

Mask mandate stopped for now

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners on Monday did not renew the county's health order that requires face coverings in public spaces and limits the size of mass gatherings in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), despite a recommendation from the local health officer to do so.

On a 2-1 vote, after receiving input from Angie Reith, Jackson County local health officer, the commissioners passed a resolution to opt out of the mask mandate order and "strongly recommend" that masks be worn in public.

Commissioners Bill Elmer and Ed Kathrens voted in favor of opting out of the mask mandate while Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer voted against the resolution.

With the new decision, the commissioners allowed the county's health order, which had been in place since Nov. 13, to expire at midnight on Monday, despite a recommendation from Reith to continue the order for an additional one to two weeks.

The health order that was in place required people in Jackson County to wear face masks in public, limited non-religious

gatherings in the county to 25 and required restaurants and bars to keep groups of customers at least six feet apart.

The health order was extended on Nov. 23 for one week, on Nov. 30 for two weeks and then again on Dec. 14 through Monday, Dec. 28.

"There's nobody enforcing it," Commissioner Elmer said. "It's also killing our small businesses."

"The ones that want to wear a mask will wear them whether it's mandated or not," Kathrens added.

Reith reported that on Monday, 17 people tested positive for the virus. As of Monday evening, Reith reported a total of 68 active positive cases in the county and one new hospitalization in the county.

Since last spring, Reith said 1,000 people in Jackson County have tested positive for the virus.

"I was so optimistic until today and then I was disheartened," Reith said. "But I also predicted this because I feel people weren't testing around Christmas because they didn't want to know. I anticipated a Christmas fallout."

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Holton Community Hospital CEO Carrie Saia, shown in the photo above, is among five new Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame inductees for 2021. Saia has overseen the hospital's expansion project and noted that the new Rural Health Clinic building will be open this Monday, Jan. 4. She is shown next to a monument honoring Cathleen Reed, a 2012 Chamber Hall of Fame inductee who was a key player in getting the hospital expansion project off the ground.

Photo by Brian Sanders

COVID-19 vaccine not available yet for general public

By Ali Holcomb

While COVID-19 vaccines have arrived in Kansas and are being administered to front-line health care workers locally, many residents are eager to know when and how the vaccines will be made available to the general public.

Gov. Laura Kelly recently announced the state's framework for distributing the vaccines as they become available.

The framework starts this winter with high-risk Kansans, such as health care personnel and long-term care facility staff and residents, eventually reaching the general public in the summer, it was reported.

After reaching high-risk Kansans, the vaccine will become available in late winter, on a limited

basis, for first responders, some public-facing workers in essential and critical infrastructure jobs, teachers, school staff, child care workers and individuals at high risk for adverse health consequences, it was reported.

As the vaccine becomes more available in the spring and summer, it will be available for all other adults and the rest of the general public who want it, Gov. Kelly said.

The goal is for everyone who wants a COVID-19 vaccine to get one as soon as large quantities are available, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

There will be several location options for people who want to

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Saia named to Chamber Hall of Fame

By Brian Sanders

In 2008, when Jackson County native Carrie Saia was working at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka as an administrative director of inpatient units, Saia's boss asked her to serve as the director of nursing at Holton Community Hospital, which was managed at the time by St. Francis.

Saia remembered not wanting to go at first — she "wanted to be an ER (emergency room) nurse forever," she said — but went anyway, only to have an eventual change of mind and heart.

"I have been nothing but challenged and rewarded and loved, every minute of being up here. It's kind of like you don't know what you don't know about something," she said of her decision to take on the nursing director's position at HCH.

Within five years, she was named the hospital's chief ex-

ecutive officer, and she's overseen the hospital's recent \$14.6-million expansion project, including the construction of a new HCH Rural Health Clinic that will open to the public this Monday (see related story).

"It's been very humbling to be able to say I was a part of this huge project," Saia said. "It's been fun and energetic, even though in 2020, it feels like I've aged 10 years! But I wouldn't change it for the world. I feel very, very fortunate to be a part of it."

Saia will be recognized as part of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame's Class of 2021, along with Jay and Rogette Branam, Brooks Barta and Tim Morris, and she said that honor was humbling for her as well.

"There are some magnificent people who I cannot believe that my name will be alongside theirs, since they have done so

much," she said. "I don't believe that I have done anything so worthy to be recognized. But the next thought I had when they told me about it was, gosh, it's just truly humbling. I'm very, very proud to be a part of the Holton community. It's a great, great place to live and work."

Saia grew up in the Holton area, attending Denison Grade School through sixth grade, when, in 1977, she and her classmates became the first sixth-grade class at the newly-constructed Holton Middle School. Back then, she said, she didn't have the first idea that she'd be doing what she does today.

"I knew that I wanted to help people, and I knew what that looked like," she said. "I wasn't really certain until I started out in physical therapy, but I found out that area wasn't for me."

After graduating from Holton High School in 1984, she

attended Kansas State University, leaving after two years because KSU didn't have a degree program in her preferred field — nursing — at the time. She transferred to Washburn University, where she got her nursing degree, and went to work at St. Francis in 1988.

"I've loved that career ever since I got into it," Saia said of nursing. "I wanted to be an ER nurse. I was a flight nurse for a little while, and I loved that. But I also found out that while working night shifts and weekends is fun, it's not when you have a family and other things in life that need to come first."

Saia then pursued a master's degree in management from Baker University, not knowing initially that this particular field was her "calling" but discovering the joy of helping her staff learn and grow.

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Members of Holton's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1367 recently noted the post's 75th anniversary. The post was mustered on Dec. 10, 1945, and members of the post recently received the Diamond Jubilee Award for the post's "outstanding record of service to the community, to veterans, service members and their families for so many years." In the photo above, Ken Allred (at left), Kansas VFW Commander, presented the award to Les Crawshaw (center), VFW Post 1367 Commander, and Gary Jackman (at right), the oldest member of VFW Post 1367.

