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### Specials

Monday, April 13: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Cheesecake Fruit Salad

Thursday, April 16: French Dip Sandwich, Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich, Caesar Salad, Orange Jello Salad

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## Dylan McNabb Wrestling at Nationals

Dylan McNabb attended the Heartland National Dual tournament in Council Bluff, Iowa, April 3rd and 4th. She was the only wrestler to represent Hill City. This tournament is a fantastic experience where the best of the best wrestle. She had some awesome hard-fought matches with some big wins and hard losses. She wrestled girls from Minnesota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Texas, and Kentucky. Her team placed 3rd in the Silver Bracket. It was a great experience and opportunity to be able to represent her state. Big thanks to Cole Orr and Carter Underhill for coaching her practices to be ready. She was coached by the Baker University wrestlers at the tournament. (courtesy Shanna Pearce)



## Preparing for the Dawson Place easter egg hunt

The elders worked hard at stuffing Easter eggs for Saturday's hunt... and let me tell you, quality control was extensive.

A little candy here, a little candy there... maybe a few "missing" eggs... we're not asking questions.

If the kids find fewer eggs than expected, just know our elders took their job VERY seriously.



## Science olympiad

High school science Olympiad team members competed at state this weekend in the following categories: Code Busters, Engineering CAD, Entomology, Forensics, and Water Quality. Stay tuned for the results! (courtesy photo)

### BOGUE NEWS - LIZ VANLOENEN

I hope everyone has and had a wonderful Easter. It is a great day for those who believe.

Liz VanLoenen was a Wed. evening supper guest of Alex, Caley, Laney, and Jake VanLoenen in Hill City.

The Dick Robinson house on main street has a new paint job. It sure looks nice.

There was a large crowd at the fish fry for Colter Johnson Friday night at the CCD center that was hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

Word was received that Antoinette Hamel and also Meredith (Trexler) Drees have passed away.

Bryan VanLoenen and Liz enjoyed dinner Thursday at the Handle Bar Cafe in Plainville.

The Blood drive will be held Thursday, April 23rd at the High School. The FFA are the sponsors.

The Hospital Auxiliary honored the doctors for doctors day on March 30th with food baskets and red carnation flowers.

Frank and David Holsman attended an auction at Ogallah on Saturday.

Alice Smith is the new manager at Dollar General. The shelves have really been stocked.

The Auto-Art Museum has new windows. They will be open again April 10th.



## The Hospital Auxiliary honors the local Doctors

The Hospital Auxiliary honored the Doctors for doctors day that was March 30th. The PA's, Gage and Kat, Dr. Handy, and Dr. Atkins received a food basket and the national flower, the red carnation.

Those present were Joni Chalfant, Andie Bell, Joanne Johnson, Gage, Kat, Liz VanLoenen, and Sharon Bradford. Dr. Atkins was not present for the picture. It was also Dr. Handy's birthday. It is great having a birthday on Doctors day. (courtesy Liz VanLoenen)

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**HOPPERS**

**To Be Determined!**

March 14 7 pm | March 15 6 pm

## Prairie Trails Golf Course News

### Adverse weather cancels event

By Bob Dombroski  
Men's Tuesday Night Golf on March 31 at Prairie Trails Golf Course had six individuals attend to play an official nine holes of scramble golf. The cold weather along with windy conditions required a cancellation due to the extreme weather. The three-man team of Ben Degas, Noah Fry and C had a scorecard showing five pars and four birdies for a final tally of 31. Monty Long, Brock Kibel and Scott Roberts shot a 36. No flag prizes were given away. The

Prairie Trails Men's Golf Association would like to recognize the 2026 flag prize sponsors. Thanks go to Nex-Tech, Outdoor Bank, 2-Lane Liquor, Jamboree Foods, Nex-Tech Wireless, Hill City Pharmacy, Solutions North Bank, Six Pack Liquor LLC, FMH Insurance, Campbell's 24-Hour Automatic Car Wash, Pittman's Plumbing Heating Air Conditioning and The First State Bank. Men's Tuesday Night golf will continue each week, weather permitting through October. Register at 5:50 PM with play beginning at 6 PM. Coming PTGC Events: Friday April 17, Hill City High School Junior Varsity Tournament at 1 PM; Thursday April 30, Northwest KS 2-Person Senior Social at 9 AM with limited carts available. Contact Don Newell at 615-796-4798 or Gary Long at 755-627-6009; May 2 & 3, Hill City 6th Annual Tee Off Classic 2-Man, Contact Nate Budig at 785-743-8070 or Todd Ashbaugh at 620-897-7654. Friday, May 8, Hill City High School Varsity Tournament, 1 PM.

**HILL CITY RINGNECKS**  
**HOME OF THE RINGNECKS JHS/HS ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
8th Grade ELA Assessments  
7th Grade Math Assessments  
Enrichment-Pre Enrollment

Thursday, April 9, 2026  
10th ELA Assessments  
8th Grade ELA Assessments  
JH Track Meet at Norton 9:30am  
8th Grade ELA Assessments  
HS Track Meet at Norton 3:00pm

Friday, April 10, 2026  
10th ELA Assessments  
FCCLA Meeting during Seminar

Saturday, April 11, 2026  
PROM  
KSHSAA Regional Solo & Small Ensemble Contest

Sunday, April 12, 2026  
FCCLA State Leadership Conference at Wichita



## Paintings done by grade schoolers

We love these free paintings created by Mrs. Atkins' class! Thanks to GCRC for donating canvas! (courtesy photo)

## 2026 Regional 4-H Club Day Results

We have our winners! The top blue ribbon champions from Decatur, Graham, Norton, and Sheridan Counties went head-to-head last night at our Regional Club Day held in Norton at the Junior High School. Everyone did an awesome job this year - you should all be very proud of the work you did. We want to thank all the volunteers and judges who helped make Regional Club Day a success. A special thank you goes out to Norton Junior High School for the use of the building - Thank you all for coming out!

