

The Hugoton Hermes



Unofficial Stevens County Election Results					
November 5, 2024 General Election					
President/ Vice-President	William Clifford 1534	Kathryn Gardner	County Clerk	Amy Jo Tharp 1633	
Robert F. Kennedy Jr./	State House of	Yes 1044 No 348	County Treasurer	Jayne Rich 1556	
Nicole Shanahan 20	Representatives, 124th	District Court Judge	Register of Deeds	Zilpha "Betty" Rosel 1609	
Chase Oliver/Mike ter	District	26th District, Division	County Attorney	Paul F. Kitzke 1575	
Maat 10	Court of Appeals Judge	No. 2	Sheriff	Ted E. Heaton 1505	
Donald J. Trump/	Martin Long 1624	Clinton B. Peterson 1585	Moscow Township	Mike Owens 202	
JD Vance 1558	Sarah E. Warner	District Magistrate	Trustee	Patti Maxwell 199	
Kamala D. Harris/	Yes 1052 No 346	Judge 26th District,	Treasurer		
Tim Walz 207	David E. Bruns	Position No. 5			
United States House of	Yes 1058 No 334	Damon J. Simmons 1614			
Representatives, 1st	G. Gordon Atcheson	County Commissioner,			
District	Yes 938 No 461	District 2			
Tracey Mann 1561	Karen Arnold-Burger	Shannon V. Crawford 519			
Paul Buskirk 186	Yes 939 No 460	County Commissioner,			
State Senator 39th	Rachel L. Pickering	District 3			
District	Yes 919 No 471	Tron Stegman 588			
Isidro Marino 191	Angela D. Coble				
	Yes 971 No 430				

Mrs. Debbie Nordling honored as 2024 Woman of the Year

Debbie Nordling is this year's Delta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi 2024 Woman of the Year. Debbie grew up in Great Bend, the daughter of the late Jack and Nadine Foltz. She graduated from Great Bend High School in 1975 and attended Barton County Community College for one year. In the Fall of 1976, she entered KU as a transfer student. Debbie graduated from the Kansas University School of Education in 1979 with a degree in Elementary Education. On her third day at KU, Debbie met Erick Nordling at the Hawk. After dating for a couple of years, they married in August of 1978. In the spring of 1980 Debbie and Erick walked the hill together during graduation at the University of Kansas. They have resided

in Stevens County since 1985. Debbie and Erick recently celebrated their forty-sixth anniversary. They have three children, Erica Nordling-Martin, Ryan Nordling and Burke Nordling. Erica has four children: Brayden, who is in his junior year at K-State working towards an Agronomy degree; Effie, who is in her sophomore year at McPherson College working on a degree in Physical Therapy; Bronsen, a seventh grader and Elise, a fifth grader. Erica is married to George Martin and resides in Hugoton. Ryan lives in Wichita, and has a daughter, Bay, who is five years old. Burke is married to Anna, and they live in Olathe. They have two children, Audrey, 10; and See WOMAN OF THE YEAR page 5



Debbie Nordling is honored Monday as this year's Delta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi 2024 Woman of the Year. Congratulations Debbie!!

Join in Honoring Veterans



Hugoton USD 210 invites all Stevens County Veterans to the twenty-fourth Annual Veterans Day Ceremony Monday, November 11. Please join them as they honor Veterans and active duty service members for their commitment and sacrifices to our country. The ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. in the HHS West Gym. VIP parking for distinguished guests is in the auditorium parking lot. Please sign in at the tables on the south side of the gym between 8:30 and 8:50 a.m. and you will be honored at the assembly. The staff and students will be directing traffic and help you into the

gym. The entire community is invited to come recognize those who sacrificed so much. There will be moving songs, prayers and other presentations as well as handmade gifts from many of the school children. Gifts will be distributed to the Veterans throughout the ceremony. Food and drinks (coffee, juice, danish and fruit) will be served for Veterans and their families before and following the ceremony in the old cafeteria. If you need assistance or special accommodation, please call 620-544-4341.



Hugoton High School choir students auditioned Saturday, November 2 for the Southwest Kansas Music Educators Association Honor Choir. Ten were selected to perform with the SWKMEA Honor Choir December 7 at Dodge City High School, which is free to the public. Selected students, back row left to right are, Eli Skinner, Justin Sallee and Tobias Grubbs; and in the front row are, Bridget Knopp, Kynzie Esarey, director Renee Beesley, Morgan Anderson and Lelani Gerber. Not pictured are Clayton Grubbs and Marco Amador. Photo courtesy of Renee Beesley.



Velma Hittle celebrates 100 years

Velma Hittle will celebrate her One-Hundredth Birthday November 12, 2024. To help her celebrate, her family is having a card shower for her.

If you would like to send a card, you can send it to her at P. O. Box 758, Hugoton, Ks 67951.

Moscow Christian Fellowship hosts annual Bazaar

The Moscow Christian Fellowship will offer their annual Bazaar, Saturday, November 9, in the Fellowship Hall at 304 Main in Moscow. The group will be serving turkey/dressing and roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables, salads, hot rolls, desserts and coffee/tea. Serving begin at 5:00 p.m. and it is a Free Will donation. Crafts and baked goods - free will donation. Pecans and take outs are also available.

Pheasant Heaven Charities Annual Calf Fry is Friday

Pheasant Heaven Charities will be hosting their gigantic annual Calf Fry, Beef Feed and Pig Roast at Southwest Fresh Potato located at 1550 Tenth Street this Friday, November 8. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Honor Guard presentation will be at 7:00 p.m. No food will be served during the presentation. The live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m. following the Honor Guard. There will be raffle tickets available for your chance at a variety of great prizes. The raffle drawing will be at 8:00 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Free will donations with proceeds going to various charitable needs in Southwest Kansas communities and Pheasant Heaven Charities scholarships, will also be gratefully accepted. Please come and share your evening with this great organization! Hope to see you there!

Saturday is the annual Lions Club Community Breakfast

Be sure to get up early to partake of the Hugoton Lion's Club Community Breakfast at the Stevens County Fairgrounds located at Eleventh and Washington in Hugoton from 5:00 until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 9. Hunters are Welcome. It is a buffet style/all you can eat/free will donation buffet with scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon and sausage! You can also get your thermos filled before heading out into the fields for pheasant and quail seasons opening day. There will be a shotgun drawing Saturday. You need not be present to win. Proceeds are used for community projects.

Holiday Open Houses are this weekend

The Holidays are just around the corner and some of the local businesses will have their annual Open Houses. Holiday open houses are Saturday and Sunday. Yardmaster Garden and Gifts will be open Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. for your shopping pleasure. There will be refreshments while shopping and great gift ideas. Janet's Bridal and Boutique will be open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Join them for shopping, refreshments, door prizes and more. Janet is celebrating Sixty Years!

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OBITUARIES

Gerardo Gonzalez

Gerardo Andres Leon Gonzalez, 20, passed from this life Sunday, October 20, 2024 in Ford County.

Born November 30, 2003 in Huajuapán, Oaxaca, Mexico, he was the son of Gerardo Froylan Leon Castro and Catalina Virginia Gonzalez Rodriguez.

Gerardo found solace in prayer and prayed often. He also loved spending time with his family. He enjoyed going to the gym, dancing and singing. He loved music and wanted to learn to play guitar.

Los Alegres Del Barranco was Gerardo's favorite band. Gerardo liked to work. He wanted to learn about construction and wanted to learn to remodel. He also liked football; he played in school at Comanche Middle School. His favorite color was blue and his favorite

foods were hamburgers and tacos. Gerardo loved to get dressed up and wear his cowboy boots.

Gerardo's survivors include his parents; siblings, Rebecca Leon Gonzalez and husband Rodolfo, Lucina Ghum and husband Coltin, Mireya Leon Gonzalez and husband Antonio Marino, Karina Leon Gonzalez and husband Carlos Figueroa and David Jesus Leon Gonzalez; his niece and nephew, Ulysses and Sebastian Tixta and baby Figueroa on the way; uncles, Isauro Gonzalez and Gregorio Leon Castro; extended family, Josefino Leon Castro, Pedro Rodriguez Hernandez, Omar Leon, Alfredo Leon Castro, Silvia Leon Reyna, Margarita Gonzalez, y Hermelinda Gonzalez.

Those preceding Gerardo

in death were: his grandparents, Rosalia Castro Vivar, Camerino Nicholas Gonzalez, y Dominga Rodriguez; y un tio, Gregorio Gonzalez Rodriguez.

Funeral Mass was attended at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Thursday, October 31 with Father Wesley Schawe presiding.

Memorials are suggested to the family in care of Swaim Funeral Chapel of Sublette, 115 S. Inman, Sublette, Ks.



Family Tree Workshops with Pam & Shila

Family Photos

Do you have any family photos without labels as to who these people are, when and where the photo was taken, or the occasion? Good luck sorting it out. You may have difficulty correcting past mistakes, but you can do better going forward. Family photos add to your family research. Being able to see your family members really adds a depth to your understanding of their lives.

Write the who, when, where and source on the back of the photo using a soft lead pencil and a soft touch to avoid indentation. If the photo is coated, pencils will not work and you will need a waterproof soft-tip marker and let dry completely before stacking or storing photos to avoid smudging.

Avoid ballpoint pens and standard felt tip markers that can smudge, bleed through, or leave indentations. Art supply stores and craft stores sell a variety of markers that are safe for labeling. You can scan damaged photos, repair them digitally, print a new photo, label it correctly, and all is well.

Family Tree Workshops are held at Stevens County Library computer lab at 2:00 pm on the second Thursday and fourth Saturday each month. You can get help setting up your accounts and organizing your research. The next dates are November 14 and November 23 at 2:00 at Stevens County Library.

Pam Brown

Insight

By Jackie Mundt
Pratt County Farmer and Rancher

Presence of Ireland

On a recent trip to Ireland, our AirBnB host, Morgan, was shocked at the schedule my friends and I had put together. We had plans to see iconic places in all corners of the island over a five-day stretch. Drive times were only a few hours total, which seems normal to me as the island is smaller than Kansas.

Morgan, like any good rural citizen, was so excited to share recommendations of beautiful sites and great culture in the area. Similar to many folks in the Midwest, he had pride in his local area and wanted us to see what made it so great. It was understandable that he was disappointed we weren't going to take time to explore the area and really experience his corner of rural Ireland.

Our approach to the trip was very American as we wanted to see a little bit of everything—somewhat like a travel sampler platter. We wanted to visit all the iconic and historical sites that are on popular must-see lists.

