



Members of the Holton Board of Education and Superintendent Bob Davies are shown above as they appeared last Friday in an online Zoom meeting. The special meeting, which was held to modify the remainder of the school term, was held exclusively online in order to practice social distancing in the wake of concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus). Board members shown above include (top row, from left) Orin Marshall, Shelby Patch, Allen Arnold (president), (second row, from left) Mike Ford, Dena Swisher, Christina Murphy, (third row, from left) Rex Frazier and Supt. Davies.

Screenshots by David Powls

Holton B.O.E. OKs changes to school term

By David Powls
Meeting via zoom, an Internet-based group communication system, on Facebook live, on Friday evening at 6:30, the Holton school board voted unanimously (7-0) to take several actions needed for the district to finish up the current school term, under the special circumstances.
Two weeks ago, Gov. Laura Kelly ordered the closure of all school buildings in Kansas to help stop the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).
Last week, school districts across the state, with recommendations from the Kansas Department of Education, scrambled to design “continuous learning plans” for school kids to complete over the Internet, or through packets of information sent home with them, between now and when the school term ends.
The board Friday night unanimously (7-0) approved the “continuous learning plan” proposed by the district staff, for the rest of the school term, that listed es-

sential competencies expected for all grades from pre-school to grade 12.
The continuous learning plan calls for pre-school kids to work about 30 minutes per school day on assignments while grade 12 students (high school seniors) work about three hours per day on assignments, thus establishing the range of time that all students will spend at home on schoolwork.
At its meeting, the board also voted unanimously to follow a recommendation by the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) to continue paying everyone on the district’s payroll their regular wages through the end of the school term.
The board also voted unanimously to decrease the number of credits needed to graduate from high school this May (for the current senior class) from the current 27 credits to 21.
“If a senior does nothing, their grades are going to suffer,” commented Supt. Davies.
Davies said pre-school kids

will be working to distinguish between upper and lower-case letters, among other things.
Davies said Holton Middle School students will do schoolwork about three hours per school day, while focusing about 20 minutes per day on each of their classes.
“The idea of all of this is to keep going (with education) a little and not to overburden the students,” Davies added. “We want to continue to foster a love of learning in the students.”
Holton High School math students will be working on eight different tasks over the eight weeks planned for the continuous learning, Davies said, giving an example of what high school students will be doing. Teachers will be using zoom, sketch pads and online videos of instruction.
The board also voted 7-0 to waive the number of hours that Holton school kids are required to be in class this school term, also following Kansas Department of Education guidelines. Holton kids had been in classes

for 836 hours when the governor shut down the school buildings. The total hours required this year were 1,116 in USD 336, so the district needed to waive 280 hours, which the board did.
In other business, the board:
*Approved the purchase of a new school bus from Midwest Transit for \$91,587, which included four cameras that were asked for. Two other lower bus bids were also reviewed that did not include the cameras. When the cost of the cameras was subtracted (\$1,921) from Midwest Transit’s bid, it had the lower overall bid, it was reported.
*Talked about a possible memorandum of understanding with the local teachers’ association that acknowledges that teachers are being asked to perform beyond the normal 8 a.m to 3 p.m. school day.
“I have been so impressed with our staff,” Davies told board members. “They are all working hard, going above and beyond.”

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Testing limited to those who meet criteria

Due to limited testing capabilities and the need to preserve these resources for those that meet testing criteria, not all local persons will be tested for COVID-19 (coronavirus) at this time, according to a joint statement from Holton Community Hospital and the NEK Multi-County Health Departments, Inc. on Monday.
“We will not be conducting COVID-19 testing on individuals that had an illness not presumed to be COVID-19. Letters to employers will not be given in these situations,” according to the statement. “Please note, if you are ill with symptoms of a fever, cough and/or difficulty breathing, we ask you to please remain at home. If your symptoms become

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CARES Act signed

President Donald Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law last Friday, which is a \$2 trillion economic stimulus package, it was reported.
The relief act, which is more than 600 pages long, provides hundreds of billions of dollars of relief to the American economy in the form of direct payments to individuals and families and loan guarantees, direct grants and deferrals for business owners.
The package provides an estimated \$560 billion for individuals, \$500 billion for big corporations, \$377 billion for small businesses, \$339.8 billion for state and local governments, \$153.5 billion for public health, \$43.7 billions for education/other and \$26 billion as a safety net, it was reported.
The relief is distributed among numerous different government programs and sections of the internal revenue code.

Aid for Individuals
The bill provides \$1,200 in direct assistance payments for individuals, \$2,400 for families and \$500 per child.
Single adults with an adjusted gross income of \$75,000 or less will receive the full \$1,200. Married couples with no children earning \$150,000 or less will receive the total \$2,400.
The payment decreases until it stops altogether for single people earning \$99,000 or a married couple who have no children and earn \$198,000. People, such as college students, who are still claimed as a dependent, will not receive a payment, it was reported.
People do not need to apply to receive a payment. If the IRS already has your bank account information, it will transfer the money to you via direct deposit.
Payments should arrive within the next three weeks, it was reported. People will receive a paper notice in the mail if a direct deposit has been made. Other residents will receive a check in the mail.
People will not have to pay income taxes on the amount of their payment.
The CARES Act also significantly expands unemployment benefits by providing additional federal funding, in addition to what states may already provide.
The CARES Act will provide the following additional benefits through Dec. 31, 2020:
* Provides payments to individuals not usually eligible for

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Learning plan under way at Royal Valley

By Ali Holcomb
Royal Valley’s “continuous learning” plan kicked off Monday as the district is using a variety of online tools, as well as paper packets, to continue to serve the Panther community.
During the USD 337 Board of Education’s regularly scheduled meeting Monday evening, the seven board members – seated six feet apart – approved the district’s learning plan. Audio from the board of education’s meeting was also livestreamed online on Facebook.
“I think it’s pretty high quality (education), but there’s room for growth,” said Noah Slay, director of curriculum and instruction. “From a parent perspective, it was tough for my wife and I, who are both educators, to sit down with our three kids to help them with school while balancing meetings with our colleagues. It’s

not easy. We have some room for growth. As a parent, I have room for growth, but given the circumstances we are all in, I think we have a good plan going forward.”
The district is utilizing three online platforms, Seesaw, Google classroom and Zoom, to continue to educate students, Slay said. Packets are also being delivered weekly to families with little to no internet service.
“What a story. Our teachers, faculty and administrators have all pulled together and have created something that is pretty amazing in the time that was had,” Slay said.
Teachers area scheduling office hours from their homes daily to answer questions, Slay said. All the hours will be made public to parents and students once they are determined, he said.

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Holton USD 336 staff members Sandy Allen (foreground) and Brittany DeBarge (in distance) are shown above taking names of students whose things needed to be picked up from Holton High School last Thursday. HHS Principal Rod Wittmer said students were coming to the school to get laptop computers, musical instruments, art journals and other supplies for the “continuous education” program starting up this week.

Photo by Brian Sanders



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

Heights board continues to review geothermal heat pump system options

By Brian Sanders
After hearing another proposal for action to rehabilitate the geothermal heat pump system in the Jackson Heights school district, members of the USD 335 Board of Education asked for more time to review the three proposals received.

During the board's regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 16, board members met with representatives of Central Mechanical Construction of Manhattan via conference call about the company's proposal to repair the geothermal system, which was installed when the middle and high school addition was built in 2008.

Previously, the board had also heard proposals from two Lawrence-based firms — Willdan Performance Engineering and Community Building Solutions — for repair of the geothermal system, it was reported.

Board members asked District Superintendent Adrienne Walsh to put CMC's proposal alongside the Lawrence firms' proposals for possible action at their next meeting, which has been scheduled for Monday, April 13.

Walsh said board members are trying to make sure everything possible is being

done to prolong the life of the geothermal heating and cooling system, which was installed when the middle and high school addition was built in 2008.

The district's geothermal system is a "closed loop" that CMC's proposal noted was "suffering from a lack of chemical treatment and glycol freeze protection" that is "not uncommon" on similar systems. The company's proposal included a five-phase plan for "recovering" the system and rectifying the air conditioning issue in the high school gym.

But where the two Lawrence firms have suggested taking the gym's air conditioning system off the "loop" in favor of a more traditional heating and cooling system that may make the geothermal system more efficient, CMC has questioned whether there is a need to do that, Walsh said.

The air conditioning in the gym and a control/alert system have been the two biggest issues with the geothermal system, it was reported. Concerning the latter, there is presently no system in place to alert district personnel about a power outage that shuts down the geothermal system, which would have to be restarted manually.

In other business at the

March 16 meeting, the board:

■ Approved the meeting's agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board's Feb. 19 meeting and monthly bills and activity account reports.

■ Met in executive session with Walsh for 25 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters. After returning to open session, the board accepted the resignations of Cody Witte, elementary principal and athletic director, and Jena Kramer, sixth-grade teacher, both effective at the end of the current school year. The board also approved contracts for Shelby Carpenter as first-grade teacher, Remington Beckner as fifth-grade teacher and Karen Zost as title reading teacher.

■ Approved 2020 student driver's education class fees of \$115 per student.

■ Discussed property and liability insurance options, tabling action on the matter until April.

■ Approved a bid of \$87,884 from Midwest Transit of Kansas City, Mo., for the purchase of a new, 59-passenger school bus. The board also received bids of \$87,628 from Midwest Bus Sales of Bonner Springs and \$88,820 from Kansas Truck Equipment of Wichita.

