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Scouting for Food Drive November 9

Hoxie Cub Scouts Pack 160 and Scouts BSA Troops 160 and 161, chartered by the American Legion, are holding their annual Scouting for Food Drive. They are seeking donations of food items to benefit the Hoxie Area Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry.

Donations should be left in a bag at your doorstep on the morning of Saturday, November 9. The Scouts will pick up the donations beginning at 9:00am and deliver them to the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry asks that donations be healthy, nutritious foods in good condition and “in date.” Foods past their expiration date cannot be accepted.

The following are the Food Bank’s most-needed items:

- Peanut butter
- Pasta
- Tuna
- Rice
- Canned & dried beans
- Boxed macaroni & cheese
- Canned soups & stews
- Granola bars
- Canned fruits & vegetables
- Tomato sauce
- Breakfast cereals

If you have questions or concerns, please ask any Scout or contact Bev Rucker at 675-1087.



HHS Football Takes District Title



On October 25, the Hoxie High Football team beat Atwood for the District title securing their spot in the Bi-District game, which will be held on October 31, against La Cross. (HHS photo)

Fun in the Sun at the Pumpkin Patch



DSNWK of Hoxie visited the pumpkin patch in Ellis last week. (Photos by Nicole Sommerfeld)



Bates Retires After Decades of Preserving Black History at Nicodemus



Congratulations to Angela Bates on her well-deserved retirement!

On October 19, 2024, over 75 family members, friends and colleagues gathered at “The Bates Farm” one mile north of Nicodemus, KS, to celebrate her remarkable 38-year legacy as the founding President and Executive Director of the Nicodemus Historical Society (founded in 1986). Angela’s tireless efforts have ensured the preservation of Nicodemus, KS—an essential icon of the African American experience in post-Reconstruction on the Great Plains of western Kansas. She’s also protected and secured the legacy of Nicodemus safeguarding it for future generations.

Under her leadership, she spearheaded efforts to secure Nicodemus as a National Historic Site, securing federal funding for historic preservation of its five historic buildings. The National Park Service Visitor Center has hosted thousands of visitors since its designation in 1996. The public has an opportunity to learn about the resilience of these black homesteaders who sought to experience freedom in the west.

Among one of Angela’s most prominent achievements was to spearhead the creation of the Nicodemus Historical Society and Museum; to collect, preserve, and interpret for the nation the rich history of an epic story. To this end she collaborated with the Spencer Research Library at Kansas University and created through donations, the Nicodemus Historical Society’s Collection of photos and archives.

Angela has been a prolific public speaker through such organizations as the Kansas Humanities, and as first-person characterizations of African American women of the west. Thousands in attendance at these public events have been educated, entertained, and enlightened. She also co-

created the Nicodemus Buffalo Soldier Association and performed with them throughout the nation.

Her public speaking and appearances have put Nicodemus on the map as a must-see historical destination and the history of blacks in the west, a much-needed chapter in the history and settlement of the west. Her series of children’s books, “The Adventures of Nicodemus Annie”, has ensured that youth have an opportunity to also learn about this rich history.

Ms. Bates is a fourth-generation descendant of the original Nicodemus Homesteaders and has been the recipient of many awards, such as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Roundtable Associates, and as a designated Kansas Trail Blazer. She has been a recipient of a National Park Preservation Award and WE CAN Preservation Award from the Penner Foundation. Nicodemus is represented at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. because of her efforts.

Most recently, she wrote and produced “Ellis Trail to Nicodemus: The End of the Journey to the Promise Land,” a documentary. It has been aired on Smoky Hills PBS and at other locations across the state and recently submitted for consideration for a Spur Award by the Western Writers of America Association. The film details the last 35-mile trek of an incredible journey of the first Nicodemus pioneer settlers who traveled west from central Kentucky to seek a life of freedom on the High Plains of Kansas.

Increasingly, her achievements have also been recognized by local and national media outlets, including the *Hays Daily News*, *Plainville Times*, *Stockton Sentinel*, *Preservation Magazine*, *National Parks Magazine*, *National Geographic*, *Kansas City Star*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, the *Denver Post*, *L.A. Times*, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and many more.

