



A crew from Chris Gross Construction of Holton didn't let the cold weather get in the way of their work on a residential garage south of Holton on old U.S. Highway 75 recently, but at that time, the weather could be described as somewhat warmer than it is today. The National Weather Service has forecasted even colder weather coming up in the next week, with high temperatures only in the single digits and wind chills possibly down to 30 degrees below zero over the weekend. See the *Recorder's* weather forecast on Page 2 of this edition for more weather information. *Photo by David Powls*

Brr-r-r-r!

■ Cold snap expected to last through middle of next week

It's been a cold few days here in Jackson County, and it's going to get colder through this coming weekend — and likely through the middle of next week — due to a cold snap that's all but paralyzing northeastern Kansas, according to the National Weather Service.

The big chill in the area started this past Saturday morning, Feb. 6, with three days of progressively colder temperatures and light coverings of snow that caused Jackson Heights and Royal Valley schools to close for the day on Monday, it was reported.

High temperatures have not gotten far into double digits — if they have risen above single digits at all — this week, and temperatures this coming weekend are not expected to get out of single digits at all, according to the NWS forecast for the Holton area.

Making matters worse this week is the wind, pushing wind chill values into double digits below zero in the area. NWS predicts that wind chill readings as low as 10 to 30 below zero are possible from Thursday night through the weekend, with Sunday as the coldest and most dangerous time.

Those who are vulnerable to the cold weather, including elderly residents, should be checked on regularly and kept warm through this weekend, NWS advised. It's also recommended that pets and other animals that can be kept indoors remain indoors through the next few days.

Absent a dramatic change in the forecast, NWS advises the cold snap, with temperatures at or below 20 degrees, could last nine days — the first time in more than a decade the area has seen such a lengthy period with bitterly cold temperatures, it was reported.

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Heights board hears initial plans for prom

By Brian Sanders
Students at Jackson Heights High School are looking forward to resuming a longstanding tradition — prom — this year after COVID-19 canceled the event last year, but it's possible that this year's prom may be held after school is out for the year, and not at the school.

That's what JHHS Principal Darren Shupe and prom sponsor Katie Morris told the Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education about preliminary discussions with students and

the school's post-prom committee during the board's regular monthly meeting on Monday.

Originally, this year's prom was scheduled for Saturday, April 10, Shupe told board members, noting that students "want to have a dance" this year. But with COVID-19 restrictions and safety measures in place, combined with a slow rollout for the COVID-19 vaccine, he said, "we're looking at possibly moving it off that date."

"Possibly after graduation is what we're looking at — in

fact, probably after state track is over," Shupe told board members.

Morris added the possibility that this year's prom would be structured differently from previous events, based on student input that also favored postponement. Before COVID-19, the event included a dinner and a program before students hit the dance floor, but this year's prom may not include either.

"Nobody brought up the program as being super important to them," Morris said. "They said

they could have a shorter dance, so they still get to do something. But most of them were in favor of postponing it in hopes that they could have a more normal experience."

Shupe also noted that members of the school's post-prom committee had "brainstormed" moving this year's post-prom activities to the Netawaka Fitness Center, which led to the idea of also having the prom dance there. That idea did not sit

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Mayetta to vote on sales tax increase

By Brian Sanders
Mayetta city voters will be asked in March to decide on whether the city will increase its sales tax by one-half percent to help cover the cost of extending a city sewer line to the new Dollar General store.

A "special question election" will be held Tuesday, March 9 to decide whether an additional, one-half percent tax on retail sales in Mayetta will be collected "for general governmental purposes," mainly to help pay for the sewer line extension to the Dollar General store, which is currently under construction at Mayetta's west city limits and is expected to open this coming spring.

If the sales tax question passes at the election — to be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day

at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, located at 301 E. James St. in Mayetta — the sales tax in Mayetta, currently at 1 percent, will increase to 1.5 percent effective April 1 of this year.

Mayetta Mayor Jonathan Wimer said the Mayetta City Council approved the ballot question and a special election at its Wednesday, Feb. 3 meeting.

"This new sales tax is needed in great part to pay for the sewer line extension," Wimer said. "We're expecting to finance that extension by a 20-year loan through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the sales taxes collected will be utilized in part to pay off that loan."

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Conservation winners honored in this edition!

Included in today's edition of *The Holton Recorder* is a special section honoring the winners of several conservation awards.

The 73rd annual meeting of the Jackson County Conservation District will not be held in person this year due to concerns about the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), according to Brian Boeckman, conservation district manager.

The district will still hold a mail-in ballot vote to elect two supervisors. All official ballots must be completed and received by Wednesday, Feb. 17, to be counted, it was reported.

Official ballots may be picked up at the district office at 307 Montana Ave. in Holton.

This year's conservation winners are:

- Greg and Linda Maxwell — Kansas Bankers Award.
- Kenny and Charlotte Utz — Utz Family Farm — Outstanding Conservationist Award.
- David and Roberta Spencer — Grassland Award.
- Henry and Tracy Hill — Soil Health Award.
- Ivan James — Wildlife Habitat Award.

Speech and poster contest winners are also highlighted in this special section.

Commissioners updated on NEKEF's efforts

By Ali Holcomb
The Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation continues to provide guidance to new and existing businesses in Jackson County and four surrounding counties, it has been reported.

During a recent Jackson County Commission meeting, Teresa McAnerney, NEKEF director, met with the county commissioners to discuss the services offered by the non-profit organization, including business coaching.

In addition to Jackson County, the NEKEF serves Atchison, Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha counties.

Jackson County allocates \$12,000 to the organization each year, in two \$6,000 installments,

it was reported.

Since its formation in 2003, NEKEF has worked with 271 business clients in Jackson County, supporting 56 new, expanded or retained businesses, McAnerney said.

McAnerney said that a total of 208 jobs were created or have been retained in Jackson County since 2003.

A total of 40 Jackson County businesses have received a "tune up" with help from NEKEF. A "tune up" could include updating or expanding software, equipment or facilities.

Overall, 1,028 introductions between a new or existing Jackson County business owner have

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Chamber Hall of Fame dinner slated for June

A date has been set for the annual Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame dinner and awards ceremony, it has been reported.

Chamber administrative assistant Shelly Boyd confirmed Thursday, Feb. 4 that this year's banquet — usually held in February, but delayed this year due to COVID-19

— has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 16 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.

"We will send out more information on what we expect this event to look like at a later date," Boyd said.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees include Brooks Barta, Jay and Rogette Branam, Tim Morris and Carrie Saia.

Bohnenkemper sentenced in 2018 shooting death

By Brian Sanders
A Holton man charged with second-degree murder in the September 2018 shooting death of his father will spend the next 10 years in prison, it was noted in Jackson County District Court.

Derrick G. Bohnenkemper, 51, was sentenced on Friday to 155 months — one month short of 13 years — in prison by District Court Judge Norbert Marek on the second-degree murder

charge during a Zoom hearing.

Judge Marek credited Bohnenkemper with 871 days — roughly 29 months, or 2.4 years — of prior incarceration, leaving Bohnenkemper with 126 months, or 10 years and six months, of his sentence left to serve as of Friday. That sentence could be reduced by as much as 15 percent under "good time" guidelines, Marek noted.

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A King and Queen of Courts will be chosen from these six Jackson Heights High School seniors, with the royalty scheduled to be announced at halftime of the JHHS Cobra boys' varsity game against McLouth on Friday, Feb. 19. Queen candidates, from left on front row, are Shelby Phillips, Alyssa Harris and Kati Woltje; king candidates, from left on back row, are Jason White, Noah Hill and Garrett Will. *Photo by Brian Sanders*

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Saturday 13		Cloudy and cold with chance of snow	High: 7 Low: -8 Precip: 30%
Sunday 14		Cloudy and cold with chance of snow	High: 4 Low: -8 Precip: 20%
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Meal participation up in county's schools

By Brian Sanders

With the U.S. Department of Agriculture's announcement that free school meals would be available to children through the end of the 2020-21 school year, officials in all three Jackson County school districts noted that meal participation is up for the most part, but meal pick-up for students in "remote learning" programs has declined from the fall semester.

"Our meal participation is up this year overall, yet we do see a drop in that participation when our learning has to transition to remote learning," Holton USD 336 Superintendent Bob Davies said.

Jackson Heights USD 335 Superintendent Adrianne Walsh and Royal Valley USD 337 Food Service Director Jessica Bryan also noted that meal participation in their respective districts has remained steady in some areas but increased in others, while the number of students in remote or virtual learning programs this semester has declined from the fall semester.

Students in school districts across the country, whether attending classes in person or involved in remote or virtual learning, have been receiving free meals through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a federally-funded, state-administered program that provided reimbursements from USDA for free meals served to children age 18 and under.

Last summer, USDA had granted a waiver allowing SFSP to continue serving meals during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic through Dec. 31. In October, USDA officials said the waiver would be extended through the end of the current

school year.

Whether that waiver would be extended into the 2021-22 school year remains unknown.

"I believe it will depend on our economy and what the status of the pandemic situation is at the start of the next school year," Bryan said. "Our district will continue to operate the program through the end of this school year and await further guidance from USDA regarding what child nutrition programs will look like for the next school year."

Davies said his district would take the same course of action, adding that the district "plans to operate SFSP through the summer, just like we have the last two years," which district food service director Mike Adkins confirmed. As far as whether the waiver would continue into the next school year, Adkins said he, too, did not know.

"Nobody has the answer to that question," Adkins said.

All three school districts will continue to offer SFSP meals through at least the end of the coming summer, it was reported.

Concerning the number of students currently receiving pickup meals, Adkins said the number in the Holton district is down from the fall, and it varies from day to day.

"I would say that right now, 15 to 30 meals a day is probably where we're at," he said. "That's a reflection of the fact that fewer and fewer people are choosing a remote option."

Walsh said that in her district, the number of students in the district's "virtual learning" program had also dropped from

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Wetmore High School will select a King and Queen of Courts from these seniors during winter courtwarming festivities, set for this Friday when the Cardinals are scheduled to take on Linn. Candidates are, clockwise from top left, Reagan Osterhaus, Ross Shumaker, Abby Shumaker, Landen Blue, Jasmine Johnson and Austin Smith. Coronation is scheduled to take place at halftime of the boys varsity game, it was reported. Photo courtesy Wetmore High School

Hospital adopts new logo, renames clinics

Holton Community Hospital has changed the name of its rural health clinics, Carrie Saia, HCH CEO announced yesterday.

The new clinic names will be Holton Family Medicine, Hoyt Family Medicine and Wetmore Family Medicine. Along with the name change, the organization has also introduced a new logo and tagline, "Personalized Care. Hometown Heart."

The name changes and modernized branding reflect the new look of the hospital, as it continues to complete the expansion and renovation project, Saia said.

"The new clinic names allow us to more accurately depict our presence throughout not only Jackson County, but other areas of northeast Kansas. The board of directors felt this was the opportune time to change

our name and brand as we move closer to the completion of this major construction project," said Bobbi McGrath, board chair. "The clinic name changes honor all the communities we serve and reflect our commitment to each of them."

"We understand our community is excited about our new and upgraded facilities," Saia said. "We feel the new name and branding efforts extend that excitement and are the final steps in the many changes we have undergone these past 16 months."

Holton Community Hospital is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation governed by an eight-member board of directors. Designated as a Critical Access Hospital, Holton Community Hospital offers vital health care services to Holton, Hoyt, Wetmore and surrounding areas.

Fund-raising dinner set for injured HMS student

By Ali Holcomb

A drive-through chicken and noodle dinner is being planned for Sunday, Feb. 21, to raise funds for Kyran Folsom, a Holton Middle School student who suffered a traumatic brain injury in December.

The free-will donation meal can be picked up that Sunday from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton, and all the proceeds from the event will go towards Kyran's medical expenses, according to organizers.

Folsom, 13, was accidentally shot in the head by a pellet gun on Dec. 18 at his home in Holton and life lighted to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City.

Folsom has had several surgeries and procedures at Children's

Mercy Hospital since and was discharged from the hospital two weeks ago. He is now recovering at home, with multiple therapy sessions through the week, according to his mother, Destinie.

In order to get an estimate on the number of meals needed for the drive-through dinner at Evangel, those who plan to pick up a meal are asked to reserve their meals by calling Kelli Thompson at 969-4179, Sandy Allen at 851-0276 or Kay Smith at 364-8162. Meals will still be available for those don't reserve them, organizers said.

A GoFundMe fund-raising campaign has also been set to aid Kyran and his family. Funds can be donated online at www.gofundme.com/f/kyranstrong?qi=d=07663f85e3741ff1b90f2895b1c7b34d

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Bohnenkemper...

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Bohnenkemper had originally been charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of his father, Gaylen Bohnenkemper, and several other charges connected to an armed standoff with Jackson County sheriff's officers in a Sept. 18, 2018, incident that occurred at a residence north of Holton.

In December, Marek accepted a no-contest plea from Bohnenkemper on the reduced charge and dismissed all remaining aggravated assault charges against him, based on a plea deal drafted by Holton defense attorney Jason Belveal and approved by Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller.

Bohnenkemper, who Belveal said had no prior criminal record prior to the September 2018 incident, had spent more than half a year undergoing competency evaluations at Larned State Hospital in connection with the incident, it was reported.

In a sentencing memorandum filed two days prior to the sentencing hearing, Belveal described Bohnenkemper as a "mild-mannered, soft-spoken man with an unfortunate history of mental illness." Bohnenkemper had sought

treatment for mental health issues "long before" the incident, Belveal said.

Belveal said in the memorandum that at the time of the incident, Bohnenkemper had been suffering from delusions that his father was "an alien or lizard person" but had "no animus toward his father beyond this delusion." Later, during his incarceration at the Jackson County Jail, Bohnenkemper attacked a fellow inmate under a similar "lizard person" delusion, Belveal added.

Noting the possibility that Bohnenkemper would "continue to have these issues well into the future," Belveal recommended that Bohnenkemper return to Larned to serve out his sentence — a recommendation seconded by members of Bohnenkemper's family, who noted "strong support" for him — and continue to receive psychiatric care.

Marek said he would recommend that Bohnenkemper be sent to Larned, but warned Belveal that the final decision on where Bohnenkemper's sentence would be served would be made by Kansas Department of Corrections officials at the El Dorado Correctional Facility.

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Phillips 66	74.53	-1.26	
US Bancorp	47.61	+0.21	
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Deere & Co.	315.33	-1.71	
United Parcel	166.92	+3.47	
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Wheat			\$6.11
Corn			\$5.31
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Soybeans			\$13.57
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Kansas Average	\$2.26	+\$0.188	+\$0.090
National Average	\$2.48	+\$0.002	+\$0.001
Holton Average	\$2.27		
<small>Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021.</small>			

5 Years Ago Week of Feb. 7-13, 2016

Dr. Vance Lassey has announced that he is leaving his family practice as Family Practice Associates in Holton after nine years there so he can start his own "Holton Direct Care" practice in the community, it has been announced. Dr. Lassey said he plans to offer Direct Primary Care ("DPC") to his patients.

The story of a young mother who had to give up her baby for adoption in 1925 and the eventual reunion of the birth mother and daughter many years later is chronicled in "My Little Valentines," a book written by Delia native Kellie Parr. Parr recently finished his book that shares the story of his mother, Wanda Parr, reuniting with her birth mother, Leona May Bretches. Parr said the book has been 10 years in the making.

The Royal Valley Panthers wrestling team got two more wins recently over Sabetha and Onaga to finish with a dual record of 28-7 on the season. One of the big moments of the night was when Caleb Burnworth won by fall over his Onaga opponent, and Noah Hart, Jacob Box, Blake Garrison and Charles Todd all securing wins by fall in the Sabetha dual, according to coach Jason Pud-erbaugh.

10 Years Ago Week of Feb. 7-13, 2011

A Holton native is being hailed as a hero for his actions in getting his neighbors to safety after their garage caught fire on Saturday morning, Feb. 5. Edward Dunn III of Topeka noticed smoke coming from the garage of his neighbors' home. He instructed his wife, Tiffany, to call 911 while he ran into the house and carried his neighbor outside upon finding him laying in a doorway between the garage and kitchen. Dunn is the son of Gayle Dunn and the late Edward Dunn of Holton, and a 2002 graduate of Holton High School.

Twelve years ago, an Ohio couple paid a visit to Holton and planted five trees, one for each member of their family, in Rafters Park. That couple has documented their visit – as well as similar visits to the other 49 states and the nation's capital – in a new book called "Trail Of Trees." Joyce and John Jackson, authors of the book, were pleased to learn this week that the five trees planted in Rafters Park have weathered 12 years and the December 2007 ice storm that ruined many of Holton's trees.

Former Holton city meter reader Ray Beatty was honored on Monday night, Feb. 7, by Holton Mayor Rich Mulroy. Beatty retired at the end of 2010 after serving as the city's meter reader for 33 years.

SONIC BLAST FROM THE PAST



This week's "Blast From The Past" is the engagement photo of woman who lives in Soldier.

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Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Rita Ent, who was correctly identified first by Susan Mencl.

Winners may pick up their Sonic coupons at *The Recorder* office.

15 Years Ago Week of Feb. 7-13, 2006

Warmer winter temperatures last week enabled laborers to begin working on improvements at the Holton baseball field. In addition to the new dugout, the project calls for a 10-foot chain link fence to be installed down the field line to help protect spectators and concession stand patrons.

The family of Dr. Ross Moser recently put together a donation for the Holton Community Hospital Auxiliary in honor of his wife, Betty Moser, to celebrate her 60-year tenure at Denison State Bank.

Clara Gibson of Holton won the quilt that was displayed by the Kansas Agri-Women at the recent Farm Show in Topeka, it was reported. The Kansas Agri-Women is a group that is concerned about agriculture in Kansas. Materials for the quilt were from Quilting on the Square in Holton.

Ed McClintock and Stacy Gistad recently opened Bar S Tack and Farrier Supplies in western Jackson County. The shop contains ropes, blankets and other horse supplies, as well as cards and gifts. A

passion for horses inspired the business, and the couple owns 17 horses.

25 Years Ago Week of Feb. 7-13, 1996

Steven Goodman, age 10, son of Steve and Regina Goodman of Mayetta, recently received champion honors for the 1995 Kansas Junior-1 GoKart Division (ages 8-12). Steven was awarded a three-foot tall trophy and a new racing motor at the state banquet in Winfield.

Kristi Salts exploded to 19 points and Lissa Degand dropped in 18 as the Royal Valley High School girls basketball team clobbered Mount Saint Scholastica Academy 62-26 on Tuesday night, Feb. 6, in Hoyt. Salts not only scored inside and out, but also booked nine rebounds during the game.

Four Royal Valley wrestlers claimed titles at the Big Seven League meet on Saturday, Feb. 10, in Holton, it was reported. Panthers Doug Spencer, Russell Merchen, Jason Ogden and Justin Barta dominated their divisions, helping Royal Valley place third in the team standings.

Chase Bontrager, Adam Patch, Brad Zimmerman and Nicole Wood recently displayed "Kansas in a Jar," a project in Linda Day's fifth grade class at Central Elementary School. The jars contain layers of sunflower seeds, soybeans, corn, oats, wheat and milo.

50 Years Ago Week of Feb. 7-13, 1971

The Jackson Heights Board of Education has named JHHS principal Robert Clark as the new USD 335 superintendent. Clark succeeds Frank Rosser, who resigned effective July 1, 1971. Clark will also continue to serve as high school principal.

A new federal holiday has replaced Washington's birthday, it has been announced. Holton Postmaster Donald G. Sands said that on Monday, Feb. 15 (and every third Monday in February), the Holton Post Office will be closed to observe the new federal holiday known as Presidents Day.

Deborah Coverdale was crowned Jackson Heights Queen of Courts at the Jackson Heights vs. Alma basketball game on Friday, Jan. 29, it was reported. Deborah's attendants were Claudia Rieschick and Martha Rieschick.

New for the Wetmore community is a one-stop complete auto service station and garage built and owned by Jim and Nina Bender. The station is located just east of Wetmore on No. 9 highway on the south edge of the Bender farm. The Champlin station is equipped with four pumps, and the business offers mechanical repairs, tune ups, exhaust system repairs, muffler installation, lubrication, tire service, batteries and accessories.

Holton Super 8 is sixth in nation

By Brian Sanders

Feedback from Super 8 customers across the nation has put Holton's motel into the top one percent of the motel chain's properties once again — and this time, the motel's earned an even higher ranking.

Last year, the motel was ranked 14th out of more than 1,500 properties across the nation. This year, hotel owner and operator Dhiren Chatterji learned that his Super 8's national ranking climbed all the way to sixth place.

"I feel honored, and I feel that our hard work has paid off," said Chatterji, who learned of the motel's ranking last week from officials at Wyndham Hotels and Resorts, which manages such nationwide hotel and motel brands as Super 8, Days

Inn, Ramada and Baymont.

Chatterji purchased the Holton property in May of 2017 after retiring from Tennessee State University two years earlier after 26 years as director of the university's cardio-respiratory care sciences program. Since buying the motel, he said he and his staff have invested a great deal of time, money and energy into making the motel the best place to spend the night in Holton.

"We're happy we've earned that ranking, but we're also happy for the community, that they have a good place where people can come and stay," Chatterji said.

The ranking is based on surveys from the motel's customers, who provide ratings of one (worst) to five (best) after

their stays based on internet service, breakfast, customer service, appearance, cleanliness, room condition and problem resolution.

Chatterji said his motel's score was 4.56, better than the national average of about 3.5. That ranking, he noted, reflects the efforts that he and his staff put into giving a wide range of customers the best possible service.

Holton's Super 8 motel, which opened here in the fall of 2000, offers customers 36 rooms, continental breakfast, complimentary wireless internet service and 24-hour front desk service. It is located at 300 South Arizona Ave. along U.S. Highway 75 and can be reached by phone at 364-1988.

Delia Council tables several issues

The Monday, Feb. 8, 2021 meeting of the Delia City Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Those present included Mayor Don Trimble and council members Evelyn Shibler, Zacery McCullough and John Nitsch, along with city clerk Melody Matyak. Council members Denise Meltz and Molly Robb, city treasurer Nikki Dohrman and city attorney Scott Hess were absent.

Matyak read minutes from

the Dec. 7, 2020 city council meeting. Nitsch's motion to accept the minutes was seconded by McCullough and approved.

Council members went over current city bills. Nitsch's motion to pay the bills was seconded by Shibler and approved.

The domestic water line issue was tabled until next month.

McCullough said he would work on disposing the city's chip-and-seal tank.

Nitsch's motion to repay Matyak for the city printer purchased in January was seconded by McCullough and approved.

Discussion on the KRWV/USDA Rural Development/Circuit Rider program was tabled until next month.

Mayor Trimble called an executive session from 7:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. No action was taken when the council returned to open session.

Nitsch's motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. was seconded by McCullough and approved. The next regular city council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, March 8. The meeting is open to the public.

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Sealed bids for rehabilitation of the Industrial Park Lift Station for the City of Holton, Kansas will be received at City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania, Holton, Kansas until **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 2:00 P.M.** which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids received after the scheduled time will be returned unopened. Bids will be reviewed by the Holton City Commission at the March 1, 2021 meeting.

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Kansas state leaders take stand against natural gas opponents

Kansas state leaders are taking a stand against opponents of the natural gas industry and fossil fuels, in general.

Republicans in the Kansas Senate said they were standing with Kansas families and small business owners on Feb. 4 in voting to pass the Energy Choice Act, which preserves the right to use natural gas throughout Kansas.

Senate Bill 24, the Energy Choice Act, which prohibits municipalities from imposing restrictions on customers' use of energy based on the source of that energy, was approved in the Senate on a 27-10 vote, with all 27 yes votes from Senate Republicans and all 10 no votes from Senate Democrats, it was reported.

The bill was introduced into the House of Representatives on Friday.

Sen. Mike Thompson (R-Shawnee), who chairs the Senate Utilities Committee, spearheaded the debate and carried SB 24 on the Senate floor.

"The freedom of energy choice is being undermined in many areas around the country, with governments seeking to limit or prohibit the use of natural gas. This poses a growing threat to the 870,000 households in Kansas who use natural gas and rely on it to heat their homes and water, cook meals for their families, and many other uses," Sen. Thompson said.

Thompson also stated that natural gas is "the cheapest form of energy, and its continued availability is essential to those on lower and fixed incomes. We cannot let the movement against this critical energy source gain a foothold in Kansas."

In a joint statement, Senate President Ty Masterson (R-Augusta), Vice President Rick Wilborn (R-McPherson) and Majority Leader Gene Suellentrop (R-Wichita)

applauded passage of SB 24.

"The Energy Choice Act is another example of the Senate Republican agenda to always put Kansas first," the three said in a joint statement. "With the economic climate uncertain at best, the people of Kansas deserve certainty regarding their daily expenses. By preserving their access to this critical and affordable energy source, Senate Republicans are standing alongside Kansas families and small businesses."

In just a few short weeks since new President Joe Biden, a Democrat, took office, oil and natural gas, which fuel about 85 percent of everything in this country, have been coming under increasing fire, leaving a lot of Americans shaking their heads and wondering why.

In an executive order, President Biden stopped the construction of the Keystone Pipeline that was supposed to deliver crude from neighboring Canada to oil refineries in Texas. With the stroke of his pen, Biden made more than 11,000 workers unemployed.

All that did was eliminate good-paying jobs and ensure that crude will continue to be transported by train, which is considered a much greater threat to the environment.

Most Americans understand the importance of protecting the environment and utilizing new energy sources when it makes common sense.

This week, locally, we are honoring conservation award winners here, which is a 73-year tradition.

It was great to see the Kansas state lawmakers take some action on this natural gas issue, but isn't it a shame they had to?

They say elections have consequences. We are witnessing some truth in that. Also, have you noticed that gasoline prices are rising?

David Powl

A health pandemic is a bad time to debate minimum wage law

If you are a worker making minimum wage, then you obviously are in favor of raising the minimum wage.

But if you are a small business owner, you probably wonder why this is an issue at this time - in the middle of the worst health pandemic in about 100 years.

You have a good point. We should not be debating the minimum wage issue at this incredibly shaky economic time in the United States. It just doesn't make any common sense.

The current federal minimum wage, established in 2009, is set at \$7.25 per hour. States have the option to set a higher minimum wage and 29 actually do have a higher one.

The federal law requires non-exempt (employees who are paid hourly) to receive no less than that amount for each hour worked.

If enacted at the end of March 2021, the Raise the Wage Act of 2021 (S. 53, as introduced on Jan. 26, 2021) would raise the federal minimum wage, in annual increments, to \$15 per hour by June 2025 and then adjust it to increase at the same rate as median hourly wages.

On Jan. 22, President Joe Biden signed an executive order to put federal agencies on the path toward raising the minimum wage for federal employees and contract workers to \$15 per hour and providing them with emergency paid leave.

