

Gradual relaxing of stay-at-home orders expected

By Brian Sanders

A plan to relax the stay-at-home restrictions in place due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and safely reopen Jackson County for business in phases is coming “very soon” — before this week is out, according to Jackson County Health Office Angela Reith.

Reith said a “temporary plan” for reopening Jackson County when Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly’s statewide stay-at-home order expires at midnight Sunday has been drafted, but she noted that she and county officials are awaiting further guidance from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment on the plan before making it public.

“I’m asking the public to be patient with us. We know this will not be immediate. We will not just lift everything all at once. This didn’t start all at once. It’s not going to go away all at once,” Reith said. “We’ll still need to practice social distancing, good hand washing and staying home if we’re sick.”

A copy of the plan to reopen Jackson County will be made available online at www.holtonrecorder.net as soon as it is released.

The governor issued an executive order on March 28 directing Kansans to stay at

home to prevent the possible spread of the coronavirus unless involved in “essential businesses and activities.” Many small businesses across the state have temporarily closed to the public, and unemployment claims have increased dramatically, as a result of the order.

Gov. Kelly stated an intent to allow the statewide order to expire, with individual counties’ public health officials to enact policies for returning to normal after that. The governor also stated a preference toward a gradual strategy for reopening the state and announced that she would publicly share that strategy tomorrow (Thursday).

Reith said Jackson County’s plan involves “a phased approach” for reopening businesses and county facilities, with some phases of the plan to be enacted more quickly than others.

“We want to do this in a very strategic way, keeping the health and safety of all of our residents in mind, as well as trying to get as many of the businesses as we can open safely, as soon as we can,” Reith said. “There will be different recommendations for different businesses, depending on the risk of transmission.”

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The front of the Holton Community Hospital addition has begun to take shape, as this recent photo of the addition’s front end shows. AHR Construction of Bern is the main contractor on the \$14.6-million expansion and renovation project, with construction beginning shortly after a groundbreaking ceremony held last September. The expansion project will entail additions to the emergency department, a new 6,594-square-foot clinic building, an updated operating area, a renovated specialty clinic, new office space, meeting and training space, updates to current space and room for further growth, as well as enabling the hospital to recruit more new doctors and offer more services.

Photo by Brian Sanders

PPP loans top \$11m so far

By Ali Holcomb

A total of 159 businesses in northeast Kansas have secured about \$11 million in Paycheck Protection Program loans through Jackson County community banks as bank staff begin submitting applications for the second wave of PPP funding this week.

Combined, Jackson County’s banks — The Farmers State Bank, GNBank and Denison State Bank — successfully processed 159 PPP loans as part of the first wave of funding through the CARES Act, it has been reported.

“All three of the banks were busy and helped our small businesses in our community,” said Tonya Barta, FSB president. “We were able to fund all of the applications we received.”

According to a report by the

U.S. Treasury, a total of 1,661,367 loans were approved in the nation totaling \$342,277,999,103 to help businesses affected by closures and stay-at-home orders related to the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). In Kansas alone, 26,245 loans were approved totaling \$4.2 billion.

The largest business sectors that received loans in the country included construction (13.1 percent), professional, scientific and technical services (12.6 percent), manufacturing (11.9 percent) health care and social assistance (11.6 percent), accommodations and food services (8.9 percent) and retail trade (8.5 percent).

The PPP is managed by the U.S. Small Business Administration but businesses must apply for the loan at a local

bank. The funds are forgivable if they are used to pay for eight weeks of a business’ payroll or if they are used for rent and utility payments.

The \$349 billion set aside for the program was allocated within the first two weeks applications were accepted.

It was reported that some larger companies, such as restaurant chains Shake Shack and Ruth’s Chris Steak House, received PPP loans intended for small businesses with fewer than 500 employees.

While some of the larger companies have returned their loans, the treasury department recently announced that it is asking publicly traded companies to return their PPP loans by May 7, noting that the program is meant to keep small

businesses open.

Last Friday, President Donald Trump signed another bill into law that includes an additional \$320 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, as well as more funding for hospitals and testing.

The bill also adds an additional \$60 billion for the Small Business Administration’s disaster relief fund, which is another program providing relief for businesses.

Small business owners, including non-profit organizations, sole proprietors, independent contractors and self-employed people, can apply for a PPP loan through their local bank. Funds are distributed on a first come, first serve basis, it was reported.

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Safety measures in place at Johnsonville

By Brian Sanders

Staff at the Johnsonville meat processing plant in Holton are taking active measures to make sure the plant does not become another COVID-19 (coronavirus) “cluster,” as meat processing plants elsewhere in Kansas have reportedly become, according to a spokesperson for Johnsonville Foods.

“We’re fortunate that our teams and workplaces continue to be healthy and fully functional,” said Stephanie Dlugopolski, manager of public relations for Johnsonville Foods, of measures implemented at the Holton plant and at other plants owned by the sausage manufacturing firm.

The Holton plant began implementing mandatory temperature checks last week, it was reported, and clinical staff from Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka have been brought in to check employees on a daily basis, Dlugopolski said. Employees whose temperatures measure 100.4

degrees Fahrenheit or higher are sent home, she added.

Dlugopolski also noted that Holton plant employees are also being mindful of stay-at-home mandates implemented by local and state officials, limiting their chances for exposure to and possible spread of COVID-19 in the community.

“We know that is also key to keeping the community and our facilities safe, and we appreciate their efforts,” she said.

Jackson County Public Health Officer Angela Reith praised the efforts of Johnsonville personnel to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

“Johnsonville has been excellent at reaching out to me for recommendations and information,” Reith said. “They’ve done a really nice job of implementing a screening program for their employees to help ensure that healthy people are coming to work.”

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Second case of COVID-19 reported here

A staff member at Holton Community Hospital has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus) and is the second confirmed case in the county, according to health officials.

On Saturday, the NEK Multi-County Health Department reported that a woman in her 30s had tested positive for COVID-19 and was at home in isolation and following the recommendations of health officials.

The health department also reported that the first person who tested positive for the

virus, which was reported on March 18, has recovered and that, as of Tuesday, 111 county residents had been tested.

At the same time, HCH officials confirmed that the new positive case was a HCH staff member. The employee was not involved with direct patient care, according to Carrie Saia, HCH CEO.

“We take the safety of our staff seriously and all are screened daily upon entering the facility following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the

Kansas Department of Health and Environment,” Saia said. “Staff members experiencing symptoms are required to stay home. Our staff members are vital to the care of our patients and community and their well being is critical right now.”

Health officials ask residents who are experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 to call their medical provider, which allows healthcare workers to screen patients and lessen possible exposure within a facility.

Symptoms include cough and

shortness of breath or difficulty breathing or at least two of the following symptoms, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.

“It is important we continue to work together to mitigate the spread of this virus,” Saia said.

The health department recommends that everyone over the age of two years old wear a cloth mask when out in public, as well as continue to practice social distancing.

T-shirts being sold to support businesses affected by closures

A T-shirt fund-raiser is being held to raise funds for the Love Jackson County: Disaster Relief Fund, which benefits businesses and individuals in the community affected by COVID-19, it has been reported.

The Farmers State Bank, Custom Creations and Lasting Impressions have teamed up to offer two T-shirt design choices as part of the fund-raiser.

T-shirts are \$15. One design includes the words “Shop Local” and “Love Where You Live” and the other design includes the words “Stronger Together 2020.” Each business created one of the designs.

The designs are printed in black on your choice of a colored T-shirt and orders are being collected now through Friday, May 8.

T-shirt orders are payable to The Farmers State Bank and can be dropped off at the bank’s drive-thru or orders can be placed online at www.lastingimpressions-softs.com/love_jackson_county. An order form for the T-shirts is



published on page 11 of this edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

The FSB’s marketing committee had been working on plans for celebrating the bank’s 120th year when stay-at-home orders were put in place because of the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

“It caused us to look at how we could support our local small businesses as the restrictions have hit their livelihoods,” said Susan Pfrang, FSB board member. “FSB is so appreciative of

Custom Creations and Lasting Impressions teaming up with us. Just after we laid plans for the fund-raiser, we found out about the Love Jackson County Fund, which is a great way to get the money into the hands of our business communities.”

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Temperature checks for employees have been implemented at the Johnsonville plant in Holton in order to reduce any possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). In the photo above, a clinical staff member from Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka (at right) is shown checking the temperature of a plant employee before they start their shift.

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Weekly schedule continues

The *Holton Recorder* will continue to combine its Monday and Wednesday editions through May due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) concerns. The *Recorder* will continue to be published on Wednesdays.

The deadline to submit copy and advertising for the weekly editions is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays. Business hours remain 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We can also be reached at (785) 364-3141 or by e-mail at holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net.

While *The Recorder* office is open at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton, social distancing continues to be observed and most business is being handled over the phone or by e-mail. Thanks!



THURSDAY'S FORECAST
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Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

Many churches see decline in offerings

By Brian Sanders

A recent poll of 1,000 American churches showed that tithes and offerings have declined to varying degrees due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) in about 65 percent of those churches.

Some local church leaders say they, too, are seeing downward trends in offerings, noting that members of their congregation have been economically impacted by COVID-19.

"It hasn't been a terrible decline," said John Wisdom, pastor of Holton's First Baptist Church. "But we have had a little bit of a decline in giving."

Congregants and parishioners who haven't been able to attend regular church services due to social distancing guidelines have other options for weekly offerings, including online contributions, direct bank deposits, mailed-in gifts and drop boxes at churches. Pastor Wisdom said his church, like many in the area, also utilizes a "text app" that allows church members to give via their

smartphones.

Fr. Jonathan Dizon, pastor of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton and St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta, said that while his churches have seen a dip in offerings via direct deposit, mail and drop-offs at the parish office, the decline is understandable given the current situation.

"We asked our parishioners to prayerfully consider what they would still be able to contribute given their respective situations," Fr. Dizon said. "We told them that we would appreciate whatever they can swing, but we would totally understand if they are unable to."

One local exception has been Holton's First United Methodist Church, where Pastor Kathy Williams said an initial decline in offerings in the early stages of the pandemic has since steadied.

"Right now, it's pretty similar to what it was before all of this happened," Pastor Williams said. "With our congregation, we've been very thank-

ful that they've responded and been faithful... People have been impacted economically in different ways. That's been the case with some of our families. But we're holding on."

The National Association of Evangelicals, a national organization serving 40 denominations and representing 45,000 churches, conducted a "State of the Plate" poll of more than 1,000 churches that showed about 65 percent of surveyed churches seeing a decline in giving since mid-March.

According to the poll, 34 percent of churches saw a decline of 10 to 20 percent in giving, 22 percent reported a decline of 30 to 50 percent, and nine percent of churches said they'd seen a drop of 75 percent or more, while 27 percent reported that collections remained steady and eight percent saw an increase in giving.

The COVID-19 pandemic also prompted many churches across the country to go to "livestreaming" weekly messages over the internet. Many

churchgoers still do not rely on the internet for religious services, and some pastors, like Dizon, continue to mail bulletins and other information to homebound and "unplugged" members.

Church congregations also have moved toward utilizing internet meeting platforms such as Zoom to conduct smaller group meetings and Sunday school classes, it was reported. Williams said her church has been conducting all of its smaller group meetings via Zoom, "whether they're administrative meetings or Bible studies."

Wisdom said the pandemic has also been a blessing in disguise, since it "forced us into finding a way" to provide congregants with a means of giving their weekly offerings and staying connected with each other. "Our church had talked about having an online offering option for quite a while and had just never done it," he said. "There's been a few tweaks to get things done differently."

Crisis Pregnancy Center noting 25 years

By Brian Sanders

Meeting the needs of young mothers and mothers-to-be in the Jackson County area remains a priority for Sandy Rickel of Hoyt, who continues to maintain the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Jackson County after 25 years.

"We're still there," Rickel said of what began as "a ministry" to young mothers and mothers-to-be in the area facing a crisis over unexpected or unwanted pregnancies or a lack of resources to take care of their babies.

From the beginning, the center has provided clothes, diapers and baby wipes for children from infancy through two years of age, as well as other baby items that are made available through donations.

And while Rickel and her fellow volunteers may not provide as much counseling for young mothers-to-be weighing the options of adoption and abortion,

with a mission to get them to choose the former option, she said, those services "can be available."

"We don't do much of that like we have done in the past," Rickel said. "Most of it is just meeting the needs of the diapers and the clothes."

The Crisis Pregnancy Center first opened its doors in Hoyt in March of 1995, after Rickel and another volunteer completed training at the Light House, a similar organization in Kansas City. Rickel said she felt a divine calling to reach out to young mothers and mothers-to-be facing crisis situations, and people at her church were on board with it.

After five years in Hoyt, Rickel said she and the center's volunteers moved the center in 2000 to its current home at 109 E. Fifth St. in Holton.

The center, a "non-profit, non-denominational, non-political ministry," is funded by church

groups in the area, and donations of baby items and money have helped to keep the center going strong over the past 25, Rickel said.

But with church services largely being conducted online due to COVID-19, Rickel noted that funding has declined to a certain extent, even though "we're fairly stable on money for now."

The center is also holding its own on donations of diapers, wipes and clothes following a "shower" in February that saw sizable donations of those items.

"We'd gotten that information out before everybody was shut down," Rickel said. "We sent out a flyer asking people to 'have a heart' for the born and the unborn... We got what we felt was a good response."

In recent weeks, the center has had, on average, "two or three" visitors per week, Rickel said, possibly due to COVID-

19, which has prompted volunteers at the center to offer "curb-side" service.

"We are still open. We have a sign on the door that says, 'Knock, and we'll come to you,'" she said. "We give them the diapers and wipes, and if they do need some kind of clothing, we can either pick it out, or we can let them in. We're just trying to be safe."

The center also has donated "baby furniture" items, such as strollers, high chairs and baby beds that are available for short-term use, she said.

Volunteers at the center have not discussed whether a 25-year celebration would be held after things return to normal, but Rickel said "we might" do something to note the center's quarter-century of service.

The center is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. For more information, contact the center at 364-5400.

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Altenburg awarded Democrat scholarship

The Jackson County Democrat scholarship committee has awarded this year's scholarship to Taygen Altenburg (pictured at right), a senior at Holton High School, it was reported.

Members of the scholarship committee include Rose Henry, Marilyn Switzer and Marilyn Quinn. Altenburg's essay is included below.



Voting is one of the most important rights that was given to American citizens, yet very few people realize it. It can be seen how important voting is in how many struggles various races and genders had while fighting for their right to vote.

Originally, only male citizens over the age of 21 could vote. Later, the 15th amendment changed the law so that all male citizens, regardless of race, would have the ability to vote. African Americans again had to fight for their right to vote be-

cause states were making it impossible for them to make it to the ballots.

Their real voting opportunities began in 1965 when Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act. Finally, women wanted in on the action too. In 1920, women gained the right to vote under the 19th amendment.

If all of these people from our country's past fought for the right to vote, then tell me why voting does not matter? In 2017, a Virginia House of Delegates race had 23,000 votes, but it ended a tie.

The tie was broken by placing the candidates' names into film canisters and pulling one from a bowl. The winner ended up being Republican David Yancey and his win gave the Republicans control of the state House by a single seat. This is just one example of a situation

that is reoccurring.

The year before that, three elections were won by just one vote. These elections included the Wyoming state House GOP primary, the Vermont state House seat, and the Vermont state Senate Democratic primary. If just one or two more people had voted in any of these elections, the results could have been different. A different person in these power positions could make a world of difference.

To put voting into a more relatable context, I can relate it to sports. Research has shown that out of all the people who earn \$150,000 or more a year, 50 percent will vote. However, out of all 18 to 24 year olds who only earn \$30,000 annually, only 12 percent will vote.

In sports terms, if a team makes 50 percent of the shots they take versus 12 percent, I would be putting my money on the 50-percent team.