■ Heard a report from Walsh on the district's after-school

program.

■ Heard comments from Walsh on the district's plans to serve students while school buildings are closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), including a lunches-to-go program and a "continuous learning" program.

■ Heard a report from Middle and High School Principal Darren Shupe about possible action that the Northeast Kansas League is reviewing on removing a school from the league, as well as the possibility of raising admission prices for middle school activities as a means to increase pay for KSHSAA game officials.

■ Heard comment from Shupe about the possibility of conducting pre-enrollment for the 2020-21 school year online.

■ Heard comment from Shupe about high school trips and events being cancelled as a pre-emptive measure against the spread of COVID-19.

■ Heard a report from Witte about elementary school activities.

■ Met in executive session for 15 minutes with Walsh to discuss teacher salary contract negotiations. No action resulted from the session.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 10:30 p.m.

Land Transfers

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

*Quit claim deed - Don D. Fate and Diana M. Fate, husband and wife, to same as trustees of the trust in their names, Lot 15, Oak Ridge Place Subdivision in the southwest quarter of S10, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Ryan P. Bruggeman to Audra L. Bruggeman, Lot 77 on New York Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Corporation warranty deed - Kansas Heritage Foundation, Clint Whitney, president, to Gilbert D. Graner Jr. and Kimberly A. Graner, a tract of land in the southwest quarter of the southwest quar-

ter of S12, T8S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Mallory Nicole Fate to same and Lane Lassiter, a tract of land in the northeast quarter of S33, T6S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Executor's deed - Lucinda E. Pettyjohn, executrix of the Betty Van Slyck estate, to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, land in S19, T8, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Executor's deed - Lucinda E. Pettyjohn, executrix of the Betty Van Slyck estate, to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, two tracts of land in S30, T8, R14E and one tract of land in S31, T8, R14E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Timothy L. Floyd, a married person, to Linda K. Floyd, a married person, Lot 111 on Pennsylvania Avenue, city of Holton,

Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Darrin Martin, a single person, and Christina Lynn Wolf Martin, to Brett and Erika Wolf, husband and wife, Lot 41, Vermont Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Brandon and Jessica Rinkes, husband and wife, to the same, Lots 32 and 34 on Park Addition, Wyoming Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Corporation warranty deed - GNBank to James A. Bohannon and Dinah M. Moulden, Lots 27 and 29, Park Addition, Wyoming Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Tye Lippert and Michelle M. Lippert to R. Benjamin Chaney, Lots 46 and 48, Washington Avenue, Plat of David, city of Delia, Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Sierra

S. Ireland, a single person, to Christopher R. Ireland, a single person, Lots 10 and 12, Vetter's Third Addition, Block 7, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Donald L. Askren and Tamera S. Askren, husband and wife, to same as trustees of the trust in their names, two tracts in S25, T7 and R14E and one tract in S24, T7, R14E, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Holly Wright aka Holly N. Wright, a single person, to Reginald L. Wagner, two tracts in S35, T9, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Executor's deed - Lucinda E. Pettyjohn, executrix of the Betty Van Slyck estate, to Loren J. Sudbeck and Deborah L. Sudbeck, two tracts of land in S24, T8, R13E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

PBP Casino & Resort closure extended

Due to the emergency situation brought on by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) issue, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council has extended the current closure of PBP facilities through April 30, in the interest of safety to guests and team members, it has been reported.

"Prairie Band Casino & Resort regrets how this may impact our guests, team members and our community," it was stated in a news release. "As we strive to provide the most enjoyable gaming and resort experience for our guests, our number one priority has always been their safety. Guests who have

future hotel reservations will receive full refunds and all casino promotions will be suspended during this time."

"The community both on and surrounding the Nation have been good to us," the news release continued. "And when this crisis is behind us, we will welcome everyone back with open arms. As a way to contribute to the well-being of our community, we are donating food to local charities. In the meantime, please follow the CDC guidelines to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. Avoid close contact. Self-quarantine. Wash your hands. And remember, nothing is more important

than the well-being of your family."

Note: Prairie Band Casino & Resort opened January of 1998 and is owned and operated by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. It is located on tribal land near Mayetta in Jackson County.

The casino offers more than 1,100 slot machines including Class II games; a 400-seat bingo hall; and 25 table games including blackjack, craps and roulette.

The resort offers four dining options, three bars, 294 luxury hotel rooms and an on-site convenience store and RV park.

The 12,000-square-foot Great

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Two states added to quarantine list

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has added two new states to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) quarantine list: Louisiana and Colorado, it has been reported.

Previously, just certain counties in Colorado were included. This is effective for persons returning to Kansas on Friday, March 27, and moving forward.

A comprehensive list of those Kansans needing to quarantine for 14 days includes those who have:

*Traveled to Louisiana or anywhere in Colorado on or after March 27.

*Traveled to a state with known widespread community transmission (California, Florida, New York and Washington state) on or after March 15.

*Traveled to Illinois or New Jersey on or after March 23.

*Visited Eagle, Summit, Pitkin and Gunnison counties in Colorado in the week of March 8 or after.

*Traveled on a cruise ship or river cruise on or after March 15.

*People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their cruise ship travel should finish out their quarantine.

*Traveled internationally on or after March 15. People who have previously been told by Public Health to quarantine because of their international travel to China, South Korea, Japan, Italy and Iran should finish out their quarantine.

*Received notification from public health officials (state or local) that you are a close contact of a laboratory-confirmed case of COVID-19.

You should quarantine at home for 14 days since your last contact with the case. (A close contact is defined as someone who has been closer than 6 feet for more than 10 minutes while the patient is symptomatic.)

Note: These mandates do not apply to critical infrastructure sectors needed to continue operations during this pandemic.

Public health, including hospitals, clinics, etc. need to have the staffing resources to continue serving Kansans.

While KDHE strongly recommends these quarantine restrictions for everyone, KDHE staff does recognize that medical care needs to continue and no healthcare facility should ever be to a point where it would need to close due to staff being quarantined, it was reported.

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City of Holton

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Guard supporting efforts against COVID-19

The current global situation involving COVID-19 (coronavirus) is at the forefront of the news, and the Kansas National Guard is doing its part to support the communities of Kansas, it was reported.

“The National Guard is a unique military component with both a state and federal mission,” said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general and director of the Kansas Division of Emergency Management. “Our more than 6,500 Guardsmen and women live and work in the communities we serve.

Tafanelli said one of the primary missions of the Kansas National Guard is to protect the health and safety of Kansans.

“Currently, there are seven soldiers and 14 airmen on state active duty in Topeka

who are providing logistics support to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management,” he said. “These soldiers and airmen are supporting the State Emergency Operations Center and the Joint Operations Center in order to prepare to support local authorities.”

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly exposed pride in the work that members of the Guard do as citizen-soldiers and airmen, particularly in the face of emergencies that threaten Kansans.

“They live and work in our communities, and yet always are prepared when called to duty — whether at the state or federal level,” Gov. Kelly said. “For that, they all deserve our support and praise. They also share my highest priority, which is to protect the safety

and well-being of all Kansans.”

The men and women of the Kansas National Guard provide a strong skill set that can be drawn upon to support local and state missions in response to the COVID-19 virus if called upon to do so. The Kansas National Guard is one of many resources available to support counties as needed, it was reported.

The National Guard supports state emergency missions through the established process used by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management.

“These are historic times,” Tafanelli said, “and our Guardsmen are ready to help Kansans mitigate the effects of this coronavirus outbreak as they have done for all other natural disasters that have impacted Kansas such as wildland fires, tornadoes and flooding.”

Gas prices falling during virus concerns

The U.S. national average for gasoline has just recently fallen to \$1.99 per gallon, the first time since March 23, 2016, it has been reported.

The national average could even dip to \$1.49 by mid-April, the lowest since 2004, with potentially hundreds of stations pushing their price to 99 cents per gallon for the first time since the early 2000, according to the national consumer group, GasBuddy.

In Holton yesterday, the price for a gallon of unleaded gasoline was \$1.89.

Gasoline prices have continuously dropped nationwide since Feb 20, 2020 as the COVID-19 (coronavirus) crushes the demand for oil and stay at home orders reduce driving and keep Americans home.

The price drops have been so swift and severe that it could take gas stations weeks to fully pass along the lower prices, GasBuddy reps said.

More than half (29) of U.S. states are currently seeing average prices less than \$2 per gallon. In the last week, 99 cent prices have shown

up at various times in Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Missouri and more could join in the days and weeks ahead.

An additional drop of 25-65 cents is possible in most states, while West Coast states including California could see prices drop 50 cents to a dollar per gallon over the next few weeks.

“This is an unprecedented event. We’re experiencing one of the biggest historical collapses in gas prices, including the Great Recession of 2008,” said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. “World demand for oil has plummeted virtually overnight while domestic demand for gasoline continues to fall off a cliff with more states implementing shelter-in-place orders. Prices will continue to fall in the days ahead with currently no end in sight. Motorists need not

be in any hurry to fill up, and those who do should be shopping around as prices will continue to race lower. While some lucky Americans may be able to fill for 99 cents per gallon.”

