

All school buildings closed

All Kansas school buildings — including Holton, Jackson Heights, Royal Valley and Wetmore — have been ordered closed through the end of the current school year by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly as a proactive measure to reduce the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the state, it was reported.

The action taken yesterday by Gov. Kelly was one of two executive orders issued to reduce the spread of the virus, which has reportedly infected 16 Kansas residents and caused one death. The governor also directed certain state employees to

stay home for two weeks to minimize additional risk of exposure to the virus, it was reported.

In consultation with the Kansas State Department of Education, the Kansas Board of Education, the Kansas Association of School Boards, the Kansas School Superintendents Association, United School Administrators of Kansas and Kansas National Education Association, the governor officially extended the closure of K-12 schools for the duration of the 2019-20 school year.

"This was not an easy decision to make," Gov.

Kelly said. "It came after close consultation with the education professionals who represent local school boards, school administrators and local teachers. These unprecedented circumstances threaten the safety of our students and the professionals who work with them every day and we must respond accordingly."

Kelly emphasized the need for students to continue to receive high-quality education during this closure. On Sunday, March 15, Kelly asked the Department of Education to convene a group of experts to develop a comprehensive

education plan for students for the remainder of the year.

As a result, school buildings will be closed but school operations will continue as school officials across the state also develop education plans to offer students for the rest of the school year. "Continuous learning" plans will be announced by each school district in the near future to complete the school year.

Additionally, effective Monday, March 23, Kelly directed state employees to stay home on administrative leave to minimize additional risk of exposure to the virus for two weeks. The break

will allow agencies to assess their essential functions to ensure that they can safely continue to serve the core needs of Kansans.

The order only applies to executive branch agencies under jurisdiction of the governor and does not include agencies such as the Office of the Attorney General, the Insurance Department, the State Treasurer or the Secretary of State's office.

Additionally, the order does not apply to legislative or judicial branch employees. Those branches will issue their own, separate guidance to employees.

Kelly has directed

Cabinet agencies, boards and commissions to develop an internal plan to ensure a seamless transition. They will each identify which employees can work remotely, which will need to be placed on administrative leave and how to best ramp operations back up at the appropriate time.

"The steps we are announcing today will create the space we need at the state level to develop a more strategic, resilient infrastructure so that we can get ahead of this threat and limit its long-term impact to Kansans," Kelly said Tuesday.

School meals still available

By Recorder staff

While classroom learning at the K-12 public schools in Kansas has been canceled for the rest of the semester (see related story), the three school districts in Jackson County have already announced plans to continue providing school meals for children at off-site locations, until further notice, it has been reported.

Holton, Royal Valley and Jackson Heights are all offering off-site meals for kids and each district's plans for this program are a little different.

A summary of each district's off-site meal plans is listed below and also detailed in some display advertisements on pages 5, 7 and 11 of this edition for patrons to clip and save.

Holton

The Holton school district's off-site meal program will resemble the district's summer meal program, except kids will not enter a school building to be fed, said Michael Adkins, food service director.

Adkins said that starting today (Wednesday), the Holton school district will provide free meals to any children ages 1 to 18 on weekdays between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at two curbside locations - Holton Elementary School (812 W. Fifth St.) and the Denison Community Center/Library (111 Central Ave.).

Adkins said each child traveling in vehicles arriving at the two curbside locations will receive a lunch and a breakfast (for the next day). On Fridays, he said, double meals will be provided to each child to help out over the weekend.

Adkins also said that each child who walks up to curbside locations will be served meals, also.

Adkins said the district is not allowed to sell the meals to adults, or give them to adults if children are not present.

He stressed that the district is not requiring anyone to sign up for the free meals. No one will be allowed to enter the school buildings, Adkins said.

Royal Valley

Royal Valley Superintendent Aaric Davis told board of education members Monday evening that the district has received a state waiver to provide free meals to students while schools are closed.

"This biggest thing we're working on is food service," Davis told board members Monday. "There's going to be a lot of students without breakfast or lunch while we're on this closure. While we don't normally provide that service over the summer months or spring break, I feel like this is something different. Families didn't have time to plan for

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Commissioners declare public health emergency

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners declared a public health emergency in the county on Monday due to COVID-19 as they discussed with department heads how to limit the spread of the virus in county buildings.

On Monday afternoon, after viewing a state press conference, the commissioners and Pat Korte, director of emergency management, held a meeting with most county department heads to discuss the county's response to COVID-19.

"There's a lot of unknowns right now," said Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer said. "We need a plan in place so we know how to react if outside forces tell us to limit services."

On Monday, Gov. Laura Kelly made an executive order to implement a ban on public events larger than 50 people in the state.

Currently, Jackson County residents are at a low risk for infection from COVID-19 and there have been no confirmed

cases in the county, according to the Jackson County Health Department.

COVID-19 is likely to "spread through droplets from an infected person's nose or mouth through coughing and/or sneezing," the county health department reported.

Services to the public at the Jackson County Courthouse are not being limited at this time. Offices in the Courthouse are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The treasurer's office closes at 4:15 p.m.

It was also suggested to have the phone numbers of all the county offices posted at each door of the Courthouse with reminders that residents can conduct some county business over the phone or online. Those signs were in place by Tuesday.

The signs also ask Courthouse visitors to not enter the building if they are feeling sick, have traveled to areas affected by COVID-19, been exposed to individuals with COVID-19 or have symptoms of the virus.

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Holton school board members and administrators maintained a six-foot distance as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention during the district's school board meeting on Monday in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Those shown above are (from left) board members Shelby Patch and Mike Ford and Superintendent Bob Davies. An article on Monday's board meeting appears on page 2 of today's edition. Photo by David Powls

More donations received for Banner building

By Brian Sanders

Fund-raising efforts to get a shelter house built at Banner Creek Reservoir received two big boosts in recent days, one being a \$15,000 donation from an anonymous donor that challenged members of the Friends of Banner Creek organization to match that amount in order to meet a key fund-raising goal.

The other was a \$5,000 contribution approved on Monday by the Holton City Commission, although the donation did not come without some resistance from Holton city officials.

Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee told Friends of Banner Creek treasurer Beth Nelson and Deb Dillner during Monday's commission meeting that donating city tax funds toward a project on Jackson County property may not be "a good idea."

However, city commissioners approved the donation on a 4-1 vote, with commissioner Marilyn Watkins dissenting.

Nelson said the organization has been working to raise \$125,000 in order to get a matching grant for the same amount from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to build a new, multi-purpose shelter house at

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- Deb Dillner

the reservoir with a kitchen, a gathering area and basement for storm shelter.

So far, Nelson noted the organization has raised \$94,500 toward that goal with a grant application deadline of April 15. But on Sunday, she said she was contacted by an anonymous donor who was willing to put up \$15,000 if the organization could raise an equal amount, getting the organization to its fund-raising goal.

"I know things are tight for the city. It is for everybody,"

she said. "But this is an opportunity for us to take \$1, have another dollar placed on it, and when we have those two dollars put together with our grant, it's \$4. That's a pretty good deal."

McKee agreed, adding that

"a good project," but noted that a donation would come from funds raised through a "city tax" that is levied to "provide services for the city," not Banner Creek Reservoir.

Commissioner Tim Morris said that initially, he sided with McKee and Watkins on not using city tax funds for projects at the reservoir, a Jackson County property. But after a reminder from Nelson that people who use the reservoir also do a significant amount of business in Holton

— paying sales taxes that are used for city infrastructure projects — Morris said he was changing his mind.

"I feel like it's something we can contribute to — maybe not \$15,000, but we can make a contribution to this because of the money it would generate and come back to us," Morris said. "I would support a smaller number than that."

Commissioner Mike Meerpohl suggested the \$5,000 amount, noting that while Banner Creek Reservoir is located outside the city limits, "many people here in town benefit from using it," and Mayor Robert Dieckmann agreed. Watkins, however, restated her opposition to using city tax funds on projects outside the city.

"I am going to vote against it, although the lake is a part of my heart," Watkins said. "My responsibility is to the city."

The donation was approved on a motion by Morris, seconded by Meerpohl.

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A rendering of the proposed Banner Lake Lodge is shown above. Holton City Commissioners recently donated \$5,000 for the project and an anonymous donor is willing to put \$15,000 towards the project if the organization can raise an equal amount, it was reported.



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

Holton school board hears report on governor's school closure plan

By David Powls

Sitting at separate individual library tables, at least six feet apart, the Holton school board met Monday evening at the high school library for its regular March meeting, which turned out to be the first one A.C. (after coronavirus became a household worry locally and closed schools initially for a week).

Bob Davies, school superintendent, informed the school board of the latest information known at that time about how Gov. Laura Kelly, at the recommendation of health officials, had ordered the closure of schools for this week.

Davies said then it looked like the governor was going to prohibit gatherings of more than 50 people in the schools at a time for eight weeks. Gov. Kelly the next day (Tuesday) closed down school buildings for the rest of the semester. (See related story.)

"That just about shuts us down," Davies said, adding that a Kansas Department of Education task force had been formed to make recommendations on how Kansas K-12 public schools could make the drastic shift from traditional learning in the school buildings to "continuous learning."

"They have been working on this since Sunday afternoon and we expect to know more Wednesday (today)," Davies said.

Davies also said, "Every time we get going, plans change... It's already becoming bigger than the schools."

Davies also outlined a plan for administrators and office staff to report for work each week day and for the district to find work for classified staff to do in this "new normal" that is expected of the schools.

He also talked about how special ed paras cannot be paid with special ed funds, unless they are performing special ed work. He sought the board's approval to also find work for these classified employees, at least this week, so they could be paid with regular ed funds. Board members approved a motion 6-0 to pay special ed paras with regular ed funds this week.

"Let's play it week by week," Davies said. "We are in crisis mode."

Davies added that another issue with the governor's initial new guidelines regarding keep-



In his report to the Holton USD 336 Board of Education on Monday evening, maintenance director Mike Porter, shown above, showed board members a Victory lithium ion 16.8-volt disinfectant sprayer that uses a mist to cover target areas in the schools during cleanings.

Photo by David Powls

ing groups to less than 50 was that the Holton district does not have enough school buses to transport all the kids to schools in small groups.

Davies also sought, and received, the board's approval to establish an "off-site school meal program" for kids ages one to 18. (See related story).

In other business, the school board:

*Noted the presence of about 30 people, mostly staff, who also practiced "social distancing" the best they could.

*Approved a motion 6-0 to spend up to \$11,200 to bring the two restrooms at the Fresh Start learning center into compliance with American With Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines with new sinks, stools and ADA doors.

*Approved a motion 6-0 to spend up to \$1,750 to construct a cement ramp entrance into the district maintenance part of

the Fresh Start learning center building on the north side at the overhead door site.

*Approved a motion 6-0 to add a new social worker position for the district, starting next fall.

*Agreed to give Supt. Davies the OK to seek "a health insurance broker" to help the district get the best health insurance deal for qualifying district employees.

Davies said Blue Cross/Blue Shield is seeking another 10 percent rate hike in health care premiums at renewal, which he said amounts to about \$80 more on the individual premiums.

The district pays \$500 per month for each single and employee/spouse plans and \$705 per month for each employee/child and family plans. Employees pay the balance of the costs.