This is the same with voting. The groups of voters who have more people turn up are going to make the biggest difference. A person cannot make a difference in the elections or in government in general if he or she does not participate.

The political process can greatly impact any one person. Voter turnout effects who is elected, which in turn can change what policies are passed and which are not. For me, I want a policymaker who will look into increasing minimum wage and finding a way to reduce college loan debts.

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Hershey	134.35	-0.76
Walmart	127.99	-0.31
Phillips 66	67.12	+3.72
US Bancorp	36.67	+0.81
Pfizer	37.88	-0.36
Deere & Co.	141.37	+1.71
United Parcel	96.32	-6.15
Apple	279.08	-4.30
Facebook	182.70	-4.55
Goodyear	7.66	+0.36

Source: New York Stock Exchange reports. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$4.45
Corn	\$2.77
Milo	\$3.08
Soybeans	\$7.70

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, April 28, 2020. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

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Description	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$1.51	-\$0.272	-\$1.122
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5 Years Ago

Week of April 26-May 2, 2015

Ed McClintock of Soldier and his son, Tyrel, were called to two separate incidents in Jackson County that involved them roping runaway cattle on horseback on Tuesday, April 21, it was reported.

The first incident occurred at Holton Livestock Exchange when a gate came open on a trailer and two calves made a run for it. Later that day, seven cows either jumped or somehow escaped from a fence outside Banner Creek Animal Hospital. The McClintocks successfully and safely wrangled up almost all of the cows (two remained at large).

This year's annual Holton Citywide Spring Cleanup Day will be held at a new location. Instead of the old Jackson County Fairgrounds, materials and other unwanted items may be brought to the soccer fields at Countryside Park for disposal.

Members of the Royal Valley High School Jobs for America's Graduates program received first place at the recent state career development conference, it was reported. Team members included Porcha Evans, Lakota Knoxsah, Thunder Knoxsah, Will Jackson, Deasha Stewart, Triton Hill, NomKiwash Potts, Caleb Bohnenkemper, Jacob Cullen, Jalen LeClere and teacher Will Mitchell.

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Abby Boeckman of Mayetta was recently promoted to cadet/staff sergeant at a ceremony conducted at the Nickell Armory in Topeka. Cadet/staff sergeant is the first major achievement in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program, it was noted. Abby is the daughter of Adam Boeckman and Tina Wahweotten.

10 Years Ago

Week of April 26-May 2, 2010

Hotel Josephine in Holton is now serving up lunch prepared by manager Linda Wenger, who has a lunch menu with entrees that are cooked the way she was taught to cook them more than half a century ago. That old-fashioned style of home cooking has begun to draw people to the hotel for their lunch specials, which Wenger said have been available for about a month.

Jan Brandt, kindergarten teacher at Holton Colorado Elementary School, will retire from the district at the end of this school year, it has been announced. Brandt has taught in the USD 336 school district for 22 years and hopes to remain with the district in some capacity in the future.

A group of seven and eight-year-olds from Hoyt and Mayetta recently finished competing in the Topeka spring volleyball league. Members of the team included Mae Joslin, McKenzie Ogden, Morgan Harvey, Madison Boswell, Kiikto Green, Hannah Tecumseh, Courtney Carreno and McKenzie Hegemann.

15 Years Ago

Week of April 26-May 2, 2005

If there are major problems in the ornamental Aristocrat pear trees around the Holton Town Square, they were not noted at an informational meeting on Tuesday night, April 26. No one spoke out in opposition to the trees at the meeting, and the trees were deemed an asset and will remain on the Square.

Owners of the Newman Block building on the north side of Holton's Town Square have been busy with beautifying the outside of the building in recent weeks. New windows were added to the building's second story, and detailing and pant work has improved the building's appearance dramatically. Owners Frank and Betsy Gilliland, Brent and Barb Huy-

ett and Dennis and Joni White said that they may turn the upstairs portion of the building into apartments once the work is complete.

What started out as dinner conversation between two couples one evening evolved into a business partnership between Vicky and Rodney Roy and Pam and Randy Cole that would eventually become The Inn at Muddy Creek. The inn is now celebrating its one-year anniversary.

A team of Holton fourth-grade girls recently took first place at the Marysville Basketball Tournament, it was reported. Team members included Connor Strader, Megan Clark, Hannah Suarez, Calista Hickman, Kyrstie Miller, Kara Decker, Megan Lovvorn and coaches Brian Hickman and Ryan Strader.

25 Years Ago

Week of April 26-May 2, 1995

Students at Holton's Central Elementary School have begun collecting donations for victims of the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma, it has been reported. The idea came from third-grader Travis Christian, who suggested that money that would go toward ice cream for him and his classmates instead be sent to the bombing victims. The idea promoted a school-wide collection - and the third graders will still get their ice cream, school officials said.

Formal dedication services were held on Sunday, May 1, at the new Holton First Baptist Church, it was reported. The first services were held on Palm Sunday, April 9.

Holton first grade students recently received the first of 600 trees to be distributed locally by Ron's IGA in Holton. Scott Coleman of the local IGA store distributed some of the trees on Wednesday morning, April 26. The local store is participating in the nationwide "Big Dig" program to plant one million trees this spring. Kindergarten through fourth grade students at Holton and Jackson Heights schools have received trees to plant in their backyards or other appropriate locations.

Royal Valley track and field entries won 12 events at the six-team Wamego Invitational on Thursday, April 27, it was reported. Panther Justin Ogden not only won both the boys 3200-meter run (10:33.38) and the pole vault (12 feet, 1 inch) to help the team amass 110 points, but also set a new school record in the pole vault. Teammate Mitch Soden also broke a school record with his 40.99 second time in the 300-meter hurdles.

50 Years Ago

Week of April 26-May 2, 1970

Gerald Shetron of Hoyt received the champion plaque for being named high 4-H individual contestant in the judging contest at the 45th Annual Better Livestock Day at Chapman, it was reported.

The Holton Housing Authority has employed Judy Zwonitzer as its executive secretary, chairman Ernest Baum has announced. Zwonitzer succeeds Virginia Hune, who is retiring.

Kansas 4-Hers in Washington, D.C. took part in the planting of a national tree at National 4-H Center recently. The 4-Hers included Deanna Tuck of Hoyt.

Rita Rieschick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rieschick of Soldier, recently reigned over the Engineering Open House at Kansas State University, it was reported. Rieschick was elected by the more than 1,200 engineering students at K-State. She is a senior majoring in elementary education.



This week's "Blast From The Past" is a local wrestler who won the 145-pound weight class at the 1984 state meet.

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Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Carrie Saia, who was correctly identified first by her mother, Corrine Olsen.

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Chip-and-seal maintenance set

By Ali Holcomb

Summer chip-and-seal projects have been set after bids for chip-and-seal road rock and oil were approved at a recent Jackson County Commission meeting.

Dan Barnett, road and bridge director, presented a bid for road oil for chip-and-seal projects from Vance Brothers of Kansas City at a cost of \$1.75 a gallon plus eight cents a gallon for freighting, which was accepted by the commissioners.

Barnett said that bid specifications were provided to Ergon of Kansas City, but the company did not submit a bid.

The commissioners also accepted the low bid of \$14.95 a ton, plus a \$10 surcharge per truck, from HAMM Companies of Perry for chip rock, which is located at the company's Grantville quarry.

Mid-States Materials of Topeka submitted a bid of \$18.65 per ton for chip rock out

of its Big Springs quarry.

Barnett estimated at it will take 3,500 tons of rock and 84,300 gallons of oil to complete the summer chip-and-seal projects, which will only include maintaining the county's existing chip-and-seal roads. No new chip-and-seal is being added this year, it was reported.

With the approved bids, the estimated cost to chip-and-seal the roads is about \$208,000, and the department's annual chip-and-seal budget is \$275,000.

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HCH 1st to be named “age-friendly” here

Holton Community Hospital has received “Committed To Care Excellence” recognition as the first age-friendly health system in Kansas, it has been reported.

Holton Community Hospital is part of a national movement to improve health care for older adults, contributing to a goal of 20 percent of U.S. hospitals and health systems becoming age-friendly this year.

As part of the age-friendly health systems initiative, The John A. Hartford Foundation and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, in partnership with the American Hospital Association and the Catholic Health Association of the United States, are helping hospitals and other care settings implement a set of evidence-based interventions specifically designed to improve care for older adults.

The interventions can be tested and adapted by participating in what are called age-friendly health system action communities. These are collaborative entities comprised of health care

teams from all over the country who are committed to sharing data and learning together.

Holton Community Hospital now joins more than 100 health systems across the country, and is the only Kansas hospital so far, recognized for working to make care for older adults even more tailored to patients’ goals and preferences and consistency of high-quality.

“Our hospital is always seeking ways to enhance patient care, and that’s why we want to participate in this vital effort. Our patients are at the center of everything we do, and this work really aligns with that. It has allowed us to make many positive changes for our patients,” said Krista Eylar, director of nursing at Holton Community Hospital. “The age-friendly health systems initiative is an important part of our grander vision to provide every older adult with the best care possible.”

The initiative is based on a series of practices focused on addressing four essential elements of care for older patients:

*What Matters: Know and align care with each older adult’s specific health outcome goals and care preferences including, but not limited to, end-of-life care and across care settings.

*Medication: If medication is necessary, use age-friendly medication that does not interfere with What Matters to the older adult, Mobility or Mentation across care settings.

*Mentation: Prevent, identify, treat and manage dementia and delirium across care settings.

*Mobility: Ensure older adults move safely every day in order to maintain function and do What Matters.

The age-friendly health systems initiative was launched in 2017 by the John A. Hartford Foundation and IHI in partnership with the American Hospital Association and Catholic Health Association of the U.S. with a commitment to make 20 percent of hospitals and health systems in the United States age-friendly by 2020. For more information visit www.ihf.org/agefriendly

Newspaper incomes have all but disappeared due to COVID-19

By Dean Ridings

During this COVID-19 (coronavirus), access to accurate and trustworthy information in your community is as critical to life under quarantine and as sought after as hand sanitizer and face masks.

Your local newspaper provides the news and information unique to your community.

How many local positive tests results are there? Where are the testing sites and who’s eligible, which businesses are open, what is the unemployment benefit application process and much more. But your access to local news and information is gravely threatened by the economic carnage COVID-19 has wrought.

While local newspapers continue to field reporters and bring news and advice from public health authorities in print and online — at considerable cost — their revenues have all but disappeared as the businesses that were their most important advertisers were shuttered.

That’s why America’s newspapers and other organizations representing local news providers are asking Congress to take urgent action to ensure you don’t lose your vital sources of timely and trustworthy information.

First, we’re asking that Congress expand and clarify the Payroll Protection Program to ensure it covers all local newspapers and news broadcasters. While some of these outlets may be owned by large organizations, they must survive on their own. It’s only fair that



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they should be included in any expansion of the program.

These loans will keep the newspaper employees — your neighbors — on their payrolls and help get the news to you.

We appreciate the bipartisan letter of April 19 from U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), John Kennedy (R-La.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and John Boozman (R-Ark.) that requested waiving the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) affiliation rule to allow local media outlets to access funding, pointing to the critical role these outlets play in keeping communities healthy and informed.

Second, we are asking that President Donald Trump’s administration direct current federal government advertising funds to local news and media outlets.

These public service and informative ads could be similar to the ones running right now about the U.S. Census. They could carry critical government information about data from the Centers for Disease Control, access to small business loans, medical resources for families and other important topics. We’re asking for a commitment that would be spent in an equitable manner across all local news providers.

We also believe that there should be an immediate relief package that is based on total newsroom employees. Some local news organizations won’t survive without some type of immediate grant or infusion that is tied to the organization’s employees who directly work in the newsroom.

This is not a demand for an

industry bailout by local news providers.

Instead, these measures recognize that local news publishers are on the information front line of the coronavirus pandemic, providing a public service vital to keeping our communities safe, secure and sustained during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Please contact the offices of your senators and representatives in Congress and tell them you support expanding the Payroll Protection Program to include your local news source and that the federal government should use your local newspapers or news broadcaster to convey important information through public service ads.

And finally, let them know that a grant based on newsroom employees is critical at this time. Visit www.usa.gov/elected-officials for their contact information.

Take this easy action to ensure that your access to local information doesn’t become another victim to COVID-19. Thank you and may you and your family remain safe and informed during this difficult time.

Editor’s note: Dean Ridings is the CEO of America’s Newspapers, an organization committed to explaining, defending and advancing the vital role of newspapers in democracy and civil life and to educating the public on all the ways newspapers contribute to building a community identity and the success of local businesses. Learn more at www.newspapers.org

LETTER: Library working on re-opening plans and protocols

Dear editor,

Beck Bookman has no date scheduled for its re-opening or implementing any phase of the process of re-opening. We do have a plan, which includes five phases, to keep our staff and patrons safe.

The public must understand that while other stores and services may be open, ours is different. In stores, goods are bought and taken home to stay.

At the library, we expect all materials to be returned, thus increasing our chance of coming in contact with, and spreading, germs. There are protocols that must be followed to ensure safety for all.

There will be no late fines or fees until further notice. I encourage everyone to please not return their items on the first day we are accepting them so as not to overload staff. Once the process of re-opening begins, we will be filling orders for materials.

Patrons can call or email requests, as well as self-service



Congress less effective, these days

By Lee H. Hamilton

If you feel like Congress has become less productive, less functional and more partisan... you’re right. I’ve been thinking a lot lately about how it’s changed over the years since I served there in the ‘60s to the ‘90s, and several issues help explain why it often struggles to get things done.



Heightened partisanship may top the list. Congress has always been a partisan organization; we’ve seen tense battles throughout its history. But now they’re more intense and occur more frequently. Members tend to see issues predominantly, though not completely, through a

partisan lens.

This is reflected in their voting patterns. In the 1960s and 1970s, votes in which a majority of one party opposed a majority of the other occurred roughly one-third to one-half the time.

Starting in the early ‘90s, that percentage rose into the 60 and 70 percent range. Add to this increasingly split control of Congress, with one party controlling the House and the other the Senate, and agreement becomes exceedingly difficult to find.

In many ways, this reflects the country at large. Though identification with a party or as an independent has tended to move a few percentage points over time, Americans of each party seem ever more firmly stuck in their own camps. It has become more difficult to resolve our differences, and this has undoubtedly contributed to congressional gridlock.

Years ago, the question that pervaded discussions on Capitol Hill was, “What can we do to resolve this problem?” Members were unwilling to accept stalemate or lack of agreement.

Leaders at the time — people like Carl Albert and Tip O’Neill on the Democrats’ side and Bob Michel and John Anderson on the Republicans’ — certainly had partisan differences, but these did not dominate the discussion. Behind closed doors they would discuss them civilly and politely, even going so far as to share private polling numbers.

At the same time that polarization has increased, Congress’s ambition has generally lessened. It’s almost inconceivable today that Congress would tackle a big issue—say, how to provide health care for older people—by trying to create something like Medicare.

You see this same trend in oversight of the executive branch. There were committee chairmen who knew the ins and outs of the departments they oversaw down to the finest detail.

They would spend days grilling administration witnesses (of even their own party),

creating an extensive record of what an administration and its political appointees were trying to accomplish — information that helped ordinary Americans understand and judge the government’s approach. That is much harder to find today.

I think you can also detect the same trend at work in a diminishment of Congress’s oratorical ambitions. There was a time when members of Congress on both sides of the aisle considered Congress to be equal in stature to the President and the executive branch, and their speech-making reflected this: they saw strong oratory as a chance to encapsulate ideas and inspire Americans to rally behind them.

A key thing to remember is that this wasn’t just the speaker of the House or the majority leader of the Senate. Power and influence were spread more widely across both chambers. As the leadership in recent years has come to dominate the process, ordinary members find far fewer chances to shine.

The collapse of what was known as the “regular order,” the committee work and amendment process that allowed ordinary members to participate in the deliberative work of Capitol Hill, has thoroughly concentrated power in the hands of leaders and made Congress less representative as a whole.