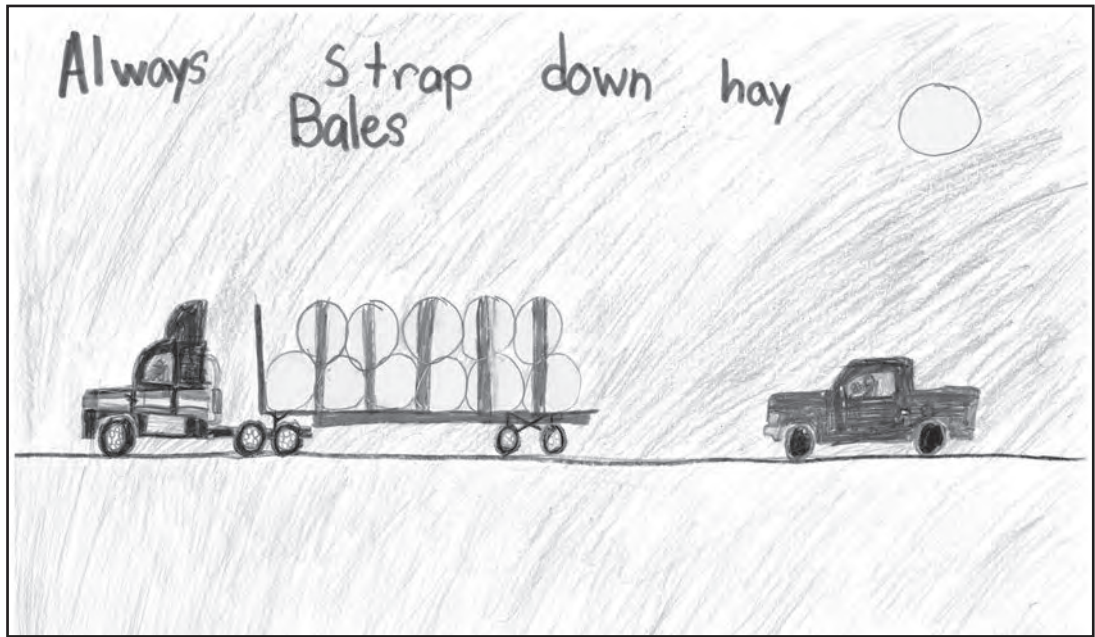
Below \$1.99 per gallon average in recent history:

*2016: The last time the national average has been this low was March 23, 2016, caused by a crash in the oil market. During that period, the national average stayed below \$1.99 for nearly three months, from Jan. 2 through March 23, bottoming at \$1.66 per gallon on Feb. 14.

*2009: The Great Recession pushed the national average below \$1.99 per gallon for roughly four months from Nov. 20, 2008 to March 25, 2009, bottoming at \$1.59 on Dec. 29, 2008. Prices eventually staged a major recovery in 2010 and stayed high until 2014.



Poster by RV first-grader Nagmo Jackson, who won the Division 1 poster contest.



Poster by Holton fourth-grader Ethan Noel, who won the Division 2 poster contest.



Poster by Holton fifth-grader Tinsley Bradley, who won the Division 2 poster contest.

Safety poster winners announced

Adults agree that child safety is an important topic — the trick is getting kids to agree.

In an effort to reduce accidents by developing “safety-minded” youth, Kansas Farm Bureau has sponsored the KFB Safety Poster Program for nearly 70 years and Jackson County Farm Bureau Association has promoted the program for nearly as many years.

This year, as in years past, the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association enlisted the local FFA chapters from the Jackson Heights, Holton and Royal Valley school districts to present a safety program to the elementary age students, introducing the safety poster program and themes.

Although the students could draw any picture that discussed farm safety, the suggested themes were mental health, transportation safety, weather issues, confined spaces and farmer wellness, all topics promoted by the Agricultural

Safety Awareness Program in 2020.

Each year thousands of youth in first through sixth grades across Kansas participate. Posters are judged on the county level with the winning poster from each of the three divisions submitted for judging at the state level.

“An effective safety poster displays one main idea,” says Garrett Schreiber, Jackson County Farm Bureau Health and Safety Chair. “We’ve seen some great posters over the years. It’s always interesting to see what safety topics the kids choose for their posters.”

This year’s winners at the county level included:

- Division 1 (first and second grades): Nagmo Jackson, a first-grader at Royal Valley Elementary School, first place; Brenna Bontrager, a second-grader at Holton Elementary School, second place; and Grady Moss, a second-grader at Royal Valley Elementary School, third place.

- Division 2 (third and fourth grades): Ethan Noel,

a fourth-grader at Holton Elementary School, first place; Landon Sawyer, a fourth-grader at Holton Elementary School, second place; Macie Will, a fourth-grader at Holton Elementary School, third place.

- Division 3 (fifth and sixth grades): Tinsley Bradley, a fifth-grader at Holton Elementary School, first place; Chesnea Cochren, a sixth-grader at Jackson Heights Elementary School, second place; Lane Pruett, a fifth-grader at Holton Elementary School, third place.

Holton/Jackson County Chamber Bucks were awarded to the first, second and third-place winners from the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association. The first-place posters from each division will be submitted to Kansas Farm Bureau for selection in the state-wide contest.

Color versions of the county’s first, second and third-place winners’ posters may be viewed online at holtonrecorder.net



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OPINION

A splattering of ink

■ Observations of a social-distancing editor

Sometime in the near future when the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic is behind us, people are going to ask you what you did during this unprecedented time in our history.

What are you going to say? Did you follow all of the rules to the best of your ability? I hope you can say you did.

How were you required to adapt with your work? I hope you have been able to keep working with modifications. Meaningful work brings happiness to most people. Meaningful work gives people purpose and a sense of accomplishment.

If you are feeling stuck at home, use this time to get your house in order. If you have young children, make the most of this time you have together. Someday, you'll look back at this time and realize the extra time spent with your kids was a blessing.

Everyone is affected some way by the county and state stay-at-home orders, which in a nutshell mean stay-at-home as much as you can to avoid crowds and unnecessary contact with non-family members.

Stay-at-home does not mean you are under house arrest. When you're not working at your essential jobs (and in a small community like ours - believe me - most jobs are essential to the people that depend on them) you should stay home in your own yards. Stay-at-home is kind of like it was when you were a kid and you were grounded by your parents. Can Jimmy or Karen come over? you ask your mother. The answer is no.

This COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation is especially difficult because it's an invisible enemy and there's so little we can, and must do, to stop it.

We don't have to storm Omaha Beach at Normandy like our brave soldiers did in World War II, with enemy perched above on cliffs shooting at them continuously.

We just have to stay home as often as we can, wash our hands often, stop touching our own faces and stay away from crowds of 10 more people.

Who knew that doing so little, really, could have such a big impact on our lives and the lives of others? Keep fighting, everyone! Don't let your guard down or get complacent! We can do this!

Some people can shelter at home easier than others. If you're the social butterfly type, you're having a tough go of this, aren't you? On the other hand, you can be the one who checks on the family members who perhaps live elsewhere. Make yourself useful!

We can honor our local health care workers at the hospitals and doctors' offices by not adding to their work, if possible.

That means working hard to not get involved in any accidents during this stay-at-home time.

Saving the health care workers from extra work will help them, and it will help you, too.

Hats off to all of the leaders and staff at our local school districts for quickly coming up with a "continuous learning" plan for our kids!

Our school administrators, teachers, and all school staff, really, deserve our full support, respect and confidence at this difficult time! Let them know you appreciate them!

By now, there's probably a significant number of parents who are - in a small way - starting to understand what it takes to be an educator in today's world!

Finally, church gatherings are postponed until further notice but you can view some church services on the Internet and you can still pray. Do.

David Powls



Using local dealers, advertising in local newspapers helped legitimize lightning rod businesses

By Tom Isern

The story went around in the 1890's, *The Barton County Democrat* and other papers ran it, of a hunter pulling into a farmstead and inquiring, Any good shooting on your farm?



Splendid! replies the farmer. There is a lightning-rod man down in the meadow, a cloth peddler at the house, a book agent out in the barn and two tramps down in the stock yard. Climb right over the fence young man, load both barrels and sail in.

In 1907, state representative Foley of Rice County introduced a bill requiring paperwork carried by lightning rod men to state its purpose clearly and limiting the liability of farmers for notes they signed. The bill went nowhere.

During the final decades of the 19th century, there had been

resentment in the countryside against all things urban and industrial.

History highlights the protest organizations of farmers in those decades, the Grange and the Farmers Alliance and the Populist Revolt.

At the grassroots, though, there was a simmering and more general discontent, which fixed on such intruders as the tree agents, the book agents and the lightning rod men.

So, how did lightning rods become accepted and affixed to practically every barn in the land?

Manufacturers came to realize that the effectiveness of the traveling men was exhausted. Heading into the 20th century, they secured local dealers, trusted local mechanics and merchants and worked through them.

They also advertised liberally in country newspapers. Thus the lightning rod dealers eventually turned their old adversaries, the newspaper editors, into newfound allies - most likely by paying their newspaper bill

on time like a good business should.

Struck Dead By Lightning, headlined *The Barton County Democrat* in June 1907.

The story read like this:

"Nearly every electric rain storm a stroke of lightning strikes some human being, a horse, a cow or burns up a home or barn.

Are you going to allow it to strike you, your wife or your children or your house, when you can save them by having us rod your house and your barn?

Of course not! Fortunately, E. R. Moses Mercantile Co. stands ready to outfit your buildings with the very best galvanized and copper rods."

Local dealers like William Fox in Chapman emphasized that their product and installation was fully guaranteed by the manufacturer, in Fox's case, the Copper Cable Lightning Rod Company.