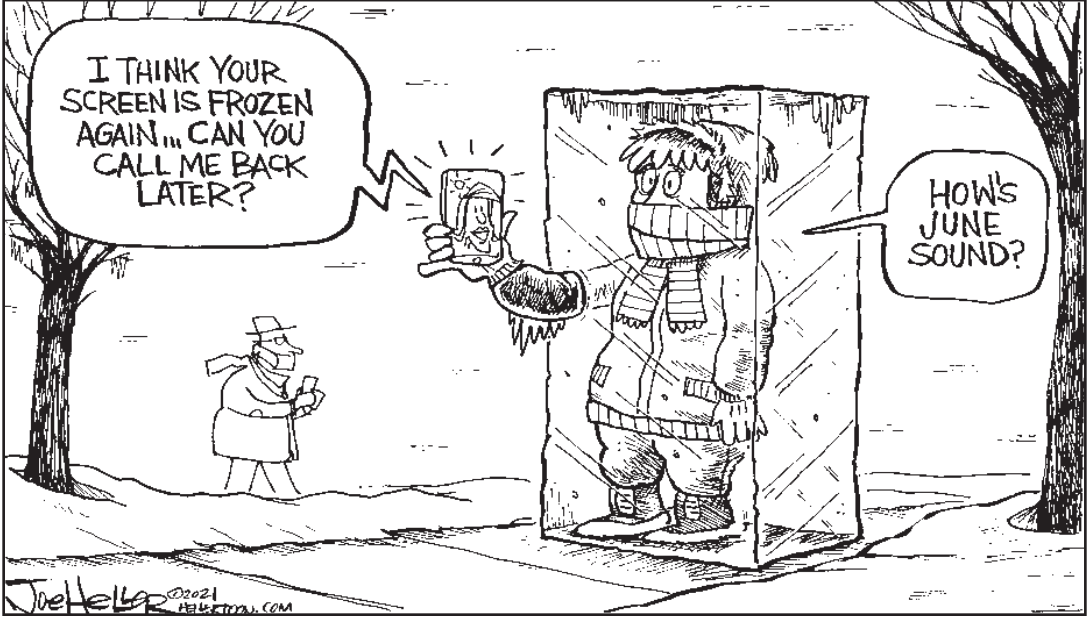
Unlike the federal government that works with a seemingly infinite budget, however, small business owners know that higher wages increase the likelihood of three things in their businesses - a decrease in minimum wage employees, a decrease in the hours worked by minimum wage employees and/or a price increase for the goods and services they provide.

It used to be that young, new workers to the workforce were paid the minimum wage as a good entry-level pay for part-time jobs in their high school years. Nowadays, it seems, the federal government wants to make the minimum wage a good living wage.

This debate on the minimum wage is another example of elections having consequences.

Call your Congress people and tell them that this is not the time to debate minimum wages.

David Powl



HAMILTON: It's time to return to our traditional ways of doing business

By Lee H. Hamilton

With the handoff of power from one president to another, we enter this new phase of our national life in deep distress.

We are divided and polarized, struggling to communicate reasonably with one another and seemingly unable to find common ground on basic issues.

Yet the path forward is neither new nor, really, difficult. We all know what needs to happen. We just need to do it.

To heal as a nation, I think we need to return to our traditional ways of doing business. We need to rediscover our skills at negotiation and compromise.

We must rekindle our understanding that many people contribute to our progress as a nation and that no one has an exclusive on wisdom.

And perhaps more than anything, we need to reassure ourselves that we have the confidence and ability to solve our problems. We have done it in the past. We can do it again.

I count myself among those who believe that President Donald Trump had misconduct that should not be ignored.

I believe that healthy democracies should hold public officials accountable for their actions and should not just sweep them under the rug in the name of moving on.

Representative democracies cannot function if political leaders like Trump try to overturn the results of what I consider a free and fair election when they do not like the result.

At the same time, though, we badly need to focus on the tasks of governing. And by "we," I mean all of us.

Most of us will not have much impact on the future of social security or finding ways to provide affordable health care to every American, but we do bear responsibility for making our own little corner of the country work.

We can look around our neighborhood, our community, our region, or our state, and do our best to make our system live up to its promise.

For starters, this means that we (both Republicans and Democrats) should resolve our



differences without resorting to violence or trying to overthrow the system.

Our representative democracy has its faults, but over the long sweep of our history it has served us well, evolving as public understanding evolves.

In our system, we work to reform it, not to jettison it altogether.

Binding up our wounds will take recognizing that we can work together to resolve our differences. We will be helped on this score by electing principled, practical and pragmatic leaders. I have had the privilege in my time in politics of watching hundreds (if not thousands) of elected officials and their staff commit to making the U.S. a better country.

This is our historic norm, and I want to see it function again: with a return to the business of governing.

We want our representatives to disagree on policy grounds - not because of where they went to school or where they live or what they look like - and then negotiate, legislate and find a way forward.

You don't always get results if you're involved in public life, but you should strive to reach them. And if you fail the first time, it should be the norm that you move on and come back another day to try again or to correct what went wrong.

The truth is, we cannot solve our problems without talking to each other - and talking and talking and talking. That is why we need leaders who are pragmatic about what they can achieve and are skilled and experienced in the arts of compromise and consensus building.

And we need citizens who expect their elected representatives - and the media they consume - to level with them, tell them uncomfortable truths, explain the facts, repudiate conspiracy theories with facts and put forward workable policies for a complex, ever-changing country.

We face tough problems. And while Americans do not expect miracles, they do expect their leaders to work together to solve them. That is how we move forward.

The Jan. 6 insurrection was a very dark moment in our history. We have a long way to go to move past it, but we have a chance to revitalize our democracy by showing that it can work to improve the lives of all Americans, regardless of their beliefs. We have done it in the past. We can do it again.

Note: Lee Hamilton, a Democrat, is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

If you can't dream it, you have no chance

By Glenn Mollette

Americans are no strangers to hard economic times. Poverty still exists. Millions struggle with financial despair.

The answers are not always easy, but there are possibilities. Look into your local community college and see what training is offered. One and two-year programs are typically taught in our public community colleges. You might learn a new trade in as little as a year.

Community colleges are affordable. Often there is enough federal grant money to cover the entire cost of your study. In as little as a year or maybe two at the most, you could be in a new career.

Also look at trade schools. A trade school will offer a program preparing you for a new life skill. Sometimes trade schools are not a good deal financially. Compare them carefully with the public community college and often you will find your options are better with community college. Call the admissions office of your local community college. They want you to attend. They will help you figure it out. It's not hard. Try!

Once you learn your new trade, you can apply for jobs or start your own business. Be creative. Working from home is more accepted than ever. The best business you can get into is one that does not require you to go into debt. Start out small. Try not to borrow money. Work from your house or car or whatever to get started. If you need to, rent to be economical. Big overhead can kill any business. If your service and quality are good, people will find you.

Partner with someone to learn a new skill. Ask someone to mentor you or help train you to do something. If they do, then work hard to be an asset to them. In time, you may be able to utilize your skill elsewhere, but don't use your training to take business away from your mentor. Move your skill to a new community or market.

What do you already know that will make money? If you have lived very long, you are bound to know something. Utilize what you know into a small business. Making some money is better than none. If you do a task that someone wants done, you can make money. If you have information that someone needs, you can make money. If people like what you do or want what you can do, then you can make money.

Think of all the service people who make good livings. Plumbers, carpenters, electricians, mechanics, landscapers, heavy equipment operators, truck drivers, taxi drivers, barbers, cooks, servers, managers, consultants, tour guides, entertainers and more. Have you thought about turning your home into a bed and breakfast? Hotels today are struggling to be very inviting during the pandemic.

Advertise your skill. The way to thrive is to advertise. If you have something people want or need, then you must get the word out about your service.

County and small communities must also arise to the challenge of today's economy. We don't have time to fight with each other. We must be innovative, work together and keep trying new ideas until something works. If we try long enough, something will eventually click and start working.

Just because you can think something does not always mean you can achieve it. However, if you cannot dream it, you have no chance at all.

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Roller

Berneice Fae Roller, 84, entered the arms of her Savior on Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, at home, surrounded by her husband and children.

She was born April 5, 1936, to Arthur and Helen (Humphry) Deeter in Holton. Berneice married Dale E. Roller on Aug. 18, 1957, at First Christian Church in Holton.

She graduated from Holton High School in 1954 and attended Phillips University, Enid, Okla., and finished her early education degree at Emporia State University.

She worked as a kindergarten teacher at Simms Elementary, Wichita, in 1956-1957. In 1968 she started Jack and Jill Preschool in her home in Leavenworth and moved it to First Christian Church, Leavenworth, where it is 53 years old this year. She retired from Jack and Jill in 1988 and started "Gramma's Angels Daycare" in her home, where she cared for more than 50 babies ages 2 and under, including her granddaughters. She retired in 1998.

Bernie had a true love of children. Her legacy will live on through the thousands of children that she touched with her love. She loved them all more.

Most importantly, she was a woman of strong faith in Jesus. She truly embodied the fruits of the Spirit... She was love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Bernie was a member of First United Methodist Church, Leavenworth. She was a Girl Scout leader, a member of the PEO and a volunteer at the Heritage Center, Leavenworth, and the C.W. Parker Carousel Museum, Leavenworth. She enjoyed cross-stitching, quilting and loving on her grandchildren.

Bernie is survived by her husband, Dale Roller, Leavenworth; two sons, Tim (Becky) Roller, Anderson, S.C., and Jay (Barb) Roller, Leavenworth; a daughter, Jennifer (Nick) Keller, Home; grandchildren, Ashley and Megan Roller, Leavenworth, Brooke (Chase) Davis, Little Elm, Texas, Anna Roller, Colorado Springs, Colo., Donald (Toni) Roller, Anderson, S.C., Brendan (Mackenzie) Keller, Minot, N.D., and Victoria, Myah, Cathryn, Wyatt, Jett and Blakely Keller, Home; and three great-grandchildren, Evalee and Amzie Davis, Little Elm, Texas, and Wilder Lathan, Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Humphry Deeter; her parents, Arthur and Claridel Deeter; her sisters, Marilyn Helms and Beatrice Dewell; her brothers, Allen and Jack Deeter; and a nephew, Brett Dewell.

A big thank you from the family to Faith Hospice, Gladstone, Mo.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jack and Jill Preschool, Leavenworth; the CW Parker Carousel Museum, Leavenworth; or the Heritage Center, Leavenworth.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3 at First United Methodist Church, Leavenworth. A private family burial will take place in Holton Cemetery.

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Fiedler

Daniel Joseph Fiedler, 85, of Holton, passed away peacefully Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at Holton Community Hospital.

Dan was born Feb. 16, 1935, near Delia, the son of Martin J. and Margaret (Dilts) Fiedler and graduated from Mayetta High School in 1953. After high school he served in the National Guard of Holton from 1953 to 1960.

He met the beautiful Venita Kay Haag at the Holton Theatre. They were married on April 4, 1956, in St. Dominic Catholic Church at Holton. Together they built a house and home and raised six sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Celebrating nearly 65 years of marriage, she survives.

Dan and Venita operated DV Feed Services for several years in Holton. After that, he was a mechanic at several locations in Holton. He assisted Lloyd Daugherty on his farm and was a valued employee at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home. He was an Amsoil salesman until late in his life and spent much of his evenings assisting others with health products and networking. He will be missed.

Dan dedicated his life to serving the community. As a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church, Dan would arrive many hours ahead of mass several times a week to prepare for the congregation. He lead the rosary, filled positions for mass as needed and stayed many hours after mass closing down. Dan served the church for more than four decades in every capacity through the course of numerous priests.

Dan was a charter and

life member of the Holton Knights of Columbus Council No. 4219. He could always be found at the community dinners long before and long after serving hundreds of the community, sharing breakfast with other K of C members. Throughout Lent, he and Venita would travel the countryside to hit every fish fry they could find.

He served on the Mount Calvary Cemetery Board for many years. He and Francis DeVader spent many hours over the years keeping the cemetery in good shape. Dan was also a member of the Holton Volunteer Fire Department, a Jackson County Storm Spotter and an active member of the 16/75er's Square Dance Club, where he would take Venita dancing late into the night. Dan was always willing to help when help was needed. He never met a stranger and enjoyed visiting with everyone.

Other survivors include sons, Michael J. Fiedler, Bradley A. Fiedler, Dennis J. Fiedler and wife Sherri, all of Brownsville, Pa., Gregory L. Fiedler of Topeka, Warren D. Fiedler and wife Rachel, Virginia Beach, Va., and Todd D. Fiedler and wife Jennifer of Pelican Rapids, Minn.; grandchildren, Matthew and wife Falisha, Adam, Amanda and husband Wyatt Thomas, Steven and wife Rachael, Christopher, Faith and Jackson; great-grandchildren, Paige, John, Isaac, Evelyn, Nayla and one on the way; brothers, David and wife Charlene of Holton, William and wife Virginia of St. Francis and Bernard and wife Marge of St. Marys; sisters-in-law Dixie Haag of Holton and Sue Wheeler and husband Wayne of Circleville; and brother-in-law, Allen Abel of Holton.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandson, Dalen Fiedler; a brother, Marcus Fiedler; a brother-in-law, Gale Haag; and a sister-in-law, Mickey Abel.

Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, Feb. 9 at St. Dominic Catholic Church. Burial with military and firefighter honors followed in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Dominic Catholic Church or Holton High School Sports, and may be sent in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

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Larkin

Steven Eugene Larkin, 62, Denison, died Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, at his home.

He was born Nov. 21, 1958, in Eureka, the son of Willie John and Mary Frances Wall Larkin. He graduated from Holton High School in 1977.

Mr. Larkin had worked for Midwest Construction of Holton, Ohse/Farmland in Topeka and Alamo in Holton.

He married Regina M. Sunneberg. They divorced. He married Karen Snyder. They divorced.

Survivors include a daughter, Megan Torneden and husband Tyler, Overbrook; a son, Aaron Larkin and wife Alexandra, Topeka; a stepson, James Rowland, in Oklahoma; three sisters, Lori Ellis, Denison, Marla Shupe, Circleville, and Sherry Edington, Holton; three grandchildren, Aidan, Mason and Annabella; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Mary Larkin; and an infant son, Steven E. Larkin II.

Private family services will be held at a later date. A register book is available at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436, to help with expenses.

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Montcalm

Loretta Wing Montcalm, 88, Winter Haven, Fla., died Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021.

She was born April 5, 1932, in Holton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Everette Wing and Ciella Plants Wing Eames; and a sister, Dorothy Wing.

Survivors include her husband, Cranston Montcalm; and a sister, Carol Hiner, Holton.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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Fredricks

The Rev. John Richard "Jack" Fredricks died at age 98 in March 2020.

He and his wife Arlene (died 2016) were married 72 years. They grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, and lived in the Topeka area from 1962-2013.

Jack served as the minister at the Auburn, Scranton, Circleville and Potawatomie Methodist churches. He taught in the Auburn-Washburn school district, the Kansas Reform School for Boys and Menninger's school. After retirement he volunteered as a court-appointed special advocate for children.

His many interesting jobs included building victory ships when a heart problem kept him from the military and traveling the Dakotas as a salesman. He was always active writing, woodworking, golfing and enjoying his many friends.

He is greatly missed by his children Susan (in California) and Richard (in New Mexico), his three grandchildren and his five great-grandchildren.

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Arrests reported in county

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

■ On Feb. 3, April Webb, 42, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Feb. 3, Carry Ward, 42, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 3, Iishshaa Jesse, 39, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 3, Steven Hernandez, 41, Kansas City, Mo., was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.

■ On Feb. 3, Mary Hernandez, 46, Kansas, Mo., was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

■ On Feb. 3, Danielle Alliston, 35, Topeka, was arrested on three criminal warrants on probation violation charges.

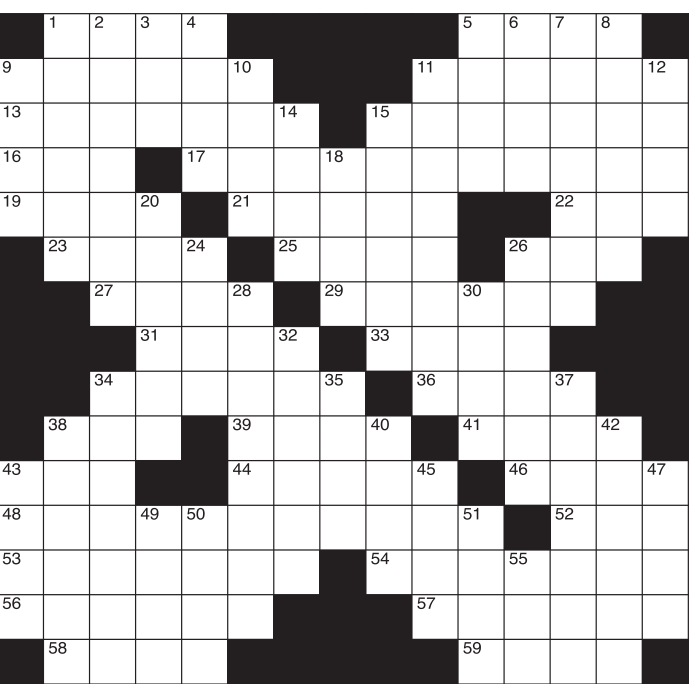
■ On Feb. 4, Suzy Sleep, 42, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of motion to revoke bond.

■ On Feb. 4, Brady Murray, 42, Diller, Neb., was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of felony theft and criminal trespass.

■ On Feb. 4, Perry Hollis, 31, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Feb. 4, Damian Boyd, 36, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

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1. Composed
5. Lesotho currency
9. Ethnic group associated with Hungarians
11. Gains knowledge of
13. Gradual destruction
15. Purchase
16. Pharaoh of lower Egypt
17. Where you're going
19. The 6th letter of the Greek alphabet
21. Fishing net
22. Midway between south and southeast
23. A way to sort
25. C C C
26. Popular sports podcast (abbr.)
27. Discount
29. Consumes tobacco
31. A way to run
33. Popular musical awards show
34. Pertains to the male sexual organ
36. Supplements with difficulty
38. Green veggie
39. Deep-bodied freshwater fish
41. Holy fire
43. Usually has a lid
44. Being of use or service
46. Have a yen for
48. Unknowingness
52. Dry white wine drink
53. Unwinds
54. Traveling by sea
56. Outdoor entertaining areas
57. Stringed instruments
58. ___ Redgrave, actress
59. Moves earth

CLUES DOWN

1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
2. Burrowing rodents
3. French/Belgian river
4. A professional cleaner
5. A Russian river
6. Kiln
7. True statements
8. Most private
9. French city
10. Masses of fish eggs
11. Apart from others
12. Monetary unit of Samoa
14. Nanosecond
15. Film
18. Men's fashion accessories
20. Flowering shrub
24. North Carolina university
26. Former monetary unit of Spain
28. Foodies
30. New Zealand parrot
32. Makes very happy
34. A payment required for not fulfilling a contract
35. Emerald Isle
37. The act of terminating someone's employment
38. Gland in some mammals
40. Commoner
42. Large animals
43. Belch
45. Employee stock ownership plan
47. Work units
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50. Nerve fiber
51. Proclaimed
55. Japanese delicacy

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Meal participation...

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semester to semester. A total of 16 middle and high school students and 19 elementary students were involved in virtual learning in the first semester, but those numbers declined in the second semester to five middle and high school students and 15 elementary students.

In the Royal Valley district, Bryan said there was a total of 168 students in "family choice" remote learning programs, but that number had fallen to 96 in the second semester.

Cold...

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The last time northeastern Kansas has had a cold snap like this was in 2010, when five consecutive days with high temperatures of 20 degrees or below was noted. The last time the area saw a cold stretch lasting at least nine days — as long as NWS predicts the current one to last — in the area was in 1983.

The next predicted day of high temperatures above 20 degrees in Holton is next Wednesday, Feb. 19, when the temperature will rise as high as 23 degrees, NWS predicted.

In the meantime, area residents are advised to continue such cold-weather practices as checking on the elderly, keeping their pets indoors and taking action to prevent water pipes from freezing, such as opening cabinet doors where pipes are found and leave water on at a trickle at all times.

The five-day weather forecast for the Holton area may be found on Page 2 of today's *Holton Recorder*.

Meal pick-up for Holton students in remote learning, regardless of which school those students attend, are available for pickup between 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. at Holton Elementary School. Davies requests that parents contact the school by 8:30 a.m. on the day a meal is requested to ensure that

a meal is ready for pickup.

At Jackson Heights, meals may be picked up at the school; call the school to request a meal. And at Royal Valley, meals may be picked up between 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at either the middle school in Mayetta or the high school in Hoyt.

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The photo above shows Holton junior Staci Bond (No. 3 in the white jersey) controlling the basketball in the team's recent game with Nemaha Central. The photo at right shows Holton senior Paige Paxton (No. 4 in white jersey) controlling the basketball in the same game.

Photos by Michael Powls



Holton junior Reese Holaday (No. 30 in white) and Holton sophomore Tyson Snyder (No. 2) defend against Royal Valley junior Nahcs Wahwassuck last night.

Photo by Michael Powls

Holton boys edged by visiting Bluejays

■ Lady Wildcats also fall to Sabetha

By Ali Holcomb

After leading Sabetha for most of the Big Seven League match-up at home here last Friday, the Holton boys basketball team suffered a one-point loss against the Bluejays 41-40.

After Friday's game, the Holton boys were 3-3 in league play and 7-5 overall. Sabetha is 1-7 in the Big Seven and 2-12 overall.

Holton led 11-2 after the first quarter and were up 23-13 at the half. Sabetha outscored Holton in the third quarter 13-8 and 15-9 in the fourth to win the game.

Senior Kale Purcell led Holton with 23 points while Sabetha was led by Marcus Bauman with 15 points.

During the game, Holton had 18 rebounds, nine assists, 16 steals and two blocks. The Wildcats were 2-9 (22 percent) at the free throw line.

Sabetha had 26 rebounds, 11 assists, seven steals and one block.

Holton: 11-12-8-9 – 40
Sabetha: 2-11-13-15 – 41

Individual statistics:
Holton: Purcell 11-0-1-3-23, Karn 1-1-0-0-5, Holaday 2-0-0-4, Lierz 0-1-0-4-3, Snyder 1-0-1-1-3, Mulroy 1-0-0-1-2. Totals 16-2-2-9-40.

Sabetha: Bauman 3-3-0-0-15, Bradbury 3-1-0-0-9, Evans 4-0-0-0-8, Mendal 1-1-0-0-5, Garber 1-0-0-0-2, Rokej 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 13-5-0-0-41

The Lady Wildcats also struggled against Sabetha, falling 43-

25. With the loss, Holton is 1-7 in league play and 5-9 overall while Sabetha has a 6-2 league record and is 12-2 overall.

Sabetha scored 13 points in the first quarter and held Holton to two points, but the Lady Wildcats rallied and outscored the Lady Bluejays 17-4 in the second quarter to take a 19-17 lead at the half.

Sabetha scored 13 points in both the third and fourth quarters while Holton struggled getting the ball in the basket. Holton had three points in both the third and fourth quarters.

Senior Emma Barnet had eight points for the Lady Wildcats while senior Saydee Tankman and senior Paige Paxton chipped in six points each.

Holton had 21 rebounds, eight assists and four steals during the game. The Lady Bluejays had 28 rebounds, 16 assists, nine steals and two blocks.

Holton was 3-8 (38 percent) at the free throw line and Sabetha was 5-8 (63 percent).

Holton: 2-17-3-3 – 25
Sabetha: 13-4-13-13 – 43

Individual statistics:
Holton: Barnett 4-0-0-2-8, Tanking 0-2-0-0-6, Paxton 0-2-0-0-6, Patch 1-0-3-4-5, Moore 0-0-0-2-0. Totals 5-4-3-8-25.

Sabetha: Renyer 4-0-1-2-9, Wessel 1-2-0-0-8, Schumann 1-2-0-0-8, Lukert 2-0-3-3-7, Stallbaumer 3-0-0-1-6, Krebs 1-0-1-2-3, Russell 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 13-4-5-8-43.

Holton, RV split games last night

By Ali Holcomb

The Holton Wildcats split games with Royal Valley at home last night (Tuesday), with the Holton boys team defeating the Class 3A state-ranked Panthers 57-48.

With the win, the Holton boys improved to 4-3 in the Big Seven and are now 8-5 overall. RV is now 9-2 in the Big Seven and 12-3 overall.

"It was a big win," said Holton head coach Conner Bechard. "RV is a very talented team, and we have nothing but respect. I'm extremely proud of the way we were able to bounce back after a tough night on Friday. That's toughness on display."

Both teams scored nine points in the first quarter, but Holton led 24-15 at the half with a 15-6 scoring edge over RV in the second quarter.

RV closed the gap in the third by scoring 20 points over Holton's 17. Holton kept the pressure going and took the fourth quarter 16-12 to win the game.

The score was 32-29 with 2:40 left in the third quarter. A layup and three-point basket by Holton sophomore Matt Lierz expanded the Wildcat lead to 37-29.

Royal Valley junior Nahcs Wahwassuck was then fouled making a layup and sank his free throw to make the score 37-32 with 1:09 left in the third.

Free throws made by Holton sophomore Tyson Snyder and Holton senior Blake Mulroy and a field goal by Holton senior Canon Karn put Holton ahead 41-32. Wahwassuck hit a long three-point basket as the buzzer sounded to make the score 41-35 heading

into the fourth quarter.

Holton maintained a seven-point lead for most of the fourth quarter. Holton had 13 turnovers unofficially in the game to RV's 16. Holton made 7 of 9 free throws in the fourth quarter while RV made 2 of 2 free throws in the fourth.

"I thought Holton came out with a great game plan and guarded us very well," said RV head coach Chris Brown. "Nahcs (Wahwassuck) had a huge night for us with 32 points, but they did a great job limiting everyone else."

Holton was led by senior Kale Purcell with 21 points, and sophomore Matt Lierz chipped in 13 points. The Wildcats were 15-23 at the free throw line.

Wahwassuck had 32 points, including four treys. RV was 8-12 at the charity stripe.

Holton: 9-15-17-16 – 57
RV: 9-6-20-12 – 48

Individual statistics:
Holton: Purcell 6-1-6-8-21, Lierz 2-2-3-4-13, Karn 4-0-0-0-8, Mulroy 1-1-1-2-6, Snyder 1-0-3-4-5, Holaday 1-0-2-5-4. Totals 15-4-23-15-57.

RV: Wahwassuck 7-4-6-8-32, Kelly 0-2-0-0-6, Klotz 3-0-0-2-6, Thomas 1-0-0-0-2, Murata 0-0-2-2-2. Totals 11-6-2-12-48.

Seven three-pointers for the Lady Panthers helped them secure a 61-37 win over Holton in a Big Seven League match-up last night.

RV is now 9-2 in league play and 14-2 overall. Holton has a 1-8 league record and is 5-10 overall.

The Lady Panthers jumped to a 24-11 lead in the first quarter and held a 11-4 scoring edge over Holton to make it 35-15 at the half.

Holton added 11 points in both the third and fourth quarters, but RV added 12 points in the third and 14 in the fourth to win the game.

The Panthers were led by senior Mahpiya Irving with 28 points, including six three-pointers. Senior Wakiyan Irving added 15 points of her own. The Panthers were 6-9 at the charity stripe.

Holton was led by senior Saydee Tanking with 10 points, including two three-pointers. The Wildcats were 8-12 at the free throw line.

Holton: 11-4-11-11 – 37
RV: 24-11-12-14 – 61

Individual statistics:
Holton: Tanking 2-2-0-0-10, Patch 4-0-0-0-8, Flewelling 2-0-2-4-6, Moore 1-0-4-6-6, Barnett 1-0-2-2-4, Bond 0-1-0-0-3. Totals 10-3-8-12-37.

RV: M. Irving 3-6-4-4-28, W. Irving 5-1-2-3-15, Williamson 3-0-0-0-6, Davis 3-0-0-0-6, Albright 1-0-0-1-2, Price 1-0-0-1-2, Harman 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 17-7-6-9-61.

Holton will now host Hiawatha on Friday and Riverside on Tuesday for Big Seven League matches.

RV will host Nemaha Central on Friday and travel to Hiawatha on Tuesday for more league action.

33 area wrestlers qualify for regional wrestling

By Michael Powls

The high school wrestling season is coming close to an end. This past weekend, the district wrestling tournaments took place.

From the Holton Wildcats, Royal Valley Panthers and ACCHS Tigers girls and boys wrestling teams, there were 33 regional tournament qualifiers emerging from the districts.

The top four in each weight class from each district tournament qualified for regional competition this coming Saturday.

The top four placers at regionals qualify for the sub-state tourneys the following week.