Photo courtesy of Gregg Moser

New Year's schedule announced

This Friday, New Year's Day, 2020 will give way to 2021, and several businesses in Holton and the surrounding area will be closed, along with government and financial institutions, to celebrate the changing of the year.

The Holton Recorder will

close at noon tomorrow (Thursday) for New Year's Eve and remain closed on Friday so that staff members and their families may celebrate the New Year's Day holiday. Regular hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 4.

Holton City Hall will close

at noon tomorrow, following a short Holton City Commission year-end meeting, and the Jackson County Courthouse will also close at noon, it was reported.

The staff of The Holton Recorder would like to wish everyone a happy and safe New Year.

VFW to present New Year's fireworks

By Brian Sanders

Last December, Holton's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1367 looked to start an annual tradition with a free New Year's Eve fireworks display for the public at Banner Creek Reservoir.

The fireworks show was a hit with those who came out to the reservoir to celebrate the start of 2020 — although Holton VFW member Mike Wilson said there were a few who weren't happy with the start time.

"They said it was too late for the kids," Wilson said. "They didn't want to take the kids out at midnight, so we said next year, we'd move it forward."

This year's VFW fireworks display, to be held tomorrow night (Thursday) at the reservoir grounds, will have an earlier start time — 7 p.m. — and is expected to run for about 20 minutes with airborne shell explosions every 10 to 15 seconds, Wilson said.

Admission to the fireworks display is free, but free-will donations will be accepted

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New hospital clinic set to open Monday

By Brian Sanders

Starting this Monday, Jan. 4, visitors to Holton Community Hospital's Rural Health Clinic north of Holton will access the clinic at its new entrance.

That's the word from HCH Chief Executive Office Carrie Saia, who said that the hospital's new 6,594-square-foot clinic building, part of the hospital's \$14.6-million expansion and renovation project, will be ready to open to the public at that time.

"The big part is done," Saia said of the new, two-story addition to the hospital where the Rural Health Clinic, along with expanded office space for doctors, the hospital's senior life program and new business and administrative offices, will be open while remodeling and new construction at the existing

HCH building continues.

Construction at the new clinic building is wrapping up "right on schedule" with the original plan to finish the expansion project 16 months after groundbreaking in September of 2019, Saia said, while remodeling and renovation work at the hospital is expected to be wrapped up in February.

The expansion project has been facilitated by a \$14.6-million USDA Rural Development loan that gave the project's contractor, AHRS Construction of Bern, the 16-month window to complete construction. Saia said that time schedule has been expanded to allow for possible setbacks due to the COVID-19 pandemic and a strike by one of the project's subcontractors.

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CARES Act projects closed out

By Ali Holcomb
While the deadline for counties across the country to spend Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) funds was recently extended to provide relief for governmental officials, the news came too late for most.

"It's worthless," Brett Waggoner of Governmental Assistance Services said of the 12-month extension. "The people who get rewarded are the people who didn't do what they were supposed to do."

The original deadline for CARES Act funds to be spent was today (Dec. 30), but with President Donald Trump's signature on the coronavirus relief bill Sunday night, the deadline to spend the funds was also extended one year.

"It doesn't mean much, but it'll give me more time to make sure everything is perfect for the audit," Waggoner said.

Jackson County received \$2.9 million in CARES Act funds this

past summer based on its population, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the county at the time and the county's unemployment rate.

The commissioners hired Governmental Assistance Services of Lawrence to administer the grant funds. The business received five percent of the CARES Act funds, or \$146,662 maximum, for its services.

CARES Act funds were distributed to several organizations, businesses and other public entities.

Each Jackson County school district received funds at a rate of \$222.70 per pupil and included \$85,739.50 for Jackson Heights, \$250,760.20 for Holton and \$194,862.50 for Royal Valley.

A total of \$40,000 in CARES Act funds were allocated and divided up between each of the county's nine towns, and disbursements included:

- * \$25,000 for Holton
- * \$5,000 for Hoyt
- * \$2,500 for Mayetta

- * \$1,500 for Denison
- * \$1,500 for Whiting
- * \$1,250 for Circleville
- * \$1,250 for Delia
- * \$1,000 for Netawaka
- * \$1,000 for Soldier

Holton Community Hospital received \$221,895.65 in CARES Act funds based on a request from administrators.

The Jackson County Health Department was allocated \$226,860 for supplies, to purchase a large tent for drive-through testing, funds to remodel its front office space and for other needs, it was reported.

Other medical agencies outside a health care system also received funds, as well as assisted living facilities.

Eighty-one Jackson County businesses and non-profits were awarded grants totaling \$473,200 through the county's share of CARES Act fund.

Area fire department also received funds, as well as all county departments.

During Monday's Jackson

County Commission meeting, Waggoner said that all the CARES Act contingency funds have been used for the construction of an isolation pod at the Jackson County Jail and for remodeling the fourth floor on the Jackson County Courthouse to serve as the new offices for the Jackson County attorney and staff.

The original budget for the isolation pod at the jail was \$550,000 but the projected total is now \$716,000, a difference of \$166,000.

The initial budget for the attorney's office project was \$250,000 but is now projected at \$307,340, a difference of \$57,340.

With additional contingency funds spent, Waggoner said an additional \$18,000 is needed to close out the project at the jail.

Undersheriff Darrell Chapman reported that the county might still be reimbursed some of the funds spent on the jail project, which were paid out early due to the original Dec. 30 deadline.

Preliminary hearing delayed in July fatality case

By Brian Sanders

A preliminary hearing for a Circleville man charged in the death of a North Dakota teen in a utility vehicle accident this past July has been delayed to allow a search for video recordings of statements made by people involved in the accident.

At a preliminary status hearing for Wyatt Olberding held Monday morning over the Zoom online platform, Topeka-based defense attorney Tom Lemon asked Jackson County District Court Judge Norbert Marek to continue the hearing to allow Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller to check whether law enforcement officers took video statements from those involved in the July 5 accident.