That trend has been accentuated by the extent to which money now talks at every stage of the process. It’s not just that members are constantly trying to raise campaign funds. It’s that the mix of who funds those campaigns has changed dramatically.

In the late 1970s, according to the Brookings Institution’s Vital Statistics on Congress, labor and corporate PACs gave about equally. Now, corporate PACs account for the vast majority of all the money flowing to members’ campaigns. The result of all this? Congress is still a vital part of our democracy, but it is by most measures a less effective one.

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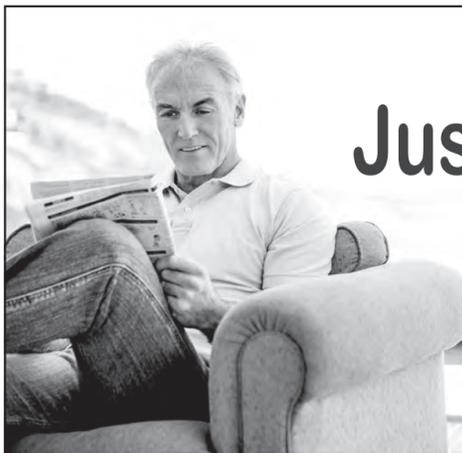
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Watch out for scams on Social Security

Area law enforcement officers are reminding residents to be alert for scammers looking to take advantage of others by gaining unlawful access to their Social Security accounts.

Brown County Sheriff John D. Merchant reported recently that he was contacted by an area resident who had been "legitimately notified" by the Social Security Administration, which thanked the resident for creating an online account.

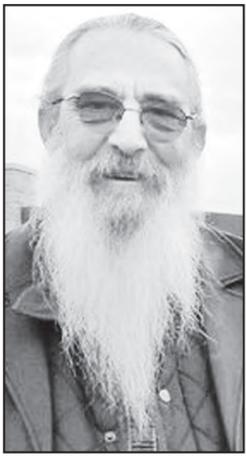
The resident, Sheriff Merchant said, did not have a computer or access to one, however.

"Someone illegally tried to obtain control over his Social Security payments," Merchant said. "The account was reinstated back to the rightful intended person after a complaint was lodged with Social Security by the victim."

The matter has been forwarded to the office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt for further investigation, Merchant said.

"I would like to thank this individual for contacting me so we can try to hold these scammers accountable," he added. "In this instance, the individual knew something wasn't right and notified us so it could be investigated."

Merchant advises all area residents to contact their local law enforcement offices in the event of similar concerns.



Harter

Dr. Terry Lee Harter, 62, of Holton, beloved husband, son, brother and uncle, passed away peacefully at his home on April 21, 2020, after a brief illness.

He was born in Humboldt, Neb., on June 17, 1957, the son of Eugene and Sally (Anderson) Harter. He attended elementary school in Onaga and Westmoreland, graduating from Westmoreland High School in 1975.

Following high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he developed a passion for the healing arts, serving at Naval hospitals in Oakland, Calif., New Orleans, La., and Norfolk, Va. Upon discharge he returned to Kansas, enrolling at Kansas State University, Manhattan. He graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in chemistry with Honors in 1983 and was accepted at The University of Kansas Medical School, graduating in 1987 with his doctorate.

Dr. Harter served family practice residencies in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and The University of Kansas Medical School. Upon completion of his residencies he joined West Side Family Practice in Holton where he served, until he found his true calling as Medical Director at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Health Center near Mayetta in 2005, where he continued to work until his death.

Dr. Harter was appointed the position of Health Officer on Jan. 1, 1996, for NEK Multi-County Health Department by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. Since that date, Dr. Harter was a part of the health department by functioning as either the health officer or the medical consultant.

He was currently Medical Director for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fire Department since the inception of the PBPB advanced life support ambulance service in July of 2000. He worked closely with the staff, he approved the ambulance service medical protocols, supported the EMS training program and oversaw the patient care quality assurance system for

the department.

Dr. Harter made sure the Prairie Band Nation's paramedics and EMTs had the right procedures, training and oversight to provide the high-quality medical cares expected of them. His easy-going pragmatism coupled with his vast medical knowledge enabled him to cooperatively guide the ambulance program to the exceptional service it is today. He was also a life member of the Kansas State University Alumni Association.

Terry enjoyed living life fully. He cared deeply for family and friends, no matter how they entered his life. That compassion extended to friends and most especially to members of the Potawatomi Nation who he served faithfully and cared for as if they were family. All who knew him will miss his quick smile and hearty chuckle, both of which he shared often.

On June 2, 2018, he married his soulmate Tamah Boyce in Valley Falls. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include his parents, Eugene and Sally (Anderson) Harter of Westmoreland; three brothers, Jerry Harter (Karen) of Salina, Garry Harter of St. George and Barry Harter of Philadelphia, Pa.; one sister, Kerri Ebert of Lawrence; two nephews, Ryan Harter (Allison) of Castle Rock, Colo., and Nicholas Harter (Kylie) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two nieces, Christine Ebert of Lawrence and Monica Ebert of Cape Town, South Africa; a stepson, Craig Gunther of Lawrence; father and mother-in-law, Wilbur and Mary Boyce of Valley Falls; brother-in-law, Mark Boyce of Valley Falls; sister-in-law, Sharon Ramsey (Rich Heuertz) of Valley Falls and her daughters, Lacey Darveaux and Sarah Jones (Jet); and four great-nieces, Lillian, Isabella, Gretchen and Dahlia.

He was preceded in death by an infant brother, Perry Leslie Harter; his maternal grandparents, E.A. and Mildred Anderson; and his paternal grandparents, Howard and Sylvia Harter.

Memorial graveside services will be held at a later date in Valley Falls Cemetery. A guest book will be available at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Terry Harter Memorial Fund, to be designated at a later date towards the benefit of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. 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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Kathrens

Walter Franklin Kathrens Jr. (Frank) passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at The Neighborhoods at Quail Creek in Springfield, Mo., at the age of 87 with his family present. He had just celebrated his 87th birthday with 30 family members in attendance.

Frank was the son of Walter Franklin Kathrens Sr. and Helen Margaret Glenn Kathrens and was born on March 6, 1933, at Straight Creek. He was preceded in death by his parents and nine brothers and sisters: Margaret Isabella Kathrens, Jeanne Baker, Jay "Bud" Kathrens, Evelyn Schultz Dawson, Barbara Clark, Frances Schuyler, Philip Kathrens, Norma Walden and Audrey Howard.

Frank was united in marriage on Aug. 28, 1954, to Joyceln Ann Cavender of Sabetha. Six children were born to this union. Although they later divorced, they remained friends and worked together to love and support their children.

Surviving are Joyceln Kathrens of Sabetha, Kathy Johnstone and husband William of Bartlesville, Okla., Dennis Kathrens and wife Cari of Denver, Colo., Peggy Hartley and husband Bob of Branson, Mo., Janet Kathrens of Bartlesville, Okla., Walter Franklin Kathrens III of Sabetha and Joni Sue Siess and husband Mark of Americus, Maxine Cook, Wallace Kathrens and John Kathrens, all of Holton, and Kay McKeever of Hines, Ore.

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Great-grandchildren are Matthew Johnstone Jr., James Johnstone, Lana Dunlap, Caitlyn Barnhill, Victoria, Lily, Tyler and Alan Niblack, Clayton and Collin Hartley, Blakely and Brenley Goddard, and great-great-granddaughter Brielle Johnstone.

Frank owned Kathrens Construction Company at Sabetha working in site preparation and soil conservation. He was multi-talented in many areas including electrical work and master carpentry and cabinet making. He enjoyed working with wood and created many treasured wood items for family and friends.

Frank had his private pilot's license and enjoyed flying all over the countryside. He enjoyed fishing and cooking, treating family to many home fried fish dinners. He played the harmonica for several years, which was enjoyed by his family. He attended Circleville Christian Church in Circleville.

Family viewing was held Saturday, April 25 at Stumpff Funeral Home in Bartlesville, Okla. Memorial services will be held later.

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Shaw

Vera Lucile Shaw was born Sept. 10, 1916, near Valley Falls, the daughter of Melvin Earl and Ida Mae "Summerfelt" Irwin. She passed away April 24, 2020, at the Holton Community Hospital at the age of 103.

She attended Pacific Rural School and graduated in 1934 from Valley Falls High School as the valedictorian of her class. She taught four years in the rural schools of that area, and one year at Lower Banner County School south of Holton. During that period, she worked four summers at St John's Camp in Wisconsin. Lucile moved with her parents and family to Denison in 1939. She was an employee of Sli-maker Dress Factory in Holton from 1963 to 1970.

Lucile married Joseph Howard Shaw on Sept. 8, 1940 at the family home north of Denison. They spent their entire married life on a farm northeast of Denison. She was a devoted wife and mother. Their home was always open to guests, missionaries and evangelists who enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Shaw Home.

She was a lover of the great outdoors and found much pleasure in gardening as well as growing flowers. For many years she was a Denison Builders 4-H Club leader and was a faithful member of Denison Bible Church.

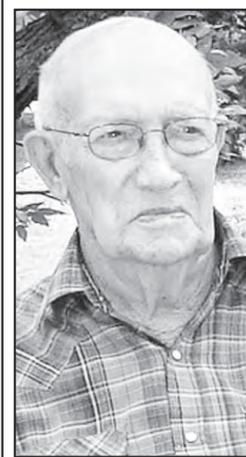
Lucile was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, on July 6, 1999. Also preceding her in death were her parents; her stepmother, Pearl Tosh Irwin Hower; five brothers, George, Earl, Dale, Clarence and Kenneth; and four stepsisters, Lora Dixon, Eula Colle, Marjorie Goldsberry and Wanda Bartsch.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Jones, Holton, Nancy Ulrich (Dan), Salina, and Sarah Phillips (George), Holton; a sister-in-law, Mary Lou Irwin, Topeka; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Wednesday afternoon, April 29 at Denison Cemetery in Denison.

Memorials may be given to the American Bible Society or Holton Community Hospital, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home. 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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Zwahl

Herman "Junior" Zwahl, 95, of Wetmore, died Monday, April 20, 2020, at the Sabetha Manor.

He was born in Wetmore on Sept. 24, 1924, the son of Herman H. and Maggie M. (Hall) Zwahl. He graduated from Wetmore High School in 1942.

After graduation, Junior was employed by the railroad that ran through Wetmore and then later picked up cream and hauled bulk milk into the Sabetha Creamery.

Junior enjoyed gardening, giving away his vegetables, mowing and trimming, and you could always find him on his small Ford tractor rotary mowing. He took pride in trying to produce the first local ripe tomato.

Herman was preceded in death by a brother, Virgil L. Zwahl; and a nephew, Todd Zwahl.

Survivors include a sister, Eldred L. Pfrang of Sabetha; one brother, Floyd A. Zwahl of Wetmore; two nieces, three nephews, and many great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Services will be held privately at a later date. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Wetmore Public Library, sent in care of Popkes Mortuary, 823 Virginia St., Sabetha, KS 66534. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.popkesmortuaries.com

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However, if not enough people in my age group vote, issues such as these that are important to my generation may be overlooked for issues that affect a generation who had a greater voter turnout.

The political process is important to everyone. People should be more focused and involved on what is happening because little do they know that these events could change their lives greatly.

A current example of the

political process affecting individual people can be found within the pandemic going on around us. The Democrats and Republicans we have elected are making choices for everyone. These decisions have to do with my school and how it will continue, whether or not I am quarantined to my house, and if I get sick what will happen to me.

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Holton High School senior Via Heitzman (shown above, third from left, sitting) will attend Bethany College in Lindsborg next fall, and on April 24 she signed a letter of intent to be a member of the college's cheer squad. Heitzman will also participate in Bethany's theater program and major in grade 12 English education, it was reported. Shown from left in the photo above are Rich Heitzman and Aimie Heitzman (parents), Via Heitzman, Ashlyn Carlson (HHS cheerleader), and Jessica Snyder and Heather Carlson (HHS cheer sponsors). Submitted photo

Dishon signs with NFL's Bengals

During and after the 2020 National Football League draft, two Kansas colleges had players drafted in the NFL draft and several other players from Kansas colleges signed with NFL teams after the draft, it was reported.

In the sixth round of the NFL draft, the Cincinnati Bengals drafted offensive lineman Hakeem Adeniji from The University of Kansas with the 180th overall pick.

In the seventh round of the NFL draft, the Minnesota Vikings drafted guard Kyle Hinton from Washburn Uni-

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versity with the 253rd overall pick.

After the NFL draft, six players from Kansas and Kansas State signed with NFL teams as undrafted free agents and they were as follows:

*The Miami Dolphins signed offensive tackle Nick Kaltmayer from Kansas State University.

*The Los Angeles Chargers signed wide receiver

Dalton Schoen from Kansas State University.

*The Cincinnati Bengals signed defensive tackle Trey Dishon from Kansas State University. Dishon is a Holton High grad.

*The Arizona Cardinals signed defensive end Reggie Walker from Kansas State University.

*The Los Angeles Rams signed running back James Gilbert from Kansas State University.

*The Dallas Cowboys signed defensive end Azur Kamara from KU.

Lady Wildcats softball team denied shot at three-peating

The Holton Lady Wildcat softball team was coming off a third place finish at the 2019 Kansas Class 3A State Softball Tournament.

The season before that, in 2018, the Lady Wildcats placed fourth at the Class 4A-DII State Softball Tournament.

This year, the Lady Wildcats were set to compete in Class 4A - their third different class in three years - and they had every starting player returning except their first baseman. And they had depth.

On paper, it looked like the Lady Wildcats had a good shot to make it back to the state tournament for a third straight season with their eyes on the state title.

Coach John Deitrich was entering his 13th season as head coach of the HHS girls team. Two assistant coaches - Carlene McManigal and Colby (Wilson) Stoller both played for the Lady Wildcats on state tournament teams.

To say COVID-19 (coronavirus) stopped the Lady Wildcat softball team from achieving some great successes would be an understatement.

The Lady Cats were 20-3 overall last season and were

back-to-back Big Seven League champs and regional champs.

Gracie Gallagher, as a freshman, went 12-3 pitching for HHS last season. Jewel Lutz was 7-0 pitching for HHS as a junior. Olivia Summers went 1-0 pitching for HHS as a freshman. Justine Raye was expected to pitch for the Lady Wildcats this season, too.

The Lady Wildcats were also returning the following outstanding veteran players:

*Grace Utz, a two-year starting catcher, was preparing for her junior season. Last season, she batted .470 with three home runs. She was a Big Seven League honorable mention catcher and a Class 3A All-State honorable mention catcher.

*Ally Beard, another two-year starter at second base, was preparing for her junior season. She batted .382 last season.

*Jewel Lutz, a three-year starter as a pitcher and outfielder, was preparing for her senior season. She was a Big Seven League honorable mention All-League pick as an outfielder last season. She batted .486 and hit five home runs last season.

*Bailey Flewelling, a two-year starter at shortstop, was preparing for her senior season. She batted .466 last season and hit eight home runs. She was a Big Seven League honorable mention All League pick at

shortstop and was a Class 3A All State second team outfielder pick last season.

*Kinleigh Rhodd, a three-year starter at third base, was preparing for her senior season. She batted .384 last season and hit one home run.

*Savy Booth, a three-year starter in the outfield, was preparing for her senior season. Last season, she batted .400.

*Gallagher played the outfield when she was not pitching last year and batted .471 with one home run. She was a Big Seven League first team All-League pitcher last season and a Class 3A second team All-State pick at pitcher.

*Addie Degenhardt, a two-year starter in the outfield, was preparing for her senior season. Last year, she batted .429.

*Paige Crouch, a two-year starter at designated hitter and utility player, was preparing for her senior season. Last year, she batted .346.

