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House impeaches President Trump

President Donald Trump (pictured below) last Wednesday became the third U.S. president in history to be impeached after the House of Representatives approved articles of impeachment on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress along party lines with a Democrat majority in the House, it was reported.



President Trump's impeachment came after a House impeachment inquiry found that in the Trump-Ukraine scandal, Trump allegedly solicited foreign interference in the 2020 U.S. presidential election to help his bid for election to a second term as president, and then obstructed the inquiry itself by telling his administration officials to ignore subpoenas for documents and testimony.

that Trump withheld military aid and an invitation to the White House in order to influence Ukraine into announcing investigations into Trump's political rivals, which Ukraine never did, and also a discredited claim that Ukraine interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Trump follows former presidents Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton in being impeached by the House. Both Johnson and Clinton were acquitted at Senate trials, and it is believed that Trump will also receive the support of the heavily-Republican Senate at his own trial, to be held in January.

The inquiry stage of Trump's impeachment lasted from September to November, in the wake of an August complaint from an unnamed whistleblower alleging abuse of power by Trump. In October, three congressional committees — Intelligence, Oversight and Foreign Affairs — deposited witnesses.

The House inquiry reported

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Royal Valley's Cultural Night

USD 337 Royal Valley, in collaboration with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, hosted the second annual Cultural Heritage Night at Royal Valley High School last Tuesday evening during the Panthers' home basketball games against Holton.

During the event, a special dance performance by the Royal Valley Singers and Dancers (shown in the photo above) was held.

In the photo at left, Dania Wahwassuck of Mayetta, a student at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, danced in traditional regalia.

More than 35 percent of the 868 students who attend classes in the Royal Valley school district identify as Native American, it has been reported.

Photos by Michael Powls

Commission seeks budget amendments

By Ali Holcomb

Amendments to the 2019 county budget have been proposed by the Jackson County Commissioners recently due to additional revenues — non-tax dollars — that were collected through the year, it was reported.

Any additional unforeseen revenues received, which are not collected tax dollars, require the Jackson County Commissioners to amend the county budget each year for several county departments, it was reported.

The amendments include increasing the maximum budget authority for the following departments:

- * General fund from \$6,398,799 to \$6,625,360 (\$226,561 increase).

- * Sheriff's office from \$2,608,498 to \$3,160,713 (\$552,215 increase).

- * Road and bridge department from \$3,569,651 to \$3,629,729 (\$60,078 increase).

- * The treasurer's office for auto tag income from \$121,550 to \$127,500 (\$5,950 increase).

The commissioners will hold a budget hearing at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 30, for the amended budget at the commission meeting room on the first floor of the Jackson County Courthouse.

Also during the commissioners' recent meeting, they agreed to allocate \$25,000 in county funding to construct a storm shelter basement for the new community building being built on the north side of the reservoir by Friends of Banner Creek.

Funds continue to be raised for the construction of a 42-foot by 60-foot multipurpose building at the reservoir for large gatherings. Members of the Friends of Banner Creek are also applying for a matching state grant.

When completed, the climate controlled multipurpose building is expected to include a kitchen with a refrigerator, oven and sink, bathrooms that will be accessible from inside and outside the building, a large meeting room and an area for storage.

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USD 336 board begins HVAC upgrade study

By David Powls

Last month at the election polls, Holton school patrons said "no" to a proposed \$4.5 million general obligation bond issue to upgrade the heating, ventilation and cooling systems at the high school and middle school.

This month, the Holton school board started studying what it would take to complete the needed HVAC upgrades in six phases over several years,

instead of completing the entire project at one time with a bond issue.

At their December meeting, the school board members were given spreadsheets that summarized the district's capital improvement revenue and expenses incurred for the last three years and a projection of the same for the next 15 years.

The spreadsheets were described as "a snapshot of the

next 15 years of possible capital outlay expenses in the district."

Bob Davies, superintendent, said he and the transportation directors, the district clerk of the board and maintenance directors all provided their "best guesses" on projects that have been discussed for the last two to three years.

"This list of future projects was not a comprehensive list of all the wants listed by different

people but a bare list of future needs to keep facilities moving forward, maintained properly, safely and meeting transportation needs," Davies said.

The amount of state aid, miscellaneous income, tax revenue and interest earned were all intentionally listed the same as the current year's amounts on the spreadsheets, Davies said. In

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Sitzler Fund generates about \$2,800 for assistance

By Brian Sanders

About \$2,800 is being distributed to Holton residents in need of a little financial help during this holiday season, thanks to a City of Holton-administered fund established more than a century ago.

The Sitzler Fund, established by the estate of Holton resident

Louise Sitzler and administered by Holton City Attorney Dennis White, generated \$2,795.21 in interest for distribution this year, Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley said during the Holton City Commission's Monday, Dec. 16 meeting.

"That total is just a little bit higher than last year," Riley said,

noting that a total of \$2,730.30 was available for disbursement during the 2018 holiday season.

Recipients of Sitzler Fund disbursements will receive credits on the city utility bills they will receive in January, Riley said. Those recipients are nominated by members of the city commission prior to the holidays, it was

reported.

At the time of Louise Sitzler's death in 1912, she had left the city a sizable donation estimated to be somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to be used to help "the poor" after her death. The donation was used to

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Items still needed for Christmas dinner

By Brian Sanders

A few more food items and volunteers are needed to make this year's Community Christmas Dinner a success, according to dinner organizer Tammy Elliott.

But for the most part, there will be plenty of food and volunteer energy to go around.

"Whether you are there to eat or volunteer, it is a very rewarding way to spend the day," Elliott said of the annual dinner, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Wednesday, Dec. 25 at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center at Third Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Holton.

The Christmas dinner has

been a community event since 1985, it was reported, and it is open to everyone, regardless of age, income, residence or religious affiliation.

"I am really hoping we feed a large number of people this year," Elliott said.

For this year's dinner, Elliott said all of the vegetables and cookies have been rounded up, and all of the "turkey cookers" are ready to go, but there are still a few more items needed, mainly salads and pies.

"I still need 15 pies or cheesecakes, nine fruit or Jell-O salads and 10 vegetable salads," she said.

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Holiday print schedule noted

The Holton Recorder is combining its Monday and Wednesday editions this week and next and will only print one edition both weeks due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

There will be no Wednesday Recorder editions on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, due to the holidays.

The deadline to submit advertising and copy for the Dec. 30 edition is noon on Friday, Dec. 27.

The Holton Recorder office will be closed on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The office will also close at noon on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

As always, for up-to-the-minute local news for Jackson County, follow The Recorder on twitter at @HoltonRecorder and read the local news online at holtonrecorder.net



CHRISTMAS DAY FORECAST
 Mostly Sunny, High 62
 Look for the complete forecast on Page 2.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Gail L. Bennett Jr., Topeka, driving while declared a habitual violator, \$228.
 Pedro Galicia-Serrano, Mayetta, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$309.
 Aron M. Lane, address sealed by court, speeding, \$213.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Holly J. Taylor, Topeka, aggravated failure to appear; sentenced to seven months imprisonment and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Janelle R. Masquat, Mayetta, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 13 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Michael T. Belaire-Serna, Topeka, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined

\$100 plus court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Rachel L. Johnson, Carbondale, theft; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Aaron J. Koch, Bellevue, Neb., possession of marijuana; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

Filed
 State of Kansas vs. Julio Hernando, Holton, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, driving without a valid driver's license, no proof of insurance.
 State of Kansas vs. Robert E. Gibson, Topeka, possession of amphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, defective head lamps.
 State of Kansas vs. Elizabeth K. Kunard, Lawrence, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 State of Kansas vs. Todd C. Moore, Topeka, possession of

marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.
 State of Kansas vs. David A. Hamuud, Topeka, battery.
 State of Kansas vs. Zachory L. Downard, Mayetta, domestic battery, criminal restraint, violation of a protective order, endangering a child.
 State of Kansas vs. Steven G. Thorne, Holton, aggravated domestic battery, domestic battery.