*Approved a motion 6-0 to provide a free breakfast in the

classroom for first grade teachers next year, since the district will be expanding the breakfast in the classroom program for all first grade students.

*Approved a motion 6-0 to give the district's current natural gas provider a 30-day notice that the district intends to dissolve its contract at then end of its term and seek new bids from three or more companies interested in providing the service.

*Approved a motion 6-0 to change the district's policy on personal days from 10 consecutive years of service in the district to 10 accumulative years of service to the district, in order to receive three personal days.

*Approved payroll totaling \$1,187,773.42.

*Approved the following new hires - Teri Johnson, special ed behaviorist for next year; Connor Bechard, HHS head track coach; Dalton Beightel, HMS head track coach; Dave Ashcraft, HHS assistant track coach; and Wilma Shupe, HMS assistant track coach.

*Accepted the following resignations - John Barber, bus driver on Feb. 12; and Amy Austin, annex custodian.

*Announced the following employment termination - Sarah Nordlund, HES para on Feb. 20.

*Adopted KASB (Kansas Association of School Boards) policy updates.

*Learned that a Holton Middle School class "Essentials Of Agriculture" with the help of HHS ag teacher Jason Larrison had been awarded a \$1,200 "Living To Serve" grant, which will be used to improve the old outdoor basketball goals behind the school and set up three half-court basketball court areas. The board approved a motion 6-0 to accept the grant.

*Heard a presentation from a group of K-5 teachers in the district who recommended the district purchase a new reading curriculum series called "Into Reading" at a cost of \$109,000. The teachers told board members the "Into Reading" series is very structured, very strong in phonics and very rigorous.

The district has utilized the same reading curriculum series for the past 12 to 15 years, it was reported.

After a lengthy discussion, the board approved the purchase of the new reading series on a 6-0 vote.

*Met in executive session, details of which were not available at press time.

Catholic masses, activities cancelled

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas, which includes Catholic churches in Jackson County and the Topeka area, announced yesterday he had canceled all masses in the archdiocese except for funeral masses in response to the COVID-19 situation, it was reported.

"Funeral masses must be limited to more than 50 people, including clergy, assisting ministers, family members and friends," Naumann said.

"No funeral luncheons may be held."

Naumann added that all communal penance services had been canceled, though individual confessions were to continue at regularly scheduled times.

"Confessions are to be heard only behind a screen or other barrier and not face to face," Naumann said. "At no time should there be more than 50 people gathered in a church."

Baptisms may continue, Naumann added, but only parents, godparents and immediate

family members who are asymptomatic may attend, and attendance may not total more than 50 people.

Jackson County's Catholic churches made a similar announcement recently, canceling the majority of church activities until further notice including all public masses, penance services and education classes at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Holton, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta and Our Lady of the Snows Shrine on the Potawatomi reservation.

Meriden woman dies in accident

A two-vehicle accident just northeast of Topeka last Thursday claimed the life of a Meriden woman and resulted in injuries to two others, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol.

Mollie Sharon Williams, 78, of Meriden was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred at about 1:25 p.m. Thursday, March 12 at the intersection of Kansas Highway 4 and N.E. 46th Street, just inside Jefferson County.

According to KHP, Williams was driving a 2009 Lexus east on N.E. 46th and was attempting to turn north on K-4 when her car was struck broadside by a 2015 Kia Optima that was

driven south on K-4 by Cassidy Nichole Smith, 22, of Grantville. The Lexus came to rest in the highway's east ditch, KHP reported.

Neither Williams nor Smith was wearing a safety belt at the time of the accident, it was reported. Smith was taken to Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka for treatment of suspected serious injuries.

A passenger in the Kia, Chad Wayne Smith, 48, of Meriden, was wearing a safety belt at the time of the accident and was also taken to Stormont-Vail for treatment of suspected minor injuries, according to KHP.

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Hershey	139.10	+13.17		
Walmart	119.26	+12.50		
Phillips 66	46.67	-1.60		
US Bancorp	33.72	+1.15		
Pfizer	32.16	+1.98		
Deere & Co.	126.71	+6.66		
United Parcel	96.79	+9.73		
Apple	252.86	+10.65		
Facebook	149.42	+3.41		
Goodyear	5.71	-0.47		

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

FUEL PRICES			
	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$1.99	-0.151	-0.347
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McCrorry attends business workshop

Candi McCrorry of Heart To Home in Holton recently joined about 70 other business and community leaders from across Kansas for an intensive business development workshop conducted by destination business expert Jon Schallert, it was reported.

"New Rules For Business Success" was presented in Independence, hosted by Montgomery County E-Community (a program of Network Kansas), the Innovative Business Resource Center (IBRC) and Fab Lab ICC at Independence Community College, with support from the SEK Prosperity Foundation, Inc., Community State Bank and KGGF Radio.

Based in Longmont, Colo., Schallert coaches businesses and communities around the country in strategies to increase traffic and reinvent themselves as consumer and tourist "destinations."

During the two-day workshop, Schallert offered participants a range of cost-effective marketing tools and strategies. He was joined by Elizabeth Collins, president of WebCom Resources.

"There was extensive discussion during this workshop about how to make your business unique and different," McCrorry said. "This was meaningful to hear as I have built my gift and home décor boutique

based on the importance of being unique, unlike the business down the street, the next town over, the next county over and further. When other retailers use this same business model, it promotes consumers to shop all retail businesses in the community as they each have something different to offer. In turn, driving more consumers to our community, making it a shopping destination. My whole community, Holton and Jackson County, will benefit from this business strategy."

Schallert's workshops draw upon his 32 years of experience and learnings from more than 10,000 independent business owners in nearly 600 cities and towns, it was reported. His expertise also has been sought by major companies, such as Kellogg's, KitchenAid, Denver International Airport, Ace Hardware, Anheuser Busch and Hunter Douglas.

In addition to providing workshops around the United States, Schallert and his methods are frequently featured in leading business publications, and he hosts his own "Destination Bootcamp," an intensive small business/community training, at his home office.

Heart to Home offers exclusive products, gifts and home décor located at 105 W. Fourth St. in Holton on the south side of the Square.



Sourks celebrate 50th anniversary

Ed and Helen Sourk of Hiawatha celebrated 50 years of marriage on March 14, 2020.

They were married at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Fidelity.

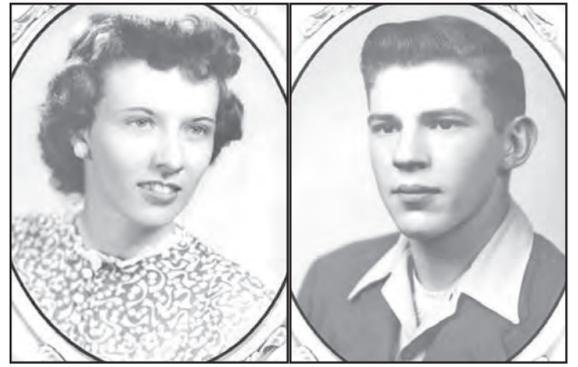
Ed worked in the banking industry, Exchange National Bank of Atchison, Morrill & Janes Bank of Hiawatha, Silver Lake Bank and retired from GNB of Girard in 2014.

Helen began her teaching career at Troy in 1971 and then stayed home until their three children reached school age. She was employed by

Brown County Special Education Cooperative as a gifted/talented teacher for 29 years, retiring in 2013.

In their retirement, they enjoy spending time with the family, restoring the family farmsteads and the cattle operation of Sourk Farms.

Ed and Helen are the parents of Sara (William) Sourk-Love of Seneca, Grant (Jennifer) Sourk of Topeka and Luke (Tiffanie) Sourk of Goff. They have four grandchildren, Carter, Ella, Claire and Elliott.



Knoufts to celebrate 70th anniversary

Harold and Anna Lee Knouft of Holton will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, March 24.

The couple was married on March 24, 1950. Cards may be sent to them at Vintage Park at Holton, 410 Juniper Dr., Holton, KS 66436.

Gardener's Corner

Remembering the friendly apple tree

By Sandra M. Siebert

When I spent many happy hours in the shade of four (or was it five?) apple trees that grew in our yard.



My siblings and I picked and ate apples from those trees - often when they were green. If I recall correctly, they were Delicious, Jonathan and Winesap. It's been a long time since those days, and the trees were cut down 20 years ago, maybe more.

But I remember the apples trees well, and one in particular.

My favorite tree was of the Delicious variety (at one time about the only variety I could find in the grocery store). It doesn't stick in my memory because of the flavor of the apples, but because it had a few sturdy, low branches set at perfect angles for climbing into and hanging out. Although we tried climbing the others, they weren't nearly so easy to navigate, with smaller branches more closely spaced. It wasn't the trees' fault. They just didn't get pruned in such a way as to invite climbing.

In early years, I climbed the tree with my siblings, challenging each other to climb as high as possible. We would scoot out as far as we could on the highest limbs we dared climb, endangering our ability to get down without assistance.

Later, when puberty threatened and I felt the angst of adolescence descend, I spent many hours in the tree by myself, daydreaming and writing "poetry."

This was a friendly tree, a comforting tree. It seemed to grow as it did with the pure intent of providing fun and solace to growing children. That tree was still there when circumstances led my 20-something self to move back home temporarily. I think I spent a little time in its branches then, thinking things through with an old friend.

To me, apple trees seem inherently friendly in nature - with the exception of the apple trees in the movie

"The Wizard of Oz," which slapped Dorothy's hand and grumped at her as she tried picking a few apples to ease her hunger. Other than those cursed trees, apple trees feel friendly and generous.

Apple trees certainly seem to enjoy attention from human beings, responding well to appropriate pruning and other types of attention. Even when little attention is given them, they produce fruit and have been known to last decades, marking former home sites. Without attention, the fruit might be wart and worm-eaten, but the trees provide.

Last year, our trees got precious little attention, yet they were laden with fruit. I plucked plenty of pomes (another word for apples) and someone else who had helped us with maintenance of the land picked even more.

When we planted all of those apple trees, we intended to grow them organically. We researched how to limit disease and pests in apples, and even collected the materials to make organic sprays.

One time of spraying the trees, however, convinced us that this was going to be a time-consuming process, and impossible for us to keep up. So, with the exception of occasional pruning and training, the trees are pretty much left to their own, truly organically.

Still, they produce.

Initially, we had hoped to plant some of our favorite varieties, such as Fuji and Pink Lady, but learned that those varieties do not grow well in climates such as ours. So we opted for others. We looked for disease resistance, because you cannot escape cedar-apple rust here. Liberty, Enterprise and Freedom were the three disease-resistant varieties we planted.

Liberty has been my favorite, with Enterprise second. Both possess excellent disease-resistance (particularly to cedar apple rust) and produce great-tasting fruit. However, with all of its disease resistance, Liberty apples are highly attractive to coddling moth. The thick skin of Enterprise fruits seems more resistant to pests, though.

Even though we don't eat as many apples now as we did when we planted our orchard with such high hopes, those surviving trees remain precious to me. I still look forward to picking apples every year, in spite of having to cut many spots out of relatively small apples. I know that with the proper attention, they could produce great fruit. Even without regular attention, they continue to give. Sometimes, though, for whatever reason, the population of insect pests is low and the apples come out nearly perfect anyway.

The apple is a generous tree. It offers its fruit to all. In fact, I'm not the only creature that picks apples (or any of the other fruit we grow). Squirrels, birds, raccoons and probably opossums also take their share. But I also get my share, so I won't complain... much... as long as I get my share.

