



Several rows of cars lined up at Holton's Countryside Park last Tuesday, April 7, for Harvesters food distribution. According to Janice Schweigen — seen loading food into a vehicle in the photo above — a total of 355 families were served at this month's food distribution, a record for Holton. "I don't think we've ever had this many people," Schweigen said that morning. "Normally, we have about seven rows of cars line up, but we've got about nine or 10 rows this time." Harvesters distributions in Holton take place on the first Tuesday of each month; the next distribution is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5. For more information, call Schweigen at (785) 986-6653. Photo by Brian Sanders

# School boards hear updates on continuous learning programs

*Jackson Heights*

By Brian Sanders  
Elementary school-level participation in Jackson Heights' continuous learning program has been "pretty positive," District Superintendent Adrienne Walsh told members of the USD 335 Board of Education during their regular monthly meeting on Monday.

Walsh said that of 227 district students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grades, 213 students — 94 percent — were participating in continuous learning classes, necessitated by the closure of school buildings for the rest of the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), during the week of March 30, when the program got started.

A survey of district families whose children participate in continuous learning has also seen positive results, Walsh said. Of 66 responses received from the survey before Monday, 81 percent of participating families said the daily workload for their children was "just right," while 90 percent of families said the quality of support their children received from the program was either "excellent" or "good."

"I don't know if I've ever done a survey of Jackson Heights families that got that much feedback," Walsh said of the survey. "I thought everybody was very thoughtful about their feedback."

One potential "obstacle" to online continuous learning that

Walsh said she expected to see involved internet service to the district's four communities — Circleville, Netawaka, Soldier and Whiting. Some families said through the survey that they had issues getting internet access, she added, while others said they did not have enough devices at home to facilitate the program.

Walsh also noted that only a few families have not expressed interest in participating in the online program, despite the efforts of Elementary Principal Cody Witte to reach out to those families, who have expressed a preference for paper materials. But for the most part, she reminded

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*Royal Valley*

By Ali Holcomb  
About 83 percent of Royal Valley students have an adult at home now to assist them as they finish the school year online, according to district survey results presented at the RV Board of Education meeting Monday evening.

"That number is much higher than we anticipated," said Royal Valley Superintendent Aaric Davis. "I think that's great that we have adults at home now helping our students through this process."

As part of the district's continuous learning plan, Supt. Davis said that a survey was sent to parents in order to "make changes as necessary."

After the first week of learning, a survey was sent to all

parents and 263 families responded.

When asked if teachers were available when their students need help, about 94 percent of parents responded 'strongly agree,' 'agree' or 'neutral.'

Only 15 parents responded that they lacked confidence with supporting their students during the continuous learning plan at home, Davis said.

Parents were then asked to rate their level of satisfaction on their internet access, access to devices, communication from teachers, communication from building or district staff,

the amount of school work assigned and the quality/value of work assigned.

Most parents overwhelmingly responded 'somewhat satisfied' or 'very satisfied' to those questions.

"Overall, I thought this was pretty good data," Davis said. "We'll send this out two more times to see if there are adjustments with the results of the data."

The information was also shared with the district's teachers. Davis said that he and Noah

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# Donations sought for disaster relief fund

A disaster relief fund is being organized here in Jackson County to help businesses affected by COVID-19 (coronavirus), it has been reported.

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

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

There are three missions of the fund, according to Carly Fletcher, JCCF secretary.

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

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

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

"We hope to receive funds immediately so that we can make our first awards to businesses as early as April 20, if not before," Fletcher said.

All donations to the fund, which are administered by the JCCF, are tax deductible and contributions are being accepted from individual donors, corporations and foundations.

People can donate online at [www.jacksoncountycf.org](http://www.jacksoncountycf.org) or by mailing a check noting Jackson County Disaster Relief Fund in the memo line to Jackson County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 381, Holton, KS 66346.

Businesses in need are not being required to fill out an application for assistance, Fletcher said.

"The Chamber of Commerce is gathering the names of businesses that have temporarily ceased all business operations," she said. "There's no deadline. We'll keep donating as funds come in."

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# Banks busy with PPP loans

By Ali Holcomb  
The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which provides loans to small business owners affected by COVID-19 (the coronavirus) through local banks, has been keeping area bank personnel very busy serving customers and staying up to date as the program guidelines change.

"It's been a 'hot mess,'" Tonya Barta, Farmers State Bank president said last week. "It's been an absolute nightmare. The facts of the program are changing daily. There's still areas of this program where we've received little to no guidance on."

As part of the CARES Act passed last month by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump, the PPP allows businesses with less than 500 employees to receive a forgivable loan intended to pay for eight weeks of a business' payroll costs so a business can retain workers or hire back those already laid off.

Funds reportedly can also be used for paid sick or medical leave, insurance premiums and mortgage, rent and utility payments.

The program is managed by the Small Business Association, but business owners must apply for the loan at a local bank that is a certified SBA lender. FSB, Denison State Bank and GNBank in Jackson County are all certified by the SBA.

While the PPP is first come, first serve, the U.S. Treasury has earmarked \$349 billion, so far, for small business owners.

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# Reith leading county charge against COVID-19

By Brian Sanders  
Jackson County Health Officer Angela Reith has seen quite a few outbreaks of disease in her nearly 20 years of service at the Jackson County Health Department.

There's been measles, mumps, pertussis and, most notably, the H1N1 "swine flu" pandemic of 2009.

"That was definitely a situation where we were trying to mass-vaccinate as many people as we could," Reith said of the H1N1 outbreak.

None of them, Reith said, compares with the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak, which has affected about half a million Americans — including one Jackson County resident — and resulted in more than 20,000 deaths in this country.

"I will say COVID-19 has definitely ranked the highest as far as time consumption and resources, partially because we're trying to mitigate a virus without a vaccine at this point," Reith said.

But after the events of Sept. 11, 2001, that devastated the nation, Reith said that practices and protocols have been implemented in health departments, hospitals and clinics around the country that, for the most part, have enabled them to be prepared for outbreaks and pandemics such as the current COVID-19 situation.

A native of Clay Center, Reith said her first



Angie Reith (shown above), who serves as the Jackson County Health Officer, has worked for the county for almost 20 years.

*Photo by Brian Sanders*

inclination toward a career in public health stemmed from a job she had in a hometown pharmacy during her high school years, and she initially headed in that direction while pursuing a degree at Kansas State University.

"I learned that I really wanted to be even more hands-on with helping people," she said. "I made the switch during my pre-

nursing time at K-State."

Reith later transferred to Fort Hays State University, where she earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing, then went on to work as a nurse in a few long-term care facilities and a hospital before moving to Holton with her husband, Darrin.

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Janice Hollander of Holton took these photos of hailstones that hit during Saturday night's storms, noting that the hail "started small and worked up to ping-pong size."

## Saturday storms produce hail

Saturday night saw a trio of hailstorms move into the Holton and Jackson County area, causing "considerable hail damage across the county," according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle added that Saturday's storms, which produced hail varying from pea-size to half-dollar-size, also produced up to three inches of rain in some areas.

At about 8 p.m., a severe thunderstorm with hail was reported near Holton, according to the National Weather Service.

The storm reportedly produced golfball-sized hail north of the city, as well as wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour, it was reported.

Two hours later, another storm moved through Jackson County, reportedly producing half-dollar-sized hail and wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour. The northern and middle parts of the county were placed under a severe thunderstorm warning.

Then, at about 11:20 p.m., NWS radar located a severe thunderstorm near Circleville that was also capable of producing half-dollar-sized hail and

wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour. That was followed about half an hour later by reports of a similar severe thunderstorm southwest of Holton.

One example of hail damage was noted at Holton Greenhouses, where about three dozen holes, ranging in size from softball to tennis ball to golfball, were reported in the greenhouse's double-wall plexiglass roof due to hail.

Hail and damaging winds were reported elsewhere in northeastern Kansas, with reports of golfball-sized hail noted in Topeka that evening.

## Seneca teen injured in recent accident

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

■ At 8:19 p.m. on March 5, Karrigan Coan, 23, Topeka, was driving east on 118<sup>th</sup> Road near Q Road when her vehicle reportedly went left of center. Coan's 2005 Pontiac then traveled through some mud along the side of the road and stopped when it hit a driveway.

The Pontiac sustained damage to its front left bumper and quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 1:36 p.m. on March 6, Jacob Hermes, 16, Seneca, was driving west on 178<sup>th</sup> Road near U.S. Highway 75 when, according to the accident report, his vehicle drove through the stop sign at the intersection. Hermes attempted to turn the vehicle north on the highway at a high rate of speed causing his 2002 Ford to flip on its side.

A vehicle traveling north on the highway, a 2014 Lexus, was un-

able to avoid striking Hermes's Ford. That vehicle was driven by Mary Coleman, 62, Topeka.

Hermes's entire vehicle was damaged, with damage exceeding \$1,000, and was towed from the scene. Coleman's Lexus sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was also towed from the scene.

Hermes was transported to Holton Community Hospital by Jackson County EMS for treatment of injuries.

■ At 8 p.m. on March 13, Zachary Cashman, 31, Mayetta, had stopped his vehicle at a stoplight traveling west on Fourth Street when the 2007 Jeep he was driving was struck from behind by a 2011 Ford driven by Kirk W. Miller, 60, Havensville.

Cashman's vehicle sustained damage to its rear bumper that was listed at less than \$1,000. Miller's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at less than \$1,000.

■ At 8:18 p.m. on March 15, Randy Thornton, 55, Horton, was driving north on U.S. 75 near 266<sup>th</sup> Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Thornton's 2002 GMC sustained damage to its front bumper, hood, front right quarter panel and undercarriage that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 6:30 a.m. on March 16, Justin L. Moore, 43, Circleville, was driving north on U.S. 75 near 266<sup>th</sup> Road when his 2011 Ford struck a deer in the road. Moore's Ford sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 11 p.m. on April 4, Cody Bohannon, 18, Holton, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 9 near T Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Bohannon's 2013 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and windshield that was listed at more than \$1,000.

## AG warns of COVID-19 text message scam

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt (pictured) is urging all Kansans to use caution against a new text message scam involving COVID-19, it has been reported.



The text message scam, as reported to the attorney general's office, reads, "Someone who came in contact with you tested positive or has shown symptoms for COVID-19 and recommends you self-isolate/get tested."

The text then contains a link to a website for more information. Consumers are advised to not respond to the message, nor click on the bogus website link.

"The situation surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak has created a new avenue for scammers to take advantage of the public's apprehension and uncertainty," Schmidt said. "We've received numerous complaints regarding different types of scams, but this one was particularly egregious for attempting to mislead those targeted into thinking they might have contracted the virus. Anyone who receives this message should not respond, and instead contact our office or appropriate local authorities for help."

Schmidt said that as of April 8, his office had received reports of numerous COVID-19-related scams circulating in Kansas.

Other coronavirus scams reported include sales of bogus products advertised as coronavirus prevention measures or treatments, as well as scammers impersonating federal, state or local

government officials.

Consumers can contact the office by phone at (800) 432-2310 to request a paper complaint form be sent to them by mail.

Kansans can also file a complaint with the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division online on a form specifically designed to cover COVID-19-related scams and price gouging at [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov).

## Sheriff's officers report arrests

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

■ On April 3, Sierra Schumacher, 25, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge and on a criminal warrant on a

## Hoyt City Council OKs utility bill credit

Hoyt city utility customers located within the city limits will receive a one-time, \$100 credit on their bills as a relief measure during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation, it has been reported.

During the Hoyt City Council's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7, council members approved the \$100 utility bill credit along with other measures related to the COVID-19 situation, including closure of a road through Hoyt City Park except for Harvesters food distribution events.

"We know the impact of this crisis is wide reaching, and the mayor and council hope that this credit assists residents impacted by this pandemic," the city council said in a press release issued the day after the meeting.

In addition to the one-time utility bill credit — which applies to the city's water, sewer and trash bill and will be applied during the next billing cycle — the council also voted to extend a ban on utility shut-offs for non-payment until Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly lifts her executive order prohibiting utility shut-offs.

Utility payment arrangements may also be made for up to six months, the council noted. City residents who are unable to pay their utility bills may contact the city clerk at (785) 986-6385.

Council members also noted that the \$100 credit does not apply to customers of the Every electric utility or Jackson County Rural Water District 1.

The council also voted to extend the closure of Hoyt City Hall, Park Drive through Hoyt City Park and the playgrounds at the park until the statewide stay-at-home order is rescinded. Park equipment, including disc golf baskets, will not be cleaned during the stay-at-home period, council members said.

Council members noted that Park Drive will be opened for Harvesters food distributions on the fourth Monday of each month if allowed by the State of Kansas and the Jackson County Health Department. There will be no restroom or hand-washing facilities available in the park during the stay-at-home order while food distribution events are taking place, it was reported.

## COURT

### Traffic

Carla S. Bowhay, transporting an open container, diversion.

Garry O. Bowles, speeding, \$231.

Candis M. Carter, speeding, \$213.

Larry J. Dain, speeding, \$171.

Harlie J. Delay, speeding, \$258.

Adam R. Luthi, violation of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism regulations, diversion.

Matty P. Molder, speeding, \$222.

Frank L. Suggs III, driving under the influence, diversion.

Raja Vel, speeding, \$195.

charge of failure to appear.

■ On April 6, Damien Huston, 38, Valley Falls, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.



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# MEMORIES

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## 5 Years Ago

Week of April 12-18, 2015

Holton USD 336 Board of Education members Steve Bowser, Denise Sweet, Allen Arnold, Bob Phillips, Shelby Patch, Cindy Stavropoulos and Mike Ford turned ceremonial dirt on Wednesday afternoon, April 8, at the construction site of the new Holton Elementary School, near the existing Colorado Elementary School, it was reported.

Shortly afterward, Travis Amon of Brahma Excavating used an excavator to demolish the old Chandler house across the street from Colorado Elementary School, the historic house was the last one standing on the block to the west of the school.

Batesville, Ark. native Tye Sturgeon and his horse, Edward, traveled through Jackson County last week on their trip across the continental 48 states to raise awareness and funds for the Western Wishes charity. Sturgeon and Edward spent Thursday night, April 9, in Netawaka with the Bruce Meininger family, who helped him celebrate his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Jackson County is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it has been announced. The Holton-based business was started by Sandy Rickel, who is serving as director.