Limited Civil Dispositions

Autovest L.L.C. vs. Miranda Twombly, sought judgment of \$6,076.47 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Jackson Farmers Inc. vs. Bernard A. Zeltner, sought judgment of \$1,525.75 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Annetta L. Browning, sought judgment of \$3,551.96 plus interest and court costs; granted.
Filed
 Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Brandon Dekat, seeking judgment of \$904.03 plus interest and court costs.
 Valerie Knight vs. Bruce

Hasty, seeking eviction of defendant from rental property plus court costs.
 Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Rachel McKinney, seeking judgment of \$910.51 plus interest and court costs.
 Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Rachel McKinney, seeking judgment of \$901.61 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims Dispositions

Karl F. Schwarz vs. Kevin Keehn, sought judgment of \$4,000 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$4,082.50 plus interest and court costs.
Domestic Filed
 In the matter of the marriage of Laura B. Hughes and Alfredo A. Ibarra, seeking divorce.
Marriage Licenses
 Alexander K. Deiter, 25, Topeka
 Jessie N. Fuqua, 28, Mayetta

Several arrests noted

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests:
 On Dec. 12, Bailey Raby, 22, Independence, was arrested on a warrant on charges of criminal damage to property, burglary, theft, criminal possession of a weapon by a felon and criminal discharge of a firearm.
 On Dec. 13, Laurie Sharpnack, 54, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving while declared a habitual violator, illegal registration, display of a plate not assigned, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked and no liability insurance.
 On Dec. 14, Zane Johnson, 25, Topeka, was arrested on two Shawnee County traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear and on a charge of driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.
 On Dec. 14, Heather Glass, 41, Topeka, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear.
 On Dec. 14, Zachory Downard, 24, Mayetta, was ar-

rested on charges of domestic battery and criminal restraint.
 On Dec. 15, Vickie Zeit, 63, Denton, was arrested on a warrant on three charges of violation of a protection order.
 On Dec. 15, Jarad Pressler, 41, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.
 On Dec. 15, Annie Potts, 36, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 On Dec. 16, Wade Wilson, 30, Winchester, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 On Dec. 16, Kevin Schiff, 57, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 On Dec. 16, Amanda Madison, 38, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 On Dec. 17, Rae Conley, 44, Topeka, was arrested on charges of theft, criminal trespass and driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.

Police Calls

The following calls were handled in recent days by the Holton Police Department. Calls included eight area checks at Prairie Lake and six area checks at the Holton Industrial Park.
 10:49 a.m. Nov. 26, 100 block of Karen Drive, animal control.
 3:37 p.m. Nov. 26, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
 5:39 p.m. Nov. 26, 600 block of East Fourth Street, EMS assist.
 3:43 a.m. Nov. 27, 200 block of South Arizona Avenue, alarm.
 4:31 p.m. Nov. 27, Ninth Street at Arizona Avenue, traffic problem.
 5:18 p.m. Nov. 27, 100 block of West Second Street, welfare check.
 6:29 p.m. Nov. 27, 500 block of Vermont Avenue, theft.
 12:30 a.m. Nov. 28, 100 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
 11:09 a.m. Nov. 28, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, animal control.
 1:11 p.m. Nov. 28, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, gas drive-off.
 1:15 p.m. Nov. 28, 1000 block of New Jersey Avenue, disturbance.
 3:17 p.m. Nov. 28, 600 block of Ohio Avenue, served civil process.
 6:44 p.m. Nov. 28, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
 4:50 a.m. Nov. 29, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, recovered stolen vehicle.
 5:30 a.m. Nov. 29, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on charges including possession of stolen property.
 11 a.m. Nov. 29, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, gas drive-off.
 10:28 p.m. Nov. 29, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
 8:10 a.m. Nov. 30, 400 block of Kansas Avenue, EMS assist.
 8:24 a.m. Nov. 30, 600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, disturbance.
 11:39 a.m. Nov. 30, Fourth Street at Arizona Avenue, animal control.
 1:18 p.m. Nov. 30, 800 block of West Third Street, EMS assist.
 5:35 p.m. Nov. 30, 800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, theft.
 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30, Third Street at Nebraska Avenue, non-injury accident.

5:34 a.m. Dec. 1, 400 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.
 3:59 a.m. Dec. 2, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.
 10:52 a.m. Dec. 2, 100 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of driving without a license.
 11:38 a.m. Dec. 2, funeral escort.
 6:33 p.m. Dec. 2, Fourth Street at Arizona Avenue, motorist assist.
 1:10 a.m. Dec. 3, Eighth Street at Kansas Avenue, criminal damage to property.
 6:46 a.m. Dec. 3, 800 block of West Third Street, citizen assist.
 9:11 a.m. Dec. 3, 100 block of East Fourth Street, citizen assist.
 11:01 a.m. Dec. 3, funeral escort.
 11:31 p.m. Dec. 3, 500 block of West Fourth Street, disturbance.
 10:18 a.m. Dec. 4, 800 block of West Third Street, EMS assist.
 1:38 p.m. Dec. 4, funeral escort.
 2:10 p.m. Dec. 4, 400 block of Kansas Avenue, suspicious activity.
 5:16 p.m. Dec. 4, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
 9:54 a.m. Dec. 5, 400 block of Kansas Avenue, citizen assist.
 11:57 a.m. Dec. 5, 900 block of New York Avenue, two minors in possession of tobacco.
 7:40 p.m. Dec. 5, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, motorist assist.
 8:57 p.m. Dec. 5, 500 block of Vermont Avenue, non-injury accident.

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Accidents noted in county


The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents, which included nine involving deer in the road:
 At 11:39 p.m. on Nov. 5, William Schmalstieg, 21, Effingham, was traveling east on 142nd Road near W Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road.
 Schmalstieg's 2016 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000.
 At 6:13 a.m. on Nov. 9, Killian O'Connor, 18, Holton, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 16 near S Road when his vehicle left the road on the north side and overturned.
 O'Connor's 1998 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper, left side and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.
 At 3:29 p.m. on Nov. 9, Colleen Reamer, 64, Delia, was traveling north on G Road near 182nd Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Reamer's 2012 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.
 At 8:06 p.m. on Nov. 18, Steven Bowen, 47, Valley Falls, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 116 near W Road when his 2000 Buick struck a deer in the road. Bowen's Buick sustained damage to its left side that was listed at more than \$1,000.
 At 6 p.m. on Nov. 18, Deza-ree Harding, 46, Holton, was driving east on K-16 near R4 Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road.
 Harding's 2011 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.
 At 6:05 p.m. on Nov. 20, Melanie Jones, 25, Hoyt, was traveling west on 110th Road near T2 Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road.
 Jones' 2016 Kia sustained damage to its front left quarter panel and left side that was listed at more than \$1,000.
 At 5:25 p.m. on Nov. 22, Megan Bucher, 25, Wichita, was traveling north on U.S. Highway 75 near 286th Road when her vehicle left the road to the east due to a slick spot in the road.
 Bucher's 2007 Honda sustained damage to its front bumper and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more

than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.
 At 1 a.m. on Nov. 24, Tonya Cragg, 48, Topeka, was traveling east on 150th Road when her vehicle struck a deer near Q4 Road. Cragg's 2015 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.
 At 5:43 p.m. on Nov. 27, Walker Degenhardt, 24, Holton, was traveling east on K-16 near F Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Degenhardt's 2006 Dodge sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.
 At 6:10 p.m. on Nov. 28, Bryan Davidson, 56, Wymore, Neb., was traveling north on U.S. 75 near 330th Road when his 2017 Honda struck a deer in the road.
 Davidson's Honda sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