**2026 Regional 4-H Club Day Results**

**Demonstrations/illustrated Talks**

**Juniors**  
Joseph Thompson NT - Top Blue  
Landree Carter DC - Red  
Madison Thompson NT - Blue  
Sam Deges GH - Blue  
Kilian Lager SD - Blue

**Intermediates**  
Thomas Thompson NT - Top Blue  
Kylinn Wentz NT - Top Blue  
Kora Dirks DC - Blue  
Margaret Mary Lager SD - Red

**Seniors**  
Grady Breiner NT - Top Blue  
Kylie Dirks DC - Blue  
Kodi Dirks DC - Blue  
Jude Lager SD - Blue  
Jeffery Bliss NT - Blue

**Job Interview**  
Senior  
Jude Lager SD - Top Blue

**Talent**  
Junior  
Matthew Deges GH - Blue

**Intermediate**  
Raider Nutting GH - Blue  
Tanesyn Wentz NT - Blue

**Senior**  
Paul Deges GH - Blue

**Reading**  
Junior  
Maggie Nutting GH - Top Blue

**Intermediate**  
Julia Deges GH - Top Blue

**Senior**  
Justin Glass-Wentz NT - Top Blue  
Paul Deges GH - Blue

**Music**  
Junior  
Amelia Siemens NT - Blue  
Justus Roe DC - Blue  
Scarlett Bailey DC - Blue

**Intermediate**  
Peter Lager SD - Blue  
Kylinn Wentz NT - Blue

**Project Talk**  
Junior  
Becca Lasley NT - Blue  
Amelia Siemens NT - Blue

**Dance**  
Intermediate  
Julia Deges GH - Blue  
Kora Dirks DC - Blue

**Club**  
Angelus Club SD - Blue

**2026 Regional 4-H Club Day Snapshots**

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## HILL CITY POST OFFICE UPDATE

Dispatch of Mail has changed from 11:30AM to 8:00AM

What this means for our customers.

-All mail that comes over the counter and dropped inside the lobby collection box during the business day will dispatch the next business day at 8:00AM.

-The Blue Box in the east parking lot by the Post Office is picked up at 11:15AM. Anything dropped after 11:15AM will not be picked up until the next business day and then dispatched the following day at 11:15AM.

**2026 SPRING CLEAN-UP ANNOUNCEMENT**

Hill City's Spring Cleanup is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026 and Tuesday, April 21, 2026, starting at 8 a.m.

The following items **WILL NOT** be picked up during this event: concrete, household trash, glass, vehicles, tires, batteries, or chemicals.

Please separate all items into their categories of the following accepted items: **Appliances** (Cannot have freon in it and must be tagged), **C&D, Iron, Junk, Lumber** (Please separate from tree branches), and **Tree Branches** (Tree branches must be cut under five feet in length.)

**CITY EMPLOYEES WILL NOT ENTER YOUR PRIVATE PROPERTY OR ALLEYS TO PICK UP ITEMS AND WILL NOT REMOVE ITEMS FROM TRAILOR BEDS OR PICKUPS.**

Please contact the City Treasurer at (785) 421-3437 to be added to the pickup list no later than Friday April 17, 2026.

**Opening Day!**

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Vending machines up and running in Bogue**

The vending machines are up and running. They are currently located INSIDE of the old cafe building on Main Street with the YELLOW DOOR! You can go inside to get your snacks and drink needs. The door can be a little tricky so you will need to pull up on the handle and push at the same time. Please be mindful of personal items inside the store, we do have plans to have the vending machines set up in another location but wanted to get them started now - so this is where they are.

Pop is \$1- there is a smaller black vending machine where the pop is located with snacks in the front of the machine. You will need to open the door like a fridge to access the pop.

Snacks are assorted prices.  
Gatorade is \$2 a bottle  
QUARTERS are preferred but there is a bill exchanger that accepts \$1 bills for quarters!

If you have any issues or questions please reach out to Holden. His number is 785-421-7372  
Thank you so much and we are so excited to get this going for Bogue! Feedback is welcome

Thank you readers

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## Obituaries



**Meredith Caprice Trexler Drees**  
**May 19, 1984 - March 28, 2026**

Meredith Caprice Trexler Drees passed away on March 28, 2026, at her home near Hill City, Kansas, surrounded by her family. She was born May 19, 1984, in Garden City, Kansas, to Brad and Kim Trexler and grew up on their farm and ranch near Hill City, Kansas.

Meredith accomplished and experienced so much in her too short life that a simple listing of each achievement and venture would be impressively long. More importantly, it would fail to emphasize the most important fact about her – her sincere, infectious love for everything true, good, and beautiful. People everywhere felt drawn to her by her magnetic personality, full of warmth, generosity, kindness, open-mindedness, and a genuine interest in other people and their stories. A devoted Christian, she let her light of moral and spiritual faithfulness shine in this needy and broken present time. Although her influence will long outlive her, her loss leaves ours a poorer world.

Meredith had an idyllic childhood on the Trexler farm and ranch. Her deep love for her life there on the farm and for her family – her grandparents Allen and Carol Trexler and her sister Brittney as well as her parents – was near the center of her soul throughout her life. Her parents equipped her with insights, skills, and especially a strong sense of confidence in herself and her abilities. This self-confidence bred the courage with which Meredith welcomed new experiences, and which was so prominent even at life's end. Even as a child she was a talented artist, and her special feel for art and beauty was a lens framing everything else in her life. She loved animals in general but had special relationships with her dogs, Lily, Stella and Sage. She also had an affinity for horses, riding alone from the age of four and spending most childhood days on horseback. She attended and participated in many horse shows with her family, was a state fair champion, and twice earned a part in the American Quarter Horse Show in Fort Worth, Texas. In those years she was active in FFA and became

a gifted public speaker like her father before her, a skill that would serve her well in her eventual career as a teacher and scholar.