Perhaps my love for apples comes from my childhood of eating apples, and apple sauce, and apple pie. Always it seemed we had apples. My love of the trees themselves most likely derives from my fondness for that one tree that held my young self in its limbs.

Even now I would love to have a tree like that, whose branches would cradle me, give me ease and comfort. It would need to be a "standard" size tree pruned and trained appropriately when young. I could plant one now, but it would be 20 years, perhaps, before it would be large enough to allow me into its branches. I might not be able to take advantage of it.

But surely someone would. Someone would.

In a few decades, some child might befriend that tree, finding pleasure in climbing it, and eating its wormy apples on the green side.

Someone planted and pruned my beloved tree. For me to do the same would not only be an act of generosity, but one of gratitude.

The circle would be complete.

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

Ontario Bees keep busy

By William Beauchamp
Club reporter

The Ontario Busy Bees 4-H Club is a small club, but club members stay strong and busy. Members have already completed a couple of community service projects with a few more planned throughout the 4-H year.

You may have seen club members buzzing around Holton in October delivering phone books for Yellowbook.

At Christmas time, each club family donated duffel bags to local foster programs. Members also worked with a local popcorn grower/retailer and did a popcorn fund-raiser. The members sold individual bags of popcorn and also made baskets for those who wanted a gift basket to give.

Members wanted to share the wonderful popcorn so they donated a few popcorn baskets to two local businesses supporting individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Members also clean up around Elk Horn lake three to four times a year.

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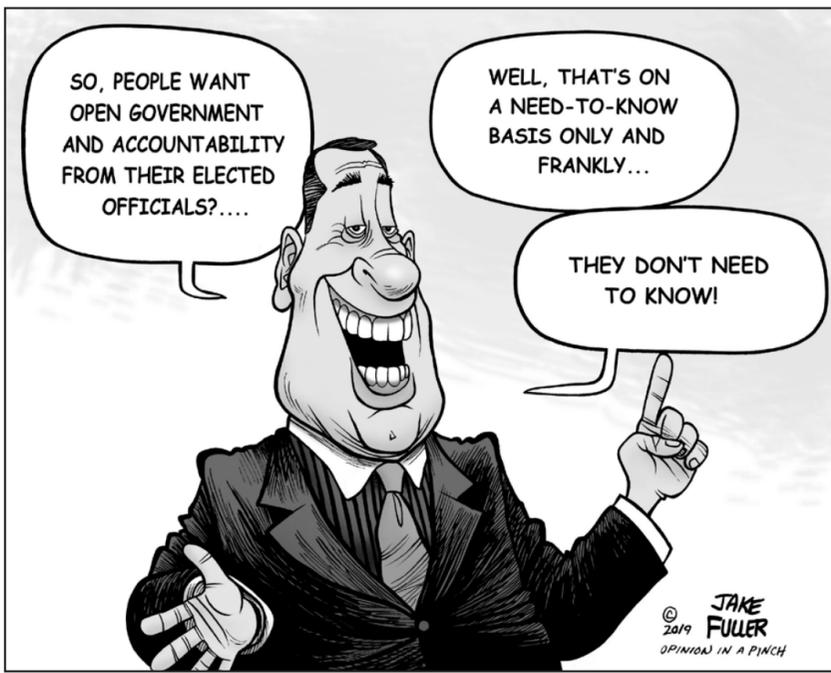


OPINION

There's something for everyone in "Advice From An Old Farmer"

Editor's note: I have no idea who wrote the following "Advice From An Old Farmer" or when, or where I found it, but I think there's something in here for just about everyone today wondering what to think about the coronavirus.

- *Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- *Keep skunks at a distance.
- *Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- *A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- *Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- *Meanness doesn't just happen overnight.
- *Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- *Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- *It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- *You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- *Every path has a few puddles.
- *When you wallow with the pigs, expect to get dirty.
- *The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- *Most of the stuff that people worry about is never going to happen anyway.
- *Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- *Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- *Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and look back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
- *Don't interfere with something that isn't bothering you personally.
- *Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- *If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging.
- *Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
- *The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every morning.
- *Always drink upstream from the herd.
- *Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that experience comes from bad judgment.
- *Letting the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in.
- *If you start thinking you're a person of influence, try ordering around somebody else's dog.
- *Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.
- *Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
- *Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.
- *Most of the time, it just comes down to common sense.



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By Jim Zachary
Georgia First Amendment Foundation President

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PLAINS FOLK Dance marathons provided employment

By Jim Hoy

Dance marathons permeated the country during the Great Depression as people became desperate for work, food, shelter and recreation. The marathons provided jobs for promoters, floor judges, trainers, doctors and nurses, cooks and others hired to do the backstage work. Some 20,000 people were estimated to have found employment at the marathons.

Contestants were provided food and shelter, at least temporarily. Dancers were fed 12 times daily, no small inducement during the deprivations of the Great Depression, although they had to eat on the go from a chest-high table. The menu was heavy on breakfast fare: toast and eggs, oatmeal and milk, oranges. Some dancers actually gained weight, despite their constant motion, from the every-other-hour meals.



The recreation was not for the dancers but for the spectators, who got to see people dancing who were actually worse off than they were. During the early morning and afternoon hours, music was provided by phonograph, but late-afternoon and primetime audiences were treated to live music by small orchestras.

Seeing doctors and nurses treat dancers for blisters and strains, even delousing, was part of the entertainment. Attendance was low at off hours (although the dancers had to keep at it), but the average audience numbers during the evening, according to Billboard, were around 2,500.

Interestingly, women made up an estimated 75 percent of audiences at these endurance events, possibly because emcees, in order to build up interest, created touching or romantic narratives about certain couples.

These soap-opera stories enticed the women to return night after night to watch their favorite dancers, to see what kind of progress their favorite couple was making in their romance or their attempt to win so they could provide food for their children.

The rules required that couples had to be dancing (or at least shuffling) constantly, except for an allotted 15-minute break each hour. As the days, weeks and months dragged on, contestants learned how to drop off to sleep almost instantaneously during these breaks.

Often one dancer would continue to move while holding up his or her sleeping partner. In that case, the sleeper's wrists might be tied with a handkerchief and hooked around the other dancer's neck.

At all costs the dancers had to keep their knees from touching the floor, or they would immediately be disqualified. Women sometimes knitted while dancing, and men would shave, looking at their foam-covered faces in a mirror hanging from their partners' necks. There were also special "desks" dancers could hang around their necks in order to write a letter.

The marathon had to go on for months, or else the producers wouldn't make money, so they often brought along their own "stable of horses," professional dancers that they would mix in with the local amateurs. These "experienced couples" were often unemployed vaudeville entertainers who would perform songs and stunts during the evenings.

As the months went by and attendance began to dwindle, special events were added to spice up the spectacle and keep the crowds coming. More about those next time.

Note: Jim Hoy, retired professor of English at Emporia State University, is co-author of the Plains Folk column.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,
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Since I had the opportunity to work with Allen for a couple of years, I would like to add my congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement. Allen is one of the good

guys, someone you could always count on.

I'd also take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to the current staff of the Recorder. The paper is a valuable part of the community, and your work is appreciated. Thanks!

Tom Robb
Mayetta

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Historical Photo



The above photo, taken on Jan. 9, 1945, during World War II near Sainlez, Belgium, shows two members of the U.S. Army's 137th Infantry Regiment, 35th Division — including Private Ken McKeever of Holton, at left — laying down a harassing fire to give cover to advancing infantry men. The soldier at right has been identified as Private Lloyd Gottemyler of Vancouver, Wash.

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Ag Week Recap

Economic concerns still mounting

By Matt Hines

No matter your thoughts on measures being taken to counteract the spread of this coronavirus COVID-19, there are some serious economic concerns which have played out in the equity and commodity markets for some time now.



Fundamental daily news for grains and livestock has been limited recently and overshadowed by the "outside" market influence. This massive sell-off may very well be overdone, yet it still has impacts on agriculture. Beef is considered more of a luxury item now compared to other protein sources. Less travel, restaurants closing, et cetera can only be offset by grocery store demand for so long.

Energy values are under pressure not only from less consumption but also a price war in the Middle East. This also provides pressure to corn and soybeans as both are biofuels, as corn is used for ethanol, up to 40 percent of our domestic use.

Friday closed out a wild week for the markets and the first major separation of the stock market from the cattle market in more than a month. Now, part of — in fact more than half of — Friday's gain for the equities came after the commodity markets closed as President Donald Trump announced a major private/public sector partnership in combatting the spread of COVID-19 and declaring the first public health national emergency since the H1N1 emergency in 2009.

Cattle futures opened sharply higher but failed to hold gains mid-morning and used the expanded limits to set new lows. Nearby through December live cattle contracts closed the expanded limit \$4.50 lower while only August through October feeders closed their expanded limit \$6.75 lower. Beef prices

shot higher on Friday as pork prices and cash hogs continue to climb higher as well.

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold \$5 to \$10 lower nationwide. The sheer uncertainty in the worldwide marketplace is driving a massive downward trend in the livestock sector. The CME Cattle Complex has taken the brunt of losses in the ag sector, but grains have reported losses as well.

In the last three weeks, the March through October feeder cattle contracts have been \$27.20 to \$29.50 lower. Demand for meat products used at home have continued to be at the forefront. The food service and meat packing industry are concerned short-term as many events have been cancelled or postponed. The product that has been fabricated for those large events will now be sitting in a warehouse or freezer somewhere and will hopefully be consumed later.

For the week, Friday, March 6 through Friday, March 13, April live cattle were down \$10.17, June was down \$10.27, March feeder cattle were down \$17.70, April was down \$17.45, April lean hogs were down \$9.55 and June was down \$8.45. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$.67 at \$208.14, Select was down \$.59 at \$201.98 and Pork Carcass Cutout was up \$2.98 at \$69.84.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 630,000 head, down 17,000 from the week previous but up 22,000 from last year. Beef production year-to-date is up 3.7 percent with slaughter up 1.8 percent.

Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 2,648,000 head, down 32,000 compared to the week previous but up 195,000 compared to a year ago. Pork production year to date is up 4.5 percent with slaughter up 4.1 percent.

Shortly after the Dow mini-futures opened Sunday night, they hit their limit five-percent lower and locked, the U.S. dollar and gold were sharply lower and crude was down more than \$3, trading under \$30 per barrel. Over the weekend, the Fed held another emergency meeting and moved interest rates down to zero percent while also promising a round of quantitative easing up to \$700 billion.

On a good note, grocery store meat counters were wiped out over the weekend across the country, depleting short-term supply, and they will need replenished, this week pulling demand and beef prices higher. Beef prices responded Monday with Choice up \$16.22 and Select up \$14.73 on a total load

count of 298!

April live cattle saw support next at lows from 2010, down around \$90, and lows from 2009 around \$80. March feeders had support next down at \$106.50, the spot low from October 2010. April lean hogs were into a new contract low as well on Monday with support next at \$51.50.

Grains have had some good news recently with both Brazil and Argentina soybean crop estimates being trimmed recently due to dry conditions. Export sales for corn and grain sorghum have been very good the past few weeks. Domestic soybean crush in February set a new monthly record by eight percent. The outside pressure, though, is still too much with corn and soybeans into new contract lows Monday and wheat into new recent lows.