Monday's hearing was continued until Feb. 25 in district court to allow Miller to contact two Jackson County Sheriff's officers who had participated in the investigation of the accident and resulting case against Olberding, 21, charged this past September in district court with involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence in the death of Izhah Martinez, 13, of Fargo, N.D., in the accident.

That accident occurred in the early morning hours of July

5 about two miles northeast of Netawaka and left Olberding and four others injured. Olberding is currently free on \$10,000 bond.

Lemon said during Monday's hearing that he had received discovery on Olberding's case in "three bursts," including officer and accident reports and photos taken at the scene of the accident. He also requested "bodycam" videos from two Jackson County Sheriff's officers who worked the accident, saying that the officers had used body cameras in previous situations.

"I think it's odd that there was no video in a death case," Lemon said.

Miller replied that she was unaware that any of the officers involved in investigating the ac-

cident had activated their body cameras, "short of me going and speaking with every officer individually." She added that she had checked with the sheriff's office about officers' body camera recordings and was doubtful that they were available but would speak with the two officers involved in the investigation.

According to a sheriff's report, Olberding was driving a 2020 model Honda "side-by-side" UTV west on 318th in the early hours of July 5 alongside another UTV when the Honda reportedly hit a hole in the road half a mile west of S Road, went out of control and overturned on the south side of the road. Martinez, a passenger in the Honda, was ejected.

Sheriff's officers received a

report from a Horton police dispatcher of the accident soon afterward. Efforts to revive Martinez using CPR were unsuccessful, and he was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Olberding and four other occupants of the Honda — Dalton E. Chartier, 20, of Holton; and Savon Lewis, 22, Michael A. Gabbard, 22, and Lane T. Rodvelt, 22, all of Horton — were taken to Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka by ambulance, all with debilitating injuries.

No information was released regarding the driver of the other UTV, how many passengers — if any — were on the other UTV or how fast the two UTVs were going at the time of the accident.

Vaccine rollout...

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get the vaccine, including doctors' offices, hospitals, federally qualified health centers and retail pharmacies, it was reported.

Carrie Saia, Holton Community Hospital CEO, said steps have been discussed on how to administer the vaccine to the general public when HCH and the hospital's clinic, Family Practice Associates, receives vaccines for that purpose.

Saia said the first step is to notify the public of the vaccine's availability.

"Our preference would be to offer one week's notice of dedicated times that the vaccine will be administered," Saia said. "Our preference (weather dependent) will be to offer this as a drive-through option during our dedicated times. We will notify the public of dates and times via all media sources, including *The*

Holton Recorder, KNZA and our website www.holtonhospital.com and Facebook page."

Saia said HCH and Family Practice Associates will not be establishing a wait list for the vaccine.

"Patients do not need to contact their provider, as at this time we do not have any information for when the vaccine will be available to seniors or to the general public," Saia said.

Sarah Hancock, director of communications for Community HealthCare System (which includes a medical clinic in Holton), said that CHCS is "eager to offer the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible."

"We don't yet have information on the timing of the vaccine rollout for patients," Hancock said. "We are also awaiting detailed guidelines on prioritizing patients from the Kansas De-

partment of Health and Environment."

Hancock said that CHCS has formed a taskforce to prepare for the vaccination rollout.

"We have taken the step of forming a taskforce to gather information and ensure that we are adequately prepared to offer the vaccination as soon as we are able," Hancock said. "If you are interested in receiving the vaccine or have questions regarding the best decision for you, we encourage you to consult your health care provider. We will be sharing information widely as we learn more."

Vaccine doses purchased with U.S. taxpayer dollars will be provided at no cost, according to the CDC. However, vaccination providers may charge administration fees for giving the shot. Vaccination providers can get this fee reimbursed by the patient's public or private insurance company or, for uninsured patients, by the Health Resources and Services Administration's Provider Relief Fund, it was reported.

Time for New Year's Financial Resolutions

Many of us probably felt that 2020 lasted a very long time. But now that 2021 is upon us, we can make a fresh start — and one way to do that is to make some New Year's resolutions. Of course, you can make these resolutions for all parts of your life — physical, emotional, intellectual — but have you ever considered some *financial* resolutions?

Here are a few such resolutions to consider:

- **Don't overreact to events.** When the coronavirus pandemic hit in mid-February, the financial markets took a big hit. Many people, convinced that we were in for a prolonged slump, decided to take a "time out" and headed to the investment sidelines. But it didn't take long for the markets to rally, rewarding those patient investors who stayed the course. Nothing is a certainty in the investment world, but the events of 2020 followed a familiar historical pattern: major crisis followed by a market drop followed by strong recovery. The lesson for investors? Don't overreact to today's news — because tomorrow may look quite different.
- **Be prepared.** At the beginning of 2020, nobody

was anticipating a worldwide pandemic and its terrible consequences, both to individuals' health and to their economic well-being. None of us can foretell the future, either, but we can be prepared, and one way to do so is by building an emergency fund. Ideally, such a fund should be kept in liquid, low-risk vehicles and contain at least six months' worth of living expenses.

- **Focus on moves you can control.** In response to pandemic-related economic pressures, some employers cut their matching contributions to 401(k) plans in 2020. Will some future event cause another such reduction? No one knows — and even if it happens, there's probably nothing you can do about it. Instead of worrying about things you can't control, focus on those you can. When it comes to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, put in as much as you can afford this year, and if your salary goes up, increase your contribution.
- **Recognize your ability to build savings.** During the pandemic, the personal savings rate shot up, hitting a record of 33% in April, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. It fell over the next several months, but still remained about twice as high as the rate of the past few years. Of

course, much of this surge in Americans' proclivity to save money was due to our lack of options for spending it, as the coronavirus caused either complete or partial shutdowns in physical retail establishments, as well as dining and entertainment venues. But if you did manage to boost your own personal savings when your spending was constrained, is it possible to remain a good saver when restrictions are lifted? Probably. And the greater your savings, the greater your financial freedoms — including the freedom to invest and freedom from excessive debt. When we reach a post-pandemic world, see if you can continue saving more than you did in previous years — and use your savings wisely.

