 23, not counting the postseason. The item was passed with a 36-25 vote.

Other items passed by the KSHSAA Board of Directors:

Rule 22, Outside Competition, Section 1 Article 1 - Tennis athletes will now be permitted to participate in one outside competition during the school season. Those events must be approved in advance with a request to the KSHSAA initiated by the member school. Those outside competitions must meet certain criteria with detailed information available on [kshsaa.org](#) and in direct communications to member schools participating in tennis. The change is effective upon publication of the Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Rule 32 Baseball and Rule 39 Softball - A student may now participate in 32 total games during the regular season. Each varsity squad may schedule 26 games, and sub-varsity may schedule 20 games. The student may participate in no more than 32 games. This is effective for the spring season this school year.

Rule 44, Wrestling (Girls and Boys) - Girls and boys' events may now participate in no more than four (4) events, (any combination of double dual, quad (triple dual) and/or one-day tournament) that begin before 3:00 p.m. for each gender. This is effective this school year.

penalties killed us. We had way too many errors in this game," said senior Wyatt Amlong. "Without all the penalties, we were right there in the game with Ingalls."

Ingalls received the ball to start the game. Despite defensive tackles by Golden Plains, Ingalls moved the ball down the field. Ingalls scored a touchdown, but it was called back due to a penalty. Midway through the first, Ingalls crossed into the end zone again, made their PAT kick, and took an 8-0 lead. Golden Plains answered with a first down, but a pass was intercepted by Ingalls on the 15-yard line.

Ingalls moved the ball but the Golden Plains defense, led by Diego Perez and Miguel Garcia, made repeated stops forcing them to turn the ball over on downs. Golden Plains made several first downs both on the field and in the air with Josh Rath and Dylan Wark moving the ball. With just nine seconds left in the quarter, Wark crossed the goal line for Golden Plains. Jose Rios kicked the extra points, and the game was tied 8-8 at the end of the first.

Ingalls scored again early in the second extending their lead to 14-8 as Golden Plains blocked their PAT attempt. The Bulldogs took over and moved the ball down the field but turned the ball over to Ingalls on downs. Ingalls scored twice more to hold a 30-8 lead at the half.

The Golden Plains team worked hard to overcome repeated penalties and found success on offense with a second touchdown run by Wark. Ingalls answered with a score of their own to lead 38-14 at the end of the third.

Both teams pushed through the fourth as Ingalls added two more scores. With less than two minutes to play Golden Plains added a third touchdown by Wark. Perez ran in the extra point to finish the game with a 52-21 Ingalls win.

Wark, who scored all three of the Golden Plains touchdowns, finished the game with 144 rushing yards along with 81 total yards (39 rushing/42 passing) by Rath, 34 by Perez, 5 by Conner Kier, and 10 receiving yards by Wyatt Amlong and 12 by Miguel Garcia. Wark led the team with 16 total tackles, Rath 14, Amlong 12, Perez 9, Garcia 5, Maddix Green 3, Conner Kier 3, Kelby Buehler 3.

"We need to be more disciplined," added Amlong. "We will try harder and be better at the next game." The Golden Plains team will play their first road game against Wheatland/Grinnell in Grainfield on September 20.

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Electric Vehicle Mandate Blocked

Washington, D.C. – Friday, September 20, U.S. Representative Tracey Mann (KS-01) voted to disapprove of the Biden-Harris Administration's U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) tailpipe emissions rule that requires automobile manufacturers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants by nearly 50% in vehicle fleets modeled in the years 2027 through 2032. Under EPA's estimation, the rule would require two-thirds of new cars in the United States to be electric by 2032. H.J. Res 136 passed in the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 215-191. Rep. Mann, who sponsors the legislation, released the following statement after the vote:

"No matter how much the Biden-Harris Administration tries to deny its electric vehicle mandate, the archaic, bureaucratic rules and regulations speak for themselves," said Rep. Mann. "Under EPA's rules, automobile manufacturers will be bullied into producing more electric vehicles for the sake of meeting arbitrary quotas and standards set by the federal government. Rather than focus on reducing the record-high energy costs facing American families, the Biden-Harris Administration has again chosen to ignore the facts and focus on its radical climate agenda. Businesses should make production decisions that best meet the demand of consumers, business needs, and objectives, not the demands of Uncle Sam. Kansans who want to buy electric vehicles should be able to buy them because they want to, not because Vice President Harris and President Biden think it's best."