Competing for the first base position this season were Crouch, sophomores Olivia Summers and Staci Bond and freshmen Brooke Flewelling and Timber Wilson.

Bailey Flewelling plans to continue playing softball at Emporia State University next season.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Holton senior track athlete Cailin Parks was on track for another great season. After taking third place at the Big Seven League meet last year in the 200 meters (28.06) and first in the 400 meters (1:02.42), as well as being a member of the 4x400 relay team that took third, Parks qualified for the 3A State track meet by placing first in the 400 meters at regional competition. She went on to take eighth in the event at state.



Holton senior Ian Watkins was also on track to have another great track season. Watkins took first place in the 100-meter dash at the Big Seven League meet, second in the 200-meter dash and was on the second place 4x400-meter relay team. Watkins qualified for 3A State by taking second at regionals in the 100 (11.10), second in the 200 (22.41) and was a member of the third place 4x400 relay team. At State, Watkins was seventh in the 100 and sixth in the 200. He is the school record holder in the 200.

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Kansas Open Meeting Act (KOMA) applies to state, local governments always

New rules for state and local governments to comply with the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) during "social distancing" emergency restrictions have been approved by the State Rules and Regulations Board and are now legally binding, Attorney General Derek Schmidt said recently.

Schmidt proposed the new regulations amid the proliferation of federal, state and local public health restrictions that may prevent people from gathering in-person

for public meetings. The State Rules and Regulations Board voted to approve the temporary regulation.

Schmidt said he will propose the regulation be permanently adopted, which will start a process allowing more public input and comment on the regulation.

Overall, the new regulation advises public bodies to keep the need for transparency prominently in mind if stay-home orders or other pandemic-response requirements prevent the public from attending

meetings or cause members of public bodies to meet without physically gathering in person.

Public bodies subject to the KOMA should "take any actions as may be necessary and reasonable under the circumstances of the emergency declaration to advance the state policy that 'meetings for the conduct of governmental affairs and the transaction of governmental business be open to the public,'" it was reported.

Kennedys awarded scholarships

Two Jackson County residents are among 42 recipients sharing \$25,000 in scholarship funds for the 2020-21 school year through Kansas Farm Bureau's Foundation for Agriculture, it was reported.

John Kennedy, a 2017 graduate of Jackson Heights High School, was listed as one of four recipients of a \$1,000 scholarship for juniors and seniors enrolled in Kansas State University's college of agriculture and majoring in a subject related to agriculture.

Also, Joel Kennedy, a senior at JHHS, was among eight students receiving \$500 scholarships to Kansas technical colleges.

Each year, the Foundation for Agriculture awards scholarships to college students studying in fields that benefit agriculture and rural Kansas. The foundation has awarded more than \$325,000 in scholarships in the past decade, it was reported.

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Ag Week Recap

Cattle mixed; grains finish lower

By Matt Hines

Cattle futures finished mixed again last Friday, but mostly lower for the week. Cash feedlot trade was very minimal as kill slots are at a minimum with only 469,000 head slaughtered last week, compared to pre-pandemic levels of 600,000 to 650,000.



Live cash feedlot trade averaged \$97, but with a wide range from \$93 to \$105. Dressed trade was also in a wide range from \$148 to \$160 in Nebraska.

April 1 cattle on feed was as expected at 95 percent, but friendlier March placements were at 77 percent and marketings at 113 percent versus a year ago. The five-week total now for unemployment is up to 26 million new claims, with 4.4 million new claims added last week.

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold uneven, from \$2 lower to \$2 higher. Grazing calves have started to see their demand wane this week as turnout dates have come and gone.

For the week, Friday, April 17 through Friday, April 24, April live cattle was down \$9.67, June was down \$3.67, April feeder cattle was up \$.27, May was down \$1.82, August was down \$2 and June lean hogs were up \$8.25. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$54.38 at \$293.37 and Select was up \$51.82 at \$279.02. Pork Carcass Cutout was up \$17.35 at

\$77.48.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 469,000 head, down 33,000 from the week previous and down 173,000 from last year. Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 1,995,000 head, down 253,000 compared to the week previous and down 352,000 compared to a year ago.

Equities were higher to start the week, along with most livestock futures. April live cattle went into a new contract last Friday at \$81.45, the lowest spot price since 2009, with support right around \$80. April feeders expire later this week.

Both the April and May contracts have been consolidating or squeezing together over the past couple of weeks. May has support at \$115, then \$111, with resistance up at \$120.85, then \$124. June lean hogs hit a contract low at \$41.50 earlier this month and have been showing some strength on the charts since, with resistance next up at \$57.15, which is the April high.

There were new lows last week for corn and soybeans, but both held those lows to end the week as wheat was the leader lower on Friday, now back to testing nearby support levels. Weekly export sales were average while daily sales towards the end of the week picked up. Spring planting continues, yet many areas are still wet and cool.

For the week, Friday, April 17 through Friday, April 24, May corn was down \$.06½, July was down \$.06¼, May soybeans were down \$.00¼, July was down \$.02¾, May Kansas City wheat was down \$.04, July was

down \$.02, May Chicago wheat was down \$.06¼, July was down \$.03¼, May soybean meal was down \$.50 per ton and July was down \$.50 per ton.

Much above normal temps dominate this week's forecast from the west coast into the Southern Plains with heavy rain in the southeast. The six-to-10-day outlook is showing above normal temps for the southern half of the U.S., below normal only in the Great Lakes and northeast with above normal precipitation across most of the county.

Energies were lower to start the week, providing the most pressure to the grains. The May corn contract was low last week at \$3.01, which matches the spot low from September 2016, support next down at \$2.96¼ and first resistance up around \$3.25. May soybeans had a new contract low last week, also at \$8.08¼. Support was next at \$7.95, then \$7.80, with first resistance at \$8.48¾.

May Kansas City wheat is back to testing support around \$4.69, the 50-day moving average with resistance at \$4.82. May Chicago is breaking into a new recent low at \$5.18¼, support next at \$5.08 and resistance at \$5.46.

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, specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. He can be reached at (785) 289-0036.

Sheriff's officers note several recent arrests

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests:

■ On April 9, Melissa Charay, 37, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On April 9, Brandon Booher, 37, Topeka, was arrested on four traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On April 11, Katherine Reno, 45, Richmond, Mo., was arrested on a Shawnee County domestic case warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On April 11, Mathew Claggett, 37, Soldier, was arrested on a charge of assault on a law enforcement officer.

■ On April 11, Tammie Alexander, 25, Soldier, was arrested on charges of domestic battery and assault on a law enforcement officer.

■ On April 11, Jimmie Bechtel, 50, Holton, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

■ On April 13, Jack Wilkerson, 30, Holton, was arrested on four criminal warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On April 13, a 17-year-old male from Powhattan was arrested on a juvenile criminal case warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On April 14, Lance Tomez, 32, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On April 15, Douglas Hedrick, 40, Holton, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On April 16, Luke Hazelton, 53, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, driving under the influence and transporting an open container.

■ On April 18, Dylan Warren, 19, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, transporting an open container, driving while suspended and purchasing, possessing and consuming alcohol by a minor.

■ On April 19, Denise Meltz, 39, Delia, was arrested on a

charge of domestic battery.

■ On April 19, Robert Horn, 55, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On April 20, Kevin Hall, 31, Hiawatha, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On April 21, Randal Hartman Jr., 33, address unknown, was arrested on three criminal

warrants on probation violation charges.

■ On April 22, Derek Graves, 30, Rossville, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On April 22, Troy Fields Jr., 32, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of possession of marijuana and illegal drug paraphernalia and on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

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■ 2:28 p.m. April 2, 600 block of Ohio Avenue, animal control.

■ 6:45 p.m. April 2, 100 block of West Second Street, non-injury accident.

■ 3:51 p.m. April 3, 300 block of New York Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 12:41 p.m. April 4, 800 block of Vermont Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 1:44 p.m. April 4, 400 block of Kansas Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 7 p.m. April 4, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, area check.

■ 8:01 p.m. April 4, 400 block of Kansas Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 8:17 p.m. April 4, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, animal control.

■ 1:32 a.m. April 5, 12800 block of Oak Ridge Drive, disturbance.

■ 3:23 p.m. April 5, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, animal control.

■ 3:43 p.m. April 5, 300 block of West Fourth Street, animal control.

■ 11:01 a.m. April 6, funeral escort.

■ 3:58 a.m. April 7, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, alarm.

■ 2:55 p.m. April 7, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, assisted tribal police.

■ 3:25 p.m. April 7, Fifth Street at New York Avenue, animal control.

■ 3:57 p.m. April 7, 100 block of Vermont Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 6:52 p.m. April 7, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

of West Fourth Street, theft.

■ 11:16 p.m. April 7, 1000 block of Vermont Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 12:11 a.m. April 8, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, disturbance.

■ 10:29 a.m. April 8, funeral escort.

■ 10:48 a.m. April 8, 1000 block of Oak Street, tag for tow.

■ 12:16 p.m. April 8, 200 block of Lincoln Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 1:33 p.m. April 8, Fourth Street at Arizona Avenue, traffic problem.

■ 10:06 p.m. April 8, 300 block of Nebraska Avenue, disturbance.

■ 11:58 p.m. April 8, 800 block of West Third Street, citizen assist.

■ 1:29 p.m. April 9, funeral escort.

■ 4:12 p.m. April 9, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, theft.

■ 9:43 p.m. April 9, 400 block of Kansas Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 9:02 a.m. April 10, 100 block of Iowa Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 9:41 a.m. April 10, 100 block of West Fifth Street, non-injury accident.

■ 10:15 a.m. April 10, funeral escort.

■ 11:29 a.m. April 10, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, civil standby.

■ 4:28 p.m. April 10, 300 block

of Vermont Avenue, animal control.

■ 10:47 a.m. April 11, 100 block of Iowa Avenue, found property.

■ 7:03 p.m. April 11, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, response to a fight.

■ 2:26 a.m. April 12, 600 block of New York Avenue, injury accident.

■ 6:30 p.m. April 12, 600 block of Ohio Avenue, animal control.

■ 12:35 p.m. April 13, 600 block of West Third Street, animal control.

■ 1:49 p.m. April 13, 500 block of West Third Street, animal control.

■ 7:59 p.m. April 13, 500 block of Vermont Avenue, animal control.

■ 9:17 a.m. April 14, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 4:26 p.m. April 14, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, theft.

■ 12:57 a.m. April 15, 200 block of Montana Avenue, alarm.

■ 1:40 p.m. April 15, 200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, animal control.

■ 6:39 p.m. April 15, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, medical alert response.

■ 9:26 p.m. April 15, 400 block of Juniper Drive, staff assist.

Arrested after Sunday pursuit

A Netawaka man was arrested on drug charges Sunday night after leading local law enforcement on a short chase in Jackson County, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Cody Wayne Gaston, 34, was allegedly driving a motorcycle north on Q.4 Road near 262nd at 8:30 p.m. when a Jackson County Sheriff's deputy attempted to stop him for a traffic infraction.

Gaston allegedly fled northbound and wrecked the motorcycle just south of 286th Road, Morse said. Gaston was not injured and was arrested and booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer, driving while suspended, possession of opiates, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

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New math curriculum proposed at RV meeting

By Ali Holcomb

A new math curriculum has been selected for Royal Valley students in grades kindergarten through sixth for the 2020-21 school year.

During the Royal Valley Board of Education's meeting Monday evening, the board approved the curriculum for review. Members of the public can now view the proposed curriculum at the district office in Mayetta. The board is expected to officially adopt the new curriculum at its board retreat on June 3.

Noah Slay, director of curriculum and instruction, outlined the new curriculum and the selection process.

A team of administrators and teachers began researching new curriculum at the start of the year and then narrowed the district's options to three this winter.

Slay said the team is proposing Expressions Math curriculum for students next year at an estimated cost of \$80,000.

Also during the meeting, Superintendent Aaric Davis said that 53 kindergartners have been signed up for school in the district next year and that he's predicting that class to be closer to 60 students.

"Who knows what will happen in August," Davis said. "We always get surprises."

This year, the district has 86 kindergarten students and to help support the larger class as they continue at RV, the board approved adding a fifth teacher to first grade next year.

In other business, the board:
* Approved consent items, including the agenda, minutes from April 13, the treasurer's report and warrants.

The board also accepted the resignation of Glen Everhart as a bus driver and approved employment contracts for Derek Smith as a RVHS science teacher and Marizona Chapman as a RVMS P.E. teacher.

* Received a legislative update from Davis. Recent census revenue estimates predict that the state could expect a \$1.2 billion shortfall in revenue over the next two years due to COVID-19 (coronavirus).

"A lot of that depends on how fast we open up," Davis said of how the shortfall will effect education. "Non-statutory programs get cut first, but it's a waiting game to see how long it takes to get back on our feet."

* Reviewed the proposed board of education meeting dates for the 2020-21 school year, which include Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8, March 15 and 29, April 12 and 26, May 10, June 14 and 28 and July 12.

Board member Boone Smith discussed moving the February meeting a week later in order to reduce the amount of time between the February and March meeting dates. No action was taken.

* Learned that Joel Hesel, RVHS principal, has discussed graduation plans with members of the senior class, and at this time, class members don't want to set a tentative graduation date.

Davis said that between 1,200 and 1,500 people attend the district's graduation each year and that some seniors may be unable to attend due to military commitments or other schedule conflicts.

"It's going to be different no matter what we do," he said.

The district will not be holding promotion ceremonies for eighth-grade and fourth-grade promo-

tions, Davis said.

* Accepted a \$1,200 donation from the national FFA organization, which is being used by FFA and environmental science class students to establish a pollinator garden at RVHS.

* Met in executive session with Davis for 30 minutes to review classified staff evaluations. The district's building principals also participated in the executive session via Zoom. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met in executive session for five minutes with Davis to discuss confidential student information. No action was taken back in open session.

* Accepted three resignations, including Mary Lou Koch, RVES secretary, Barb Dillner, bus paraprofessional, and J.T. Troxel, RVES custodian.

* Approved a list of certified staff contract renewals as presented for the 2020-21 school year.

* Approved a list of winter/spring certified coaching contract renewals for the 2020-21 school year.

* Approved a list of classified staff contracts and letters of employment renewals as presented for the 2020-21 school year.

* Adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All board members were present.

Weekly COVID-19 numbers

There are 3,491 positive cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in 76 Kansas counties as of yesterday, which is an increase of 1,466 positive cases from the 2,205 cases reported last week, according to information released by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

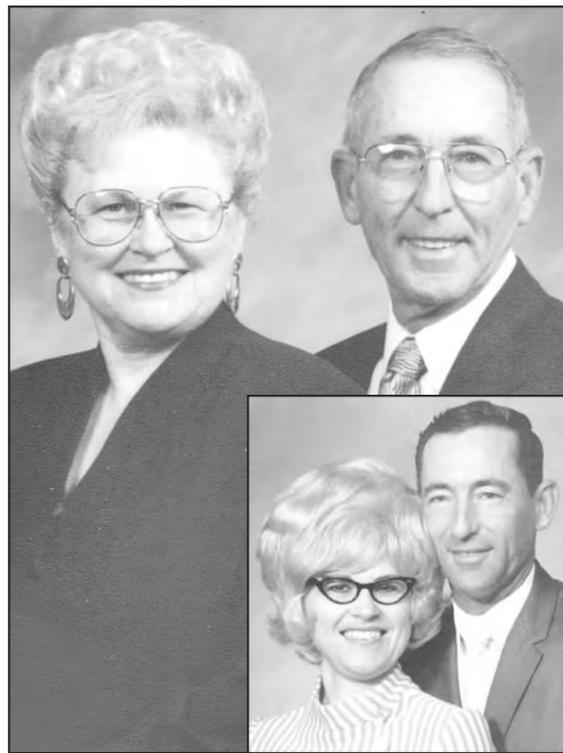
A total of 124 deaths have been reported due to COVID-19 in the state compared to 107 deaths reported last week.

