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2020 Chamber Hall of Fame



The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's 2020 Hall of Fame banquet, held this past Wednesday at the EUM Family Life Center, saw four Jackson County women honored for their contributions to the community.

In the top photo, honoree Floye Knouff (center) was joined by son Mark Knouff (left) and granddaughters (from left to right) Lindsay Alley, Carly Fletcher and Tara Knouff.

In the above left photo, honoree Deb Dillner (left) was joined by husband Tim.

In the above right photo, honoree Diane Gross (right) was joined by son Chris.

And in the photo at left, honoree Esther Ideker (second from right) was joined by daughter Cindi Ideker (left), granddaughter Kiana Chong (second from left) and son Curtis Ideker.

Photos by Brian Sanders

About 170 on hand to celebrate "class of 2020"

By Brian Sanders
"We go and we do and we get stuff done, and I think that's pretty amazing."

That quote from Deb Dillner was used by master of ceremonies Ernie Porter to sum up the accomplishments of the four women — Dillner, Diane Gross, Esther Ideker and Floye Knouff — who were inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame this past Wednesday.

About 170 were on hand at the EUM Family Life Center that evening to celebrate the four members of the Hall of Fame's "class of 2020," the 15th group of inductees recognized with an evening of cheers, tears and remembrances for their contribu-

tions to the Holton and Jackson County community.

Dillner, recognized for her volunteer efforts with the Jackson County Fair Association and the drive to build a new shelter house at Banner Creek Reservoir, maintained humility in accepting her Hall of Fame honor, saying she was "definitely not qualified" for such a recognition.

"I've always seen myself as part of the team, whether it's supporting the fair board, the Friends of Banner Creek or whatever it is — I'm just going to get stuff done," she said.

Among those she thanked for the honor, Dillner took time out to recognize the efforts of her husband, Tim, in keeping her

home fires burning.

"He's at home, doing chores, taking care of stuff and quietly just going about his business. I say I've got a meeting, and he'll just say, 'Oh, just do what you've got to do,'" she said, drawing laughter from the audience.

Gross, who was honored for her administrative and volunteer work for Holton Community Hospital, thanked previous Hall of Fame honorees who were instrumental to her success, as well as "close friends" who "checked on me, almost on a daily basis" to make sure that she was doing her job, particularly during a stressful time at the hospital.

She also thanked "the loyal

employees" of the hospital during that stressful period from 1988 to 1998, mainly because "they didn't jump the ship."

"They were truly a great bunch of employees," Gross said. "Many of them are still great friends of mine today."

Ideker, honored for her work with Jackson County Friends of Hospice and other organizations, expressed pride that so many members of her family had come from as far away as Washington state and Texas to cheer her on. She also acknowledged other "families" present, such as her fellow hospice volunteers and Immanuel Lutheran Church members.

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Hotel Josephine is up for sale

By Brian Sanders
Holton's historic Hotel Josephine is up for sale.

"It's to the place where somebody could walk in, take it over, and everything would go smooth for them, because the building is still very secure. It's in A-1 shape," owner John Chiles said of the 18-room hotel, built in the late 1880s at the northwest corner of Fifth Street and Ohio Avenue and one of the oldest operating hotels west of the Mississippi River.

Chiles, who bought the hotel in the spring of 2011, said he wants to see ownership of the hotel transferred to someone who aims to maintain its character — "a step back in time," he says — and preserve its history for future generations of visitors to Holton's Town Square.

"It's like stepping back into yesteryear, when families got

together," he said of the hotel's character. "Every room is different... It's so family, so get-together, that you can come in and you think you're at home — only you have to pay to stay here!"

Ask Chiles — who recently noted 50 years since opening his "main" business, Chiles Upholstery, half a block east down Fifth Street — why he's announced plans to sell the historic hotel, and his answer is simple. "I don't have time to run it," he said.

Furthermore, Chiles' daughter and the hotel's co-owner, Lori Ford, who has been serving as the hotel's manager since the Chiles family took it over, "would like to do something else... We're just looking to change direction," he said.

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Soil conservation section included

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

The 72nd annual meeting of the Jackson County Conservation District will be held Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the First United Methodist Church in Holton.

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the business meeting following at 7 p.m. Kelly Lenz, who recently retired from WIBW-AM as a farm broadcasting director, will be the guest speaker.

This year's conservation winners are:

- Kenneth and Norma

Thomas — Kansas Bankers Award.

■ Dan and JoAnn Sedlak — Outstanding Conservationist Award.

■ Dan and Lesley Harris — Grassland Award.

■ Gary and Kim Robbins — Soil Health Award.

■ Louis and Victoria Hasenkamp — Wildlife Habitat Award.

Jackson Heights student Joel Kennedy, who won the state speech contest, will be honored, as well as the first-place winners of the elementary school poster contest (grades first through fifth).

Congratulations to this year's winners!

El Ranchito opens

By Brian Sanders

"Anticipation" has been the key word in recent months with the announcement that a new Mexican restaurant would be opening on the east side of Holton's Town Square where S&A's Downtown Cafe and, until recently, El Milagro, had served



customers.

For Juan Jasso (pictured) of Osage City, that anticipation has been marked by long hours of remodeling and refurbishing the restaurant building, which had fallen into disrepair since El Milagro's closing in early 2019.

On Friday, Jan. 31, that anticipation ended when Jasso reopened the restaurant as El Ranchito — and he found that the hard work of getting the restaurant ready over a six-month period had paid off.

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Jackson Heights High School seniors Grace Roles (left) and Tex Manuel III were named Queen and King of Courts during the Cobra's basketball games against Horton on Friday. The Cobra teams swept the Chargers that night; more on those games may be found on today's sports pages.

Photo by Brian Sanders



TUESDAY'S FORECAST
Mostly Sunny, High 42

Look for the complete forecast on Page 2.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Kelly E. Alexander II, Wichita, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$228.

Martin S. Castro, Holton, driving under the influence, \$858.

Alejandro De La Torre, Topeka, using wireless communication device while driving to send or receive messages, \$168.

Jessica Espinoza, Topeka, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$923.

Kain A. Fink, Hoyt, driving under the influence, minor in possession, speeding, diversion.

Kenneth W. Frazier II, Edmond, Okla., no proof of insurance, registration violation, diversion.

Elijah K. Fyler, address sealed by court, violation of restrictions on driver's license or permit, \$330.

Richard H. McKinney, Horton, driving under the influence, speeding, diversion.

Daniel M. Ramirez, Mayetta, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$350.

Bryce R. Shivers, Silver Lake, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$158.

Martin Solis-Castro, Holton, driving under the influence, found guilty.

Shane D. Spangler, Fairview, speeding, diversion.

interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage; dismissed.

Filed
Unifund CCR L.L.C. vs. Carlton A. Lanum, seeking judgment of \$1,078.74 plus interest and court costs.

Discover Bank vs. Wesley R. Hudson, seeking judgment of \$3,921.74 plus interest and court costs.

Unifund CCR L.L.C. vs. Rachel D. McKinney, seeking judgment of \$3,014.85 plus interest and court costs.