We knew packing the big stops in would take flexibility so we only booked items that required advanced tickets like tours. On our first day in country we had two tours booked to help keep us moving so we could adjust to the time difference and avoid jet lag.

Time was not on our side that day. Parking took much longer than expected, which probably had a lot to do with unfamiliar signage and my extra caution during this first experience of driving on the left side of the road. Then our 45 minute tour led by a student at Trinity College lasted an hour and a half. This was a bit of a preview of

many encounters with the Irish, who are delightfully chatty. That is great for conversation and bad for schedules.

The second tour was rocky from the start. A Halloween parade was causing chaos in the area we were to meet our guide. When we finally started our tour, it lasted an hour longer than advertised but we didn't mind because the host shared wonderful stories of growing up in a historic city and gave us a taste of the Irish gift of Blarney.

Our journey was filled with wild beauty from the Cliffs of Moher to Giants Causeway. We expanded our cultural understanding at UNESCO World Heritage sites and enjoyed Irish music and folk dancing. We experienced local food and drink at pubs along the way.

Over the five days we spent zipping around the island, it became clear that Morgan may have been right about us needing to slow down and not try to do too much. Each day we encountered things that slowed us down from restroom breaks to pharmacy stops and unexpected photo shoots when the view was breathtaking or a perfect double rainbow appeared suddenly.

It didn't take long to learn that our group moved slow; we savored experiences and relished the present. When I stopped worrying about checking places off my list, it created space and freedom for us all to enjoy the present.

We still probably wouldn't meet Morgan's idea of a proper holiday but we lived in the moment appreciating the experiences happening

now instead of worrying about the things we had to skip. This trip proved goals and ambition are great but there are more important and enjoyable parts of life than exhausting your energy checking boxes.

And now I have a great reason to make the trip to watch the K-State Wildcats next August.

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

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Jimmy “Jim” Hinnergardt

Jimmy “Jim” L. Hinnergardt, age 83 of Johnson, passed away Monday, October 28, 2024 at Memorial Living Center in Johnson.

He was born April 23, 1941 in Ness City, the son of Victor A. Hinnergardt and the former Elsie M. Mickeal.

Jim grew up near Bazine and graduated from Bazine High School. He was in the debate and drama clubs and played sports. Jim worked at the Dodge City Stockyards and delivered milk for Stephen's.

After moving to Liberal in 1970, Jim drove for Graves Freight Line for 27 years, retiring in 1992 from Beaver Express after 14 years of service, and also drove for Yellow Freight on weekends.

Jim loved watching ball games on TV, playing the lottery, fishing and family time. He lived in Johnson the last three years and enjoyed the companionship of his cat “Snooters”, family and friends at the Memorial Living Center.



Jim is survived by his children, Sheryl Fiss and husband Greg of Johnson, and Jay Hinnergardt and wife Lynda and Lance Hinnergardt and wife Brooke, all of Liberal; brothers, Kenny Hinnergardt and wife Judy of Dodge City and Freddie Hinnergardt and wife Debra Jo of Montezuma; grandchildren, Josh Towner and wife Lori, Ashley Geist and husband Nate, Caitlin Hinnergardt and fiancé Pedro Marquez, Michelle Hinnergardt and partner Zen, Adam

Hinnergardt, Chad Nickell and wife Angy, Chase Nickell and wife Lettie and Kami Hinnergardt and partner Beth Royal; and great grandchildren, Kevin Towner and wife Chelsea, Caleb and Brian Towner, Amy Sanchez-Garcia, Lia Nickell, Jax Nickell, Ryker Nickell and Kaiser Nickell.

Those preceding Jim in death were his parents Victor and Elsie Hinnergardt; grandson Jamey Towner; and nephew Kirk Hinnergardt.

A Celebration of Life is planned for 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 16 at the United Methodist Church in Bazine with Reverend John Grimm officiating. Inurnment will follow at the Bazine Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Memorial Living Center, Furever Friends, or Liberal Humane Society in care of Garnand Funeral Home, PO Box 715, Johnson, Ks 67855.

What’s Happenin’

November 7

- Hugoton Impact 8:00 a.m. @Lynnie's Nest.

- High Plains Theatre presents *Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory*(1971) @ 7:00 p.m.

- Al-Anon meets 8:00 p.m. on Cemetery Road.

November 8

- Pheasant Heaven Charities' 2024 Calf Fry!! @SW Potato, 1550 Tenth Street, Hugoton. Doors open 4:30, Food lines 5:00, Live

Auction 7:30.

November 9 & 10

- **Christmas Open House!!**

- **Janet's Bridal & Boutique**, 1010 Van Buren -Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- **Yardmaster Garden & Gifts** Third & Main - Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sunday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

November 9

- Hugoton Lion's Club Community Breakfast! 5:00 am to 9:00 am @Stevens County Fairgrounds - 11th & Washington.

- Moscow Christian Fellowship Annual Bazaar 5 to 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall 304 Main in Moscow. Turkey/ Dressing and all the goodies including Moscow's famous desserts. Take outs available.

- Senior Dance 7:00 p.m. @Senior Center.

- High Plains Theatre presents *The Cowboys* -1972 @ 7:00 p.m.

November 10

- High Plains Theatre presents, *The Peterson Brothers* @ 6:00 p.m. Live on Stage, \$10 Admission.

November 11

- Stevens County Court-house is closed for Veterans' Day.

- Al-Anon meets 8:00 p.m. on Cemetery Road.

- USD 210 School Board will meet in the Central Office at 6:30 p.m.

November 12

- Stevens County Commissioners meeting 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room in the basement of the Stevens County Courthouse.

- Stevens County EcoDevo will meet in the Senior Center Craft Room at 12:00 Noon.

November 14

- Family Tree Workshop at Stevens County Library computer lab at 2:00 p.m.

- Lions Club to meet @Memorial Hall - 6:30 p.m.

- Al-Anon meets 8:00 p.m. on Cemetery Road.

November 16

- High Plains Theatre presents, *White Bird* @ 7:00 p.m.

November 18

- Al-Anon meets 8:00 p.m. on Cemetery Road.

November 19

- Land Auction - 11am @Memorial Hall, 200 E. 6th. Shelton Family.

November 21 & 22

- High Plains Theatre presents, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor. Spy. Assassin.* @ 7:00 p.m.

The Prairie Doc



“Listen up and keep your hearing”
By: Andrew Ellsworth, MD

Hearing loss affects millions of Americans. In fact, by age 75 over half of adults will have some form of hearing loss.

Signs of hearing loss include having trouble hearing speech in noisy places, finding it hard to follow speech in groups, trouble hearing on the phone, listening makes you tired, or if you need to turn the volume up on the TV or radio while others complain it is too loud.

To some, hearing loss may just be a minor inconvenience. If it is more severe, however, it can have a big impact on day to day activities, impairing communication, safe driving, safe walking, and has even been shown to increase rates of depression and dementia. When people disengage from others because they cannot hear well enough, people may become more withdrawn, and might not enjoy many of the things they used to.

The simplest solution is to try hearing aids. While hearing aids are available over the counter, they are recommended only for adults with mild to moderate hearing loss. Meanwhile, it may be a good idea to see an audiologist or an Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) physician for a thorough assessment first.

Warning signs you should seek medical care include seeing blood, pus, or fluid coming out of your ear, ear pain, an ear deformity, feeling something is in your ear, dizziness or vertigo, sudden changes or variations in hearing, worse hearing in one ear, or ringing or buzzing (tinnitus) especially if it is in only one ear.

At least one quarter of hearing loss is due to prolonged exposure to loud noises, and even brief exposure to very loud noises like gunfire can cause hearing loss. Loud concerts, sporting events, car stereos,

machinery, occupational exposures, and more all play a role. In addition, because of ear buds with the volume turned up, even going on a walk on a peaceful bike path can contribute to hearing loss.

Besides loud noises, other causes of hearing loss include ear infections, genetic factors, infections during fetal development, trauma, medications, smoking, chronic diseases, and more. Ear wax can cause temporary hearing loss. However, be careful how you remove it to avoid causing damage to the tympanic membrane. In other words, it's best to avoid sticking anything in your ear.

In addition to hearing aids and other hearing assisted devices, cochlear implants have been revolutionary in treating hearing loss. Instead of amplifying sound, cochlear implants help by bypassing damaged portions of the ear

and directly stimulating the auditory nerve. This has been a life-changing method at helping people of all ages to hear, even infants as young as 9 months of age. If you ever need a pick-me-up, search online for videos of infants and kids hearing for the first time with a cochlear implant.

Andrew Ellsworth, MD. is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices Family Medicine at Avera Medical Group in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Threads. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a radio program (on SDPB), providing health information based on science, built on trust.

Bill Tucker

Bill Tucker, age 93, passed away Thursday, October 31, 2024 at Morton County Hospital in Elkhart.

He was born July 20, 1931 in Wilburton, the son of Orrel Tucker and the former Gertrude Odell.

Bill was proud that he lived his entire life in Morton County. He went to grade school in Wilburton and graduated from Elkhart High School in 1949.

A few years after graduation Bill owned and operated a Cities Service Gas Station on Main Street in Elkhart. This is where he met and fell in love with Sue Dean from Kansas City. They were married May 5, 1956 in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Bill was a farmer and rancher and was very politically and civic-minded. He was involved in numerous boards and clubs, including Elkhart Jaycee's where he also served as the State President, Elkhart Kiwanis Club and Kansas Hospital Association. He was a Kansas delegate to the Republican National Convention in Detroit 1984 and New Orleans 1988, Bill



served 19 years on the Morton County Hospital Board, Elkhart Cemetery Board, was a charter member of First National Bank of Elkhart, Board Chairman of Heartland Tri-State Bank and served on many committees.

Mr. Tucker was a member of the Elkhart Methodist Church.

Bill enjoyed his family, going to school activities, community events, the Morton County Fair and driving around town.

Survivors include his wife Sue of their home; sons, John Tucker and wife Lisa and Jim Tucker and wife Shawna, all

of Elkhart; grandchildren, Tiffani Dudley and husband David, Jarrod Tucker and wife Linell, Emily Wesley and friend Jordan Larkin, Macy Tucker, Evyn Lyle and Max Tucker; great grandchildren, Cooper Dudley, Kenadi Dudley, Kyla Tucker, Luke Tucker and Gabby Tucker; and his many cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Cindy and her husband Jay Wesley; and brothers, Carl, Jim, Allen and their spouses.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 9 at Elkhart Methodist Church with Pastor David Eckert and Reverend Terrill Giddens officiating. Interment will follow at the Elkhart Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, November 8 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Garnand Funeral Home in Elkhart.

Memorial contributions may be given to Morton County Health Systems in care of Garnand Funeral Home, PO Box 854, Elkhart, Ks 67950.

