



Holton Elementary School second-grade teacher Michelle Jones is shown above during a Zoom classroom meeting with students from one of her reading groups last Thursday. Jones, like every teacher in the state, is now teaching from home as part of the statewide 'continuous learning' program. The switch to online learning has created a variety of challenges and adjustments for teachers, students and parents.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Teachers adapt to working from home

By Ali Holcomb

Michelle Jones' second-grade classroom has moved from Holton Elementary School to her dining room table.

Surrounded by grade sheets, children's books, her phone, laptop and an iPad, Jones is trying her best to stay connected to her students and their parents as they finish the remainder of the school year online.

Students throughout the state and country have been forced to move to online "continuous learning" programs due to con-

cerns about the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), and it has meant some big adjustments for teachers, students and their families.

"When the governor made her decision, I think we all just went into shock," said Jones, who has taught for 25 years. "It was almost like we were in mourning because we weren't done teaching our kids. We didn't have closure. We didn't have our end-of-year parties, field day and all those fun things that happen at the end of every year."

After spring break (March 9-13), Jackson County school districts remained closed for two additional weeks as administrators and staff prepared to move to online instruction starting the week of March 30.

"We had an hour to go into our classrooms and pick up our students' things and throw in anything we thought they could potentially need. We were booking it," Jones said.

At Holton, second-grade students and above were assigned an iPad or laptop to continue

learning at home. Teachers then built an online curriculum for students based on suggested online tools and guidelines by a Kansas State Department of Education continuous learning team.

"Some of them we were familiar with and some of them were new to us," Jones said of the online tools suggested. "We dived in. We created accounts, and we started playing with them and figuring out how they operated. It was truly the worst week. The next week we became IT for the parents. It was

the blind leading the blind, but I think we're making the best of a bad situation."

The state recommends that second-grade students work on school an hour a day during the weekday, Jones said.

"We try to narrow it down to what we feel is most essential for a student at our grade level," she said. "We wanted to make sure that we're still hitting phonics. That's an important foundation of reading."

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Health workers: adequate PPE here

■ But HCH, CHCS officials keeping an eye on supplies

By Brian Sanders

Personal protective equipment, or PPE, for health care workers is in short supply across the country as doctors and nurses do their best to protect themselves while caring for COVID-19 (coronavirus) patients, it has been reported.

Personnel at Jackson County-area health facilities have been successful, so far, in keeping a good inventory of PPE supplies, including face masks and shields, gloves and isolation gowns, according to Carrie Saia, CEO of Holton Community Hospital, which also owns and operates Family Practice Associates, and Todd Willert, CEO of Community HealthCare Services, which owns and operates Holton Family Health Center.

"We have had some success using our normal channels, and our purchasing agent is doing all she can, but nationwide shortages have made it a struggle," Willert said. "N95 masks, isolation gowns, gloves and face shields are in chronically short supply."

Reasons for PPE being in short supply range from the strain that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on medical facilities across the country and around the world, to panic buying, hoarding and misuse of such supplies, it has been reported.

But for now, that's not necessarily the case at health care facilities in the Holton area.

"At this point in time, we're not out of anything," said Saia, who noted that HCH personnel have been alerted to the need to be more diligent with existing supplies to stave off a shortage.

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Glory Days, alumni activities canceled

By Brian Sanders

Memorial Day weekend on Holton's Town Square will be quieter than usual this year, as Holton High School's alumni banquet and "Glory Days" activities have been canceled due to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce executive director Ashlee York said recently that after spending "considerable time" monitoring health concerns surrounding COVID-19, she has been notifying Glory Days vendors, car show officials, sponsors and others that

the annual event would not take place on Saturday, May 23, as originally planned.

"Due to the aggressive nature of the virus and the uncertainty of when government orders will be lifted, and to ensure the safety of our citizens, we are disheartened to announce that the 2020 Glory Days event is canceled," York said.

York added that at the present time, Glory Days is the only upcoming Chamber-sponsored event that is canceled for this year.

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Continuous learning helped by "hotspots"

By Ali Holcomb

In order to aid families transitioning to "continuous learning" online, Giant Communications and JBN Telephone Company have added several free public WiFi "hotspots" in northeast Kansas and have provided free Internet to 72 households in Jackson County, according to Austin Taylor, Giant Communications assistant general manager.

"Giant and JBN began assisting 10 local schools immediately following the governor's decision to close school buildings," Taylor said. "Our team relied on existing partnerships with some schools and worked diligently to foster new partnerships with others. These partnerships allowed for swift, meaningful action."

Taylor said the company's team worked with each school district to identify the unserved homes in need of Internet access.

"Our staff members dedi-

ated themselves to getting these homes connected," he said. "We now have 72 student households that were previously unserved that are now connected to the Internet for free. Addressing the schools' needs has been our top priority. We aim to ensure students and educators stay connected to what's important."

In addition to providing Internet to homes in the area, several WiFi "hotspots" have been added, including 13 locations

served by Giant and 16 served by JBN.

The hotspots allow people, who may need quick access to the Internet, to send an email, check a website or watch a short video from their vehicle. These are available to all residents and not just students.

"We had our initial locations active on March 18, and we added five locations over the next five days," he said.

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Hauling bid OK'd

By Ali Holcomb

Seven bids were submitted by area companies interested in hauling road rock for Jackson County on a contractual basis, and the commissioners approved the low bid submitted by Ehrhart Excavating of Hoyt on a trial basis, it was reported.

Ehrhart's bid of \$90 an hour to haul rock using three available dump trucks was approved by the commissioners on Monday and will be reviewed by the commissioners and Dan Barnett, road and bridge director, after 10 hauling days.

"That's three additional trucks on the road for the county," Barnett said.

The rate begins when Ehrhart

trucks arrive at the Mid-States Materials quarry in Denison and the rock is being delivered directly to a county road for a motor grader operator, Barnett said.

Barnett estimated that each dump truck load would include between 15 to 18 tons of road rock.

The commissioners and Barnett discussed creating a standby list to call the other low bid contractors, Steve Kathrens, Heath Olsen Construction and Mellies Farm, as needed.

For now, however, the county agreed to use only Ehrhart on a trial basis.

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Phyllis Shupe (left) handed sack lunches to Jackson Heights district students on Friday morning in the Circleville Christian Church parking lot, while Laura Sharp pulled more lunches out of a cooler to give to families visiting the lot to pick up meals. Shupe said that on average, between 50 and 55 sack lunches for Jackson Heights students are distributed at the Circleville site, while about 120 total lunches are distributed by the district there and at the other three towns — Netawaka, Soldier and Whiting — served by the district while district buildings are closed. Photo by Brian Sanders



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Seeley experiences NYC's battle with COVID-19

By Brian Sanders

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) message from New York City is sobering, if not downright disastrous, according to a Holton native who has seen the effects of the pandemic on the city.

Up until a few weeks ago, Jim Seeley was hard at work as a musician in New York, playing live jazz concerts and teaching music classes.

And then, Seeley said, all that work "vanished practically overnight," as the city became a "hot spot" for COVID-19.

Despite the city reporting more than 134,000 cases of COVID-19 so far, including more than 10,000 deaths, Seeley — son of the late Dr. James and Anita Seeley of Holton and a 1978 graduate of Holton High School — remains healthy and somewhat upbeat.

"I'm not doing too bad, all things considered," said Seeley, a Grammy Award-winning jazz artist. "I'm rarely leaving my apartment, except to get groceries and occasionally just to see the outside world and get some fresh air — of course, only with a mask and gloves, followed by a precise routine of disinfecting upon return. It's the law now here, and it is necessary."

Seeley has played with the likes of Ray Charles, Harry James, Woody Herman and Artie Shaw since graduating from HHS and from the Berk-



Grammy Award-winning jazz musician and Holton native Jim Seeley is shown above during his performance at the "Jazz On The Square" event from 2014.

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lee College of Music in Boston, Mass., and he has toured with a variety of musicians.

But not only has the COVID-19 pandemic cancelled opportunities for him to perform and conduct seminars and other music classes, Seeley said that many of his friends and colleagues are "among the sick and the dead" because of the coronavirus.

"Here in New York City, we've lost so many I cannot pos-

sibly single out whose suffering hurts most. It's actually the cumulative effect that makes it so tragic," he said.

Seeley encourages people back home to avoid thinking that the COVID-19 pandemic isn't as real as what is being reported in some parts of the United States and around the world. It's not "some type of hoax," he said, as evidenced by what is happening in New York.

"They're running out of places to put the bodies, and some are being temporarily buried in mass graves in Central Park," he said. "It may be hard to believe, but I'm here in the middle of it, and I can assure you that it's deadly serious."

Even though the number of people dying from COVID-19 has "begun to level off" in New York, Seeley noted that it is still disconcerting that every few days, "we've been losing roughly the entire population" of Holton.

He added that compliance with social distancing recommendations and "shelter-in-place" orders has been helpful for New Yorkers going out for essential activities, but added, "even that will not guarantee your safety" — something that people should keep in mind as their states begin to "reopen," some announcing plans to do so later this week.

"When we see places like Georgia proceeding with 'liberating' their economies by opening movie theaters, restaurants and hair salons, I doubt you can imagine the disbelief and horror that we're feeling here in New York," he said. "When the second wave takes hold in those locales, nobody here will be surprised. I hope against that scenario, but look at the numbers and tell me what you think is going to happen."

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Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office, located on the second floor of the Courthouse.

• Quit claim deed: Larry G. Schumann and Nancy E. Schumann, husband and wife, to same as trustees of the trust in their names, land in S26, T5S, R15E; and land in S25, T5S, R15E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: Kevin R. Stauffer and Laura A. Stauffer, husband and wife, to Marcus B. Carpenter and Kenley Carpenter, husband and wife, two tracts in S8, T7, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Ashton L. Martin, a single person, to Nathan A. Martin, land in S2, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: Christopher R. Boatwright, power of attorney for Eva V. Bowser and Robert J. Bowser, to Brian L. Dorris and Vicki L. Dorris, Lots 45 and 47 of Vettors Fourth Addition, Dakota Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Michelle R. Teaford and Pat O. Teaford to Billie Jo Scarberry, a married person, and Danna M. Gibbs, a single person, part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of S30, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Derek Campbell, a single person, to Carolyn Sue Lowrey, a single person, 1/18th interest in Lot 23 of McKee's Second Addition, city of Hoyt, also known as 112 W. Main, Hoyt, Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Justin Campbell, a single person, to Carolyn Sue Lowrey, a single person, 1/18th interest in Lot 23 of McKee's Second Addition, city of Hoyt, also known as 112 W. Main, Hoyt, Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Lindsey Campbell, a single person, to Carolyn Sue Lowrey, a single person, 1/18th interest in Lot 23 of McKee's Second Addition, city of Hoyt, also known as 112 W. Main, Hoyt, Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Beverly Campbell, a single person, to Carolyn Sue Lowrey, a single person, 1/6th interest in Lot 23 of McK-

ee's Second Addition, city of Hoyt, also known as 112 W. Main, Hoyt, Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Brock Campbell and Paul Murphy, husband and wife, to Carolyn Sue Lowrey, a single person, 1/3 interest in Block 23 of McKee's Second Addition, city of Hoyt, also known as 112 W. Main, Hoyt, Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: Jesse David Rupnicki, aka Jesse D. Rupnicki, a single person, to Linda Sue Miller, a single person, land in the southeast quarter of S33, T6S, R13E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: Six R Farms L.L.C. and Charles Bernard Ross, member, to Austin Spielman, all of the southwest quarter of S1, T5S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: John E. Noller and Leslie A. Noller, husband and wife, to Jeffrey J. Krumrey, land in the southeast quarter of S26, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: Charles Simecka, aka Charles Winsor, and Deborah M. Simecka, a married couple, to Kevin Beam and Chandra Beam, land in the southeast quarter of S23, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Ada M. Eldridge to Harold M. Eldridge, land in the west half of the northwest quarter of S15, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: Myra K. Stithem, a single person, to Thomas P. Broxterman, Lot 21 of Highland Avenue, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Daniel K. Sedlak and Jo Ann Sedlak, husband and wife, to Jo Ann Sedlak, trustee of the trust in her name, the west half of the southwest quarter of S17, T6S, R16E; all of the northwest quarter of S23, T7S, R14E, all of the southeast quarter of S9, T7S, R16E, the east half of the northwest quarter of S31, T7S, R15E, and land in the southeast quarter of S16, T8S, R14E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Daniel K. Sedlak and Jo Ann Sedlak, husband and wife, to Daniel J. Sedlak, trustee of the trust in his name, the west half of the southwest quarter of S17, T6S, R16E, all of the northwest quarter of S23, T7S, R14E, all of the southeast quarter of S9, T7S, R16E, the east half of the northwest quarter of S31, T7S, R15E, and land in the southeast quarter of S16, T8S, R14E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Harold Marvin Eldridge, a single person, to Ada May Eldridge, a single person, land in the northeast corner of

the northwest quarter of S31, T9S, R16E, and land in the southwest quarter of S12, T9S, R15E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Charlene Zeller, fka Charlene Tudor, a single person, to Jerry Tudor, a single person, land in the northeast quarter of S9, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, also known as 205 Dakota Avenue, Holton.