Limited Civil

Dispositions
Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Tara Williams and Jared Williams, sought judgment of \$1,347 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$1,197 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Orrel E. Berry, sought judgment of \$571.15 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Misty D. Flewelling and Philip G. Flewelling, sought judgment of \$2,144.36 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Montie K. Hardenberger and Dustin Hardenberger, sought judgment of \$1,074.56 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$1,034.56 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Ronny L. Hester and Angela D. Hester, sought judgment of \$2,107.95 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Lakota S. Knoxah-Duncan, sought judgment of \$591.14 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Katherine May and Scott May, sought judgment of \$870.46 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Dana R. Patterson and Jason M. Patterson, sought judgment of \$744.26 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Linda J. Porter and Mike Porter, sought judgment of \$706.34 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Regina Ruble, sought judgment of \$1,356.40 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Denison State Bank vs. Simone A. Noriega, sought judgment of \$328.04 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Stormont-Vail Healthcare Inc. vs. Mike Shepherd and Tamela Shepherd, sought judgment of \$1,385.71 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Timothy Ramos, sought judgment of \$387 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$357 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Tanya Thomas, sought judgment of \$1,209.55 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Topeka Oral Surgery P.A. vs. Mike Shepherd and Tamela Shepherd, sought judgment of \$572 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Stormont-Vail Healthcare Inc. vs. Jacob Grant, sought judgment of \$491.85 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Filed
Galt Ventures L.L.C., doing business as Speedy Cash 92 vs. Shelby R. Hopkins, seeking judgment of \$341.70 plus interest and court costs.

J. Scott Fund vs. Garnet Williams, seeking eviction of defendant from rental premises plus rent and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Holly J. Balenger and Chadwick Ballenger, seeking judgment of \$214.03 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Gwenn Bartels and Leslie Bartels, seeking judgment of \$645.60 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Matthew Bye, seeking judgment of \$11,853.93 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Brandon M. Cowley, seeking judgment of \$205.16 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Juan C. Diaz-Rivera and Maria J. Diaz, seeking judgment of \$1,428.63 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Travis J. Finch, seeking judgment of \$4,294.40 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Heather M. Holt and Robert L. Holt, seeking judgment of \$1,724.25 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jereme L. Keithley and Amber Keithley, seeking judgment of \$605.37 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Rodney E. Maloney, seeking judgment of \$2,373.02 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Kimberly L. Oliver and Donald L. Oliver, seeking judgment of \$1,135.24 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Shannon Schuh and Matthew J. Schuh, seeking judgment of \$778.11 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Sheila Walker, seeking judgment of \$1,221 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Tristyne Wamego, seeking judgment of \$1,184.18 plus interest and court costs.

Techs Inc., doing business as Jackson County EMS vs. Cody D. Bartley, seeking judgment of \$1,470.19 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Deborah Beck and Ronald Beck, seeking judgment of \$1,078.63 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Genesis Health Clubs Inc. vs. Sierra L. Newport, seeking judgment of \$603.80 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Dispositions
Banner Creek Animal Hospital vs. Amanda Mercer, sought judgment of \$239.48 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed
Banner Creek Animal Hospital vs. Mindy Smith, seeking judgment of \$1,710.94 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic

Dispositions
In the matter of the marriage of Wendie L. Richter and Anthony L. Richter, family case summary, venue transferred to Jackson County.

Marriage

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Criminal

Dispositions
State of Kansas vs. Daniel M. Ramirez, Mayetta, battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.

Civil

Dispositions
Azura Credit Union vs. Charles Scott Dugan, administrator of the estate of David L. Dugan, also known as David Dugan, deceased, the unknown spouse if any of Cheryl L. Dugan, also known as Cheryl Dugan, deceased, and related estates, John Doe and Jane Doe (tenants/occupants) and the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas, sought judgment of \$28,121.83 plus

County officers note recent arrests

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

■ On Jan. 30, Wade Wilson, 31, Winchester, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Jan. 31, Jason Hokanson, 33, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 1, Sherry Carr, 32, Sabetha, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and driving while suspended.

■ On Feb. 2, Jacob Asher, 26, Sabetha, was arrested on charges of possession of a hallucinogenic drug, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia with intent to manufacture a controlled substance and criminal use of a weapon.

■ On Feb. 3, Brent McKinley II, 38, Meriden, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and operating a vehicle without a required interlock device.

■ On Feb. 4, Amanda West, 27, Olathe, was arrested on two criminal warrants on charges of motion to revoke bond.

■ On Feb. 4, Malik Keith, 22, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended, possession of marijuana, distribution of a hallucinogenic drug and possession with intent to distribute illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Feb. 4, David Jones, 69, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of aggravated indecent liberties with a child and promoting obscenity to minors.

Recent addition to your family?

Let *The Holton Recorder* help you spread the news about the latest addition to your family! Send us your baby's name, birth date and place, weight and height, and names of parents, siblings and grandparents. A photo will be published for a fee.

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MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin

5 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 9-15, 2015

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 12, Vintage Park at Holton is offering "coffee with friends" to the public, it has been reported. Patrons are invited to join residents at Vintage Park for a cup of coffee and to engage in conversation.

Earthquakes occurring recently in north central Oklahoma were recently picked up by a seismograph located at Jackson Heights Middle and High School, according to Jackson Heights technology director Vern Andrews.

Local veteran Troy Lisica, retired Sergeant First Class, of Hoyt was recently honored with a free family trip to Disney World in Florida through the Dream Foundation, an organization that grants the wishes of adults facing life-threatening illnesses, it was reported.

Lisica is battling stage four brain cancer, and he was surprised on Monday, Feb. 9, with notification that his family of five would receive a free trip to Florida later this month. The surprise included a visit from Greg Burden, executive director of the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs, Congressman Lynn Jenkins and Rep. Becky Hutchins of the 61st District.

Wetmore High School senior Corinne Haverkamp recently accepted a \$500 check from Mary Ann Riederer of the Washburn University Kansas Small Business Development Center (KS-BDC) in Glacial Hills. Haverkamp is the proprietor of Corinne's Creations, which sells homemade skin care products.

10 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 9-15, 2010

The Jackson County Conservation District is honoring Jackson Heights teacher Paul Lierz as Teacher of the Year. Lierz has been teaching the importance of soil conservation in his classroom for several years, it was reported.

A winter wonderland blanketed the area on Friday, Feb. 5. The snowstorm caused two of the district's school buses to get stuck, but no one was hurt. The outdoor picnic area at Sonic Drive-In in Holton was covered in snow by mid-morning.

After 22 years of service, John Bailey has stepped down from his position of Hoyt Fire Chief. Bailey has been active with the Hoyt Fire Department since moving to the Hoyt community and became an active member in the department in 1979, it was reported.

The sleeve of the elevator in the Jackson County Courthouse, which was installed in 1983, recently began to rust and leaked some oil. The elevator has been out of service for several weeks, but is currently being repaired.

15 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 9-15, 2005

Not again! That seemed to be what area residents were thinking after a winter storm front came through on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 8. Snow began to fall that morning, picked up intensity and left four inches of the white stuff behind when snowfall ceased that night.

The Knot Hole gift shop had previously announced that it



This week's "Blast From The Past" is a Holton High School trumpeter who received several honors at the state music festival in 1977.

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Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Chad and Mandy Bontrager, who were correctly identified first by Barb Meerpohl. Winners may pick up their Sonic coupon at *The Holton Recorder* office.

would be going out of business on Feb. 26. However, it has been reported that the business will remain open after all.

Four Holton High School wrestlers earned titles at the recent Big 7 League Tournament. These first-place winners are ranked among the state's best and include Jesse Strawn, 189-pound weight class; Mike Roberts, 275-pound class; Tyler Bowsler, 119-pound class; and Jordan Robbins, 135-pound class.