## 10 Years Ago

Week of April 12-18, 2010

It's been more than 20 years since the Jackson County Unclaimed Property List was published in *The Holton Recorder* as a legal notice. In the Wednesday, April 14 edition, *The Recorder* plans to publish the county list as a public service.

The search for a new city manager for Holton could be at an end, the Holton City Commission noted on Monday, April 12. City Clerk Teresa Riley said that during a special meeting held Monday morning, commissioners voted unanimously to offer the city manager's position to Bret Bauer.

Holton Middle School science teacher Mary Schulz, who has taught in the Holton district for more than four decades, will retire at the end of the current school year, it has been announced.

Jackson Heights Elementary School principal Adrianne McDaniel's proposal to hold a week-long summer camp to boost students' reading and math skills has received approval from the USD 335 board of education.

## 15 Years Ago

Week of April 12-18, 2005

Whiting Baptist Church will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, April 17, it has been announced. Church members have contributed items to a time capsule that will be sealed for 20 years during Sunday's special service.

Saturday, April 16, is the first "Astronomy Day" for Holton High School, it has been announced. Activities are planned as a way of celebrating the school district's

## Calhoon files for Atchison Sheriff seat

Former Atchison County Sheriff John Calhoon has filed for sheriff again in Atchison County, it has been reported.

Calhoon, a Democrat, currently serves as the Horton Chief of Police and the Horton city administrator. He previously worked as the jail captain for the Jackson County Jail.

He was appointed Atchison County Sheriff in March 1994 and was then elected to four four-year terms before he lost the 2012 election to Republican Jack Laurie, who currently holds the office.

Calhoon filed by petition, which included more than 100 signatures from qualified registered voters in the county, it was reported.

Calhoon is a native of Horton, where he attended elementary school prior to moving with his family to Hiawatha. He graduated from Hiawatha High School in 1981.

He served as a dispatcher, jailor and reserve officer with the Brown County Sheriff's Office. He then became a full-time officer with the Horton Police Department in 1986, working his way up to the position of assistant chief.

## SONIC BLAST FROM THE PAST



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Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Mark Wilson, who was correctly identified first by Terri Craig.

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national prominence in astronomy education. The 20-inch Ritchey-Chretien telescope, purchased last year by USD 336 through a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest telescope used and operated by a school in the entire United States, according to school officials.

Holton sixth-grader Chatley Lovvorn, daughter of Jimmy and Tammy Lovvorn of Holton, claimed the state championship in the uneven parallel bars with a score of 9.25 in level 5 at the USAG Gymnastics Championships held on March 19 at Gardner, it was reported.

Employees at Oldham's Farm Sausage Inc. in Holton were treated to grilled bratwursts for lunch on Friday, April 8, in celebration of the second anniversary of the purchase of the Holton plant by Johnsonville Sausage LLC of Wisconsin and Premium Standard Farms of Kansas City, Mo. Manning the grill were bilingual trainer Alfredo Moreno, safety manager Jeff Miller and boning floor supervisor Ed Johnson.

Last year, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program started at Royal Valley High School. The program allows RVHS students to serve as mentors to students in kindergarten through third grade. This year, with the aid of a mentoring grant, the district added a program that pairs high school mentors to students in fourth through fifth grades.

Three of the 25 pairs in this year's program include senior Laura Douglas and second grader Sara Dean, sophomore Hannah Bausch and second grader Kaileigh Gray-Milligan and junior Misty Stone and first grader Miranda Koch.

## 25 Years Ago

Week of April 12-18, 1995

After touring a three-year-old jail in Chase County last week, the Jackson County Commission is enthusiastic about building a new jail in Holton, it has been reported. Sheriff Phil McManigal said he is pleased that the commission has taken the initiative on the project. A 32-bed expansion is being planned.

As a teacher at Holton Middle School, Sandy Williams has taught a unit on Russia for several years. This summer, however, Williams will be the student when she spends five weeks in the former Soviet Union as part of a study trip.

Heartland Café owners Terry and Shelly Kolbek were recently welcomed to the Holton business community. The restaurant and private club is located at 213 W. Fifth St. in Holton.

Also welcomed to the Holton business community was J. Shephen Sheldon, financial consultant. Sheldon opened Financial Network Investment Corporation in January, and his office is located at Fifth and Pennsylvania Streets.

Recycling has caught on in a big way in Jackson County. Tons of what used to be considered trash are dumped at the Jackson County Recycling Center each week, it was reported. Recycling center employee Melvin Wells is amazed at the increase and volume and interest since the service opened two years ago.

A photo in *The Holton Recorder* showed Wells and co-worker Larry Hainline sitting atop a collection of magazines accrued over five weeks. Wells estimated the mound to weigh more than 6,000 pounds.

## 50 Years Ago

Week of April 12-18, 1970

A photo of Bruce and Brent Nelson of Holton won a prize for *The Holton Recorder* in a national contest to uncover novel uses of used offset printing plates, it was reported. The photo, taken four years ago, shows the boys in suits of armor made by their mother, Mrs. Scott Nelson, from used printing plates secured from the *Recorder*.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCauley have announced the sale of the stock, lease and equipment of the Phillips 66 service station at 501 Arizona Ave. in Holton to Mr. and Mrs. Iley Rogers of Holton.

Aristo Foods plans to open its new packing plant in Holton on June 15, according to manager Jacob Huyett.

The new Holton High School track was dedicated on Monday, April 13, with a quadrangular meet with Holton, Wamego, Sabetha and Tonganoxie. The new quarter-mile track is located on the practice field north of the high school football field. Its six-inch asphalt track gives the school six lanes of all weather running surface, it was reported.

During the event, Holton's Gary Amon won the 440-yard dash with a time of 54.6. Teammate Glen Law placed second in the pole vault with a height of 11'9".

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Easter service was streamed on Sunday, April 12. The opening hymn was "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today." Following the Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis and salutation, the Old Testament lesson, Jeremiah 31:1-6, and the Epistle lesson, Colossians 3:1-4, were read by Pastor Michael Van Velzer.

Psalms 16 was the Psalm for the day. The Holy Gospel for Easter Sunday was from Matthew 28:1-10. The sermon hymn was "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia."

Pastor Van Velzer's sermon was based on the gospel lesson of the day. An earthquake struck Japan on March 11, 2011. It holds the dubious distinction of being one of the strongest quakes on record at 9.0 on the Richter scale. As of 2015, tens of thousands are still homeless from this earthquake.

On Jan. 12, 2010, a major earthquake struck the nation of Haiti. It was responsible for 222,570 deaths. The first earthquake for which we have record occurred on May 19, 527 AD in Antioch, Turkey. It was responsible for 250,000.

Speaking of earthquakes, two earthquakes are recorded in the gospel of St. Matthew. They both occurred in the year 33 AD and were just three days apart. The first one occurred when Jesus breathed His last breath on the cross.

The second one occurred on the first day of the week when Mary Magdalene and the other

Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone. The temple guards who were assigned to cemetery security duty were terrified that He had left the tomb. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid."

These are the same words that the angel Gabriel gave to Zechariah and to Mary and to Joseph – "fear not." When the angels appeared to the shepherds in the field, they heard the words, "do not be afraid, for I bring you good news of great joy."

The angel told them, "Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead." Before they reached the disciples, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings." And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshipped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid."

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ set off the most glorious set of earthquakes that have ever shaken this planet. Beginning with these women, they spread to the disciples and then through Jerusalem, to Judea, to Samaria and to the end of the earth, even to your baptism.

On what will we base our hope for the future? Where will we be finding our peace in the tragedy? To whom will we turn for rescue and deliverance? Greetings. Do not be afraid. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

After the sermon, the Nicene Creed was professed. In the

prayers of the church, petitions were for freeing our tongues to confess the resurrection before the world and love our neighbors as ourselves; deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts; for all elected officials; for those who are sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit; embolden us by Jesus' resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. The prayer our Lord taught us was then spoken.

Following the offertory and benediction, the service closed with "Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds."

Topher Dohl served as elder of the day.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6.)

## Some auto insurers offering discounts

Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt encourages Kansas consumers to visit with their auto insurers about potential discounts, rebates or reductions in premiums during concerns about the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), it has been reported.

"Many companies recognize the statewide stay-at-home order has reduced the number of Kansans driving, lowering the risk for everybody," Commissioner Schmidt said.

Some companies, but not all, have announced measures to help consumers during this time, such as rebates on premiums paid or discounts on rates. Kansas consumers should reach out to their auto insurer to find out the relief options that may be available to them, Schmidt said.

"I am pleased insurers are finding ways to help Kansans get a few extra dollars in their pocket," Schmidt said.

If consumers need assistance finding contact information for their auto insurer, they are encouraged to reach out to the Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Assistance Division at 1-800-432-2484 or KID. Commissioner@ks.gov.

While the Kansas Insurance Department building is closed due to COVID-19 precautions, the department's website, insurance.kansas.gov, is a resource for consumers at this time.

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# OBITUARIES



## Butler

Terence Thomas "Terry" "Wamego" Butler, 52, Lawrence, died Friday, April 10, 2020, at his home after a sudden illness.

He was born April 21, 1967, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the son of John Thomas Butler and Margaret Mahkuk. He graduated from Royal Valley High School in 1986 and from Ventura College in California with his associate's degree.

Mr. Butler served in the Army National Guard. He worked as a customer service representative in Medicare for more than five years.

He was a member of the Native American Church and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He married Charlene Louise Lewis on Sept. 12, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Margaret Mahkuk, Mayetta; his father, John T. Butler, Cinnaminson, N.J.; a son, Bryce Butler, of the home; two stepdaughters, Pamela Sanchez and Chelsea Lewis, both of Topeka; two stepsons, William Matchie and Brandon Sage, both of Topeka; a sister, Nevika Mahkuk, Tulsa, Okla.; and several stepgrandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Tracy Mahkuk.

Private graveside services will be held at Mahkuk Cemetery on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

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## Edmond

Arlene Edmond, 88, Wetmore, died Friday, April 10, 2020, at her home.

She was born June 4, 1931, in Maryland, the daughter of Elwin and Coony Rose Myer Stebbings.

Mrs. Edmond worked as a control panel assembler for Square D. Electric in Peru, Ind. She was also a homemaker.

She married Robert W. Edmond on Feb. 11, 1945, in Elkton, Md. He died Jan. 25, 2009. She was also preceded in death by a sister and nine brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Mable Edmond, Topeka, and Ruth Lundgren, Elkhart, Ind.; a son, Robert M. Edmond and wife Rhonda, Wetmore; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heart of Jackson Humane Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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## Topekan arrested after chase

A Topeka man was arrested following a short vehicle pursuit in southern Jackson County last Friday, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

A Jackson County deputy and a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper allegedly measured the speed of a southbound Chrysler Sebring near 142<sup>nd</sup> and U.S. Highway 75 at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. The driver of the vehicle allegedly attempted to elude law enforcement when a pursuit ensued, Sheriff Morse said.

The vehicle came to a stop about half a mile west of U.S. 75 on 110<sup>th</sup> Road. The driver,

who was the only occupant of the vehicle, was arrested.

A substance believed to be methamphetamine and an opened alcoholic container were found in the vehicle. The driver was identified as Harold Jesse Sheffield II, 54, of Topeka.

Sheffield was booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer, possession of methamphetamine, driving while suspended and transporting and open container.

Sheffield also had three outstanding Jackson County warrants and one Shawnee County warrant.

## Ag Week Recap

# Coronavirus takes toll on meat processors

By Matt Hines

Markets were closed last Friday in observance of Good Friday while Thursday livestock trade was mixed yet fairly quiet heading into the three-day week-end.

Cash feedlot trade was steady compared to the end of the previous week at \$105 live and \$168 dressed. Another 6.6 million Americans filed for unemployment benefits during this past week, bringing the three-week total now up to 17 million, or 10 percent of the U.S. workforce.

For the week, Friday, April 3 through Thursday, April 9, April live cattle were up \$5.68, June was up \$3.52, April feeder cattle were up \$11.27, May was up \$10.85, August was up \$14.45, April lean hogs were up \$2.57 and June was up \$3.35. Boxed Beef, Choice was down \$6.51 at \$223.93, Select was down \$7.51 at \$208.33 and Pork Carcass Cut-out was down \$4.52 at \$52.85.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 536,000 head, down 90,000 from the week previous and down 102,000 from last year. Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 2,407,000 head, down 158,000 compared to the week previous but up 14,000 compared to a year ago.

The next major concern for cattle and hog producers has now become reality as we now have multiple processing plants here in the U.S. shutting down.



The following is as of Monday afternoon:

Smithfield extended the closure of its Sioux Falls, S.D. plant after initially saying it would idle temporarily for cleaning. The facility is one of the nation's largest pork processing facilities, representing four to five percent of U.S. pork production. At least 238 Smithfield employees had active cases of the new coronavirus, accounting for 55 percent of the state's total.

JBS shut down a beef plant in Souderton, Penn., until April 16 and just announced the plant in Greeley, Colo., will be down until April 24. The Greeley plant has a daily slaughter capacity of 5,400 head and was initially scheduled to only be down a few days for cleaning and sanitizing. In the statement released last Friday, JBS said 36 employees have tested positive and at least two have died.

Last week, National Beef suspended cattle slaughter in Tama, Iowa, until the week of April 20. Tyson shut down a hog processing plant in Columbus Junction, Iowa, and Cargill closed a meat packaging plant in Hazelton, Penn.

April live cattle's contract low last week was at \$83.82 with support next down around \$80 and resistance up at \$96.50. April feeders' contract low was at \$103.95 last Monday with support next at \$101 and resistance up around \$123. April lean hogs' contract low was at \$37.50 with resistance up at \$44.30.

Grains finished steady to higher even with the bearish crop report to digest last Thursday. U.S. corn ending stocks increased 200 million bushels (MBU) to 2.092 billion and USDA cut corn usage for ethanol increased by 375 million, but increased both feed and industrial usage.

Grain sorghum stocks were unchanged but USDA increased exports by 50 million bushels and decreased feed and industrial use (ethanol) by the same amount. Soybean stocks were increased 55 million bushels as exports decreased, while domestic crush increased. Wheat stocks increased 30 million bushels with feed usage and export both reduced 15 million.