• Warranty deed: Eugene R. Jones, a single person, to Jessica Woodward, all of the southeast quarter of S28, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Warranty deed: Daniel M. Johnson and Beverlie L. Johnson, husband and wife, to same, land in the southeast quarter of S33, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Quit claim deed: Brian Nitcher, a single person, to Brian Nitcher, Sandra Haines and Jared Haines, land in the southwest quarter of S34, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Kansas transfer on death deed: Robert J. Frederick Jr. and Darlene Frederick, husband and wife, to Steven Lee Frederick, a married person, Kelly Michelle Kufahl, a married person, Chad Robert Frederick, a married person, Michael Joseph Frederick, a married person, and Joseph Michael Frederick, a married person, Lots 6 and 8 of S.B. Landis Addition, Third Street, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

• Trustee's deed: Bruce W. Shaw, trustee of the Bruce W. Shaw and Linda L. Shaw Trust, to Brandon W. Shaw and Rebecca E. Shaw, husband and wife, land in the northeast quarter of S25, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Correction of deed: Robert C. Johnson and Donna M. Johnson, husband and wife, to McMann Properties L.L.C., Lot 1 of Drake and Fenn's Addition Replat, Holton Railroad Subdivision, and Lots 23, 25 and 27 of Drake and Fenn's Addition, Michigan Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

• Trustee's deed: Katherine Fay Ragland, trustee of the Leota Fay Martin Trust, to Edwin D. Martin, land in the southeast quarter of S20, T8S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

• Cemetery deed: Holton Cemetery Association to Virgil D. Wilhelm and Anna L. Wilhelm.

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Dieckmann files for re-election

Incumbent Bob Dieckmann (Republican) has filed for re-election to position three on the Holton City Commission, according to the Jackson County Clerk's Office.

This position, as well as position five on the city commission, will be included in the Aug. 4 primary election and the Nov. 3 general election.

Dieckmann was first appointed to the Holton City Commission in the fall of 2006 and has won several elections to the seat. City commissioners serve three-year terms.

Marilyn Watkins currently holds the position five seat on the city commission after she was

appointed last year to fill the unexpired term of Twila White. No one has formally filed for this position yet.

Other seats up for election this fall include: U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative (Second District), State Senate (First District), State Representatives (61st and 62nd Districts) and State Board of Education (Sixth District).

Other local positions up for election include County Commission (Second District and Third District), county clerk, county treasurer, county register of deeds, county attorney and county sheriff.

One township trustee for each township, one township treasurer

for each township and one precinct committeeman and one precinct committeewoman for each precinct will also be selected.

Candidates affiliated with a political party have until June 1 to file for the election. Candidates for local races must file at the Jackson County Clerk's Office.

Since the Courthouse is closed to the public due to concerns about the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), filing packets and nomination petition forms are available at the county website, www.jacksoncountysks.com. Candidates can also call the clerk's office at 364-2891 for more information and to make arrangements for a petition form.

Netawaka U.M.C.

By Mary E. Edwards

Recalling past Easter Sundays, I remember one perfect Easter morning, years ago, when members of Netawaka United Methodist Church met at Joe and Alice Patterson's pond, probably not at sunrise, maybe 8 a.m. It was warm, no wind and it was so pretty out there and a very pleasant morning.

I remember another Easter that was dark and rainy, how the thunder shook our little church, which in those days was nearly full of people.

I think everyone will remember this Easter of social distancing. Our congregation is thankful for the order of worship, songs, verses and sermons Pastor Young Won mailed out to us for Holy Week and Easter, and the services online.

Marcia Robertson has mailed the new Upper Room Devotionals, so we will have them before May 1.

Our congregation extends condolences and prayers for the families

of Brad Banaka and Ruth Klahr, whose funerals were held last week at Netawaka Cemetery.

Marcia reports that she and Arnold are well as they look forward to summer. They are getting the swather ready to make hay. Arnold has also been building a workbench, and Marcia has been mowing and pulling weeds in the yard and taking walks around town.

Doris Oxandale says it's one thing after another at their house. She lost her balance and fell in the house one day. Thankfully, she had no serious injury. Glenn has been seeing his cancer doctor. Their grandson, Brett, took Glenn for another test Friday.

My big outing for the week was to pick up some pansy plants from the greenhouse and visit the funeral home to see Ruth Klahr. I also made a loaf of bread in my bread machine. Loren brought a few things I needed from the store one day.

Mike and Helen came Saturday

evening and we had a porch visit, and waved at people driving by. Mike is working about as usual (people often have to call an electrician) and is getting ready to plant a garden. Helen works from home.

Everett and Fredericka have been fighting with a water pipe, which decided to leak. They have had some nice walks and visited with neighbors, keeping a distance.

Neva was able to mow and do yard work last week on the nice days, finishing up on Saturday. On Sunday afternoon, she enjoyed a teleconference with some of her kids and grandkids.

Verona says she is well, just a little tired of staying home. Carla and Susie are fine and brought her dinner both Saturday and Sunday. Verona's favorite memories are of the Williams family's annual wiener roast, which was always on Easter, whatever the weather.

Steve and Marilyn are doing fine. Steve attended two graveside services last week. Marilyn has been baking and cooking. She was expecting only Jon and Mary (their son and daughter) for Easter dinner, and thinking how it is usually a house full of relatives getting together on Easter.

The scripture for worship was Matthew 28:1-10, the first Easter. As Pastor Young Won said in his message, "We may not go to Galilee today. We may not go to the empty tomb. However, we can find and meet Jesus in the midst of our lives. Not only in the church sanctuary at worship time, but in every moment we can find the resurrected Jesus walking with us. We can worship Him when we meet Him, as did the women in Matthew 28. We can worship Jesus every day at home. Jesus has risen, and we shall see Him. Happy Easter!"

5 Years Ago

Week of April 19-25, 2015

According to Holton High School Alumni Association President Erin Ludvick Carlson, changes are being made to this year's alumni banquet to include more Wildcat alumni – regardless of graduation year. The changes will also extend to the annual alumni parade to include all Jackson County schools.

After a lengthy remodeling process that started at the turn of the calendar year, the doors to the Holton Country Club reopened on Friday, April 24.

Don Fate, vice president of the HCC board of directors, said this was likely the largest scale renovation to happen to the clubhouse since it opened in the 1930s. All the work that kept getting added to the list amounted to a total face lift for the clubhouse, which got all new flooring, new cabinets, a new bar, a new sound system and much more in the renovation process.

Holton Greenhouse opened on Saturday, April 25, under the new ownership of Sandy and Joe Snaveley, it was reported.

Holton High School senior Rosalie Wilkerson was recently honored for being selected for the Gregorian Fellows Leadership Program for fall 2015 at Benedictine College. Rosalie is the daughter of Les and Rosemary Wilkerson.

10 Years Ago

Week of April 19-25, 2010

A group of people in Netawaka are trying to stir up a Hornet's Nest – not the kind where flying insects sting people who come near, but the kind where people who live in Jackson and Nemaha counties can improve their physical fitness. The Hornet's Nest Sports Club is putting together fund-raising activities with a goal of building a 16,133-square foot community recreation center in Netawaka, including a fitness center, gymnasium, indoor exercise pool and outdoor sports area.

A decrease in state aid has prompted the Jackson Heights school district to eliminate its Parents As Teachers program at the end of the current school year, it has been reported. This program was open to district families who requested its services for their younger children. The coordinator's task was to provide parents with information beneficial to the physical and mental growth of those children, making home visits when necessary.

An amendment to Holton's zoning regulations, approved on Monday, April 19, by the Holton City Commission, will enable Highland Community College to go ahead with its plans to turn the old Gary Hardy Dodge facility at the city's southern edge into the college's new Holton outreach center, it has been announced.

Myla Cole was presented the Holton Lions Club's Jackson County Farmer of the Year award for 2010 at a recent club meeting. Cole is the first female recipient of the award since the club began the program in the 1950s, it was reported.

15 Years Ago

Week of April 19-25, 2005

The Jackson County Crisis Pregnancy Center is celebrating its 10th anniversary, it has been announced. Charter members who are still active after 10 years are Sandra Rickel, Donna Sturgeon and Mary Wilhelm. They each received certificates of appreciation at the center's 10-year anniversary banquet.

The future of the Aristocrat pear trees around the Holton Square is up in the air, as some people have voiced discontent over the fruit when the trees are

not in bloom. A special meeting has been scheduled to determine the status of the trees.

Janet Zwonitzer of Holton, who served as mayor this past year and from 1999 to 2002, was named mayor once again on a motion by Commissioner Jennifer J. Cashier, seconded by Commissioner Rich Mulroy.

Following a public hearing on Tuesday, April 19, the Jackson County Commission agreed to add three bridges to the county's five-year bridge replacement plan. Those added to the plan are located on O Road south of 310th Road, and two on Z Road south of Larkinburg. Bridge replacement projects on this plan are eligible for federal funding of up to 80 percent of the construction cost, it was reported.

25 Years Ago

Week of April 19-25, 1995

Holton Commissioner Thelma Brown was recently honored as she left official office in the city. Brown, who earned the distinction of being the first woman to be mayor of the city of Holton, was appointed to the city commission when it was expanded to five members in 1990, and then won election of a full term, serving a total of five years.

Two new commissioners – Janet Zwonitzer and Harold Kennedy – were sworn in on Monday night, April 17.

On a very windy Tuesday, April 18, Royal Valley field event specialist Eric Hale set a new school record in the boys discus throw (159 feet, 9 inches), it was reported. Hale's record helped his team to a second-place finish during the Panthers' April track invitational.

Holton High School's 1994 Homecoming Queen Brandy Moore recently participated in the American Homecoming Pageant in Kansas City. This was a pageant for all Homecoming queens from all over America. Moore said she felt "honored" to be a competitor.

A new effort to enhance local law enforcement operations began in Holton on Wednesday night, April 19, when five local residents were sworn in as reserve officers of the Holton Police Department. The volunteers are Tanya Ahlgren, Darin Altenburg, Melinda Reynard, Kevin Shea and Elisa Wichman.

50 Years Ago

Week of April 19-25, 1970

Navy Airman Jay D. Branam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman R. Branam of Holton, will participate in the recovery of the Apollo 13 command module when it splashes down in the Pacific, it has been reported.

Branam is serving with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Four aboard the primary recovery ship USS Iwo Jima. Squadron helicopters will take off from Iwo Jima's flight decks, pick up the astronauts and return them to the ship. Branam's unit is based at Imperial Beach, Calif.

Richard and Linda Arnold have purchased the Co-op Oil Station on Fourth and Vermont in Holton. The new owners have announced that the station will be known as Rich's 66 Station.

Work has been completed on the modernization project at the Holton Post office, Postmaster Donald Sands has announced. The project has modernized the parcel post window, modified the lobby, created additional space in the rural carriers' section and changed the dock area at the back of the office.

The Blossom Shop, located on the west side of Holton's Town Square, held its grand opening on Saturday, April 25, it was reported. Owners are Oscar Nowlin and Linda Brey.



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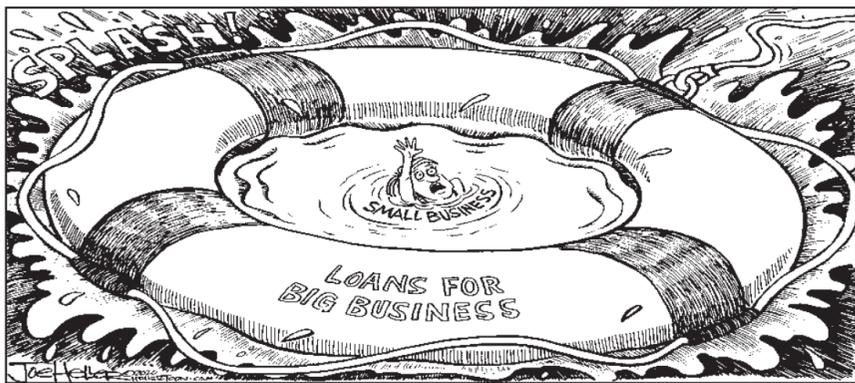
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Kansas needs specific re-opening plans

The stay-at-home order issued by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly remains in effect until Sunday, May 3, but there's no guarantee the order will be lifted on that date.

Certainly, COVID-19 will not be eradicated completely by May 3 because, as we all know by now, no vaccine for it exists.

If we're waiting for a vaccine, experts say it may be a year.

When will we be out of the woods? It's difficult to predict.

Flattening the curve was the original goal of the nationwide safer at home initiative that took effect more than a month ago.

We needed to slow down the possible spread of COVID-19 so that our hospitals would not be overwhelmed with a massive number of patients. We've done that, I think, in most parts of the country.

Locally, it looks like Jackson County has done, and is doing, a good job with social distancing, thoroughly washing hands and all the other recommendations put out by the federal government's Center for Disease Control.

It hasn't been easy and all businesses have been negatively impacted in some way or another. Many local businesses have shut down completely.

Others just open for emergency services. Most of the businesses that have stayed open have little or no business because of the stay-at-home order.

We urge Gov. Kelly and our other state leaders to come up with a plan to start reopening some specific types of businesses where it can be done safely.

The financial disaster that COVID-19 is causing in the state will set us back for years, if we

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don't start getting creative with how to start bringing businesses back now.

We are social distancing at Wal-Mart and the convenience stores and we are doing it elsewhere in our community, too.

Many Kansans - and other U.S. citizens in less populated states not considered "hot spots" - are getting very anxious about what the stay-at-home order has done to them financially. For some, full financial recovery will be difficult.

Some Kansans reportedly are set to join the trend of protests across the nation on Thursday at Topeka, to urge our state government leaders to lift the stay-at-home order and open the state back up for business. That is their right, and we support that.

On Monday, 75 to 100 people attended a rally in Kansas City, Mo. The protesters at KC waved signs and U.S. flags and yelled their belief that the orders are unnecessary, are damaging the economy and violate the rights of U.S. citizens.

There are so many unknowns about COVID-19. We can't even definitively say yet where it started, in my opinion. The World Health Organization (WHO) - one of the most trusted sources for COVID-19 information - claims it was started with transmission from an animal to a human being at Wuhan, China, which just happens to be the location of the world-renowned Institute of Virology that studies viruses and has, in the past, received grants for its research

mom and dad canned and froze enough food to feed a family of seven. We had livestock. We occasionally butchered a hog and occasionally a cow. For a little while we had chickens. We had a huge strawberry patch once.