Grass Roots Pest Control team won the 2005 Topeka Women's Bowling City Tournament with a 3,489 pin total on Jan. 29 at Gage Bowl North, it was reported. Members of the team included Darla Beatty, Betty Flynn, Mary Child, Mary Mick and Teresa Emmons.

Jeff Draper of Holton was among the graduates participating in the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center's 177-A Basic Training Class Commencement Exercises held in Hutchinson on Friday, Dec. 17, it was reported.

25 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 9-15, 1995

Public Notice

(First published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Danny R. Hittle, Sherri L. Hittle, Jane Doe, John Doe, Kansas Department of Revenue, and United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, et al.,

Defendants

Case No. 20CV6

Court No.

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Longtime Shur-Save employee Doris Bontrager literally took Valentine's Day to heart as she portrayed Cupid at the store recently. Bontrager and owner John Mahon schemed for Bontrager to wear the costume as a practical joke on coworker Wanda Jenkins, who is responsible for the store's promotions and is the usual employee notorious for practical jokes and her offbeat promotional ideas, it was reported.

Bontrager has worked at the grocery store since it was built as Craig's IGA in 31 years ago, and also worked at the IGA's original location on Fifth Street. The business was recently purchased and converted to Shur-Save by Mahon.

Positive Directions Mental Health Services is now open at 321 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton under the direction of Janet Bair-Carpenter, a licensed specialist clinical social worker, it has been reported.

A collection of oil paintings by Kathleen Finger of Netawaka is now on display in the lobby of Denison State Bank in Holton.

A total of 11 non-faculty coaches are currently filling a void at high schools in Jackson County. The non-faculty coaches include Mike Norris, Theresa Watkins and Debbi Spade (Holton); Matt Hundley (Jackson Heights); and Jarrod Ogdin, Patty Gillin, Dave Barta, Jimmy Stithem, Lori Winter, Todd Buttermore and Steve Stallbaumer (Royal Valley).

Thaine Bray and Andy Gilliland were crowned Queen and King of Courts at Holton High School on Friday night, Feb. 10. Thaine is the daughter of Kim Lathrop and Mark Bray. Andy is the son of Frank and Betsy Gilliland.

50 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 9-15, 1970

Karen Huber was crowned Queen of Courts of Holton High School for 1970 on Friday night, Feb. 6, at the Holton-Santa Fe Trail game. Attendees were Janet Hammerli and Connie Proctor. Holton won the basketball game 53-44.

Rita Rieschick of Soldier, senior in elementary education at Kansas State University in Manhattan, is a finalist in the 1969-70 balloting for St. Patricia, lady of the engineers' patron saint, St. Patrick. If elected in voting, Rieschick will reign along with St. Patrick over K-State's 46th annual Engineers' Open House in March. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rieschick of Soldier.

Work has begun this week on the renewal of the sanctuary of St. Dominic's Church in Holton for preparation of the centennial of the Parish on June 14. The remodeling work is being done in the church to change the structure to fit the new revised English Mass.

Curtis Porter of Denison was recently named Safe Driver of the Month for January by the Pilot Club of Holton, it was reported.

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Atchison County Community Junior Senior High School has announced the candidates for 2020 King and Queen of Courts. Queen candidates are (front row, from left) Kayla Vanderpool, Shelby Scholz and Dekoda Clem. King candidates are (back row, from left) Marcus Hetherington, Evan Caudle and Levi Navinsky. The crowning ceremony will take place Friday, Feb. 14, in the ACCJSHS gymnasium at halftime of the boys' varsity basketball game against Jefferson County North.

Photo courtesy of Steve Caplinger

Delia water pipe issues discussed

By Melody Matyak
Delia City Clerk

Delia Mayor Don Trimble called the Feb. 3 meeting of the Delia City Council to order at 7:09 p.m. Present were Trimble and council members Evelyn Shibler, Zacary McCullough and John Nitsch, as well as City Treasurer Nikki Dohrman, City Clerk Melody Matyak and City Attorney Scott Hess. Council members absent were Molly Robb and Denise Meltz.

Matyak read minutes from the Jan. 13 city council meeting. McCullough's motion to accept the minutes as read was seconded by Nitsch and approved.

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

Council members discussed

the request by Moravan Lodge 128 to support making the polka the Kansas state dance. No action was taken.

Council members discussed the meeting held this evening at 6:30 p.m. with community members regarding domestic water pipe issues. There was a discussion of possible water rate increases in the future in order to pay for upgrading the aging domestic water pipes.

There will be community meetings in the future to keep everyone informed regarding the progress of upgrading the domestic water pipes and ways to pay for these improvements. Discussion was tabled until additional information can be attained by Nitsch and Chris Gordon.

Nitsch brought up the condition of the city mower and the possibility of needing

to replace it in the future. He said he will do some research on replacement mowers and the cost.

There was general discussion by Gordon and council members about the boards around the baseball diamond backstop and bleachers. Also discussed was who was responsible for the upkeep of the diamond and the surrounding grounds.

City maintenance trimmed some trees this past month. Matyak contacted Everly and they will only trim trees if they are growing in or near their lines.

Nitsch's motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. was seconded by McCullough and approved.

The next regular city council meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 2. The meeting is open to the public.

Area students named to WSU honor roll

Wichita State University has announced the names of more than 3,300 students who were on the WSU dean's honor roll for fall 2019.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Local students named to the honor roll include the following, listed by hometown:

- Holton: Dalton G. Beightel, Melanie K. Binkley, Kyli G. Brenner, Abigail B. Heitzman, Gladys B. Heitzman, Shelby L. Pruett and Holly Wendorff.
- Hoyt: Sarah A. Beam and Eryn L. Daugherty.

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Don't be tricked by identity thieves

Identity thieves are constantly looking for new ways to separate you from your hard-earned money, and they will use the tax season as a way to do it.

That's why the Federal Trade Commission identified Feb. 3-7 as Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week in 2020.

Tax identity theft is when scammers find a way to use a legitimate taxpayer's identity and personal information to file a tax return and claim a fraudulent refund.

With the speed and efficiency of electronic tax filing, the victim is usually not aware of the incident until notified by the Internal Revenue Service that more than one return was filed in his or her name, or that he or she has a discrepancy in taxable earnings and employer identification information.

By that time, your tax refund is often already in the hands of the scam artist.

Another variation of tax-related scams is the IRS impostor. The scammer will claim you owe taxes and demand that you pay immediately over the phone, usually with a gift card or pre-paid debit card.

Like a typical phone scam, they'll attempt to pressure you into making a bad decision without properly thinking it through; in some cases they'll even threaten to arrest you.

The real IRS will never do this, so as always just hang up. Never share your personal information over the phone, or online or through the mail for that matter, unless you initiated the contact and are 100 percent

certain of that person's identity. Here are some additional tips to help protect you from becoming a victim of identity theft:

- Protect your Social Security number (SSN). Don't carry your Social Security card or other documentation with your SSN on it. Provide your SSN only when required, such as filing taxes or applying for a loan. Be wary of Web sites or retailers that request this information.