Dr. Ashley Adams, Descendant and Board President of the Nicodemus Historical Society said, “Angela has made a deep impact, not only within the Nicodemus descendant community but across the nation, honoring the legacy of our ancestors and keeping their memory alive. The ancestors are smiling, and we will continue to build upon what she has created for future generations to come.”

In her retirement, she plans to republish her children’s books, finish writing her memoirs, and write a sequel to the documentary. She says she will also finally pursue her personal lifelong passion as an artist and oil painter. We honor Angela’s monumental impact on Kansas and the nation and wish her all the best in her retirement! “To the stars,” as she always quotes from the Kansas motto.

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JENNINGS NEWS
 By Louise Cressler



The Jennings City Library will host Peggy Ritter on Tuesday, November 19, from 12:00 to 4:00pm and Wednesday, November 20, from 9:00 to 12:00pm, to help people with health insurance options and open enrollment. Call Peggy at 785-470-7896 to set up and appointment.

58th Annual See & Sell Holiday Market is November 23

Popular arts and crafts event showcases more than 230 vendors. **Salina** - Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland invites the public to kick off the holiday season on Saturday, November 23, at the 58th Annual See & Sell Holiday Market to support Kansas Girl Scouts.

The popular arts, crafts and shopping event is a Salina tradition, being held each year at Tony's Pizza Events Center (800 The Midway, Salina, KS 67401). The market, which attracts 3,000 shoppers from Kansas and surrounding states each year, is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year, attendees can expect to find the sold-out event center packed with more than 230 vendors. Vendors will be selling a variety of gift items, crafts and handmade goods, home décor, clothing, jewelry and accessories, bath and body products, holiday décor, kitchen and food items, floral, children's items and more.

We would like to thank our sponsors for supporting this event and Kansas Girl Scouts. Our Gold Sponsor Salina Regional Health Center, Silver Sponsor Evergy, and our additional sponsors Bennington State Bank, Great Plains Manufacturing, Homewood Suites by Hilton Salina, Lee Media Group, Sunflower Bank, and Visit Salina.

Tickets for the 58th Annual See & Sell Holiday Market are \$5 at the door and children ages 11 and under are free. Proceeds from the gate and booth sales support Girl Scouts in 80 Kansas counties. For more information, go to seeandsellshow.com or call (888) 686-6468.

Goddard Place Wins To the Stars Kansas Business Award

Goddard Place is honored to be the Northwest Regional winner of a "To the Stars Kansas Business Award"!

United Methodist Youth from Morland sponsored the Haunted Paths event at Goddard Place north of Penokee with a campfire, marshmallow roast and free pumpkins.

Earlier this month the Northwest Kansas Operation Christmas Child prayer walk was at Goddard Place to kick off this amazing ministry! What a beautiful, peaceful setting in which to pray for Operation Christmas Child!

In September they hosted the 20th Annual Bill Goddard Memorial Trail Ride. Beautiful day, good company, amazing music, great food. This year's donations will go to support the Veteran's Memorial in Morland.

The annual Christmas Blessings event is in December, where you can share the joy of the holiday season and a day of fun and fellowship. Santa will also be there to visit with the children. For details on this and other events you can go to goddardplace.org or call 785-821-8991.

Goddard Place is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that addresses the needs of youth and families. Located at 2834 170th Avenue, Penokee, KS.

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SHERIDAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
CALENDAR OF 2024 FALL EVENTS

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

NOV 6 P.M. 18 SD. CO. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FAIR, HOXIE HS AUDITORIUM/GYMNASIUM, 1625 QUEEN AVE

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SELDEN NEWS
 By Jacquie Boultinghouse



Birthdays & Anniversaries:
 November 7: Luann Walker, Daniel Schriener, Will Bruggeman
 November 8: Margie Johnson, Kade Spresser, Steve & Joni Shaw, Alisha Brantley
 November 9: Dan & Melissa Wessel, Katie Koerperich, Josh Jacobs
 November 11: Bill & Carol Wessel, Chelsie Bruggeman, Collin Mumm
 November 12: Emily Wachendorfer Duncan
 November 13: Kyle & Tasha Carman, Teri Brantley