According to KDHE, 504 people who have tested positive for COVID-19 have been hospitalized, which is an increase of 85 people from the 419 people reported hospitalized last week.

There have also been 24,599 negative tests reported by KDHE and private labs. Last week, 17,076 negative tests were reported.

Jackson County has reported two positive cases (including one recovered) of COVID-19. Neighboring counties and their positive case totals include:

- * Nemaha County – One case.
- * Atchison County – Nine cases.
- * Jefferson County – Eight cases.
- * Pottawatomie County – Nine cases.
- * Brown County – No positive cases reported.



Slimmers to celebrate 50th anniversary

Bill and Shirley Slimmer of Topeka will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 8, 2020. They were married in 1970.

Bill farmed for many years in Holton until they moved

to Bella Vista, Ark. where they lived for 20 years before returning to Hoyt. They now reside in Topeka.

They have five children, nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, April 15, 2020.)

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

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
- One candidate for U.S. Representative -District #2
- One candidate for State Senate - District #1
- One candidate for State Representative - #61 (Cities: Circleville, Delia, Denison, Holton, Hoyt, Mayetta & Soldier and Townships: Adrian, Banner, Cedar, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Jefferson, Liberty, Lincoln & Soldier)
- 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 Dis-

trict (Townships of Banner & Franklin and the City of Holton)

- One candidate for County Commissioner 3rd District (Townships of Adrian, Douglas, Lincoln & Washington and the Cities of Delia & Hoyt)
- One candidate for County Clerk
- One candidate for County Treasurer
- One candidate for County Register of Deeds
- One candidate for County Attorney
- One candidate for County Sheriff
- One candidate for Township Trustee in each Township (Townships: Adrian, Banner, Cedar, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Jefferson, Liberty, Lincoln, Netawaka, Soldier, St. Creek, Washington & Whiting)
- One candidate for Township Treasurer in each Township (Townships: Adrian, Banner, Cedar, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Jefferson, Liberty, Lincoln, Netawaka, Soldier, St. Creek, Washington & Whiting)

The following officers will be elected in each political party, which has qualified to participate in the Primary

Election:

- One Precinct Committeeman in each Precinct
- One Precinct Committeewoman in each Precinct (Precincts: Adrian, Banner, Cedar, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Jefferson, Liberty, Lincoln, Netawaka, Soldier, St. Creek, Washington, Whiting, Ward I, II & III)
- One candidate for Holton City Commissioner Position #3
- One candidate for Holton City Commissioner Position #5

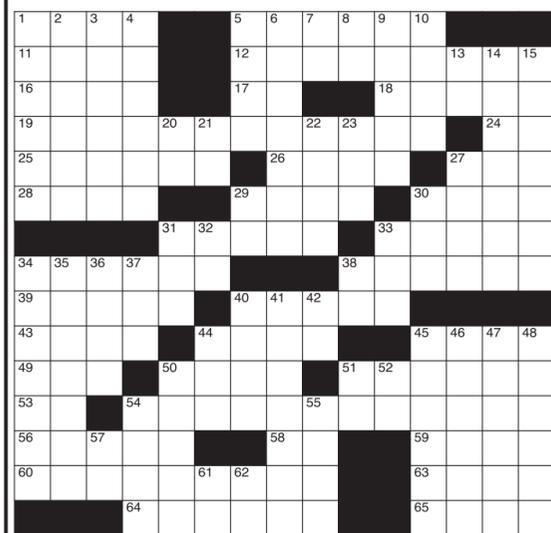
The filing deadline is June 1, 2020 at noon. This is also the deadline to change your party affiliation for the August primary. The last day to register to vote is July 14th. If you have any questions please call Kathy Mick at 785-364-5200.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal on this 8th day of April, 2020.

Kathy L. Mick
Jackson County
Election Officer

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

1. Curved symmetrical structure
5. One's partner in marriage
11. Male admirer
12. Spend in a period of dormancy
16. Popular Easter meal
17. Doc
18. Bearing a heavy load
19. Gratitude
24. The Mount Rushmore State
25. Driving
26. Girl
27. British thermal unit
28. Makes a mistake
29. A defined length of time
30. Lions do it
31. Large quantities
33. Become less intense
34. Famed peninsula
38. Emerges
39. Rare Hawaiian geese
40. Dance style
43. Drove
44. Measures speed of an engine (abbr.)
45. Yankee hero Bucky
49. Midway between west and northwest
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Makes clothing
53. Spielberg's alien
54. Agreeable to the taste
56. Injury treatment protocol
58. Cools your house
59. Imaginary line
60. New convert
63. Some do it to their windows
64. Wore away
65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. Remove body tissue
2. Harvester
3. Roadside living quarters
4. Excessive self-confidence
5. Lapp
6. Bicycled
7. Entrance to a passage
8. Western U.S. state
9. Grain towers
10. "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
13. Commercial
14. One who left a will
15. Makes it through
20. Within (prefix)
21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
22. Cigarettes (slang)
23. A doctrine
27. Constrictor snakes
29. Atomic #73
30. Baseball stat
31. Female sibling
32. A soft gray metal (abbr.)
33. Southern constellation
34. Belgian city
35. Go in again
36. In a different, more positive way
37. A place for sleeping
38. Blood type
40. Syrian news agency (abbr.)
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Millihenry
44. Populous Israeli city ___ Aviv
45. Widen
46. Magical potion
47. Acknowledging
48. Private romantic rendezvous
50. Cavalry sword
51. Terabyte
52. Artificial intelligence
54. Bullfighting maneuver
55. Breezed through
57. Santa says it three times
61. ___ and behold
62. 36 inches (abbr.)

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Fenceline

Sometimes you need a rain day

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

Sometimes in farm and ranch life, you need a rain day. A day when you are forced to catch your breath and regroup. This is true this time of year when the working cattle, fencing, planting, spraying weeds and brush all come at once.



Now it seems my work has been on "rain days." In the past few weeks, we are trying to figure out how to do our jobs from a distance. Talk about thinking outside the box!

We have been making plans for our Tailgate Talk pasture series. We are hoping the first session will be virtual, and with the hope that the subsequent sessions can be in person. Maybe at a social distancing "in person."

This series has been popular the last two summers. The first session will include Dustin Schwandt, N.R.C.S. range conservationist, David Hallauer, Meadowlark Extension

District crops and soils agent, and myself.

The second session is all about fencing and brush control. The third session will be on water systems and moving water around the pasture.

It's great to take in all three sessions, but not necessary if you can't make one of them.

We will discuss how to measure so you can manage your grass resource, using a grazing stick, knowing what production capabilities your pasture has and plant health and growth.

If you are interested in participating, give me a call or email jholthau@ksu.edu.

We are all in this together!

Crops and Soils: Buckbrush

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Crops and
Soils/Horticulture

Grass managers understand well the potential for lost production from weed and brush infestations in forage stands. Left unchecked, a single plant can soon become a forest.



One of our more common brush species native to Kansas is buckbrush, often also called coraberry. Typically two to three feet tall, it is seen in many pastures and wooded areas. Its reddish-purple berry often persists through the winter and might even be visible now. A single plant soon becomes many as the plant's above-ground runners help buckbrush quickly spread, forming clumps that reduce forage production.

References differ on the value of top removal as a control method. The underground runners make it very tolerant of mowing unless performed at a time when

the plant's nonstructural carbohydrates are at a low level. This occurs as the plant's leaves begin to change from light to dark green color.

Whether you are mowing (early to mid-May) or burning (late spring), any control method will need to be repeated over two to three years to reduce stands.

Chemical control can also be initiated as the leaves change colors. Herbicides that contain the active ingredient 2,4-D are effective, as are other active ingredients like picloram, aminopyralid or metsulfuron. Timing is important, and label directions must be adhered to.

Picloram is a restricted use pesticide and requires a private pesticide applicator's license to purchase/apply. Some of the aminopyralid and metsulfuron combination products can damage cool-season grasses and should be used with caution.

Product information (product names/rates/timing/etc.) can be found online in the 2020 KSU Chemical Weed Control Guide at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/SRP1155.pdf>.

Always read the label when considering the use of herbicides.

Lawnmower Blades -

Keep Them Sharp
Can you remember the last time you sharpened your lawn mower blades? Under typical mowing conditions, blades should be sharpened after every 10 hours of use. More frequent sharpening may be required when conditions are less than optimum or the presence of foreign objects in the yard could dull blades more quickly.

Dull blades don't cut cleanly. Instead, they leave the ends of the leaf blades shredded rather than cut. The shredded ends dry out and the lawn takes on a whitish cast.

It may not seem like a big deal now, but a sharp blade becomes even more important when the turf starts putting up seed heads in May. These seed heads are tougher than the rest of the grass blade and more likely to shred, increasing the ragged look associated with a dull blade.

For information on sharpening mower blades, contact your local small engine store or mower dealer or check out this helpful online video from the Kansas Healthy Yards program: <https://kansashealthyyards.org/component/allvideoshare/video/how-to-sharpen-a-mower-blade?Itemid=101>.

USDA aid package to help farmers

Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA) officials said they believe USDA's aid package announced recently is a good start to provide needed assistance to help farmers and their customers endure the financial impacts of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, it was noted.

"All of agriculture is hurting, and this relief provides direct assistance to our corn farmers and to our customers, livestock producers and feeders. It not only supports agriculture, it addresses food security for the American consumer," KCGA CEO Greg Kressek said. "We will work with the National Corn Growers Association to keep corn producers informed on program details."

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) will provide \$19 billion in immediate relief for America's farmers and ranchers, maintain the food supply chain and ensure access

to food for American consumers. The program provides \$3.9 billion for low crop producers.

The livestock industry, the top customer for corn, will receive \$9.6 billion in assistance, helping to ensure that the market can continue to function, it was reported.

Payment rates have not been released by USDA, but the signup will reportedly occur in May and payments would likely begin in June. USDA payment limitations set in the farm bill will apply. These USDA payments would be independent of Small Business Administration programs, so payments from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) would not impact USDA payments.

Funding to assist ethanol producers was not included in this program.

"Ethanol producers are not included in this program. They

are suffering a direct hit by market losses caused by the pandemic, and we are feeling that impact in Kansas," Kressek said. "We are hopeful that federal assistance can be earmarked for the ethanol industry, which is a key component of our fuel supply, provides valuable feed to our cattle producers and jobs and boosts our rural and Midwest economies."

KCGA continues to work closely with the National Corn Growers Association's Washington, D.C. staff to address the pandemic and remains committed to creating solutions to help corn farmers and their customers recover from the financial impacts of this crisis.

Kansas Corn has created a COVID-19 Toolkit on its kscorn.com Web site to provide resources and information for growers. More information may be found at kscorn.com/covid-19

AG won't appeal payment ruling for mistakenly-convicted man

The Kansas Attorney General's office will not appeal a district court ruling that a Sedgwick County man is entitled to payment under the state's mistaken-conviction statute enacted in 2018 by the legislature, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt recently reported.

Unlike the previous three mistaken conviction cases resolved to date, this case involving Bobby Harper was resolved by a judge after hearing arguments and determining the claimant is entitled to relief. Previous cases had been resolved by agreement between the attorney general's office and the claimant, which then had been presented to the court for review and approval.

On Dec. 10, 2019, Sedgwick County District Judge Jeff Goering granted Harper's motion for summary judgment to conclude the mistaken-conviction lawsuit Harper filed in August 2018. Harper was incarcerated for two years for a 1987 burglary conviction that in January 1990 was vacated on appeal by the Kansas Supreme Court.

Following Judge Goering's ruling, the case was transferred to District Judge Sean Hatfield who entered a journal entry of judgment on March 20. Schmidt

said the attorney general's office will not appeal the judgment.

"We are committed to faithfully administering the state's mistaken-conviction law as the Legislature wrote it," Schmidt said. "The issue in this case was much different from previous cases because there was no dispute that Mr. Harper engaged in the acts he was accused of, but the Kansas Supreme Court had later determined those acts did not constitute a crime under Kansas law. The legal question was whether the mistaken conviction statute applied to that circumstance, and the court concluded it does. Mr. Harper can now receive the benefits to which he is entitled by law because of his mistaken conviction."

In the journal entry, the court determined that Harper did not commit the crime or crimes for which he was convicted, nor was he an accessory or accomplice to that crime or crimes, nor did he suborn perjury, fabricate evidence or cause or bring about the conviction. Between July 1987 and August 1989 Harper served 752 days in prison or jail.

Accordingly, the court ordered the following relief for Harper, as provided by the mistaken-conviction statute:

* He was granted a certificate of innocence.

* Records of his conviction, arrest and DNA profile record information were ordered expunged.

* He was granted total compensation of \$238,778.99.

* He was granted counseling.

* He was granted permission to participate in the state health care benefits program for plan years 2020 and 2021.

* He was granted a waiver of tuition and required fees for attendance at a postsecondary educational institution for up to 130 credit hours.

By law, payment on the judgment is subject to review by the State Finance Council. Schmidt formally has asked the Finance Council to review the matter.

In addition to Harper, five other people have filed claims for compensation pursuant to the wrongful conviction statute. The state previously agreed to court-ordered payments to Richard Jones in a case arising from Johnson County, Floyd Bledsoe in Jefferson County and Lamonte McIntyre in Wyandotte County.

Two other cases, one arising from Sedgwick County and one from Clay County, remain pending in various stages of litigation.

Roberts announces HHS grants

U.S. Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) recently announced \$8.5 million in grants from the Department of Health and Human Services have been allocated to combat coronavirus in rural areas.

The University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute will receive \$828,571 for telehealth resources and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment will receive \$7,672,847 for small rural hospital

improvement program, it was reported.

"I applaud the Department of Health and Human Services' announcement that Kansas will receive \$8.5 million in grants for rural communities," said Sen. Roberts. "Rural areas of our state need assistance during this pandemic, and I'm glad to see HHS provide funding for essential telehealth services that they rely on."

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Gardener's Corner

Watery migrations and finding a home

By Sandra M. Siebert

The earthworms are migrating! I stepped out the back door one recent morning and found nine earthworms crawling on the small area of concrete just outside the door. An early morning rain had driven them from the soil.



Why do they emerge when rain falls?

Apparently, even the experts are not absolutely certain.

One thing they do know is that they are not fleeing flooded tunnels, as earthworms can live a few days submerged in water.

Maybe they take this opportunity to migrate while the soil surface is saturated, they speculate. Earthworms require moisture to live, so they will not migrate at the soil surface when it is dry. But why do they need to migrate? Where are they going? Are they shopping for a better burrow?

Another hypothesis notes that the pounding of raindrops on the soil surface might simulate the sound of a predator, such as a mole. This drives them to the surface as an escape mechanism. A mole is unlikely to eat an earthworm that is not underground.

But what about birds? They eat earthworms too. I guess the slimy creatures haven't figured that out yet.

One can drive earthworms to the surface by creating vibrations in the ground. I have inadvertently invoked earthworms while pounding posts in the garden, or chopping out weeds. One dramatic example that has stuck with me for years occurred when some friends and I were dancing on a damp and relatively bare patch of soil. We pounded our feet as we danced in sort of a circle. Inside the circle, earthworms began to emerge as if they, too, wanted to dance.

Still, I wonder where the earthworms outside my back door are headed to. Don't they know that if they stay on the concrete too long they will dry out? Apparently not. Or maybe they just think they will be able to get to the other side of the sidewalk or road. But in this case, they will just hit a wall.

Other crawling critters also migrate across sidewalks and roads, but with more purpose than the earthworms. This often leads to their demise, as drivers do not look out for low-lying creatures. Whenever I see a smashed snake on the road, I can't help but wonder if the driver of the car intentionally ran over it. Some people are like that.

Turtles often wander across roads in search of a better swimming hole. Many people I know will stop and help the turtle across so it won't get smashed by an inattentive (or malicious) driver. When that turtle is a big snapper, one might be better off letting it fend for itself, unless they are strong and know the proper way to handle a snapper without letting it take a chunk of flesh. Handling one by the tail is not the proper way, as it can break the turtle's spine.