The regional qualifiers were as follows:

Girls Division II Regional 3
109-pounds – Piper Robinson, Holton.
126-pounds – Macey Gross, Holton.
138-pounds – Gracie Gallagher, Holton.
138-pounds – Maya Ogden, Royal Valley.
138-pounds – Kayla Brown, ACCHS.
155-pounds – Madeline Montgomery, Holton.
155-pounds – Hannah Simmers, ACCHS.
191-pounds – Tannah Forbes, ACCHS.

Class 4A Boys Regional 3
106-pounds – Tucker Gilliland, Holton.
113-pounds – Cale Hein, Holton.
113-pounds – Matt Tracy, Royal Valley.
120-pounds – Jake Barnes, Holton.
126-pounds – Kayden Elliott, Holton.
132-pounds – Slater Skaggs, Holton.
132-pounds – Kyle Riley, Royal Valley.
138-pounds – Lucas Adcock, Holton.
138-pounds – James Bellew, Royal Valley.
145-pounds – Cayden Jackson, Holton.

152-pounds – Jayden Fletcher, Holton.
160-pounds – Garyson Booth, Holton.
170-pounds – Trevor Bowser, Holton.
182-pounds – Tyler Phillips, Holton.
195-pounds – Konnor Tannahill, Holton.
220-Pounds – Dalton Roush, Holton.
285-pounds – Dustin Chermok, Holton.

Class 321A Boys Regional 4
113-pounds – Austin Smith, ACCHS.
120-pounds – Landon Brown, ACCHS.
132-pounds – Mason Scholz, ACCHS.
152-pounds – Bricen Lee, ACCHS.
160-pounds – Carter Page, ACCHS.
170-pounds – Conner Simmers, ACCHS.
182-pounds – Gunnar Koontz, ACCHS.
220-pounds – Tyler Mcrae, ACCHS.

The Holton, Royal Valley and ACCHS girls will travel to Rossville High School for the Girls Division II Regional 3 Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The Holton and Royal Valley boys will travel to Jefferson West High School in Meriden for the Class 4A Regional 3 Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Feb. 12.

The ACCHS boys will travel to Rossville High School for the Class 321A Regional 4 Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Feb. 12.

Girls Division II District 5 Team Scores At Marysville
1. Silver Lake 88 points
2. Holton 73 points
3. Sabetha 57 points
4. ACCHS 47 points
5. Chapman 43 points
6. Rossville 29 points
7. Concordia 25 points
8. Marysville 23.5 points

9. Atchison 22 points
10. Royal Valley 20 points
11. Clay Center 12 points
11. Wamego 12 points
13. Doniphan West 0 points

Individual Results
Holton
109 – Piper Robinson (6-7) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.
1st Place Match – Robinson (Holton) won by fall over Alissa Cowing (Clay Center Community) (Fall 4:59).
126 – Macey Gross (14-4) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.
Quarterfinal – Gross (Holton) received a bye.
Semifinal – Gross (Holton) won by fall over Kylie Stivers (Wamego) 5-11 (Fall 0:50).
1st Place Match – Gross (Holton) won by fall over Avery Henderson (Silver Lake) 13-15 (Fall 2:46).
132 – Grace Utz (2-13) placed 5th and scored 5.0 team points.
Quarterfinal – Elise Rose (Marysville) 7-0 won by fall over Utz (Holton) (Fall 0:11).
Cons. Round 1 – Utz (Holton) received a bye.
Cons. Semi – Kate Servaes (Atchison) 6-2 won by forfeit over Utz (Holton).
5th Place Match – Grace Utz (Holton) received a bye.
138 – Gracie Gallagher (11-4) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.
Round 1 – Gallagher (Holton) won by fall over Brown (Effingham-Atchison County Community) 1-9 (Fall 0:17).
Round 3 – Ogden (Hoyt-Royal Valley) 16-0 won by fall over Gallagher (Holton) (Fall 1:17).
155 – Madeline Montgomery placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.
Quarterfinal – Montgomery (Holton) received a bye.
Semifinal – Hailey Horton (Silver Lake) 29-9 won by fall over Montgomery (Holton) (Fall 0:23).
Cons. Semi – Montgomery (Holton) received a bye.

3rd Place Match – Montgomery (Holton) won by fall over Sammi Gutknecht (Sabetha) 0-16 (Fall 0:45).

Individual Results
Royal Valley
138 – Maya Ogden (16-0) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.
Round 2 – Ogden (Hoyt-Royal Valley) won by fall over Brown (Effingham-Atchison County Community) 1-9 (Fall 0:11).
Round 3 – Ogden (Hoyt-Royal Valley) won by fall over Gallagher (Holton) 11-4 (Fall 1:17).
Individual Results - ACCHS
138 – Kayla Brown (1-9) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.
Round 1 – Gallagher (Holton) won by fall over Brown (Effingham-Atchison County Community) (Fall 0:17).
Round 2 – Ogden (Hoyt-Royal Valley) 16-0 won by fall over Brown (Effingham-Atchison County Community) (Fall 0:11).
155 – Hannah Simmers (7-7) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.
Quarterfinal – Simmers (Effingham-Atchison County Community) received a bye.
Semifinal – Simmers (Effingham-Atchison County Community) won by fall over Sammi Gutknecht (Sabetha) 0-16 (Fall 0:38).
1st Place Match – Hailey Horton (Silver Lake) 29-9 won by decision over Simmers (Effingham-Atchison County Community) (Dec 7-2).
191 – Tannah Forbes (2-2) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.
Round 2 – Forbes (Effingham-Atchison County Community) won by fall over Katelyn Poe (Sabetha) 1-2 (Fall 0:54).
Round 3 – Forbes (Effingham-Atchison County Community) won by fall over Grace

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■ Top four wrestling placers in each weight class at districts advance to regionals

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Mosher (Chapman) 2-5 (Fall 0:34).

Class 4A Boys District 5 Team Scores

1. Tonganoxie 248.5 points
2. Holton 246.5 points
3. Perry-Lecompton 129 points
4. Hayden 100.5 points
5. Atchison 90 points
6. Royal Valley 48 points
7. Jefferson West 47 points

Individual Results - Holton

106 – Tucker Gilliland (15-9) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Gilliland (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Gilliland (Holton) won by decision over Theron Meyer (Meriden-Jefferson West) 26-2 (Dec 3-1).

1st Place Match – Brock Coleman (Tonganoxie) 11-3 won by fall over Gilliland (Holton) (Fall 1:05).

113 – Cale Hein (14-10) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Hein (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Hein (Holton) won by fall over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) 11-13 (Fall 1:56).

1st Place Match – Braeden Moore (Tonganoxie) 9-1 won by fall over Hein (Holton) (Fall 1:18).

120 – Jake Barnes (20-1) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Barnes (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Barnes (Holton) won by fall over Presley Herrig (Tonganoxie) 3-11 (Fall 0:59).

1st Place Match – Barnes (Holton) won by decision over Archer Willis (Atchison) 18-3 (Dec 13-6).

126 – Kayden Elliott (10-7) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Elliott (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Elliott (Holton) won by fall over John Collins (Atchison) 7-11 (Fall 1:10).

1st Place Match – Grayson Sonntag (Tonganoxie) 17-0 won by fall over Elliott (Holton) (Fall 1:35).

132 – Slater Skaggs (15-6) placed 2nd and scored 12.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Skaggs (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Skaggs (Holton) received a bye.

1st Place Match – Noah Bailey (Tonganoxie) 18-4 won by decision over Skaggs (Holton) (Dec 5-4).

138 – Lucas Adcock (11-13) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Adcock (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Adcock (Holton) won by fall over Caidon Quinlan (Perry-Lecompton) 20-7 (Fall 2:33).

1st Place Match – Nick Lawson (Tonganoxie) 14-6 won by decision over Adcock (Holton) (Dec 9-2).

145 – Cayden Jackson (9-9) placed 2nd and scored 16.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Jackson (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Jackson (Holton) won by decision over Christian Conklin (Perry-Lecompton) 12-7 (Dec 4-2).

1st Place Match – Derek Duffett (Tonganoxie) 13-4 won by

fall over Jackson (Holton) (Fall 2:12).

152 – Jayden Fletcher (23-2) placed 2nd and scored 17.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Fletcher (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Fletcher (Holton) won by major decision over Jake Rebant (Atchison) 20-3 (MD 12-1).

1st Place Match – Gabriel Bailey (Tonganoxie) 21-1 won by decision over Fletcher (Holton) (Dec 3-2).

160 – Garyson Booth (14-10) placed 3rd and scored 17.5 team points.

Quarterfinal – Booth (Holton) won by fall over Taylor Streeter (Meriden-Jefferson West) 7-17 (Fall 1:55).

Semifinal – Colton Brusven (Tonganoxie) 12-7 won by decision over Booth (Holton) (Dec 11-4).

Cons. Semi – Booth (Holton) won by fall over Drew Crady (Topeka-Hayden) 4-20 (Fall 0:53).

3rd Place Match – Booth (Holton) won by tech fall over Nick Cairo (Atchison) 13-11 (TF-1.5 3:00 (17-2)).

170 – Trevor Bowser (3-22) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Bowser (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Bowser (Holton) won by fall over Jameson Kennedy (Topeka-Hayden) 13-13 (Fall 4:39).

1st Place Match – Connor Bruch (Tonganoxie) 11-9 won by fall over Bowser (Holton) (Fall 1:47).

182 – Tyler Phillips (5-9) placed 4th and scored 14.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Phillips (Holton) won by fall over Caleb Aversman (Atchison) 1-10 (Fall 5:57).

Semifinal – Will Devader (Topeka-Hayden) 17-4 won by fall over Tyler Phillips (Holton) (Fall 3:22).

Cons. Semi – Phillips (Holton) won by fall over Keaton Schulz (Perry-Lecompton) 2-27 (Fall 0:30).

3rd Place Match – Hunter Benedict (Tonganoxie) 8-3 won by decision over Phillips (Holton) (Dec 7-4).

195 – Konnor Tannahill (22-0) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Tannahill (Holton) won by fall over Shawn Grey (Meriden-Jefferson West) 7-17 (Fall 0:58).

Semifinal – Konnor Tannahill (Holton) won by fall over J.C. Cummings (Topeka-Hayden) 5-5 (Fall 1:01).

1st Place Match – Konnor Tannahill (Holton) won in sudden victory - 1 over Branden Martin (Tonganoxie) 20-2 (SV-1 5-3).

220 – Dalton Roush (14-2) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Dalton Roush (Holton) received a bye.

Semifinal – Dalton Roush (Holton) won by fall over Ryan Oesterreich (Meriden-Jefferson West) 12-17 (Fall 4:43).

1st Place Match – Clayton Stephenson (Topeka-Hayden) 26-5 won by fall over Dalton Roush (Holton) (Fall 2:53).

285 – Dustin Chermok (19-6) placed 2nd and scored 20.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Chermok (Holton) won by fall over Nathan Blakely (Atchison) 26-2 (Fall 0:41).

1st Place Match – Hayden Robb (Perry-Lecompton) 11-0 won by fall over Chermok (Holton) (Fall 2:00).

Cons. Round 1 – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Theron Meyer (Meriden-Jefferson West) 26-2 won by fall over Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:22).

5th Place Match – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

113 – Matt Tracy (11-13) placed 4th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Hein (Holton) 14-10 won by fall over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:56).

Cons. Semi – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

3rd Place Match – Ben Holmes (Topeka-Hayden) 8-15 won by decision over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Dec 5-3).

132 – Kyle Riley (8-13) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Noah Bailey (Tonganoxie) 18-4 won by fall over Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

Cons. Semi – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

3rd Place Match – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

138 – James Bellew (8-10) placed 4th and scored 10.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Nick Lawson (Tonganoxie) 14-6 won by fall over Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:39).

Cons. Semi – Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) won by fall over Noah Hedges (Atchison) 4-11 (Fall 1:27).

3rd Place Match – Caidon Quinlan (Perry-Lecompton) 20-7 won by fall over Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

152 – Chase Emery (7-23) placed 5th and scored 5.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Jake Rebant (Atchison) 20-3 won by fall over Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:33).

Cons. Round 1 – Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Braden Rose (Topeka-Hayden) 11-8 won by fall over Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

5th Place Match – Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

170 – Jackson King (5-19) placed 5th and scored 5.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Jameson Kennedy (Topeka-Hayden) 13-13 won by fall over King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:26).

Cons. Round 1 – King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Mitchell Root (Perry-Lecompton) 12-10 won by fall over King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:38).

5th Place Match – King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

285 – Ashton Wood (18-12) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Juan Roman-perez (Topeka-Hayden) 12-18 won by fall over Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 3:14).

Cons. Round 1 – Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Nathan Blakely (Atchison) 26-2 won by fall over Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:22).

5th Place Match – Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) won by fall over Juan Roman-Perez (Topeka-Hayden) 12-18 (Fall 2:52).

Cons. Round 1 – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Theron Meyer (Meriden-Jefferson West) 26-2 won by fall over Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:22).

5th Place Match – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

113 – Matt Tracy (11-13) placed 4th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Hein (Holton) 14-10 won by fall over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:56).

Cons. Semi – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

3rd Place Match – Ben Holmes (Topeka-Hayden) 8-15 won by decision over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Dec 5-3).

132 – Kyle Riley (8-13) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Noah Bailey (Tonganoxie) 18-4 won by fall over Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

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3rd Place Match – Caidon Quinlan (Perry-Lecompton) 20-7 won by fall over Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

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Cons. Round 1 – Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Braden Rose (Topeka-Hayden) 11-8 won by fall over Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

5th Place Match – Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

170 – Jackson King (5-19) placed 5th and scored 5.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Jameson Kennedy (Topeka-Hayden) 13-13 won by fall over King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:26).

Cons. Round 1 – King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Mitchell Root (Perry-Lecompton) 12-10 won by fall over King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:38).

5th Place Match – King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

285 – Ashton Wood (18-12) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Juan Roman-perez (Topeka-Hayden) 12-18 won by fall over Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 3:14).

Cons. Round 1 – Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Nathan Blakely (Atchison) 26-2 won by fall over Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:22).

5th Place Match – Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) won by fall over Juan Roman-Perez (Topeka-Hayden) 12-18 (Fall 2:52).

Cons. Round 1 – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Theron Meyer (Meriden-Jefferson West) 26-2 won by fall over Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:22).

5th Place Match – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

113 – Matt Tracy (11-13) placed 4th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Hein (Holton) 14-10 won by fall over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:56).

Cons. Semi – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

3rd Place Match – Ben Holmes (Topeka-Hayden) 8-15 won by decision over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Dec 5-3).

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Quarterfinal – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Noah Bailey (Tonganoxie) 18-4 won by fall over Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

Cons. Semi – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

3rd Place Match – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

138 – James Bellew (8-10) placed 4th and scored 10.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Nick Lawson (Tonganoxie) 14-6 won by fall over Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:39).

Cons. Semi – Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) won by fall over Noah Hedges (Atchison) 4-11 (Fall 1:27).

3rd Place Match – Caidon Quinlan (Perry-Lecompton) 20-7 won by fall over Bellew (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

152 – Chase Emery (7-23) placed 5th and scored 5.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Jake Rebant (Atchison) 20-3 won by fall over Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:33).

Cons. Round 1 – Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Braden Rose (Topeka-Hayden) 11-8 won by fall over Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

5th Place Match – Emery (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

170 – Jackson King (5-19) placed 5th and scored 5.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Jameson Kennedy (Topeka-Hayden) 13-13 won by fall over King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:26).

Cons. Round 1 – King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Mitchell Root (Perry-Lecompton) 12-10 won by fall over King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:38).

5th Place Match – King (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

285 – Ashton Wood (18-12) placed 5th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Juan Roman-perez (Topeka-Hayden) 12-18 won by fall over Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 3:14).

Cons. Round 1 – Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Nathan Blakely (Atchison) 26-2 won by fall over Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:22).

5th Place Match – Wood (Hoyt-Royal Valley) won by fall over Juan Roman-Perez (Topeka-Hayden) 12-18 (Fall 2:52).

Cons. Round 1 – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Cons. Semi – Theron Meyer (Meriden-Jefferson West) 26-2 won by fall over Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:22).

5th Place Match – Swain (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

113 – Matt Tracy (11-13) placed 4th and scored 7.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Hein (Holton) 14-10 won by fall over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 1:56).

Cons. Semi – Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

3rd Place Match – Ben Holmes (Topeka-Hayden) 8-15 won by decision over Tracy (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Dec 5-3).

132 – Kyle Riley (8-13) placed 3rd and scored 9.0 team points.

Quarterfinal – Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) received a bye.

Semifinal – Noah Bailey (Tonganoxie) 18-4 won by fall over Riley (Hoyt-Royal Valley) (Fall 0:25).

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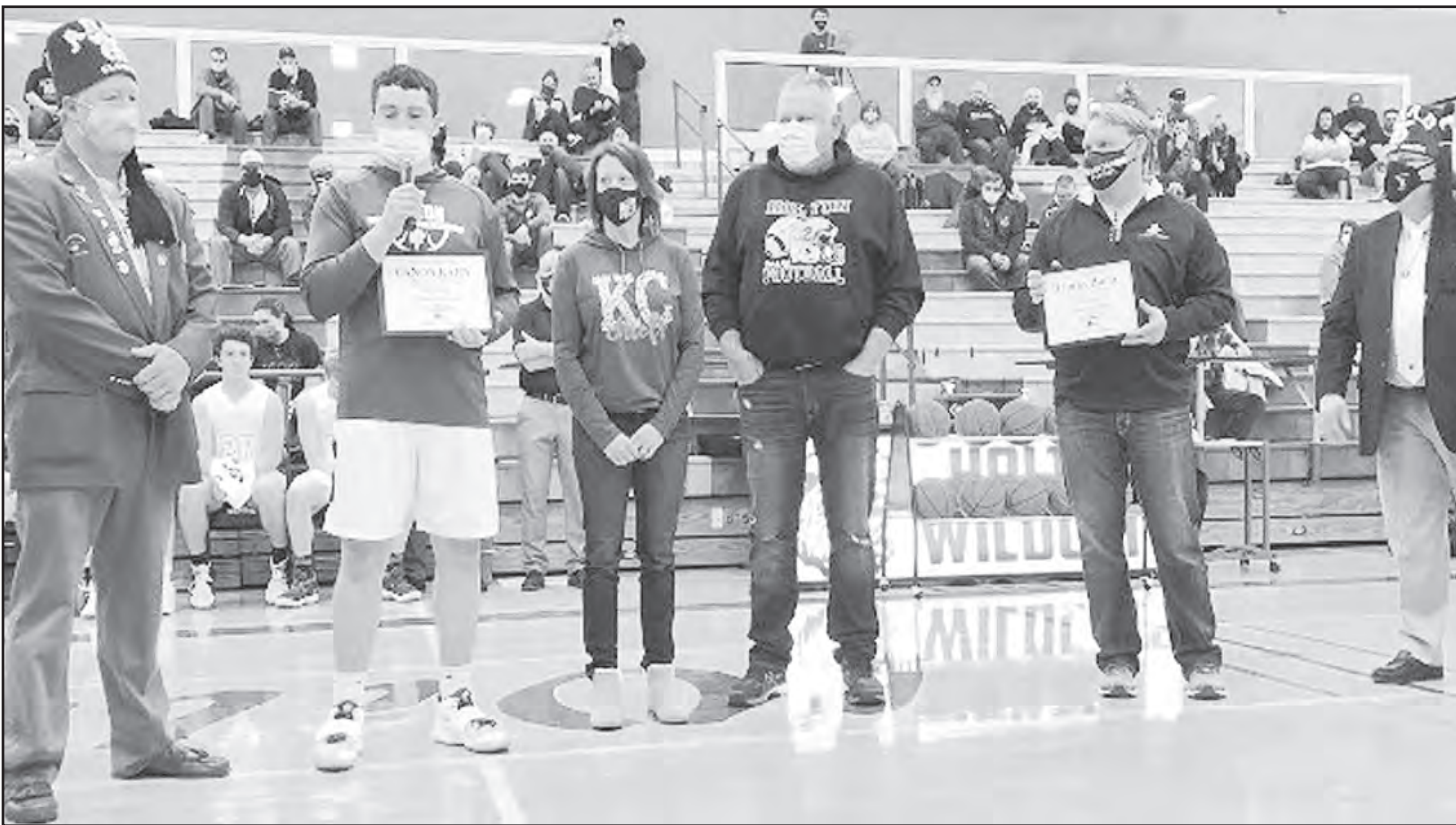
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The 2020-21 boys basketball team at Jackson Heights Middle School is shown in the photo above. Front row, from left to right: Titan Eisenbarth, Talen Browning, Jace Doyle, Madison Payne-Smith, Kolby Bowhay, Drake Mellies, Ian Allen and Cooper Hewitt. Middle row, from left to right: Talon Binkley, Dillion Childs, Anthony Gulotta, Mattox Watkins, Teagen Bowhay, Titus Eisenbarth and Skylar Arketa. Back row, from left to right: Kyson Proffitt, Dylon Wilson, Korbin Karns, Josh Smith, Jarret-Wayne Moore, Kade Holliday, Tregen Gilbert and Trenton Senn. Not pictured are Jace Robinson, Carter Will, Landon Wahquahboshkuk, Head Coach Jeremy Melvin and Assistant Coach Matt Schumann.

Photo by Brian Sanders



Local Shriners were on hand at the Holton-Sabetha high school basketball games here last Friday night to congratulate Holton senior Canon Karn, shown above second from left, on his selection for the 2021 Shrine Bowl All-Star Football game. HHS head football coach Brooks Barta, shown above second from right, was also congratulated for being chosen as an assistant coach for the East Squad at the all-star game. Shriners shown are, left to right, Donnie Bohannon and Keith Bricker. Not shown was Shriner Roger Farthing. Also shown in the photo are Canon's parents, Brenda and Rob Karn. Canon was named to the Class 3A All State teams by the Topeka and Wichita newspapers and was also named to All-League and All-Area football teams this year.

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Lady Cobras extend win streak to 12

■ Friday's game at Valley Falls

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights High School's Cobra varsity girls basketball team extended its winning streak on Friday to 12 games, taking down the Oskaloosa Bears for the second time this season with a 66-35 victory that included a pair of JHHS girls basketball records being eclipsed.

One of those records — most three-point goals in a game — now belongs to JHHS sophomore Canyon Olberding, whose team-leading 20-point total on the night included six treys. That's one three-pointer more than the previous record holder, Erin Tanking, who set the record in 2005, according to JHHS Head Coach Dan Shupe.

"Kanyon had a huge night," Coach Shupe said.

The team also set a record of 11 treys made during the game, Coach Shupe noted, with sophomore Rebekah Hutfles adding three and senior Amaya Marlatt putting up two in addition to Olberding's six.

The Cobras jumped out to an 11-4 lead after the first quarter, then extended the lead to 28-17 at halftime before putting the game seemingly out of reach for the Bears with a 26-9 third quarter run.

"I challenged the team at halftime to execute things better than they did in the first half, and they responded well," Shupe said. "Amaya set the tone in the third quarter, and she was more aggressive in getting our offense on track."

The Cobras held on in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Bears 12-9 to seal the win. Shupe cited junior Kylee Dieckmann for her defensive work in keeping Oskaloosa at bay during the game.

In addition to Olberding's 20-point night, Marlatt

also added 18 points and sophomore Kaylee Thompson added 10. Oskaloosa senior Regan Curry carried her team offensively with 23 of its 35 points on the night.

Up next for the Cobra girls — now at 9-0 and first place in the Northeast Kansas League and 12-1 overall — is a Friday night road game against Valley Falls, a team the Cobras have already taken on once and defeated this season.

Scoring
Jackson Heights 11-17-26-12 66

Oskaloosa 4-13-9-9 35
Jackson Heights:
Olberding 1-6-0-0 20,
Marlatt 4-2-4-6 18,
Thompson 5-0-0-0 10,
Hutfles 0-3-0-0 9, McMahon 1-0-0-0 2, Totals 13-11-7-10 66.

Oskaloosa: Reg. Curry 6-3-2-4 23, Rockhold 2-0-1-1 5, Ree. Curry 0-1-0-0 3, Kesinger 1-0-1-3 3, Janus 0-0-1-2 1, Malsbury 0-0-0-1 0. Totals 9-4-5-11 35.

There was no boys game last Friday due to Oskaloosa's team being in COVID-19 quarantine, according to JHHS Principal and Athletic Director Darren Shupe. That game has been rescheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15 at JHHS.

Shupe also noted that last night's scheduled games between Jackson Heights and Pleasant Ridge were also canceled due to the Rams' boys and girls teams both being in quarantine.

The Cobra boys' next scheduled game is a make-up home game tonight (Wednesday) against Horton, with games starting at 5 p.m., followed by Friday's game at Valley Falls. The Cobras' record stands at 4-4 in the Northeast Kansas League (fifth place) and 5-6 overall.

Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Jackson Heights' senior of the month for February is Kati Woltje. Kati is the daughter of Mary Woltje and the granddaughter of Connie Woltje.

Kati has participated in cross country, basketball, track, the school play, Scholars Bowl and forensics. She has been a member of FCCLA, FCA, FBLA, FFA, JCYC and student council, and has also been a Cobra mentor and Honor Flight guardian. Kati is the current FBLA treasurer, FCCLA vice president and FCA class captain.

Following graduation, Kati plans to attend Washburn University to major in nursing.

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Red Roof Inn coupon reimbursement finalized

By Ali Holcomb
A total of \$15,160 will be reimbursed to the Red Roof Inn for lodging coupons redeemed there last year after the issue was renegotiated recently, it was reported.
Last week, the Jackson County Commissioners offered \$14,000 in Jackson County Tourism Council funds to Sawan Patidar, owner of the Red Roof Inn in Holton, for the lodging coupons he redeemed from guests in 2020.
Patidar initially requested \$49,800 from 4,980 coupons his business largely received from members of construction crews working to build the new wind farm in Nemaha County last year.
Lodging coupons, available at the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce website and paid for through guest taxes collected at the

hotels, motels and bed and breakfasts in the county, provide \$10 off per room, per night at participating lodging establishments in the county.
At the end of the year, the owners of those establishments can turn in the coupons that they accepted and be reimbursed through the tourism council.
After receiving the offer for \$14,000, it was reported that Patidar asked the commissioners if he could receive the same amount reimbursed to the owners of Super 8, which was \$15,160. The commissioners agreed, and Patidar sign off on the agreement Monday.
The Jackson County Tourism Council met on Monday, and it was reported that they've suspended the use of the lodging coupons in the county until June when they will be reevaluated.