News from China is that the spreading of COVID-19 is getting under control and they desperately have a protein shortage. They are asking other countries to expand hog operations soon. New shutdowns and closings are changing daily domestically, though, so please continue to monitor local news outlets, county and state health departments for accurate news.

Heavy rains continue this week across the Southern Plains, the Corn Belt and the Southeast. Temperatures later this week show freezing temps dipping into the Southern Plains. The six-to-10-day outlook shows below normal temps across the majority of the U.S., but the Southeast is still above normal with above-normal precipitation across the U.S.

May corn is into a new contract low at \$3.54 with support next at \$3.40, the spot low from this past September, and resistance up at \$3.75. May soybeans are also into a new contract low at \$8.21, with support next at \$8.17 from this past May and resistance up at \$8.85.

May Kansas City wheat has been holding a lower trend since mid-January with the contract low down at \$4.08 3/4 and resistance around \$4.60. May Chicago wheat is also holding a lower trend with support next at \$4.88 and resistance at \$5.25. May soybean meal is choppy this month from \$311 down to \$296.

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.

Senate passes legislative fix to protect GI Bill benefits as coronavirus shuts schools

The U.S. Senate has passed Senate Veterans' Affairs Chairman Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) and Ranking Member Jon Tester's (D-Mont.) legislation that would allow veterans on the GI Bill to continue receiving full benefits as universities move classes online to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Last week, House Veterans' Affairs Ranking Member Phil Roe (R-Tenn.) introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives, it has been reported.

The GI Bill determines student veterans' benefits based on whether or not they attend a physical university in person versus an online program. As colleges and universities close campuses to prevent the spread of the COVID-19, veterans on the

GI Bill could lose or have their benefits cut. The bill, S.3503, would allow these student veterans to continue to receive full benefits even if the universities they are attending decide to temporarily move classes online due to COVID-19.

"The Senate acted quickly to pass this legislative fix to make certain student veterans relying on the GI Bill to attend college would not be stripped of their benefits because universities are temporarily moving to online classes to prevent the spread of the coronavirus," said Chairman Moran. "This is a great first step, and I urge my colleagues in the House to also act quickly to pass this legislation and send it to President Donald Trump to sign. We must make certain veterans

can still receive the benefits they've earned despite concerns surrounding coronavirus and have the opportunity to earn a college degree and achieve success after service."

"We worked quickly to pass our bipartisan bill that will allow student veterans to receive their earned education benefits, regardless of whether their classes are online or in the classroom," said Ranking Member Tester. "It's critically important that we provide schools adapting an online curriculum, with the support they need to continue serving students across the country. It's now up to the House to send this bill to the President's desk for signature, so that we can keep students focused on their health, safety and education."

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold
Beverly Kranz served as greeter for the Sunday, March 15 service at Circleville Christian Church. Lyle Alley gave the welcome and announcements and opening prayer.

Music was provided by the praise team of Johnny Lynch,

Lori Thomas, Max Lierz, David Allen, Garrett Will, Sue Davault, Shelly Will, Lori Mellenbruch, Jake Spalding, Travis Self and Kay Hallauer as they led the congregation in the opening songs, "Send The Light," "Here I Am To Worship" and "Jesus, Messiah."

Following the communion hymn "Lamb Of God," Bill Dyer gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Larry Self Jr., Mark Fenton, Ken Boswell, Brandon Will and Brad Alley.

The prayer for the offering was given by David Allen. Kay

Hallauer provided the lovely piano music by playing "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus" as communion was served. David Allen gave the prayer for concerns and praises on this National Day of Prayer.

The guest speaker was Kevin Ingram from Manhattan Christian College. He used text from James 2:1-13 ("Favoritism Forbidden") as he gave the morning sermon on brotherhood in Christ. His message brought out three points: 1.) We are all family, 2.) Faith means everything and 3.) All we need is Jesus.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We are all family who need a savior and Jesus is the head of the church. There is no partiality with God.

The invitation hymn was "Have Thine Own Way" and the service closed by singing "I'll Fly Away."

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SPORTS *Wednesday*

BIG 7 ALL-LEAGUE

Four Holton and Royal Valley athletes have been named to the Big Seven All-League basketball team this season, and three additional players are honorable mention picks, it was reported.

For the girls team, Holton High School's **Saydee Tanking**, a junior, was named an unanimous pick for the all-league team. Tanking was named to the all-league squad last season as a sophomore and was an honorable mention pick her freshman season.

Two additional Holton

players, senior **Faith Haussler** and sophomore **Macey Patch**, were selected as honorable mention picks for this season.

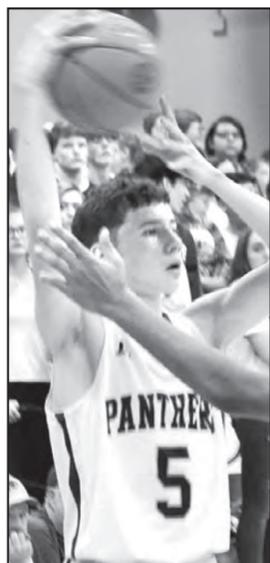
Panther sophomores **Nahcs Wahwassuck** and **Brady Klotz** were named to the all-league boys team along with junior **Kale Purcell** of Holton. Wahwassuck was also selected for the team last year as a freshman.

Panther junior **Brevin Canady** was selected as an honorable mention pick for the all-league team this season.

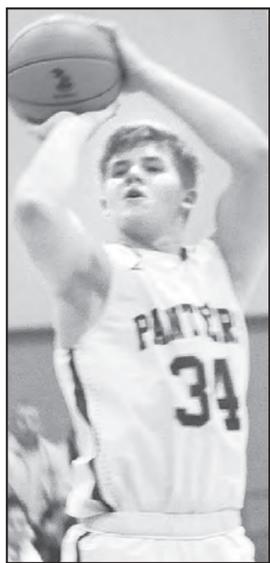
The Royal Valley boys

won the Big Seven League with a 13-1 record, followed by Perry-Lecompton (9-5), Nemaha Central (9-5), Jefferson West (8-6), Sabetha (6-8), Hiawatha (5-9), Holton (4-10) and Riverside (2-12).

The Nemaha Central girls won the Bg Seven League with a 14-0 record, followed by Sabetha (11-3), Jefferson West (9-5), Holton (8-6), Perry-Lecompton (6-8), Hiawatha (4-10), Royal Valley (3-11) and Riverside (1-13)



Nahcs Wahwassuck



Brady Klotz



Brevin Canady



Saydee Tanking



Macey Patch



Faith Haussler



Kale Purcell

2019-20 Big Seven League Boys All-League Basketball

	Name	School	Grade
1st Team	Gabe Garber	Sabetha	12
	Nahcs Wahwassuck	Royal Valley	10
	Brady Klotz	Royal Valley	10
	Parker Stone	Perry-Lecompton	11
	Blake Farmer	Perry-Lecompton	12
	Andrew Leonard	Nemaha Central	12
	Quinn Neuenswander	Jeff West	12
	Bryce Clements	Jeff West	12
	Kale Purcell	Holton	11
	Tyler Brockoff	Hiawatha	12
Honorable Mention	Braden Argabright	Sabetha	12
	Brevin Canady	Royal Valley	11
	Kurtis Beck	Nemaha Central	10
	Sage Meyer	Hiawatha	12
	Andrew Lierz	Hiawatha	12

2019-20 Big Seven League Girls All-League Basketball

	Name	School	Grade
All League	Saydee Tanking (unanimous)	Holton	11
	Kristin Biltoft (unanimous)	Jeff West	10
	Alleigh Kramer (unanimous)	Nemaha Central	12
	Hannah Macke (unanimous)	Nemaha Central	11
	Melinna Schumann (unanimous)	Sabetha	11
	Maggi Hughes	Sabetha	12
	Heather Kahler	Jeff West	12
	Blaise Ball	Perry	12
	Emma Elder	Nemaha Central	12
	Jenna Keller	Perry	12
Honorable Mention	Clara Lindstrom	Hiawatha	10
	Riley Rottinghaus	Nemaha Central	11
	Leah Renyer	Sabetha	11
	Sarah Madsen	Hiawatha	10
	Faith Haussler	Holton	12
	Macey Patch	Holton	10
Kirsten Lortscher	Nemaha Central	12	

Spring soccer program canceled

By Brian Sanders

The coronavirus pandemic is having a detrimental effect on a wide variety of sports activities, including the cancellation of the NCAA men's basketball tournament, the delay of Major League Baseball's opening day and the shutdown of collegiate and high school sports activities.

Locally, the list of cancelled sports now includes Holton's spring youth soccer program.

During Monday's Holton City Commission meeting, City Manager Kerwin McKee said that mandates from the State of Kansas

and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention limiting large public gatherings to fewer than 50 people for the next eight weeks as a preventive action against COVID-19, spring youth soccer is "probably a wash" for this year.

On Tuesday, the city announced that it had "made the decision to cancel the spring soccer season" and that the city's parks and recreation department is "in the process of identifying participants so refunds can be made."

"The CDC wants to go for eight weeks, and our soccer season is six weeks,"

McKee told commissioners on Monday.

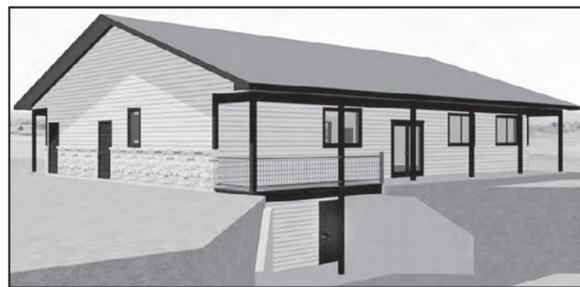
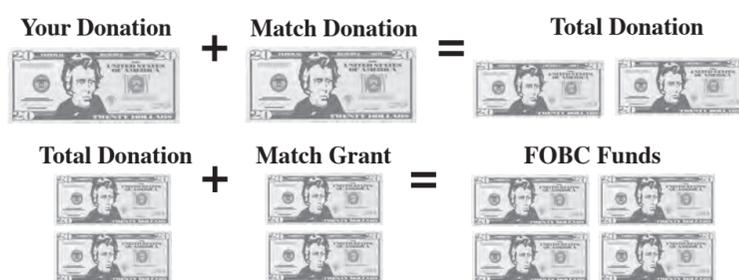
The eight-week mandate may also have an adverse effect on other youth-oriented parks and recreation programs and activities, McKee noted.

"Eight weeks puts us right about at the opening of our municipal pool season, and we'll be looking at that," he said.

City Clerk Teresa Riley added that the eight-week mandate would end at about the time that the city's summer youth baseball season gets started, "if they can do that."

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JACKSON COUNTY

COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2020-07

WHEREAS, on the 16th day of March, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas declared there was a state of local public health emergency in Jackson County, Kansas resulting in potential or occurring Pandemic known as COVID 19, in Jackson County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the borders of Jackson County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas:

That the state of local public health emergency in Jackson County, Kansas declared on the 16th day of March, 2020, shall continue and remain in effect until 60 days unless terminated earlier.

That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Jackson County, Kansas, and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance there under.