After graduating from Hill City High School in 2002, she earned an A.A. Degree in Criminal Justice from Colby Community College, where she was a presidential scholar as well as the recipient of an art scholarship. She then attended Fort Hays State University. Meredith initially intended to major in Political Science as a preliminary to getting a law degree, but she soon discovered and switched to Philosophy after taking a stimulating class from Dr. Douglas Drabkin. As a Philosophy major, she began also to study with Dr. Stephen Tramel, who became a lifelong friend and mentor. In this period, she grew rapidly as a writer and independent thinker through exposure to philosophical issues and the writings of great philosophers, especially Plato. She also encountered the philosophical writings of C.S. Lewis. The link between the experience of beauty and moral development, emphasized by both Plato and Lewis, struck a deep chord in Meredith, and exploring and further developing this link became her lifelong project, the thread uniting all her later academic and professional life.

After graduating from Fort Hays State University with a B.A. in Philosophy and a minor in French, she studied abroad in France with a friend, Zach Jurgensen. This experience was to blossom in her future in two ways. It ignited a love of travel with its wonderful opportunities to experience the world's wealth of art, architecture, foods, and history. Since that time, she has travelled often and extensively, especially to Europe, and spent time living and studying with a few others at the Kilns, C.S. Lewis' home at Oxford, England. The other bloom was even more significant. Zach would later introduce her to her eventual husband. After her year abroad, Meredith began graduate studies at the University of Kansas, where she earned her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy. It was in 2007, during her studies at the University of Kansas, that Zach introduced Meredith to his friend, Jeff Drees. After some academically and professionally busy years in which they came to know and love each other deeply, Meredith and Jeff married on October 9, 2015, in Salina, Kansas. Meredith and Jeff have had a wonderful life together, each loving and entering into what mattered most to the other. Jeff was not only supportive of Meredith's professional life, but he also welcomed becoming part of the life and work of the Trexler family farm and ranch. Jeff has become so fully a member of the Trexler family that, when Meredith's father Brad died, he felt that he had lost another father.

After completing her Ph.D. at the University of Kansas in 2013, Meredith began her professional career as an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas. Her impact was immediate and lasting. She brought enthusiasm and new energy to the university, transforming a small, marginal program into one that was vibrant and increasingly popular. As a teacher, she created new classes, interdisciplinary projects, a travel abroad program, and a campus-wide Socratic Café. Her impact on her students was immense, and her work and influence will live on through their lives and careers. Meredith was also active as a professional scholar. She was chosen to be a Research Fellow at Notre Dame's Center for Philosophy of Religion. She made invited presentations to professional conferences at Rutgers University in New Jersey, in Dublin, Ireland, and in Athens, Greece. She has published several professional articles, including a collaborative article on Kant with the highly regarded Italian Kant scholar Paolo Diego Bubbio, contributed to various collections of essays, authored the book *Aesthetic Experience and Moral Vision* in Plato, Kant, and Murdoch, co-edited with Anne J. Mamary a collection of philosophical readings inspired by the work of Anthony Preus in the book *Politeia: New Readings in the History of Philosophy*, and was nearly done with another book, this time on Kant's philosophy of religion, when she died. She will be sorely missed not only by her family, friends, and students, but by professionals in philosophy worldwide, among whom she had earned a respected name for herself.

Surviving family members include her husband, Jeff Drees (Hill City); mother, Kim Trexler (Hill City); mother-in-law, Jean (Larry) Buyse (Salina); grandfather, Allen Trexler (Hill City); sister, Brittney (Jerad) Johnson (Colby); sister-in-law, Bethany Hodges (Salina); aunts, Lynn (Ty) Bruton (Norton), Stacey Bradley (Amarillo, TX), Shelley McLeod (Ulysses), Jolene Wentz (St. Louis, MO); uncle Kirby (Sue) Bradley (Manhattan); many cousins; nieces, Blakeli Johnson, Marli Johnson and Laiklyn Hodges; nephews Briggs Johnson, Myles Johnson and Axtyn Hodges.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bradley Trexler; father-in-law, Bob Drees; grandmothers Carol Trexler and Patricia Borthwick and grandfather Don Bradley.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10:30 AM, April 2, 2026, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Hill City, Kansas.

Written by Dr. Stephen Tramel  
 Memorial to the horse rescue program in care of Stinemetz Funeral Home, 522 N. Pomeroy, Hill City, Kansas 67642.

away peacefully in her sleep on March 12th, 2026. She was born on June 5th, 1954, in Ypsilanti, MI. She graduated from Willow Run in 1972 and soon began a lifelong career in medical transcription. Sharon moved to Hill City, KS, in 2009. Sharon was an avid gardener, artist, and musician, playing both piano and violin. She was an accomplished seamstress and crocheter, often sharing her knowledge and teaching others. She was an excellent cook and baker who never met a vanilla ice cream cone that she did not like. She enjoyed telling stories, taking road trips, and laughing until her sides hurt (as well as those around her). She always liked to go fishing and spend time by the water with her friends, children, and grandchildren.

Sharon was preceded in death by her mother, Vivian Sue Craycraft, and her father Edward Lee Vanderpool. She will be greatly missed by her three children Ricky Eldon Green Jr. (Sandra), Dawn Renae Goetz, and Sandra Christine Bradshaw (Jon). She adored her nine grandchildren [Ricky] Amanda Clark (Brad) and Heather Board (Ollie); [Renae] Michael Green (Heather), Samantha Critchfield (Hylan), and Daniel Cano (Stephanie); [Sandra] Christopher Sober, Sharon Sober, Katie Schuck (Austin), and Kim Bradshaw; and her 13 great grandchildren [Michael] Matthew, Brantley, Christopher, and Asa; [Samantha] Kael and Kaden; [Daniel] Sienna, Lilly, and Miles; [Amanda] Asher and Amelia; [Heather] Melody and Arthur.