The big weekend news was the historic production cuts of 9.7 million barrels per day by OPEC, which is equivalent to almost 10 percent of global supply. Wheat continues to be supported by interest from China in U.S. wheat, cold temperatures across the U.S. Southern Plains and dryness in Kansas as well as southern Russia. China and unknown destinations have purchased more than 10 MBU of U.S. hard red winter wheat in the past few days.

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## Thank You

The family of Linda Ireland would like to express a deep appreciation for all the love and compassion shown to us during this time of loss. It was a long journey but Praise God she is at peace.

Thank you for all the cards, flowers and gifts of kindness. Special thank you to Heartland Hospice and Pastor Kathy for a beautiful service. We are blessed.

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For the week, Friday, April 3 through Thursday, April 9, May corn was up \$.01, July was up \$.00, May soybeans were up \$.09½, July was up \$.11½, May Kansas City wheat was up \$.20, July was up \$.20½, May Chicago wheat was up \$.07½, July was up \$.12½, May soybean meal was down \$10.70 per ton and July was down \$.50 per ton.

Much below normal temps for this week are the main story for U.S. weather. In a normal market, this weather pattern could be just enough to add some premium to the fall crop futures. Crop progress shows Kansas wheat at 34 percent jointed and conditions nationwide unchanged at 62 percent rated good to excellent.

Corn planted nationwide is at three percent, which is right in line with a year ago and the five-year average. Export inspections were very good for corn and grain sorghum again this past week at 40.5 million bushels and 7.7 million bushels, respectively.

Wheat inspections were also above average at 22.4, while soybeans inspections were low at 16.2 million bushels.

May corn hit a contract low last Monday at \$3.25½ with support next at \$3.18, then \$3.01, and resistance up at \$3.43. May soybeans had support just below \$8.50 and resistance up at \$8.87. May Kansas City wheat saw support at \$4.68 and resistance at \$5.05. May Chicago wheat saw support around \$5.40 and resistance at \$5.87. May soybean meal was sharply lower after peaking at \$336 back on March 24, into a new contract low Monday at \$288.

*Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker for Loewen and Associates, Inc. of Manhattan, specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. He can be reached at (785) 289-0036.*

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Hershey	146.15	+3.51		
Walmart	128.98	+3.68		
Phillips 66	61.13	-0.43		
US Bancorp	35.76	-1.03		
Pfizer	36.44	+1.30		
Deere & Co.	138.14	-1.66		
United Parcel	101.42	+3.00		
Apple	287.05	+13.80		
Facebook	178.17	+3.38		
Goodyear	7.60	+0.22		

Source: New York Stock Exchange reports. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

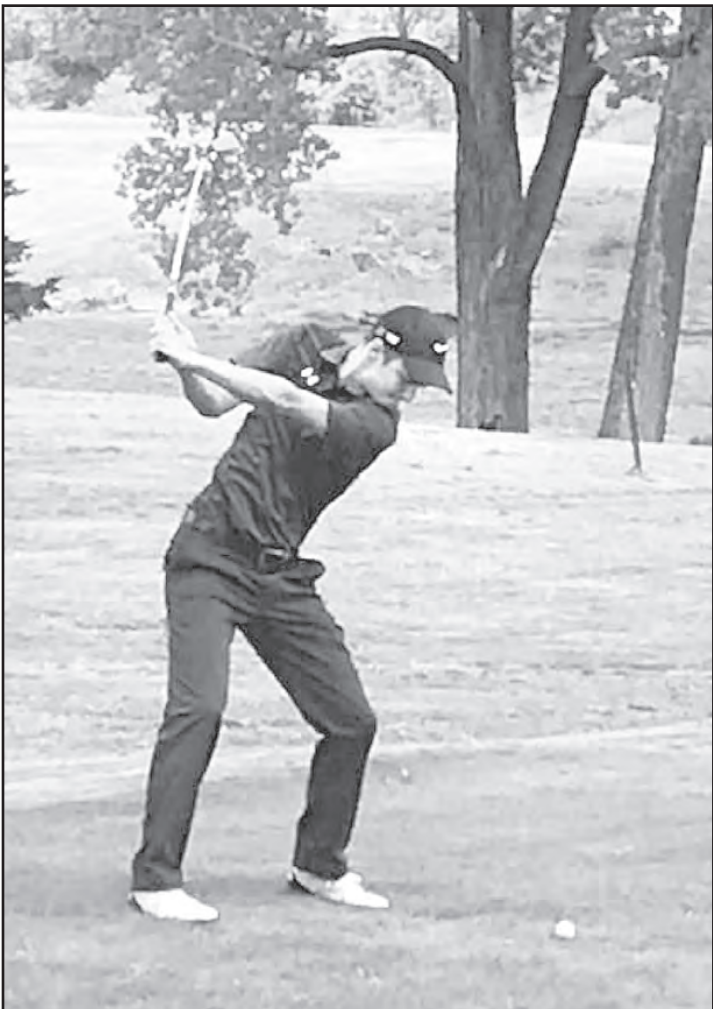
## FUEL PRICES

	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$1.63	-\$0.401	-\$0.976
National Average	\$1.83	-\$0.423	-\$1.003
Holton Average	\$1.73		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Monday, April 13, 2020.



# SPORTS



**HHS senior Karsen Brandt, shown above, scored a hole-in-one recently at Holton Country Club.** Submitted photo

## Brandt scores hole-in-one

A Holton High School senior scored his first hole-in-one during a recent visit to the Holton Country Club, it was reported.

Karsen Brandt used a pitching wedge to get his first ace from 125 yards out on the second hole on Sunday, March 29, according to HHS golf coach Kurt Haussler.

According to coach Haussler, Brandt had participated on the HHS varsity golf team during the 2018 and 2019 seasons and was a member of the JV team in 2017.

“Karsen has been a great teammate who has worked hard to improve his golf game over the course of his high school career and was looking forward to his senior campaign this spring,” Haussler said. “We want to thank Karsen for everything he has given to our program over the past four years and wish him all the best in the future.”

Brandt’s hole-in-one was witnessed by Taygen Fletcher, Marcus Pruett, Jake Zeller and Austin Zeller, it was reported.

Brandt is the son of Justin and Belinda Brandt.

## Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Jackson Heights' senior of the month for April is Jerilyn Nelson. Jerilyn is the daughter of Jerry and JoAnn Nelson. Jerilyn has been active in FFA, 4-H and FBLA. She is a Kansas Honor Scholar and NHS member. She was the boys' basketball manager, and has also held the positions of senior class vice-president, northeast district FFA secretary (2019-2020), FFA vice-president (2019-2020), FFA treasurer (2018-2019), FFA reporter (2017-2018), FBLA reporter, Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club president and Jackson County 4-H council president.

Following graduation, Jerilyn plans to attend Kansas State University to major in pre-veterinary medicine.

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## Big Seven League announces basketball leaders for boys and girls-----

The Big 7 League has announced the final girls and boys basketball stats from the 2019-2020 season recently.

**Girls Stats:**

**Scoring:**

A. Kramer from Nemaha Central took first place with 372 points in 20 games and averaged 18.6 points per game.

S. Tanking from Holton took second place with 305 points in 20 games and averaged 15.25 points per game.

H. Williamson from Royal Valley took 13th place with 168 points in 20 games and averaged 8.4 points per game.

**2-Point Field Goal Percentage**

A. Kramer from Nemaha Central took first place with 120 2-point field goals made out of 192 2-points field goal attempts for 62.5 percent.

S. Tanking from Holton took 12th place with 60 2-point field goals made out of 141 2-point field goal attempts for 42.6 percent.

M. Patch from Holton took 14th place with 56 2-point field goals made out of 134 2-point field goals attempted for 41.8 percent.

**3-Point Field Goal Percentage**

A. Kramer from Nemaha Central took first place with 25 3-point field goals made out of 48 3-point field goals attempted for 52.1 percent.

S. Tanking from Holton took fourth place with 44 3-point field goals made out of 114 3-point field goals attempted for 38.6 percent.

F. Haussler from Holton took fifth place with 17 3-point field goals made out of 45 3-point field goals attempted for 37.8 percent.

**Free Throw Percentage**

Kr. Biltoft from Jeff West took first place with 109 free throws made out of 129 free throws attempted for 84.5 percent.

S. Tanking from Holton took second place with 53 free throws made out of 67 free throws attempted for 79.1 percent.

F. Haussler from Holton took fifth place with 33 free throws made out of 44 free throws attempted for 75 percent.

M. Patch from Holton took 10th place with 38 free throws made out of 63 free throws attempted for 60.3 percent.

**Offensive Rebounds**

En. Byrd from Riverside took first place with 55 offensive rebounds in 20 games and averaged 2.75 offensive rebounds per game.

S. Tanking from Holton tied for second place with 54 offensive rebounds in 20 games and averaged 2.7 offensive rebounds per game.

M. Patch from Holton tied for fifth place with 46 offensive rebounds in 20 games and averaged 2.3 offensive rebounds per game.

**Defensive Rebounds**

S. Tanking from Holton took first place with 107 defensive rebounds in 20 games and averaged 5.35 defensive rebounds per game.

H. Williamson from Royal Valley took seventh place with 69 defensive rebounds in 20 games and averaged 3.45 defensive rebounds per game.

M. Patch from Holton tied for eighth place with 61 defensive rebounds in 20 games and averaged 3.05 defensive rebounds per game.

**Steals**

A. Kramer from Nemaha Central took first place with 98



**Holton High School senior Paige Crouch (seated) recently signed her letter of intent to play volleyball at Peru State College next year. While at PSU, Paige plans to major in biology with an emphasis in pre-optometry and a minor in music. Witnessing Paige's signature were, standing from left to right, grandmother Sandy Williams, mother Jill Crouch, brother Parker Crouch and father Rick Crouch.** Submitted photo

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Holton High School senior Addie Degenhardt was the Lady Wildcats’ right fielder for most of the last two seasons, after starting out in the program as an infielder. Playing summer ball paid off for Addie and her Wildcat coaches were anxious to “see her swing” this season!



Holton High School senior Kinleigh Rhodd was the Lady Wildcats’ third baseman for the previous three seasons, starting as a freshman, and she played every inning each season. Rhodd was known for “incredible courage and toughness.” She plans to attend KSU in the fall.



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## Major League Baseball preparing “contingency plans” for season

Major League Baseball canceled the remainder of its Spring Training games last month and also announced that the start of the 2020 regular season will be delayed by at least two weeks due to the national emergency created by COVID-19 (coronavirus), it was reported.

MLB said the action “is be-

ing taken in the interests of the safety and well-being of our players, clubs and our millions of loyal fans.”

MLB and its clubs have been preparing a variety of contingency plans regarding the 2020 regular-season schedule. The league plans to announce the effects on the schedule at an appropriate time, though MLB

also said it “will remain flexible as events warrant, with the hope of resuming normal operations as soon as possible.”

“Nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our players, employees and fans,” the league said in its announcement. “MLB will continue to undertake the precautions and best practices recommend-

ed by public health experts. We send our best wishes to all individuals and communities that have been impacted by coronavirus.”

The National Hockey League and Major League Soccer also announced they have suspended their seasons, as did the National Basketball Associaton.

## Nationwide benefit fishing tourney back

A nationwide, six month multispecies fishing tournament is coming back this spring, bringing some much needed relief for those suffering from cabin fever during the coronavirus pandemic, it has been reported.

The National Pediatric Cancer Foundation will host its Fishing Funds The Cure tournament again this year, beginning Wednesday, April 15 through Wednesday, Sept. 30.

Anglers will be able to submit photographs showing the measurements of their longest fish of each species through out the tournament via the iANGLER Tournament mobile app, with the top three finishers in each species category earning a cash prize during a live-streamed awards ceremony online.

Freshwater species that can be caught during this tournament are Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie, Blue Gill, Rainbow Trout, Cutthroat Trout and Striped Bass. Saltwater species include Red Drum (Redfish), Sea Trout, Flounder and Snook.

Registration is \$25 per registrant and covers all 10 species and if you refer five people your entry fee will be refunded and you will participate for free.

Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/yx4mmnxm/>.

## Nonresident turkey hunting permits suspended by state

Executive Order 20-21, signed by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly, completely suspended the sale of new general nonresident turkey hunting permits, it was reported.

The option to purchase nonresident spring turkey permits has been removed from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism website. Spring turkey hunting season in Kansas starts today (Wednesday, April 15) and ends on Wednesday, May 31.

Those who have already purchased an out-of-state turkey permit will still be allowed to hunt but must abide by quarantine regulations set in place by the state.

Turkey hunting in Kansas isn’t as big of an economic impact as deer hunting, but it is still a fairly large draw for nonresidents. Last season, the state issued 14,700 nonresident

spring turkey permits, which compares favorably to its tally of 21,818 nonresident deer permits. Before the executive order being issued, the KDWP said, 2,826 nonresident spring turkey permits had been purchased for 2020.

KDWP is offering refunds and KDWP gift cards in an effort to lower participation rates even further, according to a news release from the agency. Nonresident hunters may obtain their refund or KDWP gift card.

“During this unprecedented crisis, we must take every measure possible to protect Kansas lives,” Gov. Kelly said. “While turkey hunting is largely a solitary activity, the potential for inadvertent spread of COVID-19 due to travel associated with nonresident participation is something we simply cannot risk.”



## Gardener's Corner

# A greener field after the fire

By Sandra M. Siebert

At the end of February, a crew from the local fire department burned our 10-acre field of weeds, plus a few small areas nearby.



The aftermath of the fire looked like devastation – the ground blackened, red cedar trees scorched.

Within a week, however, green shoots of grass began to show. A month after the fire, the area was brilliant green. Was it my imagination, or is the grass more brilliantly green than ever before?

The spring air fills with smoke each year as pastures burn for routine maintenance. The fires rejuvenate many grasses, and suppress undesirable forbs and woody plants.

Nature has a marvelous capacity for regeneration. Fire-ravaged woodlands sprout flowers and other plants that require fire in order to germinate and grow. Many trees when cut to the ground quickly re-sprout, much to my chagrin when it's the walnut tree that's a little too close to the garden.