My grandfather ran a grocery store across the creek from where we lived. If we needed something from a store, we bought it from him and there was rarely more than ever one or two other people in the store so we were always socially distant. Walmarts did not exist and there were no Amazon or Target deliveries. My grandpa did occasionally deliver groceries in his old truck. It wasn't that bad, everybody seemed to find a way. We didn't have the Internet or even a telephone until I was nine.

Sometimes we would sit in grandma and grandpa's big cane bottom chairs in the grocery store and talk while drinking a RC cola and eating a moon pie. Now, that was living it up. We always found a way to enjoy life.

Back in the day, when we needed people we could simply walk down the road and there were always people out that we could say howdy to. It wasn't that hard to find a way to be sociable.

Right now, millions of people are hurting everywhere. We'll figure this out and we'll find a way.

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American author and columnist. Learn more about him at his website www.glennmollette.com.

from the United States.

COVID-19 was said to be the cause of death for well-known country singer Joe Diffie but his family reportedly disputes that claim. That story and others like it tend to make people doubt whether all the statistics we read about COVID-19 are 100 percent true.

We have had just one COVID-19 case in our county today, but we could have more tomorrow. Personally, I believe COVID-19 has been here as early as January.

I support citizens' rights to peacefully protest, and I also support what Gov. Kelly has been doing for our state. I believe she has done about as well as she could do under the unprecedented circumstances.

Now, as May 3 approaches, it's time for Gov. Kelly and our other state leaders to do more. Kansans have shown that we can social distance and take COVID-19 seriously.

Looking at our state, county by county, I think there is reason to believe that specific businesses could be opened safely soon with specific guidelines from the state.

David Pows

LETTER: Kansas nurses impacted by COVID-19

Dear editor,

As Kansas reaches closer to the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, nurses are continuing to experience the impact on many different levels and this impact will continue for an undetermined amount of time.

Kansas State Nurses Association (KSNA) is the largest nursing association. It is our mission to keep our nursing voices more than ever. KSNA is currently holding weekly membership conference calls to make sure our association is representing our nurses in Kansas and reaching those who can share their stories to the public.

Testing for COVID-19 in our state is not adequate. Our officials can't say with certainty the exact number of cases we have in Kansas without those tests. According to the CDC, current testing may exhibit false negatives, meaning a person could test negative and then test positive from another test.

Our community must also remember that a person who is not showing symptoms doesn't mean that they aren't positive for the virus. Just because someone is not presenting with symptoms doesn't mean that they aren't spreading. Lack of adequate testing is putting our communities and health care staff in an unsafe and possible dire situation.

Health care workers are at the frontlines of the COVID-19 outbreak. They put their lives at risk to take care of patients. But many health care facilities are struggling to keep workers safe due to a persistent shortage of personal protective equipment.

Prior to COVID-19, the CDC had strict guidelines regarding the use of PPE for protection against similar viruses. As the numbers have changed during this health crisis, the CDC guidelines have changed in order to meet the demand of the

shortages. Due to the virus being new in research, further investigation is needed to determine if these guidelines are protecting health care workers adequately or not. KSNA supports the appropriate PPE guidelines that were held by the CDC prior to the onset of COVID-19.

With elective surgeries on hold, KSNA is seeing our hospitals suffer financially, which directly impacts our nurses and all health care staff. Some nurses are currently experiencing pay-cuts, having to work decreased hours, are being laid off and furloughed. This has an incredible impact on them financially and causes nurses who are still providing care to work longer hours with little or no breaks.

KSNA is hearing from members that nurses are moving to work in hot spots to continue to serve communities and still receive much needed pay. They are doing this without a guarantee that their prior positions will still be there for them when they return.

Historically, a recession has not personally impacted a nurse. Our association believes health care will go back to previous concerns of a nursing shortage. KSNA doesn't want to discourage students from seeking our highly respected and needed profession. We need to keep nurses in our state, keep nurses employed, and to use graduate nurses in health care in some capacity.

KSNA is addressing the impact COVID-19 is having on everyone's mental health (health care staff and patients). When communities and health care facilities don't have enough protective equipment and testing exposure is unknown, nurses are going home scared that they are going to infect their families or friends.

Nurses are passionate about caring for their patients, nurses

want to be there, but they don't have time to take care of themselves. Services should be provided to all health care workers to address the additional pressures they are now experiencing. KSNA is asking for additional mental health services any time day or night. Nurses need to know that our government is there to support them in Kansas and address their immediate and long-term needs.

Our nurses in Kansas are here for our citizens from birth to death. Nurses want to make sure that every resident, whether it is in a hospital, long term care facility, in the home or in the community is receiving the best quality of care. KSNA appreciates the support from our colleagues and the public during this difficult time for everyone.

Kelly Sommers
Director for KSNA
Topeka

LETTER

Dear editor,

The news says there is one case of the coronavirus in Jackson County, Kan. That's been almost a month ago. What does case mean?

Should there be level 1 test positive, level 2 hospitalized, level 3 on ventilator, level 4 passed away and/or level 5 recovered, doctor released and back to normal activities?

Assuming this person has recovered and is back to daily activities, they would be a level 5.

Should the news say there is a level 5 case of the virus in Jackson County, Kan.? Jackson County has a 100 percent recovery rate from the virus?

Bernerd Shaw
Topeka

Note: The Holton Recorder has sought an update from the County Health Department on the condition of the one person who reportedly tested positive for COVID-19 in Jackson County but no update has been provided.

LETTER: Stand up for rights, or prepare to lose them

Dear editor,

I would like to share three great quotes that stand out in times like we are facing in Kansas.

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated." —Thomas Paine.

"We have nothing to fear except fear itself." —Francis Bacon, quoted by Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." —Jesus Christ, the Son of God (John 8:32).

In March of 2020, Gov. Laura Kelly requested that the citizens of Kansas follow her guidance to help flatten the curve of COVID-19 (coronavirus) to stem the projected needed hospital beds caused by COVID-19. She requested that we willingly surrender some of our federal constitutional rights and Kansas constitutional rights in order to fight this unseen enemy. Her request as we will see was made in hope, made with a time line, made in fear of the unknown future of the virus and made with faulty supportive information.

I believe that she did this with an honest desire to help the people of Kansas. But her extension of the stay-at-home mandate shows that she has gone beyond her initial "good" intentions. Because of her ever changing views and mandates, she has caused the citizens of Kansas to no longer trust her, or to trust our Kansas government, and has caused the shortages we are experiencing and the economic collapse of the state of Kansas.

I believe her plans can no longer be trusted for the following reasons. She asked for the closing of our schools for one week; then, a few days later without logical reasoning, she closed the schools for the rest of the year. This caused the first panic of shortages in the stores and tossed families into disarray. The pain and grief caused by cancellations of sports, graduations and proms has furthered skepticism of our governor. This could have been overlooked as a minor mistake if it weren't for more of her same type of decisions.

She gave an interview saying to the citizens of Kansas that she as governor would never order a

statewide stay-at-home order; this would be left up to the local ruling authorities. That gave us comfort that we would not be acting like New York. Then a few days later, she ordered a statewide stay-at-home order. At this interview she said she would never enact "martial law" to enforce this order. Apparently she forgot what she promised, as she has said that if anyone meets in groups of more than 10 people they will be facing the law. This sounds like "martial law."

She promised that when these mandates were enacted, they would only be used until we were able to flatten the curve of major outbreaks that were on our horizon. There has been no drain on the hospitals and no unusual outbreak of flu, yet the mandates are extended and are more restrictive. Perhaps she has forgotten her expressed reasoning for the mandates.

To show that there is no pandemic or uncommon flu danger or danger to our society, I would like to refer to Gov. Kelly's latest Kansas Statistical Summary Report that she and Dr. Lee Norman published. On page 27 of their report, Table A1, Selected Vital Events and Percent Change, shows the number of deaths that occur each day in Kansas and how they die.

Seventy-five people die each day in Kansas (based on 365 days in year). Each day, 19 die from abortions; 16 from heart disease; 15 from cancer; five from chronic lower respiratory disease; four from unintentional injuries; three from cerebrovascular disease; two from pneumonia and influenzas; two from Alzheimer's disease; two from diabetes; two from suicide; and one from nephritis, nephritic syndrome or nephrosis. That totals 71; the declared numbers don't match the declared cause of death.

Reports show that in the past 45 days, 76 citizens of Kansas have died from COVID-19, while 90 have died of the flu. The COVID-19 deaths, for the most part, were people who already had a significant health factor and that COVID-19 augmented their death or they were so weakened from their other health issues that they couldn't fight off COVID-19.

If this is a health crisis, then why are we not staying at home and destroying our economy for the flu that kills more? If we are so concerned over preventable deaths, then why not restrict junk food and sugar to save people from diabetes, or make everyone lose weight and exercise to save people from heart disease, or better yet, why not save 19 innocent children from being aborted each and every day of the year in Kansas (that would save 6,935 people, more than what is projected to die in Kansas from COVID-19)?

Why are we not closing down schools and businesses for these? The answer is twofold — the (generated) fear of COVID-19 and politics.

No one in their right mind would say to ignore COVID-19; that would be ruthless and ignorant. At the same time, we can't live in fear of what might happen. We can prepare, we can be cautious, but we can't hide in our homes and ruin our economy and restrict our freedoms.

The purpose of the above list is to show that people will and do die, which is an unfortunate part of life and when we can, we should try and prevent death. But when models of death and infection are all over the spectrum and doctors can't even agree on what to do, then why are we destroying lives and our economy? The only answers are fear, political games are being played or possibly our leaders have watched too much "agenda reporting" that is trying to sensationalize the news.

No one can see the future. COVID-19 might go away. It might go away and come back and it might stay steady and then explode. There are many other possibilities, but what we are doing is not the answer. Turn the people free and let them make their own decisions as to how they want to handle COVID-19. Let them decide to stay home or not, where to eat or not.

I know people will say, "I want to be protected from 'crazy' people who want their freedom; I want everyone to stay home until the 'all clear' is sounded." I would like that type of protection in life also, especially when I drive and there are drunk drivers on the road. You can't live your life in fear of the unknown.

There is no reason to maintain the path the governor has us on, except for political power. The flattening of the curve was never intended to kill the virus, just slow it down, and Kansas has done that. If you think there will be a time that COVID-19 is gone, then you are sadly mistaken.

We can't hide from everything. If the attitude we are taking concerning this virus was applied to tornadoes, then every time there is a cloud in the sky we would sound the sirens and stay living in the storm shelter. No, we know the risk, we see the risk and we take measures not to get hit by a tornado. We should do the same for this virus, now that we know from facts that our healthcare system will not be over run at the current infectious rate.

There are things we can do to beat this virus. We can use better social distancing when shopping in all stores; we can move tables apart in restaurants; we don't have to do hand shaking time in churches; we can limit hugging and close physical contacts with others; and we can provide some sick days at work to allow

the sick to stay home and not spread the virus. There is much we can do without surrendering our rights. We turn the people free and let them decide if they want to go out, wear a mask or stay 10 feet away from others. That is what we do.

As a Christian, I understand that our governor does not have the constitutional or biblical understanding that most Americans hold to be "self-evident" — not all leaders do. I do realize from her past acts that she has a different philosophy from those who adhere to Judeo-Christian beliefs. She is a strong supporter of abortion and agrees with 19 children being killed each day in Kansas. A person with that mindset also has a political mindset that enslaves the citizens, not protecting their freedoms.

Our governor needs our prayers, but not our support, in these constitutional-limiting mandates. Kansas citizens need to stand up and be in opposition of her virus response leadership. We can't trust that she will not suppress more of our rights; her foundation for making decisions is more political than for the benefit of Kansas. We need to pray for her, that she will see what is constitutional and right.

While we are doing this, we need to pray for our apparently invisible local representatives. I have not heard any encouraging, guidance or leadership conversations from our Kansas senators or representatives (let alone our state representatives in Washington, D.C.). We need to pray for our local leaders as they have given up hope for our future, by closing public activities for the summer while it is yet April.

Things can and will change. Our leaders need to show some hope and not follow the doom and gloom "news makers" that say we aren't ever going to get out of this.

Finally, we need to stand against any suppression of our constitutional rights, no matter what the reasoning. Our rights are not only guaranteed in the good times, but also in the bad times. Once a right is hindered, suppressed or altered, it leaves the government with the idea that they got away with it once, they can do it again.

What next "emergency" will be used to restrict our rights? It might be a virus or gun control or freedom of speech or the right to ownership. If you can do it to one right you can do it to any rights. This virus is dangerous, but it will not destroy us, and as of now, more than 98 percent of those infected survive!

Please pray for our governor and please stand up for your rights, or else one day, you will wake up and find them gone.

Ron Sellens
Holton

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OBITUARIES



Lawrence

Dorothy A. Lawrence, 86, of Tecumseh, passed away peacefully at Monterey Village in Lawrence on Saturday, April 11, 2020.

She was born Dec. 20, 1933, in Waterville, the daughter of Beryl Ann (Staples) and Melvin Marshal Zeller. She graduated from Liberty Memorial High School in 1953.

She was a traveling military housewife and married the love of her life, John M. Lawrence, who served in the United States Air Force, on Nov. 6, 1955. He preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 2010. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Francis M. Zeller.

Dorothy enjoyed bird watching with her husband, sewing, crafting and collecting during their military moves in California, Colorado, South Carolina and the island of Guam.

They resided in the community of Tecumseh for 42 years. She was a member of the Whiting Christian Church.

She is survived by her sister, Doris Detherage and husband Billy of Lawrence.