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Friday		Partly sunny, chance of rain/snow	High: 45 Low: 30 Precip: 40%
Saturday		Mostly cloudy, chance of rain/snow	High: 42 Low: 26 Precip: 50%

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 The City of Holton will pick up discarded Christmas trees from Jan. 2 – Jan. 7, 2020.
 Please have your tree out to the curb or street edge by 7:00 a.m. on these days.
Trees must not have any tinsel or decorations.
 Only Christmas trees will be picked up.
 No brush, leaves or trash will be picked up at this time.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST ~ HAPPY NEW YEARS CELEBRATION!!
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH ~ EXTENDED NEW YEARS CELEBRATION!!
 Drawings to win up to \$500 every 1/2 hour 1pm-1am.
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 Drawings to win up to \$1,000 every 1/2 hour 1pm-12:30am. \$2,020 in CASH at 1am!!
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MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin

5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 22-28, 2014

Members of the Holton VFW Post 1367 Men's Auxiliary recently delivered baskets of fruit and snacks to homes of local veterans, as well as veterans living at Vintage Park, Medialodges Jackson County, The Pines and Glenn Moore Meadows. Among those delivering baskets were Gary Sawyer, Bernie Hennis, Hal Cochren, Eric Hallauer and Larry Savage.

At the recent Ottawa wrestling dual, Holton High School's team took second place. Leading the charge for the Wildcats were Lucas Lovvorn, Tyler Price, Justin Rieschick and Nathan Shields, who were all undefeated in the action. Lovvorn and Shields also won four of their matches by pin.

For Jackson Heights High School, the final boys basketball game before the Christmas holiday break ended with a stellar fourth quarter performance against Oskaloosa. Zane Richter and Wyatt Olberding combined for 40 of the team's 68 points, as the Cobras defeated the Bears 68-41.



This week's "Blast From The Past" is from the engagement announcement of a Holton couple from 1970.

Be the first to identify her by calling *The Holton Recorder* at 785-364-3141 and receive a coupon for a FREE Sonic Blast!

Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Mike McManigal, who were correctly identified first by Bruce Shaw. Winners may pick up their Sonic coupon at *The Holton Recorder* office.

10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 22-28, 2009

Royal Valley high School head wrestling coach Dennis Switzky recently notched his 300th career dual victory as a wrestling coach, it was reported. Switzky is now in his fifth year at Royal Valley.

Dale Scheidegger of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) recently presented Royal Valley High School student Riley Sorden with first place honors in the local Voice of Democracy essay contest. Morgan Hammes of RVHS received third place at the Jackson County level, and Ashley Ribelin, also of RVHS, was also a participant.

It was a white Christmas for Jackson County residents this year, as many parts of the county received more than a foot of snow on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Some snow drifts were up to five feet deep, it was reported.

Cory Keehn, a junior at Jackson Heights High School, has been nominated for the inaugural KSHSAA Spirit of Sport award, it has been reported. Keehn, despite being diagnosed with cancer at age 15, reached many athletic milestones, including helping the Cobras to a state runner-up finish in class 2A. He is also an honor roll student at JHHS, and received a plaque for the award that will hang in the halls of the high school.

15 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 22-28, 2004

It is well known that monarch butterflies travel thousands of miles in their annual migrations. However, to have concrete proof of that flight by the wispy butterflies is "incredible," said Elaine Nielson, principal at Central Elementary School in Holton. Nielson recently received notice that a butterfly tagged by Holton fifth graders on Sept. 16, 2002, was identified in El Rosario, Mexico on March 2, 2004.

Holton Community Hos-

pital personnel will enter the new year working on some new projects and changes in the hospital's floor plan, it has been reported. One of the new programs that will eventually be implemented at the hospital is a Medical/Health Career Exploring program, according to HCH Administrator Jim Fairchild. This program will allow participants to hear speakers on various aspects of the health care profession.

The best of the Christmas light displays in Holton have been chosen. The top winners in the residential and business categories will get a rebate on their electric bills. First place in the residential lighting category went to the home of Tim and Norma Little, while second place went to Cheryl and Howard Larson. First, second and third places in the business category went to Ginger Snips, Lasting Impressions and Jan's Ladies Apparel, respectively.

25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 22-28, 1994

Crime does pay - at least, it did this year for the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. During the past year, the crimes of other people in other counties has been a boon for the Jackson County jail. Revenues from housing out-of-county

prisoners at the local jail has more than double anticipated revenues for 1994, according to Sheriff Phil McManigal.

Members of Holton's city commission and Rural Water District No. 3 in Jackson County edged closer Monday night, Dec. 19, to formalizing a relationship that will construct and operate a water treatment plant at Banner Creek Reservoir, it was reported. The discussion focused on creation of the umbrella organization and possible sites for the facility.

Workers used an interlocking process and special staples to help keep floorboards in place during installation in the new Holton High School gym recently. According to Holton Activities Director Rich Bechard, the gym is close to completion and should be complete by Jan. 31, when Holton meets Royal Valley on the court.

50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 22-28, 1969

The Native American Student Organization of Mayetta is opening a community library, it has been reported. The library is located in the community building on the Potawatomi Pow-Wow grounds in Mayetta. It will be open to all Mayetta, Hoyt and surrounding area students.

The Food Stamp Program will open in Jackson County on Feb. 3, 1970, it has been announced. This is a new program for the county, and Irvin Cantrall, director of the Jackson County Department of Social Welfare, described it as "just like a new business."

The Christmas decorations at the home of Ralph Anderson in Holton were awarded first place in the general classification of the Holton Chamber of Commerce's outdoor decoration contest. A lighted Bible in the yard of Evelyn Carnahan and Virginia Zibell of Holton was first in the religious classification.

Second place winner in the general classification was George Lierz and third place winner was Harold Knouft. Second prize in the religious class was awarded to Hugh Law and third to Jerome Dol-sky.

Schmidt recognized as nation's Outstanding Attorney General

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has been recognized as the nation's Outstanding Attorney General for 2019, it has been announced.

Schmidt was recently presented with the prestigious Kelley-Wyman Award by the nation's state and territory attorneys general. The award, which is the top honor bestowed by the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), honors a state or territory attorney general for his or her professional contributions to the office and the role of attorneys general nationwide.