Willow trees, cottonwoods and many others do not hesitate to send up shoots after being cut. The sumac and rough-leaved dogwood pushing their way into my wanna-be-prairie area are undaunted by my attempts to cut them back.

As long as the roots remain intact, these plants continue to live, regenerating as soon as they can, reaching for the sun with their fresh, young leaves.

We are reminded of nature's

ability to renew, rejuvenate, regenerate each year as the upper portions of perennial plants die back and trees lose their leaves, returning their energy to roots beneath the soil, then unfurling new leaves at the appropriate time in spring or summer. Annual plants completely die each fall/winter, but return more numerous in spring as seeds sprout.

Areas that look barren in January begin to fill with life in March, sometimes earlier, and are rife with life by May.

It's an amazing process to watch day by day, week by week, month by month, year after year.

Last week, my husband cut all of the lower branches off of three red cedar trees that had grown large enough to cast more shade on one area of the garden than I wanted. (I didn't count on how much these trees can grow when I set things up.)

The trees look stark and ragged after the radical trim. But I know that eventually what are now the lower branches well above my head will fill out, and in a couple of years they will look lush, providing shade to the chairs we'll place below them.

The ground beneath the trees is bare. But we'll plant grass and pull weeds that pop up. Nature will take care of the rest. The now ravaged-looking area will renew and become a beautiful, comfortable area for taking summer meals or hanging out in the hammock.

Even in the vegetable garden, I see the regenerative process.

Every year, asparagus puts up new shoots. Kale that I planted last fall, with a little protection, survived the winter and gave us a nice batch

of greens. Cilantro that grew and went to seed last summer grows rampantly in the vegetable beds. Fennel plants planted last year are re-growing licorice-flavored leaves.

Renewal, regeneration; nature gives me hope.

When roots are sound, renewal is possible. Sometimes, as with the burned field, things come back better and more vigorous than before. But if the roots are corrupted and diseased, nothing grows back. However, sometimes something better takes over. If we're not cautious, though, something undesirable will move in.

Life is like that, constantly changing, collapsing, renewing.

It might feel like everything is falling apart around us; destruction dominates.

Yet, if our roots are sound, we will not only survive, but recover. And if we find or make the right conditions, we will not simply recover, but regenerate into something better.

The grass is greener.

However, it takes effort and attention. The burned grass makes it look easy, but the roots put a lot of energy into producing new growth – and they wait until the conditions – proper sun, rain – are right to put the effort forward. Much goes on underground before the grass greens up again, before the seed cracks and sends forth roots and shoots, before the tree roots send up new growth.

All around us now, nature is telling us, "Look up, reach for the sun, grow, adapt, change." Will we listen?

The fire comes and blackens the earth.

Winter withers the flowers. What do we want to grow back?

Roots gather their strength. Seeds bide their time.

Rain falls; sun breaks through the clouds.

The fire has come and gone. Suddenly it seems, the grass is greener.

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



In the photo above, Jackson County treasurer's office employee Jami Phillips is shown inside the Jackson County Courthouse collecting items from the new drop box installed on the west side of the building while the Courthouse remains closed to the public due to concerns about the potential spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). County residents who need to conduct business at the Courthouse can drop off payments and paperwork at the drop box where it is picked up multiple times a day, it was reported. Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Buck's Grove Church

By Donna Ashcraft

The following is a summary of Pastor Charlotte Milroy's sermon for Sunday, April 12, at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus continually gives us hope because it is the resurrection that makes it possible for Jesus to continually go before us in our everyday lives.

By understanding how Jesus goes before each of us, we can have hope in your lives regardless of how difficult the circumstances you face or might be.

We hear the word fear. People feel fear and experience it. Matthew was concerned; he heard fear. In the first 10 verses of Matthew 28, fear is mentioned four times. The guards and then the women who came to the tomb were afraid. The angels and then Jesus Himself said, "Do not be afraid."

Whatever else may be going on, right now, it's OK if anyone finds all this resurrection talk a little unsettling. You're in good company. The angels said many times "Do not be afraid."

Throughout the words of the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah spoke, "Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10.)

In Revelation, we find words of

encouragement and comfort, and even reminders of Easter morning, as Jesus says, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever." (Revelations 1:17-18.)

Meanwhile, back at the tomb, the guards were frightened. They were keeping watch over a dead man in a tomb. That shouldn't be a tough job. There shouldn't be a prison break; dead people don't often make a run for it! Yet, they were afraid.

The women who came to care for Jesus for burial were told by the angels, "Do not be afraid."

In the last 40 days, how many times have we heard reporters and our leaders say, "We are not here to create fear or scare you? We are just reporting here to give you information, to make you aware, to raise your caution, but not to scare you."

The gospel writers – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – give us a slightly different perspective on the events surrounding the resurrection of Jesus. These writers are just like eyewitnesses to an accident who often have slightly different recollections of the event. Those recollections can be shaped by their own backgrounds and perspectives.

We shouldn't be surprised by the slight differences in those four accounts of the resurrection. But

what is important to note is that those authors don't in any way contradict each other or diminish the truth of the resurrection. In fact, it would be a lot more likely for all four of their accounts to match up exactly if they had gotten together and concocted a story of the resurrection.

Concoction leads to identical details; individual reports of an actual event holds more weight and truth but may reveal different details influenced by life experiences.

Jesus goes before us in our normal daily lives. Jesus experienced the same kinds of temptation, sorrow, persecution and physical suffering that we face in our lives. In fact, He faced even more.

The Bible tells us that He endured all that on our behalf because of the joy that comes from fulfilling the plan that His heavenly Father had given Him – to make it possible for us to be made right with God through faith in Him.

Whatever you're going through in your life right now, Jesus has already gone before you. He knows personally what you're experiencing and He both has the desire and the ability to help each of us.

Focus on Jesus – reach out. Let us rejoice!

Do not be afraid. Jesus has been there. He was there before and he is waiting for each of us, now, to go ahead of us and lead us.

## Prairie Band offering to-go food service

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort is now offering curbside to-go food service to the general public from noon to 6 p.m. each weekday, it has been reported.

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is also available.

Customers must wait for their food in the elite parking area outside the porte-cochere, it was reported.

In addition to daily specials, some of the menu items include fried chicken, hamburgers, chicken fried steak, pork tenderloin sandwich, fish and chips and chef salad.

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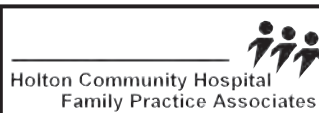
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Dr. David Allen of Holton Family Health Center recently conducted a “telemedicine” visit with one of his patients. The clinic recognizes that people may be reluctant to visit during COVID-19 (coronavirus) and appreciates efforts to follow advice on social distancing. The clinic began offering telemedicine appointments during the week of March 30, it was reported.

Photo courtesy Community HealthCare System

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker  
During Holy Week, I wanted to share what I wrote to my children when they were young adults and seems timely for today.  
Do not fear; God is near. The Living Bible has this beautiful phrase of David’s Psalm 23:  
“Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need... even when walking through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid for You are close beside me,

guarding, guiding me all the way... Your goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all my life, and afterwards I will live with You forever in Your home.”  
What a tonic comes into the spirit with the assurance that God is always at our side. We are never left alone to face life by ourselves.  
The Lord Jesus promised, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”  
When a Chinese boy whose name was “Lo” read this verse,

he excitedly ran to his mother. “Look, Mother,” he said, “the Bible mentions my name!”  
Your name may not be Lo, but the promise of Christ’s presence is yours, too, even as Christ’s redemption from sin is also for you.  
Lord, evil powers around us are mighty, but you who are with us are Almighty.  
“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you may abound in hope,” Romans 15:13.

Fenceline

We’re essential to someone

By Jody G. Holthaus  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent, Livestock and Natural Resources  
Back in BC — before Corona — I was busy making plans for our summer range and pasture programs. That came to a screeching halt. I also would stop by the grocery store a couple of times a week, a symptom of working in town.  
BC, you would hop in the car and go hither and there, and now you need to stop and think if it’s “essential” or not. What a crazy



world we are living in now.  
I saw this online and thought I would share:  
They ran to the groceries, they filled up their carts.  
They emptied the Tops and Price Chopper and Walmart.  
They panicked and fought and then panicked some more.  
Then they rushed to their homes and they locked all the doors.  
The food will be gone! The milk, eggs and cheese!  
The yogurt! The apples! The green beans and peas!  
The stores have run out, now what will we do?  
They’ll be starving and looting and nothing to do!  
Then they paused, and they listened a moment or two.  
And they did hear a sound,

rising over the fear,  
It started out far, then began to grow near.  
But this sound wasn’t sad, nor was it new,  
The farms were still doing what farms always do.  
The food was still coming, though they’d emptied the shelves,  
The farms kept it coming, though they struggled themselves,  
Though the cities had forgotten from where their food came,  
The farms made them food every day, just the same.  
Through weather and critics and markets that fall,  
The farms kept on farming in spite of it all.  
They farmed without thank yous.  
They farmed without praise.  
They farmed on the hottest and coldest of days.  
They’d bought all the food, yet the next day came more,  
And the people thought of something they hadn’t before.  
Maybe food, they thought, doesn’t come from a store.  
Maybe farmers, perhaps, mean a little bit more.  
Author credit: Anna Richards at 2020 Consulting.  
Stay safe, everyone! We are essential to someone!

Family Life

Intervals boost fitness

By Nancy C. Nelson  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent  
Family Life  
You can boost your fitness by adding short bursts of intense activity, or “intervals.” Research shows that alternating these intense activity bursts with lighter activity can be better for your overall health than slow, sustained exercise.



A good cool-down to gardening is just as important as a warm-up. While it may be tempting to just sit down right after hours of activity, slow walking is better.  
Follow up with more stretches — a little slower and longer this time.

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

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held on August 4, 2020. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party, which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for U.S. Senate
- One candidate for U.S. Representative -District #2
- One candidate for State Senate — District #1
- One candidate for State Representative — #61 (Cities: Circleville, Delia, Denison, Holton, Hoyt, Mayetta & Soldier and Townships: Adrian, Banner, Cedar, Douglas, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Jefferson, Liberty, Lincoln & Soldier)
- One candidate for State Representative — #62 (Cities: Netawaka & Whiting and Townships: Netawaka & Whiting)
- One candidate for Member, State Board of Education — 6<sup>th</sup> District
- One candidate for County Commissioner 2nd District (Townships of Banner &

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- One candidate for Holton City Commissioner Position #3
- One candidate for Holton City Commissioner Position #5

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

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

Kathy L. Mick  
Jackson County  
Election Officer



# RVMS announces honor rolls

Students named to Royal Valley Middle School's honor roll for the third nine weeks of the 2019-2020 school year include the following.

## Purple & White Honor Roll (All A's)

**Eighth Grade:** Joshua Boyden, Zachary Boyden, Joie Boyer, Danielle Branson, Phoenix Cannon, Ethan Caviness, Walker Coulter, Deserae Diekhoff, Kendra (Gishgo) Hale, Josie Hefner, Savana Hess, Killie Johnson, Jackson King, Alyssa Levier, Tanaya Mahkuk, Aidan McKinsey, Tyson Parks, Devon Rodewald, Mackenzie Schmidt, Alyssa Schuetz, Olivia Sims, Amanda Smith and Alexus Smith.

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# DCF relaxes food assistance work requirements for able-bodied adults

Department for Children and Families Secretary Laura Howard recently announced several steps the agency is taking to temporarily ease restrictions on Kansans who are currently receiving or applying for food assistance, it has been reported.

"The federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act allows states to suspend time limits on food assistance eligibility for unemployed and underemployed individuals known as able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS)," Howard said. "Additionally, a proviso approved by the Kansas Legislature would temporarily allow DCF to apply to the United States Department of Agriculture for a waiver of time limits if Kansas's high unemployment persists after time limits are

reinstated on the national level."

This is a temporary waiver in effect from April 1 through the end of the national public health emergency.

Typically, ABAWDS must work or participate in an approved employment and training program for at least 20 hours per week. People not meeting this requirement are limited to receiving food assistance for only three months out of a 36-month time frame.

Beginning in April, these individuals continued to receive food assistance if otherwise eligible. If an individual's case closed at the end of March or previous months, they should reapply.

Additionally, DCF applied for and received federal waivers allowing the agency to:

- \* Temporarily extend certification periods so individuals do not have to update their paperwork as often.

- \* Waive interviews for food assistance applicants, if the agency can verify information through other methods.

- \* Waive face-to-face interviews for quality control reviews.

The agency also implemented express eligibility determinations, waiving additional documentation when possible.

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**At the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more Jackson County residents are wearing face coverings while conducting business in public spaces, such as the Holton Post Office (shown above) where Marilyn Snider is shown checking her mail. At this time, face coverings are a recommendation, and not a requirement, by the CDC and state officials.** Photo by Connie Powls

# Sen. Moran announces \$325 million to Kansas hospitals, health care providers

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) announced \$325 million in relief funding to Kansas health care providers and hospitals last Friday, it has been reported.

This information was confirmed to Sen. Moran by Vice President Mike Pence Friday morning. The funding, which will support hospitals fighting COVID-19 on the frontlines, is part of the \$100 billion provider relief fund established in the Phase III Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic

Security (CARES) Act and is being administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"The CARES Act created a fund to help meet the needs of hospitals and health care providers, and today, more than \$325 million is being distributed across Kansas," said Sen. Moran. "As hospitals are seeing significant revenue losses and others see their costs go up because of COVID-19, these new resources will be a necessary benefit not just to

our hospitals but to the communities and patients they serve. In the fight against COVID-19, these new resources will put our health care providers in a better position to keep us healthy and meet the needs of Kansans."

# Quilts in the Courtyard event canceled

The seventh annual "Quilts in the Courtyard" event planned for June 13 in downtown Holton has been canceled, it has been reported.

Organizers announced last week that it's "too risky" to hold the event while there are concerns about the possible spread of COVID-19 (the

coronavirus), it was reported.

The annual event features more than 200 quilts on display in the Jackson County Courtyard, along with a featured quilter set up inside the Courthouse. Additional sewing demonstrations and activities are held throughout the event.