**Sharon Sue Vanderpool-Newman**  
**June 5, 1954 - March 12, 2026**

Sharon Sue Vanderpool-Newman, age 71 of Hill City, KS, passed



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**Welcome in House Participants & Carry-Out**

**Friday, April 10:** Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Bun, Mandarin Oranges Crispy Rice Bar

**Monday, April 13:** Beef Frank on Bun, Tomato, Cucumber Salad, Tropical Fruit, No Bake Cookie

**Tuesday, April 14:** Oven Baked Chicken, Parslied Potatoes, Pasta Salad w/Veggies, Bread, Pineapple

**Wednesday, April 15:** Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Bread, Emerald Pears

**Thursday, April 16:** Baked Spaghetti, Italian Blend Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Strawberry Short Cake

**Menu Subject to Change**  
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### IN PRINTER'S INK

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#### 125 years ago - April 11, 1901 The People's Reveille

Word has been received that a sod house caved in out in Graham township, killing the wife and child of F. Hostutler and breaking his arm. He dug himself out from under the mass of sod after his arm had been broken. A coroner's inquest will be held. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. Hostutler.

#### 100 years ago - April 8, 1926 The Reveille New Era

Little Rostine Conner, while playing with a nickel tossing it up and catching it in his mouth, last Saturday evening, had the misfortune to let it be drawn into the swallow where it lodged. All efforts to force it to the stomach were futile, a doctor was summoned, who quickly relieved the boy and no ill effects are apparent since that time.

#### 75 years ago - April 5, 1951 The Hill City Times

The Hill City fire department arrived at the Glen Leck home yesterday in less than five minutes after the siren sounded, for a record run. They found plenty of smoke at the Leck home, but no fire. After checking the attic, walls, basement and the furnace, an electrician was called for further investigation.

#### 50 Years ago - April 8, 1976 The Hill City Times

Over 2,500 people came from far and wide to the Bogue Cheese-A-Rama, Saturday, to tour the Bogue Cheese plant in the morning, sample the many different delicious cheeses being doled out as samples by Bogue Cheese and several other cheese companies, and collect cheese recipes. The annual event, sponsored by the Bogue TPM Club, salutes the town's chief industry each year.

#### 25 Years ago - April 4, 2001 The Hill City Times

Dr. William A. Miller, D.D.S., and Lori Miller have very good news about a new development in both of their dental offices, which will help enable them to make it easier for patients to get in for check-ups and cleanings. Sherry Seger of the Hill City office and Staci Minkler of the Phillipsburg office have completed 105 classroom and clinical hours in dental scaling at Garden City Community College. Their certification will enable them to do routine cleanings.

## KAY annual easter egg hunt



The KAY organization hosted their annual Easter egg hunt in the city park Saturday morning. Noses were cold, but that didn't stop the kids from running when they heard go! Every age group had 2 golden eggs that were hidden and could be turned in for extra goodies. Pictures by Braelynn

## Easter Egg hunt at story hour

The library and Ms. Mindi hosted an easter egg hunt for those that attend the Thursday morning Story hour. Everyone found eggs hidden throughout the library and received a little plush chick. Even the adults found a laminated egg that was turned in for a prize.

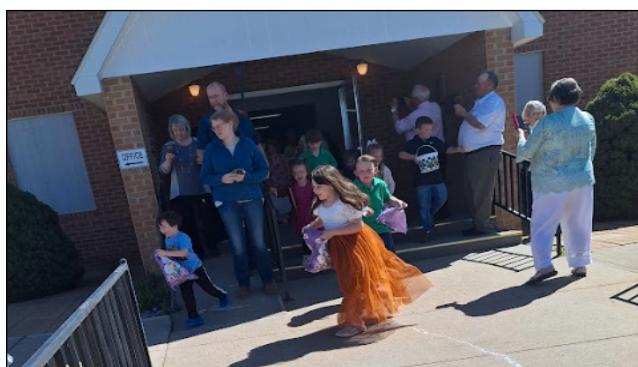


## The Easter bunny visits the grade school

2nd Grade students loved having the Easter Bunny visit them! (courtesy photo)

## First Assembly of God egg hunt

After Easter service at The First Assembly of God Church in Hill City, they hosted an egg hunt for over 15 kids. All the eggs were hidden outside and all were found besides one that is stuck in the high window sill of the church. Emree found the big golden egg! Pictures taken by Braelynn



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## Legal Notice

(First Published in The Hill City Times on Wednesday, April 8, 2026)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of Richard Henry, Deceased CASE NO. GH-2026-PR-000013

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are notified that on March 30, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Stephen Babbington, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Richard Henry," deceased, dated June 27, 2023, requesting that the instrument attached thereto be admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament of the decedent; Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Executor to serve without bond.

You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executor or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before May 6, 2026 at 10:00 am in the District Court, in Hill City, Graham County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Stephen Babbington  
 Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:

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## HANSEN MUSEUM NEWS BY SHARI BUSS

Last week, the Hansen Museum hosted a wonderful Kokedama Class on Tuesday, March 31. Participants enjoyed learning the art of creating moss ball planters while getting their hands dirty and having fun together. The class, taught by Simple Morea, was filled with laughter and creativity as instructor Lee guided participants step-by-step through the process. It was a great evening of learning and fellowship, and we always enjoy seeing our visitors try something new.

Currently on display at the Museum is SPECTACLE, an exhibition from the National Geographic Society. This remarkable collection features photographs from world-renowned photographers that capture some of Earth's—and life's—most amazing moments. The exhibition continues to draw strong reactions from visitors. One guest last week was especially thrilled, even describing SPECTACLE as the Museum's best exhibition.

This visitor, who has traveled extensively, shared how meaningful the images were to her. She spoke about visiting the Vatican and how seeing the photograph of the Sistine Chapel immediately brought back memories of its incredible beauty and opulence. She also noted how many of the photographs capture elaborate ceremonies from around the world, preserving moments that are both powerful and deeply cultural.