Lightning Rods Redeemed, declaimed *The Abilene Weekly Reflector* in 1908.

The story went like this:

"Absolute Protection Guaranteed. Much has been said, admitted Isaac Field, agent for Dodd and Struthers lightning rods, about lightning rod men . . . what perhaps was the most abused business in the United States, but thanks to the aid of the insurance companies we have redeemed it."

A partnership had been formed: lightning rod makers, local lightning rod agents, insurance companies and newspaper editors, who offered endorsements with a ring of familiarity.

Wrote the editor from Wakeeney in 1910, Chas. F. Folkers:

"The lightning rod man is out putting up lightning rods. Mr. Folker is an apt man to this trade and his friends should patronize him."

The newspaper editors became, you might say, the lightning rods for the lightning rod men.

Note: Tom Isern is a professor of history at North Dakota State University and co-author of the Plains folk column.

Rep. Watkins reports on recent activities

By U.S. Congressman Steve Watkins R-2nd District

I was proud to recently lead my colleagues on the House Floor during debate of S. 760, the Support for Veterans in Effective Apprenticeships Act.

This legislation would help veterans transition to the civilian workforce and address our growing skills gap. Unfortunately, our nation's vets are more likely to be underemployed than civilians. This is a problem, and this legislation, which was passed by the House, will match our talented servicemen and women with programs that put their military experience to excellent use.



The Families First Coronavirus Response Act ensures free testing for all Americans, appropriates \$1.2 billion to help cover the costs of testing, including \$142 million to eliminate copay requirements for service members and veterans, requires paid sick leave for impacted American workers, requires businesses with less than 500 employees to provide 14 days of paid sick leave, \$1.25 billion to provide emergency nutritional assistance for senior citizens, women, children and low-income families and bolsters unemployment insurance.

Recently, I signed onto an appropriations letter requesting an increase in funding for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP).

This program assists state and local government projects that are located outside of Ft. Leavenworth and other military installations by providing grants to help with transportation projects, schools, hospitals, emergency services, water and waste water, telecommunication and other utility projects.

As a staunch supporter of our military communities and education, I proudly signed onto an appropriations letter request-

ing funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) Impact Aid, which supports our military community schools.

Since 1990, Congress has supported the DOD Impact Aid Program, which provides financial support to public school districts with more than 20 percent enrollment of children of military personnel.

These districts are generally challenged by reduced local revenues because the federal government does not pay property tax. DOD Impact Aid provides the vital funding that allows our nation's military school districts to better serve students from military families.

I am happy to join my House colleagues in supporting our great military in their effort to rebuild and modernize their forces by increasing the number of CH-53K King Stallion helicopters. Parts for the CH-53K are manufactured in our great state of Kansas.

Funding additional aircrafts will accelerate the modernization and readiness of the maritime heavy lift fleet, align aviation investment to the objectives of the National Defense Strategy and maximize flyaway cost savings that benefit the Marine Corps and American taxpayers. I'm happy to support this program and support our manufacturers here in Kansas.

Note: Congressman Watkins can be reached during the session at 202-225-6601. His office is 1205 Longworth HOB in D.C.

By John Richard Schrock

This forced closure of classrooms and shift to online learning from home has revived the hopes of big Ed-Tech companies that they can regain some legitimacy in education.

Meanwhile, the general response of teachers and professors is exposing their extensive negative experiences with distance learning.



In the early 2000s, computer enthusiasts predicted the end of "brick-and-mortar" K-12 schools; students would study from home in their pajamas, using online links to teachers who would also teach from home.

New digital readers were predicted to totally replace printed books by 2015. And Massive Open Online Colleges (MOOCs) would deliver all coursework online and free, replacing university coursework and making college classrooms obsolete a decade ago.

None of these predictions came true. Our armed forces kept track of their training dropout rate for high school students who graduated from online high schools.

They performed as poorly as GED students who never completed genuine high school. Cit-

izens who bought digital book devices temporarily increased but then fell back to a smaller number who found advantages in enlarged texts or backlit nighttime reading for recreation.

But university students need intense "deep reading." Using on-screen textbooks meant printing off the text to avoid eye strain.

The vast majority preferred printed texts for in-depth study and comprehension. Ironically, the high cost of college textbooks was due to the publishers covering the cost of added electronic services.

American college textbook publishers ignored student concerns and moved to all-online texts in order to pay for tutors, course outlines, quizzes and testing services as professors were evaluated more on research and less on bothersome teaching.

While K-12 administrators found it easy to buy the latest electronic gadgets and sit youngsters in front of screens to impress naive parents, the actual evaluations of student learning on the NAEP, ACT, SAT and other measures show less, not more, learning is occurring with on-screen media.

And while the Chronicle of Higher Education just came out with a clueless recommendation that universities should begin making comparisons of online learning with standard face-to-face teaching, there is already more than two decades of solid research.

It confirms what most teach-

ers and professors already know: face-to-face teaching and reading print are clearly superior.

In the last two decades, there have been hundreds of rigorous studies comparing reading on screens to reading print.

A "meta-analysis" is an analysis of previously published research articles and data, selecting just those studies that meet rigorous research criteria.

There have been three major meta-analyses, including "Reading From Paper Compared To Screens: A Systematic Review And Meta-Analysis" by Virginia Clinton and just published in 2019 in the Journal of Research in Reading.

As with the prior studies, Clinton found there was a statistically important benefit to reading print for reading performance, metacognition and efficiency.

And despite the fact that online learning using screens has now been in operation in the U.S. for more than 20 years, surveys of college professors who have experienced both conventional classroom teaching and online delivery still prefer face-to-face classroom teaching by over two-thirds, a percentage that has not budged for a decade.

We also now know that the student who listens and then writes out class notes understands much more than the student who is transcribing the words they hear a teacher speak onto a laptop, a relatively thoughtless typing process.

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OBITUARIES



Spade

Wanda T. Spade of Admire passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Vintage Park in Osage City. She was 93.

Wanda was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was born March 27, 1927 in Council Grove, the daughter of Frank and Verna Wilson Lewis of Admire.

She married Warren Spade on September 12, 1946 in Topeka. He died in 2005.



Potter

Joyce Ann (Malloy) Potter, 80, of Topeka, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020 at Vintage Park in Osage City.

She was born August 20, 1939 in Seneca, the daughter of Fran-

Wanda graduated from Admire High School in 1944, and at the age of 17 taught in a one-room school house, District 52, from 1944-1946 north of Miller, KS.

She was a member of the Eastern Star Lulu Chapter No. 135 in Allen and Miriam Chapter No. 14 of Emporia for 60-plus years. Wanda was a member of the Past Matrons Club, Polaris Club and truly enjoyed her years in a neighborhood bridge club.

Wanda worked alongside Warren on the family farm and also worked as a substitute rural mail carrier for 10 years, co-owned Sew & Such fabric store with Sara Seitz in Admire and Allen for nine years, and was a Kansas Turnpike toll collector in Admire for five years.

She was very proud of helping open the North Lyon County Senior Center in 1984. She served as the first site manager for five years and then returned later in the same position for several years.

Wanda served as treasurer on the North Lyon County Senior Center board for many years. Wanda was a member of the Admire United Methodist Church.

Surviving daughters are Joanne (Jerry) Supernois, Newton, and Susan (Ed) Ryan, Hoyt; a daughter-in-law, Janice Spade, Emporia; seven grandchildren: Mark (Holly) Supernois, Wichita; Lisa (Dan) Timmons, Newton; Kristi Bueno, Newton; Michael (Gwen) Spade, Admire; Rebecca (Greg Campbell) Spade, Overland Park; Michael (Audrey) Ryan, Lenexa; Lane (Morgan) Ryan, Overland Park; and six great-grandchildren: Marcella and Ashleigh Timmons, Alexander Bueno, Rees and Cooper Spade, Emma Ryan.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; a son, Marshall F. Spade; a sister, Wilma Coulter; and a brother, Duane Lewis.

Private services will be at the Admire Cemetery with a celebration of life later at the Admire Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Admire United Methodist Church, sent in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, PO Box 175, Emporia, KS 66801. You can leave online condolences at www.rob-ertsblue.com

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cis “F.A.” and Viola (Edwards) Malloy. Joyce was number 10 of 11 siblings (nine girls – two boys).

Joyce moved to Corning in 1945 and attended eight years of Corning Grade School and three years at Corning Rural High School.

She later received her GED and attended classes for Applied Studies at Washburn University where she obtained her Dietary Managers Certificate.

In Joyce’s younger years, she worked various jobs. She was a meat slicer at Ohse Meats, a seamstress in sewing rooms and she cooked in daycare centers and rehab centers for the blind. In her later years, she was a personal care giver for the elderly and retired at the age of 72.

Joyce enjoyed music, dancing, camping and gathering around campfires. She loved spending time with her family and friends and especially her grandchildren. She was very loyal, trust-worthy and will be

greatly missed!

She was a member of the Women of The Moose Lodge and also American Legion Auxiliary.

Joyce is survived by two daughters, Janet Armstrong (Robert) of Eskridge and Julene “Julie” Armstrong of Burlingame; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Michael J. Schlarman; eight sisters; and two brothers.

Private family inurnment will be at a later date. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be given to the Joyce Potter Memorial Fund to be designated at a later date c/o Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com.

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Coon

Hvlwa-Este “Coonie” Coon, Pa Ba Ma Si Kwe, 17, of Mayetta, died Sunday, March 29, 2020 at the Stormont-Vail Health Center in Topeka surrounded by her family.