That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law for 60 days unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

/s/ Janet Zwonitzer
Chairman

/s/ Ed Kathrens
Member

/s/ William Elmer
Member

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Tara Peety
Deputy

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Buck's Grove

By Donna Ashcraft

On the third Sunday in Lent, March 15, Mary Ringel carried in the light of Christ as the prelude heralded the opening of the worship service at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church.

Lay Speaker Joyce Immenschuh called for announcements, led the opening prayer, the Psalter recital and led the prayer of offering. Joys and concerns were shared. Speaker Joyce led the prayer of petition for the concerns of others and gave praise for the blessings bestowed upon us.

Scripture readings shared by the March liturgist, Wayne Rieschick, included Exodus 17:1-7 and Romans 5:1-11. Speaker Immenschuh read John 4:5-42, reciting the story of Jesus visiting with the Samaritan woman by the well.

Hymns included "Jesus Calls Us," "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" and "Fill My Cup, Lord." Speaker Joyce also shared a couple specials.

Wayne Rieschick and Don Boling served as ushers.

Speaker Joyce's message was titled "The Well." Things happen to us and around us. What really matters is how we handle those

things inside us.

John reports in his gospel that Jesus and the disciples had been traveling when they approached a well. A Samaritan woman was also approaching the well. It was about noon. This was odd; normally the women came to collect water in the evening when it was cooler.

Jesus sent the disciples to bring food. Then, He turned His attention to the Samaritan woman and asked for a drink. She inquired of Him why a Jew would ask a Samaritan for a drink (Jews and Samaritans were like oil and water). Jesus reminded the woman that those who drink from the well will always be thirsty, but those who drink of Jesus will never be thirsty.

Then, Jesus recited the Samaritan woman's multiple marriages including the current man with whom she lived and to whom she was not married.

Many of us go to the well to quench our thirst, some for marriage or relationships, some for perfection, some for addiction. But, as long as we keep coming to that well, we will always thirst.

Then the disciples returned

with the food and encouraged Jesus to eat. But, Jesus reminded the disciples that His food is the will of God. He pointed to the fields and asked the disciples why they wait to harvest the fields, when the fields are ripe for harvest now. Jesus was referring to the disciples' work in sharing the gospel with those who were ripe to hear the word.

Like the disciples who were reminded not to wait for the harvest, we must ask ourselves how long we will carry our water jug to the well. We need to give up on the dry wells that leave us thirsting for more and come to the well of Jesus, who will quench our thirst.

It's our move now. God has taken the first step. Christ died for our salvation. Now, it's our turn to come to the fresh well of Jesus.

The service closed with the benediction and the hymn "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds" as Mary Ringel carried out the light of Christ.

Following the service, fellowship was held and there was Bible study over Paul's second letter, his brothers and sisters in Christ of Corinth.

Netawaka United Methodist Church

By Mary E. Edwards

March 15 was a quiet morning, but cold and damp outside. It was nice to go into a warm, cozy place at Netawaka United Methodist Church.

"God Will Take Care Of You" was the recorded prelude as Steve Banaka lighted the altar candles. Marilyn Banaka began the announcements by reading a letter regarding precautions against the dreaded coronavirus. Bowing and waving hands are encouraged for greeting friends.

We offer condolences and prayers for Marty Mercer of Horton as her husband, Bill, died last Thursday. Prayers are to continue for tornado victims and for doctors, nurses, paramedics and others caring for the sick.

Songs were "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," "Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart," "Cares Chorus" and "Rejoice, The Lord Is King."

Marilyn led the responsive call to worship, "A Joyful Noise." Pastor Young Won led the congregational prayer for hope in trying times, which was followed by silent prayer, the

pastoral prayer and the Lord's Prayer. Steve collected the tithes and offerings, and the doxology was sung.

Marilyn read the scripture lesson, Psalm 95:1-9. Pastor Young's sermon was "Shout Out In Joyous Worship Of God."

Pastor Young said when he was very young with his parents, he was always told to be "quiet and careful in the sanctuary." As well as being quiet, be respectful to God and to other people who came to this sacred place.

The Korean culture commands respect and politeness, not just in church, but everywhere, to others – especially if they happen to be older. Age is

respected. Anyone older than yourself deserves a bow, often several bows.

Psalm 95 urges us to "Bow down in worship and kneel before the Lord, our Maker." Worship not just with words, but with our whole body to show humbleness and respect. Show our hearts to God.

In these dark, dreary days of Lent, we are inclined to feel sad, thinking of Jesus' excruciating pain and suffering on the cross. God gives us the chance to worship and be joyful for the salvation Jesus bought for us.

Let us practice joy. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, showing Him our joy, and let us include others in our joy.

Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer

Church services on a gloomy March 15, the third Sunday of Lent, began at Mayetta Methodist Church with Pastor Howard reading from Psalms 93, followed by prayer. Prayer concerns were expressed for the family of Dale Wege.

Liz Smith was the acolyte and Robert Smith rang the bell. Karen Burns read the living word of God from Isaiah 41:10 and Hebrews 13:6.

Hymns sung were "My Hope Is Built," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." Shirley

Stauffer took up the offering.

The word of God came from Mark 1:29-30 and the message was titled "The Whole Faith." Services closed with prayer.

Mary Anderson's granddaughter, MaRyka Smith, was in Topeka Monday afternoon to do some shopping. She met Lisa, Kevin

and Karsen Smith at the Olive Garden for supper. Karsen and MaRyka were on spring break.

The banner hanging in the church this month is in honor of Chase Miller.

You were created to make somebody else's life better. Somebody needs what you have – your smile, your love, your words and your encouragement.

Bridge project under way in Brown County

A bridge maintenance project on U.S. Highway 36 near Hiawatha is under way and is expected to continue through mid-July, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The bridge is located half a mile west of the junction of U.S. Highways 36 and 73 over Linden Road, and work was expect-

ed to begin last Thursday and continue through daylight hours during the construction period. Traffic will be controlled using speed limit signs, traffic cones and traffic lights, and lanes will be reduced to 11 feet in width.

Reece Construction Co. of Salina is the contractor on the \$252,000 project, it was report-

ed. KDOT officials urge all motorists to be alert and obey warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas go to www.kandrive.org or call 5-1-1. Drive safely and always wear your seat belt.



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Holton to hire fourth pre-school teacher

A total of 102 three and four-year-olds had been signed up before spring break for the Holton school district's pre-school program for next year, it was reported at Monday evening's school board meeting.

And with sign up for screenings continuing, the district's three early childhood teachers for the program (Diana Fate, Jolene Purcell and Kelli Thompson) along with the special education cooperative's early childhood teacher Susan Baum met with the board to discuss how the district will handle the increase in students from the current roster totaling in the low 70s.

The program started with about 44 three and four-year-olds, it was noted. The board decided not to charge for three-year-olds this year.

Baum said a specific number of enrollment opportunities for three and four-year-old kids identified as needing special education services must be provided by the Holton pre-school program, also.

The answer to the question was for the board to approve the addition of another pre-school teacher - the fourth one for the

district - on a 6-0 vote - which the board did.

"We have a great pre-school. It's growing and we need to hire another teacher," said Superintendent Bob Davies. "...The word is getting out that we're making a difference."

With four classrooms for pre-school classes in the annex building of the Holton Elementary School next year, a new home will need to be found elsewhere for two special ed staff members, who currently have offices in the annex, it was reported.

Amy Haussler, director of the Holton Special Education Cooperative, said HSPEC may need to rent space elsewhere again. "It has happened four times now," Haussler said, indicating it would be nice to find permanent accommodations for all special ed staff employed by USD 336.

"We're growing! What a great thing!" Davies commented.

The pre-school teachers commented that Holton has five sections for grades K-4 and four sections for fifth grade, adding that the annex at HES will not be able to accommodate a fifth section of pre-school, since they

will be out of space and there are not enough bathrooms. The teachers lamented that sometime the district might have to turn away three or four-year-olds if class sizes keep growing. The ideal class size for a pre-school class is 15 to 16 kids per class, teachers said.

The pre-school teachers asked the board to consider moving the pre-school classes to the old Central school that is still owned by the district eventually.

The teachers said Central has the bathrooms, kitchen, gym area and playground that would be perfect for the pre-schoolers.

They added that sharing a recess time with older kids at HES really does not work well, and is not the safest, for the pre-schoolers.

They also said busing is a big issue at the current location as the pre-schoolers have to walk a significant distance to catch a school bus.

Davies and some board members said they would consider the old Central school for a possible future home for the pre-school program and also as a possible solution for much-needed permanent HSPEC office needs, too.



The coronavirus pandemic is driving down gas prices, and Nation Station (shown above) had some of the lowest prices around on Monday at \$1.50 a gallon.

Photo by David Powls

Kansas Supreme Court restricts judicial center access, cancels March oral arguments

The Kansas Supreme Court issued administrative order 2020-PR-015 restricting access to the Kansas Judicial Center, outlining a self-quarantine policy for employees and judges and canceling travel, conferences and training organized by or involving the judicial branch workforce.

This is the Supreme Court's second order issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visits to the Judicial Center, 301 W 10th Ave. in Topeka, are restricted to judicial branch judges and employees and members of the public who have court business that cannot be conducted remotely online or via mail service with the Kansas Supreme Court, Kansas Court of Appeals, Clerk of the Appellate Courts, Appellate Reporter's Office, Kansas Judicial Council and Office of Judicial Administration.

This restriction also applies to the Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program and the disciplinary administrator's offices, which are in other locations.

There will be no events or tours in the judicial center, and the Supreme Court Law Library will not receive visitors.

People entering the judicial center or offices of the disciplinary administrator or the Kansas Lawyers Assistance Program may be asked screening questions consistent with public health guidelines. Admission may be denied.

The Supreme Court encourages using the judicial branch website at www.kscourts.org and other online tools to complete court business in lieu of visiting these locations.

Chief judges are advised to develop similar restrictions for each judicial district.

On March 12, the Supreme Court issued administrative order 2020-PR-013 to outline judicial branch policy on anticipated personnel issues, notices to the public and continuity of operation plans.

The Supreme Court canceled oral arguments scheduled in March as part of its efforts to protect the public and judicial branch staff during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Justices were scheduled to

hear oral arguments in 17 appeals. Oral arguments take place in the Kansas Supreme Court courtroom in the Kansas Judicial Center in Topeka.

Some appeals will be decided on the briefs and others will be scheduled for argument on a future date.

On March 13, the Supreme Court canceled its travel docket scheduled April 7 at Concordia High School in Concordia. The two cases to be heard then also will be rescheduled.

Kansas courts have posted public notices urging people not to enter courtrooms or court offices if they have traveled to areas affected by COVID-19 or have been exposed to or have symptoms of the disease.

Feds slash interest rates again

The Federal Reserve announced last Sunday, March 15, that it would drop interest rates to zero and buy at least \$700 billion in government and mortgage-related bonds as part of a wide-ranging emergency action to protect the economy from the impact of the coronavirus outbreak.

The moves, the most dramatic by the U.S. central bank since the 2008 financial crisis, are aimed at keeping financial markets stable and making borrowing costs as low as possible as businesses around the country close and the U.S. economy hurtles toward recession.

The Fed, led by Chair Jerome H. Powell, effectively cut its benchmark by a full percentage point to zero. The benchmark U.S. interest rate is now in a range of zero to 0.25 percent, down from a range of 1 to 1.25 percent.