As she was leaving, she asked us which photograph was our favorite—certainly a difficult question, as each image evokes something unique. I had to admit I am still deciding between several, but at the moment, my front runner is a striking close-up photograph of a damselfly. The detail is so intense that you can see the tiny, microscopic hairs on its body and their photoreceptors which have a sort of pink bubble at their ends. I have affectionately dubbed this particular subject "Princess." The photograph was taken by Alberto Ghizzi at Luzzara, Italy and is just one example of the many fascinating and unexpected images you will encounter in SPECTACLE.

The Museum's Annual Meeting is right around the corner, and we are excited to welcome guest speaker Trooper Ben. He will present his "Go and Grow" program, offering an inspiring and motivational message centered on community, service, and making a difference. We hope you will join us on Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 p.m. for this special event.

We are also looking forward to the return of Hope Blakeley for her popular Magic of Painting Classes. Hope's light and lively personality, combined with her expertise, makes her classes enjoyable for both beginners and experienced painters. She will be teaching two classes—one on April 18 and another on April 19. Each class guides participants step-by-step through completing an entire painting. Best of all, participants only need to bring themselves and a roll of paper towels—Hope provides everything else. To register for classes, visit [www.hansenmuseum.org](http://www.hansenmuseum.org) under the Classes and Camps tab.

The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday and holidays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Museum is fully handicapped accessible, and admission is always free thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. We look forward to seeing YOU at the Museum!



Participants in the Hansen Museum's Kokedama Class pose with their finished moss ball creations after an evening of hands-on learning and creativity.

## Short-term gain, long-term pain

By Nickole Byers  
Ellis Review

As I drove home recently after visiting my little grocery store in Ellis, I looked hard at the community on each side of the street as I cruised up Washington, and thought about all of the lives that have lived inside of these city limits.

The numerous businesses and families, some still here, but most gone. And it made me sadder that I've felt in a long time. Likely a symptom of the blues I've been feeling since the grocery store broke the news that they were looking to close. I couldn't help but think of the people here who are feeling the same sadness, the same heartbreak, as they watch their little community slip through their fingers.

But what's to be done? How can we stop the slide, stop the decline? How can we turn around the ship?? There is much chatter and many good ideas, but who will step up and start such a large project?

To those who live in Ellis, I have a question for you: have you been a good steward of your community? So many people say "Oh no!" when a store closes, but do you shop here? Is the immediate 'cost savings' found at a big box store worth losing your community grocery store? Worth your community as a whole??

I have done the math. As a mother of three VERY healthy boy who eat a lot of food. What I think people tend to forget to factor into figuring grocery prices and 'savings' is the fuel, wear and tear on the vehicle, and undercutting of the local economy. When you factor those big ticket items into the costs of goods and services in Hays, you

more often than not end up paying more in the long run!

Right now, Ellis is paying BIG TIME.

As the community faces the reality of losing the grocery store here, I know out-of-town shoppers are feeling the pressure. The grocery store is not just any business closing. It is the heartbeat of your community, a source of tax revenue for your community, a hub of resources and goods that every family needs in their home. When a community loses its store, the community risks losing itself, the community! Higher taxes, fewer people wanting to live here, which will affect the school (already losing enrollment)... the effects are immeasurable!

The short term gains found in 'lower prices' in Hays are not displaying the long-term pains that will be felt because of those shopping decisions.

There is an old saying about throwing stones in a glass house, and nowhere is that more applicable to a drastic community situation upsetting the general public.

What have you been doing to help the situation you are now upset about? If you are as upset at the situation as your social media page says, what are you going to do to fix the situation? Will this change your shopping habits if, by some miracle, we get another grocery store here? Will you and your family reevaluate what's truly important to a community, and bring those dollars back home again?

For a community like Ellis, that is so rich in heritage, time-period and historically significant structures and myriad of other wonderful niche enjoyments for visitors and residents alike, it blows

my mind that the reason behind the 'Shop Local' push in our communities is because we don't want to lose them!

The people who fight day in and day out, to keep our small community afloat, need your voice, your help, your efforts here at home to change the tide!

Where's the pride in our communities? Where's the brotherhood and fellowship we once felt as residents of the same community? Where are the groups banding together to tackle big projects and maintain and perpetuate a good quality of life for residents now and in the future? Where's the desire to roll up our sleeves and get to work on a job that just needs done? Where's the community drive to contribute?

This is what we're missing, folks. In the hustle and bustle of living and keeping up with the Jones', we have lost sight of what life is really made of. Taking care of which belongs to us is one of the most important acts we can engage in within our own communities, and it truly starts with you. Each and every one of you. Giving \$1, giving an hour, giving your supportive voice...and act of contributing to something bigger than yourself!

Caring for our communities is vitally important to the survival of our rural way of life. I believe we are the last frontier for the freedom our beautiful country was once founded on, but we must care for our communities or we will lose them!

If you are upset about stores closing in your town, good! Get off your duff and get involved, make a difference instead of just being upset!

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# Got News?

We run club, business, school, sports and life's celebrations!

#### Birthday Announcements

Free with a picture for 100 years or older for residents of Graham County. For 100th birthdays for non-residents with a tie to the area, the article is free. Free announcements are available for Graham County resident 75 and older. Photos can be submitted for \$25.

#### Anniversary Announcements

Free with one photo for 50 years and over for Graham County residents or couples with children in Graham County. Free announcements, with no photo, are available 25, 30, 40 and 45 years. Announcements can include couple's name, residence, date and place of marriage, occupations, children/grandchildren, and reception information (if applicable). Additional photos can be submitted for \$25.



#### Wedding Announcements

Free for Graham County residents or couples with parents in Graham County with the following information: name of bride and groom, residence, parents and residence, bridal party, where and when the wedding took place, honeymoon location and where the couple resides after wedding. Free announcements must be submitted to our office before their one year anniversary. A photo may be added for \$25.