She was born March 20, 2003 in Topeka, the daughter of Carolyn Dee Begay. Hvlwa-Este was in her junior year at the Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, Calif., but had returned home due to the current pandemic.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

and the Drum Religion. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, the White Rose Singers, President of the Drama Club, and participated in track at school.

Hvlwa-Este was preceded in death by her grandfather, Wesley “Pops” Este Begay and grandmother, Bessie Kay Wise.

Survivors include her mother, Carolyn Dee Begay, of the home; her grandmother, Maxine Begay, Mayetta; three sisters, Maxine “Pudge” Coon, Mayetta, and Michelle Alcon and Simone Alcon, both of Denver,

Colo.; one brother, Anthony Sandoval (Jamie), Mayetta; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and all her family in New Mexico.

Hvlwa-Este will lie in state from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 2 at the Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. A supper will be held Thursday evening at the Dance Ground, west of Mayetta. Burial will be Friday in the Matwe-Shobney Cemetery.

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Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards

Even though we are not able to have church due to the pandemic, we like to hear news of our friends. As we do in worship every Sunday, I say “Peace be with you.”

In talking with people on the phone, I found most are busy with spring cleaning or working on things that have to be done sooner or later. I believe some members are playing loud music and dancing around the house.

Neva has been working in her yard on nice days. Fredericka has taken time to write letters to relatives and do some baking. Everett is thinking it will soon be time to mow grass.

I have started to put together Irene Cowger’s 1,500-piece jigsaw puzzle in the puzzle room at Homestead Apartments. I

thank my sister, Sue, for the books she brought me to read while the library is closed. I’m grateful for the apples that were given me for a nice, big pie (it’s all gone). My friend Stacy sent a spring flower arrangement, which made my day Thursday.

Verona is appreciative of her family, especially Casey, who brings her food and necessary supplies. Carla and Susie are staying in with a flu bug and working on crafts. Marilyn and Steve are busy at home after taking care of some things they had to do in town. Jordyn is with them three days a week while Jon is at work.

Doris says she and Glenn are both fine. There’s always work to do on the farm. Kids and grandkids are good to bring needed things and help with the

work.

It was nice that Pastor Young Won called last week with greetings. We will continue to count our blessings and pray for those in need, especially doctors and nurses and all others who are working to keep us safe and well.

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Thanks also to all who made memorial contributions to Holton Community Hospital, Hoyt United Methodist Church and the Royal Valley baseball team. They all meant so much to Dale.

Special thanks to Wayne Leiker and his staff at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home.

Dixie Wege, Kevin, Kristy, Kent & Kenny

Social distancing tips - Part 2

*By Cindy Williams
 Meadowlark Extension
 District Agent, FACS*

How does social distancing help during a pandemic? A 2010 study published in BioMed Central (BMCC) Public Health assessed whether social distancing is affective in slowing or reducing the transmission of influenza.

So while social distancing may be an important factor in preventing the spread of coronavirus, practicing good hygiene and taking other safety precautions may also be important steps in preventing the spread.

It’s important to remember that you may need a combination of safety methods in place to fight the spread of the disease as effectively as possible.

• Flattening the curve. You may have seen references in the news to the need to “flatten the curve” through social distancing. When new cases spike very quickly, hospitals and other medical facilities can be overwhelmed and unable to adequately treat everyone – including patients who are not actually dealing with the coronavirus. Such spikes are more likely when social distancing measures are not enacted quickly and early enough.

By slowing the number of new cases and stretching them out over a longer period

of time – or “flattening the curve” of new cases – we can keep the number of total cases (and the number of high-risk cases) below the threshold so that our hospitals have enough space and resources to operate as smoothly as possible during this difficult time.

• How to social distance in your own life. The most obvious way to practice social distancing is to avoid crowded public places where close contact with others may occur. These include movie theaters, religious gatherings and restaurants. Of course, it’s not always easy to practice social distancing.

Some tips and tricks – opt for online meetings rather than workplace gatherings whenever possible. Work from home if you can. Order groceries from a delivery service. Shop online rather than in stores for the time being.

• What to do if you live alone. If you live alone, social distancing may be easier for you in many ways. You won’t be exposed to as many people if you don’t have other family members coming and going. Yet it can also present some challenges for you.

You may need to ensure that you’re not becoming too isolated. Loneliness and depression can become real problems if you don’t interact with others. So if you’ve started working from home,

avoiding social gatherings, and you’re not going out as much, then make sure to monitor your mental health.

Check in with friends and family regularly so you can keep some social contact with others. Speak with them on the phone, text throughout the day or set up video calls to ensure that you aren’t getting too isolated.

Social distancing isn’t just something you should practice during a pandemic. It’s something you should do any time your immune system is compromised.

You might also practice it if there are other illnesses in your community. An outbreak of influenza, for example, may be reduced if people reduced their contact with one another.

Staying calm during a pandemic can seem impossible. But managing your stress and anxiety in a healthy way is important so you can make the best decisions possible.

While social distancing may seem like a drastic step to take, it’s just a precautionary measure. And if you’re practicing it, there’s still a good chance you are healthy. If you panic, others will likely get anxious, so make it clear that this is just another step you’re taking to help your family, friends and your community.



Mercer Funeral Home in Valley Falls is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The funeral home can be reached 24 hours a day seven days a week.



Freda Smith continues to assist at the funeral home. She is available in the office most Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Travis and Kelsee Mumma are now residing at the funeral home in Valley Falls. Travis is training with our staff in Holton while finishing his schooling to become a Funeral Director/Embalmer. The Mercer family has been diligent in finding the right fit to replace Jim and Carol Braum in their retirement, and we feel that we have found this with Travis and Kelsee.

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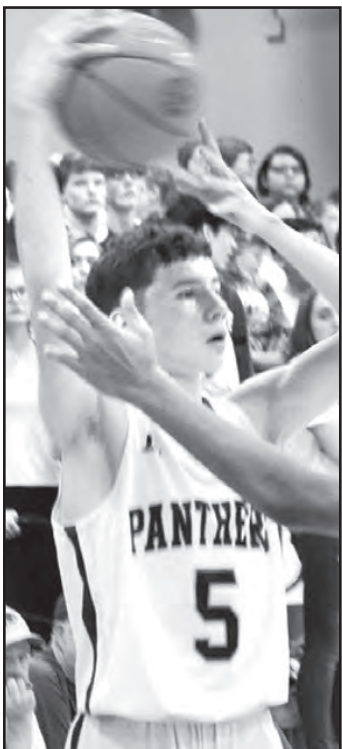
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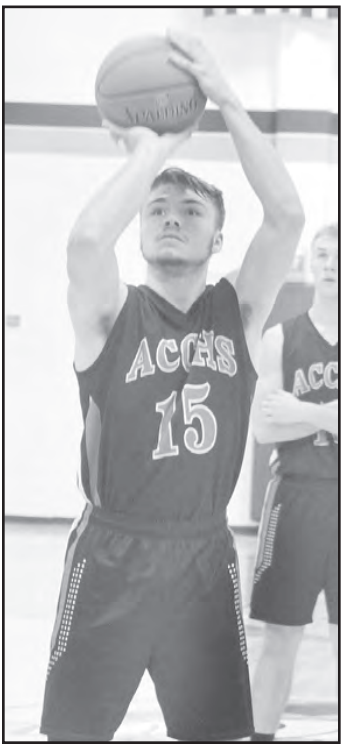
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All Area boys basketball selections announced

The Holton Recorder's All-Area boys basketball team has been selected.

The Royal Valley Panthers posted the best record in the area and won the Big Seven League with a 13-1 record. The Panthers were a Class 3A state-ranked team by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association all season.

Holton, also competing in the Big Seven, was 4-10 in the league, and picked up big wins during the season over Hiawatha and non-league Eudora.

The Jackson Heights Cobras went 5-11 in the Northeast Kansas League and the ACCHS Tigers went 6-10 in the NEK. Wemore went 2-10 in the Twin Valley League.

Here's the All Area picks:

*Royal Valley sophomore **Nahes Wahwassuck** (6-3), Wahwassuck was an All-League selection in the Big Seven League this season. He was also an All-League selection in the Big Seven last year as a freshman. Wahwassuck was also an All Class 3A first team state pick by the Topeka paper this season. This is his second selection to the Recorder's All-Area team.

Wahwassuck led the Panthers in scoring with 382 points, shooting 52 percent from the field with two-point shots and 59 percent from the free throw line. He was third on the Panthers in rebounds (115), first in steals (78), first in blocked shots (24) and second in assists (68).

*Royal Valley sophomore **Brady Klotz** (6-4) was an All-League selection in the Big Seven League this season. Klotz was also an All Class 3A honorable mention state pick by the Topeka paper. Klotz was a Recorder All-Area honorable mention pick last season as a freshman.

Klotz was the Panthers' second leading scorer with 235 points, led the Panthers in rebounds (161) and was second teamwise on block shots (16).

*Royal Valley junior **Brevin Canady** was an All-League honorable mention pick in the Big Seven League this season. This is Canady's first selection to the Recorder's All-Area team.

Canady was the Panthers' third leading scorer with 191 points. He also led in Panthers in assists (87).

*Royal Valley senior **Komesh Spoonhunter** (6-4) was the Panthers' fourth leading scorer with 186 points. He was also the Panthers' second leading rebounder (139) and was second on the team in blocked shots (20). This is Spoonhunter's second selection to the All Area team.