Survivors also include her children Johnny (Mary Kay) of Topeka, Cheryl Boyett of Holton and Martin (Tina) of Wetmore, with nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Whiting Church.

Services will take place at a later date. Online condolences may be made at rumsey-yost.com

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Spencer

Richard "Rick" D. Spencer, age 63, of Topeka, passed away Sunday, April 19, 2020, at his home in Topeka.

Rick was born July 11, 1956, in Topeka, the son of Harold and Donna (Allensworth) Spencer.

Rick grew up in the Hoyt area, attending Royal Valley High School. He worked throughout northeast Kansas as a self-employed carpenter. Rick enjoyed shooting pool and competed in several leagues. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Rick is survived by a son, Douglas Spencer of Hoyt; grandchildren, Madison Spencer and Dalton (Maycie Graham) Ware; a great-grandson, Cayden; brothers, Randy Spencer, Rusty (Robin) Spencer, Ronnie (Lisa) Spencer and Rocky (Lisa) Spencer, and a sister, Becky (Bob) McPhail, of Topeka. Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Donna (Allensworth) Spencer; a sister, Kathy Spencer; and a brother who died in infancy, Robert.

Rick will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 24 at Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka. Cremation will follow and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Care Hospice, sent in care of Davidson Funeral Home. davidsonfuneral.com

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Heim

Betty Jane Heim, 94, of Holton, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2020, at Medicalodge Jackson County.

She was born Nov. 27, 1925 in Sparks, the daughter of Thomas Freeman and Maggie Mae (Bale) Carter.

Betty attended Horton and Troy high schools. She had lived in the Holton community since 1954 and previously in Horton.

She and her husband Ed owned and operated Heim Bakery in Holton from 1954 to 1977. She also worked as the food service director for Holton Schools USD 336 from 1965 to 1990.

She was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church, Holton Business Women, VFW Post 1367 Auxiliary, American Legion Post 44 Auxiliary and Holton Community Hospital Auxiliary.

Betty married Edward Carl Heim in February 1947 at Horton. They celebrated more than 41 years of marriage. Edward passed away on June 12, 1988. She was also preceded in death by eight siblings.

Survivors include her two daughters, Rose Clark (Hugh) and Carla Baum, both of Holton; two sisters, Barbara Cirkel of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Sue Carol Willis of Mesa, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Rande Balocca (Mark) and Scott Sigmund; four great-grandchildren, Thomas Noble and Baylie, Tanner and Logan Sigmund; six stepgrandchildren, Cindy Gentry (Shane), Mickey Parsel (Mike), Brett Balocca, Daniel Clark (Aspa), Todd Clark (Kelly) and Amanda Chang (Terrance); five stepgreat-grandchildren, Sean Parsel (Lauren), Shelby Mangus (Devin), Kristy Martin (Jacob), Ryan Gentry and Coleman Clark; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Laila Balocca.

Private graveside inurnment will be held in Holton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Holton Food Pantry or Heart of Jackson Humane Society. Due to the critical situation our country is in, please remember the families during this difficult time and consider sending a card of condolence or posting on our Web site. Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Schultz

Stuart R. Schultz Jr. of Cataract, Wisc., passed away peacefully at home on Friday, April 17, 2020, at the age of 76 years.

He was born to Stuart Sr. and Hazel (Hendrickson) Schultz of Kasota, Minn.

He attended St. Peter High School and from there enlisted in the Navy and served six years. Stuart logged many miles on his motorcycles and enjoyed meeting fellow riders. He did woodworking and always took pride in a well maintained yard. He enjoyed family gatherings, visiting with his grandchildren and spending time with his German Shepherd.

He is survived by his wife Luann and their daughter, Carolyn (Thomas) Van Kirk; his first wife, Peggy Zirger, of Topeka, and their daughter, Vonda Utterback; one sister, Nancy (Gerald) Swenson of Hackensack, Minn.; five grandchildren, Tara Elliott (Aaron Minde) of Holton, Tenille Utterback, Robert Utterback (Martha Wilms), Ayla Schultz and Trystan Schultz (Olivia Kempfer); and nine great-grandchildren, Kayden, Dillon, Marley, Brennan, Cashton, Stella, Carter, Adalie and Brody, and another one on the way (Trystan and Olivia) in the fall of 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel and Stuart R. Schultz Sr.; sisters Connie Schulze and Grace Eigenheer; and a grandson, Travis Ketron.

A celebration of life is planned for a later date. Online condolences may be offered at www.schanhoferfh.com The Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home, Sparta, Wisc., is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Zwahl

Herman "Junior" H. Zwahl, 95, of Sabetha, passed away Monday, April 20, 2020, at the Sabetha Manor.

Herman's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at a later date and time. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.popkessmortuaries.com

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Hopper

Virginia "Bobbie" Hopper, 75, of Hoyt, died Thursday, April 16, 2020, at her home.

She was born in Holton, the daughter of Virgel and Mary Jane Perkins Slocum.

Virginia worked for Memorial Hospital and the State of Kansas in Topeka. She also worked for Harrah's Casino in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Harrah's Prairie Band Casino, Sac & Fox Casino and Holton Community Hospital.

She married Dan Schultz on Nov. 12, 1965, in Topeka. He died Aug. 29, 2001. She married Thomas S. Hopper on May 25, 2003, in Holton. He died Sept. 22, 2019.

Virginia was also preceded in death by her mother, Mary Jane Wilson.

Survivors include a son, Lance Schultz, Hiawatha; a daughter, Danette Henley, Gardner, and her son, Logun; one sister, Tina Pebley (Ted), Council Bluffs, Iowa; one brother, Ralph "J.R." Wilson, Jr. (Samantha "Jeanne"), Ozawkie; Amy Sender and her foster daughter Paige Simmons, Hoyt; Zack Starbird, Barrington, Ill.; one stepdaughter, Kathy Knight, Hoyt; a stepson, Gary Hopper (Hilda), Holton; and multiple grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service will be held at the Hoyt Cemetery. A celebration of Virginia's life will be held after the current pandemic.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Mayo Clinic for Traumatic Brain Injuries, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 280, Hoyt, KS 66440. Online condolences may be sent to chapeloaksfuneral-home.com

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Liddle

Kandie Kim Liddle, 63, formerly of Soldier, died Sunday, March 29, 2020.

She was born July 31, 1956, in Atchison, the daughter of Harold and Glenda Larrison. She grew up in Soldier and graduated from Jackson Heights High School.

She married Steven Liddle on March 7, 1992, in Castaic, Calif. He survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Kira D. Gonzalez and husband Andrew; a sister, Debra Swindale and husband Darryl, Topeka; and other family members. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Glenda Larrison; a sister, Penny Hannon Larrison; and a brother, Kevin Larrison.

Funeral services will be held at a later date. Hughes Family Tribute Center of Dallas, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

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Wednesday: 7:15 p.m. Prayer meeting

Bucks Grove UM Church

Pastor: Charlotte Milroy • 234-4243
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Christ's Church

Southern Heights Clubhouse
Pastor Jon Hanna
Information 364-3468
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9 a.m. Worship

New Life Church of the Nazarene

100 Topeka, Ave., Holton • 364-3642
Rev. Kevin Kneisley
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service

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Email - circlevillechristian@yahoo.com

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222 New Jersey • Pastor Dean Sharp
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Sunday: 10 a.m. Every Other Month
Check sign board for other events.

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300 W. 5th St. • Pastor Tom Fraumfelter
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
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Denison Reformed Presbyterian

106 Seventh St., Denison, KS • 935-2348
Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible class
11 a.m. Worship service
Lunch following the service
1:15 p.m. Afternoon Service

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227 Pennsylvania Ave. • 364-3834
Sun.: 8:50 a.m. Life Journey (contemporary service)
10 a.m. Sunday school
11 a.m. Traditional worship service
Church - office@evangelumc.org
Pastor - pastor@evangelumc.org

First Baptist Church of Holton

404 Juniper, 364-3423
Pastor - John Wisdom
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
8:25 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study
Friday: 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast

First Baptist Church of Hoyt

Pastor David Burnworth • 986-6446
Wednesday night prayer: 7 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school
10 a.m. Worship service
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Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
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First United Methodist Church

Pastor Kathy Williams
1401 W. 4th, Holton • 364-3275
Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship

Holton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses

12350 214th Rd., Holton • 364-4279
Sunday Public Talk: 10 a.m. • jw.org
Hoyt United Methodist Church

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Netawaka

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10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Lakeview Faith Chapel

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10:15 a.m. Worship service

Larkinburg Christian Church

Rev. Mark Armstrong
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
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Ernest Coleman - Pastor
Sunday: Fellowship & Waffles:
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
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Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service

Potawatomi United Methodist

Rev. Howard Sudduth
Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship

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Pastor: Fr. Jonathan Dizon
416 Ohio, Holton, 364-3262
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass
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834-5750 • Ron Ahlgren, Minister
Luke Schreiber, Youth Minister
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church Services: 10:30 a.m.

St. James Catholic Church

306 5th St., Wetmore • Pastor Father Hammes
Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Confessions: 30 min. prior to mass

Trinity Lutheran Church

401 Cheyenne
Pastor Brian Stark 364-2206/364-2029
Sunday School: 9 a.m. • Worship: 10 a.m.

Wetmore Bible Church

217 Iowa St., Wetmore
Lay Pastor Kyle Claycamp
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school (for all ages)
10 a.m. Worship Hour

Wetmore United Methodist

Pastor Brenda Harter
(785) 866-2512 Parsonage • 866-5556 Church
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship service

Whiting Baptist Church

Sunday: 9 a.m. Sun. school
10 a.m. Worship service

Whiting United Methodist

Rev. Youngwan Won
Sunday: 10 a.m. Education • 11 a.m. Worship

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SPORTS

Big Seven League schools considering sportsmanship policy

Note: The following is in response to what officials are saying is the number one reason their peers are deciding not to officiate games and contests.

The athletic directors and administrators of the Big Seven League schools are trying to take a proactive approach to this issue in an attempt to keep officials for the future of athletics. The following is a draft form for new a league sportsmanship policy that school boards are reviewing currently.

A sports official is any person involved in the administration of a sports contest (referee, umpire, line judge, linesman, score keeper, time keeper, chain crew, book keeper, inspector, starter, spotter, or judge who performs similar actions at a sporting event, whether paid or unpaid.

If sports officials ask school personnel to address a spectator, or if it deemed necessary by school administration, for disrespectful conduct before, during, or after a game, school personnel will speak with the spectator.

The spectator will then be allowed to finish watching the current game and be required to complete the NFHS "Sportsmanship Course" under the supervision of school administration, prior to attending the next sporting event.

If the conduct continues after this discussion, the spectator will then be required to leave the venue immediately and complete the NFHS "Sportsmanship Course" under the supervision of school administration, prior to attending the next sporting event. The incident will be recorded by school personnel.

If a second incident occurs with the same spectator during the same school year, this individual will be required to leave the venue immediately, complete the NFHS "Sportsmanship Course" under the supervision of school administration, prior to attending another sporting event, and will not be able to attend the next sporting event

of that season (or the following applicable season if incident occurs at the last contest of the season).

If a third incident occurs, then the spectator will be required to leave the venue immediately and will no longer be able to attend further athletic events during the applicable sports season and possibly remaining applicable sports seasons during the school year. This policy applies to both home and away events.

Further disciplinary action and requirements may be deemed necessary by administration as situations arise.

If an offense is deemed more serious than a "first strike" offense, additional penalties may be determined by administration or the action may be deemed as a "second strike" offense, for example.

This list of offenses is not all inclusive and school administrators can make rulings regarding points not covered in this policy.

Actions which are automatic offenses include but are not limited to:

- *Entering the playing court, field, locker room or dressing room unless - allowed by rule.
- *Throwing items on a playing surface or in the direction of an official.
- *Verbally abusing an official on their way to the locker room or to their vehicle.
- *Inappropriate social media comments regarding officials.
- *Following officials from the court/field to the locker room.
- *Making physical contact with a sports official.
- *Impeding the path of an official to the locker room or vehicle.
- *Making obscene gestures towards a sports official.
- *Communicating through phone, mail, email, social media or any other means to harass, threaten or annoy an official.

Additional note: Contact Holton school board members, if you'd like to share your comments on this topic.



Yesterday afternoon was a great day for fishing for these two anglers at Banner Creek Reservoir. That's when this photo above was taken with a zoom lens.

Photo by Michael Powls

Banner, Nebo offer fishing opportunities

Got social distancing blues? Try fishing for relaxation and enjoy the great outdoors!

Fishing reports provide general angling information from KDWP staff.

Many factors determine angling success, and fishing conditions and individual fishing success may vary from the report.

Anglers are responsible for deciding what species to fish for, what methods to use, and where and when to fish.

Here's the fishing forecast for Banner Creek Reservoir and Nebo State Fishing Lake.

HOLTON - BANNER CREEK RESERVOIR

Banner Creek, located just west of Holton along Kansas Highway 16, is a 535-surface acre lake with a maximum depth of about 30 feet at the dam. The lake offers six main species of fish. The lake has been mapped by the Kansas Biological Survey and there is a map available at Contour Map Perry Newsletter.

Here's the fishing forecast:

- *Black Crappie - Fair up to 1.25 lbs. Crappie can be caught by vertical jigging minnows over brush piles or standing timber.
- *Bluegill - Fair up to 0.5 lbs. Bluegill can be caught

over brush piles using chunks of worm or small jigs.

*Channel Catfish - Fair to good can be caught from shore using cut bait, stink bait, or livers.

*Largemouth Bass - Fair up to 3.5 lbs. Crankbaits, spinners or plastics along the shoreline, rip rap and structure.

*Walleye/ Sauger - Slow to Fair Walleye up to 6.25 lbs. Sauger up to 2 lbs. Some anglers are having luck catching Walleye along the dam or off of submerged humps. Others have targeted these fish trolling along the creek channel in the mid-part of the lake.