A couple of days ago, my husband found a snapping turtle wandering on our driveway, headed toward the pond. He carried it up the hill and to our house so we could keep it for a day or two for curious observation.

That was an easy and safe task because this particular snapper was only a little larger than an old-fashioned silver dollar. (Remember those?) We put it in a screen-sided bee box with a jar lid of water and some hay. Later I released it at the edge of our pond, where it could feast on earthworms, water bugs and tiny frogs.

Initially, I thought that this must be a new hatchling just a few days old... it was so small. But a little research leads me to believe it is most likely several months old and had recently emerged from hibernation. Ap-

parently, snapping turtles – both the common and alligator snappers – hatch in late summer and early fall. Mama snappers haven't even laid eggs for this season yet.

It only took reading one website with snapping turtle information for my reptile ignorance to become abundantly clear. I didn't even realize that we have two kinds of snapping turtles in Kansas, common snapping turtles and alligator snapping turtles. Our little snapper was most likely the common variety, as the alligator snappers aren't found this far north. They stick to southeastern Kansas and the southeastern U.S.

While the name "alligator" snapping turtle might lead you to believe that is the most dangerous species of snapper, that might not be the case. Alligator snappers certainly get much larger than the common ones (a specimen weighing about 250 pounds has been recorded), but the common snapper has a long flexible neck that can shoot out and strike with great speed; much like a snake coiled inside the shell that shoots out to bite. If you're holding the common snapper too close to the front of the shell, it can readily whip its head around and take a bite out of your hand.

Our baby snapper seemed rather docile. It did not attempt to bite as I pulled it out of the box and set it carefully on the mud near the water's edge. I found it difficult to keep track of it because it was the same color as the mud: good camouflage. It crawled toward the water, slowly at first. As it got closer to the water, it picked up speed, until it slid into the murky shallows. I watched for a while as it sat there, its tiny head barely above the surface.

Finally, the effort of keeping track of something the same color as the muddy water hurt my eyes. I wished it well and headed on to the rest of the day.

Welcome home, little one.

Note: Sandra M. Siebert is a former longtime associate editor at The Holton Recorder.

Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

The month of April has been pretty quiet around Circleville. People are staying home, as they should be. Kids are not out playing because they are attending school classes at home and parents are serving as teachers. There have not been any ball practices, which I know many are missing. It seems like a different world that we live in right now.

Bob and I did celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary on April 5 with a quiet day at home. We had planned a family dinner get-together, but that had to be canceled. We had ordered a special cake that did get delivered and we enjoyed that on our special day. Our daughter, Lori, brought us pizza for supper that evening and that was special, too. All in all, we had a good day.

Then there was Easter Sunday without the big family dinner that we had always enjoyed. I should have bought a smaller ham, but the one I bought provided Easter dinner, ham and scalloped potatoes, ham salad and ham and beans for a lot of good eating.

The Circleville Senior Citizens picked up meals at the Holton Senior Center on their meeting day, but all had to eat at home, as the group couldn't gather together, so that was different, too.

Violet Shupe had her seventh birthday this month and couldn't have a big birthday party, but she got lots of cards in the mail to help her celebrate and make her day special. Of course, her mom and dad made her day special, too.

Barbara Hutchinson attended her first ever Zoom meeting on the computer with the book club that she belongs to, as they also could not have their meeting.

All in all, people have adapted well to doing what they need to do to stay home and healthy.

Michelle Blind set up blessing boxes in her yard for those in need. Anyone in need could get items to help them out and those who were able could contribute to the blessing boxes. I thought this was a very caring and special thing to do.

The Circleville Christian Church has been having services online with Facebook live streaming. These are at 10 a.m. on Sundays. I am very thankful for the ones that are sharing their talents in doing this for the church and the community.



Crew members took advantage of the warm weather on Monday to make repairs to the Holton 66 gas station sign located along U.S. Highway 75. Gas prices continue to drop throughout the state's stay-at-home order, which is expected to be lifted on Monday.

Photo by David Powls

Gov. Kelly addresses workers comp for frontline responders

In an effort to help Kansans who put their health and lives on the line during concerns about COVID-19, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly is directing the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) to evaluate all of its processes and procedures for handling workers compensation claims filed by law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical service providers and health care workers that are reasonably related to the pandemic, it has been reported.

KDOL will draft and submit a temporary regulation and develop or prepare potential legislation designed to create workers compensation coverage for our first responders and healthcare workers who con-

tract COVID-19 while assisting in the state's response to the pandemic.

The regulation and proposed legislation will create a presumption that first responders and healthcare workers who contract COVID-19 contracted the disease arising out of, and in the course of their employment. The legislation will be reviewed or developed in time for consideration by the Kansas Legislature at the next possible opportunity, special or regular session, whichever occurs first.

Should any law enforcement, firefighters, emergency medical service providers or health care workers who contract COVID-19 while assisting in the State's response to the pandemic be found not covered by workers compensation, the Governor's office will request that the Legislature establish a special fund to satisfy claims incurred during the emergency.

"It is imperative that we stand behind emergency responders, healthcare workers and the many other steadfast Kansans who serve the public each and every day, at risk to their own personal health and safety," the Gov. Kelly said.

"KDOL stands ready to assist in this expansion of workers compensation coverage for our healthcare workers and emergency responders," Secretary Delia Garcia said. "We are working on the regulation and reviewing Kansas' current work comp statutes now."

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The third Sunday after Easter worship service was streamed from Immanuel Lutheran Church on April 26. The Rev. Michael Van Velzer conducted the service. The opening hymn was the first three verses of "Thy Strong Word."

Following the confession, absolution, introit and Kyrie, the first reading was from Acts 2:14a, 36-41. Psalm 116:1-14 was read. The Epistle lesson for the day was 1 Peter 1:17-25 and the holy gospel was from Luke 24:13-35. The sermon hymn was "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less."

The gospel reading was the text of Pastor Van Velzer's sermon – the two men on the way to Emmaus who did not recognize Jesus walking with them. These two men are probably pretty typical of all of us. Sometimes our faith on this journey is strong and we're filled with hope and we're riding high and we can say with the psalmist, "Though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam... the Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress." (Psalm 46.)

But then there are those times when we have our doubts and our faith becomes very dry and lifeless and we're not so sure of anything and we swear that the prophet was talking about us when he says, "Behold they

say our bones are dried up, our hope is lost, and we are indeed cut off." (Ezekiel 37:11).

This is what happens when, like them, our eyes are kept from recognizing Jesus, who is present right alongside of us as we walk this journey – but we don't see Him. The good news here is that Jesus comes to them in their hopelessness. Not waiting until they come around or rediscover their faith, as we read, "Jesus Himself drew near and went with them."

He now explains things to them. As they drew near to the village, they urged Jesus strongly, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening."

It is here in this Emmaus encounter with His blind and hopeless disciples that Jesus re-establishes the same pattern for His New Testament people as had been established for His Old Testament people. First the service of the word and then the service of the supper. This one, this crucified and risen Jesus of Nazareth, is walking right beside us on this journey of life. And with that, our hope is restored and our faith is strengthened.

In the prayers of the church, petitions were for receptive hearts to hear and through hearing believe and remaining steadfast in faith and hope. Help us live out this faith in holy lives, lifting up God's name in word and works; blessings for church workers and pastors; for our nation in

the face of threat and danger; for all emergency and medical workers and those in the armed forces; healing for the sick and comfort for the grieving and those prayers we pray silently in our heart.

The prayer our Lord taught us to pray was said. Following the offertory and benediction, the service closed with verses four, five and six of "Thy Strong Word."

Those observing birthdays are Barb Klahr-Jacobsen, April 27; Ernie Keehn, April 28; Kathy Jones, May 1; and Teri Manuel and Abigail Heitzman, May 2.

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Family Life: Eating mindfully

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

People in Okinawa say "Hara Hachi Bu" before meals to remind them to stop eating when their stomachs are 80 percent full. This strategy helps them eat mindfully, and it is one of the Power 9 traits of people who live in Blue Zones.



Studies show that cutting back on calories helps maintain a healthy weight and can lead to better heart health and longevity. Losing just 10 percent of your

body weight can lead to lower blood pressure and cholesterol, which reduces your risk of heart disease.

Think about your eating habits for a moment. Do you ever eat on the run, in your car or while watching TV? Do you eat at your desk or in front of the computer? It is easy to eat while distracted, and this "mindless" style of eating often leads you to eat more than you need.

To eat mindfully, pay full attention to what you are eating without being distracted. You will notice your body's hunger and fullness cues, and mindful eating can help you distinguish between physical hunger and emotional hunger.

When you feel like eating, ask yourself if you are actually hungry or if you are bored or anxious. If you tend to be an

emotional eater, try other strategies before eating. Take a walk or get some sort of exercise, drink a glass of water or cup of tea or write in a journal.

People in Blue Zones communities eat their smallest meal in the evening and avoid late-night snacking. Using a smaller plate or bowl for this meal can prompt you to eat less, and planning ahead for healthy smaller meals will also help.

It takes about 20 minutes from the time you eat for your brain to receive the message that your stomach is full. Eating slowly gives you the opportunity to receive this message without overeating. By making it a habit to sit down, savor your food and enjoy it, you are more likely to slow down, eat less and enjoy your food more. Remember, Hara Hachi Bu!

Family and Consumer Sciences

Remember: M.A.S.K. to save lives

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Family and
Consumer Sciences

Everywhere I go, which isn't much, you see people sporting the latest in masks. Keep the following in mind for safe, effective homemade mask use. Remember to M.A.S.K. in order to save lives.



M - Multi-layered, tightly-woven 100 percent cotton. Save surgical or N95 masks for healthcare providers. Use cotton thread counts of 180 or more.

A - Avoid your face. Remove it from behind. Never touch the front of the mask. Always remove it from behind your head.

S - Scrap it if it's damaged, soiled or doesn't fit. Make sure it's breathable and fits snug. Don't use damp, wet or dirty masks.

K - Keep it clean. Use the mask and your hands. Wash your hands before you put it on and after you take it off. Use a fresh mask each day.

Remember to M.A.S.K. and stay home, stay safe and save lives.

Staying Healthy While Working Remotely

Most of us are in month two, working from our remote location. As this continues, it is more important than ever to make sure we are using workplace habits that keep us healthy physically, mentally and financially no matter where we are working. Here are some tips for maintaining physical health while working remotely.

Practicing healthy workplace habits is not that much different working remotely than it is working in a formal office environment. However, the dedi-

cated office space and working environment are separate. This brings not only challenges but also opportunities for maintaining your physical health while working remotely. Here are some things to keep in mind and are useful as you examine your current workspace and routine.

• Maintain good posture where you sit or stand to work. It is tempting to take the laptop to the couch or lounge chair while working remotely. While this might feel comfortable at the moment, it will not promote good posture for the long haul. It is essential to use a variety of settings for your workday. These include sitting, standing and walking while practicing good posture in all settings.

• If you have peripheral devices available to you, connect an external keyboard, mouse, headphones and a monitor to increase your comfort level and define your workspace.

• Take regular breaks of five minutes every hour to look away from the screen and improve circulation. While at the office, this is accomplished when a co-worker stops by to share an idea or ask a question. In your current environment, it might be a pet wanting to play catch, a family member with a problem or if working alone, a self-imposed break to look out the window.

• Schedule lunch, breaks, stretching, walking and processing time. While working remotely, you are not as bound by the clock and regular office hours. You are in charge and need to take control of break times and when to go home. This can be accomplished by setting a phone notice, wellness app, Outlook or a sticky note on the monitor. For processing time of an idea, consider going on a walking meeting of one person or one of your new office mates that you share your home with.

• Stock your kitchen with healthy snacks and lunch options. One person recently

shared that they pack these each day and put in the refrigerator just like they did when taking them to the office.

• Stay consistent with your eating, sleeping and exercise routines as appropriate. This routine is something that you can maintain control over in these uncertain times, and it is vital to maintaining physical health.

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

The Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church pastor and members have been meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings on the church's Facebook page during the month of April.

At 10 a.m. on Tuesdays, Pastor Jin hosts a Zoom meeting. There is also a scheduled 5:30 p.m. Zoom meeting on Tuesdays for those unable to attend the morning meeting during the month of April.

The birthdays for the month of April are Annie McDowell, April 5; Erin Herrick, April 6; David Link and Phil Pond, April 8; Andrew Patton, April 11; Mary Colton and Marilyn Domer, April 12; Dean Steward, April 13; Lauren Fealey, April 17; John Strickert, April 18; Annika Wilson, April 19; Gary Domer and Marlene Schildt, April 20; Sawyer Richards, April 21; Molly Strobel, April 25; Mike Neely, April 29; and Ian Law, April 30.

The anniversaries for the month of April are Chris and Monica Sturgeon, April 1; Ray and Billie Dupree, April 5; Samuel and Dnette Martin, April 12; Nick and Karen Nicolay, April 19; Jahnnie and Cathy Brake, April 20; Hyun-Jin and Sunnyeo Kim and Kevin and Angie Fealey, April 22; Alan and Linda Shaffer, April 25; and Glen and Linda Smith, April 26.

Easter Sunday this year was so difficult for all of us, but the amazing story of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, never changes.

The scriptures John 20:19-29



A banner was recently placed outside the MedicalLodges Jackson County assisted living facility to reflect that "heroes" in the health care profession are working to provide quality care for seniors who make the facility their home. Health care workers have emerged as "heroes" due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) for their willingness to put themselves in harm's way to treat people, it has been reported. Photo by David Powlis

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\$2 billion allocated to offset increase in SNAP benefits

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue has announced that emergency benefit increases had reached \$2 billion per month for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program households across all 50 states and three territories to increase food security during the coronavirus national emergency.

These emergency benefits represent a 40 percent increase in overall monthly SNAP benefits, significantly increasing food

purchasing power for American families, it was reported.

Currently, a household with two adults, three children and no income can receive the maximum benefit of \$768. However, due to reportable income and other factors, the average five-person household receives significantly less at \$528.

These emergency benefits would provide the average five-person household an additional \$240 monthly in food purchas-

ing power, bringing the average household up to the same benefit level as households already receiving the maximum.

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- Trustees deed: Sheryl A. Burns and Stephen D. Patterson, trustees of the Joe Patterson and Alice M. Patterson Trust, to Marsene E. Feldt, Charlene M. Moran, James Scott Fund and Joey L. Fund, Lot 91 of New York Avenue, city of Holton; Lot 32 of Vermont Avenue, city of Holton; Lots 2, 4 and 6 of Elk Grove Addition, New Jersey Avenue, city of Holton; and land in the southeast quarter of S4, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Sheryl A. Burns and Stephen D. Patterson, trustees of the Joe Patterson and Alice M. Patterson Trust, to Linda L. Wenger, Lots 2 and 4, Drake and Fenn Addition, Michigan Avenue; Lot 108 of New York Avenue; and Lot 62 of Wisconsin Avenue, all in the city of Holton, Jackson County.

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- Trustees deed: Sheryl A. Burns and Stephen D. Patterson, trustees of the Joe Patterson and Alice M. Patterson Trust, to Ricky D. Burns and Sheryl A. Burns, husband and wife, Lot 32, Wisconsin Avenue; the west half of Lots 40 and 42, Nebraska Avenue; the west half of Lot 38, Kelso's Addition, Nebraska Avenue; and Lot 3 and the south half of Lot 4 of Vettors First Addition, Colorado Block 3, all in the city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Leslie Scoby, president of the Kanza Mental Health Foundation, to Developmental Services of Jackson County Inc., Lots 39 and 40, Rolling Hills Addition, city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Correction of deed: Robert Gay, aka Robert M. Gay and Kelly L. Gay, husband and wife, to Catherine A. Montgomery, land in Lots 6 and 8, Main Street, city of Mayetta; and two tracts in S22, T8S, R15E of the 6th P.M., all in Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Patricia Konkright, aka Patricia A. Konkright and Dean M. Konkright, members of Thunder Hill Speedway L.L.C. to Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, land in the northeast quarter of S5, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Delbert W. Hawthorne and Julie Anne M. Hawthorne, co-trustees of the Delbert W. Hawthorne Trust, to Brent L. Nelson and Mary Elizabeth Nelson, co-trustees, land in the northeast quarter of S9, T7S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Wendy L. Cook to Gerald W. Ansley and Tammy K. Ansley, Lot 1 of Shumway's First Addition, city of Mayetta, Jackson County.