*Holton junior **Kale Purcell** (6-2) was an All-League selection in the Big Seven League this season. Purcell was also an All Class 4A honorable mention pick by the Topeka paper this season. This is Purcell's first selection to the All-Area team.

Purcell led the Wildcats in scoring with 235 points, averaging 11.2 points per game. He also led the team in rebounds (80) and shot 55.2 percent from the free throw line (48 of 87).

*Holton senior **Eli Prine** (6-1) was an All-Area pick last season, so this is his section selection to the All-Area team.

Prine was the Wildcats' second leading scorer with 191 points, averaging 9.1 points per game. He also shot 80 percent from the free throw line (16 of 20).

*Jackson Heights senior **Joel Kennedy** (6-4) was an All-League honorable mention pick in the Northeast Kansas League this season. This is his first selection to the All-Area team.

Kennedy was the Cobras' most consistent player, accord-

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ing to his coach, and provided a strong interior presence for his team each game. Kennedy averaged 8.9 points per game, 8.5 rebounds per game and 1.7 blocked shots per game.

*Atchison County Community senior **Tucker Smith** (6-0) was an All-League first team pick in the Northeast Kansas League this season. Smith was also an All-League honorable mention pick last season. This is his first selection to the All-Area team.

Smith led the Tigers in scoring with 258 points, averaging 14.3 points per game. He also shot 43 percent from the field with two-point shots and averaged 4.8 rebounds per game and three steals per game.

*Wetmore sophomore **Brayden Henry** (6-0) was an All-League second team pick in the Twin Valley League this season. This is his first selection to the All-Area team.

Henry scored 295 points this season, averaging 14 points per game. He also had 130 rebounds, averaging six per game. He also led the Cards in free throw attempts and makes. Henry scored in double figures in 16 of 21 games with a season high of 30 points in the team's regional game.

Holton Recorder All Area Honorable Mention Picks:

*Royal Valley sophomore **Mason Thomas** was an All-Area honorable mention pick last season. This is his second

All Area honorable mention selection.

Thomas was fourth on the Panthers' team in rebounds (98) and shot 48 percent from the field with two-point shots.

*Jackson Heights junior **Dylan Thompson** (6-3) averaged nine points per game and six rebounds per game. Thompson led the team in scoring and was second on the team in rebounding.

*Jackson Heights sophomore **Jason Bosley** (6-0) averaged 8.7 points per game in his first real varsity action and 4.3 rebounds per game. The Cobra team's coach said Bosley, "showed flashes of great play."

*Wetmore junior **Kael McQueen** averaged 11.2 points per game and 2.8 rebounds per game. McQueen also led the Cards in steals with 2.5 per game. He also led the Cards in three-point shots made.

*Holton junior **Blake Mulroy** averaged 8.1 points per game for the Wildcats and was the team's third leading scorer with 153. He was also a 70.4 percent free throw shooter making 19 of 27.

*Holton sophomore **Reese Holaday** was the Wildcats' second leading rebounder with 79, was a 75 percent free throw shooter and averaged 6.4

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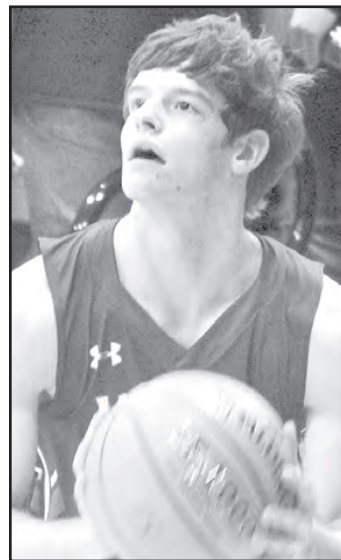
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Royal Valley sophomore Shanokwe Price ranked third on her team in rebounds (53) and fourth in steals (19). She was also a 44 percent free throw shooter (15 of 34).

Holton freshman Matthew Lierz had the fourth best three-point shooting percentage in the Big Seven League this season, making 19 of 49 treys in varsity action for 39 percent.

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AGRICULTURE NEWS

AG WEEK: Demand for beef is high

By *Matt Hines*

Cash feed-lot trade in a range from \$116 to \$122 live starting last Wednesday compared to the top end at \$113 the week previous. Most of the volume traded this past week was at \$119 to \$120 live and \$190 dressed.



Livestock futures have disconnected some from the equity trade but not, of course, from the economic impacts from the spread of COVID-19.

Grocery store demand skyrocketed the past couple weeks in which beef prices shot higher. As consumers have now filled freezer space, hamburger may still continue to move but steaks have stalled without the mass restaurant sales and many trying to keep personal finances in check.

The record large 3 million claiming unemployment last week turned the livestock markets from limit higher days to limit lower. At least 27 states and many countries have now enacted stay at home orders.

National Feeder and Stocker Cattle Summary Week ending March 27, 2020

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold \$8 to \$15 higher. Auction prices this week rebounded heartily and recovered most if not all the losses incurred last week.

The supply of feeders was light again this week and not near what

is considered normal for this time of year. Some ranchers saw an opportunity to market cattle with higher moves. The sales that did occur in the Plains states consisted of several loads of cattle that ranchers really wanted to move a week or two earlier, but had not occurred due to the global volatility of financial markets.

Demand for feeders was reportedly good to very good at markets that did have sales and some impressive prices were reported at some locations. Slaughter cow prices skyrocketed early this week at auctions nationwide.

For the week, Friday, March 20 through Friday, March 27, April live cattle was up \$2.30, June was down \$.10, April feeder cattle was up \$1.77, May was up \$2.67, April lean hogs were down \$3.12 and June was down \$3.70. Boxed beef, Choice was down \$.91 at \$252.84 and Select was up \$2.21 at \$242.38. Pork carcass cutout was down \$6.25 at \$73.79.

Cattle slaughter for the week estimated at 676,000 head, up 23,000 from the week previous and up 60,000 from last year. Beef production year to date is up 4.8 percent with slaughter up 2.6 percent.

Hog slaughter for the week estimated at 2,754,000 head, down 36,000 compared to the week previous but up 226,000 compared to a year ago. Pork production year to date is up 5.4 percent with slaughter up 5 percent.

Livestock futures were mostly lower to start this week. Some concerns are surfacing, as a poultry plant in Mississippi has now quarantined seven employees with COVID-19, a Canadian beef

and pork plant are down due to the spread and both Tyson and Cargill will begin taking temps of employees as they enter.

April live cattle settled at their daily limit of four days last week, two days limit higher and ended with two days limit lower. The contract low is down at \$91.07 and last week's high at \$110.65.

April feeders are now the front month, with three days of limit moves last week with the contract low at \$108.10 and last week's high at \$134.27. April lean hogs finished Monday's limit lower with the contract low down at \$52.12 and resistance just shy of \$68.

Monday, March 30

Livestock Futures Settlements

- April live cattle down \$1.75 at \$99.20, June down \$.35 at \$89.07.
- April feeder cattle down \$.55 at \$120.05, May down \$.02 @ \$120.90.
- April lean hogs down \$4.50 expanded limit at \$53.95, June down \$4.47 at \$59.77.

Grains ended the week fairly quiet, which has not been the case for some time. Wheat and soybeans continue to lead the way higher as corn remains stuck near its lows.

Russia has announced curbing exports for at least 60 days, and United States export sales have picked up recently for corn, grain sorghum and wheat.

South America continues to the primary supplier of soybeans but is struggling with not only normal logistic issues, but now travel restrictions in many areas, which does include local produce and agricultural goods.

Energy markets continue to

control corn futures, though, with crude oil trading from \$20 to \$25 per barrel last week, gas futures as low as \$.37 per gallon and ethanol near \$.90 per gallon. Most ethanol plants have either cut production or even completely idled production over this past week.

Beyond the crashing demand, crude remains under pressure as Russia and Saudi Arabia continue the price war battle, as neither are backing down on production increase pledges starting April 1.

For the week, Friday, March 20 through Friday, March 27, May corn was up \$.02¼, July was up \$.02¼, May soybeans were up \$.19, July was up \$.20½, May KC wheat was up \$.17¼, July was up \$.19, May Chicago wheat was up \$.32, July was up \$.21½, May soybean meal was down \$.20 per ton and July was up \$.53 per ton.

USDA will gave us their first official new crop acreage estimate at 11 a.m. Tuesday along with a quarterly grain stocks update. The data was collected at the beginning of March. There have most certainly been some plans changed for those that can across the Corn Belt in the north with corn stuck near its lows and soybeans bottoming out mid-month but now back within the range traded a month ago.

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.



Leonard Swindale (shown above) of Holton took advantage of the warm weather last Thursday to spread fertilizer on his lawn.

Photo by Brian Sanders

No evidence that livestock can transmit virus

By *Jody G. Holthaus*
Meadowlark Extension District Agent

Livestock & Natural Resources

There's been jokes and speculations about pets and livestock getting COVID-19. Here's the official word from the experts!



The director of a Kansas State University veterinary laboratory that responds to animal health issues across the state says that while coronavirus is a disease familiar to livestock producers, it is not the same strain of the virus that is grabbing headlines across the globe.

The novel strain of coronavirus, COVID-19, is transmitted through humans. There is no evidence that livestock can transmit the disease to humans, and the food products from livestock cannot carry COVID-19

to humans.