Larry Neuschafer Sr.

Larry Gene Neuschafer, Sr., 79, passed from this life Thursday, October 31, 2024 at St. Catherine's Hospital in Dodge City.

Born January 18, 1945 in Ellsworth, he was the son of John Neuschafer and the former Dorothy Schneider.

Larry graduated from Holyrood High School in 1963.

August 12, 1967 Larry married Joetta Thomas at the First Christian Church in Cimarron, she survives.

Mr. Neuschafer proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1968 to 1971 as a Staff Sergeant. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and traveling in his spare time.

Larry was a huge K-State football fan and was a season ticket holder for more than 30 years. He loved to grill for community events and family. He was known as "Big Dad the Grill Master". Larry loved grilling so much that he developed and started selling his own seasoning blends for more than 35 years.

Larry, along with Joetta, loved to attend their grand-



children's activities and sporting events, as well as leading Grand Marches at weddings. He enjoyed learning to pilot his Cessna and fly whenever he had time. Larry loved anything John Deere and farming, and loved going to all the Cimarron Blue Jays sporting events. He also loved muscle cars, especially his red 1966 GTO.

Mr. Neuschafer was a member of the First Christian Church of Cimarron, Cimarron Rotary Club, Cimarron Gun Club, K-State Alumni Association, and was a Lifetime Member of the Cimarron V.F.W. In addition, Larry served as a City Council Member, as well as on the ASCS Board.

Survivors include his wife Joetta of the home; two sons, Larry Neuschafer, Jr. and

wife Charlotte of Cimarron and Chuck Neuschafer and wife Audrey of Andover; brother Darrel Neuschafer and wife Carol of Kimberling City, Mo.; his eight loving grandchildren, Ashley Ledford and husband Jacob, Dylan Neuschafer, Joshua Neuschafer, Annie Neuschafer, Alex Neuschafer and fiancé Megan Cornelsen, Kaleb Neuschafer and wife Hannah, Blake Neuschafer and wife Mady and Emma Neuschafer; and his four great grandchildren.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial service will be at Cimarron First Christian Church, 10:00 a.m. Saturday November 9 with Mr. Kyle Lawson and Mr. David Johnson presiding. Inurnment will follow at Cimarron Cemetery. There will be a book signing Friday, November 8 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Swaim Funeral Chapel in Cimarron.

Memorials are suggested to Kansas Honor Flight in care of Swaim Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1057, Cimarron, Ks 67835.

Guest Editorial

Seasons Change - by Glenn Mollette



We are entering into a different season in America. It's not a season everyone likes or voted for but the season is changing. For some it's better, for some it's worse. For some it's good news, for some it's bad news. Your perspective colors your season. For example,

if you love Autumn then you have enjoyed the current season in much of America. You haven't enjoyed it if you've been in the path of a hurricane but you've enjoyed it if you live in most any other place in America, We've had a dry Fall season but it has been beautiful. Many

dread the winter months, while some welcome cool weather over the long months of dry hot weather. If you live in Southern Arizona, you are ready for some cooler weather. Political seasons are hard on our nation. We've been immersed in

political advertisements for months. The Presidential campaign has gone on forever. We are so ready to move forward. For many in America this doesn't feel good while others think it's great. Seasons come and seasons go. No season lasts forever. There is always a new season around the corner. It's best for all of us if we can make the best of whatever the season of life is at the time. Winter or Summer, make the most of the season. Youth or old age, they pass by so enjoy your season. Small children or adult children, love them and roll with the seasons. Young parents or old parents, roll with the seasons. Making great money or making less money, roll with the seasons.

Try to make the best of your current season in life. It's not always easy. We don't like the seasons of life when we are sick or even dying. Some seasons are difficult and even harsh and cruel but they come to us all if we live long enough. So, enjoy the good seasons, tread water or make the best of what seems to be a bad season because in time in some way the season will change.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is read in all 50 states. Find out more at GlennMollette.com

Guest Editorial

Medicare's Payment System Is a Boon for Hospitals -- and a Bust for Patients
By Dr. Jack Feltz and Dr. Michael Hagg

Most people over a certain age are familiar with going in for a colonoscopy, a routine method of screening for and preventing colon cancer. What they might not know is that the cost of the procedure can vary wildly depending on where they get it done.

The problem is that Medicare -- the taxpayer-funded health insurer for Americans 65 and above -- pays hospitals significantly more for common procedures than it pays physicians in private practices or ambulatory surgery centers.

This discrepancy contributes to the swelling cost of health care in our country. It's also compelled hospitals to acquire physician practices in increasing numbers. That saps competition, results in higher prices, and leaves patients with fewer options.

Medicare pays more to hospitals for a long list of procedures. In addition to cancer screenings, these include x-rays, chemotherapy infusions, and heart-imaging procedures like echocardiograms and nuclear cardiology, as well as follow-up appointments.

The current system is good for hospitals' bottom lines. But it's bad for everyone else. Medicare serves some 66 million older Americans. Multiply the price of millions of procedures by two or more, and the cost to the federal government adds up.

This system of unequal payments has other negative impacts, too. For example, it requires Medicare to keep seniors' monthly premiums higher than they need to be. MedPAC estimated that switching to site-neutral payments -- in which the federal government pays the same for procedures no matter where they're performed -- would have saved Medicare beneficiaries \$1.5 billion in 2021.

And since private insurers use Medicare reimbursements as the basis for their own payments, premiums for their

beneficiaries are higher than they need to be as well. The insurance company Blue Cross Blue Shield estimates that site-neutral reforms would save people with private insurance \$117 billion a year in premiums.

The double standard has encouraged hospitals to gobble up freestanding clinics and small practices so that they can charge Medicare more, according to MedPAC. As soon as a hospital completes an acquisition, it starts billing for the clinic's services at the hospital rate -- without even making changes that might justify a higher price.

Ultimately, this consolidation leaves patients with fewer options to choose from when deciding on providers. And if all the health facilities in a community end up owned by the same hospital or health system, then there's no competition to drive better quality or pricing for patients.

The solution is for Medicare to establish site-neutral payments. Such reforms would disincentivize large hospital groups from buying up independent outpatient clinics or the surgery centers where doctors in private practice perform procedures.

In the bigger picture, site-neutral payments would decrease overall healthcare spending. According to the American Action Forum, adopting them would save Medicare \$153 billion over 10 years and the healthcare system as a whole \$672 billion.

It makes little sense to pay hospitals many times more than physicians for equivalent work. Implementing site-neutral payments would make patients, taxpayers, and the healthcare system as a whole much better off.

Dr. Jack Feltz is an OB/GYN and Federal Health Policy Chair for the American Independent Medical Practice Association. Dr. Michael Hagg is a urologist and President of the Pennsylvania Independent Physician Practice Association.

HHS 2025 All School Reunion

The 2025 All School Reunion "Reunited and it feels so good!" is on it's way to a 5 Star weekend. It's happening July 4 and 5 of 2025. The weekend will begin July 4 with the "Traditional" and "Out-standing" Park Day.

Friday evening alumni will be entertained by the talented "Dueling Pianos". Saturday, July 5 enjoy a tour of the MS/HS in the morning followed by Registration, visitation and Class Photos. Early afternoon and evening you will be entertained with a talented lineup of alumni taking you through the decades. Dinner/program will be divided according to age groups to accommodate everyone. The weekend will end at the football field with the Fourth of July fireworks.

To enjoy this fun filled weekend alumni need to

Register and PURCHASE tickets at [Reunion Manager.com](#) before June 10. Payments for tickets by debit or credit card can only be made online at Reunion Manager. FOR THOSE that would like to pay by cash or check please use the following form below to register and purchase your tickets.

Classes planning to have their traditional - 5, 10, 20, 25, 30 year reunion at this time please get the word out to your class.

Remember - Without numbers we do not know supply numbers (plates, water, etc.) or meal numbers. We WILL NOT have registration and payment at the door.

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WOMAN OF THE YEAR

From page 1

Bradley, 5.

With a total of seven grandkids, Debbie is a busy lady. Adding to the kids and grandkids, Erick and Debbie are also parents to their two dogs, Blue and Maverick, two cows and two donkeys.

Debbie began her teaching career in 1981, teaching in Derby and Topeka, later moving to Hugoton to teach third grade.

In 1991, after teaching for 10 years, Debbie took a total career change and jumped into insurance and financial services with State Farm Insurance. State Farm has led her to many awards, travels and opportunities. She was named Rookie of the Year in 1991, after starting business in September! She has achieved “President’s Club” at least twice in her State Farm career, which means she was in the top 50 agents in the United States for State Farm. She also has earned State Farms’ Honor Club designation for twenty-six years. Debbie just celebrated her thirty-third anniversary as Hugoton’s local State Farm Agent.

In 1998, she was appointed by Governor Graves to serve on the Supreme Court Nominating Committee where she helped review and interview candidates to submit to the Governor for appointment as judges for the Kansas Court of Appeals and the Kansas Supreme Court. She served two terms.

Debbie and Erick were the Stevens County coordinators for the KU Honors Program. Debbie has also served on a variety of KU alumni boards, including Southwest Kansas Alumni Chapter, the National Board, and the Chancellor search committee. They had great fun hosting the backyard generations picnic for our corner of the state for several years. They both are lifetime members of the Alumni Association and members of the President’s Club, and in 2007 received the Mildred

Clodfelter Award.

Debbie is very active in the community and a great volunteer. She was the first female member of the Hugoton Rotary Club where she held many roles, one being the first female president. She has also served on the Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce and Stevens County Economic Development Board.

Debbie was also a charter member and board of director for the Southwest Friends of the Arts, a 501(c)(3) which puts on community dinner theaters and plays.

She is an active member of the Hugoton Methodist Church, where she often helps with Sunday morning children’s messages and Praise Kids and has spent a number of years as a member and chair for the Church Trustees.

Debbie continues to volunteer and help the community kids. She occasionally hosts story time at the Elementary School, guest speaks at Middle School Civics, helps with Career Day and Reality U. Debbie is also a member of Chapter GC P.E.O., where she has been a past president.

During her teaching tenure at USD 210 she encountered and saw the ripple effects of child hunger. When she left teaching, her mission was to build better communication between businesses and the classroom regarding child hunger. In her journey to help with child hunger Debbie volunteered in the early stages of an effort by the then current Superintendent of Hugoton schools and Marsha Ousler to operate a non-profit organization called Unified Support Agency, or U.S.A., Inc. for a shortened name. The Unified Support Agency started as a food assistance program in a small room in the current fire station annex. After several years and changes, Unified Support Agency branched off from the school and is now known as Project

Hope. Without Debbie’s dedication to feeding the families of Stevens County, Project Hope would not be what it is today. During 2019 Debbie and several other members of Project Hope started a weekend food distribution for students in the Hugoton Middle and High schools that were identified as “chronically weekend hungry.” Along with the school counselors, the Eagle Market was developed and is currently serving those students in need. Debbie has been a member and served as Project Hope’s President for many years and she just retired from the board this year.