- Kansas transfer on death deed: Leslie A. Noller and John E. Noller to Samuel O. Noller, land in the southeast quarter of S25, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Susan Gayle Dunn, a widow, to Jason W. Belveal and Alexandria S. Belveal, husband and wife, land in the northeast quarter of S32, T6S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Billie Jo Scarberry, Randy L. Scarberry and Dana M. Gibbs, a single person, to Billie Jo Scarberry, a married person, and Dana M. Gibbs, a single person, land in the northwest quarter of S30, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Connie Woltje, a single person, to Bruce L. Clements and Colleen M. Clements, land in the southwest quarter of S24, T6S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Richard Snavelly and Ann Snavelly, husband and wife, to Robert L. Meyer and Peggy A. Meyer, land in Block R, city of Whiting, Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Eleanor June Ashley, trustee of the Sammy L. Ashley and June Ashley Trust, to Tim Allen Ashley and Leslie Cable Ashley, land in the northwest quarter of S2, T8S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Sally Ann Wilcox, a single person, to Andrew Reed Ivey McPherson and Miranda Renee McPherson, land in Lots 79 and 81, Kansas Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Harold Keller and Lois Keller, trustees, to David E. Altwegg and Barbara C. Altwegg, two tracts in S7, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Merlin D.W. Nelson, a single person, to Keith I. Kelly and Ann M. Kelly, trustees, three tracts in S1, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Max L. Hollander, trustee of the Max L. Hollander and Sharon J. Hollander Trust, to Max L. Hollander and Sharon J. Hollander, Lot 1, Rosser's Banner View Addition 3, city of Holton; land in Lots 13 and 17, Rosser's Banner View Addition 2, city of Holton; and land in the southeast quarter of S6, T6S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Max L. Hollander, power of attorney for Sharon J. Hollander, to Debra L. Barrow, land in the southeast quarter of S6, T6S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Max L. Hollander, power of attorney for Sharon J. Hollander, to Beckie L. Lux, Lot 1, Rosser's Banner View Addition 3; and land in Lots 13 and 17, Rosser's Banner View Addition 2, all in the city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Kansas transfer on death deed: John P. Huerter, aka John Phillip Huerter, aka John Huerter, a widowed person, to Thomas M.W. Downs and Katharine A. Arroyo, two tracts in S30, T8S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Michael W. Cochran, a single person, to Malea Blancas, Lots 46 and 48, Lunger's First Addition, city of Mayetta, Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Brett Wolf and Erika Wolf, husband and wife, to Alicia Primm, Lot 41, Vermont Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County, also known as 325 Vermont Ave., Holton.

- Warranty deed: Alicia Primm to John Jenkins and Peggy Jenkins, husband and wife, Lot 41, Vermont Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County, also known as 325 Vermont Ave., Holton.

- Executors deed: Wendy S. Johnson, executor of the estate of Amelia C. Ebert, deceased, to Fred Card and Annette Murphy, Lots 97, 99 and 101, Highland Avenue, city of Denison, Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Lauretta Fenton, trustee of the Edna M. Bertride Trust, to Dalton Beightel, Lot 3, Rosser's Addition, Block 2, city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Linda Sue Miller, aka Linda Rupnicki, a single person, to Jesse D. Rupnicki, a single person, all of the northwest quarter of S3, T7S, R13E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Violet M. Martin, trustee, and Gary D. Blackburn, successor trustee of the

Philip Ronald Martin and Violet M. Martin Trust, to Patrick G. Mulroy, land in the southeast quarter of S33, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Lori A. Trimble and Rex Richard Hill II to Aaron Mathew Jones, Lots 5 and 6 and the east half of Lot 7, Logan and Friends First Addition, city of Soldier, Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Jerry E. Guffey, member of M&W Sons L.L.C., to Kevin Brice Guffey, two tracts in S35, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Richard M. Lassiter and Rosalie E. Lassiter, trustees of the trust in their names, to Tanner C. Lassiter and Sara E. Lassiter, husband and wife, two tracts in S34, T7S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Tanner C. Lassiter and Sara E. Lassiter, husband and wife, to Allen J. Jones and Sherry A. Jones, two tracts in S34, T7S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Helen I. Holland and Gordon D. Holland, wife and husband, to Matthew L. Kramer and Ashlea N. Kramer, husband and wife, land in the northwest quarter of S29, T7S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Jesse D. Rupnicki, aka Jesse Rupnicki, a single person, to Raymond Kramer and Anna Mary Kramer, husband and wife, the northwest quarter of S3, T7S, R13E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Jennifer Stump to John H. Stump III, a single person, two tracts in the northwest quarter of S22, T8S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Kyle G. Smith and Claudia J. Smith to same as husband and wife, land in the northwest quarter of S15, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: John Chiles and Glenna Chiles, husband and wife, to Jacob Alan Sherer, land in the northeast quarter of S15, T6S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Dwain C. Wilson and Terri L. Bahret, trustees of the Charles and Viola Wilson Joint Trust, to Carrie Pettiecord, Aaron Wilson and Jackie Castlan, land in the northwest quarter of S12, T8S, R12E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Dwain C. Wilson and Terri L. Bahret, trustees of the Charles and Viola Wilson Joint Trust, to Lewis G. Anderson II, a single person, 80 acres more or less of land in the northwest quarter of S12, T8S, R12E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Quit claim deed: Anita Beth Schafer to the Anita Beth Schafer Revocable Trust, land in Lot 27, Ohio Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Trustees deed: Dwain C. Wilson and Terri L. Bahret, trustees of the Charles and Viola Wilson Joint Trust, to Carrie Pettiecord, Aaron Wilson and Jackie Castlan, 80 acres more or less of land in the northwest quarter of S12, T8S, R12E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Silvia Reveles, a married person, and Santiago Reveles, a married person, to Jayro Reveles, land in Lots 58, 60 and 62 of Western Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Carolyn Sue Lowrey, a single person, to QT Investments L.L.C., land in Lot 23 of McKeage's Second Addition, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Melvin E. Askren, a single person, to Troy Moppin and Kendra Moppin, husband and wife, land in Lots 108 and 110 of Wisconsin Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

- Warranty deed: Bill Leroy Eichinger Jr. and Cynthia M. Eichinger, husband and wife, to Richard A. Adame, two tracts in S16, T8S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Ministerial Alliance notes food pantry donations, 'blessing box'

Due to the restrictions put in place to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance did not meet in March.

The Ministerial Alliance met via internet on Thursday, April 16 with Pastor Kathy Williams presiding. Williams called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., and Pastor Norma Jean Miller opened with prayer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Pastor Charlotte Milroy's motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Miller and approved.

Gayle Moulden presented the treasurer's report for March, including the balances of each account. At present, there is enough money to handle needs of the community, but Moulden noted that requests for assistance may go up with so many people not able to go to work.

Moulden reported that Boomers' Grill had matched tips received by staff and presented a check for \$2,774.73 to the Food Pantry. The Alliance sends a huge "thank you" to Boomers' for this donation.

Also, Jackson County EMS presented a large amount of non-perishable food to the Food Pantry. A huge "thank you" goes to them as well.

Under old business, Lori Prichett with Share Fest spoke to Williams about scaling down projects for the first Share Fest to possibly just one. Interest has been raised about a spring 2021 project. If everything works out, the Alliance could try to increase the projects next year.

Williams said she received an

email from the Washburn Law student that is reviewing the Alliance's bylaws. Once they are finished with that, they will be in touch with Moulden about getting the filing fee.

It was reported that the school lunch program is still going on. Hoyt is still doing theirs four days a week, with lunches for two days provided on Thursdays.

Under new business, it was noted that a "blessing box" has been placed at the east side of Linscott Park near the Holton Public Safety Building.

The box has food and/or personal hygiene items in it for those who run short before they are able to go to the Food Pantry, or for those who just run short before they get their next paycheck.

Anyone may take what they need from the box, and if they have a surplus of something, they are encouraged to put that in the box. Anyone can donate food or personal hygiene items to the box, and anyone come and get food or personal hygiene items, if needed.

Harvesters is closed at this time. We don't know what this will mean for our deliveries. As far as anyone knows, this is just a temporary shutdown.

As this was the first appearance of new Food Pantry director Sarah Bahner at the Alliance's monthly meeting, a warm welcome was extended to her. The Alliance is glad to have her on board. Food Pantry hours have been changed to 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., but it is still open on Thursdays.

Bahner later provided fig-

ures to us. There were 115 total households served, including 168 adults, 122 children, 43 elderly residents and 16 new families.

At this time, volunteers take food out to the cars of those needing assistance. One of the volunteers made masks for everyone to wear.

Nancy Clark also noted that there is a need for non-grocery items, such as shampoo, hand soap, feminine supplies and laundry soap. Smaller sizes of laundry soap are requested.

UMC will help fill the Food Pantry and First Baptist Church will have services at Medical-edges Jackson County. There is still a need for the Food Pantry for the months of August, November and December.

The next meeting of JCMA will be held at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21 at Holton First UMC unless otherwise stated.

Miller's motion to adjourn was seconded by Moulden and approved.

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<p>AUDIOLOGY/ENT Dr. Meyers: May 15</p> <p>CARDIOLOGY Dr. Birkbeck: May 18, May 21 Dr. Joliff: May 13, May 27 Dr. Kastner: May 4 Dr. Mamidipally: May 5 (1/2), May 20</p> <p>DERMATOLOGY APRN Buthorne: May 11</p> <p>GASTROENTEROLOGY Dr. Schlachter: May 6 (OR), May 13 (OR), May 20 (Clinic), May 21 (OR)</p> <p>NEPHROLOGY Dr. Alderson: May 12</p> <p>OB/GYN Dr. Cobb: May 14</p> <p>WOUND CLINIC: May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26</p>	<p>ORTHOPEDICS Dr. Kitchen: May 11</p> <p>PAIN MANAGEMENT Dr. Sankoorikal: May 8, May 22</p> <p>PODIATRY Dr. Hobbs: May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26</p> <p>PULMONOLOGY Dr. Magee: May 14</p> <p>RHEUMATOLOGY Dr. Latinis: May 5 (Telehealth), May 12 (Telehealth), May 19 (Telehealth), May 26 (Telehealth)</p> <p>UROLOGY Dr. Carlson: May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28</p>
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Two principal candidates interviewed

The Holton school board has held two special board meetings during the past week.

Most recently, the board met at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27 via Zoom and Facebook Live. All seven board members were present.

The board immediately approved a motion to enter into executive session for three hours and eight minutes to discuss non-elected personnel issues with Superintendent Bob Davies.

Two candidates for the Holton Elementary School Principal position joined the board in the executive session at different times for interviews.

The two candidates - Randy Fox and Jessica Farmer-Walter - also met earlier in the day with some Holton school administrators and teachers.

Fox is currently pre-K to grade 12 principal at Wilson, which is part of Central Plains USD 211. He has also been a middle school principal at Wellsville, an elementary school principal at Wellington and held all three levels of administration at Winfield. He has also been a teacher and coach. He has been in education 29 years.

Farmer-Walter is a Holton native. She is currently the department head of counseling, physical education and substitute administrator at Hayden High School in Topeka. In the past, she has been an elementary counselor and physical education teacher at Topeka USD 501. As a coach, Farmer-Walter has led teams to five state championships in volleyball and was named Kansas Volleyball Coach of the Year. She has also coached basketball and took a team to a second-place finish at state basketball.

The board also met in executive session for five minutes to discuss non-elected personnel issues with Davies.

Upon returning to open session at 9 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The school board met in special session via Zoom and Facebook Live at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22. All seven board members participated in the meeting.

The board immediately approved a motion to enter into executive session for 45 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel issues with Superintendent Bob Davies.

Following that executive session, the board met three more times in executive session for the same reason with Supt. Davies for a total of 30 minutes.

Back in open session, the board voted 7-0 to approve the resignation of Tori Mace, IRC teacher at HES, at the end of the school term.

The board also voted 7-0 to hire Terilyn Bufkin as an elementary school teacher for the next school term.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Three area KSU students receive Launch competition scholarships

A Kansas State University competition has awarded 20 student business ideas with a total of \$21,000 in prize money, it has been reported.

The K-State Launch competition gives students experience in the process of creating and pitching a business idea. The competition is organized by the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship in the College of Business Administration and is open to all students and majors in the university.

This semester's competition was modified to an online format. In total, 279 students representing every college on the Manhattan campus entered the

competition this semester by submitting a YouTube video pitching their business idea, which was used to narrow the field to 20 finalists.

"The results from this year's K-State Launch demonstrates the incredible entrepreneurial talent at K-State," said Chad Jackson, the Jack Vanier director of entrepreneurship. "I'm especially proud of our student competitors this year who demonstrated key entrepreneurial skills like adaptability and perseverance in these challenging times."

In the end, all 20 businesses were awarded \$1,000 scholarships and two businesses were awarded the "fan favorite," re-

ceiving a \$500 scholarship for having the most liked videos. The competition was divided into two divisions: Global Food Systems and Open.

The following three area students received or shared \$1,000 scholarships in the K-State Launch competition:

*Colton Buessing, senior in animal sciences and industry, Axtell, for Local Food Box, a four-member team project.

*Drew Kramer, senior in marketing, Corning, Local Food Box, a four-member team project.

*Blake Plattner, senior in feed science and management, Sabetha, for the dog detailer.

Buck's Grove

By Donna Ashcraft

The following is a summary of Pastor Charlotte Milroy's sermon for Sunday, April 26, at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church. The sermon for the third Sunday of Easter came from Luke 24:13-35 with the title "Something About This Man."

The sermon focuses on Cleopas and his companion, who are exiting the western gate of Jerusalem. They are leaving Jerusalem upset, grieving over the death of Jesus. There was so much pain in Jerusalem following the arrest, torture, crucifixion and death. Lives were shattered. A casual observer could tell that their discussion was intense.

Fifteen minutes into the journey, a man they did not recognize joined them and asked, "What is this conversation you are holding with each other?"

They stopped and looked at him, dumbfounded. Jesus' execution was about the only thing people were talking about in Jerusalem. It had been the tragic climax to a week of controversy, confrontation, and political intrigue. Jerusalem was a town to get away from.

A new twist had emerged that morning, Jesus' body was missing. No statements had been issued from the Sanhedrin or the Romans. There were rumors of a resurrection. The gossip mills were all running at full capacity!

Cleopas said, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" The man replied, "What things?"

"Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people," Cleopas paused, clearly feeling this very deeply, then continued, "But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel."

He quickly wiped his eyes and started walking again. "Yes, and besides all this, it is now the

third day since these things happened.

The women amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Him."

They walked in silence for about a minute. The stranger said the last thing they expected: "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!"

Cleopas looked over at the stranger, confused. Then the man looked right into Cleopas' eyes and said, "Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things to enter into His glory?"

For the next two hours, the stranger walked Cleopas and his friend through the entire scriptures and explained all the references to the Christ. As he did, the fire of their faith that had died out on Golgotha came back to life and burned with that familiar hope, the hope that Jesus was indeed the Christ.

Could it really be true? Jesus resurrected? Who was this man who so beautifully made sense of everything that had happened, and yet at first had seemed clueless? There was something about this man!