Last week, Rep. Mann rejected EV tax subsidies that could benefit the Chinese Communist Party. In June 2024, Rep. Mann pressed U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg on the impact of the Biden-Harris Administration's electric vehicle mandate on the wear and tear of U.S. roads and highways.

VA Leadership Questioned on \$15 Billion Shortfall

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (Kan.) – ranking member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee – pressed Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) leaders, VA Under Secretary for Health, Shareef Elnahal, and Under Secretary for Benefits, Joshua Jacobs, during a committee hearing regarding the nearly \$15 billion shortfall at VA for FY2024 & FY2025.

In July, VA briefed Congress on a mandatory funding shortfall of approximately \$3 billion for the Veterans Benefits Administration this fiscal year that, if not addressed by September 20, would delay benefits payments for more than 7 million veterans and other beneficiaries on October 1. VA also briefed Congress about an expected funding shortfall of approximately \$12 billion in its medical care accounts next fiscal year. The senate is currently considering a bill to address the budget shortfall this fiscal year for veterans' benefits before the Friday deadline so that benefits payments are delivered on time next month for veterans and their survivors.

During the hearing, Sen. Moran questioned Under Secretary Elnahal and Under Secretary Jacobs about the lack of appropriate communication and transparency with Congress and the American people about VA's funding needs, which put services for veterans and their families in Kansas and across the country at risk.

"What happens today and tomorrow on this issue and whether veterans and their families receive their benefits on time matters," said Sen. Moran. "It seems to me, the VA and OMB failed to pay the respects to the U.S. Senate and members of this committee. My complaint is the lack of notice, knowledge and the motives seem to be to have Congress act without having all of the facts, which is wrong."

Sen. Moran also questioned Under Secretaries Elnahal and Jacobs about the timing of VA announcing the shortfall to Congress, which came a day after the Senate Appropriations Committee completed its markup for the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies (MilCon-VA) Act, which allocates funding to VA.

"You claim you didn't know for certain about the amount of money, but you knew something was happening" said Sen. Moran. "In both a letter and testimony, the indication was that Congress would be informed. This has a lot of consequences as we do our appropriations process, and we only learned about this after we had marked up MilCon-VA."

OSHA Reevaluating Proposed Rule on Volunteer Fire Departments

Washington – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) responded to calls from Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and his colleagues to reevaluate and exempt volunteer fire departments from parts of a proposed rule that would put burdensome regulations on volunteer fire departments across the country.

"Volunteer fire departments and rural communities have made their voices heard, and I am pleased OSHA has listened and is reevaluating the proposed rule," said Sen. Moran. "This is a great first step, and I encourage Kansans to continue sharing their views with OSHA on how this rule would place a financial burden on volunteer fire departments."

OSHA proposed a new rule earlier this year that would require fire departments to furnish new reports, trainings, equipment and health services.

In August, Sen. Moran led his colleagues in calling on the Acting Secretary of the Department of Labor, Julie Su, to exempt volunteer fire departments from parts of a proposed rule. The senator was joined by Sens. Chris Coons (D-Del.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Angus King (I-Maine), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.).

This week, OSHA issued a statement that it is reevaluating the financial and regulatory impact the rule would have on volunteer firefighters.

The statement read: "OSHA has received comments in response to the [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking] NPRM from many stakeholders, including volunteer emergency responders, fire chiefs, trade organizations, and members of Congress, which raise serious concerns about the economic feasibility of the proposed standard for volunteer fire departments. OSHA takes these concerns seriously. This new information will help the agency make the necessary determinations about whether the proposed standard is feasible for volunteer organizations"

The statement continued: "OSHA is committed to taking steps in any final standard, consistent with the rulemaking record, to assess and minimize detrimental effects on volunteer fire departments. If supported by the record, this may include excluding voluntary emergency response organizations entirely based on these feasibility concerns."

OSHA will hold a public rulemaking hearing on Nov. 12, 2024, and stakeholders are encouraged to provide comments for the hearing. Instructions for how to participate in the hearing are available on the Emergency Response rulemaking webpage, www.osha.gov/emergency-response/rulemaking.