These aren't the only financial resolutions you can make — but following them may help you develop habits that could benefit you in 2021 and beyond.

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Target	175.03	-1.36
Hershey	151.55	-0.25
Walmart	144.34	-0.88
Phillips 66	68.39	-0.94
US Bancorp	46.12	-0.54
Pfizer	37.05	+0.23
Deere & Co.	265.41	-2.09
United Parcel	169.14	-2.22
Apple	134.87	-1.82
Facebook	276.78	-0.22
Goodyear	10.31	+0.00

Source: New York Stock Exchange reports. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020.

GRAIN		
Description	Price at Close	
Wheat	\$5.45	
Corn	\$4.39	
Milo	\$5.52	
Soybeans	\$12.43	

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES		
	Current	Last Mo. Last Year
Kansas Average	\$1.99	+\$0.117 -\$0.284
National Average	\$2.25	+\$0.138 -\$0.326
Holton Average	\$1.99	

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Monday, Dec. 28, 2020.

5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 27, 2015 – Jan. 2, 2016

Holton's new Walmart was beginning to take shape, as exterior structural work continued on the store building and the parking lot was near completion. It was reported that the new store will have nearly double the available space of Holton's existing Walmart store, located along U.S. Highway 75.

Youth from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Netawaka recently spent a day baking cookies for area deliveries to local nursing homes, sheriff's officers and emergency room staff, it was reported. Youth included Alyssa Keehn, Abby Brey, Grace Roles, Kylie Dohl, Brantley Dohl, Adam Amon and youth sponsor Stacy Amon.

Participants in the annual Sticker Shock activity were treated to lunch at Jhett's Pizzeria in Holton on Tuesday, Dec. 29. Participants included Sheri Dibbern, Faith Holaday, Tabor Barta, Maggie Pruitt, Logan Rethman, Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle, Amber Dibbern, Blake Harris, Mackenzie Moore, Lauryn Moore, Quinn Holaday, Emma Wittmer, Sonora Sheldon, Megan Mercer, Sydney Snyder, Hayley Thompson and Debbie Harshaw.

A new club has been formed at Holton High School. The purpose of the Constitution Club, led by social studies teacher Jackie McAsey, is to prepare for the Constitution Bee at Kansas State University and to also prepare for all civics, world history, criminal justice and AP classes in order to compete for scholarships.

10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 27, 2010 – Jan. 2, 2011

Bob Carlson has begun his role as director of Holton Main Street, it was announced. Although Carlson has only been Holton Main Street's director for two weeks, he has been impressed with the community and is excited about 2011 and the future of the program.

On Tuesday, Dec. 28, long-time Holton city employees Ray Beatty and Gene Williams celebrated their retirement together at a special reception at Holton City Hall. Williams, power plant superintendent and former city manager, stepped down after nearly 40 years of service. Meter reader Beatty retired after 32 years of service.

Stacey Korte, a junior at Holton High School, was awarded first place in the 2010 Holton Masonic Lodge Essay Contest, it was reported. Korte is the daughter of Ray and Deb Korte of Holton.

Rodeo is a family affair for the Beechers of Soldier, and son Kyle has continued in the line that his mother, Rhonda, and father, Greg,



Now known for her cooking, this week's "Blast From The Past" is a woman from southern Jackson County who was featured in a 1979 edition of The Recorder.

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Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Judy Arnold, who was correctly identified first by Maxine Lewis.

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announced. Cranston used to live in the state of New York, where he said everyone had curbside pickup of recyclable materials. This prompted him to start the service for northeast Kansas.

Children in the Denison Bible Church AWANA program made special "Grand Prix" model racers for their Grand Prix racing event earlier this month. The fastest cars belonged to Danny Rios, Ethan Stephens and Rebekkah Navarro, respectively. The design winners were Jayde Oswald, Hannah George and Evan Sims. Each winner received a trophy.

5th Street Muffler changed its name to Ireland Custom Exhaust, it was announced. The business also moved to a new location east of Jarboe's Nursery at 12697 198th Rd.

25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 27, 1995 – Jan. 2, 1996

The New Year is cause for celebration for many in different ways. For Holton resident Harold Ireland, it's a celebration of survival. It's been 50 years since Ireland was taken as a prisoner of war in World War II. Ireland said the experience made a profound and lasting impact on him. At the end of his military service, he met his future wife, Elsie, when he was at an Arkansas resort on an "R&R" provided to freed POWs.

Holton High School's girls basketball team went on a 16-1 run midway through the second half to secure a 54-38 Big Seven League win at Hiawatha on Thursday night, Dec. 21. Junior forward Dena Hahn went 7-for-9 from the field in the game and finished with 14 points. Senior Jessica Farmer scored a game-high

18 points, 12 of them in the second half alone.

Sleeping bags lined a hallway at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Holton on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, as their owners took part in various activities during the Jackson County 4-H Livestock Lock-In. Veterinary Susan Lukert and other specialists gave presentations to 52 county 4-Hers during the night-long event.

50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 27, 1971 – Jan. 2, 1971

Sherry Koch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Koch of Holton, was selected as one of the 1970-71 Gibson Girls at Kansas State University, it was reported. Gibson Girls are the official hostesses for all athletic recruits who visit the campus at Manhattan.

Larry Lutz purchased the Federated Store in Holton from Fred Padden, it was announced. Lutz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lutz and is a graduate of Delia High School.

The Dale Carmean Eagle Scout Scholarship was awarded to Kent Mumaw of Holton, it was announced. Kent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mumaw of Holton. He is a graduate of Holton High School. The scholarship is awarded annually on a state-wide basis to an Eagle Scout who is attending a college or university in Kansas.