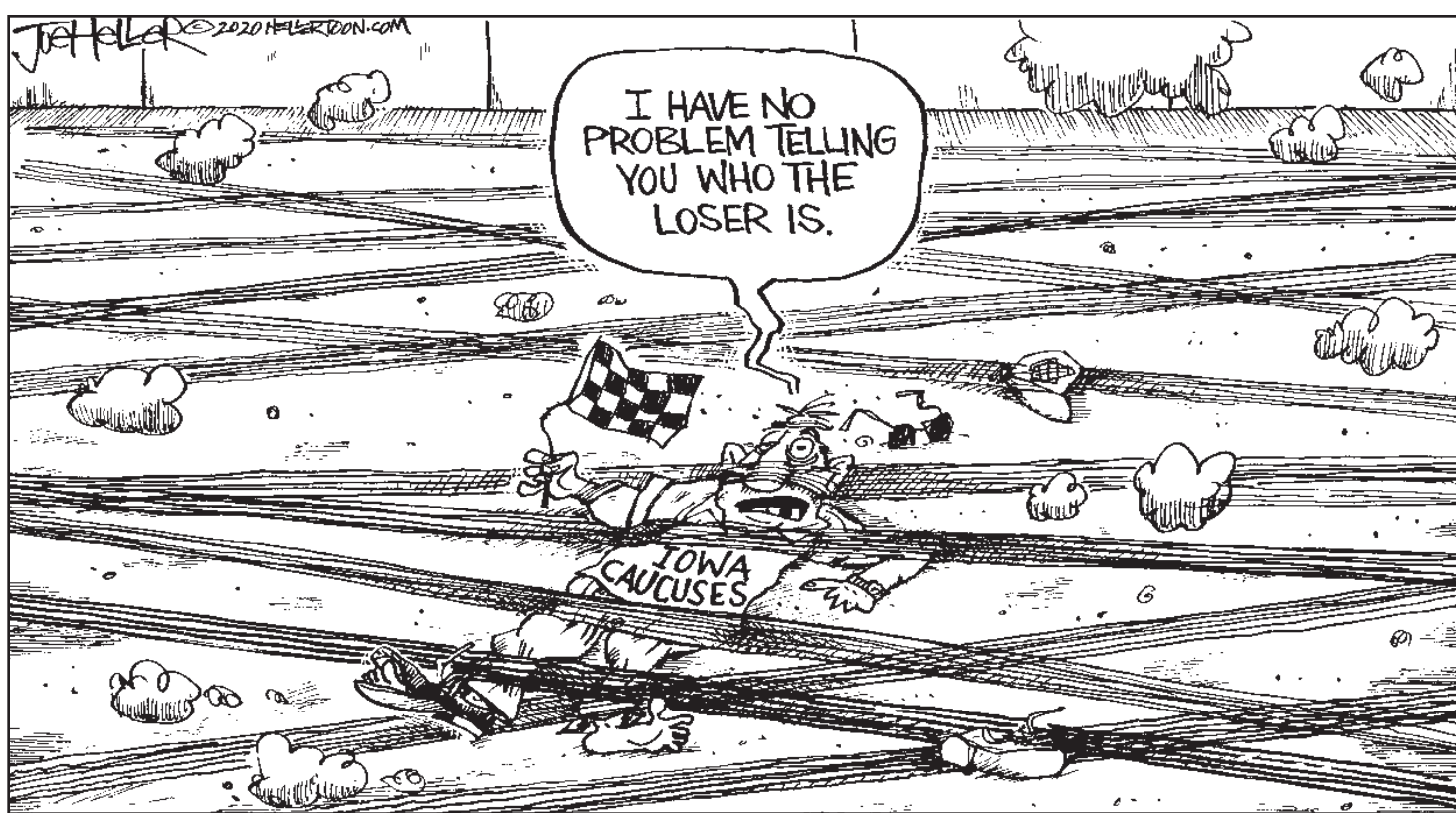
- Protect important financial and personal information. Personal financial documents and past years' tax returns should be kept in a secure location such as a locked filing cabinet or a fire safe box.

- Protect your personal computer files by installing firewalls and anti-spam/virus software. It's also extremely important to periodically change your computer and Internet passwords.

- Check your credit report annually. Monitoring your credit report helps make you aware of unusual or unauthorized activity and can alert you to possible identity theft.

If you receive a notice from the IRS or suspect your identity has been falsely used to claim a tax refund, you can visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov for instructions on proper reporting procedures.

If you believe you have been the victim of identity theft or a scam, you can file a report online with our Consumer Protection Division at www.InYourCornerKansas.org or give us a call at (800) 432-2310.



Spring Festival complicates epidemic threat

By John Richard Schrock

I never plan to travel within China these next few weeks. It is the Asian Spring Festival (New Year) and this year it begins Jan. 5. Usually lasting two weeks, China's schools and universities have scheduled an even longer vacation break to allow for this greatest annual movement of humans on earth.

But this year, the threat of a possible major epidemic is looming. It could not come at a worse time of the year.



To suppress the spread of an epidemic, a population must minimize transmission by everyone standing in place. That conflicts with this most massive migration of people on earth.

This crisis is a consequence of China's rapidly growing affluence—they have a middle class far larger than in the U.S. They therefore have more cars than the U.S. and use a far larger public transportation system. And ironically, three decades of higher education expansion has also driven the traffic gridlock.

Spring Festival is by far the most important holiday in China. Traditionally it has been a business-break, a start-

over point and, similar to our Thanksgiving and Christmas, a family get-together time.

It is a time to pay off all of your debts; this also means that everyone who owes you should pay you back. Traditional businesses may proportion salaries so that this month you could get paid double. You buy new clothes. Red packets of coins are dispersed to the children. Today people celebrate birthdays on their unique birth day; but earlier, everyone got a birthday older at this time.

By far the most important duty is to visit parents and grandparents, first on the father's side and then on the mother's side.

In older times, few Chinese traveled away for an education and marriage was usually with a partner from a nearby community. Only the few scoring highest on the gao kao exam could travel off to the limited colleges.

And factory workers and laborers mostly worked locally. China's population mostly rode bicycles. Public transport was crowded but adequate for this local travel. Visiting relatives was a nearby affair.

Since the late 1990s, China's massive expansion of universities allowed many more students to attend the best universities their scores will allow, often far from home. There the college boy meets the girl of his dreams, and girls meet their "sunshine boy."

Now visiting parents and grandparents on both sides of the family often requires criss-crossing the country.

Many countryside laborers came to the developing regions of China to work in factories. Many couples left their child with a grandparent while they seized this opportunity to make more money.

In China, a large number of children are called "left behind children" and raised by grandparents while the parents work elsewhere to make a better life.

For many, Spring Festival may be the one time in the year when the young parents can return home and spend time with their child.

Therefore, during Spring Festival there is increased traffic. Buses will be packed and airline seats sell out ahead of time. An estimated 3 billion trips are expected to be made by public transport during this holiday.

With more car owners than

any other country, it is estimated that there will be 9 billion trips during this holiday.

This is why the Wuhan coronavirus poses a serious threat. At any other time of the year, the Chinese government could prevent spread of a human-to-human infection by having everyone freeze in place, as they did during the SARS crisis. But that becomes nearly impossible in these next few weeks, where many Chinese citizens have already started to travel early.

This potential crisis will be carefully watched by health and government officials worldwide.

There is already a shortage of cloth face masks used to reduce airborne transmission in China. And the masks will now muffle the New Year's greeting of Happy New Year!

Note: John Richard Schrock is a professor of biology at Emporia State University.

LETTER: Important deadline coming up for ag businesses

Dear editor,

The clock is ticking... March 16 is the last day to make what is likely one of the most important business decisions you will make for your farming operation this year.

If you have not already visited your local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office to make your election for either the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or the Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program and to sign your annual enrollment contract, you should call and make your appointment now.