The award was presented to Schmidt at a dinner in Washington D.C., during the annual meeting of the national association. The group recognized Schmidt's leadership both in Kansas and nationally in combating elder abuse and human trafficking, strengthening the professionalism of the office of attorney general and promoting civil discourse and bipartisan cooperation.

"I am greatly honored to receive this recognition from my colleagues nationwide," Schmidt said. "And of course, I am honored every day to be able to serve the citizens of Kansas."

Schmidt was nominated for the award by Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden and Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller.

"Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has served the people of Kansas, as well as the NAAG community, well over the course of his tenure," the two attorneys general wrote in their nomination letter. "His leadership to our organization and his dedication to protecting vulnerable citizens make him a deserving recipient of the Kelley-Wyman Award."

Schmidt served as president of the national association during its 2017-2018 term, focusing particularly on efforts to combat elder abuse. Schmidt is the second-longest serving attorney general in Kansas history. He was first elected Kansas attorney general in 2010 and reelected in 2014 and 2018. In 2018, he received more votes than any other candidate for attorney general in Kansas history.

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Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt (shown at left) accepts the Kelley-Wyman Outstanding Attorney General Award from Montana Attorney General Tim Fox (at right), incoming president of the National Association of Attorneys General.

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CHRISTMAS: The birth of Jesus

About that time, Caesar Augustus ordered a census to be taken throughout the Empire. This was the first census when Quirinius was the governor of Syria.

Everyone had to travel to his hometown to be accounted for. So Joseph went from the Galilean town of Nazareth up to Bethlehem in Judah, David's hometown, for the census.

As a descendant of David, Joseph had to go there. He went with Mary, his fiancée, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. She gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped Him in a blanket and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the Inn.

There were shepherds camping in the vicinity. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified.

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for every one worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah. This is what you are to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises: "Glory to God in the heavenly heights; Peace to all men and women on earth who please Him."

As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherds talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us."

They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. All who heard the shepherds were impressed.

Mary kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they had been told!

---Luke 2:1-20

ISERN: Writing the global history of wheat

By Tom Isern

In a previous column, I made the case for what we might call the revenge of the farm boys — how, as a farm boy gone bad into academic life, I have now signed on to write a state-of-the-field history of agriculture on the Great Plains.



My students, of course, think I am old enough to write the whole thing from personal memory.

Now the other shoe drops. I have signed a contract with Oxford University Press to deliver a lengthy chapter for the Oxford Handbook of Agricultural History.

The last time I did something like this was when I was the only American writing for the Oxford environmental history of New Zealand.

With no intent of humor, the editors assigned me the chapter on pests and weeds.

This time I got the ideal draw: a chapter on the history of wheat, global in scope. It is a reach for me, as my home base is the Great Plains of the United States, but I also have done work in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Going back to the origins of wheat in the Fertile Crescent, and spreading out to the wheat belts of Russia, South Africa, Argentina and so on — there's the challenge.

Which has to be well met, because it is Oxford, after all, and a landmark work. "Oxford handbooks," I am admonished by the house editors, "are envisioned to have long shelf lives." It is another one of those state-of-the-field things, meant to define and shape the subject.

Now, this is not my first rodeo (if I may mix metaphors) in the history of wheat farming. My first two books, way back in the last century, were devoted to the history of custom combining and the history of harvesting and threshing in the age of steam.

Nevertheless, to get a handle quickly on the larger subject, I turned to the massive Cyclopaedia

of American Agriculture, edited by the great agriculturalist of Cornell University, Liberty Hyde Bailey.

The authors of the chapter on wheat in the Cyclopaedia (1907) declared that wheat was "a plant of vast economic importance, widely distributed over the civilized world and having a history coincident with that of the human race."

It is disconcerting thus to learn that I am going to write the history of the civilized world in 8,000 words.

I need a plan. A plan that will reach back to the emergence of wheat during the Neolithic Revolution some 10,000 years ago but also encompass its current status as one of the big three cereal grains of the world, raised more extensively than any other crop.

Being Lutheran, then, I decided to make three main points. First, wheat was the crop by which agricultural peoples, in the ages of empire, colonized the temperate zones of the earth. My own great-grandparents were participants in this, but they were aspirational kin to wheat-raising settlers around the world.

Second, wheat-farming settlers established wheat belts, the great cereal production centers of the world, with commodity cultures characteristic of the enterprise. There emerged technologies, customs, organizations, and vocabulary that defined work and life. Nothing better symbolizes the idea of a commodity culture than the oldtime threshing ring.

Third, we have to deal with the record of wheat farming in relation to the environment.

In recent memory, given the Dust Bowl of the 1930s in the United States and the comparable disaster of the 1950s in the Soviet Union, the record is not good. What is needed is a longer look, spanning centuries, explaining why wheat culture persists in what people often, disparagingly, refer to as "marginal lands."

"A history coincident with that of the human race." This should be easy, right?

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

HAMILTON: Good civil servants inspire confidence

By Lee H. Hamilton

Not long ago, I was in a meeting to talk about a public policy issue. It was complex, and as we considered the various angles I thought about what it would take to translate talk into change on the ground. I wasn't analyzing the politics of it. I was focused on the types of people who'd have to roll up their sleeves.



What I came away with was a list of skills, none of them unusual, but all of them vital to getting things done in the increasingly complicated world that government faces.

It was a long list, including everything from a legislative draftsman to lawyers and budget experts to subject-matter experts, engineers, businesspeople and public relations experts.

My point is that to make our system and this country work, we need experts and competent bureaucrats to deal with the problems that come cascading down on government.

And here's what I can tell you, after decades of close contact with federal civil ser-

vants: We have them. By and large, this country is served by an extremely professional and dedicated group of public employees.

Which is why I've never shared the contempt and outright hostility toward federal bureaucrats that is so often expressed in the public arena these days.

They deal with very tough problems and they're usually good at what they do. They just don't toot their own horns about it.

This was on full display in the recent House Intelligence Committee hearings on impeachment. As *New York Times* columnist David Brooks put it recently, the civil servant witnesses answering questions inspired a lot more confidence than the elected officials who were asking them.

He went on to quote political scientist Hugh Hecl, "It is when you deal with someone who does not perform in a professional manner that you learn to appreciate those who do."

This doesn't mean that there aren't some bad apples within the bureaucracy. There always are, but they're rare.

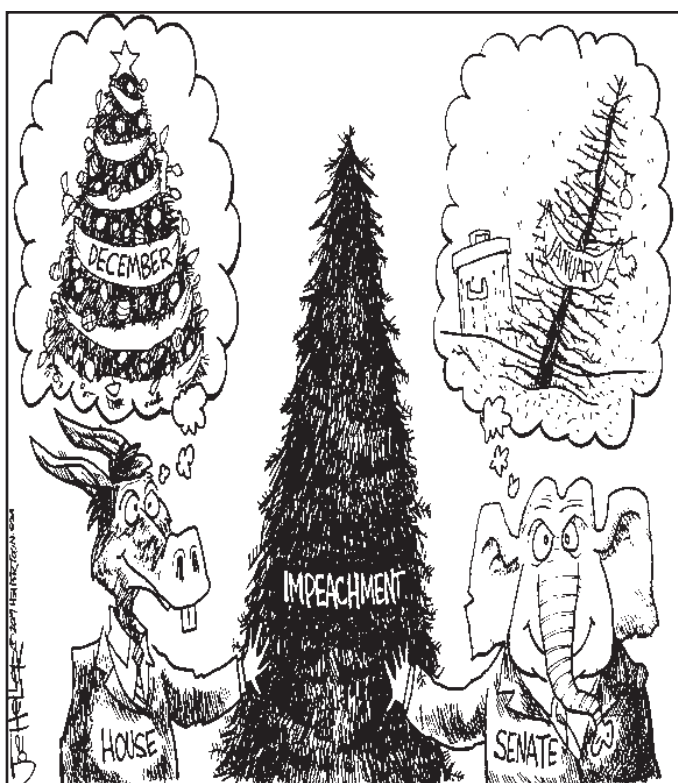
Attacking cabinet officials and civil service employees publicly, the way President Donald Trump seems to enjoy doing, seems counter-productive. These are, after all, the

very people he has to depend on to move his programs forward.