Cindy Haas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Haas of Holton, was installed as Honored Queen for Bethel Chapter 65 of the International Order of Job's Daughters on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Deadline to renew driver's licenses extended again

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly recently signed Executive Order 20-70 extending the deadline for renewal of driver's licenses to June 30, 2021, it has been reported.

With this order, Gov. Kelly extends a previous provision that allows Kansans 21 to 64 years of age to renew online. By statute, the restriction is 21 to 54 years old.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, it is clear that we must extend this provision to continue protecting Kansans' health and safety," Gov. Kelly said. "I encourage all Kansans eligible to take advantage of the opportunity for online license renewal to protect themselves and their communities from the spread of the virus."

In addition to Executive Order 20-70, the Kansas Department of Revenue is removing service fees for all Kansans who use iKan to

renew their license. These fees are generated to keep the online renewal system running but will be covered by COVID-19 funding to encourage the use of online renewals. This, in turn, assists in combatting community spread of the disease.

"By waiving the service fees, we hope Kansas drivers see this as an opportunity to experience a safe alternative to visiting our offices in person," Kansas Department of Revenue Secretary Mark Burghart said. "This helps our customers not see delays in service and our staff to continue regular operations in a health-conscious manner."

The iKan program can be utilized by downloading the app from Apple App or Google Play stores on mobile devices or by visiting iKan.ks.gov. Even with the temporary removal of some restrictions, by statute, other restrictions apply.

Valley Falls man injured here in ATV accident

A Valley Falls man sustained "disabling injuries" after he was ejected from an all-terrain vehicle in eastern Jackson County Monday evening. Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported.

Shortly before 5 p.m. that day, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office received a report of an ATV accident with injuries south of 158th Road near X4 Road.

The Mayetta and Hoyt Fire

Departments responded to the scene. The driver of the ATV was ejected while driving off road about half a mile south of 158th Road near X4 Road, Morse said.

The driver, a Valley Falls man whose name was not released, was transported to a Topeka hospital by EMS. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether alcohol contributed to the accident, Morse said.

Thank You!



I want to thank you all so much for the birthday wishes by phone, through the mail and by your visits. My great-grandchildren were amazed that I have received more than 200 birthday cards in the mail. Holton and the surrounding communities have been so kind to me. Thank you all for making my 100th birthday so special!

Love, Floye Knouft

JANUARY 2021

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st

HAPPY NEW YEARS CELEBRATION!!

Everyone actively playing at 1pm will get \$20 free play! Hot Seat Drawings to win \$210 in free play every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$500 in free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-10:30pm, plus get an extra entry into the CASH drawings from 1pm-2am! Registration CASH Drawings to win up to \$2,000 every 1/2 hour 11pm-1:30am. Registration Drawing to win \$2021 in CASH at 2am!

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 16th & 30th
EXTENDED NEW YEAR CELEBRATION!!

Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in CASH or free play every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm, plus become a qualifier for the CASH drawings at 11pm, 12am & 1am. Registration Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in CASH or free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-2am. (Excludes the 11pm, 12am & 1am drawings) Qualifier CASH drawings to win \$1,250 at 11pm, \$2,500 at 12am and \$5,000 at 1am. CASH drawings at 1:30am and 2am for \$2021!!

DAILY SPECIAL EVENTS

TEXT NOW ALERT – If you get a text now alert on one of these days (Sun. – Thur.) saying you get \$20 in free play, stop by they Player's Club Desk and show them your phone text and you will get \$20 in free play! Must have a valid ID.

MONDAYS – Earn 1,000 points for the day each Monday in January and receive \$100 in free play! Limited one per day.

TUESDAYS – SENIOR DAY – Everyone 55 years plus will get \$20 in free play. Stop by the Player's Club Desk for more details.

WEDNESDAYS – CASINO WHITE CLOUD APPAREL DAY – Anyone who comes in with Casino White Cloud themed Apparel will get \$20 in free play. Stop by the Player's Club Desk for more details.

NEW MEMBERS – GET \$50 IN FREE PLAY FOR SIGNING UP IN JANUARY!! (\$25 IN JANUARY AND \$25 IN FEBRUARY) If you sign up as a new member on the excluded days, you will get the full \$50 in free play on February 1st. If you are a current member of the Player's Club and you bring a new member in, you will get \$20 in free play. (Excluded dates are Jan 1, 16 & 30)

BIRTHDAY MONTH – If you are a current member of the Player's Club, and it is your birthday month, stop by the Player's Club desk and you will get \$20 in free play for your birthday or if you come on your birthday you get \$30!

MORE JANUARY EVENTS

SUNDAYS - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. **LADIES NIGHT** – ALL Ladies who come in between 6pm-8pm will get \$20 in free play. Free play will be put on in a timely manner. **LADIES ONLY** Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play and a gift every 1/2 hour 9pm-12am.

MONDAYS - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. **GUYS NIGHT** – ALL Guys who come in between 6pm-8pm will get \$20 in free play. Free play will be put on in a timely manner. **GUYS ONLY** Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play and a gift every 1/2 hour 9pm-12am.

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$200 in free play every 1/2 hour 1pm-12am. Each winner will also get \$50 in free play for the month of February!

FRIDAYS – Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$300 in free play and \$50 in free play for every month in 2021 every 1/2 hour 6pm-2am!!

SATURDAYS - Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$100 in free play every 1/2 hour 1pm-5pm. Hot Seat Drawings to win up to \$1,000 in free play every 1/2 hour 6pm-2am plus become a qualifier for the CASH Giveaways on the 16th & 30th.

IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY—REGISTRATION AND QUALIFIER DRAWINGS ON JAN 16 & 30
Registration tickets will be handed the night of the registration drawings. You will need to stop by the player's club desk to get a ticket. (Registration drawing dates Jan 1, 16 & 30) One entry per person per day. On January 16th & 30th CASH drawings for \$1,250, \$2,500 or \$5,000 will be qualifier drawings!! You can become a qualifier by winning one of the hot seat drawings on Saturdays in January from 6pm-2am and on The 16th and 30th from 1pm-5pm drawings.
You must be present to win. Limit one big cash drawing per person.