In addition to rate cuts, the Fed announced it is restarting the crisis-era program of bond purchases known as "quantitative easing," in which the central bank buys hundreds of billions of dollars in bonds to further push down rates and keep markets flowing freely. The Fed is also giving more-generous loans to banks around the country so they can turn around and offer loans to small businesses and families in need of a lifeline.

"Economic policy experts must do what we can to ease

hardship caused by the disruption to the economy," Powell said in a 42-minute conference call Sunday evening. "We are prepared to use our full range of tools to support the flow of credit to households and businesses."

Powell said Fed leaders met Sunday afternoon because they anticipate a "significant effect" on the U.S. economy in the coming months, including negative growth in the second quarter. Their goal is to do all they can to help the nation "weather this difficult period" and "foster a more vigorous return to normal once the disruptions from the coronavirus abate," he added.

President Trump, who has been relentlessly pushing the central bank to take more action, congratulated the Fed and said its decision to lower interest rates "makes me very happy."

In the coming months, the Fed will purchase at least \$700 billion more in bonds as part of its new quantitative easing. The majority of the buying, at least \$500 billion, will be U.S. Treasury bonds. The rest will be mortgage-backed securities, an effort to stabilize home loans.

The Fed's actions Sunday come on the heels of an emergency interest rate cut on March 3 and a large \$1.5 trillion injection into the bond market last week to ensure sufficient liquidity.

With unprecedented force and speed, a global recession is likely taking hold. The ultra-low interest rates are expected to remain until the U.S. economy recovers from the coronavirus downturn.

"The [Fed] expects to maintain this target range until it is confident that the economy has weathered recent events," the central bank wrote in a statement.

Layoffs have already begun across the country as large and small businesses see a dramatic decrease in sales. The Dow Jones industrial average remains in bear market territory after the swiftest 20 percent plunge in U.S. stock market history.

By deploying much of its arsenal Sunday, the Fed left open the risk that even these moves would prove inadequate and it would have to take further measures later on. While the Fed could launch more bond purchases or do other experimen-

tal actions to try to drive rates lower, it's not clear what else the Fed could try that would significantly alter the economy's path.

Stock futures slumped after the Fed's announcement with the Dow Jones industrial average set to open down more than 1,000 points on Monday. Such heavy-handed central bank actions can raise concerns that the economy might be in worse shape than even many experts thought.

America's largest banks announced shortly after the Fed move that they will stop repurchasing their shares and use that money to make loans to customers instead. The banks include Bank of America, Bank of New York Mellon, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, JPMorgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, State Street and Wells Fargo.

"The covid-19 pandemic is an unprecedented challenge for the world and the global economy and the largest U.S. banks have an unquestioned ability and commitment to supporting our customers, clients and the nation," the banks said in a statement.

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CROSS CREEK WATERSHED JOINT DISTRICT NO. 42
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March 18, 2020

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Cross Creek Watershed Joint District No. 42 will be held April 8, 2020, at 8:00 p.m. at the office of John D. Watt, 815 5th Street, Wamego, Kansas. At said meeting an election of Directors for the South Cross Creek Sub-Watershed and for the Upper Cross Creek Sub-Watershed will be held. Qualified voters are those who are present and are either (1) registered voters residing within the entire Watershed District or (2) over 18 years of age or who own land within the entire Watershed District.

Reports will be given on the financial condition and activities of the District including consideration of the District's general plan and five (5) year plan of construction. A Board of Directors meeting will immediately follow adjournment of the annual meeting.

Joseph Baumchen, President
Cross Creek Watershed Joint District No. 42

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Public Notice

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JACKSON COUNTY GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut.

Multiflora Rose and Bull Thistle are County Option Noxious Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed

Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Jackson County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowner's expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of

\$1,500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed.

Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds.

Additional information may be obtained from the Jackson County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Wilbur G. Wilson, deceased.

Case No. 2013 PR 1

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed by Willard Wilson, executor of the Wilbur G. Wilson Estate, requesting that the following described real estate be sold at private sale, too-wit:

Lot 61 on Ohio Avenue,

City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas (commonly known as 513 Ohio, Holton, Kansas)

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition for Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale on or before **April 7, 2020 at 8:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas at the Courthouse in Holton, Kansas**, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Willard Wilson,
Executor

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Insight: Keep in touch with state, national lawmakers

By Glenn Brunkow
Pottawatomie County
farmer and rancher

This week I am in Washington, D.C. on Kansas Farm Bureau's Leaders Engaged and Acting in D.C. (LEADs) trip. I must admit that I always enjoy coming to our nation's capital.

Coming here involves many surreal moments for me. This past week, I sat down on a bench in the mall and looked around. In one direction was the capitol itself, how many times is it the backdrop for news stories we watch on our television.

Today, not only will I see the capitol, I will be inside on business for our Kansas Farm Bureau. Heady stuff for a simple farm kid from Kansas.

When Jennifer and I served on Young Farmers and Ranchers we often said, "The world is ruled by those who show up." Over the years, I have come have a better understanding of what that means and just how true it is. I truly wish that everyone would have the opportunity to come to Washington, D.C. and get involved with the governance of our great nation. It is

important that everyday citizens get involved and make their issues and ideas known.

This is especially true for those of us in agriculture. We are less than two percent of the population, and I suspect that number is dropping each year. We also run businesses that are highly technical, are not very well understood and operate on razor thin margins. It is of the utmost importance that we make sure we have a good relationship with our elected officials, and we meet them on their own turf.

That is why events like LEADs are so important and why it is so important that as many members as possible make regular trips to Washington, D.C. and Topeka.

Farm Bureau has become one of the leading voices for agriculture because of our members making trips like this. Whether it is Day at the Statehouse in Topeka or LEADs, it is important for our legislators to see farmers and ranchers and not just KFB staff.

It is critical we tell our stories

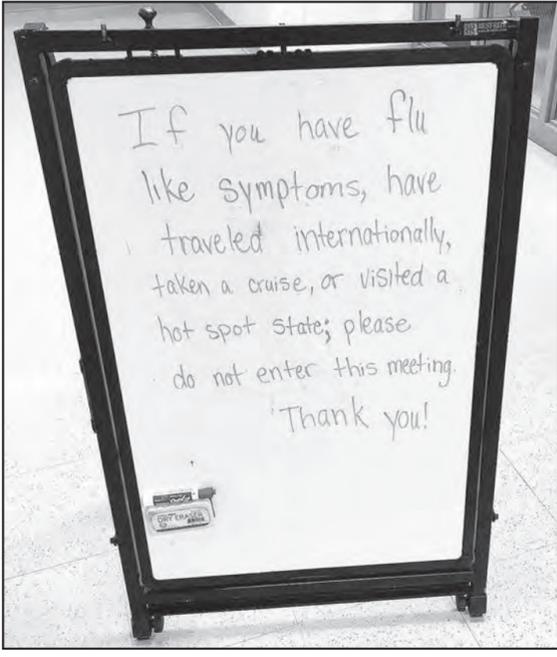
to them about how legislation or regulations affect our operations. It never hurts to remind our elected officials they represent real people.

I also think it is good to come to Washington, D.C. and see the sights, understand a little bit of how government works and have a greater feel of just how to get things done. I know there are a lot of jokes to be made about those things, but I promise you it helps to see it in person.

I have always said that the hardest part of any trip is when

you can still see your mailbox in the rearview mirror. Getting away is tough and there are sacrifices, but I hope each of you will make the time to get involved and travel to our capitals to take an active part in our governance and make your voices heard.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.



Visitors to Monday night's Holton USD 336 Board of Education in the Holton High School library were greeted by this sign asking visitors who fit criteria for possible coronavirus (COVID-19) cases not to enter the meeting.

Photo by David Powls

Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Circleville Recreation Club members held a meeting on March 8 to get the ball season going.

The 2020 Circleville Rec Club officers are Lisa Browning, president; Samantha Wichman, vice president; Wendie Richter, secretary/treasurer; and Chelsea Shupe, city council representative.

Coaches for the 2020 season are John and Kristel Schlotter and Pat and Kristie Richter (boys pee-wee), Matt Browning (boys Little League), Chelsea Shupe, Adrienne Walsh and Jacob Walsh (girls pee-wee), Samantha Wichman (girls pee-wee) and Wendie Richter (girls Little League).

Clean up Day at the ball field will be held at 1 p.m. on April 5.

Easter eggs will also be stuffed at that time. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, at the ball field.

The AYLI Club met on Tuesday, March 10, at the home of Daisy Wright in Holton at 12:30 p.m. for lunch and playing bridge. Daisy fixed tortilla soup and also had delicious angel-food cake with raspberry frosting.

The business meeting was conducted by President Thersa Wade with roll call being "One of the bloopers (mistakes) you have made in your younger years."

Secretary Jane Coverdale read a selection from the past minutes by the Scribbly Scribe Maureen Spencer. Seven members were present and one guest. Results of

playing four rounds of bridge were Pat Hasenkamp with high score and Thersa Wade with second high score. Next month, the group will meet on April 14 with Barbara Hutchinson as host.

When we visited Maxine Lewis at Vintage Park on March 5, she had a nice surprise as her sister, Karen Norman, and nephew, Mike Norman, from Overland Park had also come for a visit. Others visiting that day were Steve and Leota Wilkerson and Judy Arnold.

Bob and I went to the coffee with friends event to visit Maxine on March 12 and then on Friday I learned that Vintage Park was closing their doors to visitors until further notice.

Barbara Hutchinson went to Topeka on Saturday, March 14, to visit her sister, Marsha Morris and Marsha's granddaughter, Reese Bain, from Overland Park. They enjoyed seeing the play "Alice In Wonderland" at the Helen Hocker Theatre.

Sunday, March 15, was the yearly special recognition of the United Methodist Women. Those participating in the service were Helen Farley, Thersa Wade, Dixie Mannell, Dawn Duryea, Ginger Johnson, Mary Jo Fernkopf and Evelyn Allen.

President Barbara Hutchinson introduced the members and Thersa led the group in reading the purpose. Evelyn Allen gave an explanation of what UMW does, comparing it to various sections in the purpose. A snack table was set up in the sanctuary with spring/green decorations.

This yearly celebration lets the congregation know about the traditions and projects that the UMW has done and duties at the conference level. The Circleville unit has been in existence since the early days of the Methodist church and has many contributions.

Please remember:
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We know that supplies are limited in this trying time. However, PLEASE REMEMBER: You should only flush toilet paper in your toilets. Facial tissues, paper towels and even "flushable" wipes should NOT be flushed. Flushing these products could lead to costly problems with your plumbing and possible backups. It can also cause costly problems for the City's water infrastructure. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

City of Holton

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IN THE DISTRICT
COURT OF JACKSON
COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the
Estate of
LARRY DALE HLADKY,
Deceased.

Case No. 2020 PR 10

NOTICE OF HEARING
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS
TO ALL PERSONS
CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of March, 2020,

a Petition was filed in this Court by Shawna R. Hladky, widow and heir of Larry Dale Hladky, deceased, requesting petitioner be appointed as administrator, without bond; petitioner be granted Letters of Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 7th day of April, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., in the District Court, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate

within the ladder of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice under K.S.A. 59-2236, and amendments thereto, or if the identify of a creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Shawna R. Hladky

Submitted and Approved:
/s/ J. Richard Lake

J. Richard Lake, #06661
Attorney at Law
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Summer projects OK'd by RV B.O.E

By Ali Holcomb
Several summer projects are moving forward after approval from the Royal Valley Board of Education Monday night.