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24 are as follows:

**Monday, April 20:** Sweet and sour meatballs, steamed rice, Japanese vegetables, baked apples and bread and margarine.

**Tuesday, April 21:** Barbecue pork on a bun, scalloped corn, Brussels sprouts, tropical fruit and cookie.

**Wednesday, April 22:** Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, mandarin oranges and hot roll and margarine.

**Thursday, April 23:** Meatloaf, cheesy potatoes, Italian vegetables, applesauce and bread and margarine.

**Friday, April 24:** Baked tilapia, macaroni and cheese, winter mix vegetables, pears and lemon bars.

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Website - [circlevillechristian.com](http://circlevillechristian.com)  
Email - [circlevillechristian@yahoo.com](mailto:circlevillechristian@yahoo.com)  
**Circleville United Methodist**  
Pastor: Charlotte Milroy • 234-4243  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
**Community of Christ Church**  
222 New Jersey • Pastor Dean Sharp  
Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service  
**Delia Presbyterian Church**  
514 Jackson St. • Rev. James Aubrey  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Every Other Month  
Check sign board for other events.  
**Denison Bible Church**  
300 W. 5th St. • Pastor Tom Fraunfelter  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Worship  
785/935-2464 • 785/422-2953  
**Denison Reformed Presbyterian**  
106 Seventh St., Denison, KS • 935-2348  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible class  
11 a.m. Worship service  
Lunch following the service  
1:15 p.m. Afternoon Service  
**Evangel United Methodist Church**  
227 Pennsylvania Ave., • 364-3834  
Sun.: 8:50 a.m. Life Journey (contemporary service)  
10 a.m. Sunday school  
11 a.m. Traditional worship service  
Church - office@evangelumc.org  
Pastor - pastor@evangelumc.org  
**First Baptist Church of Holton**  
404 Juniper, 364-3423  
Pastor - John Wisdom  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
8:25 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Services  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study  
Friday: 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast  
**First Baptist Church of Hoyt**  
Pastor David Burnworth • 986-6446  
Wednesday night prayer: 7 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school  
10 a.m. Worship service  
7 p.m. Sunday evening worship

**First Christian Church**  
5th and Wisconsin • 364-2545  
Dr. Jim McCollough, Pastor  
Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
**First Christian Church**  
5th and Wisconsin • 364-2545  
Dr. Jim McCollough, Pastor  
Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Pastor Kathy Williams  
1401 W. 4th, Holton • 364-3275  
Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. Worship  
[firstumc@giantcomm.net](mailto:firstumc@giantcomm.net)  
**Holton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**  
12350 214th Rd., Holton • 364-4279  
Sunday Public Talk: 10 a.m. • [jw.org](http://jw.org)  
**Hoyt United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Norma Jeanne Miller • 785-207-2773  
Sunday School: 9 a.m. • 10 a.m. Worship  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Netawaka**  
Pastor Michael Van Velzer  
9 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10 a.m. Sunday School  
10 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
**Lakeview Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church**  
3.5 miles south of Holton on U.S. 75  
Pastor Steve Cappleman • 364-2416  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:15 a.m. Worship service  
**Larkinsburg Christian Church**  
Rev. Mark Armstrong  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Church service  
**Mayetta Christian Church**  
Ernest Coleman - Pastor  
Sunday: Fellowship & Waffles: 8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.  
Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Circle: 9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m.  
Worship service - 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
**Mayetta United Methodist**  
Rev. Howard Sudduth  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Morning worship service and Sunday school  
**Netawaka United Methodist**  
Rev. Youngwan Won  
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship  
**Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
Rev. Charlene Banas, Pastor  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Class  
Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday  
**Our Lady of the Snows Church**  
Fr. Jonathan Dizon  
166 and "I" Road, Mayetta, Kan. • 785-364-3262  
1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.  
2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m.  
**Potawatomi Pentecostal Church**  
4.5 miles west on 134th Rd., Mayetta  
Rev. Marcia Potts  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. Worship service

**Potawatomi United Methodist**  
Rev. Howard Sudduth  
Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
**St. Dominic Catholic Church**  
Pastor: Fr. Jonathan Dizon  
416 Ohio, Holton, 364-3262  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Confessions 30 minutes before mass.  
[www.jaacatholic.org](http://www.jaacatholic.org)  
**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
Pastor: Fr. Jonathan Dizon  
3rd & James, Mayetta, 966-2690/364-3262  
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.  
Confessions 30 minutes before mass.  
[www.jaacatholic.org](http://www.jaacatholic.org)  
**St. Thomas Episcopal Church**  
512 Wisconsin, Holton • Rev. Art Rathbun  
Services on 2nd & 4th Sunday  
Sunday Services: 10 a.m.  
785-224-8798  
[stthomasholton@holtomail.com](mailto:stthomasholton@holtomail.com)  
**Soldier Christian Church**  
834-5750 • Ron Ahlgren, Minister  
Luke Schreiber: Youth Minister  
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Church Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: 5 p.m.  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
306 5th St., Wetmore • Pastor Father Hammes  
Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.  
Confessions: 30 min. prior to mass  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
401 Cheyenne  
Pastor Brian Stark 364-2206/364-2029  
Sunday School: 9 a.m. • Worship: 10 a.m.  
**Wetmore Bible Church**  
217 Iowa St., Wetmore  
Lay Pastor Kyle Claycamp  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school (for all ages)  
10 a.m. Worship Hour  
10:30 a.m. Children's Church  
Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Youth Group (Jr. High & HS Ages)  
**Wetmore United Methodist**  
Pastor Brenda Harter  
(785) 866-2512 Parsonage • 866-5556 Church  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship service  
**Whiting Baptist Church**  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sun. school  
10 a.m. Worship service  
**Whiting United Methodist**  
Rev. Youngwan Won  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Education • 11 a.m. Worship  
**New Hope Family Church**  
515 Iowa, Holton  
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Crops and Soils

Broomsedge bluestem an increasing problem

By David G. Hallauer  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent, Crops and  
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It might look at first glance like leftover prairie grass against the dark green backdrop of a recently fertilized hay field. You might even be lulled in to thinking that this type of diversity is a good thing. That might not be the case.



Broomsedge bluestem is a warm season perennial becoming an increasing problem in cool season grass stands. Not overly competitive, it takes advantages of an “opening” in the canopy, and slowly starts its spread. Mostly unpalatable to livestock, it takes the place of more desirable species, with elimination a tough task.

The reasons for its increase are numerous. It likes low fertility. Fields with low phosphorous levels seem to be particularly susceptible to invasion. It’s not uncommon for hay fields in northeast Kansas to have low P levels, making them prime candidates for reduced cool season grass growth and an opportunity for broomsedge to thrive.

Low pH levels slow cool season grass growth, helping broomsedge thrive as well. Once established, it can produce allelopathic chemicals inhibiting other plants, including the nitrogen fixing bacteria necessary for good clover establishment and survival.

To combat broomsedge bluestem, consider an integrated approach. Harvest/graze at an appropriate time and height. This will help cool season grasses remain competitive, giving them every opportunity to maintain the canopy space they occupy, and keep broomsedge out. Fertility is a key. Start with

a soil test later this summer and develop a fertility program accordingly. Research in both Missouri and Oklahoma suggests that a balanced fertility program (pH and N/P/K) can return the species composition to a predominance of desirable species in as few as two years.

These practices won’t be an overnight fix, but if you don’t start soon, broomsedge will be your forage of default – and the cost of that recovery might be a lot greater.

Want to know more about what broomsedge looks like? Check out our Meadowlark Extension District Facebook page for a recent video.

Henbit Control In  
The Home Lawn

The little purple flower is doing its thing. Henbit – the square stemmed winter annual that seem to completely take over many lawns every spring.

Winter annual is an important part the plant’s description. It actually started growing last fall – we just didn’t see it until it flowered. Now it’s almost a waste of time and money to try to control it.

You might make it look sick. You might even burn it back. Rarely, however, will you kill it. Rather than spend money on chemicals, consider a different management plan.

First, understand that as a winter annual, henbit will die when the weather gets hot. Keep mowing and let nature take its course.

Second, mark the calendar for a fall herbicide application. Henbit germinates about mid-October. Spraying on a day that is at least 50 degrees F with 2,4-D, Weed-B-Gon, Weed Free Zone, Weed Out or Trimec in late October/early November can go a long way toward eliminating these plants when small and relatively easy to control. Follow up with spot treatments in March before it puts on too much growth.

Note: This course of action is also very good for dandelions as well.

Family and Consumer Science

Mental health wellness tips for quarantine

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

The following was shared with me from someone in the district and I thought it was good considering the times we are in. It is a rather lengthy read, but well worth it.



This article was written by a psychologist who stated, “After having 31 sessions this week with patients where the singular focus was COVID-19 and how to cope, I decided to consolidate my advice and make a list that I hope is helpful to all.”

I can’t control a lot of what is going on right now, but I can contribute this. I am surprised and heartened that this has been shared so widely!

People have asked me to credential myself, so to that end, I am a doctoral-level psychologist in NYS with a Psy.D. in the specialties of School and Clinical Psychology.

The author is D. Eileen Feliciano, and this is being used with permission. Thank you, Henrietta Area, for sharing it with me.

1. Stick to a routine. Go to sleep and wake up at a reasonable time, write a schedule that is varied and includes time for work as well as self-care.

2. Dress for the social life that you want, not the social life you have. Get showered and dressed in comfortable clothes, wash your face, brush your teeth. Take the time to do a bath or a facial. Put on some bright colors. It is amazing how our dress can impact our mood.

3. Get out at least once a day, for at least 30 minutes. If you are concerned with contact, try first thing in the morning or later in the evening, and try less traveled streets and avenues.

If you are high risk or living with those who are high risk, open the windows and blast the fan. It is amazing how much fresh air can do for spirits.

4. Find time to move each day, again daily for at least 30 minutes. If you don’t feel com-

fortable going outside, there are many YouTube videos that offer free movement classes, and if all else fails, turn on the music and have a dance party!

5. Reach out to others, you guessed it, at least once daily for 30 minutes. Try to do Face Time, Skype, phone calls, texting – connect with other people to seek and provide support.

Don’t forget to do this for your children as well. Set up virtual play dates with friends daily via Face Time, Facebook Messenger Kids, Zoom, etc. – your kids miss their friends, too!

6. Stay hydrated and eat well. This one may seem obvious, but stress and eating often don’t mix well, and we find ourselves over-indulging, forgetting to eat and avoiding food. Drink plenty of water, eat healthy foods and challenge yourself to learn how to cook something new!

7. Develop a self-care toolkit. A lot of successful self-care strategies involve something for all the senses. An idea might be a soft blanket or stuffed animal, hot chocolate, photos of vacations, comforting music, lavender or eucalyptus oil, a small swing or rocking chair, a weighted blanket.

A journal, an inspirational book or a coloring book is wonderful. Bubbles to blow or blowing water color on paper through a straw are visually appealing as well as work on controlled breathing. Gum, ginger ale and ice packs are also good for anxiety regulation.

For children, it is great to help them create a self-regulation comfort box (a shoe-box or bin they can decorate) that they can use on the ready for first-aid

when overwhelmed.

8. Spend time playing with children. Children will rarely communicate how they are feeling, but will often make a bid for attention and communication through play. Don’t be surprised to therapeutic themes of illness, doctor visits and isolation play through.

Understand that play is cathartic and helpful for children – it is how they process their world and problem solve, and there’s a lot they are seeing and experiencing now.

9. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt, and a wide berth. A lot of cooped up time can bring out the worst in everyone. Each person will have moments when they will not be at their best. It is important to move with grace through blowups, to not show up to every argument you are invited to and to not hold grudges and continue disagreements. Everyone is doing the best they can to make it through this.

10. Everyone find their own retreat space. Space is at a premium. It’s important that people think through their own separate space for work and for relaxation.

For children, help them identify a place where the can go to retreat when stressed. You can make this place cozy by using blankets, pillows, cushions, scarves, beanbags, tents and “forts.” It is good to know that even when we are on top of each other, we have our own special place to go to be alone.

11. Expect behavioral issues in children, and respond gently. We are all struggling with disruption in routine, none more than children, who rely on rou-

tines constructed by others to make them feel safe and to know what is coming next.

Expect increased anxiety, worries and fears, nightmares, difficulty separating or sleeping, testing limits and meltdowns. Do not introduce major behavioral plans or consequences at this time – hold stable and focus on emotional connection.

12. Focus on safety and attachment. We are going to be living for a bit with the unprecedented demand of meeting all work deadlines, homeschooling children, running a sterile household and making a whole lot of entertainment in confinement. We can get wrapped up in meeting expectations in all domains, but we must remember that these are scary and unpredictable times for children.

Focus on strengthening the connection through time spent following their lead, through physical touch, through play, through therapeutic books and via verbal reassurances that you will be there for them in this time.

13. Lower expectations and practice radical self-acceptance. This idea is connected with #12. We are doing too many things in this moment, under fear and stress. This does not make a formula for excellence. Instead, give yourself what psychologists call “radical self-acceptance,” accepting everything about yourself, your current situation and your life without question, blame or pushback.

You cannot fail at this – there is no roadmap, no precedent for this, and we are all truly doing the best we can in an impossible situation.

Next week will be part two.

AG disputes travel ban

A California law banning state-funded travel to Kansas and 10 other states violates the U.S. Constitution, so a Texas lawsuit challenging the ban should proceed, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt told the U.S. Supreme Court in a legal brief filed on Monday.

Schmidt and a bipartisan group of 18 other state attorneys general noted in the brief that the Texas lawsuit is “critical to preserving the federalism principles on which our nation was built.”

“Without a ruling from this court, California and other states will be emboldened to ramp up pressure on their fellow states’ internal affairs,” the attorneys general wrote. “Efforts like these are especially troubling where, as here, they involve economic sanctions akin to those used by warring nations.”

The Texas lawsuit challenges a 2016 California law banning state-funded travel to other states that have laws the California attorney general deems discriminatory. The ban prevents California agencies, public universities and boards from funding work-related trips to those states.

California bans state-funded travel to Kansas because California objects to a 2016 law Kansas enacted to prevent public colleges and universities from denying funds or campus resources to religious groups that require members to adhere to the group’s religious tenets.