"Producers are well aware that there is a (different strain of) coronavirus that is associated with neo-natal diarrhea, and there's another one that we think is now associated with cattle respiratory disease," said Gregg Hanzlicek, director of the production animal field investigations unit in K-State's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

But I want to make it perfectly clear that our cattle coronavirus has no relationship to the coronavirus that is currently circulating in humans. These coronaviruses are very species-specific. There is absolutely no indication that livestock can be carriers of COVID-19 and be a source of infection to humans, either through carrying it on their skin or their hair or anywhere else."

He added, "Milk, eggs, beef, pork... whatever proteins that are produced by livestock are absolutely safe to eat. People do not have to worry about those products carrying COVID-19 to the population."

Hanzlicek said that producers are safe to go about the business of taking care of animals.

"They need to minimize the amount of exposure they have to humans. At this point, they should keep on doing what they do every day with their livestock," he said.

Livestock producers who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should see their medical professional. If their livestock begin showing signs of illness as well, Hanzlicek said they should contact their local veterinarian.

"The local vet will call the state or federal veterinarian and then a decision will be made whether to test those animals for COVID-19," Hanzlicek said. "We don't want to just start blanket sampling all animals. Again, with this virus, we do not believe that livestock are associated with spreading the disease."

Hanzlicek said that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has relaxed its rules just a bit to allow producers to consult with a veterinarian through "telemedi-

cine" – that is, communicating sickness to a veterinarian by phone or online technology.

"The veterinarian is not necessarily required to make a trip to actually look at the animals," thus maintain "social distance" guidelines for humans," Hanzlicek said.

The K-State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, which tests samples for suspected livestock disease, remains open during the university's limited operations status. Hanzlicek said the lab is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Hanzlicek and others also are still available to travel throughout Kansas to help local veterinarians diagnose suspected livestock disease. The staff can be contacted by calling 785-532-5650, or through its website, www.ksvdl.org.

Hanzlicek said the FDA also maintains a useful site with information for livestock owners regarding COVID-19.

Herbicide evaluations released on dicamba

By *David G. Hallauer*
Meadowlark Extension District Agent

Crops & Soils/Horticulture

The University of Tennessee recently published results of a 2019 herbicide evaluation of palmer amaranth population susceptibilities to dicamba. One set of populations was from seed collected years ago and susceptible to dicamba. Other populations were from farms that experienced 2019 weed control issues at levels not seen in the past.

If interested in the full results, drop me a line and I'll send it to you. The short story is this:

1) Three fourths of the populations saw great control from dicamba. It's still a good active ingredient.

2) Even under ideal application conditions, there were populations that saw less than 90 percent control – leaving five to 10 percent of the population to survive. It's concerning, particularly since these were greenhouse evaluations where efficacy rates are generally superior to those seen in the field.

3) When reduced product rates were applied, populations never exposed to dicamba saw good control levels. Populations exposed to dicamba in 2019 saw drastically reduced control. This suggests that palmer amaranth has seen an increase in dicamba tolerance over (a short) time and underscores the need for following label rates.

To some, this work suggests that dicamba isn't working. Maybe in some cases, but a likely larger problem is overuse of a single product or reliance on a single group of herbicides. That type of

overuse continues to "steal" good products from our weed control arsenal.

If you haven't looked at the new products on the market, check them out to see what they have to offer and whether they can add diversity to your current program.

KSU Extension weed scientist Dr. Sarah Lancaster recently compiled a list of the newer products for a KSU eUpdate article. Four of the products have soybean labels that could apply in our area.

Note: While palmer amaranth is not the same as our more common waterhemp, it is not uncommon for related weeds to exhibit similar response issues. Product labels supersede information compiled in the aforementioned article. Always read and follow label directions.

Proper Timing For Crabgrass Preventers

Crabgrass preventers are pre-emergence herbicides that prevent crabgrass seeds from developing into mature plants. With few ex-

ceptions, they have no effect on existing crabgrass plants, so they must be applied prior to germination. They often don't last all season, either, meaning timing of application is important.

Most crabgrass begins to germinate in early May, making April 15 a good preventer application target date. You can also apply at full bloom of the Eastern Redbud tree. For most products, initiate a second application in eight weeks.

What if you miss the application window? Two products – dithiopyr and proflaminate – can both be applied prior to April 15 and still exhibit sufficient season long residual strength. Dithiopyr may even have some efficacy on crabgrass up to the two- to three-leaf stage.

Note: Always read and follow product labels. If possible, apply crabgrass preventers before fertilizer to prevent excessive early turf growth. Avoid application to newly seeded lawns unless allowed by product label.

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.)

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The Plaintiff's Application to Establish Paternity, Support and Custody of female child is set for hearing in the District Court of Gage County, Nebraska, on May 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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to meet with a patient for a visit, the patient may be asked to download the free and secure “Jitsi Meet” app available from the App Store or Google Play.

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Davies interviews at Buhler

Bob Davies, superintendent of schools for Holton USD 336, was recently interviewed for the superintendent of schools post at Buhler USD 313, near Hutchinson, it was reported.

Davies was one of three people interviewed for the Buhler school leader position. The current assistant superintendent of schools there, Cindy Couchman, was ultimately selected to fill the post.

At the last regular meeting of the Holton school board, on March 16, when contract extensions for school administrators were announced, the Holton board did not announce a contract extension for Davies. However, a board member said this was because the board had not yet completed Davies’ annual performance evaluation.

Davies has been superintendent of schools for Holton for three years.

Consumer Corner: Watch out for stimulus package scammers

*By Derek Schmidt
Kansas Attorney General*

On Friday, March 27, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a \$2 trillion stimulus package providing emergency assistance to the American people, businesses and health care providers amid the response to the COVID-19 outbreak, it was reported.

The package includes a one-time direct cash payment to individuals and families across the country to help them financially weather this crisis. Unfortunately, the bill’s passage has opened up a brand new opportunity for scammers to take advantage of vulnerable people during an emergency situation.

To be clear, the Internal Revenue Service will not ask you to

Couple to celebrate 30th anniversary

Gus and Kristi Suarez of Holton will celebrate 30 years of marriage on Tuesday, April 7, 1990, at the Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton by Chris Schrumm. Gus is the son of Gaston and Sarah Suarez, and Kristi is the daughter of Bob and Nancy VanDonge.

The couple has three daughters, Aleesa Harris and her hus-

band, Jared; Kadi Dwyer and her husband, Sam; and Hanah Barnett and her husband, Bryce. They also have one grandchild, Colt Barnett.

Gus is an agent for State Farm Insurance in Holton. Kristi is a special education paraprofessional at Holton Elementary School. Both are members of First Baptist Church of Holton. Gus is also a member of Holton Rotary and NAIFA.

pay anything up front to get this money.

There are no fees or charges associated with receiving the payment. No one from the federal government will call, email or text message you and ask for your Social Security number, bank account information or credit card number. Anyone who does this is a scammer.

United States Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has said the checks will take about three weeks to be sent out for people who have been working and paying taxes since 2018.

Anyone calling and telling you they can get the check to you today is a scammer. Our best advice is to not answer calls, emails or text messages from phone numbers or email addresses you do not know. If you do answer a phone call,

once you realize it’s not someone you know, just hang up.

The Treasury Department plans to run a public awareness campaign for those who have not filed a tax return for either 2018 or 2019. Information will be posted as it becomes available online on www.irs.gov/coronavirus.

If you’ve been contacted by a scammer impersonating the federal government asking for information relating to the stimulus payment or any other COVID-19 scam, file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division online on our newly designed form specifically covering COVID-19-related scams and price gouging at www.ag.ks.gov. You can also call (800) 432-2310 to request a paper complaint form be sent by mail.

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JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION 2020-13

WHEREAS IT APPEARS that under the provisions of Article 33 of the Jackson County Zoning Regulations, Edward McClintock and Tyrell & Meghan McClintock, requesting a Change of Zoning District to A-2, Commercial Agriculture District, on the following described Property:

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson

County, Kansas.

WHEREAS the Jackson County Planning Commission after advertising and holding a public hearing on subject application on the 12th day of March 2020, submitted the following report and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners:

The Jackson County Planning Commission recommended by a vote of 5-2 that the requested Zoning Change be approved.

Zoning Changed from A-1 General Agricultural to A-2 Commercial Agriculture District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 30th day of March, that the above zoning request be **Approved** based on the best interests

of the surrounding community support as well as the county at large.

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/s/ Janet Zwonitzer
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/s/ William Elmer
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ATTEST:

By /s/ Tara Peek – Deputy
County Clerk

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JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION 2020-14

WHEREAS IT APPEARS that under the provisions of Article 33 of the Jackson County Zoning Regulations, Derik Tollefson, requesting a Change of Zoning District to A-2, Commercial Agriculture District, on the following described Property:

Southwest Quarter of Section Eleven (11), Township Seven (7) South, Range Thirteen (13) East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

of the surrounding community support as well as the county at large.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Janet Zwonitzer
Chairman,
Janet Zwonitzer

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/s/ William Elmer
Member,
William Elmer

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

By /s/ Tara Peek – Deputy
County Clerk

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Steelman, Kravitz wed at gazebo on courtyard



Judge Erich Campbell, shown above at left, presided over the wedding at the gazebo on Friday. Diana and Douglass Keith, shown above flanking the newlyweds, were witnesses.

Photos by David Powls

Lori Steelman of Holton married Dan Kravitz of Holton at 2 p.m. on Friday at the Gazebo in Holton, located on the Jackson County Courtyard.