In early 2020 Debbie and several community members had a dream to remodel the old movie theater in Hugoton. They formed a committee and the dream came alive. Many thought the group had lost their minds since the building was in great disrepair. But as COVID 19 struck the nation, Debbie continued gathering donations from the community to purchase the old movie theater building. In March of 2020 the committee was able to purchase the building. After a lot of hard work and dedication the High Plains Theater is a fully functional theater plus so much more. The High Plains Theater and this community would not be what it is today without Debbie Nordling.

In 2021, Debbie was the recipient of the Chamber’s Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2022, Debbie saw a need for retail communication and came up with and started the group Retail Roundup. Once a month, local business owners gather to discuss how to bring our retail businesses together by hosting quarterly downtown events, seasonal games and open houses. The group later became Hugoton Impact.

There is undoubtedly a lot more that could be mentioned. She is a go-getter who gives herself fully to projects she undertakes. No job is ever too BIG. Debbie does a great job getting others involved to make the community better and Hugoton is lucky to have her in the community.

Congratulations Debbie.



Miss Stacey’s Circle Time Friends practiced their scary faces, October 30. Some of the faces were so scary, they scared away the giant frog from the book “Can You Make a Scary Face” by Jan Thomas! Circle Time is Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Stevens County Library.



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On that page, we have information about Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits for Veterans, including:

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Crafts are for sale during the annual United Methodist Women's Bazaar, Saturday, in Memorial Hall.



Before or after eating, shoppers visit the booths at the annual Bazaar, Saturday, in Memorial Hall.

Chamber Chatter

By Tina Fernandez, Executive Director of the Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce

Spook Parade 2024
Local businesses and organizations played a significant role in making Hugoton's Spook Parade a huge success this year. An estimated 300 to 400 trick or treaters and visitors stopped by showcasing an array of costumes. From spooky ghost, witches and scarecrows to super heroes, movie characters and former presidents. We certainly enjoyed seeing them all! A big thank you to the City of Hugoton and local Police Department for all you do to keep the streets and community safe during this event.

Storefront Window Decorating Contest
Congratulations to Aqua Shield Roofing & Construction for winning BEST HALLOWEEN and American Implement for winning BEST FALL in the 2024 "For the Love of Fall" storefront window decorating contest. Both businesses were awarded a ribbon, a \$25.00 chamber gift certificate and bragging rights.

Flora Food Group
Flora Food Group hosted a

lunch meeting Monday at Los Agaves in Hugoton. I was able to meet with the first wave of employees that have been successfully hired. Exciting progress is underway as Flora Food Group begins to take shape. Individuals interested in joining the team are encouraged to apply online at www.florafoodgroup.com. Positions are posted online as they become available.

Holiday Events
The Christmas Holidays are near and if you are a local business, church or organization and are having an event for November or

December please email the chamber at hugotonchamber@gmail.com. Make sure to tune in for the Stevens County Update on the first Thursday of EVERY month, at 8:30 a.m. on KULY/106.7 with Bob Dale and Chamber Chatter on the third Monday of EVERY month at 9:00 a.m. on TalkRadio 1270 AM with Joe Denoyer!

The Hugoton Chamber of Commerce wishes to give special thanks to our GOLD MEMBERS, Seaboard Energy, Ghumms Auto Center/Napa, Jordan Air, Pioneer Communications, Pi-

ioneer Electric Coop, Aqua Shield Roofing and Construction, Stevens County Healthcare, The City of Hugoton, MasCow Dairy, Dream First Bank, Equity Bank, Invenergy, McDonalds as well as all of our valued Chamber Members.

It is businesses and people like you that make "Stevens County...A great place to call home".

**If there is something you would like to showcase in our Newsletter, on our radio shows, the Chamber Chatter column, on the website, or on Facebook, please contact Tina at the Chamber of Commerce, 620.544.4305.



Flora Food Group takes time for a picture at Los Agaves. The first string of management positions have been hired. Flora Food Groups will start hiring the hourly position in early 2025. Individuals wanting to apply, go online at www.florafoodgroup.com. Pictured from the

left are Brad Evans, Jeff Eckert, Ernesto Muniga, Veronica Benavidez, Rayna Bush, Becky Edwards, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tina Fernandez, Norman Coon and Gonzalo Cruz.

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Kansas Silver Haired Legislature convenes annual Legislative session

The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature (KSHL) convened their annual Legislative session October 8, 9 and 10, 2024. in Topeka. More than 50 delegates from across Kansas attended the session to debate and determine legislative priorities for their 2025 session.

The KSHL is a non-partisan advocate for seniors, which is an all-volunteer organization financed through donations from various supporters without the restrictions of partisan obligations.

After committee hearings and debate, the following Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Resolutions (KSHLR) were adopted:

KSHLR #4200 - a resolution urging the Legislature to establish a medical cannabis advisory board to explore and make recommendations regarding the expanded medical use of

cannabis.

KSHLR #4201 - a resolution urging the Legislature to support the expansion of Medicaid in Kansas.

KSHLR #4202 - a resolution urging the Legislature to enact legislation converting Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) Tier 3 members to Tier 2, and abolish Tier 3, as well as provide a cost-of-living adjustment.

KSHLR #4203 - a resolution urging the Legislature to increase the current funding for the Senior Care Act to meet the rising costs of services and growth of the aging population requiring those services while keeping current statutory eligibility requirements.

KSHLR #4204 - a resolution urging the Legislature to continue supporting and funding collaborative community-based transportation for senior

citizens.

KSHL will interact with the elected Kansas Legislators (Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas Senators) to urge them to debate and adopt these resolutions during the 2025 legislative session.

October 16, Kansas Silver Haired Legislature Floor Leader, Leroy Burton, testified before the Special Committee on Medical Marijuana chaired by Senator Michael Fagg. Burton testimony was in support of a medical cannabis bill that would include an advisory board (KSHL Resolution 4200) including two members from the KSHL. He expressed to the committee that the program be implemented with the same rigor and mindfulness that would be applied in any other chemical or pharmaceutical management program. Also attending were Kansas Silver

Haired Legislature President Thomas Gordon, Speaker Pro Tem Chuck Schmidt and Researcher and advocate for KSHL, Juanita Ramos. Breakfast and lunch was sponsored by the Kansas Consortium Group. KSHL delegates greeted the guests, while continuing to stress the unanimous vote of the KSHL membership in supporting a medical cannabis bill (KSHLR # 4008) urging the State of Kansas to legalize the expanded use of cannabis. KSHL advocates on behalf of older Kansans and is a volunteer organization financed through donations. Scholarships are awarded annually to nursing students who are pursuing a career to support older Kansans.

www.KANSAS-SHL.ORG

Members of Special Committee on Medical Marijuana <https://www.kslegislature.gov/>



Kids enjoy visiting the Pioneer Manor residents for Halloween. The residents handed out candy to the visitors.



Residents at Pioneer Manor hand out candy, Thursday, for Halloween. Kids of all ages visited the Manor for sweet treats.



Trick or Treaters visit residents at Pioneer Manor, Thursday, for some great treats.

Cold Weather Rule is in effect until March 31

The Cold Weather Rule, designed to help Kansans who are behind on their utility payments avoid disconnection during the winter months, began November 1 and will remain in effect through March 31.

While the Cold Weather Rule is in effect, utility companies cannot disconnect a customer's service when the local temperatures are forecast to drop below 35 degrees within the following 48-hour period. The Kansas Corporation Commission, the agency that regulates public utilities in the state, implemented the rule in 1983 to prevent utility companies from disconnecting a customer's natural gas or electric service during periods of extreme cold.

The Cold Weather Rule also requires utility companies to offer a 12-month payment plan to allow consumers to maintain or re-establish service. Any residential customer with a past due balance will qualify for payment arrangements; however, it is the customer's responsibility to contact their gas or electric company to make those arrangements.

Payment plan terms to maintain or restore service

require that customers agree to pay 1/12th of the total amount owed, 1/12th of the current bill, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fee, plus any applicable deposit to the utility. The remaining balance must be paid in equal payments over the next 11 months, in addition to the current monthly bill.

The Cold Weather Rule applies only to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the KCC's jurisdiction, however

many municipal utilities and cooperatives have similar winter weather policies.

Information about the Cold Weather Rule is available on the Commission's website.

Bridge players gather together Halloween

The Bridge Players gathered together Halloween afternoon to play cards. Debra Kathan played hostess with the mostest and made sure those card players were not short on snacks. She

provided them with delicious chocolate chip cookies, a cheese plate and a chip and dip tray!

Ties were out the window again this week, as everyone claimed their own spot. Dorothy Hagman took first place, Donita Graham second and Betty Willis claimed the third place hand. If you would like to join this fun group for an afternoon of competitive card playing, get in contact with Dorothy Hagman.

They meet every Thursday at the Senior Center after lunch around 12:30.

Senior Lifestyles

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Hello everyone. I hope you had a fun Halloween.

We had a great turn out, with 49 people present for Bingo Night.

This Saturday is our dance. Craig Stevens will be here to perform from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

We greatly appreciate Kansas Legal Service for coming out and volunteering their time.

Our next Bingo Night will be Thursday, November 21, at 6:30 p.m.

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November 8.Chili
November 11 Beef & Noodles
November 12.....BLT
November 13Turkey
November 14.....Beef Patty

Activities

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Bridge.....12:30 p.m.
Friday, November 8
Bingo.12:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 9
Cards.6:00 p.m.
Dance.....7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14
Bridge.....12:30 p.m.

Notes from Nancy



by Wild West Extension District FACS Agent Nancy Honig

Oh How Sweet It Is!

The Ipomoea batatas. Otherwise commonly known as the yam, or sweet potato is one of the favorite vegetables of fall. Although these edible roots are called sweet potatoes, they are not exactly potatoes, but members of the morning glory family. They are not actually yams either as true yams are native to Africa and are from a different botanical group. There are two basic types of sweet potato.

Dry Flesh: This refers to the mouth feel, not the moisture content in the sweet potato. This sweet potato is not as sweet or soft after cooking as the moist-fleshed potato.

Moist Flesh: These sweet potatoes soften and become sweeter after cooking. People often referred to them as yams.