“In short, the court should grant Texas’s motion because unless their laws run afoul of the Constitution, the people of... Kansas... deserve to have sensitive issues of religious freedom resolved by the legislators who answer to them — not to the people of a state hundreds of miles away,” the brief said.

The brief also supports Texas’ argument that California’s ban violates the U.S. Constitution’s Commerce Clause and First and 14th Amendments.

The attorneys general noted that in addition to the constitutional questions, whether the Court allows the Texas lawsuit to proceed may have significant economic consequences for the states targeted by the ban and the nation as a whole, particularly if other states retaliate in kind against California.

The California travel ban at issue in this case has nothing to do with public health issues or the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) emergency, it was reported.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Germanic mythological god  
4. Cash machine  
7. Improvement  
12. What voters want  
15. Sheepish  
16. Placed at powerful level  
18. Measure of illumination  
19. Trent Reznor’s band  
20. Commercial  
21. Amounts of time  
24. English broadcaster  
27. Rolls of tobacco  
30. Position  
31. Expresses pleasure  
33. Corporate exec (abbr.)  
34. Body part  
35. Bleated  
37. Businessman

CLUES DOWN

1. Network connector  
2. Primordial matter  
3. Get up  
4. Uncoordinated  
5. Ill-fated cruise ship  
6. Work hard  
7. Drivers’ speed  
8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)  
9. Healthcare pro  
10. Egyptian Sun god  
11. Expresses the negative  
12. Some are three-legged  
13. Clothing manufacturer  
14. Close by  
17. Tooth caregiver  
22. Housing material  
23. Flows through  
24. Founder of Babism  
25. Honorific title

39. Beats per minute  
41. Defunct Italian monetary unit  
42. Broken branch  
44. Put in advance  
47. Arrest  
48. Prefix indicating adjacent to  
49. Artificial intelligence  
50. Disfigure  
52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)  
53. Not in any place  
56. Predict  
61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another  
63. Philosophy of the principles of things  
64. US gov’t office (abbr.)  
65. Seaborgium’s former name (abbr.)

26. A type of letter  
28. Seize and hold firmly  
29. Artery  
32. Body fluids  
36. Press against lightly  
38. An island in the Pacific  
40. A reminder of past events  
43. Austrian spa town  
44. Peter’s last name  
45. Something a mob might do  
46. Of the bones of the feet  
51. “Amazing Stories” writer  
54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)  
55. Used to have (Scottish)  
56. A way to cook  
57. Japanese port city  
58. Type of precipitation  
59. Engrave  
60. Female sibling  
62. Expresses emotion

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# Claycamp resigns as appraiser

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners accepted the resignation of Jason Claycamp as county appraiser and zoning administrator effective July 17 during their weekly meeting on Monday.

Claycamp began serving as the county's full-time appraiser in August 2015 but had worked in the appraiser's office since February 2011.

"It has been a pleasure working for Jackson County for the last nine-plus years," Claycamp wrote in his letter of resignation. "This position has been a great learning experience, and I appreciate the opportunity to serve Jackson County. However, the time has come for me to venture into a new endeavor."

Claycamp said that, in the next few months, he will get

the 2020 valuation period wrapped up and the office started on a new cycle for 2021 before his resignation takes effect.

Larry Reynolds served as a part-time county appraiser here for less than two years prior to Claycamp. Before that, Tom Brown served as the appraiser for both Jackson and Brown counties until he retired in the fall of 2008.

## EMS collecting items for food pantry

Jackson County EMS staff members are collecting food donations to fill an ambulance for the local food pantry in response to the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), it has been reported.

EMS staff began collecting food on Monday for the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance

Food Pantry in Holton.

A drop-off basket has been set outside the Jackson County EMS station in Holton during the day at 300 W. Fourth St. to collect food donations, according to EMS employee Christa Villalobos.

All non-perishable food items will be accepted for the pantry,

it was reported.

"Our local food pantry isn't too low on food right now, but we don't want them to get to that point. We want them to be ahead of the game a little bit," Villalobos said.

For more information, call Jackson County EMS at 364-1911.

## ■ Jackson Heights B.O.E...

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board members, families have been receptive to the online program.

"I feel like our patrons and families are being more than gracious and flexible about things," Walsh said. "They seem to be appreciative of the teachers."

Of the 66 surveys received, Walsh noted that 53 respondents (81 percent) said their children's daily workload was "just right," nine respondents (14 percent) said their children's workload was "too much" and one respondent said their children were receiving "too little" work. Three respondents left the question blank, it was noted.

In rating the quality of support their children have received in the continuous learning program, 40 respondents (61 percent) rated the support "excellent," 19 respondents (29 percent) rated it "good," six respondents (9 percent) rated it "fair" and one respondent (2 percent) rated it "poor."

Walsh told board members that Middle and High School Principal Darren Shupe was in the process of getting survey results for his school building.

The district will be receiving funding for the continuous learning program through the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) act — about \$30,430, or 67 percent of the district's Title I allocation, Walsh said. Those funds may also be used to cover other related costs incurred by the district as a result of the COVID-19 situation, she said.

"I have nothing in writing from KSDE yet, but some things you can spend this money on are cleaning supplies, educational technology, summer learning, after-school programs, professional development — any expense as a result of the pandemic," she said. "We could also use it to cover the extra lunch expenses for the food service we're providing."

In other business on Monday, the board approved a proposal from Central Mechanical Construction of Manhattan for maintenance work on the district's geothermal HVAC system, involving recovery of the system, which was installed in 2008, and installation of a

new alarm system to notify district personnel when the HVAC system has shut off due to power failure.

CMC had proposed \$62,400 for the geothermal system recovery work and given the district an estimate of \$7,000 to \$16,000 for the alarm system, the latter of which, according to board member Neal Keeler, was "the one thing everyone's been wanting for a long time."

Walsh said she preferred to work with CMC over the two Lawrence-based firms that had also submitted proposals for the geothermal system work — Willdan Engineering and Community Building Solutions — not only because of CMC's lower cost estimate, but because the district would be "dealing directly with a company that would take care of it directly."

CMC's combined total cost for system recovery, alarm system installation and work on HVAC units in the high school gym ranged from \$214,400 to \$278,400. The estimate from Community Building Solutions ranged from \$270,000 to \$310,000, while Willdan's estimate ranged from \$840,000 to \$900,000, board members noted.

Servicing the geothermal system, according to CMC's plan, would involve sterilizing the system's closed loop, adding a chemical cleaning agent, flushing the system with fresh water, purging the system with purified water, treating the system with a 30-percent inhibited propylene glycol mixture and adding an automatic glycol feeder and a stainless steel bag filter.

Initially, Walsh had recommended the board approve CMC's plan to replace four geothermal HVAC units in the high school gym with two rooftop HVAC units that would remain on the geothermal system. Board members said they wanted to see how well the system recovery work went before taking action on the gym units.

CMC's work plan was approved on a 6-0 vote, with board member Doug Amon abstaining.

Board members also:

■ Approved the meeting's agenda.

■ Approved the meeting's consent agenda, including minutes from board meetings held on March 16 and March 24 and monthly bills and activity account reports.

■ Approved Kansas Association of School Boards membership dues and fees totaling \$7,772.28 for the 2020-21 school year. Walsh noted that the KASB fees for legal assistance for the year were \$2,100, same as the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school years, but the membership dues for 2020-21 were \$5,672.28, an increase of \$69.29.

■ Discussed a preliminary list of summer maintenance projects, with clarification on proposed projects to be discussed in May.

■ Met in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss teacher salary contract negotiations and non-elected personnel matters. Upon returning to open session, the board accepted the resignations of Jaclyn Higley, middle and high school English teacher, and Joseph Williamson, head custodian.

■ Briefly discussed possible agenda items for the board's next regular meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, May 11.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 8:30 p.m. All seven board members were present for the meeting, whether in person at the office (Melinda Wareham), via telephone conference call (Amon, Keeler and Kelly Kennedy) or internet-based participation via Zoom (board president David Allen, Konrad Coe and Ed Rostetter).

## ■ Paycheck Protection Program...

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Treasury officials are seeking additional funds for the program.

"We've had a large response from our business customers," said Blake Meyer, senior vice president at Denison State Bank. "With a finite amount of money available, people want to make sure they can get their share reserved."

Ken Glennon, Community Bank President at GNBank, said "the phone is ringing off the wall."

"We're happy to help our small business owners any way we can," Glennon said.

The SBA rolled out the program on Friday, April 3, but some banks had difficulty accessing the SBA portal system.

GNBank began processing applications on Friday, April 3, while Denison State Bank started processing applications on Monday, April 6.

"As of last Wednesday (April 8), there were still 63 banks in Kansas that did not have access to the SBA portal, and one of them was us," Barta said of FSB. "We finally got on, but we were at the mercy of the SBA and the issues they were having."

To apply for the loan, business owners are required to fill out an application and submit specific business payroll information to an area bank, which is then submitted and reviewed by SBA.

Self-employed and individual contractors were also able to apply for funds starting last Friday.

"It's definitely a need, and we want to help everybody we can, especially the small businesses that we all rely on. This is a good tool to help them out," Barta said. "The U.S. Treasury's intention was good to get the money out as

soon possible, but we really needed to have some guidance in place. If they could have just have waited a week before rolling it out, it would have helped."

Meyer agreed that the PPP has left bank personnel with more questions than answers.

"I've been with Denison State Bank for a little more than 14 years and this is an unprecedented program that we've faced some difficulty dealing with because of uncertainty," Meyer said. "We've been getting multiple updates daily changing the qualifications and rules of how the program has to be implemented. When you qualify someone on Monday, and then you find out on Tuesday that the rules have changed and their application isn't valid, it creates a hectic environment."

Glennon said the SBA changes have been like "shooting a moving target."

"They just keep changing the rules and the guidelines, but they've also been good to work with by allowing us to continue processing an application based on previous guidelines," Glennon said. "To me, it's unbelievable that this program is even out there. For the government to put this together and roll it out as quickly as it did, it's unbelievable. There were some hiccups, but overall it's been wonderful for our small community. Never in my 35 years in banking have I seen this before, nor do I ever expect to see anything like this again. It's been a whirlwind."

Despite the headaches, Meyer encourages all business owners to apply if their business has been affected by COVID-19.

"We've put in a lot of hours this week, and there's more

to come," he said last week. "We're trying to do our best to help customers have access to the funds they need."

Glennon said that small business owners have been "very excited" about the availability of funds.

"We've had a very high success rate in getting our applications approved. Our small businesses are very appreciative of that," he said. "There's also been a lot of anxiety because we believe the money will be distributed quickly."

Due to concerns about the spread of COVID-19, all bank lobbies have been closed at this time, but people can submit their applications at the area banks by email, fax, drive-thru or by appointment.

If a business does not qualify for a PPP loan, the Small Business Administration is also offering several other loan and debt relief program opportunities as part of the CARES Act.

"We're trying to fit the small businesses into the best program that is available, and get the money to them as quickly as possible," Glennon said.

Area banks are also available to offer regular business loans to help local businesses.

"We're still a bank. We're working with customers all the time to help them through this period. We want to be there, and we want to keep them going," Barta said.

Glennon applauds all the efforts of the local banks as they assist their customers during this time.

"It speaks volumes of our small community banks to be able to reach out and help our local small business owners," he said. "I don't think you get that in the big city. We're all family here."

## ■ Relief Fund...

Continued from Page 1

If a business owner wants to make sure their business is included on the "completely closed" or "operating at minimal capacity" lists, they are asked to email the Chamber office at chamber@explore-holton.com

"Our hope is to receive enough funds to give every business in Jackson County that has temporarily ceased all business operations due to COVID-19 some financial assistance," Fletcher said. "How much assistance depends only on how much our community donates to this cause."

The funds will first be equally distributed to businesses completely closed (mission one). Fletcher said that once those businesses

have received funding, then businesses that are operating at minimal capacity (mission two) will receive funds, she said.

By giving online, the public can also designate their donation to a specific business or type of business (restaurant, retail, etc...), Fletcher said.

Mission three will be implemented once funds have been donated to all affected businesses. As part of mission three, individuals will be asked to fill out an application process to receive Chamber Bucks, Fletcher said.

A committee will be formed of three people represent-

ing each of the three partners to review applications and award the Chamber Bucks, Fletcher said.

The total amount of funds raised and donated back to the community will be announced by mission but the names of businesses or individuals receiving donations will be announced, Fletcher said.

On Monday, relief organizers also started a "Pay It Forward" campaign by challenging business owners not affected by COVID-19 to donate to the relief fund.

For more information, call Ashlee York, Chamber director, at 785-364-3963.

## Relief for motor carriers extended

Gov. Laura Kelly issued a new executive order yesterday (Tuesday) as part of her administration's comprehensive response to concerns about the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Executive Order #20-22 extends temporary relief for motor carriers from certain rules and regulations. It is an extension of motor carrier rules and regulations put in place by Executive Order #20-09.

"As this public health crisis evolves, our teams are constantly adapting and developing methods to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus," Gov. Kelly said. "The executive orders issued will ease the burden on the workers who are critical to our state's response capabilities."

The order lifts certain weight restrictions and permitting requirements to allow needed medical supplies, food shipments and other items to move through Kansas as quickly as possible. These exceptions apply only to motor carriers actively participating in COVID-19 response effort.

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A new banner was placed outside the Vintage Park of Holton assisted living facility yesterday to reflect that “heroes” in the health care profession are working to provide quality care for seniors who make the facility their home. Health care workers have emerged as “heroes” in the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic for their willingness to put themselves in harm’s way to treat people, it has been reported. Photo by David Powls

STATE NEWS

State supreme court rules in favor of governor in church-limiting case

Only hours before Easter Sunday began, the Kansas Supreme Court voted to uphold Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly’s executive order clarifying that no more than 10 people could be allowed in church for a religious service during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) emergency, it was reported.

The state’s supreme court invalidated the Legislative Coordinating Council’s vote to revoke the governor’s executive order, which was issued on Tuesday, April 7 and clarified a previous executive order that limited “mass gatherings,” including church and funeral services, were to be limited to 10 people or fewer.

The order did not sit well with some Republicans in the Kansas Legislature, including Senate President Susan Wagle (R-Wichita), who criticized the governor’s lawsuit, accusing Gov. Kelly, a Democrat, of “playing politics.”