*White Bass - Fair up to 2.5 lbs. Cast a jig along the rocks over the dam to target them. Some anglers have been catching a good number of nice sized fish.

Note: Due to COVID-19 all restrooms, shelters, playgrounds, and the swimming beach are closed. Please maintain at least 6 feet from you and other anglers if visiting this lake.

NEBO STATE FISHING LAKE

Nebo, located about 9.4 miles east of Holton along K-16, is a 38-surface acre lake with a maximum depth of about 15 feet. The lake offers four main

species of fish.

*Bluegill - Slow to fair up to 0.3 lbs. Bluegill can be caught using a small chunk of worm or small ice jigs over brush piles.

*Channel Catfish - Fair to good up to 5.0 lbs. Channel catfish can still be caught using worms, cut shad, or doughballs.

*Largemouth Bass - Fair to good up to 7.0 lbs. The lake contains a nice population of larger fish for a small State Fishing Lake. They can be caught using spinnerbaits, plastics, or crankbaits around the brush piles.

*White/ Black Crappie - Fair up to 1.0 lbs. Tube jig or minnow along shoreline and around the brush piles. Water is cloudy so choose baits that will make a lot of noise both in color and in sound. Best luck would come near the islands on the north shore.

Emergency food service benefit being given to DCF households

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly and Department for Children and Families Secretary Laura Howard recently announced the agency will begin issuing an emergency food assistance benefit to current program households.

The emergency allotment increases a household's monthly benefit to the maximum allowed for the size of the family.

The maximum monthly benefit for a family of four is \$646. "The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act allows states to provide this emergency assistance," Howard said. "We know these additional funds will allow families to purchase more essential groceries for their family while also reducing their visits to grocery stores during this time of social distancing."

"At a time when we are seeing long lines at food distribution sites, these additional funds are necessary to keep Kansans fed," Gov. Kelly said. "I also want to thank all of the eligibility workers who are making sure this money gets to families quickly."

No application is necessary to receive the emergency funds. Families should have seen their March emergency benefit on their EBT card beginning April 15.

The distribution will follow the standard alphabetical schedule. DCF will distribute April emergency benefits in mid-to-late May.

Households that already receive the maximum monthly allotment are not eligible for emergency assistance. The allotment is for March and April only.

Those interested in applying for food assistance can visit the DCF website at www.dcf.ks.gov.

RVHS track team had three state qualifiers set to return

Prior to the cancellation of all high school spring sports, three state qualifiers, including two medalists, were set to help lead the Royal Valley Panther track team this spring season.

In what would have been his fourth season as head coach, David Boucher said the team had several returning letterwinners, as well as some new faces ready to gain some experience.

"We would have been a hard-working bunch that had an exciting blend of youth and experience," Coach Boucher said.

Senior Gavin Cumpton took fifth place in the 110-meter hurdles last year at state in Class 3A with a time of 15.85. At regionals last year, Cumpton posted a second-place finish with a time of 15.52.

Other returning state qualifiers were junior jumpers Morgan Harvey and Ivy Fink. At state last year, Harvey won fifth place in the girls triple jump 35'8.25". At regionals, she took first with a jump of 36'10.5".

Harvey was also a member of the team's 4x100-meter relay at the state meet last year. The relay team took eighth place at state with a time of 51.17 and took first at the regional meet.

Fink took 13th place in the high jump at the Class 3A girls track meet last year with a jump of 4'8". To qualify for the state tournament, Fink took fourth at regionals with a 4'10" jump.

As a team, the Panther girls took second at regionals and tied for third at the Big Seven League track meet last year. The RV boys team took fifth at the Big Seven meet.

"We did well last year and finished in the top half of the league, and we had a strong showing at state," Coach Boucher said.

In addition to Fink and Harvey, other returning letterwinners for the girls team would have included senior Emma Poort (throws), juniors Sammie Sender (throws) and Josslyn Coulter (sprints and pole vault) and sophomore Lily Cannon (long distance).

For the boys team, other returning letterwinners would have included seniors Komesh Spoonhunter (throws), Kain

Fink (jumps), Judson Mathis (long distance), Holden Mundy (long distance), Christian McAlister (pole vault), Anthony Zeller (throws), juniors Kyler Steinbach (throws), Skylar Mechtley (sprints and 4x100), Luke Boyden (pole vault and 4x800) and Alek Mitchell (sprints and 4x400) and sophomores Levi Parrett (throws) and Calvin Ogden (long distance).

Newcomers to the team that Coach Boucher expected to make an impact included sophomores Sam Nuener (throws), Shanokwe Price (mid-distance) and Audrey Pamaska (sprints and hurdles) and freshmen Tressa Jim (mid-distance), Morgan Davis (throws), Jamison Shane (sprints) and Daniel Coleman (jumps and sprints).

Other track coaches for RV include Joe Baumchen, Steve Hardesty, Jake Lott, Nathan Smith and Dawson DeShazo.

Fund To End Hunger In Kansas

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB), in partnership with Farm Bureau Financial Services (FBFS), have created an effort focused on working together to address food insecurity, food deserts and other hunger issues in Kansas, it has been reported.

The Kansas Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture will create a fund and matching program that encourages county Farm Bureaus and Farm Bureau Financial Services agents across the state to each contribute 50 cents per member in their respective county. The Foundation will match up to 50 cents per member per county, totaling a \$1.50 per member per county donation.

The money will go to local food banks or pantries in the respective county.

Individuals who wish to contribute are also welcome. All funds will run through the "Fund To End Hunger In Kan-

sas," within the KFB Foundation. This provides tax deductibility to donors and consistency in the processing and delivery of contributions.

For more information about the fund and to contribute, visit www.kfb.org/endhunger.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Holton High School senior shortstop Bailey Flewelling will play softball at Emporia State University next year, after a stellar high school career. Last season, Flewelling was a Class 3A All-State infielder and honorable mention Big Seven League infielder. She was also a Class 4A, Div. II All-State infielder and First Team All-League infielder as a sophomore.



Royal Valley senior shortstop and center fielder McKenzie Ogden will play softball at Highland Community College after a stellar high school career. Ogden was an All-League pick in the Big Seven multiple times, plus Second Team All-State one season and First Team All-State another season.



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Fenceline

Cement poles a symbol of change

By Jody G. Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Livestock and
Natural Resources

I heard a speaker say, "The only person that likes change is a baby with a wet diaper." Funny but true.



I sit in my home, working from there, watching our once quiet road. We are on the main route of the transmission lines for the wind farm in Nemaha County to Leavenworth County.

The traffic is unreal - about 50 semi-trucks a day and lots of lots of pickups, bulldozers and other equipment I don't know the name of. Although the traffic is annoying, they have been very tolerant of my dogs that think this is "their" road, and once when the horses got out, they even offered to help me catch them. They have been nothing but kind and considerate.

But on Thursday, our once scenic vistas got obliterated with giant cement poles that will hold these power lines of 340,000 volts. Progress, they say. For whom? I ask.

My husband says I won't even see them one day, but

right now they are a symbol to me how everything in my life is changing. Social distancing is not that hard if you live on a farm and you are essential. But the thought of summer without ballgames, picnics and all the other things makes me sick. I keep telling myself it could be worse, and this too shall pass, I hope.

In the meantime, life on the farm goes on. I'm encouraged by the baby calves racing around, a new litter of puppies and a pesky wild animal that's become a pet.

I had a question this week - "Is it too soon to turn out on brome?" The rule of thumb is to have six to 10 inches of growth, with an absolute minimum of three to four inches. I've seen cattle turned out on native grass already, and it's too soon. You can tell if it's too soon if you can see their hocks.

So how do you know what you've got out there? Using a grazing stick, you can measure in 10 to 20 places and average the height. Good fertilized brome with a dense stand can have 350 to 450 pounds of dry matter per inch per acre.

So for instance, if your average measurement is 10 inches, you don't want to grub it into the ground, so you leave four inches. That gives you six inches to work with.

If you do the math, six

inches X 400 = 2,400 pounds of dry matter per inch per acre. Then you simply multiply by the number of acres in the pasture. This will give you a good idea of what kind of stocking rate you can use.

So how do you determine what your cows need to eat? A 1,200-pound cow that is lactating will eat three percent of her body weight, so 36 pounds a day. When you do the math, you can determine how many cattle your acreage can support, if Mother Nature cooperates.

They tell me that this pandemic is a black swan event, something that is rare. I would guess a black swan is also beautiful. I guess it's time to look for the beauty in this pandemic.

Being alone with family on our farm is something I have craved for years while driving to town to work. Seeing people help each other and unselfishly stay at home for the good of all.

Maybe we will learn to live without all the "extra" stuff that we thought were necessary. Maybe these home-schooled kids will turn out better because they get to spend more time with family and siblings. Maybe these ugly power poles will someday seem like beautiful clothespins holding down the sky someday!

Family Life: Cooking with legumes

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Pulses can be thought of as the world's number one longevity food. Pulses are the dried seeds of legume plants. You are probably most familiar with dry beans, lentils, dry peas and chickpeas, but hundreds of different pulses are grown around the world.



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Pulses are often overlooked but many options are available, such as canned beans, and dry beans are easy to cook and freeze for later use. Though dry beans don't require soaking, doing so reduces cooking time and helps dissolve gas-producing oligosaccharides.

For soaking, use 10 cup of water per pound. Beans double or triple in size, so use a large pot. Bring water to a boil and simmer beans two to three minutes. Remove from heat, cover and let stand for one to four hours.

Drain, add fresh water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer gently until beans are tender but firm. Most beans will cook in 45 minutes to two hours.

While you can add herbs and spices at any time during cooking, wait to add salt until beans are tender, as it tends to toughen them.

Acidic foods (lemon juice, vin-

egar, tomatoes, wine, etc.) should be added after beans are cooked because they can prevent beans from becoming tender.

Lentils and split peas do not require soaking. Sort and remove debris, rinse and boil lentils for

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The second Sunday of Easter worship service at Immanuel Lutheran Church was streamed on April 19. The opening hymn was the first four verses of "O Sons And Daughter Of The King."

Following the invocation, confession of sins, absolution and introit, Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the Old Testament lesson from Acts 5:29-42, the Epistle lesson from 1 Peter 1:3-9 and the holy gospel from John 20:19-31.

Psalm 148 was the psalm of the day, Pastor led the Nicene Creed. The sermon hymn was verses five, six and seven of "O Sons And Daughter Of The King."

Pastor Van Velzer's sermon was based on the gospel lesson of the day. If Jesus were to suddenly, without warning, appear in the church this morning, what would you do? We would probably begin with "Is this really Jesus? Is this for real?"

The disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of

the Jewish leaders. They were afraid that what happened to Jesus might happen to them. But now as Jesus stood in front of them, their fear may have shifted a bit. Now they were afraid of what Jesus would do or at the very least say to them.

This was a legitimate fear, considering how they had acted. Jesus knows the motives behind the things that we do. Jesus knows it all. Now again what would you do, what would you say, if Jesus suddenly were standing here today?

Like Jesus' disciples on Easter evening, it's not so much about what we would say or what we would do. What is most important is what Jesus says and what Jesus has done. His first words were, "Peace be with you!" That is the peace that Jesus announces - the peace of sins forgiven - peace with God.

Jesus came to bring peace between God and sinners. That is the peace which Jesus announces to us, assuring us that we have nothing to fear as we stand

before Jesus - our sins are forgiven. May the peace of Christ free you from fear and fuel you to live in gratefulness to your risen and living Savior.

In the prayers of the church, petitions were granting a desire to keep God's commandments, loving God above all things and loving our neighbor; blessings were asked on all pastors, deaconesses, teachers and all church workers; for all caregivers and medical personnel at this difficult time; for the poor and needy, the widowed, the orphaned and the unemployed. We pray that God delivers the sick with His mercy and comfort, and we also pray for those we named in our heart. The Lord's Prayer followed.

Following the Pax Domini, Nunc Dimittis, the thanksgiving, salutation and benediction, the service closed with the last two verses of "O Sons And Daughters Of The King."

Pastor VanVelzer is planning a Zoom Bible study during the week.

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A Primary Election will be held on August 4, 2020. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party, which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for U.S. Senate
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- One candidate for State Senate - District #1
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- One candidate for State Representative - #62 (Cities: Netawaka & Whiting and Townships: Netawaka & Whiting)
- One candidate for Member, State Board of Education - 6th District
- One candidate for County Commissioner 2nd District (Townships of Banner &

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- One candidate for Holton City Commissioner Position #3
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The filing deadline is June 1, 2020 at noon. This is also the deadline to change your party affiliation for the August primary. The last day to register to vote is July 14th. If you have any questions please call Kathy Mick at 785-364-5200.

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Tips for coping in quarantine

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

Last week, I shared the first half of some tips to help with wellness during these challenging times. This advice is from Dr. Eileen Feliciano, a New York psychologist. This is what she has shared with patients where the singular focus was COVID-19 and how to cope.



- Limit social media and COVID conversations, especially around children. One can find tons of information to consume, and it changes minute to minute. The information is often sensationalized, negatively skewed and alarmist.

- Find a trusted source that you can check in with consistently, limit it to a few times a day and set a time limit for yourself in how much you consume (again 30 minutes tops, two to three times daily). Keep news and alarming conversation out of earshot from children – they see and hear everything and can become very frightened by what they hear.

- Notice the good in the world – the helpers. There is a

lot of scary, negative and overwhelming information to take in regarding this pandemic. There are also a ton of stories of people sacrificing, donating and supporting one another in miraculous ways. It is important to counter-balance the heavy information with the hopeful information.