To differentiate between a dry and moist sweet potato, look for varieties with orange or red skin and deep orange flesh, which are typically considered "moist" and will cook up softer and sweeter, while those with tan or purple skin are usually "dry" and have a denser, starchier texture; in general, the color of the flesh is the best indicator, with bright orange signifying a moist sweet potato and paler colors indicating a drier one. Look for small to medium sweet potatoes that have smooth, even-toned, and deep-colored skin. Avoid sweet potatoes with holes.

Before using, rinse sweet potatoes under a cool stream.

Depending on the recipe, peel the potatoes. You can use a vegetable peeler or knife. Bake: Heat oven to 450°F. Clean potatoes by scrubbing with a vegetable brush and laying on an oven rack. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes. Mash: Bring a pot of water to a boil. Leave skin on or off as desired. Dice potatoes into chunks and place in the boiling water for 20 to 30 minutes or until they are tender when you poke them with a fork. Drain the water, then add milk, butter, salt, and pepper to taste. Mash and serve. To Microwave: Pierce skin, place on a paper towel in microwave. If cooking more than two at a time, arrange like spokes of a wheel. Microwave on high, turning halfway through cooking time. Allow 4-5 minutes for one potato.

My personal favorite way to cook sweet potatoes is in the pressure cooker. Here is a pretty accurate way to know how long to cook them:

- small (2 inches or less in width): 15 minutes + 10-minute natural pressure release
- medium (2-3 inches in width): 30 minutes + 10-minute natural pressure release
- scrub sweet potatoes, and prick with a fork 4-5 times

Place 1 cup of water in the pressure cooker, put in and place the trivet on top then arrange your sweet potatoes on the trivet and follow the directions for time based on the size of your potatoes.

Sweet potatoes are a great

source of fiber, vitamins, and minerals. The fiber and antioxidants in sweet potatoes can be beneficial for gut health as well. Sweet potatoes contain two types of fiber: soluble and insoluble. Your body cannot digest either type. Therefore, fiber stays within your digestive tract and provides a variety of gut-related health benefits. Sweet potatoes are incredibly rich in beta carotene, the antioxidant responsible for the vegetable's bright orange color. In fact, one cup (200 g) of baked orange sweet potato with skin provides more than double the amount of beta carotene that the average adult needs per day

Sweet potatoes can be stored unwrapped in a cool (50 degrees F), dry, dark place with good ventilation for up to 2 months or at room temperature for 2 weeks.

Knowing all the healthy benefits and the ease of cooking sweet potatoes, plan to make them a part of your fall diet today!

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICIA H. MOON, DECEASED

Case No. SV-2024-PR-000030

NOTICE OF HEARING
(Chapter 59)

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the above Court on October 11, 2024, by Carmela L. Daniels, daughter of the decedent, Alicia H. Moon, praying for the determination of descent of the real estate as more fully described in the petition, and all other property, both real estate and personal property, or interests therein,

including mineral interests, owned by Alicia H. Moon within the State of Kansas at the time of her death on December 10, 2023.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 18th day of November, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. of said day, in the district courtroom at the county courthouse, in the City of Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Carmela L. Daniels,
Petitioner

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Rural Remedies



by Wild West Extension District Agent Ron Honig - Agriculture and Natural Resources

Avoid Fall Pruning

Woody plants are actively building up their storage of sugars as they approach leaf drop. Pruning in the fall limits this process and reduces the amount of energy the plants have available through dormancy. Also, pruning now may encourage woody stems to send out new growth that will be more susceptible to freeze damage during winter.

With the exception of removing dead or diseased branches, K-State horticulture specialists recommend to save pruning until late winter or early spring.

For shrubs that bloom in spring, pruning in the fall can reduce flowering. Spring-flowering shrubs, such as forsythia, lilac, flowering quince, almond, beautybush, deutzia, pyracantha, mock orange, cotoneaster, weigela, viburnum and witch hazel should be pruned after they bloom.

Summer-blooming shrubs, such as hydrangea, rose of Sharon, butterfly bush and crepe myrtle, can be pruned in early spring because the blooms establish on new growth.

With a few exceptions, most deciduous trees respond best to late winter/early spring pruning. Proper timing of pruning allows trees to go into dormancy healthy, without increased stress from pruning.

Fertilize Cool-Season Lawns in November

Lush, high quality cool-season lawns are usually fertilized throughout the growing season and into the fall. For cool-season grasses like tall fescue, Kentucky bluegrass and perennial ryegrass, a November application of nitrogen helps the grass build food reserves. This allows the lawn to green up earlier in the spring, without encouraging the excessive shoot growth often seen with early spring

nitrogen applications.

A good rule of thumb for the timing of this application is to apply it right after the last mowing for the season.

The standard recommendation for a November application is to apply 1 to 1 ½ pounds of actual nitrogen per 1000 square foot of lawn area. Remember, this is not the weight of the total product you are applying but rather the weight of the actual nitrogen in the fertilizer you are using.

The percent of nitrogen in the fertilizer should be listed on the product label in what is called the fertilizer analysis. It is expressed as a set of three or more numbers divided by hyphens. The first number is always the nitrogen percentage of the fertilizer product. The second and third numbers are phosphorus and potassium respectively. An example is “24-4-6”. In this case, this fertilizer would contain 24 percent nitrogen. Thus, you would have to apply 6.25 lbs. of total fertilizer product per 1000 sq. feet to get 1 ½ lbs. of actual nitrogen.

Many commercial fertilizer labels make applications simple by listing the settings for the most popular fertilizer spreaders to apply one pound of nitrogen.

During the spring and early fall, turfgrass experts recommend a slow-release type nitrogen fertilizer. For the November application a quick-release (water-soluble) nitrogen formulation is fine. Many major fertilizer retailers now label their products specifically for the time of year following what have become industry-wide recommendations for fertilizing lawns.

For best results, water incorporate this fertilizer application into the soil with one-half inch of irrigation or apply before a precipitation event.

USDA makes reporting improvements

Urban and innovative agriculture producers will be able to more easily participate in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs as a result of acreage reporting improvements. These improvements, implemented by USDA's Farm Service Agency, provide more flexibility for reporting acreage on a smaller scale and identifying innovative planting practices like multi-level planting or vertical farming practices.

An acreage report documents crops and where they are grown on a farm or ranch along with the intended use of the crop. Filing an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage, can prevent the loss of program benefits.

“Through USDA's urban agriculture initiative and the opening of USDA offices within urban settings, our Farm Service Agency offices are more frequently engaging with urban and innovative producers,” said Zach Ducheneaux, FSA Administrator. “Filing an acreage report is an important requirement to receive many USDA program benefits, and our small-scale agricultural producers, including urban and innovative producers, will notice a simpler acreage reporting process that better reflects the scope of their unique operations.”

Acreage Reporting Improvements

FSA's acreage reporting software previously allowed acreage to be reported down to .0001 acres, approximately a four-square foot area. Producers will now be able to report acreage-based crops at a minimum size of .000001 acre, approximately a 2.5-inch by 2.5-inch area.

Additional improvements will distinguish alternate growing methods such as crops grown within multiple levels of a building, or crops grown using multi-level or multi-layer growing structures such as panels or towers within a container system. This change allows the distinction of vertical farming practices. Urban and innovative producers

will also have the option to report plant inventory along with their acreage-based report, allowing producers to better report the full scope of their operation.

Producers can contact FSA at their local USDA Service Center for acreage reporting deadlines that are specific to their county.

USDA Urban Service Centers

USDA is committed to working with farms of all sizes and in all locations, including those in urban areas. USDA works with agricultural producers through a network of more than 2,300 Service Centers nationwide. To better serve urban farmers, USDA is establishing 17 new Urban Service Centers.

The Urban Service Centers are staffed by FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) employees and offer farm loan, conservation, disaster assistance and risk management programs.

To find exact locations and contact information for these Urban Service Centers or to learn how to prepare for a USDA Service Center appointment, producers can visit farmers.gov/your-business/urban-growers/urban-service-centers.

For questions, producers should call their FSA county office. Urban operations that are not located near one of the Urban Service Centers can contact one of the more than 2,300 Service Centers across the country by visiting farmers.gov/service-locator.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

Entries for the 2025 National Festival of Breads are open

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Just in time for home bakers to experiment over the holidays, entries for the 2025 National Festival of Breads opened November 1. The biennial competition invites amateur bakers to showcase their baking skills with original recipes.

“The National Festival of Breads is a beloved tradition that helps to celebrate and preserve the tradition of baking bread at home,” said Cindy Falk, Kansas Wheat nutrition educator and co-director of the National Festival of Breads. “We look forward to seeing the baking skills and creativity of this year's competitors.”

The Festival of Breads was started 34 years ago by the Kansas Wheat Commission, the Kansas Department of Agriculture and the Kansas Wheathearts, a women's auxiliary group of wheat growers. The contest was designed to honor the art of

baking, encourage the use of Kansas products and recognize the Kansas wheat and milling industries. The contest went national in 2009, and has received submissions and had champions from all over the United States.

Entries for the 2025 contest will be accepted online from November 1, 2024, through January 16, 2025. Winners and other awards will be announced online on the National Festival of Breads website and social media June 4, 2025. Category winners will each receive a \$1,000 check and a baking prize bundle. Honorable mention winners will receive a check for \$100.

The contest is open to adult home bakers, 18 years or older, who submit an original recipe and photo in the online entry system. Recipes must state the brand and type of flour used and make one or more loaves or at least one dozen rolls,

scones, muffins, biscuits, etc. No sourdough recipes will be accepted; all recipes must have 10 or fewer ingredients. Read the full rules at nationalfestivalof-breads.com.

This year's contest includes two categories — quick bread and yeast bread. Quick bread is defined as recipes made without yeast and with a leavening agent (baking powder or baking soda), which allows for immediate baking after preparation. Examples include muffins, scones, soda bread, tortillas, coffeecakes, pancakes, fritters, dumplings, fruit and nut breads, waffles, beer bread, biscuits and more.

Yeast breads are made with yeast (instant, active dry, bread machine yeast, etc.) and most often use bread flour, high-protein flour, all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour or a combination of flours. Examples include sweet or

savory breads and rolls, whole grain breads and rolls, Dutch oven breads, holiday breads and fancy braids, sandwich loaves and more.

Select recipes will be baked and evaluated in the test kitchen at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center by Falk and a team of experts before winners are selected and announced June 4, 2025.

“The National Festival of Breads is not just a competition; it's a celebration of the joy of baking,” Falk said. “Whether you are a seasoned baker or just starting your baking journey, the festival is the perfect place to share your spin on a family favorite, try something new over the holidays or just experiment in the kitchen. We can't wait to see what you come up with!”