In the face of the many challenges we confront, the professionalism, talent and competence of our civil servants matter. We've been fortunate: many of them have withstood attacks on themselves and the systems they depend on for support. So far.

Note: Lee Hamilton is a se-

nior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a distinguished scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a professor of practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



Congressional term limits would change national politics for the better

Something columnist Lee Hamilton wrote in his column published on this page in this issue piqued my interest.

Hamilton, a career politician, wrote that President Donald Trump "seems to enjoy" attacking cabinet officials and civil service employees publicly and that seems counter-productive since these are "the very same people he has to depend on to move his programs forward."

When President Trump says or writes something negative about a cabinet official or a civil service employee, it's usually in response to something negative that's already been said or written about him by the cabinet official or civil service employee.

Somewhere along the line in the last 20 years or so, it has become not only acceptable in the United States, but encouraged by the national media machines now owned by political activists, to blatantly disrespect the office of the presidency and the sitting president. That's bad for our country, in my view, and something's got to give.

While some previous presidents handled the barrage of assaults from all sides — from even their own staffers — better and more discreetly, that is not Trump's style. What results are "they say, he says" exchanges that escalate until both sides

look ridiculous. I agree that Trump is his own worst enemy much of the time.

OPINION

What if Trump is just a product of the disrespectful times we live in?

The dueling 24/7 TV opinion shows of FOX and CNN are prime examples of political party-first propaganda machines at their worst. TV political opinion shows should include the words "commentary" or "opinion" on the TV screens at all times. It's too easy for people to confuse TV news with TV opinion.

It's also becoming more and more difficult to find objective national news reporting in newspapers since The Associated Press — that last real bastion of objective national news reporting — is now apparently owned with Democratic Party money and the political activist owners are proud to blatantly show their biases at the expense of journalism credibility.

Whatever happened to agreeing to disagree in politics while still being friends? Getting rich in national politics, it seems, is the end game these days — unless you're President Trump.

U.S. Presidents can only serve two, four-year terms of office. Similar term limits should be set for the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate.

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Gardener's Corner

It's tradition - blackberries in sacks

By Sandra M. Siebert
This time of year is full of tradition. Every culture, every family, every one of us looks to various traditions at this time of year, whether it's the green bean casserole Aunt Mary always brings, the lighting of the Menorah or the Christmas tree, or the annual foray into the woods.



In my family, one tradition is my grandmother's honey cookies, a recipe handed down from her mother and probably from generations before that. When baked properly, these cookies are chewy and delicious and keep for a long time in the cookie jar (as if they won't get quickly eaten).

Contrary to their name, they don't contain that much honey, but a lot of sugar, some milk, lots of flour, chopped almonds and spices. The original recipe makes dozens and dozens of cookies. I've cut the recipe down to one-eighth and still get a good number of cookies. When I was young, my grandmother would ice most of the reindeer-, Christmas tree- and angel-shaped cookies. As time went on, fewer and fewer got iced, but I always looked forward to that once-a-year holiday treat.

My mother still makes them each year, rolling out and baking a portion here and there, keeping the rest of the dough in the refrigerator until she has time to make more. Everyone goes home from the family gathering with a bag of honey cookies.

These cookies are not for anyone trying to keep their sugar intake at a minimum. I've made them with non-glutinous flours and nondairy milk and got a product not much different from the original. But you can't skimp on the sugar. It just wouldn't be the same. For low-sugar cookies, I modify other recipes without the nostalgia attached.

This time of year is not the only one full of cultural and family traditions. Back in late summer, families around Hays in western Kansas, and in other areas of the Great Plains, harvested "blackberries," baking them into traditional recipes, such as blackberry "sacks."

These blackberries are not the thorny brambles that grow rampantly both in gardens and the wild. Instead they are a variant of black nightshade, which means they also are related to tomatoes, peppers and potatoes.

While the fruit of the original black nightshade contains substances that make it acrid-tasting and even toxic, "schwarzenbeeren" berries are sweeter and non-toxic if you pick them fully ripe.

What's up with the weird name... "schwa..." what? Schwarzenbeeren came to the United States with the Volga Germans way back when. These are German people who settled in the Volga region of Russia, and later came to the Americas, many of them settling in the Great Plains, including Kansas.

My ancestry contains lots of Germans, and even a few from Russia (possibly Volgas?) but I'd never heard of schwarzenbeeren until a friend of mine came back from her annual pilgrimage home to western Kansas with the sole purpose of consuming mass quantities of her mother's homemade blackberry sacks.

The name may sound a little odd, but essentially the sacks are the berries wrapped in a sort of noodle dough (the "sack") and boiled. This dish apparently is best eaten freshly made rather than frozen for later, so my friend's family gets together on sack-making day (during the first weekend of September this year) and stuff themselves with blackberry sacks. She brought a different dish made with the blackberries to a potluck we held in September and it was indeed a tasty thing.

Later, she gifted me with a fading plant dug up by her uncle. I "tickled" a few of the berries off of the plant to dry for seed, then set the plant in a weedy garden patch to let the rest of the berries drop. With luck I'll have little "volunteers" popping up in the spring.

Out in western Kansas most people who grow these black nightshade berries don't plant them, they just thin out the volunteers and let the remainder grow and fruit. You can plant them, if you wish. Treat them like tomatoes, starting them indoors at about the same time, then planting them out. If they can grow in arid western Kansas with little to no care, they should do well here. Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds carries the seed. And, yes, they list them as "schwarzenbeeren."

An online search for schwarzenbeeren did not turn up much. I found three places that gave information about the nightshade - all the same article by a guy who grew up near Hays and now lives in Minnesota.

He also included three recipes, one of which sounds very much like the blackberry sacks my friend's mother makes. He called them chwartzbeerenmaultaschen. Don't try to pronounce it out loud, unless you have experience speaking German. You could hurt yourself. Stick to "blackberry sacks."

These little black berries are as versatile as any other berry. However, while they are flavorful fresh, I think they are much better in baked goods. Maybe try them in a "kuchen," which sounds simpler (and is easier to pronounce) than the maultaschen.

Next time I'm home, I'll check with my mother, who has done a lot of genealogical research, and see if some of my "Russian" ancestors were Volga Germans. Then I'll be carrying on a family tradition by growing the blackberries.

It won't matter, though. I'll grow them anyway. I'll start a tradition. Just like my "tradition" of gluten-free honey cookies. Sorry, Grandma.