School Calendar:
 November 7: 2nd grade field trip to McCarty Dairy at 9:30am
 November 8: High school regional football; 3rd grade field trip to McCarty Dairy
 November 11: NO SCHOOL - in-service; Junior high Scholars Bowl in Atwood, 4:00pm
 November 12: High school Scholars Bowl in Bird City, 4:00pm
 November 13: 4th grade field trip to McCarty Dairy
 November 11 is Veterans Day. Please take time out of your day to remember all who have served our country. Some of our local Veterans include Robert Koerperich, Alfred J. Albers, Gary Hunziker, Dan Wachendorfer, Steve Carman, Helen Carman, Ellis Walker, Robert Wessel, Shane Anderson, Scott Anderson, Jeremy Gould, Justin Spresser, Bobbi Koerperich, Dave Williams. In the National Guard - Darrel Bruggeman, Kyle Emigh, Nick Kaus, Steve Finnesy, Denny Diederich.

Little Paws Daycare Receives \$175,000 Grant

Selden - Little Paws Daycare, a cornerstone of childcare services in Selden, has received a \$175,000 grant from the Patterson Family Foundation. Funds from the grant will help the center increase childcare operational capacity, including staffing-related needs, program materials, and minor capital improvements.

"We are immensely grateful to the Patterson Family Foundation for their support of rural childcare centers," said Brandy Spresser, Director of Little Paws Daycare. "This funding not only helps the immediate future of Little Paws Daycare, but also reinforces its role as an essential service for local families."

The Patterson Family Foundation recognizes that access to safe and affordable childcare is a foundation of community success. Rural communities are more likely to be classified as childcare deserts — areas where the demand for licensed childcare exceeds the local capacity to provide it.

"The flexibility of the grant allows Little Paws to address its most pressing needs, ensuring that we can continue to provide high-quality care and education to the children of Selden and surrounding areas," says Spresser.

About the Patterson Family Foundation:
 The Patterson Family Foundation, based in Kansas City, Missouri, is a family-led foundation that extends the legacy of Neal and Jeanne Patterson. The Foundation's mission, "Working together to help rural communities thrive," is carried forward through strategic grantmaking and other collaborative initiatives that serve rural counties across Kansas and western Missouri.

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Area Schools ~ Athletics & Academics

Robben Wins Sheridan County Conservation District Speech Contest



The Sheridan County Conservation District sponsored their annual speech competition recently. The theme this year was "One Water". Nick Robben, a junior at Hoxie High School, earned first place and a \$250 award. Nick will advance to the Area 1 competition this week, giving his speech again and competing against other NW Ks students.

Thanks to Mrs. Mong and her horticulture class for participating in our speech competition. (SCCD photo)

Dear Editor,

The world's population is ever-expanding, but the most important resource needed to sustain this large number of people isn't. This resource is water. Water has been believed to have been brought to our world 4 billion years ago by a series of asteroids, and ever since, that water has been what all life on Earth has lived off of. With this said, we cannot deny the importance of water, especially in today's world where water is scarce for many. Water isn't just important, it's flexible and can be used in ways we might not expect.

Water has proven itself to be the most important resource on Earth that we can't live without, whether that be through hydroelectric power or irrigation. In addition to being so important, water is limited and always being used. Without water, the Earth would have no life, no plants, and no humans. This is why it is so important to conserve our planet's water and ensure that this vital resource doesn't run dry.

One use of water that many might not think about is hydroelectric power. With the ability to provide millions of people with clean, renewable energy, hydroelectricity is the future of producing sustainable electricity. Another use is irrigation, a vital component to growing crops, especially in areas, like Kansas, that don't get enough rainfall to sustain those crops by itself. Water conservation is the practice of using water in the most efficient way in order to cut back on unnecessary usage, and water conservation is extremely important especially in today's world where water can be scarce.

Whether through powering millions with hydroelectric power, or being vital to the process of growing crops through irrigation, water's importance is irrefutable, which is why it has become so important for us to conserve it.

Nick Robben
Hoxie High School

Bulldogs Named All-League



Golden Plains had three team members named to the WKLL All-League Volleyball team for their efforts on the court in the 2024 season. Hayden Wark and Brenlynn Rath (shown above) were named first team and Lakin Wark was named second team. (GPHS photo)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains High School volleyball team had three players named to the WKLL All-League Volleyball Team at the league meeting on October 28. "I was pleased with the representation and recognition that our team received having three players named to the WKLL All League teams," said Coach Ashley Arnberger.