Find inspiration from previous winners, read the full rules and enter the National Festival of Breads.



The Stevens County Fairgrounds was a popular stop Halloween evening for all the princesses, ghosts and goblins as they joined in the fun of the Trunk-or-Treat gathering.

Eagles win last game of the season

The Eagle's flexbone was in high gear Friday night amassing 427 yards of rushing and 73 yards of passing on their way to a 43-6 win over the Road Runners. Leading the rushing attack was sophomore Isia Guardardo with 14 carries for 177 yards and one catch for 39 yards and touchdown. Other Eagles that contributed to the win were running back Hunter Garza with eight carries for 130 yards, one touchdown and one catch for 34 yards, Miguel Hernandez, six carries for 69 yards and a touchdown, and Eli Camacho with six carries for 22 yards and one touchdown. Senior kicker Christian Zizumbo scored on all five touchdown extra points and had two field goals of 43 and 38 yards.

The defense also scored a safety on a punt return making the final score 43-6. The Eagles were so dominate in the game that Coach Witt and the coaching staff put in the JV offense at the start of

the fourth quarter and the JV offense did very well with Eli Camacho, Cooper Nix, Grant Goode and Daniel Alfaro all contributing yardage to the 500 total yards of offense.

This was the last game for eight senior football players and two managers for the Eagles. Those great seniors that played their last game were Grant Niehues, Josephe Hernandez, Robert Williams, Christian Zizumbo, Daniel Tinoco, Tobias Grubbs, Colby Hall and Lennox Torres. The two football managers were Emerson Williams and Mayte Cruz. The Eagles finished the season with a record of 6-3.

Once again and for the last time this season, Coach Witt and the coaching staff of Jose Licon, Stacy Burrows, Jeff Persinger, Gavin Williams and Xavier Jimenez would like to thank the town of Hugoton for their outstanding support this year. It is true, that we all live in "Heavenly Hugoton".....,G.A.T.A.....I.G.Y.B.!!!!!!!



The Eagles get ready to line up for the next play in the game against Chaparral Friday night. The Eagles defeated the visiting team 43-6. This game was the last one of the season for the Hugoton team. Photo courtesy of Josefina Ornelas.



The Eagles race down field after the kick off in the game against Chaparral, Friday night. The Eagles ended the season with a record of 6-3. Photo courtesy of Josefina Ornelas.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAE ANN DOUGLAS, DECEASED

Case No. SV-2024-PR-000032

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

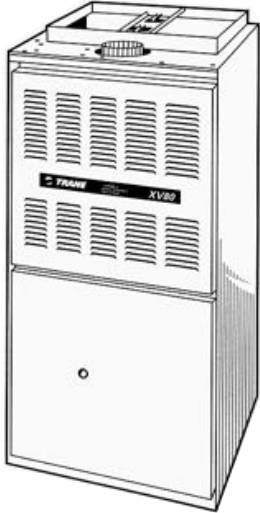
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Douglas F. Douglas, as an heir of Rae Ann Douglas, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of all of the property described in the Petition and all other property, both real and per-

sonal, owned by decedent in Kansas at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before, November 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., of said day, in said court, in the City of Hugoton, in Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Douglas F. Douglas
Petitioner

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November 9

HMS Basketball Girls 7/8 at Goodland (Tri vs. Colby & Goodland) at 10:00 AM

November 12

HMS Basketball Girls 7/8 vs Hooker at 4:00 PM

November 14

HMS Basketball Girls 7/8 at Holcomb at 4:00 PM

HMS Wrestling Boys 7/8 at Home (Double Dual) at 4:00 PM

November 18

HMS Basketball Girls 7/8 vs Scott City at 4:00 PM

November 21

HMS Basketball Girls 7/8 at Ulysses at 4:00 PM

November 23

HMS Wrestling Boys 7/8 at Ulysses Tournament at 9:30 AM

November 26

HMS Basketball Girls 7/8 vs Holcomb at 4:00 PM

December 2

HHS Basketball Boys Varsity Jamboree at Home at 12:00 PM

HHS Basketball Girls Varsity Jamboree at Dodge City at 12:00 PM

December 3

HMS Basketball Girls 7/8 at Guymon at 4:00 PM

HHS Wrestling JV/Varsity at Liberal (Dual) at 5:00 PM

December 5

HHS Basketball Boys Varsity at Hays City Shootout at 12:00 PM

HHS Basketball Girls Varsity at Hays City Shootout at 12:00 PM



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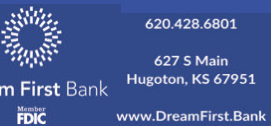


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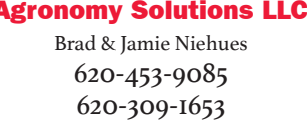
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Rolla-Richfield-Dermot

by Phoebe Brummett

Annual Spook Parade is a huge success

The annual Spook Parade is an event that has been sponsored by the school for ages and this year was no exception.

Spooks, witches and all kinds of fun characters were represented by the students and staff at Rolla this year.

The junior high and high school StuCo students and sponsors were in charge of the parade with Mrs. Dettra Crawford as emcee.

The first group was the 0-2 year olds. Jensyn Huber took first place as a dalmatian. Theodore Wiebe was second as a pumpkin. Alana Taylor was third as Alice in Wonderland and Jonah Schwindt was fourth as a bat.

The preschool three-year-olds were next. Chloe Campbell as Pennywise took first. Amaya Garcia was second with her unicorn costume and Allie Jones as Paw Patrol costume.

Four -year olds were next. Elayne Garcia was given first



Shown left to right are Chloe Campbell as Pennywise, Amaya Garcia as a unicorn and Allie Jones as Paw Patrol.



Ivanna Hernandez as The Ring, Hayden Drew as Mike Wazowski and Avaya Washington as Wednesday Adams.



More trick-or-treaters, left to right are Elayne Garcia as a witch, Mia Jimerson as Minnie Mouse, Jacob Fitzgerald as a gecko and Ellie and Eden Iman as Siamese Twins.



Chase Lewis as Jessie James, Brightyn McAnarney as Lola Rabbit and Elizabeth Garcia as a hippy.

place honors for her witch costume. Minnie Mouse, a.k.a. Mia Jimerson was second. The Gecko, Jacob Fitzgerald placed third and the Siamese twins, Eden and Ellie Iman, placed fourth.

Kindergarten student winners were Aysel Santos as a fox and Harlow Drew as a vampire. First grade winners were Aixa Santos as Jessie from Toy Story and Elijah Miller as Spiderman. Second grade winners were Wyatt McDonald as an alien abduction and Sophia Morales as a zombie cheerleader.

Third grade placed Hayden Drew as Mike Wazowski first, Avaya Washington as Wednesday Adams and Ivanna Hernandez as The Ring. Fourth grade winners were Santiago Hernandez as The Ghost, Eden Huber as Cruella Deville and Xavier Reza as Patrick Mahomes. Fifth grade winner was Evan Perkins as Deadpool.

Junior high winners were

Elizabeth Garcia as a hippy, Brightyn McAnarney as Lola Rabbit from Space Jam and Chase Lewis as Jessie James, the outlaw.

High school winners were Katie Sheedy and Francisco Duenas as Nightmare before Christmas, Yareli Cruz, Brecken Huber and Cassandra Duenas as Alvin and the Chipmunks, Samantha Dunn, Adynn Milburn and Cami Milburn as Winnie the Poo and Friends and the Senior boys, Landon Huber, Ryan Price and Jose Alvarado as the joker trio.

Adults were recognized too. Cassie Thrall took first in her Among Us character and Mrs. Amber Shapland was second with her sorceress costume. Mrs. Steffani Perry was third as Minnie Mouse and Maria Wiebe won fourth with her life gives you lemons costume. Everyone had a great time and the costumes were amazing.



Senior Joker Trio from left to right are Jose Alvarado, Ryan Price and Landon Huber.



Cassie Thrall as Among Us and Amber Shapland as Sorceress.



Francisco Duenas and Katie Sheedy as The Nightmare Before Christmas.



Sofia Morales as a zombie cheerleader and Wyatt McDonald as alien abduction.



Samantha Dunn as Kanga and Roo, Cami Milburn as Tigger and Adynn Milburn as Winnie-the-Pooh.



Kassandra Duenas as Theodore, Brecken Huber as Simon and Yareli Cruz as Alvin, The Chipmunks.



These cuties are Elijah Miller as Spiderman and Aixa Santos as Jessie from Toy Story.



Evan Perkins as Deadpool.



Harlow Drew as a vampire and Aysel Santos as a fox.



Jensyn and Eden Huber as a dalmatian and Cruella Deville, Xavier Reza as Patrick Mahomes and Santiago Hernandez as The Ghost.

Rolla Football season finishes in Almena

The Rolla High School football team traveled almost to the Nebraska border for their game against Northern Valley at Almena.

The Pirates final score of 6-69 is not reflective of the amount of effort and teamwork that took place. This team is growing and learning from every game and Coach

Nik McAnarney recognizes the talents and the growth his team has made this season. The Pirates end their season with a 1-6 record.

Congratulations on finishing the season with your heads held high. Every game you played with heart and with good sportsmanship. Way to go, Pirates!



The final photo of the 2024 RHS football team, clockwise from top Ryan Price, Tyler Garrison, Omar Cortez, Tyson Apelu, Felipe Ruelas, Jonathan Kaiser and Jose Alvarado. Photo courtesy of Cassie Thrall.

Red Ribbon Week teaches kids

Rolla participated in Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 28 through October 31.

Each day was a different dress up day, chosen by the Junior High Leadership group and Mrs. Steffani Perry, guidance counselor. Monday, October 28 was "Group UP Against Drugs and Bullying (Dynamic Duo Day). There were lots of different duos wandering through the school. Tuesday, October 29 was "Lei" Off

Drugs (Hawaiian Day). Every student was given a lei to wear along with their red ribbons that were issued Monday. Wednesday was Drugs are "Old School" (Decades Day). Children from several eras were seen in the halls. Thursday was Say "Boo" to Drugs. Everyone was encouraged to wear red.

The kids all had a great time dressing up while learning through the school. Tuesday, October 29 was "Lei" Off

Kylie selected for District Honor Choir

Senior Kylie Brummett traveled to Dodge City, Saturday, November 2 to audition for the KMEA Honor Choir.

She competed with other schools in Southwest Kansas for the honor of being selected for the fourth year in a row. She competed as a Soprano 2 and was notified, Sunday, November 3 that she had made the District Honor Choir. Congratulations Kylie!



Kylie Brummett. Photo courtesy of 29:11 Photography.