- Help others. Find ways, big and small, to give back to others. Support your restaurants, offer to grocery shop, check in with elderly neighbors, write psychological wellness tips for others – helping others gives us a sense of agency when things seem out of control.

- Find something you can control, and control the heck out of it. In moments of big uncertainty and overwhelm, control your little corner of the world. Organize your bookshelf, purge your closet, put together that furniture. It helps to anchor and ground us when the bigger things are chaotic.

- Find a long-term project to dive into. Now is the time to learn how to play the keyboard, put together a huge jigsaw puzzle, start a 15-hour game of Risk, paint a picture, read a series of books, crochet a blanket. Find something that will keep you busy, distracted and engaged to take breaks from what is going on in the outside world.

- Engage in repetitive movements and left-right movements.

Research has shown that repetitive movement (knitting, coloring, painting, clay sculpting, jump roping, etc.), especially left-right movement (running, drumming, skating, hopping) can be effective at self-soothing and maintaining self-regulation in moments of stress.

- Find an expressive art and go for it. Our emotional brain is very receptive to the creative arts, and it is a direct portal for release of feeling. Find something that is creative such as sculpting, drawing, dancing, music, singing or playing, and give it your all. See how relieved you can feel. It is a very effective way of helping kids to emot and communicate as well.

- Find lightness and humor in each day. There is a lot to be worried about, and with good reason. Counterbalance this heaviness with something funny each day: cat videos on YouTube, a funny movie – we all need to little comedic relief in our day, every day.

- “Chunk” your quarantine – take it moment by moment. We have no road map for this. We don’t know what this will look like in one day, one week or one month from now.

Often, when I work with patients who have anxiety around overwhelming issues, I suggest that they engage in a strategy called “chunking” – focusing

on whatever bite-sized piece of a challenge that feels manageable. Whether that be five minutes, a day or a week at a time, find what feels doable for you, and set a time stamp for how far ahead in the future you will let yourself worry. Take each chunk one at a time, and move through stress in pieces.

- Remind yourself daily that this is temporary. It seems in the midst of this quarantine that it will never end. It is terrifying to think of the road stretching ahead of us.

Please take time to remind yourself that although this is very scary and difficult, and will go on for an undetermined amount of time, it is a season of life and it will pass. We will return to feeling free, safe, busy and connected in the days ahead.

- And last, but not least, find the lesson. This whole crisis can seem sad, senseless and at times avoidable. When psychologists have a patient with trauma, a key feature to helping someone work through said trauma is to help them find their agency, the potential positive outcomes they can effect, the meaning and construction that can come out of destruction.

What can each of us learn here, in big and small ways, from this crisis? What needs to change in ourselves, our homes, our communities, our nation and our world?

Parks receives Dale Dennis award

Cassidy Parks (shown at right), a senior at Royal Valley High School, has received the Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award, sponsored by United School Administrators of Kansas, it has been reported.



Joel Hesel, RVHS principal, announced recently that Parks has demonstrated the characteristics necessary to receive this annual award given in honor of a distinguished Kansas educational leader.

Recipients of this award are identified from their schools and across the state as individuals who have displayed the citizenship, community and school service, scholarship and strong self-awareness which make them quality individuals.

The Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award was established in 1996 by Kansas school administrators to honor the long and valuable service Dennis, deputy commissioner of the Kansas State

Department of Education, has provided to the students and educators of Kansas. The individual attributes which characterize Dennis as a friend of education, and more importantly as a first-class citizen, are the basis for determining the recipient of this award, it was reported.

Mole control is difficult but not impossible

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

If you haven't seen them already, it won't be long until you can feel them underneath you as you mow. Moles: one of a homeowner's biggest turf grass nuisances...



The soil upheaval is a result of the moles looking for food. With earthworms as their primary food source, moles burrow in the soil in search of them (and grubs), disturbing everything as they go. They can even uproot small plants and feed on flower bulbs.

Control is difficult. There are many home remedies (chewing gum, broken glass, etc.), but most are inconsistent and unproven.

Poison baits tend to fail because moles feed on earth-

worms and grubs, not the vegetable matter base typical of most baits. Grub control products might reduce grub populations, but they are less effective against earthworms, leaving the mole's primary food source untouched.

Traps are the best control method. They come in different forms (harpoon, choker and scissor-jawed), each one effective once their placement and setting is fine-tuned.

For the best trapping results, start by determining the active runs. Some are abandoned soon after construction. Others are used for long-term periods. Determine active runs using a broomstick or other object to poke holes in multiple runs. Return a day later. If they've been repaired, they are active runs and should be used for trap placement.

Place traps in active runs by digging out a little soil, placing the trap and then replacing loose soil. Secure well so the trap's recoil will not lift it out of the ground. Make sure the triggering mechanism is in the center of the run.

Finish by pushing down two more holes, one on each side of the trap. The hope is that moles will be caught when

they try to repair the tunnel. If you haven't caught a mole in three days, move the trap and start over!

For mole control references and a how-to video, see our K-State Research and Extension mole control page located at www.wildlife.k-state.edu/species/holes/index.html.

Fruit Damage From Cold Temperatures

Twenty-eight degrees. That's the temperature where most fruit trees see the start of damage from cold temperatures. It differs by crop and growth stage, but 28 degrees is a good baseline.

Apple research, for example, shows the potential for around a 10 percent kill of fruit buds when temperatures drop to the 28-degree level.

How cold did it get? Every microclimate is different, but good general area information can be obtained by checking out the Kansas Mesonet sites at <http://mesonet.k-state.edu/>.

An analysis of soil temperatures from the Rossville station show multiple hour time periods during the morning hours of April 10 and April 13 that could cause mortality.

Fortunately, temperatures didn't drop at this site to the lower temperatures necessary

for much greater mortality rates.

For information about fruit specific damage potential, see the latest KSU Horticulture newsletter: https://hnr.k-state.edu/extension/info-center/newsletters/2020/April14_2020_15.pdf. This article also includes a great description on how to evaluate fruit buds for damage.

Card Shower

Madella Schreiber
Madella Schreiber of Soldier will celebrate her 90th birthday on Friday, April 24.

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Commercial hemp program moves forward

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that it has approved the plan submitted in January by the Kansas Department of Agriculture to regulate a Commercial Industrial Hemp Program in Kansas.

This approval is a critical formal step in the process to establish the new commercial hemp program. However, the program will not be active in Kansas until completion of the process for adoption of rules and regulations, it was reported.

“This is great news for Kansas, as it moves us one step closer to establishing a commercial program for industrial hemp,” said Jeff Ochampaugh, who serves as chair of the Industrial Hemp Advisory Board. “It’s important for Kansans to understand, though, that our program won’t be active until the regulations are adopted.”

The formal adoption process for the Commercial Industrial Hemp Program regulations is under way, as the program is being reviewed by several state entities including the Division of Budget, the Department of Administration, the Attorney General and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations.

Once the regulations have been reviewed by those bodies, the regulations will be subject to a public hearing, which must be announced in the Kansas Register 60 days prior to the hearing.

Given the timeline of the formal adoption process, it is anticipated the Commercial Industrial Hemp Program will be finalized no earlier than early fall 2020. At this time, the industrial hemp industry in Kansas continues to function under the Industrial Hemp Research Program regulations.

For more information about the industrial hemp program in Kansas, go to agriculture.ks.gov/industrialhemp.

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Sub-zero oil contracts can happen — and did

By Matt Hines

Cattle futures finished mixed last Friday but ended higher week over week. The Fed Cattle Exchange online auction was held last Friday instead of Wednesday, with more than 5,700 head consigned but only 898 trading at \$105 live. The rest of the country also showed very light volume last week in a range from \$97 to \$105 live and \$150 to \$168 dressed.



Until packing plants are able to run at full capacity and work through the built-up supply that has been growing on showlists, the cash market will continue to be under pressure. The unemployment report last week pushed the total for the past four weeks up to 22 million new claims. This is roughly the net number of jobs created in a nine-and-a-half-year stretch that began after the last recession and ended with the pandemic's arrival.

Compared to last week, steers and heifers in the South Central region were \$5 to \$10 higher, while the North Central and Southeast steers and heifers were steady to \$4 higher. The auction receipts on this report tallied under 100,000 again this week, the third time in the last five weeks. This week's volume is roughly 50 percent of the same week a year ago.

For the week, Thursday, April 9 through Friday, April 17, April live cattle were up \$.65, June was up \$1.92, April feeder cattle were unchanged, May was up \$.32, August was down \$.47 and June lean hogs were down \$4.95. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$15.06 at \$238.99, Select up was \$18.87 at \$227.20 and Pork Carcass Cutout was up \$7.28 at \$60.13.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 502,000 head, down 34,000 from the week previous and down 140,000 from last year. Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 2,236,000 head, down 171,000 compared to the week previous but up 148,000 compared to a year ago.

Cattle futures went lower again to start this week along with equities and energies. For the first time in history, the nearby crude oil contract actually went negative — yes, I said that right, below \$0! The low for the day was down \$40 per barrel — that's a negative \$40, not down \$40. If you are wondering how in the world a commodity can actually go negative, the best example I can give is think about our trash. We pay someone to come pick it up and dispose of it... that's where crude oil is today!

Guarded optimism may be the key term to end last week in the grains. The COVID-19 pandemic may be finally plateauing nationwide as states begin working on plans for gradual easing of the

lockdown and stay-at-home orders. We still have a long way to go regarding fuel demand, which continues to be the main pressure on corn along with the now domestic feed demand for both corn and soybean meal as meat processing has slowed.

Wheat, specifically Kansas City wheat, went back higher on Friday and for the week, as dry weather was still a concern in Europe, and Russian and U.S. values are cheaper on a FOB basis to both. President Trump announced a \$19 billion ag support plan on Friday, including \$16 billion in direct payments.

For the week, Thursday April 9 through Friday April 17, May corn was down \$.08½, July was down \$.07½, May soybeans were down \$.21¾, July was down \$.17¼, May Kansas City wheat was up \$.06¾, July was up \$.06¾, May Chicago wheat was down \$.15¾, July was down \$.11¼, May soybean meal was down \$15 per ton and July was down \$10.20 per ton.

The freeze damage on wheat here in the Southern Plains is still being assessed but could be widespread, dry conditions continue in the forecast for Russia and now there are supply concerns for Russian wheat by mid-May as it is expected the export quota set for April through June shipments may be reached by then. Corn will continue to follow the energies.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker for Loewen and Associates, Inc. of Manhattan and can be reached at (785) 289-0036.

PPE...

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HCH safety officer Loretta Fitzgerald confirmed that staff at the hospital and its affiliated clinics currently have an "adequate amount of supplies" but are keeping an eye on national PPE shortages.

"We have a number of items, including gloves, that are back-ordered, and we're not expecting shipments until mid-May," Fitzgerald said. "We do have a concern of a possible increase in our patient volumes and how readily we would be able to receive shipments of PPE supplies."

On Mondays, Saia said, HCH staff takes stock of available PPE supplies and determines how many days' worth of supplies are available.

"It's called a 'burn rate,'" Saia said. "We have to do that to get our share from the national stockpile, and right now, we've gotten all that we're going to get of what we've asked for."

One contingency in place to keep a good stockpile of PPE equipment on hand at HCH involves the temporary discontinuance of elective surgeries, or those that do not involve immediate medical emergencies.

"That's helped us cut down on equipment and supply use," Saia said.

Saia and Fitzgerald also noted the generosity of the Holton area in providing homemade face masks, material gowns and other items, even though some of the donated materials are not used by medical personnel on the job who use surgical masks.

"We've used them mainly for training and making sure people are putting them on and taking them off properly," Saia said. "We've used the masks for patients and visitors when they come in, instead of giving them our surgical masks to use."

"We do want to make sure that

Teaching from home...

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Each day, Jones' students have a core reading and math assignment they must complete online in addition to their weekly spelling test administered by parents. The students also have videos recorded by Jones and other second-grade teachers to help with instruction.

"This week we've been focusing on counting money as an essential skill," she said last Thursday. "Last week was data and probability with graphing."

The students are able to submit their completed assignments to her so she can grade them.

"We're lucky that this technology exists right now," she said. "We can't consolidate seven and a half hours into one, but we're doing the best we can under the circumstances."

Jones said she is still keeping her regular grade sheet but that she knows that the expectations

might be too much for some.

"It's been a lot on our parents. We're trying to give each other grace because some parents are able to be at home right now and be hands-on while some are still trying to work full-time jobs and then do school with their kids," she said. "We try to reach out to parents to see if there is something we can help them with if we see they are struggling. Everyone is doing the best they can."

To stay connected to her students, Jones hosts an online Zoom meeting with her two reading groups twice a week, as well as a Zoom meeting on Fridays for her entire classroom to allow the children to socialize.

"They miss each other, and I miss them," she said. "I have learned that the best part of teaching for me is to have a child in front of me. It's not the lessons or anything else. The fun part is

having a kid directly across from me and interacting as they're learning."

Jones has been working very closely with the other second-grade teachers at Holton to determine the daily activities for their students. Jones' focus is on the reading activities while the other teachers focus on other subjects in order to share activities and videos for all the second-grade students to complete.

"If anything good has come out of this, it's the collaboration with the other teachers," she said. "Because once one person learns a new trick, we share it. We've really learned to rely on our teaching teams and give up some control. We're trying to teach smarter by dividing up the work because it would be so overwhelming otherwise."

While Jones works in her dining room, her husband is also working from home in a make-

shift office in their bedroom and their two college-age sons are finishing their school online in their bedroom and the basement.

"Boundaries have been an issue for me because I want to be available for my parents. Most of mine are very respectful of that but when they have a question, I've told them to text me and I will problem solve as soon as I'm able," she said. "Some families are up early working on things at 8 a.m. and others are submitting work at 10:30 p.m. so, for me, I have to walk away from technology and take breaks from the screen."