New programs to assist those interested in becoming vets

The College of Veterinary Medicine at Kansas State University is launching two new opportunities for future veterinarians: SPARK, the Summer Program for Aspiring Rural Kansas veterinarians, and SPRINTS, the Specialized Programs for the Recruitment of Indigenous, Native and Tribal Students initiative, it has been reported.
SPARK seeks to create direct and purposeful connections between aspiring veterinarians and veterinary practices in rural communities throughout Kansas. As a daylong immersive experience, SPARK provides participants with the opportunity to shadow veterinarians in rural communities and gain exposure to the demands and rewards of rural veterinary practice.
The goal of the program is to generate long-term interest in a career in rural veterinary medicine. Additionally, SPARK participants will engage in educational sessions to learn how to garner the necessary financial resources to attend a professional doctor of veterinary medicine program, as well as how to create a competitive application for a selective doctor of veterinary medicine program.
Ideal applicants for the SPARK program are those who intend to apply for admission to a doctor of veterinary medicine program during the 2021-2022 application cycle and are within five years of attaining a veterinary medicine degree. Applicants outside of that crite-

ria are welcome to apply as well.
To apply, go to kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6L2r0qVJG39VJMV.
The SPRINTS initiative, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides opportunities for high school and college students who identify as tribal, Native American or Indigenous to gain exposure to veterinary medicine as a potential career path.
The initiative encompasses many programs, including sponsoring registration, travel and lodging costs for students to attend Vet Med ROCKS, an annual summer camp hosted by College of Veterinary Medicine students.
SPRINTS participants will receive tailored consultations about the required prerequisite coursework and their current high school or transcripts, as well as the application process for acceptance into the College of Veterinary Medicine. They also will receive fee waivers for their supplemental application to the college.
Ideal applicants for the SPRINTS initiative are high school and undergraduate college students, at least 18 years of age, who identify as Indigenous, Native American or tribal, and with a desire to learn more about careers in veterinary medicine.
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Questions about these programs can be directed to admit@vet.k-state.edu

Sen. Moran to serve on six committees



U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) recently announced his committee assignments for the 117th Congress, where he will continue serving as the lead Republican on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee (SVAC), in addition to a new committee assignment as a member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP), it was reported.
Sen. Moran will serve on the following committees for the 117th Congress:
• U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations.
• U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.
• U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.
• U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.
• U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.
• U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs (ranking member).
"These key committee assignments allow me to advocate for a number of priorities that are important to Kansans and our special way of life," Moran said. "In addition to my previous committee assignments, it was a priority of mine to join the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee while we are in the midst of

the COVID-19 pandemic. Serving on this committee and on Appropriations will be beneficial to Kansas as we work to manufacture more vaccines, tests and PPE to help end this pandemic."
Moran said he was "honored" to continue serving as the lead Republican on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, where he pledged to work "to make certain our veterans have the resources they need to achieve success in their life after service."
"I am committed to using my role on these influential committees to advocate for our farmers, ranchers, Native Americans, veterans, manufacturers, innovators, students, moms and dads to deliver results to the great state of Kansas," he said.
Moran said he will also continue his position on the Appropriations Committee, where he has made it a priority to provide farmers and ranchers with the resources they need to feed the world and ensure Kansas military bases — Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth and McConnell Air Force Base — receive the tools, resources and supplies they need to play a leading role in protecting the USA.
Additionally, Moran said he will continue to make certain law enforcement officers receive the tools they need to carry out their responsibilities of protecting Kansas communities and remains committed to advancing medical research essential to saving and improving lives, growing the nation's economy and maintaining America's role as a global

leader in medical innovation.
Moran said his membership on the Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will further allow him to advocate for Kansans and rural America on a wide array of issues pertaining to banking, financial services, insurance, housing, community development and global competitiveness.
In his position on the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Moran led an investigation into the abuse of Olympic athletes and passed legislation to empower athletes and create safeguards to protect against further abuse.
The Commerce Committee, he said, is especially important in supporting aviation and aviation manufacturing, which are critical to Kansas. This committee touches nearly every facet of the economy providing Moran a position to be an advocate on highways, rail, shipping, space, interstate commerce, consumer issues, economic development, technology and product safety.
As a member of the Health,

Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, Moran said he will have the opportunity to shape health care policies during the COVID-19 pandemic to make certain all Americans, including those in rural areas, have access to vaccines, testing and personal protection equipment (PPE) to help end this pandemic.
Moran will also continue serving on the Committee on Indian Affairs to work on behalf of the four tribes in Kansas and propose and support legislation that promotes tribal sovereignty, economic development and land management.
Moran has worked throughout his time in Congress to improve the quality of life for the nearly 250,000 veterans living in Kansas. He has served on both the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees and served as chairman of the Senate committee during 2020. He will continue his service in the 117th Congress as the ranking member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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RV basketball teams take on Hiawatha, Riverside

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley girls and boys basketball teams had a busy end to their week with games on the road against Hiawatha (Thursday) and Riverside (Friday).

The Lady Panthers won both games and improved to 8-2 in the Big Seven and 13-2 overall. RV defeated Riverside 82-40 and Hiawatha 56-42.

“We played really well versus two quality Big Seven teams on the road,” said RV girls head coach David Boucher. “Going back to back nights on the road is tough, and it really shows the positive energy and love our team has for each other.”

RV jumped to an early 23-13 lead after the first quarter and added 30 more points in the second to make it 53-14 at the half.

Both teams scored 18 points in the third, and RV won the game with a 11-8 scoring edge in the final frame.

“They shared the ball with each other and played with belief that they would be successful,” Coach Boucher said. “To close out the week winning four games in five days was so much fun to be a part of. This team is growing every day, and it’s been a great experience.”

RV had four players in double digits. The Lady Panthers were led by senior Mahpiya Irving with 24 points, followed by senior Wakiyan Irving with 15, sophomore Kennedy Bryan with 13 and senior Halina Williamson with 10.

RV: 23-30-18-11 – 82
Riverside: 13-1-18-8 – 40
Individual statistics:
RV: M. Irving 8-2-2-2-24, W. Irving 6-1-0-1-15, Bryan 3-1-4-5-13, Williamson 3-1-1-2-10, Harman 1-1-0-2-5, Albright 2-0-0-0-4, Price 2-0-0-2-4, Stithem 0-1-0-0-3, Davis 1-0-0-1-2, Neuner 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 27-

7-7-15-82.

Riverside: Not available
JV: Riverside won 35-21.

Hiawatha and the RV girls remained close during the first half of the game last Thursday, but the Panthers came out on top 56-42.

The Lady Panthers edged passed the Lady Red Hawks 10-9 in the first quarter and then extended their lead with a 15-9 second quarter.

RV added 31 more points in the second half while Hiawatha added 15 to bring about the final score.

W. Irving had 16 points for the team followed by M. Irving with 13 and Bryan with 11.

RV: 10-15-10-21 – 56
Hiawatha: 9-8-11-14 – 42

Individual statistics:
RV: Bryan 1-3-0-0-11, M. Irving 2-3-0-0-13, W. Irving 5-2-0-2-16, Price 2-0-0-0-4, Williamson 3-1-0-0-9, Neuner 1-0-0-0-2, Albright 0-0-1-2-1. Totals 14-9-1-4-56.

Hiawatha: Leupold 1-0-1-2-3, Lindstrom 2-2-8-8-18, Lierz 2-1-1-2-9, S. Madsen 6-0-1-2-13. Totals 11-3-11-14-42.

The Royal Valley Panther boys team lost in overtime to Riverside on Friday 78-70 after a 61-35 win over Hiawatha on Thursday.

After the two games, RV was 9-1 in the Big Seven and 12-2 overall.

During the first quarter against the Cyclones, both teams scored 17 points. Riverside outscored RV 15-9 to lead 32-26 at the half.

At the end of the third quarter, the team were tied 51-51 after RV scored 25 points and Riverside added 19.

The Cyclones were up 65-63 with 12 seconds left to play in the game when RV senior Nahes Wahwassuck tied it up with a

jumpshot at the buzzer. In overtime, the Cyclones outscored RV 13-5 to win the game.

Junior Brady Klotz had 21 points for RV followed by Wahwassuck with 20 and junior Mason Thomas with 16. Riverside was led by N. Byrd with 25 points.

RV: 17-9-25-14-5 – 70
Riverside: 17-15-19-14-13 – 78

Individual statistics:
RV: Klotz 6-2-3-4-21, Wahwassuck 6-1-5-10-20, Thomas 5-2-0-0-16, Dressman 1-1-0-0-5, Murata 2-0-0-0-4, Coleman 1-0-0-0-2, Kelly 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 22-6-8-14-70.

Riverside: Byrd 4-3-8-12-25, Davies 5-1-7-13-20, Stillman 5-0-1-2-11, Edwards 3-1-1-3-10, Chalfant 0-2-3-4-9, Davis 0-1-0-0-3. Totals 17-8-20-34-78.

After a close first quarter, the Panthers dominated the Red Hawks last Thursday at Hiawatha 61-35.

RV edged Hiawatha 14-12 in the first quarter and then added 23 points in the second quarter and kept Hiawatha to six points. At the half, RV was up 37-18.

In the second half, RV outscored Hiawatha 15-10 in the third quarter. In the final frame, the Panthers had nine points to the Red Hawks’ seven.

Wahwassuck led the Panthers with 24 points, including three three-pointers, followed by Thomas with 16.

RV: 14-23-15-9 – 61
Hiawatha: 12-6-10-7 – 35

Individual statistics:
RV: Wahwassuck 7-3-1-1-24, Thomas 8-0-0-0-16, Klotz 3-0-0-0-6, Boyden 2-0-0-0-4, Murata 2-0-0-0-4, Kelly 2-0-0-0-4, Hopkins 0-1-0-0-3. Totals 24-4-1-1-61.

Hiawatha: Gilbert 5-2-5-6-21, Kolb 1-1-0-0-5, Coffelt 1-0-1-2-3, Rockney 3-0-0-0-6. Totals 10-3-6-8-35.

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Seven area wrestlers state ranked

The KWCA (Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association) has announced its 2020-2021 girls and boys wrestling rankings on Tuesday Feb. 9.

Girls Division II

126-Pound Weight class

5. Macey Gross, Holton

138-Pound Weight Class

2. Maya Ogden, Royal

191-Pound Weight Class

2. Tannah Forbes, ACCHS

Boys Class 321A

132-Pound Weight Class

2. Mason Scholz, ACCHS

Boys Class 4A

120-Pound Weight Class

5. Jake Barnes, Holton

152-Pound Weight Class

6. Jayden Fletcher, Holton

195-Pound Weight Class

1. Konnor Tannahill, Holton

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Lady Tigers, Wetmore boys pick up wins last night

The ACCHS Lady Tigers basketball team hosted the Valley Falls Dragons last night (Tuesday, Feb. 9). The Lady Tigers won this game 33-24 over the Lady Dragons.

The Lady Tigers were led by Nitz with 13 points. The Lady Dragons were led by Myers with 12 points.

Lady Dragons – 4-9-5-6 – 24
Lady Tigers – 7-7-14-5 – 33
Lady Dragons – Myers 3 (2) 0-0 12, Montgomery 2 0-0 4, Kirkwood 2 0-0 4, Darveaux 1 0-0 2, Yates 0 2-2 2 and Bown 0 0-2 0. Totals 8 (2) 2-4 24.

Lady Tigers – Nitz 0 (4) 1-3 13, Schletzbaum 0 (2) 3-6 9, Wallisch 3 0-0 6, Pantle 0 (1) 0-0 3 and Behrnes 1 0-0 2. Totals 4 (7) 4-9 33.

The Wetmore Cardinals and boys basketball team traveled to the Troy Trojans last night (Tuesday, Feb. 9). The Cardinals won this game 50-43 over the Trojans.

The Cardinals had three in double figures. McQueen led the way with 15 points followed by Carls with 13 points and Wommack with 11 points. The Trojans had two in double

figures. Norris led the way with 13 points followed by Neumann with 12 points.

Cardinals – 12-5-15-18 – 50
Trojans – 10-6-9-18 – 43
Cardinals – McQueen 3 (2) 3-6 15, Carls 6 1-3 13, Wommack 1 (2) 3-4 11, Henry 2 2-2 6 and Bloom 2 1-4 5. Totals 14 (4) 10-19 50.

Trojans – Norris 5 3-4 13, Neumann 1 (3) 1-3 12, Hartman 2 (1) 0-0 7, Weber 1 (1) 0-0 5 and Anderson 2 0-0 4. Totals 11 (7) 4-7 43.

Prep basketball rankings include local teams

The KBCA (Kansas Basketball Coaches Association) announced the 2020-2021 girls and boys basketball rankings on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The girls rankings were as follows:

- Class 6A Girls
1. Topeka High
 2. Shawnee Mission NW
 3. Washburn Rural
 4. Shawnee Mission West
 5. Dodge City
 6. Olathe North
 7. Blue Valley North
 8. Derby
 9. Wichita Heights
 10. Blue Valley
- Class 5A Girls
1. Andover Central
 2. St. Thomas Aquinas
 3. Maize
 4. Goddard-Eisenhower
 5. Pittsburg
 6. Lansing
 7. Bishop Carroll
 8. Salina Central
 9. Maize South
 10. Kapauu Mt. Carmel
- Class 4A Girls
1. Bishop Miege
 2. Clay Center
 3. McPherson
 4. Nickerson
 5. Louisburg
 6. Andale
 7. Labette County
 8. Circle
 9. Clearwater
 10. Wamego
- Class 3A Girls
1. Cheney
 2. Nemaha Central
 3. Hugoton
 4. Phillipsburg
 5. Osage City
 6. Royal Valley
 7. Goodland
 8. Sabetha
 9. Halstead
 10. Osawatomie
- Class 2A Girls
1. Sterling
 2. Hillsboro

3. Valley Heights
 4. Garden Plain
 5. Spearville
 6. Elkhart
 7. Trego Community
 8. West Elk
 9. Smith Center
 10. Uniontown
- Class 1A Division I Girls
1. Olpe
 2. Jackson Heights
 3. Frankfort
 4. Thunder Ridge
 5. Burlingame
 6. Norwich
 7. Lebo
 8. Little River
 9. Doniphan West
 10. Bucklin
- Class 1A Division II Girls
1. Central Plains
 2. Golden Plains
 3. Cunningham
 4. St. John’s-Tipton
 5. Elyria Christian
 6. Hanover
 7. Central Christian
 8. St. Paul
 9. Wetmore
 10. Waverly
- Class 6A Boys
1. Blue Valley NW
 2. Blue Valley North
 3. Lawrence High
 4. Haysville-Campus
 5. Lawrence Free State
 6. Shawnee Mission South
 7. Shawnee Mission East
 8. Olathe South
 9. Wichita Heights
 10. Washburn Rural
- Class 5A Boys
1. Hays High
 2. Salina South
 3. Maize
 4. Andover
 5. De Soto
 6. Bishop Carroll
 7. Topeka West
 8. Basehor-Linwood
 9. Valley Center
 10. Lansing
- Class 4A Boys
1. Bishop Miege
 2. Mulvane

3. Buhler
 4. Augusta
 5. Louisburg
 6. Tonganoxie
 7. Iola
 8. Parsons
 9. McPherson
 10. Abilene
- Class 3A Boys
1. Laklin
 2. Cheney
 3. Hesston
 4. Rock Creek
 5. St. Mary’s
 6. Hoisington
 7. Royal Valley
 8. Galena
 9. Wichita Collegiate
 10. Haven
- Class 2A Boys
1. Hoxie
 2. Hillsboro
 3. Erie
 4. Berean Academy
 5. Garden Plain
 6. Belle Plaine
 7. Riverside
 8. Sacred Heart
 9. Sterling
 10. Valley Falls
- Class 1A Division I Boys
1. Little River
 2. South Gray
 3. Olpe
 4. Clifton-Clyde
 5. Meade
 6. Lebo
 7. Madison-Hamilton
 8. Sylvan-Lucas
 9. Wichita Classic School
 10. Frankfort
- Class 1A Division II Boys
1. Attica
 2. Hanover
 3. Cheylin
 4. St. Francis
 5. Peabody-Burns
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Family and Consumer Sciences

Rethink your evening snack

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In our busy lives, we often find ourselves eating on the go or eating close to when we go to bed. Although it is understandable (who wants to go to bed hungry, right?), eating too late can lead to a variety of health issues.



At some point, everyone has eaten a meal or a snack right before bed. Whether it is due to your busy schedule, feeling hungry or mindless snacking, it is not the best for your health to just eat. There is good news, though. If you watch what you eat, even light snacks before bed so not cause many problems.

The first question you need to ask yourself is, are you really hungry? Many people often eat in the evening out of boredom, habit or because of stress. If you

truly are hungry, it is OK to have a snack in the evening.

The best options for evening snacks are small portion food with high amounts of protein and fiber. When eating these foods slowly, in small portions and without distraction, you can meet your hunger needs without following the bad habit of mindless eating.

Laying down before fully digesting foods can cause discomfort leading to “burping up food.” This is especially true if you eat certain types of foods.

Food you should try to avoid to get a good night’s rest are spicy foods like peppers, acidic foods like oranges, caffeinated foods like coffee and chocolates, high fat/calorie foods like pizza or burgers, sugary foods like candy and alcohol like wine or beer.

While it is best to give yourself enough time to fully digest before laying down, some foods are healthier than others to eat in the evening.

Picking an evening snack is important. You need to find something to satisfy your hunger without causing sleep or health issues. The general rule to follow when snacking in the evening is to pick something high in fiber and pro-

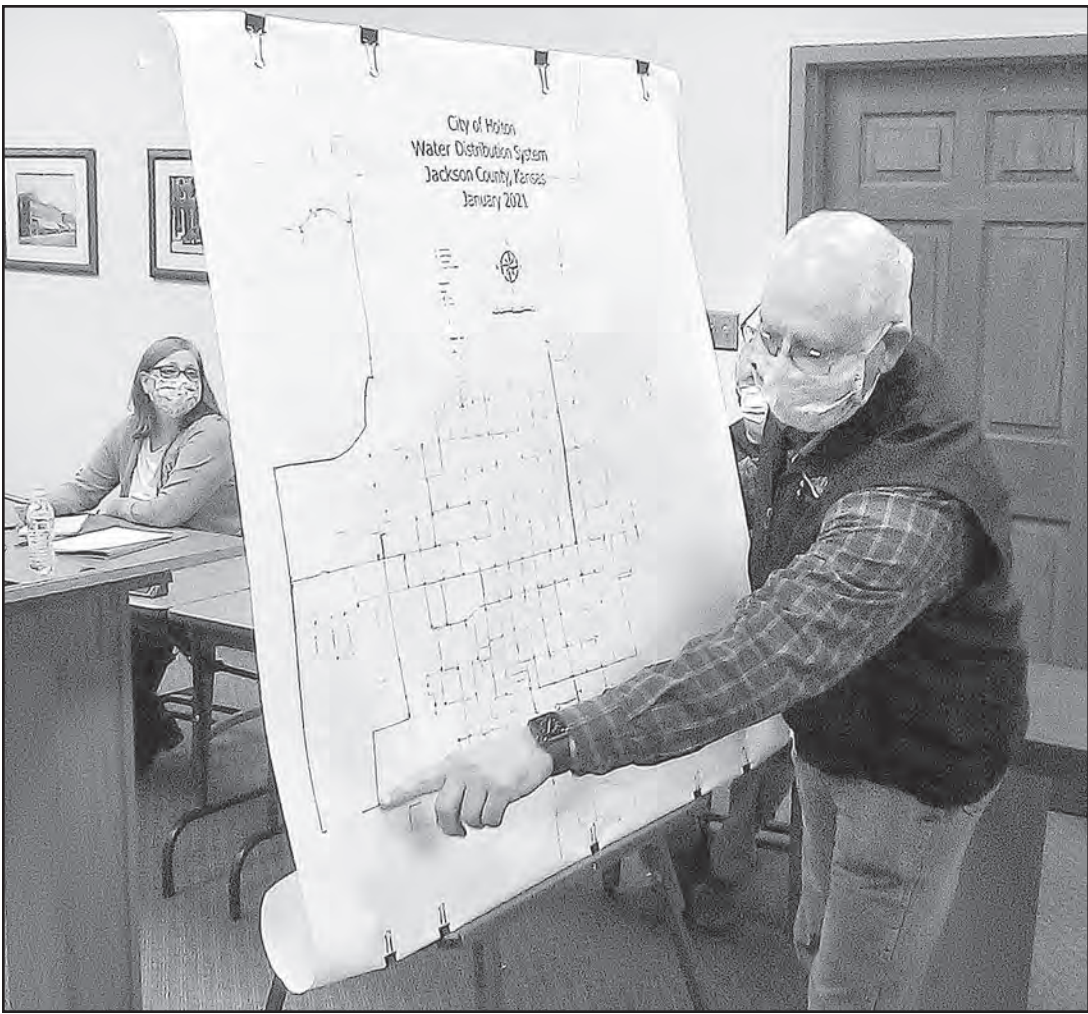
tein with around 200 calories or less.

Eating a snack high in fiber allows your body to slowly digest the food. High protein snacks will help you feel full faster. Keeping the snack under 200 calories will help you get to sleep on time and help you control weight gain.

Recommendations for good evening snacks include fruits and seeds (such as cherries and pistachios) to more substantial snacks (such as hot cereal and protein smoothies). Basically, any fiber-rich, minimally processed food makes for a good, easy and healthy evening snack.

When it comes to rethinking your evening snack, it is important to keep healthier snacks readily available in your home. Two of the drivers of unhealthy evening snacking is having only unhealthy snacks available or needing to go out later in the evening to get something to eat.

Many people are more tempted to go the nearest fast-food drive-through or run into the nearest convenience store for an evening snack. Most of these options available would fall into the unhealthy category for evening snacking.



Holton Water and Sewer Superintendent Dennis Ashcraft, shown at right in the photo above, recently met with the Holton City Commission to outline a plan to connect two eight-inch water lines at the southern edge of the city. Also shown in the photo above is Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley, at left.
Photo by Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights...

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well with board member Melinda Wareham, who reminded Shupe and Morris that prom and related activities had always been held at the school.

Like other components of this year’s prom, Shupe reminded Wareham, the idea of having prom off-campus is not yet set in stone.

“We’re in initial talks,” he said. “There’s still plenty of time.”

In other business on Monday, board members reviewed a proposed calendar for the 2021-22 school year as submitted by District Superintendent Adrienne Walsh, who noted that the proposed calendar was similar to previous years’ calendars. Action on the proposed calendar may be taken at the board’s March 8 meeting.

The proposed calendar included Tuesday, Aug. 17 as the first day of school; a half-day work day on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, as requested by teachers; spring break set for March 14-18, 2022; graduation on May 15, 2022; and the last day of school on May 17, 2022.

One sticking point of previous years’ calendars, Walsh noted, involved the placement of spring break in relation to state basketball tournaments. Shupe later told the board that the 2022

state basketball tournament had been scheduled for March 7-11, meaning that the tournament would end as spring break began.

Board members also:

■ Noted the absence of board member Kelly Kennedy. Board members present included Dr. David Allen (president), Doug Amon, Konrad Coe, Neal Keeler, Ed Rostetter and Wareham.

■ Approved the meeting’s agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board’s meetings on Jan. 11 and Jan. 19, monthly bills and activity account reports, a bond payment of \$20,520 and an energy lease payment of \$9,630.

■ Were reminded by Shupe of upcoming winter courtwarming activities on Friday, Feb. 19, during the Cobras’ basketball games against McLouth. Shupe said a coronation ceremony would be held at halftime of the boys varsity game with social distancing protocols in place, adding that there would not be a post-game dance for students.

■ Heard a report from Walsh about possible plans and funding for this year’s summer school session, the former including getting input from parents on how they would want summer school to proceed, the length of time students will be involved in the session and the availability

of food through the federal summer lunch program. More work is needed before plans are finalized, it was noted.

■ Heard a report from Walsh about updates from the Kansas State Department of Education about dyslexia training for teachers and screening for students, as well as the Navigating Next program designed for transitioning school systems from the COVID-19 pandemic back into “normal” operations.

■ Heard information from Walsh and board clerk Sheri Dibern about estimates for air conditioners on school buses, with an estimate of \$11,375 given for a full-bus air conditioner and a \$1,750 estimate for a “driver-only” air conditioner. No action was taken on the estimates.

■ Heard a report from Shupe on the Kansas State High School Activities Association’s mandate of no more than four spectators per participating student or family at sports events, noting that the limit is “working very well.”

■ Heard comment from Shupe about JHHS basketball games being postponed or canceled due to opposing teams being in quarantine, as well as other events taking place at the high school.

■ Heard a report from Shupe on JHHS senior Alex Edwards being honored with KSHSAA’s “Spirit Of Sport” award for 2020.

■ Met in executive session for 40 minutes with Walsh present to discuss personnel matters. Upon returning to open session, the board approved an extension of Shupe’s contract through the 2022-23 school year on a 5-1 vote, with Wareham opposed.

■ Approved the appointment of Amon and Keeler to represent the board on the district’s teacher salary contract negotiation team for the 2021-22 school year.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 8:45 p.m.

County Commission...

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been made with McAnerney since 2003, it was noted.

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Mark Aeschliman, who was also at the county commission meeting, discussed his desire to start a community forum to generate ideas and move forward with economic development in the county.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Jan. 25, the commission:

* Received a weekly report from Dan Barnett, road and bridge director, who said that a 2008 truck in his department needs its engine replaced at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

Barnett said he would like to get bids to replace the truck rather than repair it again. This truck is used for hauling and towing heavy loads.

Barnett also reported that he is also going to seek bids to replace a motor grader.

* Met with Scott Kieffaber, environmental services and noxious weed director, who submitted a bid for a company to paint the buildings at the recycling center.

Commissioner Keith Kelly asked Kieffaber to seek bids that would also include roof repairs to another county building in order to get a better quote for all the work.

* Met in executive session with County Counselor Alex Belveal and Barnett for 23 minutes discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Heard a weekly report from Lu Griffiths, Banner Creek Reservoir director, who requested to change the names of the roads at the reservoir.

* Heard a report from county resident Gary New that a tube is plugged at 11876 262nd Rd.

* Met in executive session for 10 minutes with Barnett, Belveal, Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick and Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek to discuss a

matter of attorney/client privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

* Discussed the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), which provides technical expertise, at no cost, for guidance on road issues, Commissioner Kelly reported. There is a cost associated with some training classes that LTAP offers.

* Received a tour of the Courthouse from Chad Phillips, custodian. Phillips requested bids for an updated HVAC maintenance contract.

* Met in executive session with Belveal, Mick and Peek to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Signed payroll change notices for Jose Martinez (resignation at the sheriff’s office), Mary McAsey (transfer from the attorney’s office to the sheriff’s office), Lucas Ray (length of service increase as a sheriff’s office employee) and Kaitlyn Ramirez (temporarily rehired at the attorney’s office).

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

Edwards pleads no contest

A Lawrence man charged with attempted second-degree murder in connection with a Jan. 10 domestic violence incident in southern Jackson County pleaded no contest to a lesser charge, it was noted yesterday (Tuesday) in Jackson County District Court.

Anthony Deshaun Edwards, 26, pleaded no contest to a charge of aggravated domestic battery in connection with the incident during a Zoom hearing on the charges against him. Edwards will face sentencing on March 26 in district court.

Edwards had also been charged with attempted second-degree murder and aggravated

battery in connection with the incident, which reportedly occurred in the 14000 block of S Road south of Mayetta. Those two charges were dropped per a plea deal negotiated by his attorney, Jason Belveal of Holton.

District Court Judge Norbert Marek said the aggravated domestic battery charge is a level 7 person felony that carries a potential prison sentence ranging from 11 months to 34 months (two years and 10 months), although Edwards could be eligible for probation depending on his prior record. Edwards remains at the Jackson County Detention Center.

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Feb. 10, 2021.)

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COURT OF JACKSON
COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the
Estate of
Delbert Keith Foye,
deceased.

Case No. 2021 PR 5

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
The Spring Holton/Jackson County-wide Garage Sales have been tentatively scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 23-24, 2021. These dates are subject to change/cancellation.



Holton High School seniors Grace Utz (at left in photo above) and Kyler Rose (at right) were named Queen and King of Courts during courtwarming activities last night at halftime of Holton's boys varsity basketball game against Royal Valley. The Wildcat boys defeated the Panthers, while Royal Valley was victorious in the girls varsity game; see today's sports pages for more information on last night's games.

Photo by Michael Powls

Sirens sounded Monday for firefighter

The City of Holton's emergency sirens were sounded at about 6:15 p.m. Monday in honor of a former firefighter as a "last call" tribute, according to Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle.

Dan Fiedler, who served as a member of Holton's volunteer firefighter, was honored with the "last call" sirens following a ro-

sary that evening at St. Dominic Catholic Church, Chief Gakle said.

"It's a ceremonial thing for firefighters and law enforcement officers," said Gakle, who noted that the sirens were sounded in a similar manner on Dec. 22 following the funeral of longtime Holton police and fire dispatcher Rex Hamlin.