Pictured left to right are Ashtyn Schwindt with Jonah the Bat, Maria Wiebe with Theodore the Pumpkin, Eden Huber with her Dalmatian, Jensyn and Joe Taylor with Alana, Alice in Wonderland.

Rolla Scholars' Bowl travel to Satanta

The Rolla High School Scholars' Bowl team traveled to Satanta to compete against 1A through 6A schools. The team placed fifth out of 20 teams. Representing the Pirates were Samantha Dunn, Alex Fierro,

Tyson Apelu, Abe Wiebe, Adynn Milburn and Brynlee Williams.

Coach Becky Sohm is very proud of her teams. They compete at Southwestern Heights, Tuesday, November 5. Way to go, Pirates!

Community Calendar

November 8
TBA HS FB Regional
No School Friday
November 11
8:15 A ASVAB Testing Jr.'s
10:00AM-5:00PM NHS/
Stuco Blood Drive Set-up
@9:00AM
4:00 PM JH BB @Yarbrough
Tourn. Lv @2:45 PM
6:30 PM BoE Meeting
November 12

4:00 PM HS SB @ Syracuse Lv
@ 2:15 PM
6:00 PM CTE Advisory Fall
Committee Mtg.
November 13
6:30 PM Rolla Rec Meeting
November 14
9:30 AM DCCC Business &
Tech Showcase Lv @ 7:30 AM
4:00 PM JH BB @ Yarbrough
Tourn. Lv @ 2:45 PM

What's for LUNCH?

November 7
B. Breakfast Bar, Banana, Juice
BK. 2nd Chance - Same as Above
L. Chicken Quesadilla, Tortilla Chips, Black bean & Corn Salsa, Refried Beans, Cantaloupe
November 8
No School Friday
November 11
B. Mini Waffles w/Syrup, Pineapple, Juice
BK. 2nd Chance - Same as Above
L. Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Oven Fries, Strawberries & Bananas
November 12
B. Pancakes, Sausage Patty, Banana, Juice

BK. 2nd Chance - Mini Pancakes, Syrup, Banana, Juice
L. Chili, Tortilla Chips (6-12), Bel Pepper Strips, Peaches, Cinnamon Roll
November 13
B. Bagel w/Toppings, Cantaloupe, Juice
BK. 2nd Chance - Mini Bagels, Cantaloupe, Juice
L. Chicken Nuggets, Roll, Jelly, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Salad, Pears
November 14
B. Cinn. Roll, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk
BK. 2nd Chance - Same as above
L. Macaroni & Cheese w/Meatballs, Peas, Baby Carrots, Oranges

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Memories from yesteryear

Harry Allen and Oleta (Strickland) Wilson
Harry Allen Wilson and brothers, Fred V. and William B., came to Stevens County from Stafford County, Kansas, after World War I. All three were Veterans of this war. Harry enlisted December 15, 1917. Then farming near St. John, they decided to move west. Harry was a graduate of an automotive school in Kansas City, and the army

had placed him in a heavy artillery repair unit that followed other units into heavy engagements with the enemy. After the armistice, he was kept in Germany in the army of occupation for a year. When the three brothers attained civilian rating, they decided to pool their savings and buy a farm "out west." They eventually bought the land known as the "Old Woodsdale Town Site,"

northeast of Hugoton. The Wilsons had a tractor, two mules, Maude and Lena (who started back to St. John immediately), a team of horses, and their father had a threshing machine. Western Kansas was then wheat country. Eventually, the Wilson brothers were followed to Stevens County by their parents. T. J. and Amanda Severns Wilson, and Ollie (Wilson) Brower who ran the Quality Grocery

here for many years. She also bought farmland in Moscow and Harmony, farmed now by her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Laurence (Edna Faye) Brower. Edna Faye is the daughter of Mrs. Zanda Kerbow.
Continued next week.
Taken from Stevens County and Its People, published in 1979.



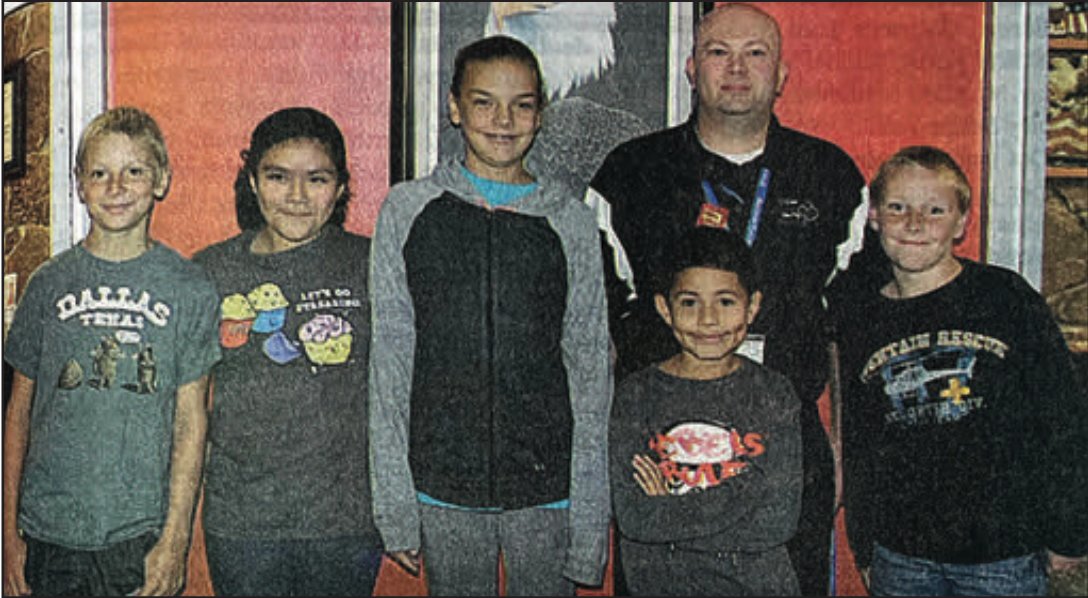
Harry and Oleta Wilson's Golden Wedding Anniversary, April 8, 1976. Taken from Stevens County and Its People published in 1979.

History from the Hermes

by Lori Walters

Thursday, November 4, 2004
Hugoton experienced strange weather Monday night. The city lost electrical power due to the wind and ice. Lightning, which seldom accompanies snow, was also seen as blue light above the clouds. Reports of green lightning were also heard.
Thursday, November 5, 2009
Nylene Johnson was pleasantly surprised to find that she had been chosen for the 2009 Beta Sigma Phi Woman of the Year. She has donated many hours in volunteer work throughout the years.

Benny Cabrera is the new owner of the Flamingo Motel. He and his family recently moved here from Garden City.
Thursday, November 3, 1994
Dick and Marie's Venture Foods Store will close Friday and reopen Saturday as Carter's Thriftway under the new ownership of Tom and Charlotte Carter.



Hugoton Intermediate School has implemented a "Good Citizen" award program. Students who do good things such as helping teachers or other students, being respectful, or just helping out in general, are rewarded with a certificate for free apples sponsored by McDonalds. At the end of each nine weeks, five names are drawn for a special reward for the students helping
Thursday, November 1, 1984
Jack and Wilda Martin received the "Friend of 4-H Award" at the 1984 Stevens County 4-H Achievement Banquet. Between them, the

out others. Winners for the first nine weeks from left to right are Fray McDaniels, Jayme De la Rosa, Jordan Beard, Gael Don Juan and Aiden Shank. They were rewarded with a lunch at Ranchito Tex Mex Cafe with HIS Principal Mr. Larry Lyder. Congratulations! Taken from The Hugoton Hermes, November 6, 2014 edition.

Martins have worked hard for 4-H on the fair board and as county superintendent.
Chris Heger, a senior, was the only Hugoton runner to qualify for the Kansas State boys cross country meet in Manhattan. Chris finished fifth in the Regional meet in Dighton. He completed the two-mile course in 11:02.
Thursday, November 1, 1979
Jack Rowden has begun work at the Citizens State Bank recently as a cashier. Rowden, son of Everett and Ruby Rowden, has recently moved here from Wichita. Jack is married and his wife's name is Paula.
Thursday, November 7, 1974
The Eagles Marching Band, known for winning the 1973 Vienna Band Competition, traveled to Wichita last week. They played at the entrance of the Century II prior to a Republican rally with guest speaker Gerald Ford, President of the United States. After the President arrived, the band was allowed to take their seats inside where they listened to Ford speak.
Betty LeMasters, who has been with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service for over 25 years, was presented with a Certificate of Merit from the United States Department of Agriculture.
Thursday, November 5, 1964
A large crowd attended the Lone Star Church dedication ceremonies Sunday. People from many surrounding towns plus those from outlying areas were in attendance.
If any readers have pictures or memories for the history page of the Hermes, please bring them in to the staff at The Hugoton Hermes newspaper.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TOM R. SMITH, also known as THOMAS RAY SMITH, DECEASED
Case No. SV-2024-PR-000033
NOTICE OF HEARING
STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Brooke Laura Hinnergardt and Leslie Ellen Smith, as heirs of Tom R. Smith, also known as Thomas Ray Smith, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of all of the property described in the Petition and all other
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF STEVENS COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KATHRYN J. ROBERTS, DECEASED
Case No. SV-2024-PR-000034
NOTICE OF HEARING
(Chapter 59)
You are hereby notified that Christopher Turner, as Personal Representative of the estate of Kathryn J. Roberts, deceased, has filed a petition in the above Court alleging, among other things, that Decedent was the owner at the time of her death of certain real estate situate in Stevens County, Kansas, Seward County, and other counties, as more fully described in the Petition filed in this proceeding.
Petitioner prays the Court for an order admitting the authenticated (exemplified) copy of Decedent's will and the proceedings had in the District Court of Adams County, Colorado, to probate and record in the District Court of Stevens County, Kansas, and for an order determining and adjudging that administration of the estate within the
State of Kansas is unnecessary and should not be required; that the real estate referred to in the Petition and all other real estate or interests therein, including mineral interests, and all personal property, or interests therein, owned by decedent, Kathryn J. Roberts, within the State of Kansas at the time of her death, be assigned to the persons entitled thereof, pursuant to the terms of decedent's will, and for further relief.
You are hereby notified that your written defenses to the petition on or before the 18th day of November, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the district courtroom at the county courthouse, in Hugoton, Stevens County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
Christopher Turner,
Petitioner
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209 East Sixth
Hugoton, Kansas 67951
Telephone: 620-544-4333
Attorneys for Petitioner