Jones said the teachers understand that when students return to school in the fall, there will be some challenges.

"We know we're going to have to meet the students where they are at because there is going to be a loss of instruction," she said. "We're expecting it."

Internet "hotspots"...

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Locally, Giant has free hotspots set up in Holton (Linscott Park and the Jackson County Courthouse), Circleville (near the Circleville gym), Mayetta (Royal Valley Middle School) and Hoyt (Royal Valley High School and behind Stithem's Hoyt Services & Tire).

JBN's local hotspots are located in Holton (at the Giant/JBN office at 418 W. Fifth St.), Netawaka (335 Whiteway St. at the JBN station near the fire department), Wetmore (311 Kansas St. at the JBN station), Soldier (213 First St. at the JBN station) and Goff (1739 Kansas Highway 9).

"We understand that there are students that may live outside of the city limits, and for one reason or another, are unable to access

the internet. So, in an effort to help assist with continuous learning, and to generally keep people connected to what's important, we thought the right thing, done right, was to provide access to as many locations as we could," Taylor said.

Taylor said that Giant and JBN staff members have been busy this past month setting up new Internet service, upgrading some services, maintaining the system and fielding many calls from customers.

"Our hope is that the folks within our communities understand the investment of time, effort and risk the Giant Communications and JBN staff members are investing. We simply ask that the community show kindness and encouragement to our

dedicated staff members every chance they get," he said.

Taylor said the Giant and JBN network is "strong" and holding up well during the influx of users.

"We have various tenured technical members on our team who are monitoring our network on a daily basis," he said. "We are certainly prepared to react appropriately if the need arises."

To serve their customers better during this time, Giant and JBN have also modified their late fee and disconnect policies. Although the businesses' office in Holton is currently closed to customers, people can still reach Giant at 785-362-9331 and JBN at 785-362-3323.

"The Giant Communications and JBN staff members have tr-

ly made our customers the number one priority over the course of the last few weeks. Each team has gone above and beyond, from customer service to technical staff and the accounting team, and each has exceeded what was required," Taylor said. "I couldn't be prouder of the amazing group of people working for Giant Communications and JBN Telephone. We will continue to keep people connected to what's important in an effort to do the right thing right."



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Road rock...

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The other bids included:

* Heath Ohlsen Construction of Whiting — \$100 an hour for a dump truck (one available) and \$118 an hour for an end/belly dump truck (one available).

* Morrissey Trucking of Wetmore - \$118 an hour for an end dump truck (one available).

* Mellies Farm of Netawaka - \$100 an hour for a dump truck (one available), \$118 an hour for a belly dump truck (one available) and \$118 an hour for an end dump truck (one available).

* Steve Kathrens of Holton - \$100 an hour for a dump truck (one available).

* TayJay Transport of Holton - \$120 an hour for an end dump truck (one available).

* Long Trucking of Wakarusa - \$110 an hour for an end dump truck (11 available), \$90 an hour for a tri-axle dump truck (eight available) and \$100 an hour for a quad axle dump truck (two available).

The commissioners were not in favor of utilizing Long Trucking since it is an out-of-county company.

Barnett also said he prefers not to use end dump trucks, which are a tractor and trailer.

"They just don't spread the rock the way we want it," Barnett said.

Commissioner Ed Kathrens suggested reviewing the contract with Ehrhart after 10 hauling days to see how well it's working.

"I have some reservations on how it will work," Kathrens said.

Barnett agreed to review the contract and its costs after the 10 hauling days.

"If we won't try, we won't know if it'll work," Barnett said.

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During the stay-at-home order regarding the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), local residents have been gathering on Saturday nights around the Holton Town Square for casual cruise nights. The event, which is held at 7 p.m., helps people take a break from being in their homes and allows them to wave and interact with other people from the safe distance of their vehicles.

Submitted photo

Federal judge rules against Gov. Kelly's order

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly's April 7 order limiting in-person attendance at religious worship services to 10 or fewer congregants to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) was overturned last Saturday by a federal judge, it was reported.

U.S. District Judge John Broomes of Wichita granted the request of two Kansas church pastors for a temporary restraining order on Gov. Kelly's April 7 order, which added "churches or other religious facilities" to a list of other facilities where no more than 10 people could gather in accordance to a previous executive order.

Kelly responded to charges that she was specifically targeting religious services in her efforts to curtail the spread of COVID-19, which as of Monday had resulted in more than 1,900 confirmed cases and about 100 deaths in

State receives PPE supplies, expands testing

Gov. Laura Kelly announced Kansas has received additional supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE) to expand COVID-19 testing in Finney, Ford, Lyon and Seward counties, it was reported.

"I want to thank our federal partners for their ongoing efforts to help our state respond to the COVID-19 pandemic," Gov. Kelly said. "I particularly appreciate the assistance from Senator Pat Roberts and Senator Jerry Moran."

Kansas Department of Health and Environment is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to test and contain recent clusters of positive coronavirus cases in Kansas counties centered around food and meat processing plants.

"In order to fight this pandemic, collaboration at the state, local and federal level is paramount," Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE Secretary, said. "Expanded testing and additional supplies from the federal level will equip and inform our state and local health officials as they work to protect the health of Kansans."

The plants in southwest Kansas account for 25 to 30 percent of the country's beef processing.

"Agriculture is a facet of our state's most critical infrastructure - Kansas doesn't just feed the state, we feed the world," Kelly said. "This is particularly true of our frontline workers in meat-packing plants across the state who process a significant portion of the nation's supply."

Since the start of this crisis, the governor and members of her administration have been in communication with those plants and representatives of their employees.

The facilities have modified several production and shipping systems and have taken proactive measures including temperature and health screenings, enhanced sanitation and social distancing.

In recent weeks, Kansas has struggled to obtain the necessary supplies needed to test and treat coronavirus patients.

The state received its allocation of the Strategic National Stockpile in late March. PPE received from the SNS was quickly distributed to counties throughout the state based on population.

Kansas. It was reported that more than 80 cases and six deaths from COVID-19 had resulted from religious gatherings.

In his ruling, Judge Broomes sided with Stephen Ormord, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dodge City, and Aaron Harris, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Junction City, who claimed that Kelly, with the executive order, had intended to "restrict religious practice while failing to prohibit secular activity that endangers the same interests to a similar or greater degree."

Broomes also opined that, with Kelly's order, "the essential function of religious activity was targeted for stricter treatment due to the nature of the activity involved, rather than because such gatherings pose unique health risks that mass gatherings at commercial and other facilities do not, or because the risks at religious gatherings uniquely cannot be adequately mitigated with safety protocols."

According to Broomes, the temporary order applies only to the churches led by Ormord and Harris, while all other religious gatherings must continue to adhere to the requirements of Kelly's April 7 order.

Ormord and Harris were listed as plaintiffs in a lawsuit against Kelly, targeting the validity of the executive order, which also applied to funeral homes and funeral services. Broomes has scheduled a hearing for Thursday on the lawsuit, it was reported.

In response to Broomes' ruling, Kelly said the state was not alone in restricting gatherings, including religious gatherings, and that a majority of states and hundreds of local governments across the country have imposed similar temporary restrictions to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There have been at least eight other legal challenges like this one, and so far none of them have ruled against a mass gathering restriction like ours. Courts across the country have recognized that during this pandemic emergency the law allows governments to prioritize proper public health and safety," Kelly said.

"This is not about religion. This is about a public health crisis," she added. "This ruling was just a preliminary step. There is still a long way to go in this case, and we will continue to be proactive and err on the side of caution where Kansans' health and safety is at stake."

Dr. Lee Norman, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, said nothing had changed related to the need to practice social distancing and avoid mass gatherings.

"As Kansans, we have a responsibility to keep our neighbors, friends and family safe. Please do not gather in groups larger than 10 people," Norman said. "As we see ramped-up testing across the state, we still must exercise extreme caution in our daily activities. It bears repeating: stay safe, stay home, save lives."

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said Broomes' ruling amounted to "a much-needed reminder that the Constitution is not under a stay-home order and the Bill of Rights cannot be quarantined."

"Let me be clear: My own view remains that churches, synagogues, temples and mosques should cancel all in-person services and instead worship remotely at this time," Schmidt said. "I strongly urge all Kansas religious leaders to do so. But as a government official, I may not impose that preference selectively on Kansans of faith but not others. Neither may Gov. Kelly."

Straight Arrows host meetings on Zoom

By Lorna Smith
Reporter

The Straight Arrows 4-H Club called the March meeting to order on March 15 via Zoom connection due to COVID-19. Club leader Denise welcomed families to the meeting and announced that K-State Extension has suspended all in-person activities until May 16.

Junior President Dalton called the meeting to order. Song leaders Blake and Kallen led club members in the flag salute and 4-H pledge. Denise took roll call, being answered by "What do you want to be when you grow up?" There were 24 members connected. Many members participated in share time. The treasurer gave a report on the club balance.

Denise reviewed Club Day and club T-shirt ordering. She said she would reach out by email to the parent and fundraising committees for planning before the next meeting.

In old business, it was moved and approved to move the junior officer meeting to the April meeting. There was no new business.

One member gave a project talk, and Denise announced that the next meeting would be held by Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on April 19. The meeting was then adjourned.

President Colby Doyle called the Straight Arrows 4-H meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 19. Members joined the meeting through Zoom. Song

leaders led club members in the flag salute and 4-H pledge. Denise took roll call by asking, "What is your favorite stay-at-home activity?" Twenty-five members were virtually attending the meeting.

Secretary Kennedy Smith read the minutes of the last meeting. Reports from the treasurer, reporter and council members were given. Denise reminded club members about getting their T-shirt order forms turned in.

Denise also said that all in-person 4-H activities had been cancelled until July 4, and all extension offices were closed to the public. Animal tagging, YQCA training and new family orientation were some topics also discussed.

Colby moved to old business. Since club members decided not to have a junior meeting in April, it was moved that the club's junior officers lead the club tour party in July.

For new business, members discussed fund-raisers. Members came to an agreement to postpone fundraisers until later in the year, but no action was taken.

Club members motioned to donate money to the upkeep and landscaping of the fairgrounds in memory of Debbie Clark.

Four members gave project talks and Denise reminded club members that the next meeting would be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 11 by Zoom. President Colby then adjourned the meeting.

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Snow removal, security cameras at the city park discussed at Mayetta council meeting

The Mayetta City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 4 at Mayetta City Hall. Mayor Jonathan Wimer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Those present included Wimer and council members Judy Penfield, Linda Robinson, Dan Whiteman and Shelley Ramage; Darrel Chapman was absent. Also present were City Clerk Grace Bowser, City Attorney Tom Barnes, Police Chief Steve Rupert and city employees Tracey Sims, Rudy Schmidt and Deb Hunter.

Resident Kerry Wathen addressed the council concerning snow removal on Main Street as well as the city sidewalk. Wathen said he would like to see the downtown business streets cleared off quicker before they get packed and turn to ice.

Resident Lauri Harris addressed issues she had with minutes of past council meetings. Harris said that at the Jan. 2 meeting, the mayor said in August 2016 that the council established a community foundation fund that would hold all donations made to the city and that all donations made to the city through the foundation fund are tax-exempt.

A board was appointed at that time to govern the expenditures from this account and the terms of such members appointed have expired. Harris contended that the board was not appointed until Sept. 7, 2016, and that funds donated would be "tax-deductible" as opposed to "tax-exempt."

Harris also said that during her review of the meeting minutes of the August and September 2016 meetings, she discovered inaccuracies warranting amendment. She pointed out that in the minutes of the Sept. 7, 2016 meeting it was noted that a committee to advise the council on expenditures was appointed by

Mayor Wimer and not during a meeting held on Aug. 3, 2016.

Harris also said that the initial amount to open an account with the Jackson County Community Foundation Fund was \$100, according to the Aug. 3, 2016 meeting minutes. That amount changed to \$3,000, as shown in the September minutes. Her exception is that the minutes reflected that a motion was made by Whiteman to change the amount needed to open an account with the Jackson County Community Foundation from \$100 to \$3,000. Harris said the motion was never seconded, nor was a vote taken.

A review of the city clerk's notes from the Sept. 7, 2016 meeting showed that a motion was seconded and approved on a 3-0 vote. It was by oversight that it was not recorded in the minutes, it was reported.

Barnes advised Harris that her exceptions would be duly noted in the minutes of the March 4 meeting, but because the minutes of the September 2016 meeting were officially approved nearly four years ago, they should not be amended at this time.

Harris also sent in a request for inspection or copies of public records and was told there is a fee of \$20 per hour per employee to look up the information, as well as a copy fee of 25 cents per page. She asked the council to waive the fee. No motion was made to waive the fee.

Harris also asked about coming into the office to view the information she requested. Barnes replied that the \$20-per-hour fee would stand because it would still require staff to gather the information and documents she requested.

Tracey Sims, assistant water operator, told the council she was having medical issues with her feet and wouldn't be able to work long days. Sims said she is willing to work from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through

Friday. Sims told the council if they wanted to hire someone else to help, she is fine with it. After council discussion, it was decided to put an ad in The Holton Recorder for part-time help.

Chief Rupert said he asked for a quote from Adam Schafer of the Computer Doctors to get the cameras replaced in the park. The total cost to replace the cameras with higher definition cameras and a new computer system would be \$4,965. The council asked Rupert to get another bid to compare prices.

A motion by Ramage to approve the meeting's consent agenda, including minutes from the Feb. 5 meeting and monthly payment vouchers, was seconded by Penfield and approved on a 4-0 vote. The council also reviewed the monthly financial reports.

Bowser reported that the city's spring clean-up date has been set for Saturday, April 25. It was also noted that dog tags were due.