Senior Hayden Wark was named first team all-league. She was named second team all-league as a junior and received honorable mention as a sophomore. She finished the season with 119 kills, 273 assists, 217 digs, and 46 ACE serves. She finished her career with 1107 total assists. She, along with seniors McKinzie Horobik and Siena Vargas, has been selected to play in the Northwest Kansas All-Star game in Colby in November. "It's exciting to be named as one of the best players in the league," said Wark. "I've worked hard to play well for my team. I appreciate all my coaches and teammates throughout the years that have helped me improve. I also appreciate all my family and our fans for their support."

"Hayden has been a three-year starter and six rotation player," said Coach Arnberger. "Hayden led the team in assists with 273 this season. She also surpassed the 1000 assists mark at the league tournament. This feat is impressive because Hayden achieved this milestone in two and half seasons of varsity play. In addition to playing the role of setter, Hayden was asked to serve receive in several rotations and was second on the team in kills this season with 119."

Freshman Brenlynn Rath was also named All-League First Team. She finished the season with 49 ACE serves, 192 kills, and 283 digs. "I feel like it's shocking to be named first team as a freshman. It's a big accomplishment and I appreciate my teammates support throughout the season." "Brenlynn was a six-rotation player this season and emerged as a team leader in several stat categories," added Arnberger. "Brenlynn led the team in kills with 192 as well as in hitting percentage at .162%. She had a team high 49 ace serves as well as 283 digs."

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Freshman Lakin Wark was named All-League Second Team. She completed 46 ACE serves, 113 kills, and 233 digs this season. "I wasn't expecting this honor as a freshman," said Wark. "I hope to continue to play well for the team and am excited to play again next year. I'm very proud of all of us for how much we worked and what we accomplished. Everyone got so much better throughout the year. We are grateful for all our coaches."

"Lakin was asked to receive serve in all six rotations for a large portion of the season," added Arnberger. "This resulted in her being the team leader in perfect passes with 99 and in serve receive rating with a 1.83 on 323 attempts. Lakin was second on the team in digs with 233 and third in kills with 113."

Cross Country Places at State



The Hoxie Cross Country Teams, both boys and girls, qualified for the state tournament. The Girls' Team placed third and the Boys' Team placed fourth. In the girls' race, Taegan Lindenman took sixth as an individual. Michael Haffner took ninth and Aaron Keith took twelfth in the boys' race.

The Boys' Team includes Jonathan Graham, Michael Haffner, Nathan Haffner, Aaron Keith, Beau Koster, Quinn Lowry, Jed Pridey, and Nick Robben. The Girls' Team includes Isabella Baier, Addilyn Baker, Lillie Denio, Emily Farber, Wyntr Kroeker, Taegan Lindenman, Chelidy Pridey, and Kyra Reuber. (Photo by Dave Baier)

HHS Takes First at Cross Country Regionals

By Rose Lowry

The Hoxie High School Cross Country teams excelled at the Regional meet in Norton on October 26, with both the boys and girls teams taking first place and securing spots at the State meet in Wamego.

Senior Quinn Lowry expressed his pride in his teammates, saying, "Super proud of my team, everyone gave 110% of their effort." Girls' coach Graham praised the athletes for their hard work, stating, "We knew the girls had a big performance ready, and just needed the right day for it. They did everything they were ready to do and did that on the best day for it. We're incredibly proud of what they did and more importantly who they are."

Senior Izzie Baier reflected on the season, saying, "Words cannot begin to describe how proud I am of everyone this season. We have all gone above and beyond what anyone thought we could." Hoxie High School looks forward to the upcoming State meet.



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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending November 3, 2024, there were 5.4 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 21% very short, 34% short, 36% adequate, and 9% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 23% very short, 42% short, 30% adequate, and 5% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 8% very poor, 15% poor, 37% fair, 33% good, and 7% excellent. Winter wheat planted was 94%, near 95% last year and 93% for the five-year average. Emerged was 76%, near 78% last year and 73% average.