#### Engagement Announcements

Free for residents of Graham County or couples with parents in Graham County with the following information: name of prospective bride and groom with residence, their parents and residence, when/where the wedding is planned, couples' schooling and occupations. Free announcement must be submitted to our office before their wedding. A photo may be added for \$25.

#### Birth Announcements

Free for parents and/or grandparents in Graham County with the following information: baby's name, weight, length, place of birth and date, parents name and residence, siblings, grandparents and residences, great grandparents and residences) please specify if they are deceased). A photo may be added for \$25.

#### Letters to the Editor

The Hill City Times, Graham County is open to views from residents within the county.

Letters to the Editor must include complete name, signature, address and phone number. Name and town will only be published in the newspaper. Free letters are limited to approximately 250 words. If a letter is more than 250 words, it is subject to editing and the full versions will be posted online. They may also be published in the paper at the editor's discretion. If the word count exceeds 250 words, the letter can be published as a paid advertisement (subject to editorial approval). Political letters are also considered paid advertisements.

#### Calendar Entries

Any event from Graham County which is free or by free will donation may be listed in the Times calendar. Those events are also listed in the Essential Calendar on the website, Deadline is 5 pm Friday.

#### Club Notes

Clubs and organizations are welcome to submit items. We publish these for free if the clubs regularly meet within Graham County.

#### Business Briefs

If a business is located within Graham County, or owned by a resident of Graham County submissions such as new hires, awards, etc. may be submitted for consideration. Note, this does not include sales, services or other items considered advertising.

#### Sports Items

We are happy to publish sports items from around the county. Don't forget your college student-athletes! Open to all Graham County residents -- including proud grandpa and grandmas!

#### Academic Items

We publish awards and achievements from our students around the county. This can be any level from elementary school through college.

#### Your item not listed?

Just give us a call or an email and tell us what you'd like published -- 785-524-4200 - or Thehillcitytimes@gmail.com

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## Public Health Week is here!

This week is all about celebrating the work being done to keep our community healthy—and we're excited to share a little of what we've been up to! It's been a busy season at the Graham County Health Department:

- 125 produce boxes distributed
- Conferences & trainings to keep learning and growing
- Planning for our office remodel
- Hosting programs like Matter of Balance
- ...and so much more behind the scenes!

### Looking ahead:

- We're starting to paint our new office
- More learning opportunities are on the horizon
- We're proud to partner in the upcoming Health & Resource Fair

### We also want to share a little reality of rural public health—

We are an office of 3, and we truly couldn't do what we do without our amazing volunteers.

Because of that, there are times we may be out of the office serving the community. But during business hours, calls are always directed to our phones, so we are still here and happy to help you!

Thank you for supporting public health and being part of what makes this community strong.

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SALE ORDER: 10:00 selling on internet right away. 1 ring no small items to start the sale. Starting with Harold Banzhaf items, then Jeff Springer items, then finishing with Marlin Springer items. Items must be removed by April 25. \$50 per day fee will be charged on items. LOADERS AVAILABLE until TUESDAY, APRIL 21 ONLY!! No cell phone service onsite so be prepared.

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### Trucks, Trailers, Vehicles

2002 Dodge 2500 Cummins 157,000 mi., 5 spd. Besler 3100 baled Kenworth T450 day cab 1,370,722 miles, 9 spd., 8 bag airride, brakes, 80%, 22.5 tires 40%, Ali Arc grill guard Mack R86ST 531,896 miles, 10 spd., spring ride, brakes 30%, 24.5 tires 20%, mack 300 h.p., 6 cyl. 1990 Merritt 42' hopper spring ride, brakes 20%, tarp O.K. • 1989 Timpte 42' super hopper spring ride, brakes 10%, bad tarp. Timpte 42' super hopper spring, brakes 10%, tarp O.K. • 1979 Timpte 42' super hopper spring, brakes 40% 1989 Timpte 42' super hopper spring, needs brakes - tarp - tires - jacks 1973 Dorsey 96' x 45' flatbed hay trailer spring, brakes 20% • 1988 Supreme 2 horse trailer gooseneck, tack room, 16' 1991 Travalong 7 x 24 stock trailer 7' tall, floor good, tires good, rust in spot 2007 Temco gooseneck 15' car trailer, ramps, 7k axles, blown tire 2007 Doolittle 8.5 x 25 gooseneck flatbed 7k axles, ramps • 2006 Kirwin 30' double row bale trailer 10k dual axles 1994 Trail King TK 32 flatbed trailer 96' x 8' top deck 28' deck, ramps, 3200 gal. tank, Briggs pump 2", induction cone 1992 Mate 26' aluminum end dump trailerspring, brakes 10%, tires 10% 2013 JD Skiles tender trailer 1200 gal. tank, tandem axle, 2 tote compartment, no pump Industrias America 435 35' header trailer • 30' head trailer • 1992 Fleetwood wilderness 28' gooseneck camper 1978 Chevy C60 truck 65,813 miles, tandem V8 gas, 5 spd., Scott 20' steel box, hoist, doors, new tarp goes with to replace Chevy C60 truck, 53,860 miles, 3 spd. OD, V8 gas, single axle, Harsh 354M feed mixer box 1976 GMC 6500 truck 107,786 miles, V8 gas, tandem, 5 spd OD, Midwest 20' steel box, doors, tarp, drill fill auger 1977 GMC 6500 68,000 miles, V8 gas, 5 spd., single axle, 16' flatbed hay racks, hoist 1980 GMC 7000 truck 38,500 miles, V8 gas, 5 spd. OD, single axle, 4 ton, dry fertilizer box, hyd. drive