Under normal circumstances, the sirens are sounded following funeral services for police and firefighters, but Gakle said the "last call" was sounded Monday night following the rosary for Fiedler due to the extremely cold weather.

An obituary for Fiedler appears on Page 5 of today's *Holton Recorder*.

Mayetta sales tax...

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Wimer also noted that revenues generated by the sales tax, if approved by voters, will also be used for "general purposes" in the city, such as street maintenance and sidewalk construction and repair, in addition to repaying the loan, which will cover the \$396,517 cost of the sewer line extension project.

A public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Mayetta fire station, at which time Mayetta city officials will answer any questions that city residents may have about the sales tax question, Wimer said.

Mayetta City Clerk Grace Bowser said the new sales tax, if approved, will be added to the city's existing one-percent sales tax, which has been in effect since July of 2011 and will be an ongoing sales tax without a "sunset" date.

Mayetta is one of two Jackson County communities that collects a sales tax, it was reported. The other is Holton, where a sales tax of 0.75 percent is in place.

City residents 18 and older may register through Tuesday, Feb. 16 to vote in the special election at the Jackson County Clerk's office in Holton. Voter registration forms will also be available at Mayetta City Hall; voters may also register online at voteks.org or ksvotes.org.

Public notices related to the special question election may be found on Pages 9A and 11A of this edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

Heitzman wins Super Football Pick'em Contest

While no one participating in *The Holton Recorder's* Super Football Pick'em Contest correctly predicted the 31-9 victory for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers over the Kansas City Chiefs, Richard Heitzman's guess wasn't too far off.

Heitzman of Holton predicted a final score of 31-17 in the Buccaneers' favor, and his guess was the closest out of all 816 entries in the contest.

Heitzman's wife, Amy, works at Holton Family Dentistry, one of the 31 sponsors for the contest. Amy took home an entry form for her husband to fill out, and she returned it to the contest collection box at her work.

For his close guess, Heitzman won a 40-inch flat-screen television provided by the contest sponsors.

The second closest entry was predicted by Season Brown, who guessed 23-14 in favor of the Buccaneers. Brown placed her guess at Tarwater Farm & Home Supply in Holton.

Only 57 entries (seven percent) favored the Bucs to win the game. The Bucs were led by Quarterback Tom Brady.

A total of 81 entries for the contest were filled out at the Netawaka Family Fitness Center, which was the most at any of the 31 locations. A total of 72 entries for the contest were filled out at Prairie Band One Stop, followed by 63 at 7-Eleven.

The Recorder's Super Football Pick'em Contest has been held every year since 2010.

This year's sponsors were Cecil K's Hometown Market, China Restaurant, The Cock-eyed Pig, Dairy Queen, Beggin' Agains Pawn & Gun, The Farmers State Bank, Jayhawk TV & Appliance, Nelson's Liquor & Tradin' Post, Holton Dental, Casey's General Store (both locations), Netawaka Family Fitness Center, Prairie Band One Stop, Pizza Hut, Medical Pharmacy, GNB Bank, 7-Eleven, Lee's Flower & Gifts, Walmart, Jhett's Pizza, American Family Insurance, Beverley Brown Boutique, Wilson Tire, Ginger Snips, Jackson Farmers, Bumper to Bumper, Tarwater Farm & Home Supply, Giant Communications, Trails Café, Holton Family Dentistry and *The Holton Recorder*.

In the contest's first year, 2010, David Jackson won the grand prize of a 32-inch flat-screen TV. There was no contest in 2011, but in the next seven years, the winners — Angela Strube (2012), Jim Dodson (2013), Marriah Tawzer (2014), Susie Jacobs (2015), Sam Swindale (2016), Barbara Loveall (2017), Jason Schuetz (2018) and Evelyn McLaughlin of Muscotah (2019) — also won 32-inch flat-screen TVs.

Last year, Catherine and Curtis Knapp of Seneca won a 40-inch TV.

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Conservation winners announced

The 73rd annual meeting of the Jackson County Conservation District will not be held in person this year due to concerns about the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), according to Brian Boeckman, conservation district manager.

The district will still hold a mail-in ballot vote to elect two supervisors. All official ballots must be completed and received by Feb. 17 to be counted, it was reported.

The district will still honor several area landowners with conservation awards. This year's conservation winners are:

- Greg and Linda Maxwell – Kansas Bankers Award.
- Kenny and Charlotte Utz – Utz Family Farm – Outstanding Conservationist Award.
- Henry and Tracy Hill – Soil Health Award.
- Ivan James – Wildlife Habitat Award.

The winners of the 2020 soil conservation speech contest, along with their schools and prizes, include the following.

- First place: Madeline Murnahan, Holton, \$300 scholarship.
- Second place: Isaac Utz, Holton, \$200 scholarship.
- Third place: Haden Doyle, Jackson Heights, \$100 scholarship.

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- Fourth place: Emma Barnett, Holton, \$75 scholarship.

Students receiving honorable mentions each received \$50 scholarships. They are as follows.

- Cecilia Myers, Holton.
- Clint Lierz, Jackson Heights.
- Delaney New, Holton.
- Gavin Will, Jackson Heights.
- Karoline Tannahill, Holton.
- Katelyn Ramos, Holton.
- Lily Twombly, Holton.
- Madeline Montgomery, Holton.
- Olivia McAsey, Holton.

The winners of the 2020 Jackson County Conservation District's poster contest include the following students.

The poster theme was "Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators?"

First Grade

- First place: Aliviah Stithem, Royal Valley.
- Second place: Beau Caudle, Holton.
- Honorable mention: Stella Bausch (Royal Valley), Ellie Robinson (Royal Valley), Sophia Holliday (Holton), Ryder Blevins (Holton) and Nathan Callahan (Holton).

Second Grade

- First place: Dawson Patterson, Holton.

- Second place: Abigail Brinkman, Royal Valley.
- Honorable mention: Kale Dotzel (Royal Valley), Landry Shupe (Holton), Bryson Bradley (Holton) Bailee Bellew (Holton) and Addison Messer (Holton).

Third Grade

- First place: Josie Hickman, Royal Valley.
- Second place: MaKalynn Holt, Royal Valley.
- Honorable mention: Corbin Latham (Jackson Heights), Cooper Slocum (Royal Valley), Tammalyn Criqui (Royal Valley), Dani Peters (Holton) and Khloe Kennedy (Holton).

Fourth Grade

- First place: Ciara Blanton, Holton.
- Second place: Boston Robertson, Holton.
- Honorable mention: Scarlet Ireland (Holton), Joslynn Hundley (Holton), Julia Callahan (Holton), Cally Stephens (Royal Valley) and Alyssa Thompson (Royal Valley).

Fifth Grade

- First place: Grant Warner, Holton.
- Second place: Lilly Stous, Holton.
- Honorable mention: Zoe Schuetz (Holton), Landon Sawyer (Holton), Sophia Arredondo (Holton), Kinsley Ingels (Holton) and Julieann Bontrager (Holton).

Speech Winner

Murnahan wins local contest

Madeline Murnahan (shown at right) is the winner of the Jackson County Conservation District's local high school speech contest. The topic was "Life In The Soil: Dig Deeper."

Madeline is a sophomore at Holton High School and is the daughter of Mark and Peggy Murnahan. Her FFA instructor is Jason Larison.

Murnahan's speech is printed below.



"Life In The Soil: Dig Deeper"

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves." How true that is. You see, soil is not just the dirt beneath your fingernails; it is what grows everything from the food we eat to the clothes we wear. We depend on it. It is therefore absolutely imperative that we keep our soil healthy today to ensure ourselves a healthy tomorrow.

But how do we do it? To find out, let's dig deep into three of the most important parts of keeping soil healthy: maintaining the internal nutrition of the soil to give plants their best start, properly irrigating to keep the crops growing and preventing harmful pollution from damaging our soil.

First, let's talk about food for the earth. Just like people, soil needs nutrients, and while it may not have the ability to eat, the health of a crop is dependent on what it can pull up from its roots. Now, soil often gains its nutrients from the organic matter within it, from the smallest microorganisms to the largest decomposing plants. The problem comes when this relationship between soil and all the organisms within it is literally swept away in a process called erosion.

Erosion is when the topsoil is removed due to causes such as wind or rain. Okay, so some soil moved... is it really that devastating? Actually, yes. According to the National Resources Conservation Service, "The productivity of some lands has declined by 50 percent due to soil erosion and desertification." This massive decrease in yield is detrimental to food supply, farmers and the economy.

So, how do we solve this problem to keep our high quality soils? The best thing you can do for your soil is to cover it up. According to the National Resources Conservation Service, "Over time, a cover crop regimen will increase soil organic matter, leading to improvements in soil structure, stability and increased moisture and nutrient holding capacity for plant growth. These properties will reduce runoff through improved infiltration (movement of water through the soil surface) and percolation (movement of water through the soil profile)."

This means there are roots to hold down crucial nutrients within the soil that improve crop growth to give us our best possible

yield.

So now we know how soil "eats," let's find out how it drinks. Like all ecosystems, soil requires water to support life. The question is, how much water? With the rise in population and our dependence on crop irrigation, there rises the issue of how much water our planet can afford to use at one time.

According to The World Bank, "Irrigated agriculture... contributes 40 percent of the total food produced worldwide" and "it is estimated that agricultural production will need to expand by approximately 70 percent by 2050."

Not only is water use currently unsustainable, but overusing water in systems such as spray irrigation can lead to more soil erosion. Something must be done to decrease the amount of water going into the soil, but what?

Our best bet is placed in drip irrigation. According to the United States Geological Survey Agency, drip irrigation is a form of spray irrigation using a lower water pressure; this allows about 35 percent more water to reach the soil before evaporating or being blown away by wind. Not only does it save on water, but in the soil, drip irrigation can improve crop yields 30 to 200 percent, according to Global Opportunities Explorer. Therefore, the proper irrigation really can make a big difference on how effective our soil is in maintaining

life, without breaking the bank.

Now that we know a bit more about the nutrients and water we want in our soil, let's discuss what we must keep out. Pollution due to chemicals like pesticides is a very real problem when it comes to the nourishment of our soil. According to volume 19 of Sustainable Agriculture Reviews by Eric Lichfouse, long-term pesticide use can "lead to a shift in the population dynamics of soil microflora along with the direct effects of fertilizers and pesticides such as toxicity and altered substrate availability profile of the soil."

In other words, healthy microorganisms and nutrients within the soil which enrich plant life are destroyed.

However, harmful insects can still limit crop yields, so simply removing pesticides from the equation is not a healthy option. Fortunately, there are many effective yet soil-healthy options to control pests other ways; the Pesticide Control Program suggests practices such as crop rotation.

Many insect pests lay their eggs in the soil near the kind of plant they must feed on, and so through crop rotation, when those eggs hatch, a new crop will have been planted, and the young insects are left without nourishment. This is at no cost to the farmer, sufficiently reduces pest populations and is even helpful in preventing nutrient exhaustion of the soil.

Plainly put, there are much healthier ways that we can revise our way of farming with better interest to the soil.

It turns out that Gandhi knew what he was talking about. Soil is the base of our planet, and it provides the nourishment through produce that keeps us going from day to day. The future of soil health depends on our farmers as well as the education of policy makers and the general public to be reengaged in the health of the earth.

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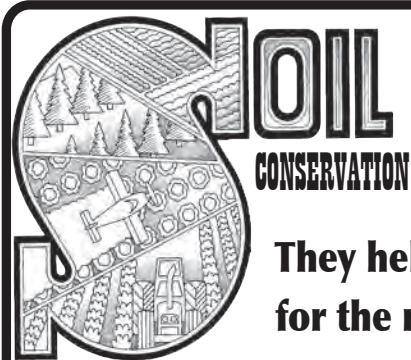
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Kansas Bankers Award



Linda and Greg Maxwell (shown above) are this year's Kansas Bankers Award winners. The couple's farm is near Whiting.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Maxwells continuing work started by previous generation

By Ali Holcomb

Greg and Linda Maxwell are quick to deflect any praise as the recipients of the Kansas Bankers Award from the Jackson County Conservation District.

"My mom and dad were very hardworking people, and we're very proud to win the Kansas Bankers Award," Greg said. "I think this award was a generation late. Mom and dad never got the award. They bought an old, worn-out 160 acres and made it into a productive farm."

The couple's efforts to maintain and improve upon the conservation practices of Greg's parents, Howard and Bernadine, on the family farm are being honored this year by the conservation district.

Greg's parents originally purchased the farm, just south of Whiting, in 1949.

"Dad got back from World War II in 1942 and he owned the Whiting garage until he traded the garage for the home place," Greg said. "We think it was a straight across trade."

Greg said his parents implemented the original conservation plan with the help of the Soil Conservation Service (now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service) in the 1950s and 1960s.

"It was a lot of gradient terraces leading to the waterways," Greg said. "They followed the plan to a T."

The Maxwells now own 240 acres, including 20 acres of cropland. They also operate a small cow-calf opera-

tion.

"The farm is typical glacial till. There's sand deposits out there called sugar sand," he said. "When water finds that sand, it goes from a wash to a canyon."

Since the late 1990s, Greg said the couple has been in "maintenance and repair mode" with the original conservation practices in place.

"Everything has dropped because everything gets deeper over time," he said. "We're finding the best ways to handle the run-off is with tubes. We've closed in an old waterway and switched to a tile terrace system. We're also trying to implement better grazing practices. We've got a lot of work to do."

In order to fix the drainage issues, the couple have installed four large grade stabilization structures with tubes. One of the structures, designed by Brad McAllister, NRCS soil conservation technician, is "pretty unique."

"It's got an upper level to it so the water goes through a tube to the lower level and then goes through the next diversion to the third level," Greg said. "So it's just like a stair step dropping the water."

Greg said the couple applies for cost-share funds in order to complete some of the conservation projects on

the farm.

The family has also implemented good grass management practices, such as using clover and legumes as cover crops.

"We use fertilizer that has Grazon in it. I'm sold on that," he said. "That's good grass."

For their cropland, the Maxwells use tile terraces.

"They are nice for farming, but they are pretty big and hold water," he said. "But it catches the nutrients so they don't go down stream."

Greg said there are several conservation projects planned in the near future.

"It's continuous maintenance," he said. "Mother Nature – she never stops."

The couple has three children, Tate, who lives down the road and has cattle that graze in some of the Maxwells' pasture; Megan, who lives in Manhattan; and Shannon, who lives in Colorado. The Maxwells also have six grandchildren.

"I just look back on my mom and dad's generation and I think about all the successful, thriving farms in this area now," Greg said. "A lot of it was started with that generation. It was work back then. Nothing was easy. They say it was the greatest generation."

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Dawson Patterson (shown above) was named the winner of the second-grade division of the Jackson County Conservation District's annual poster contest. Patterson is the daughter of Casey and Kisha Patterson. She attends Holton Elementary School, where her teacher is Amanda Kennedy.

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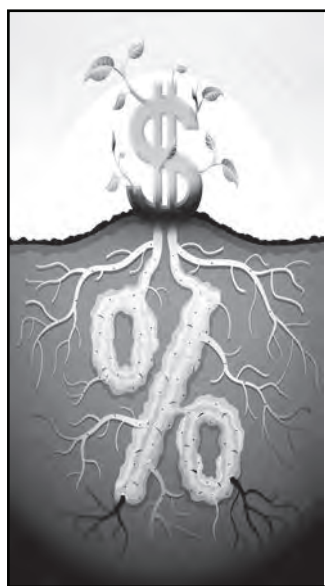


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Utz family honored for work

By Ali Holcomb

For the Kenny and Charlotte Utz family, soil conservation practices, such as no-till farming, tile terracing and building and maintaining ponds and fences, are worth the effort.

"It costs a little bit to do it when you do it, but in the end, you'll be glad that you did," Kenny said. "It'll pay for itself."

The Utz family, which also includes the couple's son, Aaron, and his family, are the recipients of the Outstanding Conservationist Award from the Jackson County Conservation District.

"I don't think we've done anything that anybody else wouldn't have done," Kenny said. "It's what farmers do."

For more than 50 years, the family have operated a farm, which includes a cow-calf operation and cropland, east of Holton.

"We also have 80 acres of prairie that haven't been turned," Charlotte said.

Aaron and his wife, Cody, as well as their kids, Grace, Isaac and Preston, are also very involved in the operation. The kids are the sixth generation to work on the family farm.

"They help us, and we work together," Charlotte said. "That's what families do."

The family's land has provided some unique challenges through the years.

"Quite a bit of our farmland is in the bottom on Elk Creek in the Delaware Watershed. It's not all terraced," Kenny said.

Kenny said the first conservation practices the family implemented on the land were fences.

"People might not consider them conservation work, but we bought old pastures that needed to be redone and so we



Charlotte and Kenny Utz (shown above) and their family have made many improvements to their acreage in Jackson County, which has earned them this year's Outstanding Conservationist Award.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

put up fences," he said. "We've rebuilt ponds and built new ones and tried to keep them cleaner than when we started."

Keeping the pastures clean has also been ongoing work as they've battled brush, cedar trees, locusts, noxious weeds and "everything else."

"We owned it, and we took care of it," Charlotte said. "Improving it was our main project, and I feel like we have."

The family also sprays their pastures every year to combat the weeds.

"We've gotten a lot better stand of grass than we had when we started. Part of it is from fertilizing it and part is spraying," Kenny said.

The Utzes rotate between corn and beans on their cropland and are on a fertilizer program to help the land be more productive.

"We didn't use to put phosphate and potash on 20 years ago like we do now. Nitrogen was our main fertilizer, and anymore it seems like we put on phosphate, potash, boron and zinc and a lot of things we never even thought about 20 years ago," Kenny said. "I think it has improved the crops too by doing it. There's a lot of things that have changed."

The family has also practiced no-till farming through the years.

"No-till has saved a lot of dirt and saved a lot of hills," he said. "In the bottom, we work ground two inches deep or so because it stays wet and cold in the spring. It used to be you would rip it as deep as you could pull it. We don't do that anymore. I don't know what we'll be doing in 10 years, but I'm sure it'll be better."

Kenny said he's noticed oth-

er trends in farming in recent years.

"Everyone has gone to tile terraces instead of waterways. They are a lot better," he said. "There's also a lot of people using cover crops, and they seem to be happy with them. We haven't used them a lot, but we farm it different than the next guy does. What works for one doesn't work for everybody."

Kenny and Charlotte have three children, Robin, Bill and Aaron; nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a yellow lab.

The Utzes are longtime members of Larkinsburg Christian Church, and Kenny has served on the Delaware Watershed Board and an area cemetery board. Charlotte was previously honored by the Farm Bureau as Woman of the Year.

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Soil Health Award

Hills see the value of cover crops

By Ali Holcomb
Improving their farmland is a family tradition for Henry and Tracy Hill – one that they don't plan to stop anytime soon.

And one way the couple is keeping that tradition alive is through the use of cover crops on their farm northeast of Holton.

"We're learning more about the microbial activity of the soil, and keeping the microbes alive," Henry said. "We're trying to keep something growing in the ground as many days of the year as we can."

For their efforts, the family is receiving the Soil Health Award from the Jackson County Conservation District.

Henry farms the same land where he grew up thanks to the work completed by his parents, William and Sophie Hill, who received multiple conservation awards. Some of the land has been in the family for more than a century.

"Dad started no-till farming in the early 1970s using Buffalo no-till planters," Henry said. "We kept the no-till practice all my life so he instilled that in me. He also added terraces and waterways and then tile terraces after they came along."

The farmstead was originally purchased by Henry's grandfather in the 1800s.

"We've added to it through the years and purchased more land from other family members," Henry said.

The family runs a cow-calf operation, which "ties in real well with our row crop."

"We like to graze as many days as we can in order to save on hay," Henry said. "We put up a lot less hay than we used to when we started."

The Hills have two children, William and Christa, who are also active on the farm.

"We do everything together. Tracy does the bookwork for the farm," Henry said. "We try to do most everything ourselves."

While the Hills mainly plant corn and soybeans, they said they've learned the value of diversifying their crops.

"We've always rotated our crops. I like to throw some wheat in there every year. Sometimes with sunflower behind them," Henry said. "We like doing that to keep up the

microbes as part of the soil health. We've started planting more rye and mixed species with legumes after fall."

Henry said he began experimenting with different cover crops while he served on the Conservation District Board of Supervisors for 21 years.

"We started out doing cover crops as test plots for the soil conservation district. When I was on the board, we always needed a place to put test plots so we volunteered to do that," Henry said. "We learned a lot from that. We planted different species so people could see what they looked like."

Henry said the biggest benefit from the cover crops has been a better soil infiltration rate.

"Getting the microbes working in there and getting the water to go down and not run off is a huge benefit," he said. "There's a lot that we can still do, but I think it improves next year's crop tremendously when you keep improving the infiltration rate."

Henry has also attended a Soil Health Academy hosted by Shane New of Holton.

"I tried to take those things home and put them to use on the farm to see what works and what doesn't," he said.

Henry said the family is mindful on how they farm their land in order to help preserve the soil.

"We try to plant on the contours with the terraces as much as possible," he said. "We try to farm with the side of the hill, instead of up and down it."

Whenever it's available, Henry said they've sought cost-share programs at the state and federal levels to complete conservation work.

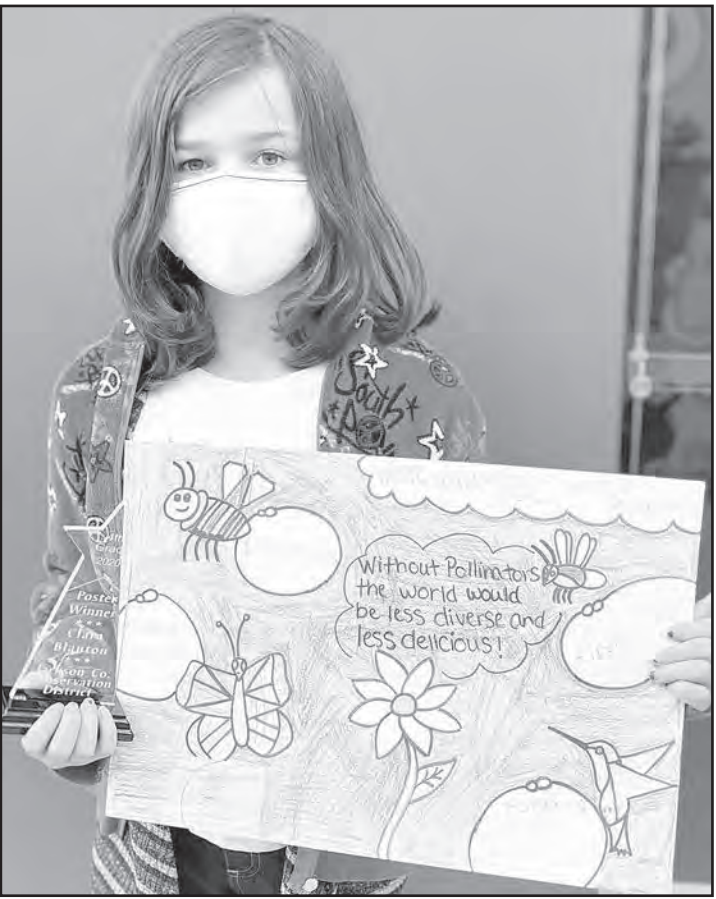
"It helps put part of the money back into your pocket to pay for some of the expenses," he said. "It's not cheap, but you're doing it to keep the topsoil in the ground and hopefully the next generation has some left. Dad just instilled it in us, and we kept doing it."

The Hills have both previously served on a variety of area boards, including the Jackson Farmers Co-op Board, the Jackson County Livestock Association Board, the Jackson County Fair Board and the Jackson County Farm Bureau Board.



Henry and Tracy Hill (shown above) have earned the Soil Health Award this year for their use of cover crops on their family's land northeast of Holton.

Photo by Ali Holcomb



The winner of the fourth-grade division of the Jackson County Conservation District's annual poster contest is Ciara Blanton (shown above). Blanton is the daughter of Heidi Meister. She attends Holton Elementary School, and her teacher is Dalton Beightel.

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Grassland Award



Roberta and David Spencer (shown above) manage grassland west of Circleville, and their efforts to maintain that grassland has earned them this year's Grassland Award from the Jackson County Conservation District.

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Conservation work an ongoing process for Spencer family

By Ali Holcomb

David and Roberta Spencer of Circleville understand that, when it comes to conservation practices, you never stop learning.

"We've made a lot of mistakes through the years, and we still have a lot to learn," Roberta said. "You're never too old to change, but you may have to break some habits."

The couple's efforts to not just maintain – but to improve – the grassland on their property just west of Circleville have earned them the Grassland Award from the Jackson County Conservation District.

David's grandfather originally purchased the century farm in 1918, and the Spencers' grandchildren are the fifth generation to work the farm, which includes cattle and grassland.

The Spencers have three children, Tim, Doug and Andrea, and nine grandchildren.

"They are a big part of helping us on the farm, especially when we're burning the pastures or working the cattle," Roberta said.

David has worked at Denison State Bank for 30 years, and prior to that, he worked at the former Kansas State Bank in Holton for 16 and a half years.

Roberta retired in 2018 after serving as the district manager of the Jackson County Conservation District for more than 30 years.

"The majority of our pastures are cool-season grasses and part of that we hay," Roberta said. "We've switched some of the cool-season to native grass to help with fertilizer costs. Last spring, we had a bottomland field converted to endophyte-free fescue."

The couple began rotational grazing practices on their farm in 1996.

"Through the years, we've instituted a cell grazing type system that helps as the cattle moves through each of the paddocks," Roberta said.

The Spencers also use electric fences to divide up their pastures into sections.

"It gives us flexibility," David said. "Depending on how the weather is and how many head we have, we can put a fence up or we can pull a fence down. We can really manage it to the conditions of that year."

The rotational grazing system has allowed the Spencer's grasses a chance to reestablish.

"They're like a person, they need rest," Roberta said. "What I've seen is healthier, bigger grass, and we're able to put more animal units in those paddocks."

They also take the time to measure their grass to know how much is available to their cattle.

"We often use a grazing stick and develop a chart that roughly says how long those cattle should stay in those paddocks," Roberta said. "The rule of thumb has always been you take half and you leave half. Most people don't know what half is, so we've implemented exclusion cages to help us measure it. We want to make sure that the grass is cared for."

The Spencers also use soil tests and work with the Meadowlark Extension District to determine how much fertilizer is needed on their hay ground.

"We also do forage sampling to help determine the amount of protein that is in our hay to see how much we need to supplement," she said.

The ponds on their farm don't hold water well so the couple had pipelines installed in the pastures over several years.

"We couldn't do any cell grazing until we had adequate water. So a lot of our land has pipelines in it that have a water facility that cattle, in their paddocks, can access and don't have to travel long distances," she said.

While the Spencers have used contractors to complete some of the bigger projects on their land, they also enlist the help of their family.

"When the kids come home, they kind of expect that they are going to be out doing some work while they are there and they enjoy that," David said.

When they can, David and Roberta said they have sought cost-share funds through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Delaware WRAPS for the water projects.

They've also opened up their property to grazing schools, training groups and other farmers.

"I think people can learn as much from our successes as they can from our mistakes, and believe me, we've made a lot of mistakes through the years," Roberta said. "But hopefully, through them, we've corrected them. We still have a lot more to learn."

They both agreed that conservation work is "never ending" but worth the time in order to pass the land onto their children and grandchildren.

"We often sit at the kitchen table and discuss how can we improve. What are some ways we can adapt? What are better ways of having more forage?"

Understanding soil compaction

By Steven Graber, Resource Soil Scientist Dodge City, Kan.

Soil compaction occurs on nearly every farm in the United States, with the results of compaction evident in crop growth. Recent research has shown that organic matter on the surface and within the soil is an important factor in reducing soil compaction. Low soil organic matter levels have been shown to make the soil more susceptible to soil compaction.