Many of you are gearing up to head to the field for spring planting, but I cannot stress enough the importance of not letting this deadline get lost in the hectic day-to-day obligations of farm life. If you fail to enroll for 2019 ARC or PLC, you will be ineligible to receive a payment for the 2019 crop year.

ARC and PLC provide financial protections to farmers from substantial drops in crop prices or revenues and are vital economic safety nets for most American farms. These programs cover 20 commodities produced in the U.S.

FSA anticipates more than 1.7

million producers will enroll in ARC or PLC - that's a lot of producers to assist in a short period of time. As of Feb. 4, FSA records in Kansas show 21,553 farms out of an expected 99,797 farms - about 21 percent - have completed ARC or PLC enrollment for the 2019 crop year.

Want to maximize your time visiting with FSA? Inquire about deadlines and options for also enrolling in 2020 ARC or PLC. Our staff will help you make the most out of your visit or set you up with a future appointment to help check FSA programs off your lengthy "to do" list.

If you're still unsure about the choice of ARC or PLC, we offer online decision tools to help you determine the best program election for your farming operation. To access these tools, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

Call FSA today for an appointment. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-center-locator.

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Royal Valley Senior of the Month



Congratulations to Lejla Mahic, Royal Valley High School's senior of the month for February. Lejla has participated in Art Club for two years and Fishing Club this year. She designed the logo for the newly-founded Fishing Club, helped to draw the State Volleyball shirts and has created many intricate pieces of artwork. She was recently selected as the Queen of Courts by her peers.

Following graduation, Lejla plans to attend Peru State College as an art major to attain her Bachelor of Fine Arts and potentially become an art teacher.

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Holton Senior of the Month



Holton High School's senior of the month for February is Bailey Flewelling. She is the daughter of Philip and Misty Flewelling.

Bailey participates in basketball and softball. She is also a member of JCYC, SADD, RESIST, FCCLA and the yearbook staff.

Bailey has future plans to attend Emporia State University to study human health and performance and participate in softball. She was presented with a \$25 gift card to 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe from the Holton High School staff for her involvement at HHS.

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Even when it upsets and overwhelms us, truth above all.

Wildcats have 3 games this week

■ HHS wins 2 at Riverside

The Holton varsity basketball teams play at Nemaha Central this evening for a make-up game and at Perry-Lecompton tomorrow for regularly-scheduled games. On Friday, the Wildcats will entertain Sabetha.

The Holton boys improved to 3-4 in the Big Seven League and 4-9 overall with a win at Riverside Friday night, 51-35.

Meanwhile, the Cyclones dropped to 1-8 in the Big Seven and 5-10 overall.

The Wildcats led 15-14 after the first quarter and 26-18 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Wildcats outscored the Cyclones 10-4 to further extend their lead.

Senior Eli Prine's 22 points led Holton while junior Kale Purcell also scored in double-digits with 19.

"We were without two varsity starters and two varsity reserves on Friday due to the flu bug that has been going around," said HHS head boys coach Connor Bechard. "We had multiple guys step up and compete at a high level. I am extremely proud of the guys for digging in on the defensive end and playing through the various lineup changes that occurred as a result of our illnesses. Eli Prine and Kale Purcell stepped up in a big way offensively, and multiple other guys contributed on both ends of the floor. It was a very good win for our team in a tough place to play."

Holton 15-11-10-15--51
Riverside 14-4-4-13--35

Holton - senior Trey Wright 0-1-0-0-3, junior Kale Purcell 7-1-2-5-19, freshman Matthew Lierz 0-2-1-2-7, senior Eli Prine 2-6-0-0-22. Totals 9-10-3-7-51.

Riverside - Davies 2-0-1-2-5, Byrd 2-1-0-0-7, Edwards 1-0-0-0-2, Webb 2-0-1-2-5, Chalfant 1-3-0-0-11, Davis 0-1-0-0-3, Stillman 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 9-5-2-4-35.

The Holton girls improved to 5-2 in the Big Seven and 8-5 overall at Riverside Friday night with a 55-24 win over the Lady Cyclones, who dropped to 0-9 in the league and 2-13 overall.

The Lady Wildcats took a commanding 21-8 first-quarter lead and extended it to 31-13 by halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Wildcats outscored Riverside 23-11.

Sophomore Macey Patch's 21 points (including five of 10 free throws) and junior Saydee Tanking's 19 (including five three-point baskets) paced Holton.

"We were very proud of the focus and defensive intensity our girls brought to Friday night's game at Riverside," said HHS head coach Kurt Haussler. "We played with active feet and hands on defense all night, causing 30 turnovers and set a new season high of 44 deflections as a team."

"I felt like we played to our level throughout most of the game and had contributions from a number of players in different areas. We have been rebounding the basketball very well the past two weeks, out-rebounding our opponents in our last five games and I thought we did a good job on the offensive and defensive glass again Friday night," coach Haussler said. "Saydee Tanking recorded her third straight double-double with 19 points, 11 rebounds (double figures in points and rebounds) and Macey Patch recorded her first career double-double with 21 points, 11 rebounds. Our team continues to learn and improve each day in practice and each game night. We appreciate all the fan support. We had a great crowd up at Riverside and will need that same energy and enthusiasm on the road this week."

Holton 21-11-11-12--55
Riverside 8-5-6-5--24

Holton - senior Faith Haussler 3-0-0-0-6, senior Olivia Yingst 0-0-1-2-1, senior Kinleigh Rhodd 1-0-0-0-2, junior Saydee Tanking 2-5-0-0-19, sophomore Macey Patch 8-0-5-10-21, sophomore Taylor Moore 2-0-2-2-6. Totals 16-5-8-14-55.

Riverside - Jones 1-1-0-0-5, Murphy 0-3-0-0-9, Byrd 1-0-2-4-4, Eu, Byrd 0-0-0-2-0, Hayes 1-0-0-0-2, Juhl 1-0-0-0-2, M. O'Grady 1-0-0-2-2. Totals 5-4-2-8--24.

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SPORTS Monday



Royal Valley junior Brevin Canady (No. 1 in the dark jersey above), defends Holton junior Kale Purcell (No. 5 in white jersey) in last Tuesday's matchup at Holton. Photo by Michael Powls



Royal Valley junior Halina Williamson (No. 22 in the dark jersey above) drives to the basket in the matchup with Holton last Tuesday with sophomore Macey Patch (No. 35 in the white jersey) defending. Photo by Michael Powls

RV boys victorious 37-34 over NC

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley boys basketball team remains atop the Big Seven League standings after a close home win over Nemaha Central on Friday 37-34.

RV improved to 9-1 in the league and is now 14-1 overall. The Thunder is now 5-3 in league play and 10-4 overall.

The Thunder outscored RV 10-9 in the first quarter.

"It was a grind out game even though we were able to build a lead in the second quarter," said RV head coach Trent Oliva. "Both teams were determined. It was a game that turned into an offensive struggle. There wasn't a real good flow to the game, but both teams played really hard."

In the second quarter, RV scored 15 points and held the Thunder to five points to take a 24-15 lead at the half.

Both teams scored nine points in the third quarter. The Thunder had 10 points in the final quarter, but RV's four points in the quarter gave them the win.

"We missed some layups and some free throws down the stretch," Coach Oliva said. "When that happens, we have to be that much better on the defensive end, and I thought we were."

Junior Brevin Canady led the scoring for the Panthers with 12 points, including three three-pointers. Kurtis Beck was the top scorer for the Thunder with 13 points.

"It was good to see some other guys step up," Oliva said. "Our focus is one game at a time. The most important game is the next one scheduled."