The biggest project is the renovation of the entrance to the middle school for improved security. Bids for that project were received by the board and awarded to Senne & Company, Inc. of Topeka for \$145,680.

The other bids were \$214,800 from Trinium Inc. of Manhattan and \$197,514 from Kendall Construction of Topeka.

"They are really hungry for business right now, which is good for us," Davis said of Senne & Company's low bid.

The project proposal designed by HTK Architects of Topeka includes improving the security and functionality of entrance of the building.

The project includes redesigning the entrance of the building, a new double set of doors, bollards (security posts) and an outdoor seating area for students.

The project also includes replacing the doors at the south end of the building that lead to the playground.

A new bench area, with additional landscaping, and a new flag pole are also planned for the front entrance.

A few bollards, which are security posts, will be added to the drive right in front of the building to protect the front doors from a vehicle driving through them.

Other summer projects approved by the board include refinishing the RVHS gym floor at a cost of \$7,632 from Von Lintel Refinishing & Flooring, Inc. of Hays.

The board also approved a new scoreboard at the RVHS football field at a cost of \$16,480.67 plus installation from NEVCO of Greenville, Ill.

In other business, the board: * Approved consent items, including the agenda, minutes from the Feb. 10 meeting, the treasurer's report and warrants.

The board also accepted the resignation from Lindsay Jones, RVES kindergarten paraprofessional effective March 25.

The board also extended employment contracts to Bill McKenzie, fourth grade; SaraJo Mance, eighth grade math; and Scott Ribelin, RMVS head custodian; all for the 2020-21 school year. The board also hired Tiffany Hatfield-Spencer as the RVHS art teacher effective immediately.

Summer teaching contracts were also approved for Terri Moore, driver's education

teacher; Ashley Wick, driver's education teacher; and Brenda Lambrecht, driver's education aid.

* Received a legislative update from Davis.

* Discussed plans to recognize staff for milestone years of service and for upcoming retirements.

* Received a budget update from Davis.

* Heard report on spring parent-teacher conference participation. At the elementary school, 81 percent of parents attended spring conferences, which was an increase from the 75 percent who attended last spring.

Participation rates increased from 77 percent to 81 percent compared to last spring at RVMS. At the high school, spring conference participation dropped from 72 percent to 66 percent compared to the previous school year.

* Approved the district's lease purchase payment of \$410,060.69.

* Set Impact Aid and Title VI hearings for 8 p.m. on April 13 at the district office.

* Approved the creation of a new position in the district as a reading interventionist at RVMS and RVHS for the 2020-21 school year.

* Agreed to republish the district's 2019-20 budget due to additional at-risk funds received. A hearing for the amendments has also been set for 7:45 p.m. on April 13.

* Approved a Family Medical Leave Act request from Russell Neilson, Hoyt groundskeeper.

* Met in executive session for 20 minutes for teacher evaluations, meeting with each building principal individually, Justin Moore (RVES), Heather Hundley (RVMS) and Joel Hased. No action was taken back in open session.

* Adjourned the meeting. Board member Linda Hegemann was absent.



The Jackson County Commissioners held a meeting with most county department heads on Monday afternoon to discuss how to limit the spread of the virus in county buildings. At this time, the Jackson County Courthouse remains open to the public. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Holton to suspend disconnects until April

By Brian Sanders
Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley said Monday during the Holton City Commission meeting that the city will follow the recommendation of the Kansas Corporation Commission to suspend electricity disconnects until after April 15 as a relief to those experiencing potential hardship from the coronavirus.

While the KCC's recommendation covers several investor-owned utility companies under its jurisdiction, the commission also encouraged utilities not under its jurisdiction — including the City of Holton — to do the same. Riley and Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee said that while city utility customers would still have to pay their bills, the city would be willing to work with customers to set up a payment plan.

In other business on Monday, commissioners: * Approved minutes from their March 2 meeting. * Approved, on a 4-1 vote, a \$5,000 donation to the Friends of Banner Creek organization for construction of a shelter house at Banner Creek Reservoir. Commissioner Marilyn Watkins opposed the donation (see related story). * Approved budget appropriations made since

the March 2 meeting, totaling \$318,366.36.

* Approved a request to place "No Parking" signs along the east side of the 100 block of Vermont Avenue.

* Approved a bid of \$172.20 from Kevin Ingels for the lease of Holton Industrial Park hay ground for an initial term of three years with possible annual renewals. Ingels' bid was the only one received.

* Heard a report from McKee that grant options for lighting at the concrete fitness path at Countryside Park are under investigation.

* Heard a request from Mayor Robert Dieckmann for the placement of insulation in the restrooms and maintenance building at Countryside park.

* Heard a report from McKee about recent project completions, including an "entrance improvement" with a concrete entrance ramp off Iowa Avenue into Linscott Park and the placement of a water valve near the intersection of Ninth Street and Iowa Avenue.

* Heard a request from McKee to seek bids for replacement of a mower currently in use by the parks and recreation department that has required about \$8,000 worth of repairs in recent years.

* Adjourned the meeting at about 8 p.m. All five commissioners were present.

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Symptoms of COVID-19 include respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Persons experiencing these symptoms who are in need of medical care are asked to call ahead before visiting their medical provider or proceeding to the hospital.

Since the news of this virus is changing by the hour, local healthcare providers encourage Jackson County residents to seek information from reliable sources, such as KDHE at www.kdheks.gov or Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.gov to stay up to date on the latest COVID-19 information.

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Open meetings law still applies: Schmidt

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt (pictured) is offering guidance to state and local governments on how to comply with the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) if in-person meetings of any public body are replaced with remote meetings by telephone or other communications equipment amid the developing federal, state and local response to the COVID-19 outbreak.



"Nothing in state law allows for the suspension of the KOMA or its open government requirements," Schmidt said. "In fact, in times like these, it's more important than ever to ensure government remains open and accessible so Kansans are able to observe and understand how responses to an emergency situation are being developed."

Kansas law requires meetings of public bodies be "open to the public." Ordinarily, that requirement is satisfied by public bodies, such as city or county governing bodies, gathering in a room where members of the public are allowed to enter and observe during the meeting.

However, in response to the "social distancing" directives from federal and state authorities that are designed to slow the spread of the virus, some governing bodies are considering replacing in-person meetings with electronic meetings by telephone or other remote communication method to avoid gathering in person.

President Donald Trump on Monday announced new guidelines for controlling the spread of the virus that discourages gatherings of 10 or more people nationwide. The new recommendation comes after Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly announced an executive order prohibiting gatherings of 50 or more people in Kansas in accordance with recommendations issued on Sunday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Schmidt pointed out that although remote meetings of public bodies by telephone or otherwise are allowed, those meetings still remain "open to the public" by allowing the public to observe or hear the meeting.

Due to the unprecedented and evolving nature of the current situation, Schmidt said his office is currently drafting a temporary regulation to provide more specific guidance on how public bodies may comply with KOMA while the state of emergency related to the virus outbreak remains in effect.

While Schmidt's office drafts the temporary regulation, public bodies and agencies governed by KOMA are directed to Attorney General Opinion No. 2005-3 and Attorney General Opinion 2011-23.

These opinions, interpreting the KOMA, concluded that a public body or agency subject to KOMA may conduct meetings through electronic means such as teleconference or videoconference as long as the public body complies with all the requirements of the KOMA, the public receives the required notice of meetings, and the public is allowed to listen to the discussion.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The third mid-week Lenten service was held at 7 p.m. on March 11 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. A fellowship supper was served with Marilyn and Gary Watkins as hosts.

The Service of Light included the Versicles, Phos Hilaron, Thanksgiving for Light and Psalmody. Psalm 14 was spoken responsively. The sermon hymn was "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive."

Pastor Michael Van Velzer continued the Penitential Psalms of David with focus on Psalm 32. With Bibles open to follow, Pastor led the congregation through the verses.

Psalm 32 is closely connected to Psalm 51, which was considered on Ash Wednesday. Psalm 32 is the recalling of the experience of a man who tried to hide his guilt from others, from himself and from God – all unsuccessfully.

It is also the Psalm of a man who knows the relief and joy of God's forgiveness for his sin. So this Psalm is both instruction for us to learn from as well as a prayer for us to use.

In the final verses, assurance is given to the blessed man who knows first-hand the Lord's forgiveness and covering of all his sin. So rejoice in the Lord – but despair of yourselves. Be bold and courageous; rise up and sing praises; be of good cheer, like a man who shouts for joy. For the heart that is right with God is not wrapped up in itself or in something other than God – but it founded on the eternal good and stands firm.

In the prayers of the church, petitions were for the preservation of God's word that we may be nurtured in faith, discernment, truth and steadfastness in Jesus Christ, our Savior; give to churches pastors who will serve God faithfully with the means of grace; bestow upon all nations of the world the blessing of peace and make us good and faithful citizens who pray daily for those in authority over us; be with the sick and those who suffer trouble

want, anguish and the concerns in this world. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Following the collect for peace, the Benedicamus and the benediction, the service closed. Serving at the service were Elders Tex Manuel II and Rich Heitzman.

Immanuel Lutheran Church members met on the third Sunday in Lent at 9 a.m. on March 15. The opening hymn verses were one and two of "Christ The Life Of All The Living." Following the invocation, confession of sins and absolution, Psalm 95:1-9 was read responsively.

Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Exodus 17:1-7 and the Epistle lesson from Romans 5:1-8. Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the holy gospel from John 4:5-26. The congregation professed the Nicene Creed. Verse three of "Christ The Life Of All The Living" was sung before the sermon.

Pastor Van Velzer's sermon was based on the holy gospel for the day – the story of the woman at the well. Wearing as He was from His journey, Jesus was sitting at the well. It was about the sixth hour when the sun is at its hottest. The Samaritan woman arrives and Jesus speaks to her, "Give me a drink."

It is one of the awkward moments with Him as a Jew and she as a Samaritan, and the Jews and Samaritans were raised to be very distrustful of each other. She replied, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?"

He answers, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

Jesus knows all about this woman and she asks Him if He is a prophet. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows every wound, every scar, every shame and every guilt. From heaven to earth, He meets us at the baptismal well, one person at a time. And He gives us the

gift of God, which is Himself.

His body given for you, His blood shed for you. For to know Him is like having a spring of living water, welling up in you to eternal life. So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?"

He took everything she ever did, and everything that was ever done to her, onto Himself and put it to death in Himself for her life. He knows everything that you ever did and everything that has been done to you. He thirsts so that you may never be thirsty again.

The offertory was sung following the gathering of the offering. In the prayers of the church, especially remembered were those ill from the virus or fear of the virus and for our nation and world in this pandemic; for our pastors and missionaries, for our government leaders; for all the health care workers at this crisis time; and for those who have lost loved ones to give them comfort and peace. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

The Service of the Sacrament followed with Elders Tex Manuel and Topher Dohl assisting with the distribution. The distribution hymn was "Come, Let Us Eat."

Following the Nunc Dimittis, thanksgiving, collect and benediction, the service closed with the last two verses of "Christ, The Life Of All The Living."

Serving Sunday were Topher Dohl, elder; Joyce Peterson, organist; and Teri Manuel and Samantha Mellies, altar committee.