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

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In the Matter of the Estate of N. Frances White, deceased

Case No. 2019-PR-50

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All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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North Jackson Jets hold club meetings

By Paden Askren
The Netawaka North Jackson Jets' monthly 4-H meeting was held Sunday, Nov. 10. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Netawaka Community Building.

Club members said the flag salute and the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was announced by each member.

After roll call, the minutes from last month's meeting were read, along with the reporter's report.

In old business, club members discussed community service projects such as essential bags and a food drive. Also in old business, the December meeting Christmas party was discussed. A motion was made and passed to have the December meeting and Christmas party at the Netawaka Family Fitness Center. The club will also have a white elephant gift exchange and potluck dinner.

The leader's report was then given. The leader talked about project goals and club goals. Each club member was given a folder with the 4-H Pledge, club colors, club motto, club slogan and five life skills. The folder also explains what a goal is and how to obtain goals in a timely manner with the appropriate help of others to equal a positive outcome.

Members of the club stood up one at a time giving one measurable goal that they had for one of their projects. Club goals were then discussed and completed with the help of parents, other club members and the club leader.

Upcoming events were discussed such as YQCA training on Dec. 30, beef weigh-in on Feb. 23 and the March 7 Club Days at Jackson Heights.

In new business, club members welcomed new members and re-enrolling members. The North Jackson Jets have gained many new pieces to their puzzle this year. It's going to be a good year with new adventures for each member.

The next meeting was to be held at 1 p.m. on Dec. 8 at

the Netawaka Family Fitness Center. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

A recreational game of "Hot Potato" was held after the club meeting.

The North Jackson Jets met on Dec. 8 at the Netawaka Family Fitness Center. The meeting came to order at 1:10 p.m., followed by the flag salute and the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was, "What is your favorite movie?"

Club members heard the previous meeting minutes and the treasurer's report. After that, they heard the reporter's re-

port and the leader's report.

During these reports, the club members discussed committees within the club. The committees are fund-raising, community service and programs. Each family is to be part of a committee. There continues to be ongoing discussion of multiple community services. Members project goals were due.

In new business, club members talked about the upcoming YQCA meeting to be held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 30 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex and the county club days to be held at 9 a.m. on

March 7 at Jackson Heights. Each member was encouraged to participate in the events.

Club goals for 2019-20 were presented to the club for approval. A motion was made by Kolby Bowhay for the approval of the 2019-20 club goals and seconded by Logan Lamb. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

After the meeting, the club participated in a \$5 gift exchange and potluck dinner. Members then cleaned the pool at the Netawaka Family Fitness Center and enjoyed time swimming with family and friends.



Members of the North Jackson Jets 4-H Club who attended the club's December meeting and club Christmas party are shown above. Members include (from row, from left) Kolby Bowhay, Sadie Bowhay, Sawyer Shupe, Skyler Lamb, Logan Lamb, Paisley Askren, Emily Mellies, Ellie White, (back row, from left) Paden Askren, Brynn Shupe, Devin Bloom, Teagan Bowhay, Drake Mellies, Gracie White, Corbin Latham and Adam Mellies.

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 reality, those numbers would not be constant but would change some each year.
 The spreadsheets showed phase one of the HVAC project (costing \$464,368) being completed this school year (2019-20).
 The spreadsheets also showed phase two (costing \$1 million) being completed this same school term (2019-20). Phase two of the project would complete the three-story part of the high school and also upgrade high school offices.
 Phase three of the project (estimated to also cost another \$1 million) was listed on the projects to complete in the following school year (2020-21). Phase three would finish high school classrooms and the high school main gym.
 Phase four of the project (estimated to cost \$750,000) was listed on the projects to complete in the 2021-22 school term. Phase four would complete the commons area, kitchen and auditorium.
 Phase five of the project (estimated to cost \$700,000) would complete the remaining parts of the high school.
 Phase six of the project (estimated to cost \$1.5 million) was listed to be completed four years later in the 2026-27 school term and would complete the HVAC

upgrades needed at Holton Middle School.
 The total cost of the entire HVAC project for the high school and middle school (all six phases) adds up to be \$5,414,368 on the spreadsheet.
 "While it does appear that the price to complete the project does jump up from \$4.5 million total over a longer period of time, the estimates we are given is that each year the price will go up about 5 percent," Davies said. "The numbers are inflated as they do get further away from the 2019-2020 school year, as it is easier for people to understand the worst case possibility progressing forward."
 "The issues with capital outlay funds are that those expenses have to be looked at as future expenses and it is hard for people to comprehend that when the school takes in more than \$427,000 generated from 8 mills from taxpayers, and then with other revenue of state aid of more than \$220,000, everyone thinks USD #336 should be able to save up for projects," Supt. Davies said. "Ongoing maintenance, roofs, HVAC, buses, equipment, etc, can eat these funds up rather quickly, however."
 Davies said that even with the capital outlay fund spreadsheets planning to receive annual transfer of \$250,000 from the district's general operating

fund, the district faces some very tough decisions ahead.
 "Without major cuts to the minimal list (of projects) offered, transferring more money from the general operating budget (used for salaries, supplies, heating, technology, etc), or deferring more maintenance issues to later years, the district will soon deplete its capital outlay funds," Davies said.
 The Holton district has utilized lease purchase agreements in the past for projects such as the wrestling room, the art room and the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) room and that particular project will be paid off in the 2022-2023 school year, Davies said.
 The district has also used lease purchase for technology upgrades and computer purchases.
 "The district could do this (lease purchase) for the HVAC system but this does so with also adding in interest rates much like a secured loan," Davies said. "The issue is that this also makes it so the capital outlay fund now has another burden that must be paid back as well and tightens the budget even more. The district does have a contingency fund that has about \$885,000. This could and should be considered an emergency fund in the end for the district."
 What should a fiscally responsible district have each year as

an ending balance?
 "This is actually a well-debated question and it has many facets," Davies said. "Special education is not fully-funded by our state so we carry over annually money each year to help offset the special education expenditures and sometimes students cost more in a year and sometimes they do not. This really can make budgeting for this fund a bit tricky. Capital outlay for each district in the state is different as well due to the age of a district's current facilities."
 Dale Dennis, the deputy commissioner of education at the Kansas State Board of Education (KSDE), at the annual budget workshop tells Kansas superintendents that a good cash carry over number annually over all accounts should be anywhere from 10 percent to 15 percent of the district's full operating budget, Davies said.
 "The tornado in Greensburg, Kan. in 2007, taught many superintendents what the worst case scenario could look like and we need to keep this in our mind as we move forward," Davies added. "In 2018-2019 we were about 15 percent (in carry over funds) but last year, we would have been down a little from that since we did spend more out of capital outlay and we did not make any transfers into capital outlay."

Impeachment...