BINGO PROMOTIONS - Daily Drawings - Initial buy in drawings daily!!
Senior Sunday - All Seniors (55 and over) get \$10 off their bingo buy-in!! (Must have valid ID)

Double Action - Bingo on Double Action and have the chance to win up to \$500 extra cash!!

Birthday Bingo - Bingo on your birthday month you get \$20 in free play. Bingo on your birthday and get \$200 in free play!! (must have valid ID with birth date)

B-I-N-G-O Days - Bingo on the letter of the day of the week and get \$20 in free play!! (B-Tuesday, I-Wednesday, N-Thursday, G-Friday, O-Saturday)

Each day has a special letter to bingo on for an extra prize. When you bingo on that letter of the day, you will get \$20 in free play!! See Bingo Cage for more details!

HAPPY NEW YEARS Special - Friday, January 1st - FREE daubers to first 150 guests!

Early Birds: regular games \$100 last game \$150 Regular: Level 1 - \$300 level 2 - \$500

Special games: Orange & Crazy T game – consolation prize plus \$100 if progressive doesn't go.

Pick a pet - \$200 - \$300 - \$400 - \$500 - \$600 - \$700 - \$800

Tuesday's are LADIES NIGHT in Bingo!! If you are a Lady and you bingo on a Tuesday Night, you will get a \$50 bingo coupon!

Wednesday's are GUYS NIGHT in Bingo!! If you are a Guy and you bingo on a Wednesday Night, you will get a \$50 bingo coupon!

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Thanks, everyone, for your support in 2020!

As the year 2020 winds down, we want to thank everyone - subscribers and business advertisers alike - for continuing to support us during this most unusual year.

We couldn't have made it without you all!

This year has not been easy for anyone. Like every other business in the community, *The Holton Recorder* has been struggling mightily at times to continue serving the community the best that we can.

Like all families in the community, we continue to work around every COVID-19-related obstacle that ends up in front of us. That's all we can do.

We're knocking on wood that we're going to be able to continue doing that in 2021.

While we know that COVID-19 is not in the rear view mirror quite yet, we are hopeful that everyone will soon be able to be vaccinated against the virus and return to normal.

We don't think we've ever worked harder to earn the support and trust of our customers than we have in 2020, but we pledge to work just as hard in 2021!

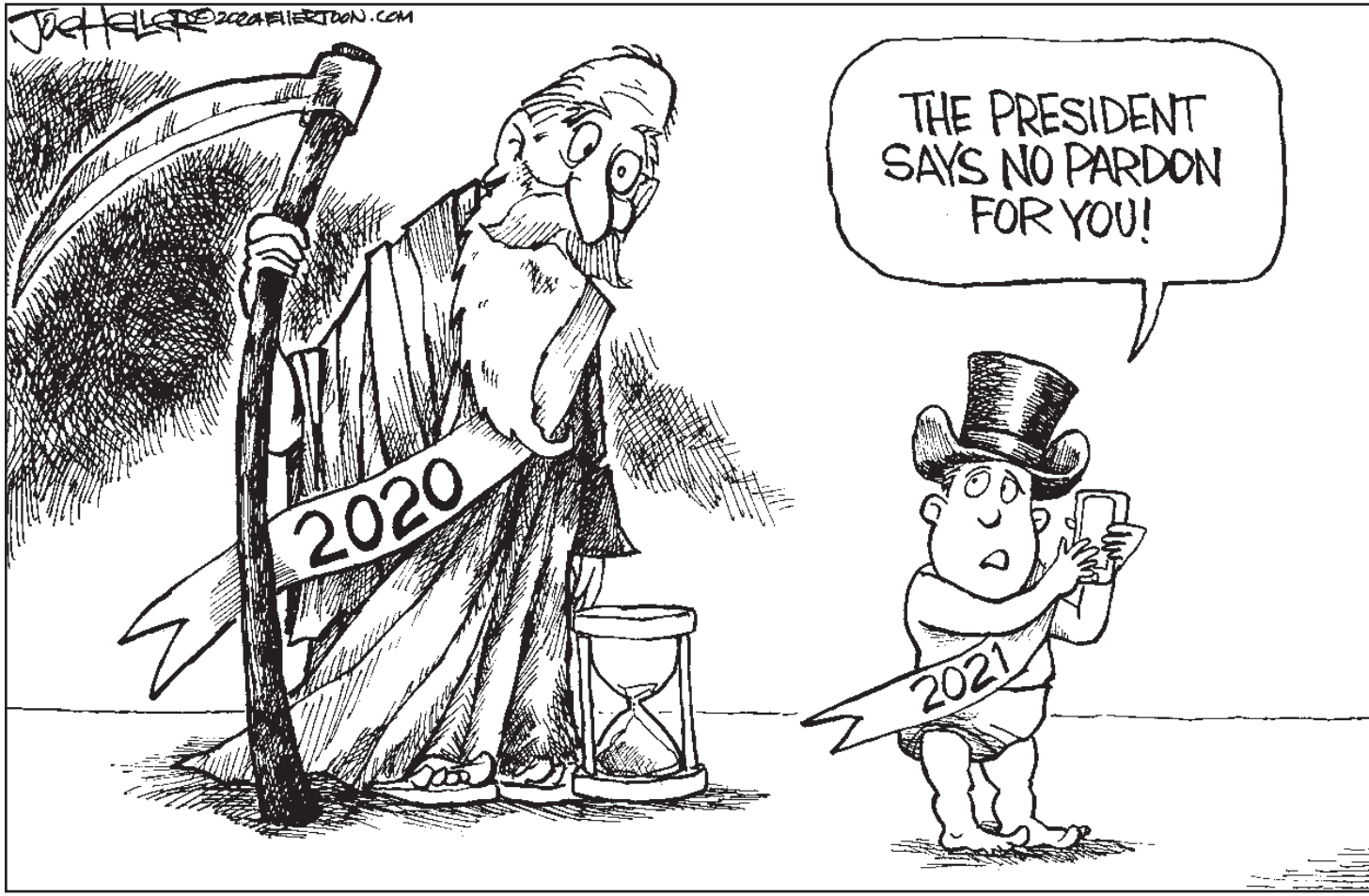
It is our great honor to live and work among some of the best people on the planet.