FHSU Introduces Cutting-Edge Criminalistics Program

By University Communications

Hays - A newly launched program at FHSU will help students "hit the ground running" in the critical field of solving crimes. To introduce students to FHSU's new bachelor's degree in Criminalistics, the departments of criminal justice, chemistry, biology, and geosciences hosted an open house in September.

CRJ 210 Criminalistics, developed as a required core course for the program, will be taught by Dr. Morgan Steele, assistant professor of criminal justice. The course will offer an introduction to the different sciences that students can choose for program concentrations.

"The course sets students up to see how what they do in the lab will be useful in courtrooms, in the field, and in investigating different types of crimes," Steele said.

Steele said he typically sees students double majoring in biology or chemistry together with criminal justice.

"Having a major built-in (criminalistics) is going to help them streamline their process without cutting back on their science or criminal justice education," he said. "In addition, transfer students can hit the ground running because of the KBOR general education core program."

Concentrations in criminalistics include forensic chemistry, forensic biology, and crime mapping and spatial analysis. These concentrations can lead to potential careers in crime lab analysis, chemical safety, DNA analysis, or crime data analysis.

What sets the criminalistics program apart from programs offered at other institutions, Steele said, is that the program is "truly a multi-disciplinary program."

"Teaching forensic science is usually in chemistry or criminal justice," he said. "It's rare that it is in all three primary departments (chemistry, biology, and geosciences)."

In addition to the benefit to students, skills learned through the program will benefit law enforcement agencies.

"This is especially true in rural areas where agencies can't create a specific position for a criminalist or forensic scientist," said Tamara Lynn, professor and chair of criminal justice. "But if they could hire someone with that skill set for other positions, it would benefit the agency and our students."

More information about the criminalistics concentration is available at <https://www.fhsu.edu/criminaljustice/>

For additional news and information about Fort Hays State University, go to <https://www.fhsu.edu/university-communications/>

#6 Trojans Sweep the Colby Volleyball Classic

Colby - The Colby Community College Trojans hosted the Colby Volleyball Classic at the Colby Event Center on September 13 and 14. With the Trojans, Iowa Western Community College, Otero College, and Lamar Community College participated. Colby beat all three opponents in straight sets, improving to 13-1 overall and remains 3-0 in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC).

The impressive performance propelled the Trojans to the No. 6 ranking in this week's NJCAA volleyball poll. Now on a nine-game winning streak of 20 consecutive set victories since Aug. 31, Colby faces Seward County Community College in Liberal on September 21 at 2 p.m.

Sept. 13 vs. Otero

The Trojans showcased their dominance against Otero College by securing a convincing 3-0 victory, 25-8, 25-7, and 25-16. Leading the charge for the Trojans was Celia Mbaya, who delivered an impressive performance with 14 kills. Amanda Caputi played a crucial role with 33 assists, while Chiara Binda demonstrated her defensive prowess with 5 blocks.

Sept. 14 vs. Iowa Western

The Trojans continued their winning streak with a 3-0 sweep of Iowa Western, with scores of 25-19, 25-13, and 25-21. The team displayed a potent offense, boasting a hitting percentage of .361. Karlotta Kattai led the team with 14 kills, supported by Celia Mbaya and Viola Giangreco with 12 and five, respectively.

Sept. 14 vs. Lamar

In their final match of the day against Lamar on September 14, the Trojans maintained their momentum with another 3-0 sweep. The scores of 25-8, 25-18, and 25-18 reflected Colby's dominance.

The Trojans had a hitting percentage of .303. Celia Mbaya continued to shine with 12 kills, while Viola Giangreco and

Alexandra Workman contributed nine and eight, respectively. Amanda Caputi showcased her skills as a setter with 38 assists and 10 digs, while Chiara Binda stood out with six kills and four digs.