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 In November, the House Intelligence Committee held a number of public hearings in which witnesses testified publicly. On Dec. 3, the Intelligence Committee voted 13-9 along party lines to adopt a final report.
 A set of impeachment hearings before the Judiciary Committee began on Dec. 4, and nine days later, the committee voted 23-17 along party lines to recommend two articles of impeachment: abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. The committee also released a report on the articles of impeachment last Monday, Dec. 16, two days before the House vote.
 The votes for the charge of abuse of power were 230 in favor, 197 against and one present. House Democrats all voted in support except Collin Peterson of Minnesota and Jeff Van Drew of New Jersey, who voted against, and Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, who voted "present."
 The votes for the charge of obstruction of Congress were 229 in favor, 198 against and one present. Democrat Jared Golden of Maine joined Peterson and Van Drew in voting against the charge, while Gabbard again voted "present."
 All House Republicans voted against both charges. Former Republican Justin Amash of Michigan, who turned indepen-

dent earlier this year, voted in support of both charges. Three soon-to-be retiring representatives did not vote for either charge.
 Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said on Dec. 14 that there was "no chance" that the Senate would convict Trump and remove him from office, adding his wish that all Senate Republicans would acquit the president of both articles of impeachment.
 Some Republican senators have stated that they are in line with McConnell's wish, with Senate Judiciary Chairman Lindsay Graham saying he was "not trying to pretend to be a fair juror here," and regarding the Senate trial, Graham said he would "do everything I can to make it die quickly."
 As of mid-December, Americans remained sharply divided on whether Trump should be removed from office, with slightly more people reportedly opposed to impeachment than in favor, according to recent Gallup and USA Today polls.

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Reduce the hassle of holiday food prep

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension
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Are you hosting a holiday meal? Do you wish you could spend more time with your guests and less time in the kitchen? Last minute hurried food preparations can drain any cook's holiday spirit. Try these ideas from K-State's "Dining On A Dime" newsletter to help you take some of the hassle out of your holidays, while keeping food quality and food safety a top priority.



Fruits and Vegetables

- Assemble vegetable casseroles a day in advance, cover and refrigerate. Bake on the day of your dinner, planning for 15 to 20 minutes extra heating time. Heat until they're hot and steaming throughout.
- Cut washed fruits and vegetables within a day of your meal for salads and relish trays. Keep cut fruits from turning brown by coating them with lemon, orange or pineapple juice, or a commercial anti-darkening preparation. Cover and store them in the refrigerator above raw meats and below cooked items.

Protein Foods

- Purchase fresh raw meat, poultry or seafood no more than one to two days before your holiday meal. Freeze for longer storage.
- If you have frozen meat, poultry or seafood, place it on a try on the lowest shelf in the refrigerator and allow ap-

proximately 24 hours for each five pounds of weight for it to thaw.

- If you cook meat, poultry or seafood the day before your meal, refrigerate it in small portions in shallow pans within two hours of cooking. You can place loosely covered foods in the refrigerator while they're still warm. Cover them tightly when completely cooled. On the day of your meal, reheat until hot and steaming to 165 degrees F, as measured with a food thermometer.

Baked Goods

- Almost all types of cookies, cakes, breads and muffins can be baked in advance and frozen for up to two months. Avoid freezing cakes with whipped cream or other soft fillings, since this will result in a soggy cake upon thawing.
- Cool baked goods completely before storing them in

airtight, moisture-proof containers.

- Thaw cheesecake in the refrigerator, covered, where it will remain fresh for up to seven days. Thaw non-perishable baked goods at room temperature in their freezer container to prevent them from drying out.

All Perishable Foods

Avoid leaving perishable foods (such as meats, fish, poultry, eggs, cooked dry beans, dairy products and cut fruit and vegetables) at room temperature for more than two hours. This includes the total time for preparation and serving.

Hosting family and friends at holiday meals doesn't have to be exhausting. Planning ahead and taking time to do some advance preparation are keys to creating more time to enjoy your party and your guests.

Kennedy wins KACD state speech contest

Joel Kennedy won the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts State Speech Contest in Wichita on Nov. 25. The contest was held as part of the KACD 75th annual convention.

Kennedy is a senior at Jackson Heights High School where he is a member of FFA. He is the son of Kelly and Kim Kennedy of Soldier.

The Jackson County Conservation District sponsored Kennedy and his family's attendance at the state competition. The KACD speech contest is an annual competition starting at the

county level and hosted by the conservation district.

This year's speech contest topic was "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home."

Kennedy won the Jackson County Speech Contest on Oct. 9, which qualified him to represent Jackson County at the Area IV Speech Contest held at Seneca on Nov. 6, where he won and advanced to the state competition. He earned scholarships with each win along the way.

Paul Lierz is the Jackson Heights FFA advisor who has assisted Kennedy throughout the competition.

U.S. Senate passes robocall act

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt recently applauded the U.S. Senate for unanimously passing the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act, legislation to curb illegal robocalls and caller-ID spoofing.

The legislation, which won Senate approval last Thursday, previously was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives with near unanimous support. It now heads to President Donald Trump for signature into law.

"I long have advocated for this legislation as an important part of a meaningful solution to the explosion in unwanted robocalls," Schmidt said. "Meaningful action must combine improvements in call-blocking technology with law enforcement efforts."

With passage of the TRACED Act, Schmidt said Congress has taken "an important bipartisan step toward putting up more effective technological roadblocks for scammers, as well as better enabling law enforcement authorities to find the robocallers and hold them accountable under the law."

The new legislation requires voice service providers to participate in a call authentication framework to help block unwanted calls. The framework is being established by federal agencies, with the urging of state attorneys general, and the TRACED Act would make it mandatory.

The bill also creates an interagency working group to identify additional actions to reduce robocalls and hold telemarketers and robocallers accountable. Many of its provisions codify in federal law measures previously agreed by major telecommunications companies and several state attorneys general, including Schmidt.

In March, Schmidt, along with the attorneys general from all 49 other states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories, sent a letter to the U. S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation urging enactment of the TRACED Act.

The nearly 48 billion robocalls made in 2018 made them the number one source of consumer complaints to the FTC and the FCC and resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in consumer losses.



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Case No. 2019-PR-52

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Case No. 2019-PR-53

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Case No. 2019-PR-54

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that

Petitions have been filed in the Court by Ann Whalen, an heir of the above decedents, and praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Jackson County, Kansas, to-wit:

Any and all interest in the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter (W ½, NE ¼) of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., in Jackson County, Kansas, except a tract of land in said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼); thence South on the West line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) 460 feet; thence East 1,793.85 feet; thence North 460 feet to the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼); thence West on the North line of said Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) to the point of beginning, in Jackson County, Kansas

and all other personal property owned by decedents at the time of death. And that such real estate and all personal property owned by the decedents at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of January, 2020, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas, at Holton, Kansas, which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Box board (which is thin cardboard used to package beer, soda, cereal, snacks and other pantry items) is not accepted at the Jackson County recycling center. When they are dropped off at the center, such as the boxes shown above, they are thrown directly into the trash.

Photo courtesy of Scott Kieffaber

Some cardboard can't be recycled here

By Ali Holcomb

Not all cardboard is created equal, and many types of cardboard being dropped off at Jackson County's recycling center, such as beer and cereal boxes, are being thrown in the trash because it's not accepted at the center and is not being recycled.

Scott Kieffaber, noxious weed and environmental services director, said that the recycling center, located east of Holton at 700 E. Fourth St., cannot recycle "box board," which is the thin cardboard used to package beer, soda, cereal, snacks and other pantry items.

"We throw it (box board) in the trash when it comes here, and it costs the county money to get rid of it," Kieffaber said. "We fill up a trailer of all the trash brought in about every week to week and a half."

The center only recycles corrugated cardboard, which is stiff, strong cardboard made up of three layers, such as the delivery boxes Amazon.com products are shipped in.

Kieffaber said there's also some confusion on what types of plastics are recyclable. The recycling center only accepts #1 and #2 plastic bottles, jars and containers for recycling, he said.