Many of our great businesses wish you a Happy New Year, too. You'll find their messages in this edition.

We also want to thank our wonderful employees here at *The Recorder* who continue to help produce what we selfishly consider one of the best community newspapers in the country.

Again, thank you for your support and trust in the past year. We really appreciate you all and look forward to serving you in 2021.

David Powls



PLAINS FOLK: The story of cowboy poet Badger Clark

By Jim Hoy

I think the first cowboy poetry gathering I went to was 1989's National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration down in Lubbock, Texas. The first few years were held in the Student Union on the Texas Tech campus, before moving permanently to the Lubbock City Auditorium.

That first year, and nearly every year after, I would hear someone recite a poem called "A Border Affair" or one they called "Spanish Is The Loving Tongue." It was the same poem, and sometimes it was sung rather than recited.

Only occasionally did one of the singer/reciters give credit to its author: Charles Badger Clark Jr.

From early on he had gone by "Badger," to avoid confusion with his father Charley, a Union veteran and Methodist preacher. Clark was born in Iowa in 1883, but the family moved to South Dakota when he was an infant. In 1888 Clark's mother died from tuberculosis, as did his

older brother soon after.

Badger himself contracted the disease at the age of 23 and was advised to move to a drier, warmer climate. He was wandering through New Mexico and Arizona when he was offered a chance to live on the Cross I Quarter Circle ranch near Tombstone if he would look after the place.

He got room and board, but no salary, which suited him fine. It took only a day or two each month to keep the place up, which give him a lot of time to recuperate amid the desert scenery and to visit with the old timers and working cowboys who would occasionally stop by.

Badger soaked up the stories as well as the sunshine. He had a good relationship with his stepmother and would sometimes include in his letters home a poem he had written, inspired by the landscape and the ranching life.

She liked his creative work and submitted one he had titled "In Arizony" to Pacific Monthly. The magazine published the poem under the title "Ridin,'" and also sent Clark a check for \$10.

It was at this point that he found out he could get paid for his scribbles and determined

to earn his living that way rather than with a regular job.

After four years in the Southwest, his tuberculosis cleared up, and he moved back to South Dakota to help look after his ailing father.

When his stepmother moved into a retirement home for spouses of Union veterans, Clark moved into a cabin in Custer State Park, remaining there for the rest of his life in what he called the Badger Hole.

In 1915, he borrowed some money from his stepmother and published his first poetry collection, "Sun And Saddle Leather." In less than a year he had repaid the loan, and the book has never been out of print. In 1941, he was named the first poet laureate of South Dakota, and by the following year, "Sun And Saddle Leather" had sold more than 30,000 copies.

Perhaps Clark's best-known poem is "A Cowboy's Prayer," although it is often both published and recited as "author unknown." Over his lifetime Badger collected more than 40 different postcards with his poem printed on it credited to "Anonymous" or "Author Unknown."

Back to "A Border Affair." That beautiful, haunting song has been recorded by, among

others, Richard Dyer-Bennet, Pete Seeger, Ian Tyson and Bob Dylan. Others who have recorded songs derived from Badger Clark's poetry include Johnny Cash, Judy Collins, Michael Martin Murphey, Emmylou Harris, Don Edwards, Bing Crosby and Tom Russell.

Clark was a pacifist, a naturalist and a rugged individualist who was suspicious of technology. He lived his whole life, by choice, without refrigeration or electricity. No man for the rat race, one of his diary entries later in life reads, "Lord, how I pity a man with a steady job."

He was also a humanitarian who said: "We still owe the Negro for 250 years of unpaid labor, and we owe the Indian for some three million square miles of land."

He died in 1957 at age 74. Commenting on his lack of widespread public recognition, this remark of Badger Clark's could well be his epitaph: "Mr. Anonymous has written some marvelously good things."

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



Our decisions determine our destiny

By Glenn Mollette

2021 is here, and will it be just another year?

If it's just another year, then that won't be bad at all because too many will not have another year. The opportunity and privilege to have another year is the gift of life.

Being alive and living your life is about as good as it gets. Aim for being alive this time next year.

Make some decisions about 2021. Where do you want to be this time in 12 months?

Would you like to be 10 pounds heavier? Maybe you would like to be 10 or 20 pounds lighter?



If you cut back on your portions and get off the couch, you can lose a pound a week on average. This is daunting, but just think about where you can be the first of March if you start today.

Don't start tomorrow. Start right now. Today. This minute. Throw all that junk cake and pie in the trash. This is a tough decision because we hate to say goodbye to all those holiday cookies and candies. Your body will thank you and you will feel so much better very soon.

Decide about financial habits. Millions of Americans carry credit card debt. Minimum payments on \$3,000 of credit card debt is like swimming up river. If you have missed a few payments, your credit card company may be anxious to hear from you. Ask them if they will consider a settlement payoff.

A friend of mine owed \$5,000 and his credit card company settled for a \$2,800 payoff. Your company might or might not, but it never hurts to negotiate. You might be able to sell some things in order to erase that back-breaking, high interest debt.

Make some money in 2021 - if you want to. Most Americans need to make money in 2021. Work on job applications. Peruse the newspaper. Search online. Consider places you have heard about and call them, go see them. Knock on doors of opportunity. You get nowhere if you do not try.