Corn harvested was 93%, equal to last year, and near 90% average.

Soybeans harvested was 93%, ahead of 86% last year and 80% average.

Sorghum harvested was 81%, near 78% last year, and ahead of 75% average.

Cotton condition rated 5% very poor, 20% poor, 36% fair, 34% good, and 5% excellent. Cotton harvested was 50%, ahead of 40% last year and 31% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 79%, near 78% last year, and ahead of 71% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 15% very poor, 27% poor, 39% fair, 18% good, and 1% excellent.

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Museum News

Shari Buss, Director, Dane G. Hansen Museum
November 4, 2024

As the closing date for our current exhibit, "Da Vinci, The Exhibition", approaches, the museum has been bustling with visitors—something we truly appreciate! If you have not had the chance to experience this phenomenal exhibition, we encourage you to make plans to visit it. Its last day on view will be Sunday, November 10. Following its run here, "Da Vinci, The Exhibition" will travel to Dearborn, MI, for display at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation. Although a trip to Michigan may be fun, it would be much more convenient to view "Da Vinci, The Exhibition" right here at the Hansen Museum, where admission is always free.

We have had the best time hosting students from various schools at "Da Vinci, The Exhibition". This engaging exhibition offers a hands-on exploration of Leonardo da Vinci's life, showcasing life-size inventions and numerous fine art studies. The exhibit not only highlights da Vinci's artistic masterpieces, such as the "Mona Lisa" and "The Annunciation," but also delves into his groundbreaking contributions to science and engineering, including designs for a helicopter and submarine. Educational groups are particularly excited about the interactive elements that make learning about da Vinci's multifaceted genius both fun and informative. This exhibition has provided us with an excellent opportunity to engage students with history and innovation, fostering a deeper appreciation for the Renaissance master's enduring legacy. If you come for a visit while a school tour is in progress, just join right in!

The Museum's annual Quilt Class is drawing to a close, and it has been a wonderful experience hosting sixteen quilters who have been happily stitching away for the past five Tuesday evenings. Many participants are close to completing their quilt tops, while others are finishing projects from previous years or working on their own creations. The beauty of the quilt class lies in the freedom participants have to work on virtually any project they choose all with the guidance of an experienced teacher at their disposal. Be sure to keep an eye on the Hansen Museum Facebook page for photos from this year's class!

"Da Vinci, The Exhibition" will remain on view through November 10. With free admission, this is the perfect chance for art lovers and inquisitive minds to dive deep into the fascinating world of da Vinci. The museum is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, as well as Saturday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Do not miss your chance to witness the genius of da Vinci up close—visit the Hansen Museum and be inspired! We are located at 110 W. Main Street, Logan, KS. For more information, please call 785-689-4846. We hope to see you at the museum!

2024 Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission Annual Meeting(s)

I would like to invite everyone to the 2024 Northwest Kansas Planning & Development Commission, Pioneer Country Development, Inc. and Northwest Kansas Housing, Inc. Annual Meeting(s). We are trying something a little different this year. In an attempt to "reach more people" to let everyone know of the activities completed by the regional organization, we are hosting the meeting and meal on three different nights and locations. Come see what has been happening in Northwest Kansas!

This year's annual meeting(s) and supper will be held at:

- 1) Russell - Fossil Creek Hotel, (just north of I-70), Monday, November 4, at 6pm
- 2) Grainfield - Opera House (Main Street), Tuesday, November 12, at 6pm
- 3) St. Francis - Community Center (204 N Quincy), Wednesday, November 13, at 6pm

The agenda will be much the same as in the past - beverages, the meal, comments from the executive director, and the popular Power Point presentation showing many of the community infrastructure grants, business loans, housing projects from the last few years and even a little tourism in Northwest Kansas. **If you are wanting to improve your community, the Power Point is a good source to see what other communities are doing and possibly get ideas on things your community can do!**

Although the last several years have brought on many challenges, we still managed to do millions of dollars in community grants and business loans.

Everyone interested in the economic activity in Northwest Kansas is welcome to the annual meeting. There is no charge for the meal, but we do request you make reservations, as each location is limited to about 40 or 50 people. (But if you forget to make a reservation, come anyway!) Please bring your spouse, a friend, or a co-worker that may be interested in economic development in northwest Kansas.