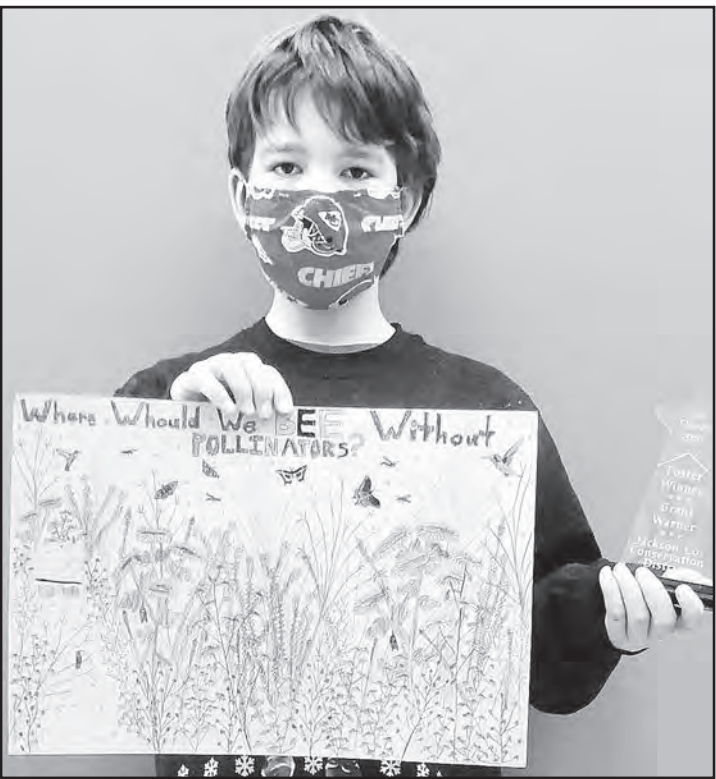
Organic residues on the soil surface are able to cushion the effects of soil compaction. Organic matter is able to be compressed but retain its shape and structure even after the traffic has passed over it. This is unlike mineral soil aggregates which tend to compress under the pressure of traffic.

Excessive traffic or tillage will break up organic matter and accelerate its decomposition. Organic residues in the soil profile may be even more important than residues on the surface. This is because organic matter attaches to soil particles and helps to keep the particles from compacting, maintaining soil tilth.

Soil compaction has a biological component and research has shown that a root cause of soil compaction is a lack of actively growing plants and active roots in the soil. Plant roots create voids and macro pores in the soil for air and water movement. Plant roots also provide the food source for soil microbes and fauna. Finally, organic matter is lighter and less dense, and when mixed with mineral soil material, it helps to reduce the density of the mineral soil material.

Compacted soil is not easy to alleviate. Although subsoiling or chiseling can alleviate compaction immediately, the second pass by a single vehicle or implement may nullify the effort.

Reducing tillage, controlling traffic, planting deep rooted cover crops and increasing organic matter will all benefit the soil, improve soil quality and increase crop production.



Grant Warner (shown above) is the winner of the fifth-grade division of the Jackson County Conservation District's annual poster contest. Warner is the son of Tyler and Liza Warner. He attends Holton Elementary, and his teacher is Cari Andrews.

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Wildlife Habitat Award

James honored for establishing wildlife habitat on his land near Circleville

By Ali Holcomb
Ivan James will be the first to tell that his land south of Circleville is a “work in progress,” but it’s a process that he loves.

“I think about it all the time and what I’m going to do each year on the land,” said James, who has earned the Wildlife Award as part of the 73rd annual Jackson County Conservation District meeting, which is not being held in person this year.

A native of Mayetta, James now resides near Monument, Colo., and faithfully returns to Jackson County when he can to work on his 117 acres located a mile south of Circleville and borders J Road.

James is no stranger to habitat work as he was given the freedom at a young age to establish a habitat on his family’s farm east of Mayetta.

James graduated from Mayetta High School in 1959 and followed with a degree in civil engineering and a master’s degree in water resources engineering. He spent his career working for the United States Geological Survey.

Six years ago, after owning some timber in New Hampshire for 29 years, James sold the property and purchased the land in Circleville.

“Being an old farm kid, I like to be out and about playing around with things,” he said.

James has been involved in several conservation programs, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Monarch butterfly habitat program.

Three years ago, he completed timber stand improvements on a little more than eight acres of his property.

“It’s mostly hickory oak timber, and the hickories are kind of immature and had grown a little too thick,” he said. “I hired contractors to thin them out.”

The following year, he thinned out another four acres on a different section of the farm.

“With the timber stand improvement, it left more brush in the timber for bedding cover for deer, as well as more sunlight to the forest floor for growth for deer to eat,” he said.

Last year, James said he placed 10.7 acres into a Monarch butterfly habitat program.

“The mix we planted has about 23 wildflowers in it and five or six prairie grasses,” he said. “It’s going to look horrible the first couple of years. It looks like a weed patch right now.”

James has also planted an estimated 50 apple trees in recent years.

“I’ve always had a love of apples, especially the old antique varieties,” he said. “I have this vision of sitting under an apple tree reading a book.”

He’s also added American persimmon trees and thickets of American plums.

“They are highly utilized by quail for escape cover because the branches are thick enough that hawks can’t fly in,” he said of the plums.

He also recently planted 25 Redbud trees on the land.

“They are just pretty in the spring,” he said.

James said he is already seeing the difference the work and new plants have made in regards to wildlife.

“When I first bought the place, I hardly ever saw a rabbit, and I’m starting to see a better rabbit population now,” he said. “We also see quail, deer and turkey.”

James said he also put in some small food plots of radishes, turnips and sugar beets to supply food for the deer when frost hits.

His plans for 2021 include planting hazelnut trees on the property.

“You don’t see them anymore,” he said. “They grow in a shrubby habitat and should provide quail cover as well. And the nuts themselves will be utilized by turkeys, deer and squirrels.”

Although COVID-19 slowed down his trips to Kansas this past year, James says he likes to return to work the land and connect with some of the people he played basketball with in high school.

He and his wife, Sara, have two sons, Scott and Michael, and three grandsons. Sara’s father, David Coleman, served as the president of Denison State Bank for many years.



Mayetta native Ivan James of Colorado (shown in the top photo at right) has earned the Wildlife Award this year for continued improvements on his land in Jackson County south of Circleville. James is shown with his wife, Sara.

Submitted photo



Aliviah Stithem (shown above) is the winner of the first-grade division of the Jackson County Conservation District’s annual poster contest. Stithem is the daughter of Doug and Brittney Stithem. She attends Royal Valley Elementary School, where her teacher is Tory Kanicki.

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USDA extends sign-up for Conservation Reserve Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up period, which had previously been announced as ending on Feb. 12. USDA will continue to accept offers as it takes this opportunity for the incoming administration to evaluate ways to increase enrollment.

Under the previous administration, incentives and rental payment rates were reduced resulting in an enrollment shortfall of more than four million acres. The program, administered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), provides annual rental payments for 10 to 15 years for land devoted to conservation purposes, as well as other types of payments.

Before the general CRP sign-up period ends, producers will have the opportunity to adjust or resubmit their offers to take advantage of planned improvements to the program.

"The Conservation Reserve Program provides a tremendous opportunity to address climate change both by retiring marginal cropland and by restoring grasslands, wetlands and forests," said Robert Bonnie, deputy chief of staff, Office of the Secretary. "CRP has a 35-year track record of success beyond just climate benefits, by providing income to producers, improving water quality, reducing erosion and

supporting wildlife habitat and the hunting and fishing opportunities that go along with it. By extending this signup period, we'll have time to evaluate and implement changes to get this neglected program back on track."

As one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the United States, CRP provides both economic and conservation benefits by taking land out of agricultural production. Program successes include:

- * Sequestering in soils and plants more than 12 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), or about the same amount that the entire state of Delaware emits annually.

- * Preventing more than two billion tons of soil from being blown away by wind erosion over the life of currently enrolled acres.

- * Reducing phosphorus reaching streams by almost 85 million pounds, nitrogen by nearly 450 million pounds and sediment by more than 160 million tons in 2020 alone.

- * Creating more than 2.3 million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 177,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times.

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vide forage for pollinators.

- * Increasing populations of ducks and other game birds, prairie chickens and such grassland songbirds as Baird's Sparrow. CRP in the Northern Great Plains supports an estimated 8.6 percent of the grassland bird population.

- * Increasing habitat that supports economic opportunities, such as job creation, related to hunting and fishing activities.

This signup for CRP gives producers an opportunity to enroll land for the first time or re-enroll land under existing contracts that will be expiring Sept. 30, 2021. All interested producers, including those on Native American reservations and with trust lands, are en-

couraged to contact their local USDA Service Center for more information.

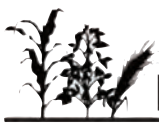
All USDA service centers are open for business, including those that restrict in-person visits or require appointments. All service center visitors wishing to conduct business with FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service or any other service center agency should call ahead and schedule an appointment.

Service centers that are open for appointments will pre-screen visitors based on health concerns or recent travel, and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Visitors are also required to wear a face covering during their appointment.



Josie Hickman (shown above) was named the winner of the Jackson County Conservation District's annual poster contest in the third-grade division. Hickman is the daughter of Katie Davis and Curtis Hickman. She attends Royal Valley Elementary School, and her teacher is Elizabeth VanHoutan.

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Cover crops provide many benefits

More than 90 percent of farmers participating in a national cover crop survey reported that cover crops allowed them to plant earlier or at the same time as non-cover-cropped fields in 2019, it was reported.

Among those who had “planted green,” seeding cash crops into growing cover crops, 54 percent said the practice helped them plant earlier than on other fields.

Those findings were among several new insights from the 2019-2020 National Cover Crop Survey, conducted by the nonprofit Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC), with financial support from the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program and the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA).

These organizations have worked together on several past national cover crop surveys, with the first survey dating back to the 2012 crop year.

The 2019-2020 survey, which included perspectives from 1,172 farmers representing every state, was the first by SARE, CTIC and ASTA to include detailed

exploration of planting green – a tactic employed by 52 percent of the respondents – as well as crop insurance use among cover croppers and the impact of cover crops on the profitability of horticultural operations.

Many U.S. farmers have turned to cover crops as part of their strategy to improve soil health while reducing input costs and maintaining yields, said Mike Smith, who managed the national survey.

Survey participants averaged 465 acres in cover crops in 2019, an increase of 38 percent in four years. The USDA Census of Agriculture found a 50 percent increase in cover crop acreage over the five-year period between 2012 and 2017.

“Farmers are using cover crops for a variety of reasons and many have tried new approaches to cover cropping,” Smith said. “This year’s survey also indicated that some concerns many growers had about the effects of cover crops on planting dates in a wet year did not happen – in fact, in many cases, cover crops helped farmers plant earlier in the very wet spring of 2019.”

According to Rob Myers,

regional director of Extension programs for North Central SARE, “many farmers are finding that cover crops improve the resiliency of their soil, and the longer they use cover crops, the greater the yield increases and cost savings reported by producers.”

Among the 1,172 farmers who provided responses in the 2019-2020 National Cover Crop Survey, 81 percent were commodity producers (corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton, etc.) and 19 percent categorized themselves as horticultural producers.

YIELDS

The previous five national cover crop surveys sponsored by SARE, CTIC and ASTA have all reported yield boosts from cover crops, most notably in the drought year of 2012 when soybean yields were 11.6 percent improved following cover crops and corn yields were 9.6 percent better.

In 2019, when wet early conditions prevailed across much of the corn and soybean regions, yield gains were more modest but still statistically significant. Following the use of cover crops, soybean yields improved five percent and corn yields increased two percent on average, while spring wheat yields improved 2.6 percent.

SAVING ON FARMING COSTS

Many farmers reported economic benefits from cover crops beyond just yield improvements. Of farmers growing corn, soybeans, spring wheat or cotton, the following number had savings on production costs with

fertilizers or herbicides:

Soybeans – 41 percent saved on herbicide costs and 41 percent on fertilizer costs.

Corn – 39 percent saved on herbicide costs and 49 percent on fertilizer costs.

Spring wheat – 32 percent saved on herbicide costs and 43 percent on fertilizer costs.

While cover crop seed purchase and planting do represent an extra cost for farmers, it was notable that most producers are finding ways to economize on cover crop seed costs.

Whereas earlier surveys from 2012 and 2013 reported on a median cover crop seed cost of \$25 per acre, most farmers reported paying less in 2019.

Of the responding farmers, 16 percent were paying only \$6 to \$10 per acre for cover crop seed, 27 percent were paying \$11 to \$15 per acre, 20 percent were paying \$16 to \$20 per acre and 14 percent were paying \$21 to \$25 per acre. Only about one-fourth were paying \$26 or more per acre.

PLANTING GREEN

Planting green refers to planting a cash crop like corn, soybeans or cotton into a still-living cover crop, then terminating it soon after with herbicides, a roller-crimper or other methods. In this year’s survey, 52 percent of farmers planted green into cover crops on at least some of their fields.

Of the farmers planting green, 71 percent reported better weed control and 68 percent reported better soil moisture management, particularly valuable in a wet spring.

Some area counties honoring conservationists

By Brian Sanders

Conservation districts in some counties that border Jackson County will not be holding their annual Kansas Bankers Association Award ceremonies or honoring farmers in their counties for their soil conservation and related practices due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been reported.

But in Atchison, Jefferson and Shawnee counties, farmers, ranchers and landowners are being honored this year for their efforts, as protecting land resources from erosion remains an essential part of agriculture, even in the midst of a pandemic.

In Atchison County, Don and Dorothy Ellerman of rural Nortonville and Tony and Judy Jackson of rural Lancaster are being honored with Bankers Awards for their soil conservation efforts, according to Atchison County Conservation District manager Tiffany Hoffman.

Megan Green, Jefferson County Conservation District manager, reported that the Jim Lawrence

family is being honored with a soil conservation award, while the Michael Mueller family is being honored for wildlife and habitat work in that county.

And in Shawnee County, conservation district manager Chalee Braun noted that soil conservation awards have been given to Gene “Pete” Allen, Topeka; Ben and Carol Marple and David Drimmel of Hedgetree Farms, Wakarusa; and Jerre and Faye Howbert of Lazy J Farms, Tecumseh. Bill and Kathy Hogue of Mission Valley Ranch, Topeka, were also honored with a grassland award.

Dana Schmelzle of the Nemaha County Conservation District, Niki Tollefson of the Brown County Conservation District and Marlene Schmidt of the Pottawatomie County Conservation District said their respective districts would not be participating in Bankers Awards this year due to the pandemic.

“It is our hope that next year is better and we can all resume our normal activities,” Tollefson said.



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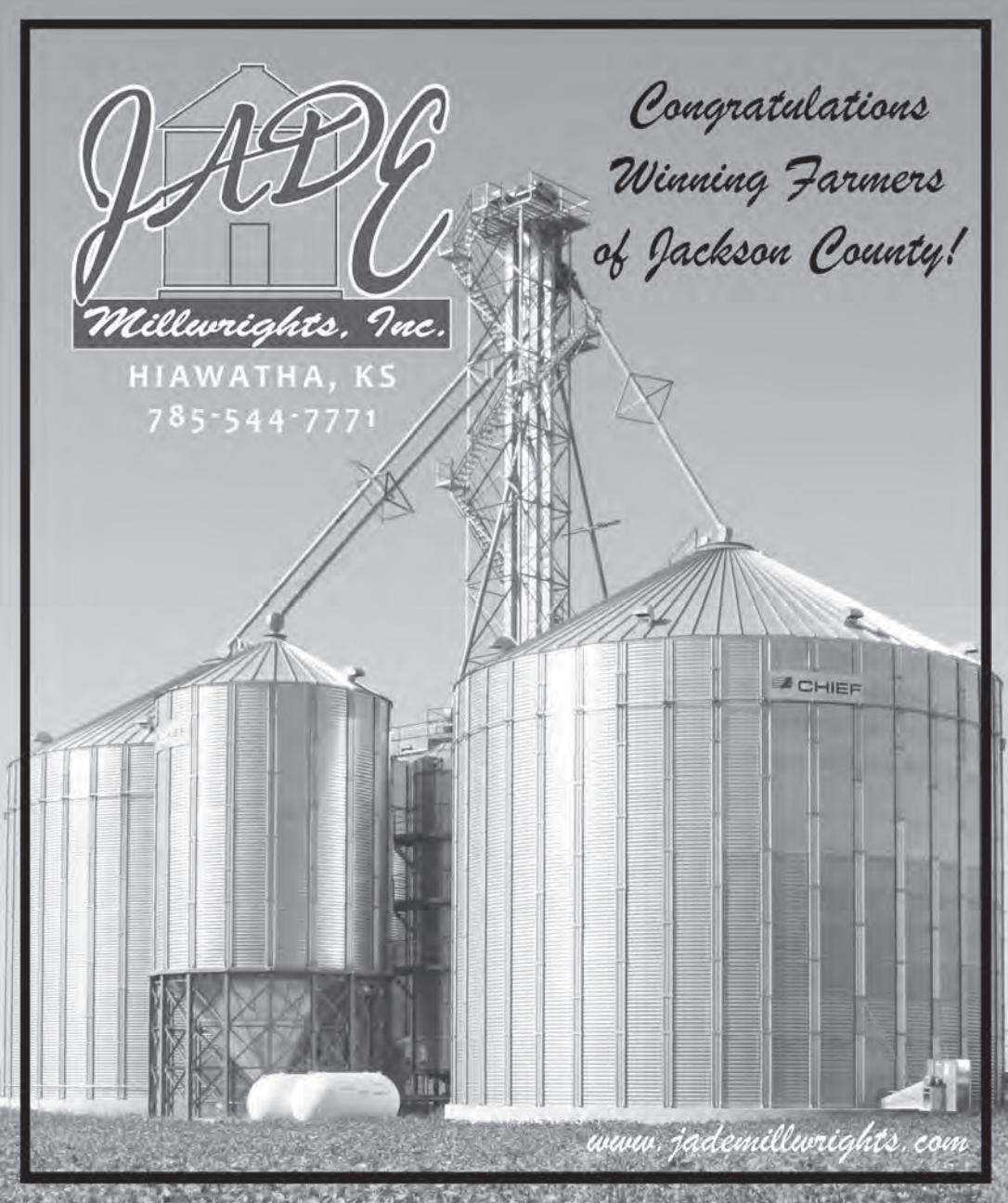
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State of Kansas vs. Tyrone J. Rose, Hiawatha, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. D'Marco D. Smith, Topeka, possession of marijuana; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Alfredo Velasquez-Flores, Topeka, unlawful use of a driver's license; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$500 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jolene R. Wabaunsee, Holton, possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jolene R. Wabaunsee, Holton, theft; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months

probation and assessed court costs.

Filed
State of Kansas vs. John M. Crader, Hoyt, battery on a law enforcement officer, domestic battery, criminal restraint, criminal damage to property, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty.

State of Kansas vs. Randy L. Hyatt Jr., Holton, domestic battery, assault.

State of Kansas vs. Cody W. Gaston, Holton, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Jillian C. Dickerson, Kansas City, Mo., interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty.

State of Kansas vs. Jillian C. Dickerson, Kansas City, Mo., traffic in contraband in a correctional institution or care and treatment facility, possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Carl L. Farley, Soldier, battery.

State of Kansas vs. Clifford R. Lepak, Wakefield, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Gayle R. Glenn, Liberal, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Ty J. Shop-teese, Holton, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, disorderly conduct, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol liquor/cereal malt beverage.

State of Kansas vs. Michael L. Hall, Mauriceville, Texas, possession of marijuana, transportation of liquor in an open container, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.

State of Kansas vs. Jessie L. Bascle, Manchester, Tenn., fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding.

State of Kansas vs. Jeremy Volle, Holton, traffic in contraband in a correctional institution or care and treatment facility.

State of Kansas vs. Tisa J. Kelly, Houston, Texas, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, transportation of liquor in an open container.

State of Kansas vs. Elaina M. Powell, Soldier, aggravated battery.

Limited Civil

Filed
American Express National Bank vs. Cody Gibson, seeking judgment of \$11,618.37 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Sarah Benedict and Duncan Benedict, seek-

ing judgment of \$721.75 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Lacy Welborn and Erik Welborn, seeking judgment of \$5,320.58 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Randall W. Amon, seeking judgment of \$3,096.96 plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Funding L.L.C. vs. Jennifer McMahon, seeking judgment of \$1,833.03 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Joel M. Fox and Jodi Fox, seeking judgment of \$9,090.72 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Marlin R. Gier and Christine L. Gier, seeking judgment of \$2,640.50 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Lavonda M. Shuler, seeking judgment of \$2,222.41 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Frankie L. Bowen and Edwin A. Bowen, seeking judgment of \$2,499.55 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. William L. Wilson, seeking judgment of \$587.90 plus interest and court costs.

Olathe Medical Center Inc. vs. Nicholas M. Kauffman, seeking judgment of \$1,330.82 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic

Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of Ashley S. Ballard and Joseph F. Ballard Jr., sought divorce; granted.

Marriage

Licenses

Luis M. Zarco Aguilar, 24, Kansas City, Mo.

Jovanna J. Saldivar, 18, Kansas City, Mo.

Cody W. Gaston, 35, Morrill Malinda F. Lovell, 37, Holton

Santana M. Acuna, 48, Moreno Valley, Calif.

Lisa M. Moreno, 49, Moreno Valley, Calif.

Elijahone B. Chartier, 31, Kansas City, Mo.

Maria J. Cardona Giraldo, 26, Kansas City, Mo.

Holton

Municipal Court

The following Holton Municipal Court dispositions cover the

period between Dec. 1, 2020, and Jan. 31, 2021, and include \$65 in municipal court costs.

Meghann R. Eisermann, Netawaka, dog running at large, no dog tags, \$95.

Jose M. Espinoza, Omaha, Neb., no driver's license on person, \$95.

Daniel Fulkerson, Holton, environmental code/unlawful acts, \$65.

Juan M. Gonzalez, Omaha, Neb., speeding (21 mph over limit), \$164.

Jacqueline A. Johnson, Topeka, speeding (15 mph over limit), \$95.

Jerri L. Larson, Council Bluffs, Iowa, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$80.

Jeff K. Mitei, Toledo, Ohio, speeding (more than 30 mph over limit), \$160.

Kristopher R. Moore, McFarland, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.

Caitlyn M. Morrissey, Netawaka, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.

Tristan R. Panzer, Addison, Ill., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$80.

Ricky D. Peterson, Papillion, Neb., speed greater than reasonable, \$80.

Kevin E. Portillo, Sioux City, Iowa, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.

Jayson S. Rimer, Papillion, Neb., speeding (15 mph over limit), \$95.

Brynn A. Sharp, Kearney, Neb., speeding (10 mph over limit), \$80.

William S. Spradling, Manhattan, failure to stop at signal or sign, \$95.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR NEMAHA-BROWN WATERSHED #7

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Public Notice

(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021.)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION

TO ALL THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MAYETTA, KANSAS:

Notice is hereby given by the Governing Body of the City of Mayetta and the County Election Officer of Jackson County, Kansas, that there will be a special question election in the City of Mayetta on the 9th day of March, 2021, for the purpose of voting on the question of levying a city retailers' tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.5%) on retail sales consummated within the City of Mayetta, Kansas, for general governmental purposes as may be in the best interest of the City, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto. If approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such tax will take effect on the 1st day of April, 2021, and shall be collected by the State Department of Revenue, and the revenue therefrom returned to the City of Mayetta.

Notice is further given that the polls will be opened for voting between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on said date at the following place: Mayetta Catholic Church, 301 E. James St.

The proposition shall appear on the ballot as follows:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall a retailers' sales tax in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.5%) be levied in the City of Mayetta, Kansas, for general governmental purposes as may be in the best interest of the City, to take effect April 1, 2021.

Yes ☐
No ☐

To vote in favor of any questions submitted upon the ballot, darken the oval to the right of the word "Yes;" to vote against it, darken the oval to the right of the word "No."

Dated this 5th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Kathy Mick
County Election Officer

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Public Notice

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CITY OF MAYETTA

RESOLUTION NO.
01-02-2021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF MAYETTA, THE PROPOSITION OF LEVYING A ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (0.5%) RETAILERS' SALES TAX IN THE CITY OF MAYETTA, FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES AS MAY BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, authorizes the Governing Body to submit to the qualified electors of the City the questions of levying a retailers' sales tax to be collected by the State Department of Revenue with revenue therefrom returned to this City; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Mayetta has determined that: a) additional revenue is needed to provide an adequate level of public services within the City, for general governmental purposes as may be in the best interest of the City; b) property tax increases should be avoided if possible; and c) that the voters should be given a choice as to the method used to finance public services to finance other general governmental purposes as may be in the interest of the City.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MAYETTA,

KANSAS:

SECTION 1: A special question election shall be held in the manner prescribed by law on the 9th day of March, 2021, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City of Mayetta, the question of levying a retailers' sales tax in the City of Mayetta, for general governmental purposes as may be in the best interest of the City, in the amount of one-half of one percent (0.5%), such tax to take effect on the 1st day of April, 2021 if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

SECTION 2: If approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, such tax shall be subject to all applicable state laws and administrative rules and regulations of the Kansas Department of Revenue. The services of the Kansas Department of Revenue shall be utilized to administer, enforce and collect such tax.

SECTION 3: The City Clerk and County Election Officer shall cause notices to be published of this special question election, as provided by law.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Mayetta, this 3rd day of February, 2021.

/s/ Jonathan Wimer,
Mayor
Jonathan Wimer,
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Grace Bowser
Grace Bowser,
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Fenceline: A lot of hype

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

As with a lot of the mislabeling of foods in our world, the same is true of pet foods, only worse. The following is some information from the Ohio State Veterinary Medical Center:



“Many pet owners are overwhelmed with conflicting information from varying sources regarding protein sources in pet foods. Many people have been led to believe that whole meat is better than meat meal, just based on the name. This is simply not true.

“As with all ingredients, the origin determines the quality. Meat meal is just like whole meat in that when it comes from a well-known provider and is of good quality, it can be an excellent source of protein. Meat meal is actually a more concentrated source of protein due to the fact that it does not contain the water content of whole meat, and therefore can be added in greater quantities to dry foods to achieve a higher protein content than whole meat because of the limitations of manufacturing machinery in their ability to include water beyond certain amounts.

“Depending on personal preference as to the type of diet

fed (raw, homemade, canned vs. dry,) meat meal can provide a very economical source of high quality protein.”

The AAFCO definitions of what constitutes “meats” and “meals” are:

Meat – “Meat is the clean flesh derived from slaughtered mammals and is limited to that part of the striate muscle which is skeletal or that which is found in the tongue, in the diaphragm, in the heart or in the esophagus; with or without the accompanying and overlying fat and the portions of the skin, sinew, nerve and blood vessels which normally accompany the flesh. It shall be suitable for use in animal food. If it bears a name descriptive of its kind, it must correspond thereto.”

Meat Meal – “Meat meal is the rendered product from mammal tissues, exclusive of any added blood, hair, hoof, horn, hide trimmings, manure, stomach and rumen contents except in such amounts as may occur unavoidably in good processing practices. It shall not contain added extraneous materials not provided for by this definition... If the product bears a name descriptive of its kind, composition or origin, it must correspond thereto.”

Because of the variation in meal content, and in meat and meal quality, purchasing a food from a well-known company who stands behind their product and has the feeding trials and evidence to support its quality is best.

Consulting a veterinarian or veterinary nutritionist is al-

ways helpful. In some aspects of pet food, a little research is worth the time to avoid manufacturer marketing and cultural hype.