The City of Mayetta sign located just south of town has been given to the city by the Mayetta Business Association, it was reported. It has a fee of \$35 per year, payable to the Kansas Department of Transportation. Bowser said she contacted KDOT when the bill came due and was told KDOT waived the fee because it is a City of Mayetta sign and advertises more than one business.

Bowser said she is now able to e-mail water bills through the city's utility billing program. Residents will need to come in and fill out a form with their e-mail address and consent to email bills. Bowser said she would include this information in the annual newsletter.

It was reported that the League of Kansas Municipalities' governing body institute conference for newly-elected council members was scheduled for April 24 and

25 in Manhattan. The cost to attend both days was reported as \$175.

Information was received from local resident Matt DeVader about EMP Shield, a company that supplies surge protectors that protect entire buildings. The surge protectors cost \$300 each, DeVader said, and it was noted that the city would need four — one each for city hall, the pump house, the water tower and the control room at the spray park. Whiteman's motion to purchase four surge protectors from EMP Shield for \$300 each was seconded by Ramage and approved on a 4-0 vote.

The city's trash contract expires on June 30, and it was noted that the city would need to contact Waste Management if automatic renewal of the contract was not desired. After discussion, it was decided to seek bids on trash service for the city.

The council instructed Bowser to add to the annual newsletter to have residents pile their brush by the curb, and a city contractor will pick it up.

Wimer reported that the new owners of the post office building have requested a handicapped-accessible entrance to be cut into the curb at the post office. It was noted that it is the responsibility of the building owner to make changes like that with the permission of the city council.

Robinson asked if the bathroom at the city park could be made bigger. There is not enough room for there to be two stalls and still be handicapped-accessible.

Council members asked Bowser to get information on installation of a drinking fountain at the city park before the April meeting.

Ramage's motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. was seconded by Robinson and approved on a 4-0 vote.

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Commissioners deny request to allow chickens in city limits

By Brian Sanders
Members of the Holton City Commission said during their Monday evening meeting that they preferred not to make any changes to a city ordinance regarding the keeping of chickens in the city limits after a Holton resident asked whether it was possible to stop counting chickens as "undomesticated animals."

During the commission's regular meeting, Holton resident Alexis Resseguie asked commissioners if they would consider modifying city code that allows for the placement of one "undomesticated animal" per acre on a pasture or other enclosure having an area of five acres or more.

Resseguie, whose property encompasses five acres on the outskirts of the city, said she wanted to keep 10 chickens on her property as a "food source" for her family, in addition to two horses, whereas city code would allow her to keep three chickens along with the horses.

Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee, noting that both chickens and horses counted as "undomesticated animals" per city code, noted that such animals may be kept only on properties of five acres or more that are zoned for agricultural use near the city limits, such as the property owned by Resseguie and her family.

McKee also pointed to a survey of Holton residents in the fall of 2012 on whether they would favor the keeping of chickens in residential areas, noting that the vast majority of those who responded were opposed to it. Commissioner Mike Meerpohl added that public sentiment toward keeping chickens in Holton's residential areas had not changed much in the last seven years, in his opinion.

In other business on Monday, commissioners:

■ Approved minutes from their April 6 meeting along with budget appropriations made since that meeting.

■ Were reminded that while the Prairie Lake campgrounds are still open, restrooms at the campgrounds remain closed, as does a swimming area at the lake.

■ Heard a report from McKee that he had not heard anything yet from the Kansas

Prairie Pickers Association on whether the group intends to hold the Prairie Lake Pickin' Party at the lake grounds this year. The annual acoustic music festival is held in early June at the lake grounds.

■ Were reminded by McKee that city utility employees were working in "teams" to keep utilities in operation and to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

■ Heard a recommendation from Commissioner Tim Morris that city officials speak with management

at the Johnsonville meat processing plant regarding recent incidents at other meat processing plants in Kansas that have become COVID-19 "clusters" and whether a plan is in place to prevent a similar situation locally. McKee said he had spoken with Johnsonville management about the matter.

■ Commented on the "blessing box" that has recently been installed at Linscott Park.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 7:35 p.m. All five commissioners were present.

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NOTICE:
The Holton Citywide Garage Sales scheduled for April 24-25 have been postponed due to COVID-19 (coronavirus). They will be rescheduled at a later date. Stay tuned!

Governor's Scholars named



These five high school seniors — from left, Makenzie Kennedy of Jackson Heights, William Davies of Holton, Hadley Gregory of Royal Valley, Savannah Stallbaumer of Wetmore and Victoria Caplinger of Atchison County Community — have been named 2020 Governor's Scholars, it has been reported.

Area students have been selected as 2020 Kansas Governor's Scholars, it has been reported.

The Governor's Scholars program honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.

Local Governor's Scholars include:

Holton: William R. Davies.
Jackson Heights: Makenzie J. Kennedy.
Royal Valley: Hadley G.

Gregory.

Wetmore: Savannah Stallbaumer.

Atchison County Community: Victoria Caplinger.

This program is coordinated for the governor by the Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force. It is funded by donations from private sector businesses in Kansas.

The Confidence in Kansas Public Education Task Force was formed 30 years ago to strengthen public confidence in education.

The following organizations are members of the Task Force: American Association of University Women, Kansas State Board of Education, Kansas Association of School Boards, Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers, Kansas State Department of Education, Kansas-National Education Association, Kansas School Public Relations Association, Kansas State High School Activities Association, Kansas League of Women Voters and United School Administrators of Kansas.



Construction work for phase two renovations at Prairie Band Casino & Resort continue while the facilities remain closed to the public. The renovations include 74 new guest rooms at the resort, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a fitness center and more. Woodstone is the general contractor for the project.

Photo by David Powls

Schmidt joins HCH, FPA staff

By Ali Holcomb

Dr. LaDona Schmidt joined the staff at Holton Community Hospital and Family Practice Associates earlier this month.

"I'm thrilled about joining Family Practice Associates. I'm so excited about this new challenge of my life going forward to continue to provide quality care to the patients in Holton and surrounding communities," Dr. Schmidt said. "I don't think I could've chosen better physicians and staff to work with."

A native of Hays, Dr. Schmidt completed her undergraduate degree at Fort Hays State University and her graduate degree at American University of the Caribbean.

"When I started college, I wanted to be a physical therapist. I was working in a grocery store saving money for college when a customer insisted that instead of taking a year off to save money I should start LPN (licensed practical nursing) school," Dr. Schmidt said. "Somehow, I suspect through God's direction, I was in Vo-Tech three weeks later on a donated scholarship. That is truly where my love of medicine began."

Dr. Schmidt became a LPN and then received an associate's degree in registered nursing and then received a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

She then became a certified advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) and worked as a nurse during breaks from medical school and on weekends during her first year after graduating from medical school.

"When I started medical school, I thought I wanted to be a pulmonologist, but I loved every rotation, which included pediatrics, obstetrics, psy-



Dr. LaDona Schmidt

chiatry and many others but that's what drew me to family medicine," she said. "I love the breadth and depth of family medicine and the variety of patients from infancy to 104-year-olds."

Dr. Schmidt completed her clinical rotations in Connecticut and California and then came back to Kansas to complete residencies in family medicine in Kansas City and then then KU/Smoky Hill Family Medicine in Salina.

"I worked in Salina and delivered babies for the first 16 years of my practice," she said. "When my children were grown, my husband and I wanted to be closer to them so I spent the last three and a half years in Lawrence, but I've missed the small-town feel."

Dr. Schmidt said she heard a lot of good things about the Holton community over the past 20 years from her friend Nancy Sullivan of Holton. "One day several months

ago, I asked Carrie Saia (Holton Community Hospital CEO) about guidance with a state issue, and she offered an opportunity for me to look at a practice here," she said.

Dr. Schmidt's son, Preston, also completed a rotation through The University of Kansas School of Medicine with Holton Family Associates and Dr. Vance Lassey.

"He fell in love with the community, and he has spoken to me ever since about the need to return to rural medicine," she said. "I love small town living. My husband and I brought up four sons in the country outside of Bennington, which is eight miles north of Salina."

In addition to her medical practice, Dr. Schmidt is currently the president of the Kansas Medical Society.

"I am proud to work with KMS to participate in advocacy and care of Kansas patients and physicians," she said.

Dr. Schmidt's husband, Brent Montgomery, is retired from the military and works for Union Pacific Railroad. They have four sons, Lawson, Landon, Preston and Parker.

"We follow their aspirations, efforts and achievements with love and pride. My dad died when he was 50, but he would always tell us two things, you have what you have and the decisions you make today often determine what tomorrow will bring," Dr. Schmidt said. "We enjoy time with our families at the lake. We love to travel together and love sports of all kind. Besides learning everything I possibly can about COVID-19, I've taken on a new challenge of learning to play the harp."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Schmidt, call 364-2126.

2020 graduations may still happen

By Brian Sanders

High school principals at all three Jackson County schools are saying that their respective schools' senior classes may still get the opportunity to don caps and gowns and take the traditional commencement walk — but no dates have been set for graduation ceremonies.

"As for graduation, it is still unknown," Jackson Heights High School Principal Darren Shupe said recently. "We had hoped that we could have the graduation on May 31... We're still waiting for updates from our governor on when we may be able to hold one as normal."

Shupe said he and other school officials had discussed the matter in mid-March but did not come

up with a date for commencement ceremonies after Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly ordered all Kansas school buildings closed for the rest of the year in order to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Rod Wittmer, Holton High School principal, said that while no make-up date for graduation has been set at his school, he also wants to make sure this year's senior class is not deprived of the commencement tradition.

"We're waiting for better information as to what the summer will look like," Wittmer said. "Graduation is a priority for us to hold for the class of 2020."

Royal Valley High School Principal Joel Hesel said the situation was the same at his

school.

"We're at wait-and-see right now," Hesel said. "We're going to see when the state opens up and then make a decision."

One area school district has set a tentative date for high school graduations, it was reported. At their April 13 meeting, members of the Prairie Hills USD 113 Board of Education voted 5-2 to reschedule the date for graduation ceremonies at district high schools, including Wetmore, for Sunday, July 26.

The time for each Prairie Hills graduation will be set by Superintendent Todd Evans and the school principals, it was noted, and an "alternative graduation" will be held if a traditional graduation is not possible.

Fairview woman dies in April 16 house fire

An early Thursday, April 16 house fire in Fairview claimed the life of a resident of the house, according to a report from Brown County Sheriff John D. Merchant.

At about 3:20 a.m. that day, sheriff's officers received a 911 call reporting a house fire in the vicinity of U.S. Highway 36 and Sycamore Street in Fairview, Sheriff Merchant said. Fire departments from Fairview, Sabetha and Powhattan responded to the fire.

Merchant later identified the victim as Delores Goens, 74. A family member said Goens had initially escaped the home but

went back inside to retrieve a family pet, Merchant said.

Goens' husband, Larry Goens, was taken to an area hospital for treatment but was not seriously hurt, it was reported.

The Kansas fire marshal's office has been notified to investigate the fire, said Merchant, who added that foul play was not suspected in the fire.

Other agencies responding to the fire included Squad 48, Town and Country Ambulance, the Sac and Fox Police Department and Brown County sheriff's deputies, it was reported.

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Shannon Wright

Retirement account holders, including owners of IRAs and 401(k)s are usually required to start taking distributions from these accounts once they reach age 72. The CARES Act waives these required minimum distributions (RMDs) for all employer plans and IRAs in 2020, with the exception of defined benefit plans. If you've already taken your distribution for 2020, you can put the funds back in your retirement account if you meet certain requirements.

Of course, if you needed — or will need — the money from the RMD for your cash flow needs, you won't have to return it. But if you don't really need the money, avoiding an RMD in 2020 or returning an RMD to your retirement account will give the funds more time to grow on a tax-deferred basis before the RMDs are once again

required in 2021.

Another CARES Act provision allows for the 10% early withdrawal penalty to be waived for withdrawals up to \$100,000 from qualified retirement accounts, including IRAs and 401(k)s, for individuals who qualify for COVID-19 relief. Qualifying individuals include those who are diagnosed with COVID-19, have a spouse or dependent who is diagnosed with COVID-19 or experience adverse financial consequences as a result of COVID-19, including quarantines, layoffs, business closures or child care responsibilities. Income tax on the distribution would still be owed but could be paid over a three-year period. Employer plan participants also may increase the amount that can be taken as a loan from a qualified retirement plan from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for 2020. While the CARES Act allows these penalty-free withdrawals and increased plan loan amounts, you will need to contact your plan administrator to determine whether these options are available in your plan.

Even though you may be able to access these funds penalty-free, it doesn't neces-

sarily mean you should do so.

Try to exhaust some of the other provisions in the CARES Act first, such as the mortgage or student loan relief, or using the direct payment to bridge the gap on current expenses before taking a distribution or loan from your retirement account. If you decide to take a withdrawal or loan, work with your financial advisor to consider developing strategies to contribute/pay back these funds over time to reduce any long-term impact to your retirement goals.

Please consult with your tax professional before making any CARES Act-related moves with your retirement accounts. Partnering with your tax and financial professionals can help in the decision-making process. In the meantime, stay safe, stay healthy and keep looking forward to brighter days ahead.

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Glory Days activities canceled...

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The announcement followed a statement from the Holton High School Alumni Committee that the annual alumni banquet, also scheduled for May 23, has been canceled due to COVID-19.

"We hope that you will continue to maintain safe practices to ensure the health of all Hol-

ton alumni and Holton community members," the statement said. "As concerns subside and we are released to return to normal functions, we hope to find additional ways to engage with the community and celebrate the Holton alumni members."

Members of Holton American Legion Post 44 and Holton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post

1367 are planning to team up for their annual Memorial Day tour of Jackson County's cemeteries and memorials this year, it was reported.

In related news, Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee reported that the city-wide clean-up day has been canceled for this year.

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