Following the state supreme court’s ruling late Saturday, Gov. Kelly reiterated that was not the case.

“My top priority has always been the safety and well-being of all Kansans,” Kelly said. “I know this pandemic is extremely hard for everyone. Each unprecedented action I’ve been forced to make in recent weeks has been taken in close consultation with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management, the Attorney General, legislators and key stakeholders. That process will continue.”

At least two church leaders in Kansas had said they would hold in-person Easter Sunday services in defiance of the governor’s order, it was

reported. It was also reported that Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt had advised law enforcement officers across the state not to arrest or prosecute anyone violating the governor’s order.

In the hours following the state court’s decision, Kansas House of Representatives House Speaker Ron Ryckman (R-Olathe), House Majority Leader Dan Hawkins (R-Wichita) and Speaker Pro Tem Blaine Finch (R-Ottawa) issued a statement saying the the House would “honor the court’s decision” but criticized the governor for seeking a lawsuit to uphold the executive order.

“The governor’s decision to go to court instead of compromise has created a new level of uncertainty that does nothing to help our state through this crisis,” the three representatives wrote. “Working together is the only way we address that uncertainty, protect the health of our state and save people’s lives.”

The LCC voted on Wednesday, April 8 to revoke Executive Order 20-18, which followed three reported breakouts of COVID-19 infections in Kansas that were attributed to church events in separate counties. Kelly said the LCC’s action “puts every Kansas life at risk amid a global health pandemic.”

On Thursday, Kelly filed suit against the LCC to overturn the council’s decision.

“The last thing I want right now is a legal battle,” Kelly said Thursday. “But Kansans’ lives are on the line, and I took an oath to uphold and defend the constitution. What the LCC did — in concert with the Kansas Attorney General — weak-

ened and confused our emergency response efforts, putting every Kansan at risk. I cannot stand for that.”

In the end, the court ruled unanimously that the LCC was not authorized to revoke the governor’s order, stating that the council’s ability to exercise such authority is controlled by the Kansas Emergency Management Act, which empowers the Legislature with certain checks upon gubernatorial authority in the time of an emergency.

But the court stated that those checks were allocated to the Kansas Legislature as a whole, not the seven-member LCC.

Saturday’s meeting of the seven state supreme court justices also marked the first time in the court’s history that all seven justices met via video conference, it was noted.

As of Tuesday afternoon, there were 1,426 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kansas, including one in Jackson County, and 69 resultant deaths throughout the state.

Law enforcement impersonated

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), Kansas Highway Patrol (KHP) and local law enforcement agencies around the state have experienced an increase in reports of law enforcement impersonators stopping Kansas travelers, it has been reported.

In the past several weeks, the KBI has identified about 10 reports of suspected law enforcement impersonations occurring in several counties in the state. So far, no travelers have reported injuries or stolen property during these incidents.

In many of the incidents reported, the impersonator is in a vehicle without official police markings, but emergency lights are used. The impersonator often questions whether the driver’s travel is “essential,” or asks for workplace documentation.

Per Executive Order 20-16,

Beck Bookman Library continues to offer services to patrons online

By Brian Sanders

Even though Holton’s Beck Bookman Library is closed in an effort to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), library director Amy Austin said she is looking ahead to re-opening for the library’s annual summer reading program and other events — and so are the library’s patrons.

“I am not at all surprised as to the outpouring of support we have gotten through calls, email and social media,” Austin said. “It feels good to be needed and missed. We, in turn, miss our patrons immensely. While we are surrounded by our friends in the stacks, it is not the same as having patrons to interact with.”

In the meantime, Austin said many of the library’s programs and services remain available to library patrons via the internet. And while there is no set reopening date for the library, she said plans are being made to welcome its patrons back in a big way.

“We will be having a grand reopening to show the people in the community how much they mean to us,” Austin said. “Since our May 2 fund-raiser has been postponed, we will have an event to welcome everyone back.”

Another fund-raising effort for the library — the “Library Day of Giving” — has been planned for Thursday, April 23, via the library’s Web site.

In the meantime, Austin said some physical and structural work has been going on at the library, with “a few issues” being fixed and “a few more” to cover in the next few weeks as the library prepares for its 2020 summer reading program, “Imagine Your Story.”

“As of right now, our summer reading program has not been canceled, with the performers and guest readers still being booked,” Austin said. “As we get closer to the date, a decision will be made as to whether or not gatherings will be permitted.”

Some of the library’s regular events for children, including “Rhyme Time,” have moved to livestreaming platforms so that kids and parents who enjoy those events do not have to miss them while the library is closed.

“We are lucky enough to have a wonderful group of volunteers for Rhyme Time,” Austin said.

The library may be reached by telephone at 364-3532 or emailed at holtoncitylib@gmail.com.

E-books, movies, audiobooks, magazines and more are offered via the NEXT catalog or the State Library of Kansas.

Free Wi-Fi internet access is available from the library’s parking lot. Library patrons seeking assistance with internet access may call or email the library for more information.

At the present time, the library cannot check library materials in or out, order or receive inter-library loans or accept material

donations such as books, movies or magazines.

Due dates on all materials currently checked out have been extended to Monday, May 18, and materials should not be returned to the library — even to the drop box located outside the library’s east entrance — until further notice. Materials should be stored in a safe and dry place, it was reported.

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## USD 336 hires health insurance broker

By David Powls

At its meeting via Zoom on the Internet Monday evening, on its Facebook page, the Holton school board approved a motion 7-0 to hire the Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) of Topeka to work on the district's behalf as a health insurance broker to help the district find the best health insurance plan available at the lowest cost.

The district reportedly pays about \$500 per month for each qualifying staff member's monthly health care premium with the staff member paying the balance of each month's premium (about \$300 per month), it was reported. The district's current health care provider, Blue Cross Blue Shield, has announced \$80 to \$100 per month increases to premiums paid in the district to renew the insurance.

The KASB broker contract calls for it to be paid 1.5 percent of the total health care expenses to be paid annually under the new health care plan to be selected. In its motion, the board agreed to pay the KASB fee this year. KASB will present the best options it can find to the district with staff to be given the opportunity to list their preference. Ideally, the broker's work at saving the district money would pay for itself - and more.

This year, premiums paid to BC/BS from the Holton district will total about \$1.3 million, it was reported, about \$108,000 in premiums paid per month. KASB's fee is expected to be about \$20,000.

Another company, Kaw Valley Insurance of Rossville, also submitted a bid to the district to provide the health care insurance broker service. Kaw Valley reportedly was asking for \$20 to \$30 per person insured, per month, to be factored in as its broker fee. The company offered about four different ways its broker fee could be factored.

The board also appointed board members Rex Frazier and Allen Arnold to work with Superintendent Bob Davies to study three bids that the district has received for natural gas service. The three were given the authority to enter up to a three-year deal for gas service for the

district by the contract renewal deadline of April 20. Constellation of Chicago (with a Topeka rep) is the district's current natural gas provider. Blue Mark (with a Topeka rep) and the Greenbush Service Center of Girard have also submitted bids.

In other business, the board:

\*Approved the school calendar for the next school term with a first day of classes set at Wednesday, Aug. 12.

\*Reviewed a Big Seven League Fan Conduct Policy that would require those determined to be in noncompliance to complete a sportsmanship course before they return to watching Big Seven sports.

\*Approved March payroll totaling \$1,182,329.16.

\*Accepted the resignations of Robyn Wright, HSEC speech at JH (at the end of the school term) after 12 years; and Katrenia Luthi, HES second grade teacher (at the end of the school term) after one year.

\*Approved the transfer of Traci Frazier from high school and elementary school counselor to high school counselor.

\*Approved the HSEC IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) LEA Assurance for VI-B Title Funds. The HSEC is making application to the Kansas State Department of Education for federal special education funds to be used for salaries only. Preliminary information indicates the district's federal IDEA VI-B allocations could total \$836,419 for next year.

\*Approved the renewal of the annual membership fee with the Kansas Association of School Boards for \$10,972.44.

\*Approved the annual contract renewal with KASB for legal assistance for \$2,100.

\*Received written reports from school administrators that included information on continuous learning success and challenges since school buildings were closed due to COVID-19. The district plans to survey teachers and parents soon about the continuous learning.

\*Learned that applications for the HES principal position are due Friday, May 1 while the applications for the HES assistant principal position are due Friday, May 8.

\*Learned that Trane is planning to start Phase 2 of the HVAC upgrades at the high school on May

26.

\*Learned that in March, the district served an average of 433 students daily with meals-to-go and that as of April 8, the average had risen to 476 students served daily.

\*Learned that the Fresh Start Learning Center continues and that 11 students have completed diploma requirements.

\*Learned that summer cleaning at the schools has started and that the middle school waterproofing project is expected to start April 24.

\*Learned that two Kansas Department of Labor safety specialists recently conducted an on-site safety inspection at the schools, bus barn and district office to determine if any unsafe or unhealthy working conditions might exist. A total of 22 possible hazards, mostly electrical, were identified and the district was asked to correct them by May 4. An electrical receptacle on the east wall in the restroom of the office was not equipped with ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) protection was one example of the kinds of things KDOL specialists wanted fixed. In another example, an unapproved electrical adaptor was being used with an electrical cord to a coffee pot in a break room kitchen.

\*Met in executive session four times for a total of one hour and 45 minutes, for personnel, starting at 7:30 p.m. Superintendent Bob Davies and Board Clerk Dee Folk met with the board twice in executive session for a total of 90 minutes. Davies met with the board in executive session two additional times for a total of 15 minutes.

Upon returning to open session at 9:30 p.m., a motion was made by board member Orin Marshall and seconded by board member Rex Frazier to approve teacher Judy Ireland moving from elementary art teacher to fifth grade teacher. The motion failed 2-5 with board members Shelby Patch, Christina Murphy Allen Arnold, Mike Ford and Dena Swisher voting no.

Then a motion was made by board member Patch and seconded by board member Murphy to approve a special board meeting at 6 p.m. on April 22 via Zoom. The motion was approved 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.



A pavement marking project on U.S. Highway 75, from mile marker 188 to mile marker 229, through Jackson, Brown and Nemaha counties, started last week, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The photo above was taken last Wednesday afternoon in Holton and shows a view of the highway looking north near Sonic. Twin Traffic Marking Corp. of Kansas City is the contractor on the \$778,000 project, it was reported.

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## LETTER - Farmers' Market will have modifications

Dear editor,

It's almost time for the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of the Jackson County Farmers' Market.

We will be at the same place on the east side of the Courthouse from 8 a.m. to noon starting on Saturday, April 25, tentatively.

This year will be a little different because of COVID-19. Topeka has opened its market. They have rules that should be very helpful to our market.

- No tablecloths.
- Social distancing (six feet between vendors as well as customers).
- Customers do not touch any products. Vendors will get orders ready.
- Masks are preferred for vendors and customers but not mandatory.
- No loitering or lingering.
- Vendors disinfect the table in front of their product table often.

• Vendors place one table in front of the product table to place orders.

• One person at a table at a time to pay and pick up order.

Vendors have had calls about when the market will start. Cold mornings and hail has not helped for produce. If all regular vendors show up, we'll have cookies, cinnamon rolls, jams and jellies, house plants, herbs, petunias, succulents and wind chimes and eggs. Hope to see you there!

For more information, contact me, Donna McNicholas, at 785-364-2209.

### LETTER

Dear editor,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we certainly feel the added stress and uncertainty as community members and small local business owners face new challenges presented every day. Small businesses have always been at the pulse and the heart of our community. While I am confident our rural area will come out of this and continue as a strong and vibrant community soon, what we do in the meantime is crucial to ensuring our future.

As individuals and businesses adapt and fight to survive, the importance of supporting small businesses is more important now than ever as we unite to keep our local communities active and prosperous. Local businesses provide greater access and diversity with a willingness to help find or order whatever you may want or need. Right now, they need us to support them, as they have been there for us for so many years and in so many ways.

Besides providing a variety of accessible local products and services, small businesses have a positive impact on the job market, employ our friends and neighbors and help defray costs and taxes. Locally owned businesses give back to our local communities and many of those dollars are reinvested and recirculated back into our stores, schools, organizations, and other charitable causes.

We are seeing during this Corona pandemic more than ever that small businesses provide better customer service and will always go above and beyond to deliver anyway they can. Please take advantage of calling ahead and curbside pickup and delivery. Purchase gift cards to use later and tip generously.

Stay positive and remain patient while supporting local businesses and each other as friends, family, and neighbors.

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Wanted

The Heart of Jackson Humane Society is seeking donations of several items for continued operations, as well as more volunteers to walk dogs at the shelter. For more information, call the shelter at 364-5156 or stop by the shelter at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton.

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PART-TIME SEASONAL HELP

Duties include mowing, general maintenance, assisting water/wastewater staff as needed. Must be at least 18 years old. Application available on [www.mayetta.org](http://www.mayetta.org) or contact City Hall at 785-966-2435. Applications will be reviewed beginning April 24 and will continue until position is filled.

City of Mayetta

LINEMAN

This position is responsible for ground assistance in repair and construction of electric distribution system, assists with aerial work, shop and equipment maintenance. High school diploma/GED required, completion of line school and at least 2 years experience preferred.

Applications accepted until position is filled. Applications available at [www.holtonkansas.org](http://www.holtonkansas.org) and at City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania, Holton, KS 66436. For questions contact Scott Fredrickson at 785-364-3425. The addition of a resume and cover letter is encouraged, but not required. EOE.

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BERN, KANSAS 66408  
TEL: 785.336.6118  
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Full-Time position open at **Jackson Heights USD 335!** Responsible for general cleaning of the schools. Applications available online at [jhcobras.net](http://jhcobras.net) or apply at District Office, 12692 266<sup>th</sup> Rd., Holton, or call 364-2194.