In recent years, corn has been described as a low quality “filler” in pet foods, and implicated as the culprit in pets with food allergies (typically by competitor food companies). In reality, corn provides a nutritious, affordable source of carbohydrate for energy, essential amino and fatty acids for healthy skin, coat and immune system function and a variety of other nutrients.

These nutrients are released during the manufacturing process, and are easily absorbed and utilized when included in complete diets.

With regard to corn as an allergen, few veterinarians or veterinary nutritionists believe that corn is a highly allergic food. They often cite the fact that other common ingredients, like wheat, dairy, soy and beef, are much more frequently associated with food allergies.

Moreover, we must remember that the problem in patients with allergies is with the immune system of the individual rather than with any external substance, which has no effect on those with healthy immune systems.

For those pets that are proven to be sensitive to ingredients in foods through feeding elimination trails, the ingredient should obviously be avoided, but otherwise it remains a cost-efficient, quality nutrient source for pet foods.

Crops and Soils

Researching sulfur needs in corn

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

A second part of the soil fertility research presented as part of the virtual Kansas Corn Management Schools focused on Sulfur (S) needs in corn. Considered one of the 16 elements essential for crop growth, sulfur is often called the fourth major nutrient, just below nitrogen (N), phosphorus and potassium. It is often tied closely to nitrogen and N availability to plants. This is of particular importance when high levels of N are not balanced with sulfur.



Soil organic matter has traditionally been an excellent source of sulfur, and good organic matter levels may well meet S needs in some cases. Higher yields coupled with less atmospheric deposition and more intensive cropping systems, however, have resulted in increasing instances of sulfur deficiency in Kansas. It's typically first seen on sandier soils, but hilltops and slopes, particularly if eroded, may show sulfur deficiencies as well.

Adding to the challenge of determining crop need is cooler soils at planting (slower S mineralization) and the mobility of sulfur in the soil, making surface soil samples (typically six to eight inches deep or less...) less than stellar for predicting soil S levels. Soil test research shows little accumulation of sulfur in the soil profile until clay layers are reached at almost a foot deep.

In the absence of an appropriate soil test, determining S need for your corn crop might be difficult. In the interim, crop removal is an option to consider. A corn crop yielding 150 bushels removes about 12 pounds of S per acre.

Research conducted by KSU

Soil Fertility Specialist Dr. Dorivar Ruiz-Diaz using sulfur rates from zero to 100 pounds per acre showed good response from the first 20 pounds of sulfur applied, with additional increments of added S increasing yields only slightly, and generally not at significant levels. Fifteen pounds of S per acre is a good starting point – generally providing a crop response if one is going to be seen.

For more information on sulfur, check out “Sulphur In Kansas,” available upon request from me or any District office or online at <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF2264.pdf>

Pruning Fruit Trees

It's time to plan for pruning, even as it might not be time to start. Mid-February through late March is our traditional fruit tree pruning window, allowing us to prune in advance of the start of the growing season. It will likely need to wait a bit this year, however.

Pruning is typically not suggested when temperatures fall below freezing to prevent potential damage to plant tissue. Cold temperatures now are not conducive for pruning – for you

or the tree. It isn't a bad time to start the planning process, however, and that starts with the proper tools for the job.

Pruning shears are best for small cuts. Select a scissor-type shear when possible. They are less damaging to wood than anvil types.

For larger cuts, consider loppers. They're basically hand shears with long handles that can often prune wood up to one inch in diameter. Once you get larger than one inch, you will likely need a pruning saw. Take precautions when making larger cuts to ensure bark isn't pulled away from the underside of the branch when limbs fall.

For specific pruning details, check out <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3450.pdf> (“Pruning Apple And Pear Trees”) or <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3451.pdf> (“Pruning Peaches, Plums, Cherries And Other Stone Fruits”). Both publications are available online or upon request from a District Extension office.

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Family Life: Maintaining good habits

By Nancy Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

A silver lining in the COVID-19 pandemic for those who have found themselves at home more is that many have used their spare time to be more active. Their challenge in the months ahead? Make it stick.



“What we've seen is that some of these new habits that people may have developed during the pandemic may be more sustainable than the habits they had previously,” said Emily Mailey, an associate professor of kinesiology at Kansas State University. “I think people are finding ways to fit physical activity into their day that will be easier to maintain.”

Mailey will be one of the featured speakers on Feb. 18 during the online program “Living Well Together” hosted by K-State Research and Extension.

“We'll be talking about planning physical activity into your schedule,” said Mailey, who is also the director of K-State's Physical Activity Intervention Research laboratory. “It's important to be intentional and to integrate physical activity into your day... and finding a support person to hold you accountable.”

Mailey said a simple way for people to be more active is to look for “little bits of physical activity” to tie into everyday routines – such as brushing your teeth, washing the dishes or at-

tending an online meeting.

“Enjoyment is one of the key things that we always highlight when encouraging physical activity,” Mailey said. “What one person enjoys doing may be very different from what someone else does. Sometimes we tend to have a very narrow idea of what counts as exercise, but in reality, there are lots of different ways to move your body and be physically active. We'll encourage people to explore different types of movement to find something they'll enjoy and would want to continue doing.”

Sharolyn Jackson, a northeast area extension specialist, will be a co-presenter with Mailey on Feb. 18. She is also the coordinator of Walk Kansas, an eight-

week program to get groups of people walking and moving a distance equivalent to the length of Kansas.

“In Walk Kansas, we want to give people plenty of time to establish that habit, to establish a new norm,” Jackson said. “The eight-week period allows them ample time to do that and reach out to people who can support them – their teammates, who are family, friends and co-workers. We know that having a team of supporters is another way to make active habits stick.”

Walk Kansas begins on March 28 this year.

Contact your local Extension office for more information on how to register for the “Living Well Together” session.

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In the photo above, Atchison County Community High School seniors Seth Nehl (standing, center) and Hailey Rush (seated, center) were crowned King and Queen of Courts during winter courtwarming festivities held yesterday at ACCHS. The crowning ceremony was scheduled to be held at halftime of the Tiger boys' varsity basketball game against Valley Falls, which will be held on Thursday. The royal court's queen candidates, seated from left, were Madison Burnett, Hailey Rush and Emilee Falk; king candidates, standing from left, were Tanner Buttron, Seth Nehl and Charlie Miller.

Photo courtesy of ACCHS

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CITY OF HOYT
ORDINANCE NO. 342

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES" EDITION OF 2020 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATING UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Hoyt, Kansas that certain code known as the "Uniform Public Offense Code," Edition of 2020 prepared and published in book form by The League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas. No fewer than three (3) copies of the said Uniform Public Offense Code shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as Adopted by Ordinance No. 342," and which shall be attached a copy of this Ordinance and filed with the City Clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the council the 2nd day of February, 2021.

APPROVED and signed by the mayor this 2nd day of February, 2021.

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School Lunch Menus

Jackson Heights
Monday, Feb. 15: Breakfast – Banana muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Taco soup, Fritos chips, lettuce salad, tomato salsa, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Country steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, lettuce salad, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Breakfast – Cheese omelet, oatmeal square, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Macaroni and cheese, baby carrots, lettuce and spinach salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Breakfast – Chocolate chip muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun, french fries, lettuce salad, sliced tomato, fruit and milk.

Friday, Feb. 19: Breakfast – Egg and cheese on a biscuit, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Fish taco, Spanish rice, refried beans, fruit and milk.

Holton
Monday, Feb. 15: No school (staff development).

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Nachos or ham and cheese sub, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Breakfast – Blueberry waffles or ce-

real, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Cheese pizza or peanut butter and jelly and string cheese, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Breakfast – Sausage and cheese biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken wrap or hamburger on a bun, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Friday, Feb. 19: Breakfast – Long john or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Fish nuggets or country fried steak, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Royal Valley
Monday, Feb. 15: Breakfast – Mini waffles, fruit and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chili, vegetables, cinnamon roll, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Breakfast – Pop Tart, fruit and milk; Lunch – Crispito with salsa, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Breakfast – Bagel, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pork rib, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Friday, Feb. 19: No school.

Prairie Hills
Monday, Feb. 15: No school.

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Breakfast

North Jackson Jets 4-H club meets

By Brooke Slipke
Reporter

The monthly meeting of the North Jackson Jets 4-H club was called to order at 6:33 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the ongoing pandemic. President Teagen Bowhay led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge.

The roll call was "One Thing You Got For Christmas." There were 22 members, one club leader, one program manager and an unknown number of parents present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Kolby Bowhay and approved with no corrections.

President Bowhay had no updates. Vice President Paden Askren updated the club on an upcoming community service

project in the nearby town of Whiting. Club Leader Phyllis Slipke reported that Brynn and Sawyer Shupe's December community service challenge was completed with 88 Christmas cards sent to a local nursing home.

Askren reminded the club about the club's donation drives being postponed until the next in-person meeting. Treasurer Gracie White reminded the club of the current balance. There was no mail to be opened.

Phyllis Slipke reminded the club about the Virtual District FCS judging contest, the Virtual District Photography Challenge and working on permanent records throughout the year. She also provided information about the upcoming Club Day.

For the monthly leadership

lesson, Askren gave a presentation on "Citizenship Vs. Leadership." Club members scheduled to present their project talks reminded the club that they posted their videos to the club's Facebook page.

Brynn Shupe demonstrated how to make protein balls, Teagen Bowhay showed how a shotgun works, Paden Askren gave a presentation on different forms of welding and Drake Mellies demonstrated how to make chalk couture. Members then asked questions of each of the presenters.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14.

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The Holton
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JACKSON COUNTY

Quarterly Statement of Linda Gerhardt, Treasurer of Jackson County, Kansas. Showing a balance in her hands for the quarter ending January 31, 2021 as required by Statutes.

County General	4,493,100.17	Sheriff	1,238,468.02
Capital Outlay	7,084,737.02	Grants	44,376.10
Victim Grant	-10,663.81	Inmate Welfare	56,194.97
Tourism	44,207.32	Drivers License	456.00
Tech/Treasurer	5,942.84	Tech/Clerk	18,817.52
Heritage Trust	653.00	Noxious Weed	50,015.78
Rd & Bridge	1,720,504.30	Elderly	71,515.24
Bond & Interest	95,384.58	Auto	6,635.83
911	114,855.53	Sp Parks & Rec	136,169.39
Sp Alcohol	139,990.02	Sp Machinery	605,079.92
Weed Outlay	108,573.24	Eld Bus Repl	48,720.89
Eld Capital Improve	166,754.06	Juvenile Intake	107,948.19
Van Sweringen Princ	75,048.00	Van Swer Schol	1,655.42
Van Swer Needy	2,694.47	Long & Short	- 44.22
Vawa	9,696.90	RE Redemptions	281,519.46
Personal Redemptions	13,849.68	Advance Tax	5,385.33
Recreational Vehicle	532.41	St Crk Drainage	18,307.13
Sp Redemption	11,306.25	Commercial Veh	1,570.78
Motor Vehicle	46,212.02	Disbursement	43,436.88
Atty Training	11,211.34	Comp-Iso-Local	48,850.29
Rd & Br Sales tax	661,702.88	Sales Tax	839.32
Fire	3,020.89	Cemetery	1,992.60
Auto Escrow	1,507.58	School	55.64
CARES Grant	37,053.06	Grant-CESF	-3,835.54
Technology	19,275.16	Auto Tag Fee	5,052.60
Tax Account	165,172.31		

Total cash on hand as of January 31, 2021, 17,811,504.76

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Linda Gerhardt
County Treasurer

Kathy Mick
County Clerk



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CLOSING OF VOTER
REGISTRATION BOOKS
FOR THE MAYETTA CITY
SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provision of K.S.A. 25-2310 - 2311, notice is hereby given that the last day to register to vote for the Mayetta City Special Election will be Tuesday, February 16th, 2021. The books will remain closed until the day after the special election that will be held on the 9th day of March, 2021.

The County Clerk's office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are currently a registered voter of the City of Mayetta you do not need to register again for this special election. A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years by March 9, 2021, can register to vote for this special election.

When a voter has been registered according to law, the voter shall remain registered

until the voter changes name by marriage, divorce or other legal proceeding or changes residence. The voter may re-register in person, by mail or other delivery when registration is open or the voter may reregister on election day by voting a 'provisional ballot.'

Application forms shall be provided by the County Election Officer or the Secretary of State upon request. The application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.kssos.org/forms/elections/voterregistration.pdf>. You can register to vote online at voteks.org or ksvotes.org. Forms are also available at Mayetta City Hall. If you would like a form mailed to you or have questions, please call the Jackson County Clerk (785) 364-2891.

Signed and sealed this 8th day of February, 2021.

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

SEAL

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Hoyt council holds January meeting

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021. Present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher and council members Leonard Allen, Lana Dillner and Nathan McAlister; council members Dustin Brinkman and Shelley Fisher were absent. Also present were Kolby Holthaus, Carmen Crandall, City Attorney Lee Hendricks and Police Chief Dan Wentling.

Mayor Dreasher called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Dreasher discussed the request for an amendment to the city's zoning map to rezone the property located at 102 E. Fourth St. in Hoyt from B-1 Business to R-1 Residential. The council made the following findings on the eight golden factors:

- The council unanimously agreed that the zoning request did not negatively affect zoning, uses and character of the neighborhood.
- The council unanimously agreed that while the property could be suitable for business enterprises, it was likely to sit vacant if not used as a residence.
- The council unanimously agreed that the removal of restrictions would not detrimentally affect nearby properties, especially given the two neighbors were present at the rezoning hearing and in favor of the amendment.
- The council discussed and unanimously agreed that the property had been previously vacant prior to this request and that use as a residence would improve the downtown area and limit deterioration.
- The council unanimously agreed that there was a net gain to the public health, safety and welfare as compared to any loss of value or hardship imposed upon the applicant.
- The city does not have a comprehensive plan and therefore the council could not comment on any such matter.
- The council unanimously agreed that the property was already served by city utilities and therefore a zoning amendment would in no way affect the service of utilities to the property.
- The council unanimously agreed that it seemed that the public was in full support of this amendment.

There was no recommendation of professional staff to the city. Dillner's motion to approve Holthaus' rezoning request was seconded by Allen and approved. The city attorney and council recommended Holthaus contact county officials to clear up confusion regarding the lot numbers listed in the legal description.

McAlister's motion to approve the minutes from the Dec. 1, 2020 meeting was seconded by Allen and approved.

Crandall met with the council to discuss the status of renting the community building. The council said it is waiting for certification regarding mold testing before the building can be reopened. The other issue is COVID-19. Crandall has a backup plan for her event but would like to use the

community building if possible. The building can be tentatively reserved for her date in June 2021, with the reservation to be revisited at the March council meeting.

Dreasher noted a request by an individual to hunt geese on the lagoons. This will not be allowed since the property is in city limits.

Dillner brought up a request to the Jackson County Commission for return of the Victory Flag that used to be displayed at the Hoyt Post Office. Hendricks suggested preparing a letter to the county, including the history and importance of the flag, asking for the flag to be returned to Hoyt. Dillner and Allen will draft a letter to be sent to county officials.

Dillner asked for an update on annexation of properties west of the funeral home as discussed at previous meetings. Consensus was that the cost of providing utilities in that area would be too high to move forward with annexing those properties into the city. Dillner said an individual is interested in purchasing land in the city for the purpose of building apartment buildings but has been unable to find a suitable lot.

Dillner said the recycling trailer has been moved back to the high school parking lot. There is some concern that the same issues that prompted moving the trailer before will continue, leading to the possibility of Jackson County Recycling removing the trailer.

Allen's motion to enter executive session for 10 minutes for attorney-client discussion to include the city clerk and city attorney was seconded by McAlister and approved.

Allen asked for an ordinance regulating use of masks in city limits. Allen's motion to pass Ordinance 2021-01 (corrected to 340) governing use of masks in city limits was seconded by McAlister and approved.

McAlister's motion to enter executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected personnel discussion to include the city clerk and city attorney was seconded by Allen and approved.

McAlister's motion to eliminate the assistant water operator position in training with the City of Hoyt was seconded by Dillner and approved. Dreasher will contact affected personnel regarding this motion.

McAlister expressed a desire to create a new position to assist with the city maintenance and city clerk positions. The council will work on putting together a job description for such a position.

City Clerk Shawna Blackwood presented the monthly financial report prepared by the accountant. McAlister discussed approving payment of the sewer pump repair and the contract maintenance fees for the four generators.

McAlister's motion to approve repair of the pump, with the expense coming from the sewer fund, the contracts submitted by Foley for maintenance on the generators with the expense for maintenance of the pump genera-

tor coded to the sewer fund (line item 742 other maintenance and repair) and the expense for maintenance on the other three generators coded to the equipment and reserve fund, was seconded by Allen and approved.

Dreasher said she purchased \$100 gift cards in December for the three department heads. Allen's motion to retroactively approve the purchase of \$100 gift cards for the department heads was seconded by McAlister and approved.

Chief Wentling provided the monthly police report. Wentling said all officers recently had their weapons qualification test and are certified for another year. Dreasher and Wentling discussed the current ammunition supply. Allen noted a need to upgrade the patrol rifles. Allen had asked Officer Andrews to put together a list of what was needed on weapons and costs.

Allen's motion to allow the police to spend \$1,100 to purchase two EOTech site systems and two weapon mounted flashlight kits for patrol rifles was seconded by Dillner and approved.

It was reported that the old police car had been picked up by KPR Public Radio for donation.

Allen noted a conversation with Officer Andrews regarding potential issues with room for emergency vehicles on Central Avenue since parking is allowed on both sides of the street. In particular, emergency vehicles would have difficulty getting through the area quickly and would most likely have to move vehicles out of the way to get through. Council members said there is a need to limit parking to one side of the street to help with this issue.

McAlister noted a need to review repaving or repairing parts of Highland Avenue in the next year. He also noted the status of the general obligation bond and sewer loan and the need to build up the sewer maintenance fund. The clerk will check with the accountant to see if any of the recent sewer expenses (sewer line cleaning, pump repair) can be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

There was additional discussion regarding payment of the water line project by the school. The council discussed the possibility of using the city's capital improvement fund for this project or splitting between this fund and the water fund. This will also be checked with the accountant.

The council discussed needing to check with Kenny Bryan on the progress of getting the next mold test for the community building. The clerk said Bryan is still working on the sheetrock repair. McAlister said he wanted to get estimates for replacing the roof with a seamless system to avoid the same ongoing maintenance issues. Dreasher reported a need to take inventory at the building.

McAlister's motion to pay bills was seconded by Dillner and approved. McAlister's motion to adjourn was seconded by Dillner and approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Mayetta council reviews information on de-annexation, sales tax election

The Jan. 6 meeting of the Mayetta City Council was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Jonathan Wimer. Those present were Mayor Wimer and council members Dan Whiteman, Shelley Ramage and Linda Robinson. Council members Judy Penfield and Darrel Chapman were absent.

Kitty Jordan and her grandfather, Cecil Spetter, were on the agenda to discuss her proposed Eagle Scout Project but both were unable to attend the meeting. Jordan would like to repair the old fire station, which would include adding new siding on the front of the building and replacing some rotten boards on the inside of the building. She and Spetter plan to attend next month's meeting to discuss the project.

The council reviewed the

monthly, quarterly and annual financial reports.

Whiteman made a motion to approve the monthly consent agenda, including the minutes of Dec. 2 and Dec. 14 and the monthly payment voucher. The motion was seconded by Ramage and approved.

The clerk's report was given. The de-annexation of Jeremy Wilson's property on Fifth Street was never completed. The Wilsons have signed a document asking for de-annexation of the property on Fifth Street. A public hearing was planned for Feb. 3.

If no one objects to the de-annexation, then the council will pass an ordinance vacating that property back to the county. The ordinance will then be certified.

The city clerk talked with

Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick about the proposed half-cent sales tax, which would take a majority to pass by vote.

It will cost the city an estimated \$750 to hold a special election.

Council members instructed the clerk to set the special election for March 9.

Wimer gave a report to the council. City Attorney Tom Barnes and Wimer met with the Jackson County Commissioners on Dec. 21 to discuss the Dollar General annexation, and the commissioners passed a resolution accepting the annexation of the Dollar General property the same day.

Ramage's motion to give the members of the planning commission \$50 in Chamber bucks was approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Arrested for drugs, child endangerment

A Holton woman was arrested on drug and child endangerment charges last Thursday, Feb. 4, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported.

At 8 p.m. that day, a sheriff's office deputy stopped at a residence in the 300 block of Topeka Street in Holton to follow up on a report of child neglect, Sheriff Morse said.

The result of the investigation led to the deputy to arrest Kristina Elaine Hyatt, 32, on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of child endangerment.

Dog Tags Now Due!



\$5 Tag Charge
for all spayed & neutered
\$10 Tag Charge for all
non-spayed & neutered

Bring proof of
rabies vaccination to:

City of Holton
430 Pennsylvania,
Holton, KS

Penalties of \$5 per dog
in addition to tag fee go into
effect on March 1, 2021.

Happy Birthday, Mr. Riley!



**C.L. Is
Turning 90!**

Drive by and honk
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
on Saturday, Feb. 13,
at 416 Comanche
in Holton!

Closed For Presidents Day

The following Jackson County departments will be closed on **Monday, February 15, 2021**, in observance of Presidents Day:



- Jackson County Courthouse
- Road and Bridge Department
- Senior Citizen's Meal Site
- Recycling Center
- Noxious Weed Department
- Household Hazardous Waste

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CITY OF HOYT

ORDINANCE NO. 341

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REZONING OF 102 E. FOURTH STREET IN HOYT, KANSAS FROM "C-1" COMMERCIAL TO "R-1" RESIDENTIAL

WHEREAS, the City of Hoyt received a request from the owner of the property located at 102 E. Fourth Street to rezone that property from C-1 Commercial to R-1 Residential; and

WHEREAS, as the City of Hoyt currently does not have a Planning Commission given a lack of participation, the matter was heard by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, all required newspaper and mailing notifications were performed; and

WHEREAS, following a public hearing in front of the City Council on January 5, 2021 the City has approved the rezoning request.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS:

Section 1. That the following legally described property (located at 102 E. Fourth Street) is hereby rezoned from "C-1" Commercial to "R-1" Residential and that City staff is hereby directed to reflect said rezoning in the City's official zoning map and other City records:

The West 64 feet and 2 inches of Lots Numbered 44 and 46 on Highland Avenue in the City of Hoyt, Jackson County, Kansas.

Section 2. That the

Governing Body, in making its decision on the request and recommendation for rezoning, considered the comments of the public and neighbors. The Governing Body also based its decision on the following criteria:

a) The character of the neighborhood, including but not limited to: zoning, existing and approved land use, platting, density (residential), natural features, and open space.

b) Compatibility of the proposed zoning and uses permitted therein with the zoning and uses of nearby properties.

c) The extent to which the zoning amendment may detrimentally affect nearby property has been addressed.

d) The length of time the subject has remained vacant as zoned.

e) The relative gain (if any) to the public health, safety, and welfare from a denial of the rezoning application as compared to the hardship imposed upon the rezoning applicant from such denial.

f) Opposition or support of neighborhood residents.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its publication once in the official city newspaper.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.

CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS

[SEAL]

By: */s/ Debbie Dreasher*
DEBBIE DREASHER,
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shawna Blackwood
SHAWNA BLACKWOOD,
City Clerk

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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS Proceeding Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the Estate of Larry J. Posch, Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-7

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Katie Posch, daughter of Larry J. Posch, Deceased, requesting Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Jackson County, Kansas, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast Corner of said Section 26, thence North 0 degrees 11' 00" East along the East line of said Southeast Quarter 1070.80 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence North 86 degrees 29'14" West 420.37 feet, thence South 30 degrees 30' 35" West 59.93 feet; thence South

89 degrees 57'18" West 290.08 feet, thence North 0 degrees 11'00" East parallel to said East line 280.53 feet to the North line of the south Half of said Southeast Quarter, thence North 89 degrees 57'18" East along said North line 740.00 feet to the Northeast Corner of the south Half of said Southeast Quarter, thence South 0 degrees 11'00" West along the East line of said Southeast Quarter 255.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, Jackson County, Kansas, subject to road right of way.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death, and title to such be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before March 9, 2021, at 8:30 A.M., in the City of Holton in Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Katie Posch,
Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:
Dennis A. White, #12108
White Law Office
120 W. 5th Street,
P.O. Box 445
Holton, KS 66436
785-364-3971
Attorney for Petitioner

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CITY OF HOYT

ORDINANCE NO. 343

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE "STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES," EDITION OF 2020, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES AND ADDITIONS, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. INCORPORATING STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE. There is hereby incorporated by reference for the purpose of regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Hoyt, Kansas, that certain standard traffic ordinance known as the "Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities," Edition of 2020, prepared and published in book form by the League of Kansas Municipalities, Topeka, Kansas, save and accept such articles, sections, parts or portions as are hereafter modified or changed. No fewer than three (3) copies of said Standard Traffic Ordinance shall be marked or stamped "Official Copy as

Adopted by Ordinance No. 343," with all sections or portions thereof intended to be omitted or changed clearly marked to show any such omission or change and to which shall be attached a copy of this Ordinance, and filed with the City Clerk to be open to inspection and available to the public at all reasonable hours. The police department, municipal judge, and all administrative departments of the City charged with enforcement of the Ordinance shall be supplied, at the cost of the City, such number of official copies of such Standard Traffic Ordinance similarly marked, as may be deemed expedient.

SECTION 2. REPEAL. All Ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city paper as provided by law.

PASSED by the Council the 2nd day of February, 2021.

APPROVED and signed by the Mayor this 2nd day of February, 2021.

DEBRA L. DREASHER,
Mayor

ATTEST:

SHAWNA BLACKWOOD,
City Clerk

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker
Immanuel Lutheran Church held worship services on a snowy winter day on Feb. 7 with a Day of Prayer theme titled “He Prayed with Them,” based on Acts 20:36b.

We are encouraged in scriptures to be people of prayer: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Our service is intended to be the aspect of prayer being a greater part of your life. We are good at praying for others. As with the Apostle Paul, let us become good at praying with others as well.

The opening hymn was “Today Your Mercy Calls Us,” Psalm 4:1-8 was spoken responsively. “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” was sung. “What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear – all because we do not carry, ev’rything to God in payer.”

Readers Topher Dohl and Rich Heitzman read the scripture readings from Isaiah 56:6-8. The congregation professed the Apostles’ Creed. Topher and Rich continued reading from Acts 20:17-38 and John 15:12-17.

The congregation sang “Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Crying,” In Pastor Michael Van Velz-

er’s sermon on prayer, based on Matthew 7:7, Jesus tells us to ask. “Whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you.” He tells us that true prayer is never a waste of breath. For Jesus gives you His word that God the Father will hear your prayers and act on them. He promises “that your joy may be complete.”

Jesus taught us in the Lord’s Prayer to ask that God’s will be done, not ours! Prayer in Jesus’ name is praying that no matter what, you want God’s will be to be done. When your praying implodes into itself and becomes all about what you want and not what God wants for you, then your prayers aren’t prayers in Jesus’ name, but prayers in your own name.

We pray because prayer is the Lord’s word in action in our life and in our being. It’s faith expressing itself in living flesh. Prayer is the living and breathing and movement of faith. With the Lord’s word, you are in communion with God: a union and intimacy that not only enables, but also gives you the confidence to speak, say and ask. We ask that our joy may be complete.

In the prayers of the church, petitions were for the blessing of communion with God in prayer; our help and deliverer as we bring our prayers and petitions for all things good and needful and to guard us against all things evil and harmful; that many nations may be united as one people through baptism and

live together in faith; to give courage to all pastors as they preach and teach the word of the Lord; that the governments of the world and our leaders would act justly and with mercy; that the Lord would give aid and comfort to the sick, the suffering and those in their last days, and to grant healing according to His will; that the Lord may hear and answer the prayers of His people and that we may be content with His answer, trusting in His Fatherly will and wisdom to grant us all that we need and all that will profit our salvation.