The sun was going down in the sky ahead of them as they reached Emmaus. The stranger gave every indication that he intended to continue on. The two disciples, feeling revived, desperately pleaded with the stranger to stay at least for the night. They were overjoyed when he agreed.

At dinner, the man took the bread, pulled it apart and gave them each a piece. As soon as the bread touched their hands, their eyes were opened; they recognized who He was. Both

gasped, and Jesus vanished.

The disciples' hospitality and generosity resulted in learning the identity of this stranger. All along, Jesus fully intended to help them see. But Jesus had a priority before revealing His identity: before He opened their physical eyes, He had to reignite the belief in their hearts. He blessed them and showed us God's gift.

This story tells us how easy it is to overlook people. We reach out in faith - and that can change our lives. Sometimes, our lives can be shattered. But, when we reach out to Jesus, Jesus can restore us.

There are many good things happening - people volunteering with handouts of food and making masks. There is a family who has formed a band on their front porch in the evenings. In Holton at the park, there is a blessing box set up with people sharing food, canned and boxed. People helping others with yard work with handyman things, food deliveries. There is love and caring.

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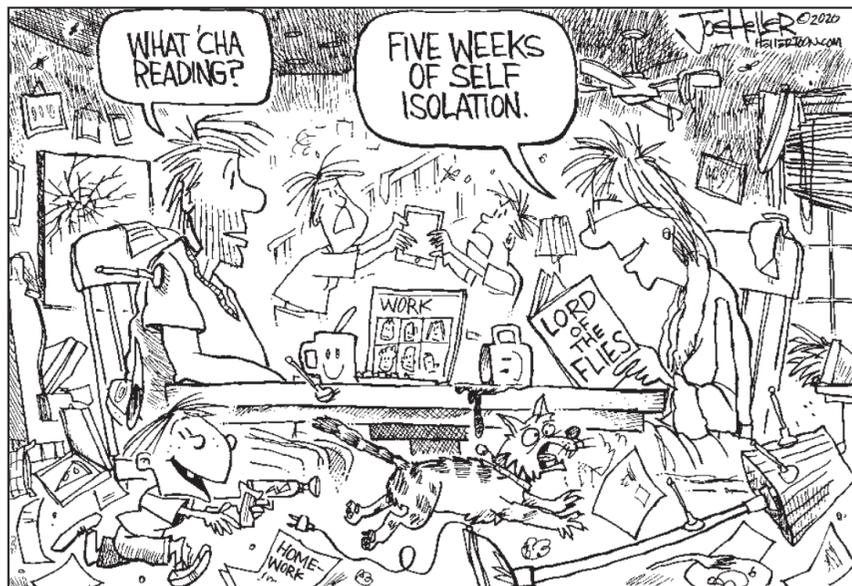
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Unemployed now? Insurance options listed

In one week, more than 6.6 million Americans recently filed for unemployment benefits - breaking a record for the United States, it has been reported.

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About half of all Americans get their health insurance through their employers so for many people, being newly unemployed brings with it uncertainty about how to navigate their health coverage options.

It's important for Kansans who have lost their jobs to know that the Affordable Care Act includes a provision that gives people 60 days to enroll in health care after a qualifying life event, such as job loss.

There are a variety of affordable health coverage options, including Medicaid and the federal Health Insurance Marketplace through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Each program has unique characteristics and requirements as outlined below: Medicaid offers free or low-cost health insurance coverage for lower income residents and the unemployed.

* In Kansas, Medicaid coverage includes children, pregnant women, families with children, seniors and individuals with disabilities.

* Some residents may qualify based on income. CARES Act supplementary unemployment insurance benefits, which can

increase unemployment benefits by \$600 per week, do not affect eligibility for Medicaid programs.

*Enrollment is offered year-round, and some healthcare services provided prior to enrollment may be covered retroactively.

*To enroll in Medicaid in Kansas, visit www.kancare.ks.gov/consumers/apply-for-kancare or call 1-800-792-4884.

Health Insurance Marketplace is for anyone who doesn't receive employer-provided coverage, and it allows people to choose from multiple health insurance plans to find the right coverage:

*Enrollment is available during a special enrollment period (SEP). Once a person experiences a qualifying life event such as job loss, they have 60 days to enroll.

*Financial assistance is available for Marketplace coverage if a person's expected 2020 income will be 100 percent to 400 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$12,490-\$49,960 for an individual and \$25,750-\$103,000 for a family of four.

* To be eligible for coverage, a person must live in the United States, be a U.S. citizen or national, and can't be incarcerated. Healthcare.gov has more details on eligibility.

*To find out what qualifies for SEP and shop for ACA coverage, visit Healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596.

Both Medicaid and Marketplace provide an alternative

that's often more affordable than COBRA, the health insurance program that allows people to continue their employer-provided coverage if they have lost their job, and it's important to understand the differences.

While COBRA maintains a person's existing coverage, they will pay 100 percent of the cost plus an additional two percent in administrative costs. Subsidies to reduce costs are not available through COBRA, and coverage can last between 18 to 36 months, depending on the circumstances of job loss.

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House in Muscotah destroyed by fire recently

A fire destroyed a house on West Third Street in Muscotah on Tuesday night, April 7, it was reported.

A passer by noticed the flames at about 7:15 p.m. The house was in the process of being demolished. It had been empty for several years.

Fire departments from Horton, Everet and Effingham responded to the fire and were able to contain the fire and keep it from spreading to neighboring residences.

There was some damage to an excavator parked behind the house. The cause of the fire has

not been determined. Harold and Dorothy Fassnacht owned the house but it is now held in ownership by their grandsons, it was reported.

The Horton Fire Department and the Gas Service Company returned to the scene Wednesday morning due to a gas leak.

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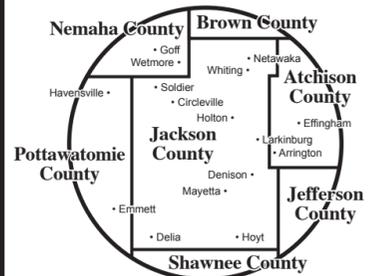
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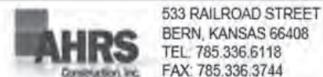
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Blake Chance (shown above) is now selling the Quick-Pin, a quicker release hitch pin that he designed. Chance is a sophomore at Kansas State University, and the Quick-Pin (shown at left) is equipped with a locking pin that helps reduce the time it takes to unhook equipment from a tractor.

Photos courtesy of Blake Chance

Chance redesigns hitch pin

By Ali Holcomb

Blake Chance of Mayetta, a sophomore at Kansas State University, has launched the Quick-Pin, a redesigned hitch pin that allows for a quicker release of equipment in case of an emergency or when the pin is pinched, it has been reported.

The Quick-Pin design includes a top sleeve held by a locking pin that is able to come apart from the main shaft by removing the locking pin, Chance said.

Chance, who is the son of DJ and Kristi Chance, received his first order of 250 Quick-Pins last week, and within two days, 20 had been purchased.

"It was crazy. I couldn't believe it was here," Chance said. "I know it's bad timing right now with everything going on in the world, but I'm making it work and getting it in the hands of people as best I can."

Chance came up with the Quick-Pin idea after farming one evening with his dad.

"My baler got really hot and I was fortunate that it didn't catch on fire, but it got me thinking of how to get my tractor unhooked and away from the baler if it had caught on fire," he said. "I knew I would be in an awkward spot if the baler caught on fire so I was trying to think of a fast way to unhook it."

Chance drew up his first idea for a quicker hitch pin and had a prototype made by his cousin who is a machinist.

"The first prototype wasn't quite as quick as the name implies so I redesigned it to make it better and quicker," he said.

The Quick-Pin allows farmers to unhook their equipment easier when they are in a situation where it may be difficult to pull the pin straight out, he said.

"With a regular hitch pin, if there's pressure on the hitch, you can't pull the pin out," Chance said. "With the Quick-Pin, if there's pressure on it and you can't pull it out, you take the locking pin off, pull off the top sleeve and then when you release the pressure in the tractor, the main shaft will fall through the

hitch to the ground with gravity."

Chance was taking an entrepreneurship class last spring at K-State when he wrote up a business plan for the Quick-Pin hitch pin.

K-State hosts a Launch "Shark Tank"-style business idea competition for students each semester, and Chance took third place out of the entire university last spring and received \$1,500 for his hitch pin idea.

"I took that money to get a patent pending," he said.

Chance said the product stalled for several months because he had difficulty finding a company to manufacture the pin based on his prototype.

"No one was interested," he said.

He said it was also important for him to manufacture the pin in America.

"I had it made right here in Topeka at Industrial Chrome," he said. "It might cost me more to make it here in America instead of China or India but that's what I want. It's a high-quality product when it's made in America. You're paying fair wages for a person who is supporting their family."

The Quick-Pin is 7/8 of an inch in diameter and is six inches long, but Chance said he is interested in producing additional sizes in the future.

Chance, who graduated from Royal Valley in 2018 and is studying agribusiness and entrepreneurship in college, said he's received a positive response from people about the Quick-Pin.

"Most people who see the video showing how it works are able to understand it and think it's a good idea," he said.

Chance said that throughout the process of creating the Quick-Pin he's met many new people and has learned to persevere when he is told 'no.'

But Chance said he's also been surprised by the amount of support he's received.

"Denison State Bank helped me get the ball rolling and have also put in the largest order I've had so far," Chance said. "I'm going to

put their logo on the Quick-Pins, which should benefit both of us. I had a former principal, my boss and a few others on social media who were willing to invest in the Quick-Pin, which I thought was crazy because the business isn't even worth anything yet. I've learned that it's not what you know, it really is who you know. And knowing the right people has allowed me to get me here today."

The Quick-Pin is available to purchase online at www.quickpinhitchpin.com for \$28.99 plus shipping. They are also available for purchase at Wege's Food Store in Holton and Hoyt and Tarwater Farm & Home in Holton and Topeka.

Relief Fund...

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Holton First Baptist Church, the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the Jackson County Community Foundation (JCCF) have partnered together to organize the Love Jackson County: Disaster Relief Fund.

The goal of the fund is "the short and long-term recovery of our neighbors and local businesses," according to relief organizers.

The three missions of the fund are:

Mission One: Assist county businesses that are closed due to the potential spread of the virus.

Mission Two: Assist businesses that are operating at minimal capacity.

Mission Three: Provide Chamber Bucks to individuals with the most needs.

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PPP Loans...

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Local banks, as a compensation for their services, are awarded between one percent and five percent of each PPP loan awarded, it was reported.

Lifetime Eye Care of Holton, which is owned by Dr. Leslie Gallagher and Dr. Nicole Meerpohl, was one of the local businesses that applied for and received a PPP loan.

The optometry office closed all routine services on March 20 at the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the American Optometric Association. The doctors remain on a rotating schedule, however, to take care of any eye emergencies.

"We have 15 employees and 11 of them are impacted by the school closure and need to be home with their children," Dr. Gallagher said. "Without PPP funds, it would have been impossible to make payroll."

Dr. Gallagher said the application process was "extremely simple" once all the

details were worked out.

"The PPP loan application was changed the day before applications were first accepted. Kyle Murrow of Denison State Bank immediately reached out to me to let me know he was going to be sending out an updated application. I filled the updated application out and got it right back to DSB," she said. "Unfortunately, many of my optometry colleagues from all over the country were not so lucky. Many of them bank with very large banks that were unable to react as quickly as our local banks. Those optometrists, along with many other business owners, were left behind with the initial PPP funds. I truly believe that it was because of our long-standing relationship with our local bank that our funding was secured. Each business account with a local bank isn't just an account number."

Dr. Gallagher that the PPP loan has been a "huge relief" for her and Dr. Meerpohl.

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There are "prerequisites" for each phase of the reopening plan, with action dependent on how well local medical facilities are able to handle any further COVID-19 cases, she said. One of those "prerequisites" involves having the ability to provide adequate testing for the coronavirus, and at the present time, she said the county has an adequate supply of the tests.

"One of the ways we can move forward with lifting some of the restrictions is making sure that we have testing in place, as well as the capability of our local hospital to take care of people. And public health has to have the ability to test and follow up with contacts to put people in quarantine and isolation," Reith said.

Johnsonville...

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The measures follow reports from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Department of Agriculture of COVID-19 outbreaks at meat processing facilities elsewhere in the state, particularly in Ford, Seward and Finney counties in southwestern Kansas, where meat processing plants reportedly manufacture a quarter of the nation's fresh meat supply.

In Ford County, home to Dodge City's National Beef and Cargill plants, the number of confirmed cases jumped from 84 on Friday, April 17 to 288 last Thursday, to 544 on Tuesday — second only to Wyandotte County, which reported 583 cases that day.

Ford County Health Officer R.C. Trotter attributed the jump in the number of COVID-19 cases there to more testing, including people with low-grade fevers, mild symptoms or potential connections to the meat processing plants in Dodge City.

In Seward County, which has a National Beef plant in Liberal, a total of 125 cases were reported last Thursday; that number had jumped to 422 by Tuesday. And in Finney County, home to Tyson's food processing plant in Holcomb, cases stood at 87 last Thursday; the total had climbed

to 175 by Tuesday. A COVID-19 "cluster" was also identified at the Tyson plant in Emporia, where more than 50 employees had contracted the virus, it was initially reported. Lyon County, where Emporia is located, reported a total of 171 cases on Tuesday.

Other meat processing plants around the country, notably in Colorado, Iowa and South Dakota, have shut down temporarily following similar outbreaks of COVID-19 for cleaning.

In Jackson County, last Thursday's total of confirmed COVID-19 cases stood at one — increasing to two on Saturday — and Dlugopolski detailed measures intended to ensure the safety of employees at the Johnsonville facility in Holton and the surrounding community.

"So far, it's all been going well," she said. Each of Johnsonville's facilities has a "pandemic team" in place, including employees and plant officials "working to find additional safety opportunities, training to implement such procedures and then sharing learnings across teams and facilities," Dlugopolski said. Safety measures have also been stepped up for the company's

"The funds will allow us to cover payroll until June 11. Not worrying about how are we going to afford to pay everyone for the next several weeks will allow us to focus on other tasks," she said. "We are very thankful."

Dr. Gallagher said they plan to reopen Lifetime Eye Care on Monday with extra precautions in place and with just one doctor working per day.

"Even though our office is very large, we wanted to ensure social distancing and thoroughly sanitize after every patient," she said. "The PPP funds we received will allow us to make payroll yet safely provide eye care to our patients. Many of our patients are high risk, and we cannot have 30 patients in the office at once right now."

Applications for PPP loans, as well as additional details about qualifying for the program, are available at the Small Business Administration website, www.sba.gov, as well as at area banks.

will return to normal.

Each phase of the Shawnee County "working plan" allows for the size of social gatherings to be increased, but still limited, with a ban on all activities removed in the fifth phase, although some restrictions will still be in place where a high risk of COVID-19 transmission is still possible and "very large gatherings" will be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

That plan's "prerequisites" for each phase involve local indicators of COVID-19 infection showing "stable or decreasing community transmission," identification and containment of COVID-19 "clusters" and the continued ability of health care and public health systems to handle patient caseloads.

over-the-road drivers, she added.

The company has also converted conference rooms and set up tents outside the Holton plant to offer extra space so that employees may maintain social distancing guidelines during breaks, Dlugopolski said, noting that most employees go to their vehicles during breaks. Additional structures are planned to give employees more outdoor break options, she added.

Dlugopolski also noted that the company is sharing "a steady stream of information" about employee and facility health, as well as new safeguards planned for implementation at the company's plants.

That "steady stream" from Johnsonville, Reith noted, helps to alleviate public concerns over possible disruption of the nation's food supply due to COVID-19.

"We do not want interruptions to the food supply, ever," Reith said. "They are definitely taking a lot of good measures to keep healthy people at work."

Some employees have also been tested for COVID-19, it was reported. Dlugopolski noted that an employee was recently tested, with results for the employee's test coming back negative yesterday.



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