Museum Update



A series of photos donated to the museum from the Leonard Smith Family will be shown here over the coming weeks. This undated photo is of a parade coming west on Sixth Street in Hugoton. The building to the left is the old Bultman building that is still standing and to the right, was a silent movie theatre in years past and is now where Bullwackerz Saloon is in business. In the far distance you can see the Stevens County Courthouse and the old Hugoton High School. The Stevens County Gas and Historical Museum is open Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The museum is now changing to winter

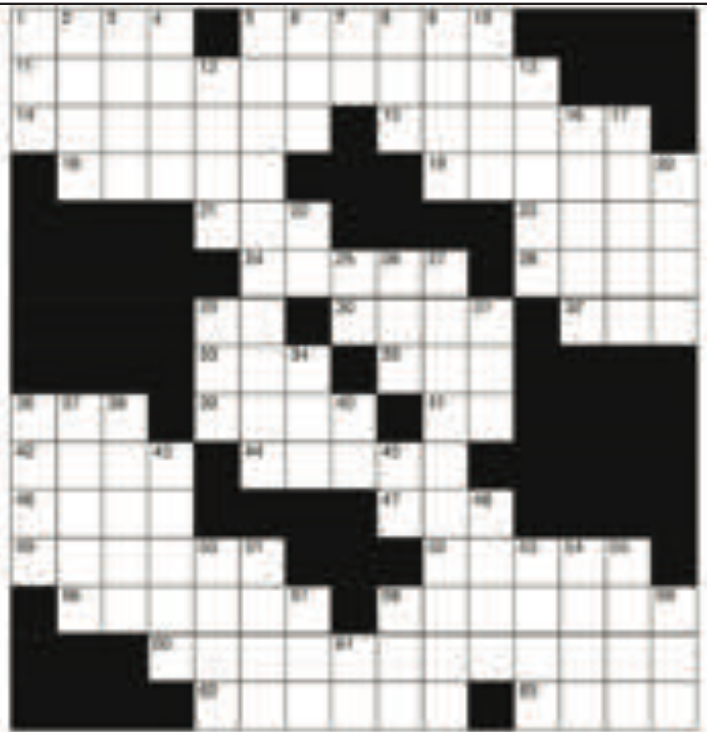
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- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA agent and critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pig
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Scores of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Not around
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Licenses and passports are two types
- 39. Snake-like fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular comparison
- 44. Of a withered nature
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back
- 52. Jeweled headpiece
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Assertions made again
- 62. Periods of history
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics
- 3. Expel large quantities rapidly
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. A type of subdivision
- 6. Variety of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team"
- 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impassible persons
- 20. Affirmative (slang)
- 22. Insinuating part of the mind
- 25. "The First Step"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Fraternities
- 29. Women (French)
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Bear
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burns with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 43. Ray-finned fishes
- 45. Morning
- 48. I lie passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
- 53. Get older
- 54. Coter on Mars
- 55. Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears
- 58. "To the ___ degree..."
- 59. Residue of a burned product
- 61. It cools a home

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Staff Spotlight for the Month of November

The staff Spotlight for the month of November includes grade school Abbie Mullen; cafeteria, Marina Rojo; and preschool, Socorro

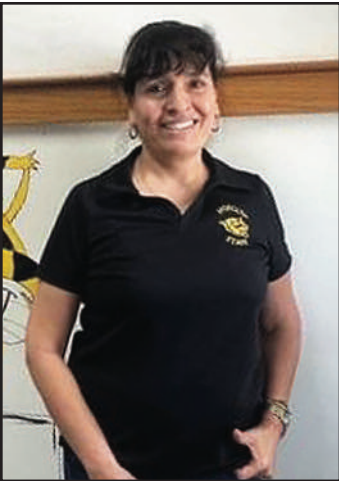


Marina Rojo



Abbie Mullen

Cecenas. It is Abbie's first year with USD 209. Her favorite thing about her job is getting to see and connect with the kids everyday. She likes to hang out with friends and family, play games and do puzzles. Marina has been with USD 209 for 14 years. Her favorite thing about her job is cooking and she loves to watch TV series. Socorro has been with USD 209 for 22 years. Her favorite thing about her job is the kids. She enjoys her free time with her daughters and loves to go shopping.



Socorro Cecenas



This year Moscow administration added attendance awards. There are three categories with the students from those pictures from left to right are Taeleigh Isenberg, Nevaeh Meadows and Avery Anderson. Not pictured is Kaysen DeVaughan. Photo courtesy of Jodi Staggers.

What's for LUNCH?

USD #209 Menu

Thursday, November 7

Breakfast

Cereal, chocolate muffin, applesauce. Milk, juice, yogurt and fruit are offered daily.

Lunch

Hamburgers, french fries, milk, salad bar.

Friday, November 8

Breakfast

Breakfast pizza, banana.

Milk, juice, yogurt and fruit are offered daily.

Lunch

Ham, scalloped potatoes, biscuit, milk, salad bar.

Monday, November 11

Breakfast

Cereal, banana bread, grapes.

Milk, juice, yogurt and fruit are offered daily.

Lunch

Goulash, green beans, garlic bread, milk, salad bar.

Tuesday, November 12

Breakfast

Eggs, sausage, biscuits, oranges.

Milk, juice, yogurt and fruit are offered daily.

Lunch

Tostadas, corn, milk, salad bar.

Wednesday, November 13

Breakfast

Breakfast Tornadoes, strawberries.

Milk, juice, yogurt and fruit are offered daily.

Lunch

Hot dogs, mac and cheese, corn, milk, salad bar.

Thursday, November 14

Breakfast

Cereal, protein shakes, banana.

Milk, juice, yogurt and fruit are offered daily.

Lunch

Chicken nuggets, fries, applesauce, milk, salad bar.



The Superintendent's Honor Roll of all A's are Angel Martinez, Taeleigh Isenberg, Tatum Sears and Avery Anderson. Not pictured are Mikaelee Kuehler and LeAnn Teeter. Photo courtesy of Jodi Staggers.

Caleb Snook is the winner of the Billy's 10 Best Scholarship

Moscow's Caleb Snook is the Moscow winner of the Billy's 10 Best Scholarship. Snook is a senior center and nose guard at Moscow High School. He also plays

basketball and baseball.

Winners of the Billy's 10 Best Scholarship are announced Thursday nights between 6-7 during the "On the Sidelines" Show at Billy's

on 102.7 and kscbnews.net.

Each week a deserving senior is announced as a winner of a 350 dollar scholarship from Billy's and 102.7.

GCCC to host Veteran's Day event

Garden City Community College is pleased to invite the community to a special event in honor of Veteran's Day Friday, November 8 at 10:00 a.m. inside the KCB Bank Auditorium located in the Pauline Joyce Fine Arts Building at GCCC.

The event will honor the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen,

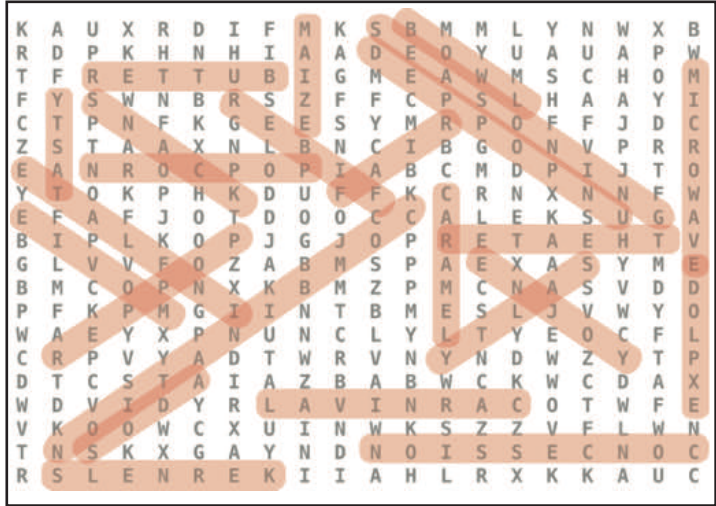
a distinguished group of African American military pilots and airmen who bravely served during World War II. Renowned for their contributions as part of the 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Bombardment Group of the United States Army Air Forces, the Tuskegee Airmen were trained at Tuskegee University, which featured an airfield and a civilian pilot training program. They are often referred to

as the "Red Tails" or "Red-Tail Angels" due to the distinctive markings on their aircraft.

During the event, members of the Tuskegee Airmen will share their inspiring stories and experiences. The event is proudly sponsored by the Southwest Kansas Honor Guard and the Finney County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

For any questions or more information, please contact Leonard Hitz at 620-276-1562.

Solution to the October 31, 2024 word search



Superintendent's Attendance (have not missed a whole day of classes) are front row Allena Snook, Miley Gomez, Emery Anderson and Khloe Roland. Back row are Carson Kennedy,

Caleb Snook, Daniel Gomez, William Leija, Steven Leija, Porter Snook and Jimmy Montes. Photo courtesy of Jodi Staggers.



Pictured in front are the Principal's Honor Roll of all A's and B's: Front row, Fabian Flores, Gary Dahle, Adamaris Moran, Sophia Wiggins, Nevaeh Meadows, Marin Daniels and Chelsea Crawford. Middle row, Allena Snook, Yareli Rojo, Janette Gonzalez, Miley Gomez, Alexa

Mendoza and Keegan Staggers. Back row, Ahearn Downing, William Leija, Danny Gomez, Tristen Enns, Carson Kennedy and Lexi Crawford. Not pictured are Jaylee Sunderland and Kaysen DeVaughan. Photo courtesy of Jodi Staggers.



Principal's Attendance (95% attendance rate) is front row Adamaris Moran, Chelsea Crawford, Fiona Kleffman, Joseph Hignett, Gary Dahle, Channing Falco and Tatum Sears. Middle row Angel Martinez, Janette Gonzalez and Kenia Gonzalez. Back row: Lila Teeter, Tristen Enns,

Braylon Johnson, Angel Hernandez, Jaibreon Sherman and Fabian Granados. Not pictured are Mikaelee Kuehler, Jaylee Sunderland, Christopher Dahle, LeAnn Teeter, Quentin Franklin, Marisol Salcedo and Elisha Staggers. Photo courtesy of Jodi Staggers.



Last year's Junior Class of students, who are now seniors, took the Workkeys Test and received a Bronze, Silver or Gold rating based off of their scores. Pictured from the left are Ahearn Downing, Bronze; Carson Kennedy,

Bronze; Blake Stutzman, Bronze; Kenia Gonzalez, Silver; Angel Martinez, Silver; Tristen Enns, Gold; and Caleb Snook, Gold. Not pictured is Elisha Staggers, Gold. Photo courtesy of Jodi Staggers.

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