The congregation joined in The Lord’s Prayer. The Service of the Sacrament followed with the Preface, Sanctus, Pax Domini and Agnus Dei. The distribution hymn was “I Come O Savior To Thy Table.”

Following the Nunc Dimittis, the closing hymn was “Rise, Shine You People.”

The door offering was for the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League project for Day of Prayer to 4KenyaKids and Redeeming Outreach Ministries.

Serving Sunday were Topher Dohl, elder; Joyce Peterson, organist; and Inga Klahr and Heather Amon, altar committee.

Celebrating birthdays were Pastor Michael Van Velzer and Terry Handke. Celebrating a wedding anniversary was Larry and Nancy Schumann.

Bible class followed the service.

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold
Max Lierz gave a welcome to the congregation for the Feb. 7 service at Circleville Christian Church. Music was provided by the praise team of Annie Allen, Max Lierz, Shelly Will, Lori Mellenbruch, Garrett Will and Travis Self. Opening hymns were “Just Over In The Gloryland,” “Here For You” and “Death Was Arrested.”

Lyle Alley gave the announcements and the opening prayer, then the praise team led the congregation in singing “Be Thou My Vision.”

Paul Davault used text from Deuteronomy 15:1-18 as he gave the communion meditation and prayer. The praise team

sang “It Is Well With My Soul” as everyone partook of communion.

Ryan Hayden brought the morning sermon about “Servanthood.” He used text from Philippians 4:2-9 as he talked about Paul being a servant of God. Paul wrote specific instructions to specific people in his letters about how servanthood is God’s desire. Be who you are. Be in Christ.

In spite of everything, rejoice in the Lord. Let others see your gentleness and put others before yourself. Cast your anxiety on God through prayer.

More prayer and less worry will give you more peace. Be on a good journey, on purpose,

together and let Jesus guide us to be a blessing to others.

The service closed by singing “Just Over In The Gloryland.”

The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Jackson County is asking for donations of diapers (size three and up) and wipes during the month of February. You may bring them to the church or if you want to, take them there at 109 E. Fifth St. in Holton. They are open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays.

On Feb. 14, you can join us for “Sweets In The Foyer” and grab a snack and drink as you go into the service.

Feb. 21 will be the annual business meeting at 11 a.m. following the church service.

Buck’s Grove United Methodist

By Donna Ashcraft
Due to the extreme temperatures Sunday, Feb. 7, Buck’s Grove United Methodist Church cancelled service.

Pastor Charlotte’s message for Feb. 7 was based on Mark 1:29-39 and titled “Jesus’ Healing Ministry.”

Jesus is different than other rabbis: He shows power, He has astonished people, He teaches with authority; He heals people and seems to draw crowds.

He didn’t turn away from leprosy; He healed it. The leper, once healed, was told not to tell, but he did. Then people came running to see Jesus. This spirit of healing and word of salvation took up residence in Jesus; His ministry started.

No matter how great the suffering, healing comes from without, not from within ourselves. This is what Jesus did. He touched with a healing touch, accepting people, reaching out to them, no matter what their condition. By the gospels, Jesus healed people – either the unhealthy touched Jesus, or He reached out touching them.

Jesus’ ministry inspires us in ways of treating one another with compassion, which literally means to suffer with, seen in Mark 8:2.

One letter, one phone call, one visit can replace years of friendship when a person is in need of healing.

Galatians 6:2 tells us to share our burden – that we will find strength in sharing with one another, through the solitude of prayer and a healing touch.

Jesus found great strength necessary for His ministry by going off into the hills alone to pray,

and He encouraged His disciples to follow His example. We seem to run from solitude, fearing silence and loneliness. We seem to think we have to have TV or radio on or call somebody or maybe use shopping therapy. Those things can also be good, too, depending on our state of mind.

There seems to be a fear of being alone. Solitude with a Bible can be healing. Stepping out in solitude can take you away from the daily flow that can pull you down.

Solitude can give the breath of fresh air with the Holy Spirit into our bodies, minds, soul and spirit; that should keep the devil out and not take us into sin.

What made Jesus’ healing so popular was that He addressed every kind of sickness. He wasn’t a fake, or so-called faith healer. He dealt with all kinds of pain and illness. In His time, there was no medicine or cure. Demons were the cause of the mental health, diseases and seizures. Jesus healed them.

During His earthly life, Jesus was very active in His ministry of healing. He cured the blind, opened the ears of the deaf and brought the dead back to life. The early church fathers gave our Lord the title of “the Divine Physician.” However, Jesus did not cure all diseases.

Jesus also was responsible for 37 miracles. In His three years of ministry He was very busy. He is still busy today – we just don’t take the time to see it. We must take the time to focus on our Lord Jesus Christ.

The solution for understanding how demons tie into the equation comes down to understanding that Jesus’ first mission

was to preach the gospel of the Kingdom. And the gospel of the kingdom deals with sin. Sin brings into our world mental health, sickness, disease, pain, demons and death. When Christ takes over your life, demons leave. Ephesians 6 tells believers to “Put on the armor of God.” We need to believe and do our part.

The point I would like to make is that the gospel brings clarity to the mind even when the body fails. We should not underestimate how the truth of the gospel can redirect the hopelessness in the direction of hope.

Jesus healed all who were brought to Him. In heaven, there will be no more tears and no more death and no more demons. We know the effects of sin cannot follow Christians into heaven so the suffering of sin can neither follow. Being healed by Jesus while we live on earth is what we seek, but we have to remember, that this healing is temporal.

We pray for healing now but pray more so for the ultimate healing of heaven.

Prayer: God, we do thank you for Jesus Christ. Help each of us to reach to Him for the healing of our mind, body and soul and take Him in our heart and follow Him. Help us to understand He does things in His time, not our time, as He knows best. Amen.

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IN THE DISTRICT
COURT OF JACKSON
COUNTY, KANSAS
Petition Pursuant to
K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the
Estate of
CONNIE L. BURKE,
Deceased

Case No. 2021-PR-4
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS
TO ALL PERSONS
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 21st day of January, 2021, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Debra Louise Likins, named Executrix under the Last Will

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2003	Hyundai Sonata	Black	KMHWF25H13A740024
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Appendix 4-B: Notice of Annual Meeting (for the election of two supervisors)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Jackson County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 17th day of February, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., an annual meeting of the Jackson County Conservation District will be held by mail-in ballot due to Covid-19 concerns. To request a ballot, please call the Jackson County Conservation District at 785-364-3329 ext. 136 or stop by to pick up a ballot at 307 Montana Ave., Holton, KS 66436. Mail-in ballots must be received by the end of the business day on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. to be counted.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:
The supervisors of the Jackson County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting available upon request.

TWO:
The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of two supervisors to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Jarrod Bowser and Dan Pollock are expiring.

All in the county of Jackson in the State of Kansas.

By /s/ Jarrod Bowser
Chairperson

Jackson County
Conservation District

Attest
/s/ Brian Boeckman
District Secretary/Manager

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Debra Louise Likins,
Executrix

Submitted and
Approved by:
Dennis A. White, #12108
White Law Office
120 West 5th Street,
P.O. Box 445
Holton, Kansas 66436
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Attorney for Petitioner

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The Royal Valley High School Scholars' Bowl team recently won the Class 3A regional competition at Marysville to qualify for the state tournament. The state Scholars' Bowl will be held at Wichita Collegiate School on Saturday, and other schools scheduled to participate include Burlington, Council Grove, Girard, Kismet-Southwestern Heights, Perry-Leocompton, Scott Community and Wichita Collegiate. RV team members are shown above and include (from left) Berenice Donnay, Luke Boyden, Colin Caviness, Hayley Harman, Jaemon Smith and Zach Boyden.

Photo courtesy of USD 337

Land Transfers

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

Kansas transfer on death deed: Leon Conger and Suzanne Conger to Mathew E. Conger and Samuel C. Conger, land in the northeast quarter of S12, T7S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, also known as Lot 3, West Ridge Subdivision.

Kansas transfer on death deed: Leon Conger and Suzanne Conger to Mathew E. Conger and Samuel C. Conger, land in the northeast quarter of S12, T7S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Kenneth W. Teal to Kenneth W. Teal and Shirley Teal, husband and wife, land in the northeast quarter of S13, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Joseph Wayne Mullins to Nancy R. Martin, Lots 11 and 12, Town Park, Block 7, city of Netawaka, Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Justin W. Strawn, a married person, to Justin W. Strawn and Kristina M. Strawn, as trustees of the trust in their names, land in the northwest quarter of S15, T8S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Jacob Wamego, a single person, to Kristen Wamego, a single person, land in the northwest quarter of S33, T8S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Theson Five Holdings L.L.P., Stanley K. Adamson and Susan M. Adamson, partners, to Maranatha L.L.C., land in the northeast quarter of S29, T9S, R16E; and land in the northwest quarter of S28, T9S, R16E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Tammy L. Wilkinson and Steven E. Wilkinson, wife and husband, to F&L Enterprises Inc., land in the northeast quarter of S6, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Larry W. Holliday and Andra Holliday, husband and wife, to Sherman R. Stanton and Brenda K. Holliday-Stanton, husband and wife, 15.05 acres, more or less, of land in the northwest quarter of S4, T7S, R13E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Susie Ann Ross, also known as Susie A. Ross, a single person, to same as trustee of the trust in her name, land in the southeast quarter of S25, T8S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Correction of deed: Carolyn S. Ritchey and Lonnie D. Ritchey, wife and husband, to the Lonnie D. Ritchey Trust, the Carolyn S.

Ritchey Trust and the Lonnie D. and Carolyn S. Ritchey Trust, land in the southwest quarter of S28, T6S, R16E; and land in the northeast quarter of S21, T6S, R16E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Timothy R. Ahlgren and Tanya L. Ahlgren, husband and wife, to Nathan Ohara Villalobos and Christa Kaylynn Villalobos, Lot 28, Dakota Block 2, Vetter's First Addition, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Allen E. Gilmore and Connie J. Gilmore, husband and wife, to Lance Keesis Wishkeno and Lucy Wishkeno, land in the southwest quarter of S14, T9S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Lana J. Klinginsmith, a single person, to same as trustee of the trust in her name, two tracts of land in the northeast quarter of S11, T7S, R15E; and 47 acres of land in the northeast quarter of S22, T7S, R15E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Ashley S. Ballard to Joseph F. Ballard, Lot 18, Pennsylvania Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Lawrence R. Fenske, also known as Larry R. Fenske, and Mary Elizabeth Fenske, also known as Mary E. Fenske, husband and wife, to Stephen Fenske, a single person, land in the northeast quarter of S36, T9S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Kristina M. Strawn, a married person, to Justin W. Strawn and Kristina M. Strawn, as trustees of the trust in their names, land in the northwest quarter of S15, T8S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Karl E. Thompson, a single person, to Timothy R. Ahlgren and Tanya L. Ahlgren, part of Lot 3 and part of Lot 4, Block 3, Grant Street, city of Circleville, Jackson County.

HOW NIFTY!

Alex is turning 50! (?)

Happy Birthday!

PBP Elder Center Menu

Until further notice, Prairie Band Elder Center meals are curbside pick-up only.

Meals will be brought out. Please do not get out of vehicles.

Menus are subject to change. For more information, call (785) 966-8091.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Feb. 15 through Friday, Feb. 19 are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 15: Closed (Presidents Day).

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Italian sausage pizza, green salad, jello with fruit and cookie.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Chili dogs, french fries, broccoli and apples.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Birthday lunch with chicken fried steak, potatoes with gravy, pea salad, mixed berries, roll and cake.

Friday, Feb. 19: Roast beef and cheese sandwich, three-bean salad, sliced tomatoes and tropical fruit.

Holton Center Menu

Until further notice, Jackson County Senior Center meals are carry-out or delivery only (no dine-in).

Menus are subject to change. For more information, call 364-3571.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Feb. 15 through Friday, Feb. 19 are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 15: Closed (Presidents Day).

Tuesday, Feb. 16: Chicken potpie with biscuit topping, spinach and mandarin oranges and pineapple.

Wednesday, Feb. 17: Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tropical fruit and bread and margarine.

Thursday, Feb. 18: Meatloaf, cheese potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit pie and bread and margarine.

Friday, Feb. 19: Beef enchilada, Mexican rice, lettuce salad, pineapple and cake.

Public Notice

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CITY OF DENISON
ORDINANCE NO. 2-8-21

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 7, REGULATION OF MOBILE HOMES IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DENISON TO ADD 4-705, BANNING USE OF ANY METAL UNIT NOT DESIGNED FOR LONG TERM OCCUPANCY; NOT MEETING THE DEFINITION OF MOBILE HOME; OR NOT MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF 4-704; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DENISON, KANSAS THAT ARTICLE 7, REGULATION OF MOBILE HOMES IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DENISON SHALL HAVE 4-705 ADDED AS

FOLLOWS:

4-705 It shall be unlawful to occupy for a period of more than 30 days in a calendar year, any metal unit not designed for long term occupancy; not meeting the definition of Mobile Home in 4-701; or not complying with the requirements contained within 4-704. Such unlawful units shall include, but not be limited to, recreational vehicles as defined in the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas cities. Any person found in violation of this, or any other section of Article 7, shall upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not less than \$50.00. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during, on or which, such violation is permitted to exist.

EXCEPTION: An exception to the requirements herein may be granted by the Governing Body for a specific term longer than 30 days as follows:

1. Upon application filed with the City on the City form.
2. Application information shall include, but not limited to, assurance that all utilities will be connected to said unit.
3. Application shall include a detailed plan for occupying another unit designed for long term occupancy within the city.

This ordinance shall be in effect on its passage and publication in The Holton Recorder.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.

/s/ Bruce Sweany
MAYOR

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

/s/ Yvonne Hamer
CITY CLERK

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Note: All calendar events are subject to change/cancellation. Contact The Holton Recorder at 364-3141 or holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net for more information about placing an event on this calendar.

Thursday, Feb. 11

*9 a.m. Jackson Heights NEKL forensics at Effingham.
*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball at St. Benedict.
*4:30 p.m. HMS and RVMS boys basketball at Holton.
*The Beck Bookman Library book discussion group will meet at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss "All The Ways We Said Goodbye" by B. Williams, L. Willig and K White. Gail Schmitz will be the reviewer.
*WMS OTL Scholars Bowl.

Friday, Feb. 12

*RVES spring pictures.
*WHS basketball vs. Linn (Queen of Courts).
*9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Blood drive held at Holton Community Hospital conference room, 1110 Columbine Dr. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins will be accepted if capacity permits. For more information, contact Pam Holaday at 364-2116.

Saturday, Feb. 13

*High school State Scholars Bowl.
*8 a.m. Sabetha virtual forensics tournament at HHS.

Sunday, Feb. 14

*Attend the church of your choice (check with churches regarding virtual and in-person services).
*Valentine's Day.

Monday, Feb. 15

*Presidents Day.
*No school for Holton or Wetmore students.

*RVMS book fair begins.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on every third Monday of the month.

*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. Xavier.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS boys basketball vs. Perry-Leocompton.

*5:30 p.m. RVES Site Council meeting.

*7:30 p.m. Royal Valley USD 337 Board of Education meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

*The Jackson County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public (enter on the south side of the Courthouse; temperatures will be checked). Contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.

*8:30 a.m. Wetmore sophomore Highland Community College Western Campus visit.

*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. Pleasant Ridge.

*6 p.m. Beck Bookman Library Board of Directors meeting at Beck Bookman Library.

*7 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall.

*WHS basketball vs. Doniphan West, time TBA.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

*The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Jackson Heights FCCLA Day on the Hill at Topeka.

*1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wetmore blood drive.

*3:30 p.m. Wetmore BLT meeting.

*4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Valley PreK-12 parent/teacher conferences (dinner break from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. Effingham.

*6 p.m. Wetmore Site Council meeting.

*Royal Valley JAG-K Day at State Capitol, Topeka.

Thursday, Feb. 18

*8 a.m. Holton Municipal Court at Holton City Hall.

*4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Royal Valley PreK-12 parent/teacher conferences (dinner break from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball at JCN.

*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball vs. Sabetha.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS boys basketball at Nemaha Central.

*6:30 p.m. Annual meeting of Nemaha-Brown Watershed #7, held at 334 Second St., Wetmore.

*WMS OTL Scholars Bowl.

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The City of Hoyt is currently accepting bids for residential trash collection service. Deadline for bids is Friday, Feb. 19, 2021. Contact the city clerk at 785-986-6385 or cityofhoyt@yahoo.com for more information.

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National Children's Dental Health Month



Make dental visits fun

Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and check-ups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere in the body.

Many people are unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. It's recommended that a child should visit the dentist by age one or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth.

However, many parents wait until much later — age two or three — to take kids to the dentist. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space for permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at a young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

• Lead by example. Children who witness their parents putting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

• Focus on the good aspects. Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

• Get a tour of the office. Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved.

• Avoid giving false hope. Do not tell a child that "everything will be OK" at the dentist's office. If a child needs treatment that may be uncomfortable, he or she may not trust you the next time a dental visit is scheduled. Dentists, particularly pediatric dentists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.

Tips for getting your kids excited about brushing teeth

While many youngsters may never excitedly run to the bathroom to brush their teeth, parents can try various approaches to get kids to embrace proper dental care.

• Start early. Parents should not hesitate to begin cleaning kids' teeth once the first tooth appears. The earlier dental care is part of a child's routine, the more likely he or she is to accept it as part of everyday life. A soft-bristled brush with a small head is recommended.

• Make it a group effort. Young children love to imitate their parents' actions and behaviors, and moms and dads can use that adoration to their advantage when trying to get kids to brush their teeth. Brush teeth together as a family, making it seem like an enjoyable twice-daily activity.

• Involve kids in choosing their dental care products. While parents should be mindful of the type of toothbrush their children use, sticking with products recommended by their child's pediatric dentist, let youngsters choose their toothbrush and toothpaste.

• Compliment kids after positive dental appointments. When pediatric dentist appointments go well, compliment children and express your pride in them for taking dental hygiene as seriously as they do.

Help your kids learn to brush, floss

Parents quickly learn that their children go through a transition marked by a desire to be more independent. They're picking out their own mismatched clothes and no longer want any help when solving puzzles or complex toys.

That newfound independence signals getting older and can be a healthy thing to nourish. But what happens when a youngster suddenly believes he or she is capable of brushing his or her teeth without assistance?

Parents wrestling with their kids' can-do attitude and whether it's wise to allow them to brush their teeth unassisted can familiarize themselves with certain guidelines to determine their youngsters' readiness.

Most kids are at least six years old before they have developed the finesse and dexterity to handle a toothbrush in a manner that will effectively remove plaque, it has been reported. Dentists also may ask if the child can tie his or her own shoes, which can serve as a barometer of readiness to wield a toothbrush without assistance.

Pediatricians and pediatric

dentists recommend that children visit a dentist as soon as a child's first tooth starts to appear. This also is when parents should begin to clean their children's teeth.

As a child ages, the natural proclivity to want to take charge of brushing teeth takes hold. The child may not yet have the manual dexterity to brush alone, but parents can encourage the child to brush and then go over the teeth as a "double check." This helps foster independence while also ensuring teeth are fully cleaned.

Flossing may require even more dexterity than brushing, but it is essential for sloughing off plaque that accumulates between teeth and below the gum line. Moms and dads can introduce their children to pre-threaded Y-shaped flossing tools, which are easier to handle than loose floss.

Parents will have to check on children even as they age to be sure they are practicing good oral hygiene. Parents who are in doubt about their children's readiness can work with dentists or dental hygienists to assess skills and get other pointers.



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2. Used to clean inbetween your teeth

3. A hole in your tooth is a ____

4. ____ is another word for germs

5. Who you visit to make your teeth healthy

7. Your first set of teeth are ____ teeth

8. Helps protect your teeth from cavities

DOWN

1. What you put on your toothbrush in order to clean your teeth

6. The hard outer layer of your teeth

9. What a dentist uses to inspect teeth

10. ____ helps to break down food while washing your teeth and gums

Healthy Smile Tips:

• Brush your teeth twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.	• Clean your teeth daily.
• Eat a healthy diet that limits sugary beverages and snacks.	• See your dentist regularly for prevention and treatment of oral disease.



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COVID-19 relief funds earmarked for infrastructure investments

Gov. Laura Kelly and Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz visited the site of a Newton cost-share project to announce that action is under way to provide support to Kansas communities for much-needed infrastructure programs and services through the fast and direct distribution of more than \$84.6 million in highway funding KDOT received from the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) of 2021.

“The Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act funding allows us to make smart investments in a wide range of infrastructure programs and services across the state – leaving no Kansas county behind,” Gov. Laura Kelly said. “These dollars will not only support necessary infrastructure repairs in our communities but will also play a key role in our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by creating jobs and promoting economic growth. My administration is committed to making sound, forward-thinking decisions that ensure continued, wise investment in those things that grow our economy and make Kansas a great place to live, to work and raise a family.”

The CRRSAA, as approved by Congress and signed into law on Dec. 27, included \$10 billion

for state highway and transportation systems. Kansas received \$94 million in total. \$9.1 million of those funds will collectively go directly to the Kansas City and Wichita metro areas, as federally designated.

KDOT will distribute the remaining funds to cities and counties to restore motor fuel tax revenue losses, advance preservation work and increase funding for popular local partnership programs.

“Partnerships are a guiding principle of the IKE program and that’s why I’m proud that we are sharing these dollars with local governments,” Secretary Lorenz said. “Because funding wrapped in red tape is not relief, we’re eliminating federal reporting responsibilities and red tape for local communities thus enabling them to deliver services and projects faster and more easily.”

Gov. Kelly said multiple options were considered for how to best invest the CRRSA funds. The Kelly administration, in collaboration with KDOT, ultimately selected an approach allowing the accomplishment of three goals:

- * Invest the maximum amount of dollars into the economy in the least amount of time.
- * Invest dollars in every Kansas county, leaving no part of the state behind.
- * Target additional economic opportunities in the communi-

ties that have been hit the hardest during the pandemic.

Kansas motor fuel tax revenues have declined by \$37.5 million since April 2020. Because a third of this revenue is earmarked for local communities, \$12.5 million will be distributed to make local government budgets whole.

All Kansas counties and more than 600 cities receive funding through the special city-county highway fund formula.

The city of Newton, the site of the announcement, was used as an example by Gov. Kelly to demonstrate how coronavirus relief funds will have a positive impact at the local level.

In July 2020, Newton was awarded a \$2 million project as part of the KDOT Cost Share Program for the extension of streets to serve new development. Relief funding will be distributed across KDOT programs such as cost share.

The infusion of federal relief funds will enable KDOT to advance a minimum of \$25 million in preservation construction lettings by December 2021 and to invest \$10-15 million in increased funding for local partnership programs such as cost share, local bridge, technology and high risk rural roads. Priority will be given communities hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, it was reported.

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JACKSON COUNTY

Market Study Analysis for Jackson County, Kansas
Assessment date
January 1, 2021

Real Estate Market Value Trend:

The Jackson County Appraiser’s office uses two geographically based models for the valuation of residential property. The analysis of valid residential sales in Model #1 (Holton and surrounding area) indicates an overall inflationary trend, depending on location and type of home. Model #2 (rural and small towns) indicates an overall inflationary trend, depending on location and type of home.

A study of the vacant lot and small acreage real estate market indicates the market is stable with an overall inflationary trend.

A study of the Commercial/Industrial real estate market indicates the market is stable with an overall inflationary trend.

These studies are based on an overall analysis of real estate market conditions by assessment class in Jackson County. Appraised values on a specific or individual property may not follow a published trend due to changes in the property, a correction of descriptive information or an adjustment of values based on recent sales of similar properties.

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Two arrested

A search warrant served early Friday morning in southern Jackson County resulted in the arrest of two people on multiple charges, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

A drug search warrant was served that morning at 9915 T4 Road southeast of Hoyt. The warrant was issued as a result of a drug investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Rachael Deanne Butts, 45, Hoyt, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and two counts of aggravated endangering a child.

John Arthur North, 51, Hoyt, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, criminal possession of a weapon and possession of stolen property.

Deputies recovered a 2014 Chevy Cruze on the property, which had reportedly been stolen out of Jefferson County. Two children in the residence were taken into police protective custody, it was reported.

AG WEEK: Livestock futures, trades up

By Matt Hines

Livestock futures were mostly higher last week. Cash feedlot trade was also higher with live trade at \$114, \$1 to \$2 higher than the week previous.

Dressed trade was from \$178 to \$180, which was steady to \$2 higher. Boxed beef prices, though, were mixed for the week, yet packer margins are still solid and promote keeping the chain speeds up.

For the week, Friday, Jan. 29 through Friday, Feb. 5, February live cattle were up \$1.67, April was up \$1.92, January feeder cattle were up \$.55, March was up \$1.45, February lean hogs were up \$1.17 and April was up \$3.65. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$.63 at \$234.58, Select was down \$1.91 at \$220.79 and pork carcass cutout was down \$1.18 at \$84.18.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 653,000 head, matching the week previous and up 22,000 from last year. Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 2,691,000 head, up 33,000 compared to the week previous and up 19,000 compared to a year ago.

Livestock futures started this week mixed. Feed grains were higher, pressuring feeder cattle, but live cattle held off from collapsing and lean hogs held onto decent gains. The largest supplies of slaughter ready cattle are now behind us and increasing demand should garner higher cash feedlot trade over these



next few weeks.

February live cattle is still holding a higher trend with nearby support levels at \$114.70 and \$114 with resistance up at the January high at \$117.62. March feeders have support at \$136.50 with resistance around \$140, then \$141.85. February lean hogs hit a new recent high last week at \$73.25 with resistance next up at \$74.50 and support at \$69.

Grains were mixed last Friday and only the nearby March corn contract was higher for the week. Export sales were confirmed this past week as the highest weekly total for corn in history at more than 7.4 million metric tons (MMT) or 292.8 million bushels (MBU).

China purchased more than 230 MBU of corn from the U.S. this past week, so shipments now need to pick up the pace. USDA was to update supply and demand on Tuesday with most looking for bullish news.

Corn stocks are expected to be reduced by 150 to 200 MBU again this month, and soybean stocks are expected to be down 10 to 20 MBU to near pipeline supply.

For the week, Friday, Jan. 29 through Friday, Feb. 5, March corn was up \$.01½, March soybeans were down \$.03¼, March Kansas City wheat was down \$.12¾, March Chicago wheat was down \$.21¼ and March soybean meal was down \$.50 per ton.

South American forecasts are showing drier than normal conditions again in Argentina. Brazil’s soybean crop is doing well as harvest begins. Harvest is delayed with private estimates at 4 percent compared to 16 percent last year, which will slow down

new crop shipments and give a small boost to soybean exports here in the U.S. The delay will also push their second corn crop planting behind as well.

Temperatures are expected to be much below normal for the week from the Northern Plains through the Southern Plains and into the Midwest. The six-to-10-day outlook still shows below normal temps across most of the country and above normal moisture.

Grains held strong gains to start this week. Export inspections for all except wheat exceeded the average needed. Soybean inspections totaled 66.2 MBU, corn 62.1 MBU, wheat 16.2 MBU and grain sorghum 7.9 MBU. A total of 54.2 MBU of grain is heading to China.

March corn hit a new contract high on Monday at \$5.65¼ with nearby support at \$5.29. March soybeans’ contract high is from mid-January at \$14.36½. It hasn’t been back above \$14 since Jan. 19, with nearby support around \$13.34.

March Kansas City wheat is still holding the long-term higher trend with support at \$6.05 and resistance at \$6.48. March Chicago wheat has support at \$6.25 and resistance at \$6.72. March soybean meal has support at \$420 and resistance at \$440.

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.

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