Judge Erich Campbell presided over the ceremony on the pleasant afternoon and Douglass and Diana Keith of Denison, neighbors of the couple, were witnesses to the marriage ceremony.

The top photo here shows Judge Campbell (at left) performing the ceremony for the couple while Diana Keith (at left) looks on.

Douglass Keith carried a small toy, wooden rifle to the ceremony and jokingly indicated it was "a shotgun wedding."

"Just kidding," he added, "these two are meant to be together."

The couple said afterwards they had planned a small wedding ceremony all along, but originally had planned to wed at a friend's lake.

Wet weather and COVID-19 (coronavirus) health concerns, limiting the size of gatherings, threw a little wrench into the planning.

"This worked out well and the judge was still available," Dan said.

Judge Campbell said he was happy to perform the ceremony. "Some good news, finally," he added.

KSU's Wittmer named Blue Key member

Seventeen Kansas State University students, including Tel Wittmer a senior in secondary education and a student from Holton are receiving a premier leadership opportunity with their selection as members of Blue Key for the 2020-2021 school year.

Membership eligibility in Blue Key Honor Society is based on all-around leadership in student life, high scholastic achievement and service to others.

Blue Key recognizes upperclassmen at colleges and universities throughout the nation for an exemplary and balanced record of achievement inside and outside the classroom.

At K-State, membership is reserved for students with senior standing. Throughout their year as Blue Key members, the seniors will have the opportunity to lead a variety of programs, including Quest Freshman Honorary, Catalyst: A Self-Development Program,

and the DiscoverU Conference for high school students.

Members also will have the opportunity to facilitate YouLead Workshops to various organizations and groups, award Blue Key endowed scholarships to K-State students, and organize a Leadership Appreciation Reception for student leaders across campus.

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"With the potential for this pandemic overwhelming the state's medical facilities, any additional respiratory concerns that could be produced from breathing smoke from prescribed fire need to be mitigated," Dr. Lee Norman, KDHE Secretary, said.

Common health problems related to smoke can include burning eyes, runny nose, coughing and illnesses such as bronchitis. Individuals with respiratory issues, including COVID-19, pre-existing heart or lung diseases, children and the elderly may experience worse symptoms.

With resources of the county emergency response staff already being taxed with COVID-19 response, it is important to minimize responses that would come with prescribed fire activity.

It is critical that land managers in areas included in the Smoke Model available online at ksfire.org consult the model if they do choose to burn. The model indicates the level at which a burn would contribute to urban area air quality problems. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam urges land managers to refrain from burning, especially if your area is predicted in the large (red) contribution range.

"Prescribed burning is a valuable land management tool in the efforts to fight invasive species and maximize land productivity, and this request should not be interpreted as an indictment of the practice of burning," Beam said. "However, the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus pandemic have created a situation that calls for reducing burned acres this spring."

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■ CARES Act...

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* After state unemployment runs out, provides an additional 13 weeks of payments.

* Provides funding for states to support “short time” compensation, where employers may reduce hours and states may then pay pro-rated unemployment benefits.

Aid for Businesses

The package includes a \$350 billion forgivable loan program intended to save jobs. It’s called the Paycheck Protection Program.

Any business with fewer than 500 employees can apply. There’s a formula that dictates how much business owners would receive. If the business spends the loan on employees, a mortgage, rent or utilities, the principal of the loan will be forgiven.

The loans are backed by the Small Business Administration, but business owners can apply through their bank.

If a business already has a SBA loan, the principal and interest can be delayed up to six months, it was reported.

The CARES Act provides that SBA will forgive amounts paid in the first eight weeks after receiving a PPP loan for payments made towards payroll, mortgage interest and rent obligations predating Feb. 15 and utility payments for service that began before Feb. 15.

This forgiveness will be reduced, proportionally, should the recipient reduce work-

force or reduce wages, unless the reduction occurred within 30 days after passage of the CARES Act and was reversed through rehiring or restoration of wages before June 30. Loan forgiveness will be administered by lenders.

Eligible businesses will also be able to defer their payroll taxes until 2021. They still have to pay, but the deadline can be moved.

Sole proprietors, independent contractors, “gig” economy workers and self-employed individuals are also all eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program.

The amount any small business owner is eligible to borrow is 250 percent of the business’ average monthly payroll expenses, up to a total of \$10 million. This amount is intended to cover eight weeks of payroll expenses and any additional amounts for making payments towards debt obligations. This eight-week period may be applied for any time between now and June 30.

Note: Information for this news story was provided by The News Media Alliance, *The New York Times* and the Small Business Administration.



Pharmacist Joe Gilliland of Medical Pharmacy of Holton is shown above at right helping a customer at the business’s drive-through window last Thursday. The pharmacy has experienced a higher volume of patients using the drive-through, and Gilliland suggested patients pre-pay with a credit card to reduce lengthy lines by calling 364-2114.

Photo by Brian Sanders

■ RV B.O.E...

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Board member Ann Kelly said there is a ‘guardian’ option on Google classroom that alerts parents to assignments and due dates.

“As a parent, I enjoy that option and think that it would be good to share with everybody,” Kelly said.

Slay said he would look into it and communicate with teachers and parents about the availability of that feature.

“I think our district has been doing a fantastic job,” said board member Boone Smith. “I commend you guys. Thanks for being as communicative as you are. This is really hard, and we could not have predicted this. Thank you and keep up the good work.”

Slay said every certified staff member is on duty full time, as well as principals and administrators.

“There’s still people in the buildings answering phone calls,” he said. “There is a full force of people still working.”

Superintendent Aaric Davis said the closure of all the school buildings was a “shock to all our teaching staff.”

“I’m really proud of our teaching staff. They weren’t complaining. It was, ‘OK, we have to figure this out so let’s get to work,’” Davis said. “I truly appreciate our staff.”

Davis said that 35 families in the district have no or limited access to internet.

Instructional paper packets are being delivered each Monday by district school bus drivers, Davis said.

“Giant Communications is doing a great job offering free internet for people who live within their service area,” Davis said.

Free public online “hotspots” are available at the RVMS front drive in Mayetta and at the water tower at Hoyt for students who need to submit assignments online or send an email.

In other business, the board: * Approved consent items, including adoption of the agenda and the approval of the March 16 minutes and the resignation of Ginger Martin,

fifth-grade teacher, at the end of the school year.

* Approved a motion to suspend public comments during the meeting.

* Received a Legislative update from Davis, who reported that Gov. Laura Kelly signed the budget for next year. The budget includes funding for at-risk students for the next two years.

* Set the board retreat for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 at the district office.

* Discussed staff recognition plans in lieu of the school buildings being closed for the remainder of the year.

* Learned from Slay that the state has suspended all state assessments.

* Reviewed a spring summer maintenance list with Davis. At RVES, the biggest projects include repairing the retaining wall on the west side of the school (\$8,900 estimate) and replacing the parking lot lights (\$7,000 estimate).

At the high school, several repainting projects are planned. Davis said he is also looking at the conditions of all the driveways and parking lots to determine what areas need to be repaired.

During the board’s last meeting, they approved a bid for upgrading the entry doors and front drive at RVMS this summer.

Davis said that project may be able to start earlier since school buildings are now closed.

* Approved Title VI(b) assurances. This generates about \$25,000 each year to pay for Early Childhood Special Education staff salaries.

* Approved resolution 2019-10 that continues to pay all hourly employees not working during COVID-19 (coronavirus) concerns.

* Approved resolution 2019-11 which sets the district’s high school graduation requirements at 21 credits. The district previously required students to have 26 credits. The 21 credits include English language arts (four credits), history and govern-

ment (three credits), science (three credits), math (three credits), P.E. (one credit), fine arts (one credit) and elective courses (six credits).

Davis said that the state is not recommending that school districts extend the school year. The seniors’ last day will continue to be Thursday, May 7, with all other students finishing the school year on May 15.

The district will continue to observe April 10 (Good Friday) as a day off of school. There will be no continuous learning that day, it was reported.

* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Davis and David Schooler, assistant high school principal and athletic director, who attended the meeting remotely. No action was taken back in open session.

* Adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All board members were present.

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Davies also acknowledged that the district had purchased some surgical type masks and that he thought the district should try to help out wherever it could in the county, if asked by the emergency preparedness director. He added that he would just like all requests for assistance to come from the emergency preparedness director.

* Heard from Davies that he would like the “Benefits Direct” representative who handles “cafeteria plan” type services including dental and cancer insurance for employees, to review such proposals with staff to get their input.

* Approved a motion to enter into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

* Upon returning to open session, adjourning the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Note: With the zoom application on the Internet, board members could view each other, and Davies, on their computer screen at home, where they were, during the meeting. A photo of the computer screen visible to all during the meeting looked like the old Hollywood Squares TV show or the beginning of the old Brady Bunch TV show that showed all cast members in their own boxed area. Members of the public could watch the meeting, via Facebook live.

■ Testing...

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such that you need medical attention, please call your provider before presenting to that office.”

If a person has any of the above listed symptoms, health care providers ask that they stay home for seven days or three days after having a fever without the use of fever reducing medication, whichever of these is longer.

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* In addition, every Tuesday we will be open one hour early (6 a.m.) for seniors (60+) to shop!

* Those with disabilities or compromised immune systems are also invited to shop early with us on Tuesdays!

* Thank you to all our valued customers for your support, patience and understanding during this difficult time. We apologize for any inconvenience!

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