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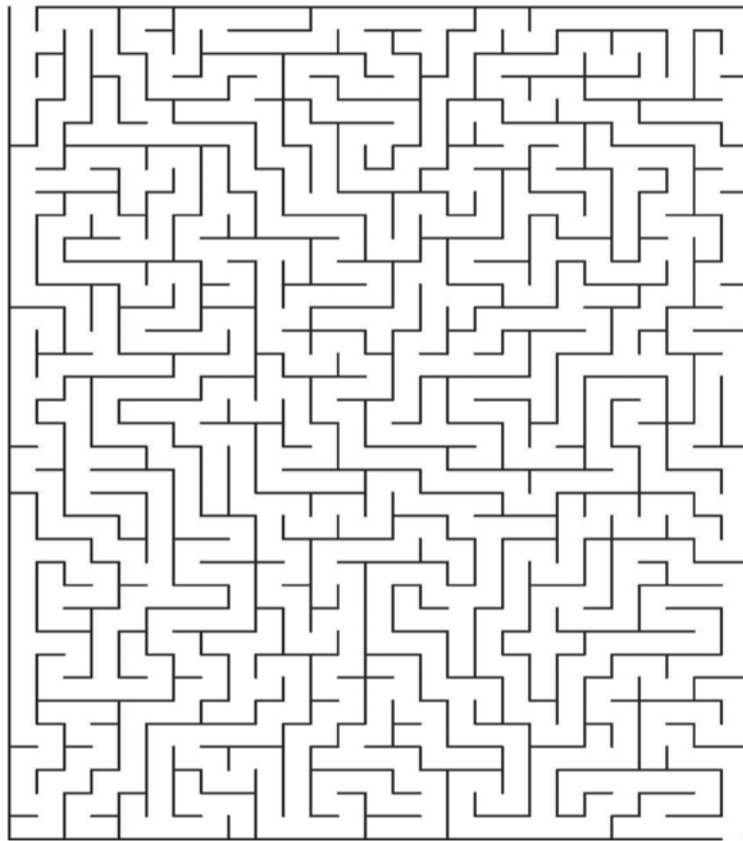
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A SHIP FOR CARRYING OIL.
Ball of fire Flub Mayan Plow under
Briefcase Free lunch Mop-up Run over
Checkup Glob Nonstop Tractor
Easter Bunny Hemostat Pileup



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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neck opening of undershirt is lower. 3. Pocket is different. 4. Cabinet door is wider. 5. Bottle on counter is moved. 6. Watch is added.

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: Y equals O

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Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

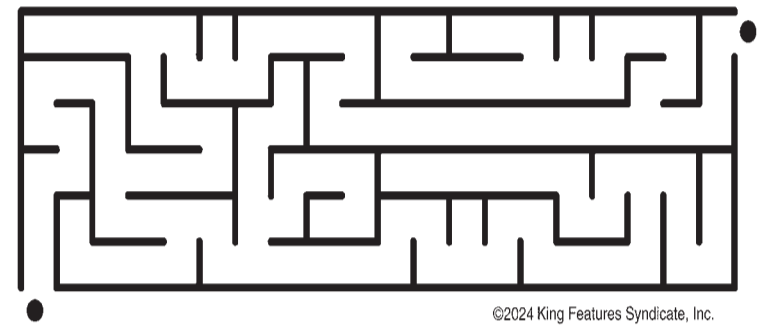
WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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Kids' Maze



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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 page.
Seek UPUSER
Entry LOPART
Sniff HALIEN
Dense TUBEOS
Today's Word: _____ of his.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Sudoku grid with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in various positions.

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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Super Crossword