Pastor Michael Van Velzer led the adult Bible class discussing the Epistle lesson of the day.

Immanuel Ladies met on Friday afternoon, March 13, at the church with Lavon Keehn leading the Bible study from the LWML Women's Quarterly, "Beauty Marks." The mission project was malaria nets for Africa and taking a straw vote of the LWML Mission Projects and God's Gracious Gift Fund projects in preparation for choosing at the Kansas District LWML Convention to be held April 17-20 in Topeka.

Elizabeth Handke served as hostess. Birthday cards were signed for Lavon Keehn and Hulda Atwater.

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■ 9:45 a.m. Feb. 27, 200 block of Topeka Avenue, theft.

■ 11:24 a.m. Feb. 27, 500 block of Montana Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 11:41 a.m. Feb. 27, funeral escort.

■ 1:45 p.m. Feb. 27, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 2:13 p.m. Feb. 27, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

■ 2:51 p.m. Feb. 27, funeral escort.

■ 4:46 p.m. Feb. 27, 900 block of West Sixth Street, theft.

■ 4:55 p.m. Feb. 27, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 5:51 p.m. Feb. 27, 500 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 8:19 a.m. Feb. 28, 500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, tag for tow.

■ 8:26 a.m. Feb. 28, 100 block of Ohio Avenue, tag for tow.

■ 1:22 p.m. Feb. 28, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 2:04 p.m. Feb. 28, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, animal control.

■ 8:33 p.m. Feb. 28, 500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 3:56 p.m. Feb. 29, Southern Heights, EMS assist.

■ 4:03 p.m. March 1, 300 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 1:38 a.m. March 2, 1200 block of West Fifth Street, EMS assist.

■ 11:06 a.m. March 2, funeral escort.

■ 3:21 p.m. March 2, 200 block of Topeka Avenue, animal control.

■ 5:55 p.m. March 3, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, juvenile matter.

■ 7:08 a.m. March 4, 200 block of East Fifth Street, citizen assist.

■ 10:19 a.m. March 4, Southern Heights, unattended death.

■ 8:10 p.m. March 4, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 10:37 p.m. March 4, 900 block of West Fourth Street, alarm.

■ 1:32 a.m. March 5, 200 block of West Fifth Street, alarm.

■ 11:43 a.m. March 5, funeral escort.

■ 7:31 a.m. March 6, 200 block of East Fifth Street, illegal dump-

ing.

■ 7:55 a.m. March 6, 100 block of West Fifth Street, citizen assist.

■ 10:37 a.m. March 6, 100 block of West Fifth Street, EMS assist.

■ 2:54 p.m. March 6, 900 block of Iowa Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 4:52 p.m. March 6, 800 block of West Third Street, animal control.

■ 3:13 a.m. March 7, 200 block of West Fourth Street, vandalism.

■ 11:01 a.m. March 7, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, traffic problem.

■ 5:13 p.m. March 7, 600 block of New York Avenue, unattended death.

■ 7:06 p.m. March 7, 700 block

of Minnesota Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 1:25 a.m. March 8, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 1:40 a.m. March 8, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of theft.

■ 1:45 a.m. March 8, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, recovered a stolen vehicle.

■ 4:06 p.m. March 8, Linscott Park, juvenile matter.

■ 3:32 p.m. March 9, 800 block of West Third Street, welfare check.

■ 4:58 p.m. March 9, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, welfare check.

■ 10:25 p.m. March 9, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue,

suspicious activity.

■ 11:33 a.m. March 10, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, animal control.

■ 11:51 p.m. March 10, 900 block of West Fourth Street, suspicious activity.

■ 12:52 p.m. March 11, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, animal control.

■ 7:31 p.m. March 11, 200 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.

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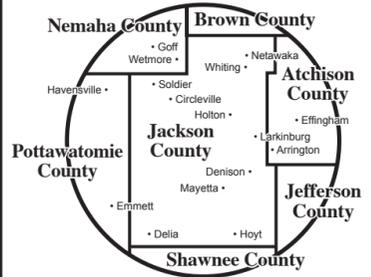
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In the top photo, Beth Nelson (left) and Deb Dillner of Friends of Banner Reservoir are shown presenting information to the Holton City Commission on Monday evening about the proposed Banner Creek Reservoir building. A rendering of the back of the building is shown above.

Top photo by Brian Sanders

■ Banner Building...

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Dillner reminded commissioners that the shelter house project — undertaken in the name of her father-in-law, the late Fritz Dillner — served more of a purpose than just providing visitors to the reservoir grounds with a safe place to gather for public and private events.

“It’s economic development, not only for Holton but also for the community as a whole,”

Dillner said. “Our lifeblood depends on our young people staying here, keeping and raising their families here. Having something like this in our community that encourages our young people not to just graduate and go to K-State or KU or wherever and never come back to Holton or Jackson County — we need to be looking toward the future.”

Nelson and Dillner also

shared letters of support for the KDWP grant application and noted other significant donations toward the project, including contributions from local banks, a \$25,000 contribution from the Jackson County Commission and a pledge of support from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation once construction of the shelter house was complete.

Local casinos close to public

Two tribe-owned casinos in the Jackson County area — Prairie Band Casino and Resort and Golden Eagle Casino — announced yesterday that they would shut down temporarily in response to the COVID-19 situation, it has been reported.

A news release issued by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation stated that the tribal council ordered a suspension of all of the tribe’s gaming facilities, effective at 11:59 p.m. yesterday. Current plans are to reopen on March 31, it was noted.

“Prairie Band Casino and Resort regrets how this may impact our guests, team members and our community, but we have always had their safety as our number one priority,” the news release stated. “Our company will continue to pay the wages and benefits for our full and part-

time team members during this period.”

Cleaning and maintenance will be done at the casino and resort during the closure period, it was noted, and guests who have future hotel reservations will receive full refunds. All casino promotions are suspended during the closure period.

Also, the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas issued a declaration of emergency yesterday and shuttered its Golden Eagle Casino near Horton until March 30. It was reported that all non-essential tribal employees would temporarily be granted administrative leave to self-quarantine at their homes.

“These are very difficult decisions, but every minute counts and strong measures are

necessary to slow the spread of the disease,” Kickapoo Tribal Chairman Lester Randall said in a news release issued yesterday. “I know there will be significant economic impacts to the Kickapoo Tribe and all of our communities, and we are looking at steps to help address those challenges.”

Tribal officials and casino management will consult with emergency management officials and local health agencies at the end of the casino’s announced closure period to determine an appropriate course of action, the news release stated.

The casino closures followed the Kansas Lottery’s announcement yesterday that four state-owned casinos would be closed until March 30.

■ School Meals...

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this. If families are unable to work because of their job, I’m worried about their meals.”

With the waiver, the district will begin providing “grab and go” sack meals starting today (Wednesday) for any child ages one to 18. Students must be present to receive the meals.

The meals can be picked up from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each week day at RVHS in Hoyt or RVMS in Mayetta using the drop-off/bus lanes in front of each building.

A lunch will be provided along with a breakfast meal for the following morning. Staff members will be outside directing traffic flow and passing out meals.

To help the district determine the number of meals needed, district patrons are asked to call the district office at 785-966-2246 or contact Jessica Bryan at bryanj@rv337.org

“The kids have to be physically present to receive the meal,” Davis said. “We can’t just have the parents come get the meals. If we wanted to, we could distribute multiple days of meals at a time. My recommendation is to hand out one meal at a time to see what it looks like. We don’t know if we’re going to have 10 students show up or 150 students.”

Board members gave their consensus to move forward with the meal distribution, and board member Boone Smith asked about students who are unable

to get a ride or walk to one of the schools to pick up a non-perishable meal.

“We don’t have the authority to deliver the meals to people’s doors or pick up kids and take them to the meal site,” Davis said.

Jackson Heights

At Jackson Heights, school meal deliveries to students who live in the district’s four communities — Circleville, Netawaka, Soldier and Whiting — are starting today (Wednesday), according to Superintendent Adrienne Walsh, who noted that a set number of meals will be delivered to each drop-off location based on demand received at the district office.

“At this point, it’s 27 meals that we’ll be providing between the four towns,” Walsh said yesterday of the district’s off-site meal plan. “KSDE is highly encouraging schools to do this, because for some kids, the school lunch is one of the best meals that they get.”

District officials put together an internet-based survey for parents of district students for release this past Monday, and as of yesterday morning, Walsh said she had received at least 60 responses to the survey.

“I wasn’t sure about our need, but right now, it seems small,” she said. “Several of those who responded said, ‘No, it’s not a need,’ and I had a few ask, ‘It’s not a need right now in these

couple of weeks, but if things continue, can I change my answer?’”

About 30 meals will be prepared for those who have requested them, and although the meals may not be served “hot” due to the distance between the school and the pick-up points, they can be re-heated and will contain breakfast items that students may consume the next day, Walsh said. Meals may be picked up by parents or approved guardians, she added.

Meals will be delivered Monday through Friday for pick-up at Circleville Christian Church, the Netawaka Community Building, Soldier City Hall and the Whiting Community Building. Pick-up will be available from 11:30 a.m. to noon at all locations except the Netawaka Community Building, where pick-up will be available from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Parents of Jackson Heights students who would like for their children to receive the meals are asked to contact the district office at 364-2194.

Williams, Kasson resign

Holton Elementary School Principal Karen Williams said Tuesday morning that she had resigned her position with USD 336, effective at the end of the current term.

Williams said she believed she is leaving the school “a better place than she found it.”

Holton Elementary Assistant Principal Chris Kasson has also resigned her position with USD 336 at the end of the school term.

At Monday night’s meeting, the board accepted the resignations from the two school administrators, it was confirmed by Superintendent Bob Davies.

Witte resigns from JHES

Less than a year after being named principal at Jackson Heights Elementary School, Cody Witte has announced his imminent departure from the district.

Witte, who also has served as the district’s athletic director for the past three years, said yesterday that he is leaving Jackson Heights at the end of the current school year after accepting the job of assistant principal and athletic/activities director at Tonganoxie High School.

Members of the Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education accepted Witte’s resignation at Monday’s board

meeting.

Witte came to the Jackson Heights district at the start of the 2017-18 school year as athletic director and elementary physical education teacher after teaching and coaching in the Auburn-Washburn, Newton and Mission Valley districts.

He was offered the elementary principal’s position last year after District Superintendent Adrienne Walsh, who also served as elementary principal for eight years, said she was relinquishing the principal’s position to focus on district goals and priorities as superintendent, it was reported.

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County residents can pay their car tags online, as well as pay the second half of their property taxes online or by mail. Those taxes are due May 10.

Reminders have been placed in all Courthouse bathrooms for staff and patrons to wash their hands, it was reported.

The commissioners did approve a resolution, recommended by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, outlining guidelines for when a county employee is sick in order “to prevent stigma and discrimination in the workplace.”

The county will compensate employees who are required to be quarantined at home or care for a direct family member at home who has contract COVID-19.

Department heads are asked to actively encourage sick employees to stay home and to routinely clean frequently touched surfaces in their offices.

During the meeting, Second Judicial Court judge Norbert Marek reported that, at this time, the district court would not be closing and that all jury trials have been rescheduled for May.

Korte had one final reminder for all those in attendance.

“Wash your hands because it’s getting serious,” she said.

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