RV: 9-15-9-4 - 37
NC: 10-5-9-10 - 34

Individual statistics
RV: Canady 1-3-1-3-12, Thomas 2-1-0-3-7, Wahwasuck 3-0-2-2-8, Klotz 2-0-0-2-4, Miller 1-0-0-0-2, Spoonhunter 2-0-0-0-4. Totals 11-4-3-10-37.
NC: Kramer 0-0-0-1-0, K. Beck 4-0-5-10-13, M. Beck 1-1-3-4-8, Leonard 2-0-0-0-4, Uphaus 3-1-0-4-9. Totals 10-2-8-19-34.
JV: NC 69, RV 47

The Nemaha Central girls team remains undefeated this season after a 76-33 win over RV at Hoyt on Friday.

The Lady Thunder is 8-0 in the Big Seven and 14-0 overall. RV is now 3-7 in league play and 3-12 overall.

Nemaha Central had a 22-12 edge after the first quarter, which grew to a 49-20 lead at the half.

The Thunder had 14 points in the third quarter, and the Lady Panthers added 11. In the final quarter, Nemaha outscored RV

HHS hosts double dual

By Michael Powls

The Holton Wildcats wrestling team hosted a double dual with Wamego and Rock Creek on Thursday, Feb. 6.

Holton 42 defeated Wamego 33

106: Asher Larsen (Holton) defeated Trayton Hartwich (Wamego) by fall 0:53.

113: Jake Barnes (Holton) defeated Hagan Johnson (Wamego) by fall 1:02.

120: Tayke Weber (Wamego) defeated Lucas Adcock (Holton) by fall 4:25.

126: Nick Cruickshank (Wamego) defeated Kayden Elliott (Holton) by fall 0:30.

132: Slater Skaggs (Holton) defeated Drew Brown (Wamego) by decision 10-6.

138: Kolby Roush (Holton) defeated Adler Pierson (Wamego) by decision 6-3.

145: Isaak Meyer (Wamego) defeated Taygen Fletcher (Holton) by decision 4-2.

152: Garyson Booth (Holton) won by Forfeit.

160: Hayden Oviatt

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JH tops Horton, Dohl tops all-time Lady Cobras scoring

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights High School's Cobra varsity basketball teams rode high-energy first quarters to a sweep of the Horton Chargers during winter courtwarming festivities on Friday that also saw a Lady Cobra senior becoming the school's all-time girls basketball points leader.

Kylie Dohl went into Friday's game with a career total of 1,123 points, four behind all-time leader and 1999 JHHS graduate Deatra Wheeler, and before the first quarter of the Lady Cobras' 50-46 victory over Horton was complete, Dohl had become the all-time leader. Her 19 points on the night lifted her running total to 1,142 points.

"When things happen that haven't happened in an extremely long time, I think we need to recognize it," Lady Cobras Head Coach Dan Shupe said in an on-the-court ceremony honoring Dohl's achievement following the win.

That win, however, was a hard-fought one for the Lady Cobras, who jumped out to a 28-6 first-quarter lead that was capped by a buzzer-beating trey from senior Abby Brey — then watched the lead slowly evaporate over the next three quarters as the Lady Chargers came charging back.

"That first quarter, we played very aggressively and got into the full-court game, and things were really rolling," Coach

Shupe said. "But we ran so much that first quarter, I think their legs just got a little tired from running up and down the court as fast as they were."

The Lady Cobras opened the game with seven unanswered points in the first three and a half minutes before Horton posted its first goal with about 4:25 left in the first quarter. Dohl then hit a three-pointer that put her ahead of Wheeler on the all-time point list, sparking another 12-point Lady Cobra run before Horton could score again with less than two minutes left in the frame.

The remaining three quarters were a different story, as the Lady Cobras were held to six points in each of the next two frames while Horton slowly ate

away at Jackson Heights' lead, 34-18 at halftime and 40-32 at the end of three.

"They stepped up and hit a couple of shots to cut the deficit," Shupe said of Horton. "They got a couple of turnovers on us, when they got the turnover, they turned it into points. I knew that was going to be a tough group."

In the last few minutes of the game, the Lady Cobras fought to keep their lead as Horton came within a single bucket of tying things up. But with less than 15 seconds to go, Lady Cobra senior Amaya Marlatt hit a pair of free throws to put the score at 50-46, and Jackson Heights picked up a steal after a Horton rebound to cement the win.

In addition to Dohl's 19

points, Marlatt and Brey also scored in double digits to aid the Lady Cobras in the win with 14 and 12, respectively. Three Lady Chargers also scored in double digits — Maryanna Randall with 15, Tommi-Anne McAfee with 12 and Maliyah Soto with 10 in the come-from-behind effort.

The win boosted the Lady Cobras' Northeast Kansas League record to 8-1 and their overall record to 11-2, while the Lady Chargers fell to 8-3 in the NEK League and 9-5 overall. The Lady Cobras also overtook the Lady Chargers in the league standings, with JHHS now second only to Jefferson County North (10-1 league, 14-1 overall).



JHHS senior Kylie Dohl, shown above, center, was congratulated by head coach Dan Shupe, shown above at left, on Dohl's achievement of becoming the school's all-time scoring leader after Friday's win over Horton. Dohl was also recognized as the school's all-time rebounding leader. Photo by Brian Sanders

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North Jackson Jets hold January meeting

By Paden Askren

The North Jackson Jets monthly 4-H meeting was held Sunday, Jan. 12 at Netawaka City Hall. The meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge, led by Brooke Slipke, club president. Roll call was answered by "Who is going to win, San Francisco 49ers or Green Bay Packers?"

Minutes from the December meeting were read and approved. President Slipke discussed fund-raising opportunities for the club. Vice President Teagen Bowhay discussed community service projects. A big thank you came from the Netawaka Family Fitness Center for the club's hard work at cleaning the pool in December.

In the treasurer's report, club members voted to pay new invoices for two sponsorships for the fair. In the leader's report, there was discussion on individual project goals and opportunities for public speaking and Club Day.

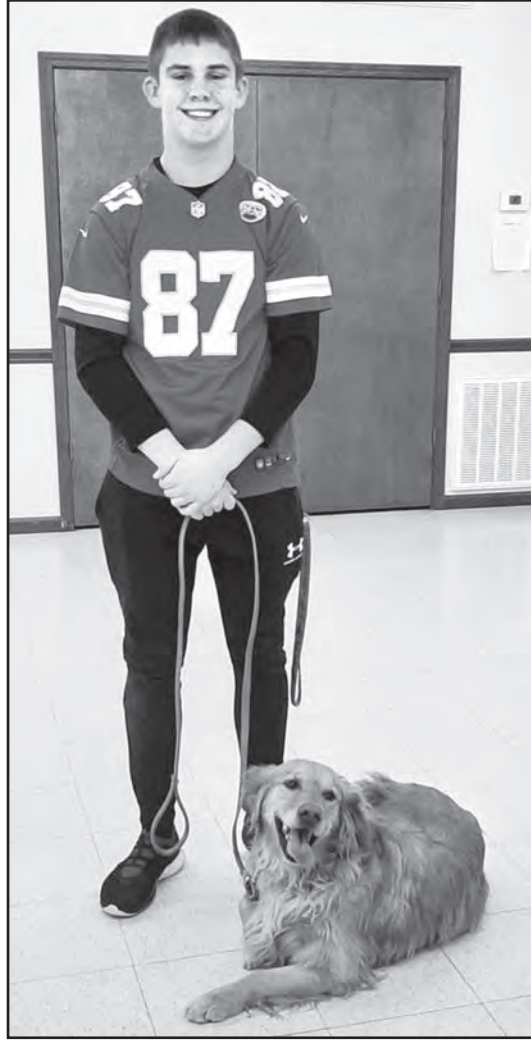
Club Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 at Jackson Heights. Each club member was encouraged to attend as a spectator or participant.

