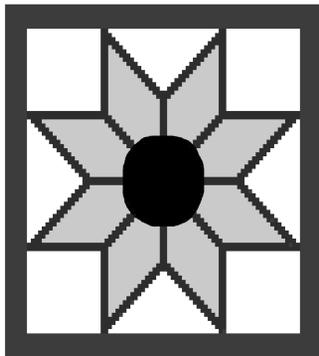


# HOXIE

*Established 1886*

**Kansas Sampler Foundation**



**Eight Rural Elements**

## GEOGRAPHY

*Change of Landscape*

In contrast to the rocky hills that dominate most the valley prior to Hoxie's region, you will find that most of this area is level, with some rough ground found near the wandering streams.

This flat, vast land provides ideal farmland, easily viewed by traveling the roads east and west of the community. Natural springs along Sand Creek and South Fork Solomon River provide much-needed moisture to the region. Sheridan State Fishing Lake can also be found 10 miles east of Hoxie. This natural wildlife area is noted especially for deer and bird hunting during the many gaming seasons.

## ARCHITECTURE

*Sound Structure, Strong Future*

Like many communities along Highway 24, Hoxie is proud of its historical buildings, many of which were constructed of native materials. The Sheridan County Courthouse, built in 1897, occupies a full block and is made of buff brick with limestone trim. Be sure and go inside to see the stained glass panel on the second floor.

The Hoxie Grade School and First Presbyterian Church also boast beautiful designs, and were built in the early 1920s. Both of these buildings are still used today.



*Sheridan State Fishing Lake*



*The 1897 Sheridan County Courthouse is an architectural gem.*

## PEOPLE

*Railroad Influence*

The community of Hoxie was established in 1886 after the settlement of Kenneth, north of Hoxie, moved into the existing community. Kenneth was the county seat until 1886. The town was named for H. M. Hoxie, a prominent early day railroad official.

## COMMERCE

*Family Owned and Proud*

At the crossroads of Highways 24 and 23, Hoxie offers many different businesses and services to the local and nearby citizens. Cattle ranching and crop farming are a major part of the rural economy. Several large scale cattle feeding operations are near the community and add significantly to the economy. Also related to agriculture, Hoxie boasts several farm implement dealerships displaying the latest in farm equipment. Many businesses have been around for years. One is Mahanna Pharmacy, a third generation-owned pharmacy, which offers a variety of products and includes its own old-fashioned soda fountain. The Hoxie downtown remains a vibrant business center.

## CUISINE

*Variety for all Taste Buds!*

Hoxie offers a range of eating establishments for a variety of occasions. For a more relaxed atmosphere, Oscar's is a local favorite, offering wonderful sandwiches and a great cup of coffee. Other restaurants offer more hardy meals including steaks, burgers, and a variety of regional dishes. Whatever your appetite calls for, Hoxie cuisine has something for you!

## ART

*Unlikely Art Gallery*

While most would not think of a courthouse as a display case for artistic expressions, the Sheridan County Courthouse is quite the example of local ingenuity. A stained glass panel at the stair landing of the second floor shows such beauty, and a granite memorial is located on the east side of the courthouse in honor of the Sheridan County veterans who gave their lives for freedom.

## CUSTOMS

*Home-made Fun!*

With its home-owned carnival, annual rodeo and the Sheridan County Fair, the small community of Hoxie comes to life. Residents enjoy other special events like the Election Day soup supper, which celebrates the victories of local citizens, and the Customer Appreciation Days in June. Combine this with Christmas lighting in December and you have a year-round reason to celebrate!

## HISTORY

*Changing Names*

Think Hoxie has always been the county seat? Well, think again. While it is currently the county seat of Sheridan County, it originally was not and only became so after the community moved from the settlement of Kenneth. It was moved a couple of miles north of Hoxie, to be near the railroad when it was in use. They moved the town with teams of mules and horses in 1886. You can find more information about the early days of establishment at Mickey's Museum, located on U.S. Highway 24. The museum is operated by the Sheridan County Historical Society and covers generations of history through household articles, clothing, photographs, farming tools and much more.



*Main Street in Hoxie looked much different in this photo from 1910.*