Look on the bottom of the product for the recycle symbol. The center does not recycle items with numbers three through seven on them, such as yogurt and cottage cheese containers, he said.

"We just don't have the space for it," he said. "We also get people's trash. One time we had a bag of cat food dropped off. We

can't recycle that."

Besides #1 and #2 plastics and corrugated cardboard, the recycling center also recycles tin cans, aluminum, newsprint, magazines, glass bottles and jars and white ledger/office paper.

Kieffaber said that recycling in Jackson County is up, and that his department is working with area schools and the Boy Scouts to promote recycling at schools and homes.

"Last year, we had 524 tons that we recycled. That equals the weight of 42 school buses," he said.

There is a trailer located outside the recycling center for use after hours, it was reported. It is monitored by security cameras, Kieffaber said.

The center also has new business hours starting Jan. 1. The center's new hours will be 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The business hours for the Jackson County landfill, located at 10778 166th Rd., will remain the same. Those hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday

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Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Dec. 15, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear."

The Advent candles were lit by Thera and Kason Boyles.

The praise band and bell choir played "Hope Was Born This Night."

The birthdays for Dec. 15 through Dec. 21 were Eva Noble, Dec. 19, and Jahnnie Brake, Ray Dupree, Michelle Gower, Roxann Williams and Chloe Wilson, Dec. 21.

The anniversary for the week was Wayne and Bonnie DeBusk, Dec. 20.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He asked the children, "How many days until Christmas?" One boy said, "10 days until Christmas!"

Kevin asked, "What is the most popular gift?" Several replied, "my family," "cookies" and "Jesus' birthday." Let us remember that Jesus healed the blind man, healed the man who was crippled and came to earth to give us eternal life.

The concerns were prayers for Doris Herrick, who had a severe stroke; John and Dorothy Holt's granddaughter, who had surgery on Dec. 18; Joyce Mannell, who fell and hurt herself; Lee and Susan Wallace, who lost their grandson in a car wreck; and Charles Hoffmeister, who is in the hospital with a broken neck.

A musical program, "Christmas Is Coming," was given. The director was Marjorie O'Konski. The accompanist was Mary Smith. The organist was Marty Ransdell. The narrator was Ron Griffiths.

The songs that were sung were "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (everyone), "Mary Did You Know" (chancel choir), "Angels We Have Heard On High" (everyone), "Messiah" (praise band), "Light Of The Stable" (praise band) and "Christmas Is Coming" (chancel choir).

The bell choir played "Ding, dong! Merrily On High" and "Joy To The World." The chancel choir sang "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly."

The communion elements were served by Pastor Jin, Danette Martin, Gary and Barbara Slimmer and Denis and Val Warkentine. The clos-

ing hymn was "Joy To The World."

Those assisting with the service were Ron Griffiths, liturgist; Marty Ransdell, organist; Matt Mannell, sound system; Deb Mannell, acolyte; Kevin Feleay, Deb Mannell, Kevin McDowell and Brian Smith, usher team; Linda Smith, wrote text; Jenny Christman, Linda Griffiths, Ron Griffiths, Kay Jones-Ray, David Link, Annie McDowell, Christine Saunders, Brian Smith, Bruce Tomlinson, John Wilson and Billie Winsor, chancel choir; Yvonne Etzel, Kevin Feleay, Sun Kim, Carrie Law, Alfred Mannell, Jimmy Meek, Kelly Neiman and Marc Serrano, praise band; and Susan Arnold, Lauren Feleay, Linda Griffiths, Kay Jones-Ray, Danette Martin, Kelly Neiman, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine, bell choir.

After the closing prayer, Denis and Val Warkentine passed out Christmas sacks to all the children.

On Dec. 5, Rick and Mary Colton, John and Dorothy Holt, Larry and Barbara Hanson, Clifford Hurst, Gladys Law, Bill and Shirley Slimmer and Gary and Barbara Slimmer attended the Pleasant Hill coffee group breakfast at Perkins restaurant in Topeka.

On Dec. 14, Gladys Law, Pete and Dee Deppe, Bill and Shirley Slimmer and Gary and Barbara Slimmer ate supper at Paisano's restaurant in Topeka.

Gas prices up slightly for Christmas travel

Kansas gas prices went up 0.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.25 per gallon today, according to fuel price monitoring Web site GasBuddy.com

GasBuddy's daily survey of 1,329 stations noted that gas prices in Kansas were 6.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and 23.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. Holton's average fuel price was \$2.29 this morning, according to local observations.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Kansas is priced at \$1.96 per gallon today while the most expensive is \$2.69 per gallon, a difference of 73 cents per gallon. The cheapest price in the entire country today stands at \$1.64 per gallon, while the most expensive is \$5.19 per gallon, a difference of \$3.55 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging

\$2.53 per gallon today. The national average is down 5.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 22.1 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The national fuel price average has seen its seventh weekly decline, providing motorists preparing to hit the road for Christmas with good news at the pumps, according to Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

"Closing out 2019 will likely see some additional downward momentum, but the next million-dollar question motorists are beginning to ask: what will the new decade bring to the pump? What's 2020 going to look like?" DeHaan said. "For now, motorists need not worry, and (they) should continue to enjoy affordable gasoline prices in nearly all states — and that's a terrific end to 2019 as well."

Thank You

We would like to say a big thank you to all of our friends, neighbors and family who took the time to send a card or attend our 60th anniversary party. We enjoyed the celebration and feel very fortunate to have been given these 60 years together. Wishing you all a happy holiday season!

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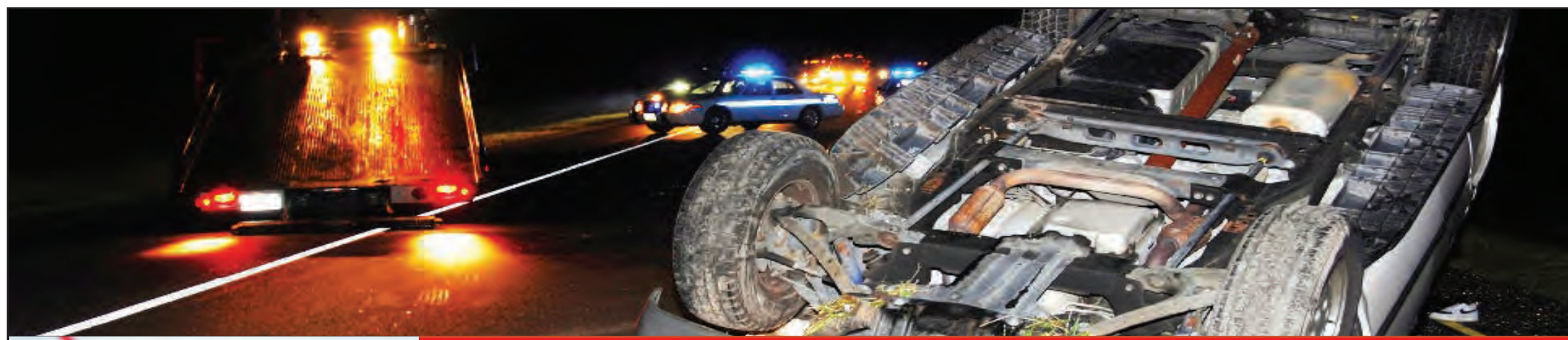


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