Project talks began this month and were given by Devin Bloom, Brooke Slipke, Teagen Bowhay and Logan Lamb. Devin began with his dog project, demonstrating how to teach his dog to sit, lie down and stay. Brooke presented on "How Can I Be A Leader?" Teagen spoke of beef qualities and Logan talked about his rabbit project. All project talks were very successful and informative.

The next meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9 at Netawaka City Hall. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Devin Bloom of the North Jackson Jets 4-H club demonstrated how to teach a dog to lie down at his club's January meeting.

Submitted photo



Netawaka United Methodist

By Mary E. Edwards

Feb. 9 was a pleasant morning, the temperature above freezing. Steve Banaka lighted the altar candles as the recorded "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" played at Netawaka United Methodist Church.

Worship leader Marilyn Banaka invited the congregation to stand and offer congratulations to Pastor Young Won, as he had been approved to be ordained Full Elder at the annual conference in May.

A Lenten study will begin on March 5 (details later). We were happy to welcome Samantha Wichman and her daughters, Lily and Maggie, to services. We learned that baby Jack Williams has been released from the hospital, and his twin, Judah, will probably go home in about a week.

Condolences are offered to Frank and Sonja Williams, as Sonja's dad died recently.

Marilyn led the responsive call to worship. The hymn of praise was "I Love You, Lord." Pas-

tor Young led the congregational prayer, and then called the children up for a lesson about how things are better with support and help from others.

The prayer hymn was "All I Need Is You," followed by silent prayer, the pastor's prayer, the Lord's Prayer and prayer response, "Cares Chorus." Verona Grannell was in charge of recorded music.

Steve collected the tithes and offerings, and the Doxology was sung. Marilyn read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 13-14. Pastor Young's sermon was "Human Wisdom And Divine Wisdom."

Pastor Young told of his seminary years in Illinois, and of meeting people from Kansas and other states and also other countries. He says it is a joyful thing to meet another preacher who attended the same school.

When a student knows a test is coming up, he will study and memorize all he can about the subject so as to get a good grade. Sometimes oral exams are harder than

having time to organize thoughts and write the answer.

There are two kinds of speeches. One may read research books, Bible or Internet and report that information. The other kind is personal stories of God's work and care, which can't be found in books. We need both kinds. Christian religion is a combination of scripture and tradition plus experience and reason.

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians that he didn't come to them with eloquence or superior wisdom (even though they knew he was a smart, well-educated man). He wanted only to preach what he knew about Jesus and His crucifixion and to demonstrate His power. We need God's spirit and power. We use our human reason to strengthen our faith and rely on divine wisdom to make our human wisdom perfect.

The closing hymn was "He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought," followed by the benediction by Pastor Young.

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By Beverly Ramey Newell
 On Feb. 2, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service with the praise band leading the singing of "Stand In Your Love." Everyone repeated the scripture, 2 Corinthians 5:17, which says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!"
 Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 26. At 6 p.m. on Feb. 29, a chili cook-off will be held. Get your recipes ready for the competition. Chili, hot dogs and cinnamon rolls will be ready for people to eat. Yum, yum!
 The birthdays for Feb. 2 through Feb. 8 were Michelle Gonzales and Rusty Newell, Feb. 2, and Linda Shaffer, Feb. 7.
 The anniversary for the week was Gary and Barbara Slimmer, Feb. 8.
 A joy was that Ella Caudill has been accepted to play baseball at Cloud County Community College.
 The concerns were prayers for Brady Smith, who is in the

University of Kansas Medical Center; Gary Slimmer, who broke his ankle; June Jepson, who is not doing well; Rosie, who is in the hospital; the family of Charles Hoffmeister; and "Go Chiefs!"
 The praise band led the congregation in singing "Nobody" and "I Am Free."
 The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He asked if everyone was going to watch the Chiefs football game on Sunday. Of course, the answer was yes. He then asked if everyone knew the song "If You're Happy And You Know It, Clap Your Hands." He led everyone in singing the song.
 The Bible tells us to be happy. The Bible tells us, "Happy are the peacemakers." Let us put our trust in God and we will be happy.
 The sermon, "Faithful," was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. He read the scripture from Luke 2:1-5.
 Joseph went to Bethlehem to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. Mary rode about 70 miles on a donkey to Bethlehem. It took

about nine days to get there. Sometimes we find ourselves on a journey that is painful and stressful. This is just life. Let us continue to trust God and know He will walk with us in our journey.
 The praise band sang "Come To The Table." The communion elements were served by Pastor Jin, Steve and Mary Boyles, Kevin and Annie McDowell and Dennis and Kim Smerchek.
 The closing hymn was "Stand In Your Love." Those assisting with the service were Kevin Feleay, liturgist; Deb and Matt Mannell, sound system; Sun Kim, Carrie Law, Kelly Neiman, Kevin Feleay, Alfred Mannell, Jimmy Meek and Marc Serrano, praise band; and Kevin Feleay, Sam Feleay, Larry Miles and Harvey Workman, usher team.
 On Feb. 1, Dick and Beverly Newell and Rusty and Monica Newell ate lunch at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Topeka. They were celebrating Rusty's birthday, which was Feb. 2.
 On Feb. 1, Kylene and Emma Kate Frost were late afternoon visitors of Dick and Beverly Newell.

Valentine's Day means love and chocolate

*By Cindy Williams
 Meadowlark Extension
 District Agent
 FACS*
 Adopt a "less is more approach" and seek out finer chocolate - but less of it. Look for a 70 percent dark chocolate content. Dark chocolate contains flavonoids and antioxidants that soak up harmful free radicals in the body. Avoid milk or white chocolate since they contain little or none of these compounds.
 When you're gifted chocolate, enjoy it mindfully by engaging



all five of your senses.
 • Sight. Well-crafted chocolate has a glossy shine with no cracks, smudges, pale streaks or air bubbles. Really examine the chocolate you're about to eat. How does the chocolate look? Allow your eyes to indulge a little before you let your taste buds have all the fun.
 • Listen. This advice only applies to chocolate bars. How well chocolate "snaps" tells you how well it has been tempered. You want your chocolate to have a nice, sharp, loud snap.
 • Touch. Rub the chocolate with your fingers a few times to release some of the aromas. Feel the softness as it just begins to melt.
 • Smell. Put the piece of chocolate about an inch from your nose and give it a sniff. Relish-

ing the smell of chocolate is almost as good as eating it, and it just makes you happy.
 • Taste. The great moment has finally arrived! It's time to place the chocolate in your mouth and savor it slowly. Take a small bite and let the chocolate melt on your tongue.
 High-quality chocolate has a rich, smooth, velvety texture. As it melts, see if you can detect the different flavor's notes for the particular piece. They might be floral, earthy, fruity or even spicy. Take your time between bites to let the flavors linger.
 A great piece of chocolate is going to cost a bit more. Taking your time to really savor each piece makes the investment worthwhile. Enjoy your chocolates!