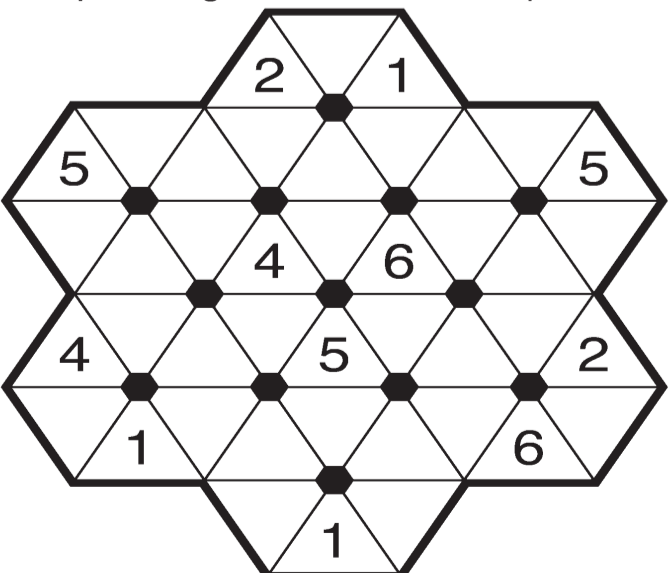
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- ACROSS: 1 Extreme self-deniers, 9 Common proof of age, 15 Plotting band, 20 Cousins of croci, 21 Worker whose job is fitting, 22 Nice smell, 23 Stylized bow that's a token of affection, 24 Godly, 25 Fragment, 26 Unwrap, 27 Put on fancy duds, with "up", 29 Many Punjabi believers, 30 Take forcibly, 31 Marry, 32 Cultural, 35 Many August babies, 36 Ford bomb, 37 Writer Elinor or Philip, 39 Praise highly, 41 Toad feature, 43 Toppings for nachos, 45 "The King —", 46 Shakes up, 51 Entertainer Falana, 52 Nutrition std., 54 "— Kapital", 55 Tapering off, 56 Flying hooters, 57 They have depots: Abbr., 58 Father of Beau Bridges, 60 Most bizarre, 61 Rugged truck, in brief, 62 Sandy islets, 63 Napoleon's isle of exile, 64 News anchor Huntley, 65 Hebrew holy scroll, 67 Plus others: Abbr., 69 "Noah" actress Watson, 71 Chewed Andean stimulants, 75 Title for a fictional Southern rabbit, 77 Cowboys' city, informally, 79 Writer Dinesen, 81 Suffix with Seattle, 82 Behind bars, 85 Bruno — (shoe brand), 86 Moo — pork, 87 Be boastful, 88 Hurting from hiking, say, 90 Color tone, 91 Gridiron stats, 92 Pale brown, 93 Legume-family plant, 94 Incline, 96 "Not so!", 98 PC memory units, 99 19th-century Shakespeare editor Alexander, 100 Chevy muscle car, 101 Farfalle, e.g., 105 A8 carmaker, 107 Paige of "Evita", 109 Gene-splicing need, 112 Trellis plants, 113 Current style, 115 Finale, 116 Colorado ski mecca, 117 Vetoed, 118 Early online protocol, 120 Rip apart, 123 Justice Kagan, 124 Distinctive film director, 125 Ripped apart, 126 Impertinent, 127 Meager, 128 Jewel box holders ... or eight features of this puzzle?, DOWN: 1 Radiant, 2 Incline, 3 Neanderthal, e.g., 4 Eve's garden, 5 "— ToK" (Keshia hit), 6 Electrojet bit, 7 Laundromat machine, 8 Make a chair of, 9 "— be an honor", 10 Speaking stand, 11 Passive resistance to laws, 12 Quite similar, 13 "Apollo 13" director, 14 Equestrian training, 15 Bit of outdated hi-fi equipment, 16 Traveled in a curved path, 17 Tennis' Becker, 18 Astonish, 19 Suit coat flap, 28 — monster (large lizard), 32 Lofty trains, 33 — del Fuego, 34 Romantic evening meal, 38 In-favor votes, 40 Longtime politico Mo, 42 Rival of Xerox or Canon (Keshia hit), 43 Political pull, 44 DIYer's book, 47 Build upon, 48 Deadlock, 49 Mil. officer, 50 Mil. officer honor, 53 Mgr.'s aide, 59 Tasty tuber, 62 December 25, 64 Periodic payment to a stockholder, 66 Taper off, 68 Judges' org., 70 Very fine rain, 72 Hora or hokeypokey, 73 Classic arcade name, 74 Smooth transition, 76 31-Across on the sly, 78 Viscous, 80 Novelist Jane, 82 Possibilities, 83 This moment, 84 Java, 85 Fulfill expectations, 87 Really tired, 89 Sailing races, 95 "Take it out" mark, 97 Beatified Fr. woman, 101 Really years, 102 Teresa of —, 103 "Boxcars" roll, 104 Cold temps, 106 River mouth, 108 Silly prank, 110 Constituent of gunpowder, 111 At — for words, 114 — ex machina, 116 Observe, 119 III, to Italians, 121 Inclined, 122 '16 Olympics host

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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