### Tractors, Sprayers, Combines, Heads

JD 9750 STS combine 5101/3529 hr., 30' duals, spreader, bin ext., gps ready • JD 9600 30' duals, bin ext., chopper JD 9600 30' duals, spreader, bin ext. AgChem Rogator 1184 self prop sprayer 100', 1000 gal. Raven, height & width adjust, Firestone 46" tires, good Willmar 7250 self prop sprayer 60' spray air booms, 3000+ hrs., Raven, 650 gal, Cummins 5.9 diesel, 12.4-42 tires 30%, height & wheel adjust Terragator Big A 2000 3 wheeler, gas engine, tank JD 5820 self prop chopper 1756 hrs., showing 4wd, 6619 engine, hydro, tires 80% • Richardson dump wagon 2001 Kemper Champion 330 10' head Shelbourne CV532 stripper head 32' JD hookup JD 630F Hydralflex head 30', hyd • JD 925 flex head 25', hyd 2 - JD 930 Rigid head, 30', hyd. JD 930 rigid head 30' • JD 924 rigid head 24' JD 893 poly cornhead 8R30, hyd. JD 893 poly cornhead 8R30, missing outside snoot, hyd JD 893 poly cornhead 8R30, hyd. • JD 930R head parts JD 853A crophead tin, parts • Case 1010 25' rigid head Case 8R30 tin cornhead Case MX285 tractor 5705 hrs., 18 front weights, Orthman guide quick hitch, 380/85R34 front duals good, 480/80R46 rear duals 15% New Holland Versatile 9282 4 wd tractor, 3147 hrs., 4 hyd., no 3 pt. or PTO, Cummins 8.3 L 260 hp, quad trans., 18.4x38 duals, 30% Case 4690 4wd tractor 4373 hrs., 3 pt., pto, 30.5L32 duals 10% Case 4690 4wd tractor 3362 hrs., 3 pt., pto, 20.8x34 duals 10% IH 5488 tractor mfdw 3343 hrs. showing, 3 pt. 520/85R38 rears 75% IH 1586 tractor 8360 hrs. showing 3 pt, 3 hyd., Dual 3605 loader/grapple bad bucket, duals, 20.8-38 Case 1070 tractor 4925 hrs., 3 pt, tires good, no glass, Dual 3100 loader/grapple IH 1486 tractor 3 pt., not running Case 1175 tractor 5019 hrs., 3 pt. loader/grapple, hole in block JD 2940 3 pt., fenders, good tires, Westendorf loader, no run Massey Ferguson 8160 fwd, 3 pt., 3041 hrs., tires OK, no run Case 20.8-42 duals 8 bolt 15%

### Harold Banzhaf Land Leveling Retirement

2014 John Deere 650J XLT dozer 3359 hrs., gps ready, long track, hyd. tilt and angle, 19.5" wide track, 1 1/2" tall cleats, undercarriage 75%, nice dozer! 1T0650JXPB0199882 1992 Champion 720AVHP series 4 grader 10,291 hrs., 16' blade hyd., tandem wheel drive, Cummins 8.3, 14,00R24 tires, X027260X 1981 AM General M915A semi 140,173 miles, Cummins 400 hp overhauled 1992, auto, 11R22.5 tires, spring ride, runs good 1968 Fontaine flatbed 27' deck, ramps, wood floor, 113" wide, 10.00x15 tires 2008 Dodge 3500 102,435 miles, 2wd, auto, 6.7 cummins, leather, work truck, grill guard, utility box, fuel tank, dually 2004 Dodge 3500 134,000 miles, 5.9 Cummins edge chip, 2 wd., 6 spd., leather, crew cab, dually, 5th wheel ball, nice Ford 1720 utility tractor 2,553 hr., 540 pto, 3 cyl. diesel. SN UL28954 White 255 tractor 3 pt., 1000 pto, 3 hyd., 3 spd., quad, 20.8x38 tires • Big Dog 8.5 yd. hyd. dirt scraper, like new International 4596 4 wd, IH V800 motor 798 cu. in. 3 hyd., bare back, 20.8x38 tires, can't read hrs. 1992 Honda Goldwing GL1500 trick, 7813 miles, rain slickers, helmets, clean Malsam Terracer S-84 432-L, 1000 pto • Canam Terracer hyd. drive • Howse 6' 3 pt. box scraper Chevy C50 dump truck 5 spd, 366, 10' box, not running • 3 pt. 6' disc notched front blades 2003 Olds Alero car 130,000 miles, cloth, 2.2 ecotec • OMC 20' pontoon 70 h.p. Evinrude and trailer 16' fishing boat 40 h.p. Evinrude with trailer

### Jeff Springer Inventory Reduction

2015 Case IH 380 tractor MFWD, 4,200 hrs., ils, cvt, 3 pt. lift assist, quick hitch, 6 hyd., 18 front weights, rear tracks, 420/85R38 fronts 2012 John Deere S680 combine 3583 eng, 2505 sep. hrs., gps ready, folding extension, long auger, Estes concaves, 650 85R38 front duals 85%, rears 85%, excellent maintenance, clean & field ready 2012 John Deere S680 combine 5030 eng. 3490 sep. hrs., gps ready, folding extension, long auger, Estes concaves, 520 85R42 front duals 85%, rears 85%, excellent maintenance, clean and field ready 2023 Shelbourne stripper head XCV32 32' JD hookup, excellent condition field ready Shelbourne stripper head XCV32 32' JD hookup, excellent condition field ready Shelbourne stripper head xvc 32 32' JD hookup 2022 Macdon FD 135 flex draper head 35', contour master, JD S&70 series hookup, excellent condition and field ready 2012 Macdon FD70 flex draper head 35', contour master, JD S&70 series hookup, excellent condition & field ready 2004 JD 621C 12R30 cornhead knife rolls field ready • 2012 JD 612C 12R30 cornhead knife rolls B&B 36SA head trailer • Cornhead trailer 30' 2024 J&M 1312-20 grain cart xtended reach front auger, tarp, 20' auger, scales, 1250/50R32 tires good, like new 2018 J&M 1122-20 grain cart xtended reach front auger, tarp, 20' auger, scales, 1050/50R32 tires good, fighting has little wear, excellent condition • Ogden 24' chain harrow (like new) 2022 Case 3445 AFS air seeder rear duals on cart, camera, hoppers, fill auger, with Case 500 50' 7.5" spacing, precision air drill, hyd. down pressure, adjust rate, 10' swath control, excellent condition, field ready Kinze 4900 24R30 pull type planter vac, electric drives, seed tanks, yetter openers, excellent condition, field ready Quinstar fallow master 2, 34' field cultivator 27' sweeps, pickers • Bushhog 12215 15' shredder, small 1000 pto Bluejet sub tiller 2 ripper 3 pt., 7 shank 30" • Sunflower 1435-36' disc 23" blade, no harrow 1995 Peterbilt 377 day cab semi 614,163 miles showing, m11 Cummins 15 spd, jake, cruise • Hawkins 8R30 ridger Krause 24' folding chisel • Besler 30' stalk chopper • Ford F500 truck • Kelly Ryan feed box (not running)