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Craig M. Fox  
#209891  
**UNDER CONTRACT**

**324 E. 3rd St., Holton**  
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2 BR, 3 BA  
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#212192  
**Walkable to Town Square**

**21300 P Rd., Holton**  
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**21411 W4 Rd., Holton**  
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**719 Wisconsin Ave., Holton**  
4 BR, 2 BA, Sunroom, 2-Car Garage

**503 Mill St., Circleville**  
2 BR, 1 BA, 2-Car Att. Garage

**617 New York Ave., Holton**  
3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2-Car Garage

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**Contact our team with questions on current market impacts.**

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## Jackson County Road & Bridge Department Taking Bids For Hauling

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by Jackson County, Kansas, at the office of Road and Bridge, 24569 U.S. Highway 75, Holton, KS 66436, until **12 p.m. on April 17, 2020**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after said time will be returned to the bidder unopened. These bids will be for the furnishing of all labor and materials, and performing all the Work in accordance for:

#### 2020 ON-CALL MATERIAL HAULING PROJECT

The project will include but not limited to the following major categories of work:

**On-Call Contract Material Hauling by qualified private hauling contractors to pick up and deliver rock and earth materials for public road maintenance and construction to various locations throughout the County, as authorized by the Road and Bridge Director or his designee.**

• **Base Price Per Hour To Be Bid**

**TIME LIMIT: All work must be completed by Dec. 31, 2020.**

Questions concerning this bid can be directed to Dan Barnett, Jackson County Road and Bridge Director. For more details, call 785-364-3519.

All persons awarded and/or entering into Contracts with Jackson County shall be subject to and required to comply with all applicable county, state and federal provisions pertaining to non-discrimination, equal employment opportunity and affirmative action on public Contracts.

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A division of Community HealthCare System, Inc. EOE.

## Holton Police investigating rash of graffiti incidents

The Holton Police Department is investigating a rash of graffiti incidents that occurred on or about March 28 in the city, according to Police Chief Gale Gakle.

At least eight incidents involving criminal damage to property were reported on that date, according to police records, with about \$100 in damage occurring in each incident. Those reports included damage to:

- the Casey's General Store building on the northeast corner of Holton's Town Square.
- structures owned by Charles M. Eisenbarth in the 100 block of Ohio Avenue.
- a garage door owned by Michael P. Eubanks in the 300 block of New York Avenue.
- structures and a fence owned by Jayci A. Wilson in the 200 block of Kansas Avenue.
- structures owned by Leslie C. Gallagher in the 300 block of New York Avenue.
- a fence owned by Laurie A. Patterson in the 100 block of Iowa Avenue.
- a structure owned by the City of Holton in the 700 block of Nebraska Avenue.
- a wood privacy fence owned by Tyson Metcalfe in the 200 block of Ohio Avenue.

Criminal damage to property reports were also taken regarding about \$100 in damage to a fence owned by Angela D. Childs in the 300 block of Ohio Avenue, between 5:55 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. on March 29, and about \$100 in damage to a residence owned by Donald A. Wing Jr. in the 200 block of Ohio Avenue, between 1:45 p.m. and 2 p.m. on March 31.

Anyone having information on these incidents is encouraged to contact the Holton Police Department at 364-2174.

Recent traffic accidents investigated by the Holton Police Department included:

- At about 7 p.m. on April 2, Rhonda D. Cully, 56, Holton, was driving a 2009 Honda Accord east in the 100 block of West Second Street when the Honda sideswiped a legally parked and unoccupied 2015 Chevrolet Traverse that was parked on the north side of the street, with more than \$1,000 in damage resulting. The Chevrolet's owner was listed as Steven M. Bunde.
- Lori M. Demint, 26, of Sabetha, was driving a 2015 Kia Sportage north on U.S. Highway 75 at about 7:15 p.m. on March 21 when the Kia struck a deer in the roadway. The Kia sustained

more than \$1,000 in damage to its driver's side.

- At about 9:35 a.m. on March 18, Mohammed M. Yu Said, 23, of Moorhead, Minn., was driving a 2000 Freightliner tractor-trailer south on U.S. 75 approaching Sixth Street when he attempted to drive around a 2014 Dodge pickup driven by Francis J. Gilliland, 77, of Holton, that was stopped for traffic at Sixth. The Freightliner then struck a 2012 Buick Enclave, driven by Gail M. Hermes, 55, of Centralia, that was southbound in the outside lane. More than \$1,000 in damages resulted.
- A 2020 Toyota Corolla driven by Maria Martinez, 40, of Omaha, Neb., was southbound on U.S. 75 at about 8:15 a.m. on March 15 when it struck a guard rail on the west side of the highway about one-quarter mile south of the city limits. The impact caused damage to the State of Kansas-owned guard rail and extensive damage to the Corolla, owned by EAN Holdings of Normal, Ill.

According to the police report, Martinez and/or occupants of the Corolla then moved the vehicle onto the concrete median in the center of the highway and left it there.

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## PROGRAM TECHNICIAN

The **Jackson County Farm Service Agency** has a **permanent full-time** Program Technician position available. Salary ranges from \$28,083 to \$56,794 (CO-3 to CO-7), depending on experience/education. Benefits include health, life, retirement, annual and sick leave.

Must be a U.S. citizen. High school graduate or GED. See full vacancy announcement at: <http://www.usajobs.gov> (type **Farm Service Agency** in the "what" box and **Kansas** in the "where" box) for details and instructions to apply on-line or by fax.

Complete application packages must be submitted online or fax by 11:59 pm EDT, **April 22, 2020**. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON "HOW TO APPLY" and "REQUIRED DOCUMENTS!"

Person selected will be subject to background investigation.

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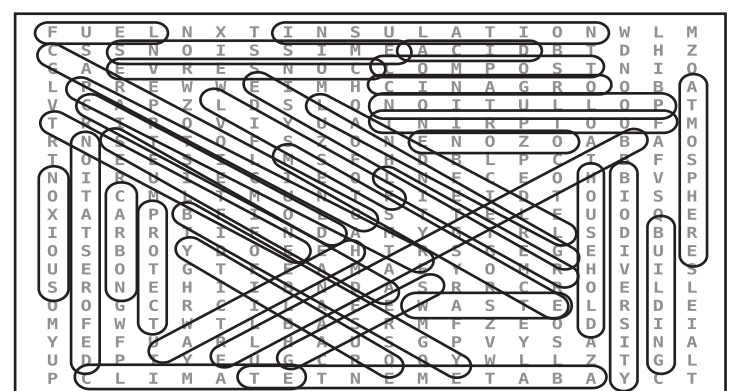
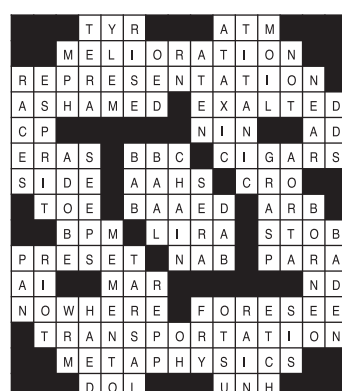
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**Holton City Commissioner Mike Meerpohl is shown above wearing a face mask during a recent commission meeting. National and state officials recommend that people wear masks when in public, especially in instances where it is difficult to remain six feet apart from another person.**

*Photo by Brian Sanders*

## State COVID-19 numbers reported

There are 1,426 positive cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Kansas and 69 deaths reported, according to information released by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment yesterday.

Positive cases have been confirmed in 62 counties, including one positive case in Jackson County announced on March 18. The Jackson County Health Department has not released any additional information about the infected person in the county.

Of the positive cases in the state, 772 cases are female, 648 are male and six are unknown. The median age of Kansas residents who have contracted the virus is 53.

According to KDHE, 327 people who have tested positive for COVID-19 have been hospitalized.

There have also been 12,721 negative tests reported by KDHE and private labs.

## ■ Reith...

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Soon after moving to Holton, she and her daughter paid a visit to the Jackson County Health Department for immunizations. While there, she struck up a conversation with then-administrator Cathleen Reed, who asked her if she was interested in a position with the health department.

"I jumped on it," Reith said of Reed's job offer. "I remembered enjoying my community rotation during nursing school. It was just something that really appealed to me."

Reith went to work for the Jackson County Health Department in June of 2000 and was on the job for little more than a year when the events of 9/11 "changed the face of public health in the United States," she said.

"It forced us to start communicating and partnering with people and agencies we never ever did before, such as EMS and local law enforcement," she said. "We knew, even in those days, of the potential for bioterrorism. We realized quickly that we were not prepared to deal with a biological attack in any of our communities in Kansas and, quite honestly, across the nation."

At that point, she said, the federal government started providing funds to health agencies through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) cooperative agreement, and through those funds, the Jackson County Health Department was able to establish a plan of preparedness for seasonal flu outbreaks, the H1N1 outbreak and any other similar situations.

"We even did some preparations for the Ebola virus," Reith said. "While that didn't come to our community, we did have to prepare for it."

Today, with the coronavirus still a threat over the county, state and nation, Reith said her department's emergency plan includes contingencies for COVID-19, including how to administer a vaccine for the disease — if one

becomes available anytime soon — or if stopgap measures involving antiviral drugs or convalescent plasma should be put to work.

And while the COVID-19 situation is not widespread in Jackson County, Reith said it is important for area residents to continue to do their part to make sure that it does not get to that point.

"I don't want people to get lax in their staying at home and in their hand washing," she said. "We have policies about not going to school or to work if you're sick for a reason, and while I greatly appreciate the economic factor of not going to work, we also have a really good visualization of what can happen with the spread of COVID-19 if we don't follow those policies."

It's also important for people to protect their mental health while the state is on a stay-at-home order, which does not prevent people from going outside while maintaining safe distances from others.

"We've put out a list of things you can and can't do," she said. "I do encourage people to go outside and enjoy the weather if they can. But they need to not be within six feet of others. We should not be playing basketball with people who aren't from our same home."

Reith also encourages people to check in on their neighbors, whenever possible. And if people are struggling with mental health issues during the stay-at-home order, she encourages

them to reach out.

"There are resources out there for people to reach out for mental health assistance," she said. "If they can't find those resources, they are welcome to call our office and we'll point them in the right direction."

When asked about the likelihood of a "post-coronavirus society," Reith said she is hopeful but cautious.

"I really wish I had a crystal ball," she said. "One of the things that we do need to prepare for is that we may not be over it during this initial wave. I don't know the answer to that. I wish I did. But what I can tell people is that we do encourage them to continue to do those things that we have been encouraging people to do — the hand washing, the social distancing. Regardless of whether we're in an outbreak or not, we should be washing our hands."

For now, as Reith and her office staff continue to do their part to fight the possible spread of COVID-19, she said she remains grateful for the help and support she has received thus far.

"Our office is very grateful for everyone who is trying very hard to protect our community," she said. "We are very blessed to be able to provide public health services in one of the best counties in Kansas."

The Jackson County Health Department is located at 312 S. Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton. Call 364-2670 for more information.

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Slay, director of curriculum and instruction, hold district-wide meetings online weekly with staff members to keep them up to date on the learning program.

In other business, the board: \* Approved consent items, including the agenda, the minutes from the March 30 meeting, the treasurer's report and warrants.

The board also approved the resignations of Corey Katzer as a RVHS science teacher, softball coach and RVMS girls basketball coach, Brooke Eck as the RVHS dance sponsor and Julie Marston as the RMVS cheer sponsor.

Other actions included approving employment contracts for Jennifer Gilbert as the RVMS cheer sponsor, David Copeland as the RVES lead daytime custodian and Sierra Wilson as a fifth-grade teacher for the next school year. The board also approved the transfer for Tammy Force as a daytime RVMS custodian.

Later in the meeting, the board also approved the retirement notice from Terri Moore, RVMS teacher, effective at the end of the school year.

\* Received a legislative update from Davis. Lawmakers are currently on spring break.

\* Received a capital outlay budget update from Davis.

\* Approved bid specifications for a 10-passenger vehicle, which will be submitted to all local dealers, Davis said. The district is seeking a 2020 or 2021 10-passenger vehicle. Bids are due at the district office on May 5.

\* Received information on the district's Kansas Education Systems Accreditation (KESA) approval process from Davis.

An outside visitation team will be meeting with district administrators on April 21.

"We've been working on this pretty heavily this year," Davis said. "Our major focus this year has been finding data that supports our goals. We've been doing process monitoring on a regular basis to see how effective our goals are at increasing things like our post-secondary success rate."

\* Approved the district's Kansas Association of Schools Boards membership at a cost of \$9,609.75, which is a \$140 increase from last year. The board also renewed its KASB legal assistance fund contract for \$2,100, which is the same amount as the year before.

\* Approved the district's republished budget as presented after holding a budget hearing. Due to additional at-risk funds received by the district, which included 30 additional free lunch applications, RV was required to republish budgets for its general and at-risk funds in order to use those funds.

\* Accepted a \$510 donation

from the Dale Wege Memorial fund for the RVHS baseball team.

\* Approved a motion to pay pre-scheduled substitute teachers (\$4,680) and activity trip pay for bus drivers (\$4,356), which was already planned for the remainder of the school year at the recommendation of KASB.

\* Approved the proposed budgets for Impact Aid and Title VI after holding separate budget hearings.

The Impact Aid budget approved totals \$105,130 and is for the current 2019-20 year. Impact Aid funds are awarded based on the number of eligible students. Students are deemed eligible if their families live on or work on federal lands, such as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

The budget includes funds for elementary reading teacher support (\$19,500), assistance teacher support (\$33,500), after-school transportation (\$29,500), association dues (\$1,630), district social worker (\$8,000), middle school enrichment supplies (\$5,000), Native American Singers and Dancers (\$5,000) and Native American language supplies (\$3,000).

The Title VI budget approved is for the 2020-21 school year and totals \$57,541. The federal Title VI Indian Education program provides financial assistance to schools for programs serving Native American students.

At RV, Title VI funds are earmarked for director salary (\$10,800), tutor (\$21,703), culture/craft specialist (\$6,120), language specialist (\$3,060), fringe benefits (\$3,627), travel and mileage (\$4,214) and supplies (\$8,017).

\* Met in executive session for five minutes with Davis to discuss non-elected personnel. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session for 10 minutes with Davis to discuss teacher salary negotiations. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Heard a comment from board member Boone Smith regarding the district's contract with Providence Working Canines. Since the drug dogs will be unable to complete additional assessments at the schools this year, Smith asked if the district could receive some of its money back.

Davis said he didn't think so since the district has a signed contract with the company but that he would look into the matter.

\* Adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. All board members were present at the district office in Mayetta and audio from the meeting was streamed live on the internet.

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