We look forward to seeing everyone. Please call in or email your reservations to Andrea at 785-421-2151 or email to nwkdpc@ruraltel.net.

Sincerely,
Randall J. Hrabe, Executive Director

Colby Commitment Scholarship Available for Spring

Colby Community College will continue to make higher education affordable for Northwest Kansas in the spring 2025 semester with the Colby Commitment Scholarship, tuition, fees, and books benefit for students on free and reduced lunches attending high schools in the institution's 14-county service area. Additionally, all juniors and seniors at any public, private, or home school in Thomas County qualify.

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Students at high schools in Cheyenne, Decatur, Gove, Graham, Logan, Norton, Phillips, Rawlins, Rooks, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego, and Wallace counties may be eligible according to family-adjusted gross income in relation to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) income guidelines for Free and Reduced Meals.

The College Board of Trustees unanimously approved the extension at their Oct. 21 meeting. Trustees agreed to review the award again in the spring of 2026.

"We are so grateful to the Colby Community College Board of Trustees for extending this opportunity," said CCC President Dr. Seth Carter. "These scholarships directly help the students who need it the most and enhance education and access in Northwest Kansas."

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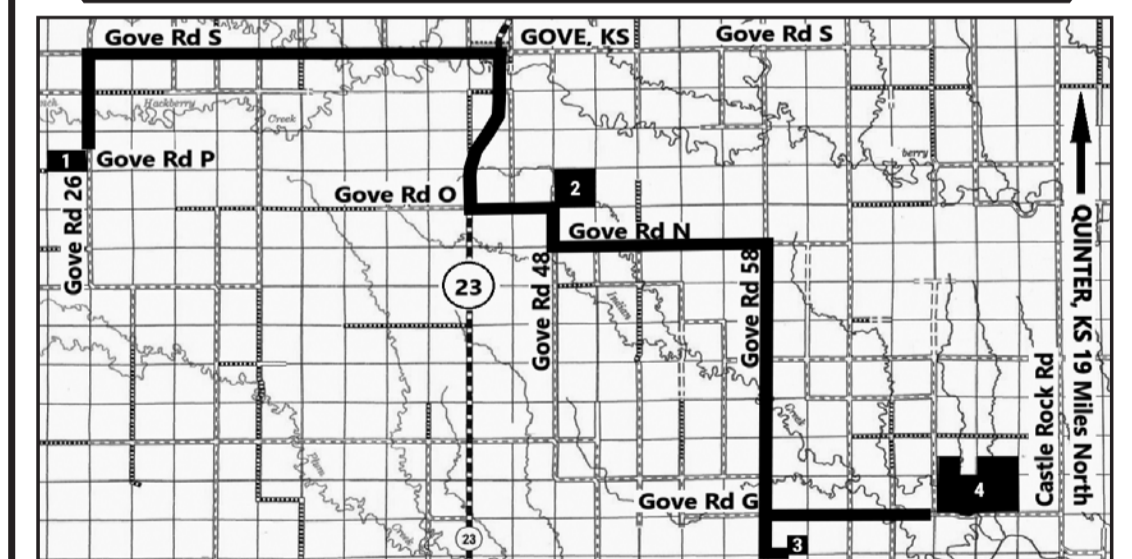
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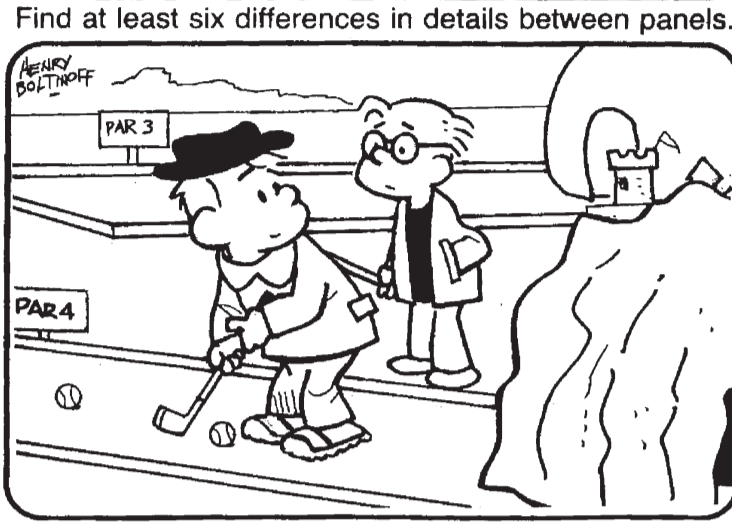
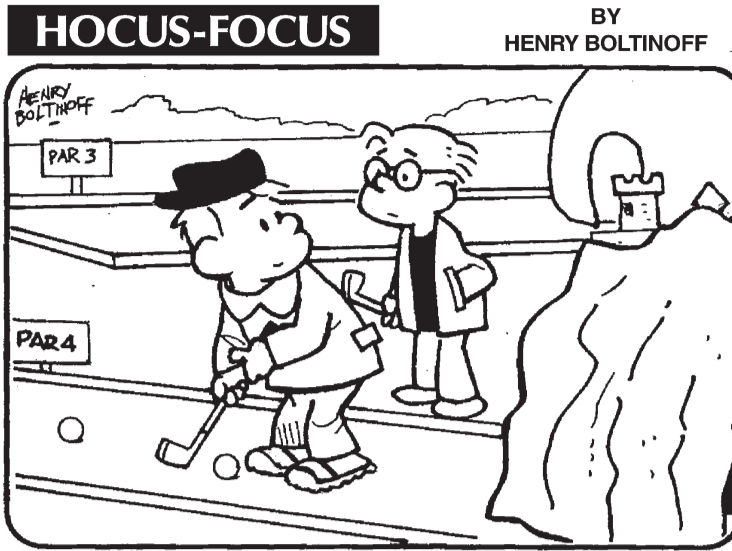
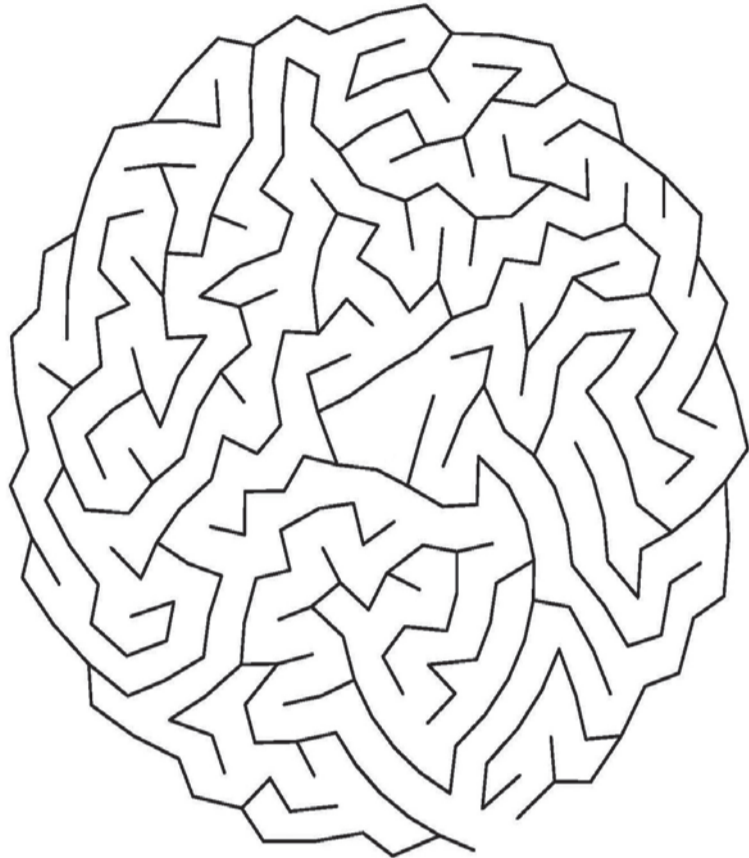
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: Jewelry Worn Around the Wrist

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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: Q equals F

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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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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	1			5	4	
	2		8		4	
	7	9		3		6
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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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.

Entire	PARENT		
Fable	GLEEND		
Entering	DARWIN		
Inspire	HERDIN		

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Super Crossword

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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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