### Non-Running Vehicles

1977 Freightliner semi Cummins, sleeper, 13 spd?, don't know anything about it, classic! Freightliner straight truck 3306 cat motor, could run, Kann 24' aluminum box, doors, wrecked 2005 Ford F350 powerstroke, auto, 4 wd, Krogman baledbed 2004 Ford Ranger 4 x 4, auto 1994 Ford Ranger XL 2 wd, 5 spd., 118,000 miles 1998 Ford F450 super duty powerstroke 6 spd, 4 x 4, 118,000 miles, pronghorn flatbed 1998 Dodge 3500 Cummins, 5 spd, 4x4 leather, ext. cab, flatbed • 1998 Dodge 1500 auto, 4x4 ext. cab 1993 Ford F250 XLT 7.3 powerstroke, 4x4, 5 spd, no box 1998 GMC 2500 255,000 miles, auto, 4x4, gas, hydrabed 1997 Chevy 3500 108,310 mi., gas, 4x4, ext. cab, auto, flatbed 2000 Dodge 2500 v10, auto, 4x4, ext. cab, ball 2002 Chevy 1/2 ton, auto, 4x4, z71 Ford F600 75,766 miles, 5 spd, V8, old fire truck Dodge D600 79,000 miles, 5 spd, V8, 18' box, tandem axle 70's Chevy C50 truck 52,800 mi., 5 spd, V8, single axle, 15' box 1973 GMC 6000 truck, 85,000 mi., 5 spd. OD, V8, tandem axle, 18' steel box Ford 700 64,150 miles, 5 spd, V8, single axle, 16' steel box 1977 IH Loadstar 1600 77,000 miles, single axle, 5 spd., V8, 597, 4x4, old fire truck, 1500 gallon water tank 1970 Chevy C20 pickup 350, 4x4, 4 spd, 17,317 miles showing Kelly Ryan feed box, likely an old fire pickup, body is straight 1993 Ford Aeromax L9000 truck, 43,778 miles showing, Cummins 350 hp, single axle 1994 Kenworth T800 semi, 1,313,944 miles, 10 spd, Detroit 60 series 400 hp 2002 Ford F250 powerstroke 5 spd, 4x4, crewcab, flatbed 1998 Chevy 2500, parts • Chevy C65 truck, 5 spd., flatbed, parts 1995 Nissan Pathfinder • Ford F250 • Ford Ranger Ford F250 V8 auto, 4x4, flatbed • 2000 GMC 1/2 Ton, auto Late 70's Chevy 1/2 ton • Chevy S10 • Car • Ford Ranger

### Farm Equipment & Miscellaneous



Kinze 3600 16R30 pull type planter yetter cleaners, liquid tanks Kinze 3600 16R30 pull type planter yetter cleaners White 6180 16R30 planter pull type, liquid, no till Sunflower 9433 30' drill pull type, 10", big box, grd drive, missing marker, needs pake wheels Sunflower 30' drill pull type, 7.5" spacing, big box, grd. drive JD 1520 20' 3 pt drill 6", small and big box, markers JD 8200 13' drill 7", alf box Great Plains ADC222012 32' 7.5", air drill, 2 tank, no till, needs 2 tires Harsh 502 feed mixer wagon digistar scale, small 1000 PTO Bluejet sub tiller 2.5 shank ripper 36" with coulters Flexking 3x5 sweep • 12' box scraper Westendorf GF52 bucket/grapple Gehl 120 grinder mixer 540 pto • Gehl 520 12 wheel rake 1000 gal. fuel tank • 1600 gal. elliptical tank JD side delivery rake • Oliver 6 bottom 22" semi mount plow Kelly Ryan manure spreader 540 PTO • Work Bench Single Bale Mover • Miller 4x5 flexblade with pickers Hiniker 6000 8r30 cultivator w/wings Case RBX563 rd. baler net/twine White 5100 6R30 no till pull type planter Vermeer R23A rake (missing some teeth) Flex King 7x5 sweep w/pickers • 42' chain harrow J&M 620 grain cart needs fighting small 1000 PTO IH 468 24' seed bedder, blades good Hiniker 5620 20' windrow shredder, big 1000 PTO Sunflower 3040-28 field cultivator 28' 26" sweeps, pickers Sunflower 1232 32' disc 9", 17.5" rear blades, 14" front blades Besler 10' hyd. blade • JD 566 rd. baler twine IH 490 24' disc harrow, needs repair Shop built 38' folding cutter machine 15' teejet 3 way controls Yetter 1600 gal. alf steer nurse tank, hyd. pump Westfield 100-71 auger, hopper, missing PTO Owatonna 275 wather (no run) • Blair feed wagon • Feed bin Farmall tractor • NH side delivery rake • Massey 550 combine NH BR780 rd baler net, parts • 6" & 8" aluminum pipe 2 Pipe Trailers • Hutchinson grain cleaner Dual 345 loader/grapple, controls

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