Jackson County Senior Center News

By Mary E. Edwards
 January was a fairly busy month at the Jackson County Senior Center. There were a few days the center was closed due to snow or icy conditions. If Holton schools are closed due to the weather, the Senior Center is also closed.
 Site director Amanda Spalding and her husband, Brian, had a week's vacation in Loveland, Colo., the first week of January, celebrating their 30th wedding anniversa-

ry. Congratulations and best wishes to them!
 Celebrating is an important part of life at the center. The center is closed on major holidays, such as New Year's. The "little special days," like National Pie Day, Chocolate Chip Cookie Day or Cheer the Chiefs Day are what we like.
 Each person's birthday is also special. In January, 13 birthdays were celebrated. Anna Page, Roy Hallauer, Ray Hallauer, Don Bohannon,

Sue Hallauer, Chris Barnett, Kermit Mick, Everett Mullins, Dennis Sadler, Mary Edwards, Amanda Spalding, Barbara Hutchinson and Corrie Jager all had January birthdays.
 Most of us are ready to be done with winter. Here's hoping February will be mild. The center will be closed Feb. 17 for Presidents' Day, but we have been promised a Valentine's Day party, which will be fun.

WSU graduates announced

More than 1,000 students completed degrees at Wichita State University in fall 2019, it has been reported.
 Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude.
 Local students graduating included the following.
 • Victoria K. Fowler of Holton, bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene-completion.
 • Abigail B. Heitzman of Holton, bachelor of arts degree in English language and literature, magna cum laude.

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John Chiles, co-owner of Holton's historic Hotel Josephine, stands outside the hotel, which has been put up for sale on the real estate market. Chiles said he and his daughter, Lori Ford, are "just looking to change direction" and would like to see the hotel sold to someone who will preserve its historic character.
Photo by Brian Sanders

Hotel Josephine...

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The hotel was built in 1889 by A.D. Walker, who reportedly sold stock subscriptions to Holton residents to finance the hotel's construction, and named it after his daughter, Josephine, who was born that September. The hotel opened in early 1890 and within two years, changed its name to the Teer House, the first of several name changes over its history.

At that time, Holton had up to 14 passenger trains coming through town. The first floor of the hotel was used as a dining room, and the second floor was used for lodging.

"You could go three blocks east, and the railroad station was there," Chiles said. "A lot of people could get on and get off the train and come over."

Many of those who visited were salesmen who took advantage of the hotel's basement as they passed through the city. The basement was reportedly remodeled into a ballroom, but in recent years, Chiles said its only use has been as a storage space.

The first-floor dining area was eventually converted to sleeping rooms in about 1960, it was reported, but the Victorian-era décor of the hotel didn't become a prevalent part of its character until the late 1980s, when the hotel, then the Holton Hotel, was purchased by Holton residents George and Marjorie Gantz.

At that time, the hotel had fallen into severe disrepair. The Gantzes undertook a thorough restoration and gave it back its original name, as well as some Victorian-era artifacts like the piano that sits in the lobby.

That piano, Chiles said, was found somewhere in the Pacific Northwest at the home of a friend of the Gantzes, who

bought it and had it shipped to the hotel.

"It needs work," he said of the piano.

Chiles is also keen to mention the various historical figures and celebrities who have stayed at the hotel — former U.S. President Grover Cleveland, "Treasure Island" author Robert Louis Stevenson and actress Kirstie Alley, among others, have signed the hotel's guestbooks. And he also enjoys finding old advertisements hidden within those guestbooks dating back to the early 1900s, remembering the families of those who ran the businesses being advertised.

Hotel Josephine was known as "the longest continuously operating hotel west of the Mississippi" until October 2010, when the hotel was temporarily

shuttered while an investigation into "possible fraud and forgery charges" involving its owner at the time. Chiles and Ford purchased the hotel at an auction and reopened it within the next six months.

Since then, they have made several improvements to the hotel — adding a distinct theme to each room, putting in a new roof and switching out the hotel's radiator heating system for a more modern furnace. They've also done some work on a "breakfast nook" and a kitchen where some meals can be cooked "for certain family obligations," Chiles said.

Now, with the hotel being listed through Holton's Anweiler Real Estate for \$160,000, Chiles says he marvels when locals who express an interest in keeping the hotel alive pay

a visit and see a side of Holton they've rarely seen.

"When we have an open house, most people from around here will come in and say, 'I've never been here before,'" he said. "The big thing is having it open so they can see it."

Until it is sold, the hotel remains open, although only by reservation — preferably for "groups and families," Chiles said. And, he added, if he can't get it sold, he'll consider one other option for the historic business.

"If I don't get it sold, I think we're going to go to a bed-and-breakfast place, where we can be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and not worry about being open during the week," he said. "Tourism brings people downtown, and they need a place to stay. This would be the best location for them."

Arrested on sex charges

Three men, including two from Holton, were arrested on sex charges in two separate incidents last week by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, it has been reported.

Bruce Dunlap Rinkes, 64, of Holton and David Andrew Graham II, 50, of Carbondale were both arrested last Thursday evening, Feb. 6, as the result of a joint human trafficking operation conducted by deputies and detectives from the Jackson County and Shawnee County Sheriff's Offices, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Rinkes and Graham were booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of allegedly buying sexual relations and unlawful use of a communication facility.

Both men were released on bond Friday morning.

In a separate incident last week, David Lee Jones, 69, of Holton was arrested on Tuesday, Feb. 4, on a Jackson County District Court warrant.

Deputies and detectives served a search warrant on Jones' residence at 307 Vermont St. in Holton on Jan. 21.

Jones was arrested on charges of alleged aggravated indecent liberties with a child under the age of 14 years of age and for promoting obscenity to a minor.

Sheriff Morse said the warrant was issued as a result of an investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Jones remains in the Jackson County Jail with bond set at \$100,000.

Kelly, Moulden file for offices

Keith Kelly of Hoyt has filed as a Republican candidate for the district three position on the Jackson County Commission, it has been reported.

Incumbent Tammy Moulden, a Democrat, has also filed for reelection as the Jackson County Register of Deeds. Moulden has served in this position since 2000.

The county commission seat is currently held by Bill Elmer and represents the southern part of the county, which includes Adrian, Douglas, Lincoln and Washington townships. Commissioners serve four-year terms.

A primary election will be held Aug. 4 with the general election set for Nov. 3. Candidates affiliated with a political party have until June 1 to file. Candidates for local races must file at the Jackson County Clerk's Office.

In addition to several state races, local races include positions for Jackson County Commissioner 2nd District, Jackson County Commissioner 3rd District, Jackson County Clerk, Jackson County Treasurer, Jackson County Register of Deeds, Jackson County Attorney and Jackson County Sheriff.

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Be very wary if you are contacted this way and report any phone calls such as these to the IRS directly.

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Hall of Fame...

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After Ideker's speech, Porter referenced her past work experience, noting the diversity of careers and areas of volunteer service she had chosen through the years.

"I have only one question for you: Have you ever considered a career in banking?" Porter asked Ideker, drawing more laughter.

Knouft, at 99 years of age, opted to let her granddaughters — Carly Fletcher, Lindsay Alley and Tara Ladusch — express her gratitude to the audience at the Family Life Center. Each of her granddaughters chose a word to define her, with Fletcher choosing "commitment," Alley choosing "joy" and Ladusch, holding back tears, choosing "love."

Chamber Executive Director Ashlee York estimated that about 170 dinner tickets were sold for Wednesday's event, which included a dinner catered by Boomers' Steakhouse and Catering and served by members of Holton Middle School's KAY (Kansas Association for Youth) chapter.

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