You might complete 20 or 30 applications to get one job interview. Complete the application thoroughly. Give them a reason to consider you. Put together a good biographical sketch, resume. Have a friend or two to review and edit because two heads are better than one. Have some good trusted references. Wherever you work, do a good job because you want them to say a good word about you. A good word may seal the deal on your next job opportunity.

Jobs sometimes are scarce. Consider your personal knowledge and abilities and what might you do to make a dollar or two. What do you know that others need to know? What can you offer that others need or might want? Can you make something? Can you fix things? How can you help others?

Creating your own life and business might be the financial and mental sanity answer for you. If you create your own work and are good at what you do, you will not run out of something to do.

Our decisions determine our destiny. Whatever decision we make, we have to put into action. Faith without works is dead. May your life be good, healthy and filled with wonderful love, family and friends in 2021. Let's work together for a good year.

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American author and columnist. Learn more about him online at www.glenmollette.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

John 14:12 reads, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

John 14:13, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

John 14:14, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

John 14:12 has been a verse of great controversy. I won't go into the many written commentaries and sincere discussions about this verse.

I can only say that we can not do greater works than Jesus Christ. If we could do greater works than Jesus, why would Jesus tell us in verse 14, "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Why didn't Jesus say, "If you need anything done in my name, 'you' can do it yourself since you can do greater works than I." Instead He said, "I will do it." With emphasis on the word "I," meaning Jesus will do for us that which we can not do for ourselves.

I think that the thought here that we should get from John 14:12 is this. I truly tell you this, that right now I walk with you in the flesh, and you do great things by listening to me and following me. Soon I will be going to the Father, but I will not leave you comfortless. I will send you The Holy Spirit. He shall give you power from on high and He (The Holy Spirit) will cause you to do greater things than you are doing right now, because He will dwell in you and you in Him.

You can do nothing of any value to God without The Holy Spirit dwelling in you. He guides you towards the works of God, which consist of, "that you believe on him whom he hath sent." (John 6:29.) There are no man made works required.

Read the rest of John chapter 14, 15 and 16. John 16:7 reads, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

Acts 1:8 reads, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

So then, it is the Holy Spirit that causes you to do greater works, not greater works than Jesus, but greater works than you would ever be able to do without Him (The Holy Spirit).

Never try to interpret a verse of scripture just by focusing on that verse alone, but let the whole of the Bible do the interpretation for you.

Read your Bible. It will give you understanding.

Pastor Roland Matchie
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Audiology G. McKnight, January 13 (Holton)	Psychiatry D. Heredia, MD, January 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 (Holton)
Cardiology J. Joliff, MD, January 13 (Onaga)	Pulmonology S. Magee, MD, January 14 (Holton)
Counseling R. Gronewoller, LSCSW, By appt. (Onaga)	Surgery D. Cancelada, MD, January 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 (Onaga); January 5, 12, 19, 26 (Holton)
Dermatology L. Buthorne, APRN-C, January 11 (Holton)	Urology J. Devine, January 12, 26 (Onaga)
Ear, Nose & Throat T. Grindal, MD, January 22 (Onaga)	Appointments
Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation S. Veloor, MD, January 12 (Holton)	Holton Family Health Center 1603 W. 4th St, Holton • 785-364-3205
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Maier
Warren D. Maier, 89, passed away peacefully on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020, at the Bell Gardens Assisted Living in Hillsboro, Ohio. Warren was born on March 7, 1931, in Denison, the son of Edwin and Ethyl Maier. He grew up on the family farm and graduated from Denison High School in 1949. Warren joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1951 and was stationed in Barstow, Calif., serving two years. He returned to Kansas where he met E. Darlene Plankinton, whom he married on April 25, 1955. Together they started their home in Salina, and he worked for J.C. Penney and International Milling Company. Warren and Darlene later returned to the Maier farm and Warren worked at Seaboard Milling Company in Topeka. He retired in 1996 after 33 years of work.

Warren and Darlene were very active campers and involved with Good Sam Camping Club. Warren served as the state director. They belonged to Mustang Camping Club in Holton for many years. Warren also spent 40 years umpiring softball and baseball and officiating basketball games in different locations. Warren served as a Boy Scout director and helped out in various jobs for 17 years in Kansas.

In 1997, Warren and Darlene moved to Hillsboro, Ohio, to be close to their daughter Deanna and her family. They spent many years attending their grandchildren's sporting events, plays, camping, being involved at Hillsboro First Baptist Church, gardening and enjoying retirement.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Darlene, who passed away on Feb. 16, 2015; and an infant son, Douglas Dean.

He leaves behind his son, Richard Allen and wife, Dorinda, of McKinney, Texas, and their children, Heather (Jason) Curtis of Morehead, Ky., and Lindsey (Justin) Gonzalez in Grand Forks, AFB, N.D., and daughter Deanna Kaye (Brian) Robinson of Hillsboro, Ohio, and their children, Joshua (Ashlynn Pagliaro) Maier of Cincinnati, Ohio, Alora (Skyler) Pond of Sanford, Fla., and Jordyn (Steven) Evans of Hillsboro, Ohio; and eight great-grandchildren, Warren Allen, Marrisaa, McKinley and William Curtis, Taylor and Cole Gonzalez and twins Beckett and Willow Pond.

Graveside services with military honors was held Wednesday, Dec. 30 in Holton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Heart of Jackson Humane Society. Due to the critical situation we all are in, please remember the families during this difficult time and consider sending a card of condolence or posting on our website. Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com. We also request everyone wear masks and practice social distancing.

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Axlund
Laurn Axlund, 83, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2020, at Lexington Park Nursing Home in Topeka.

Laurn taught in Topeka Public Schools, USD 501, for more than 30 years. He enjoyed coaching football and other sports at Highland Park Junior High. He was also a master gardener and landscaper and worked for the Kansas State Experimental Station in Wathena.

Laurn is survived by his wife, Nancy; four children; five grandchildren; and a sister.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the United Church of God, P.O. Box 541027, Cincinnati, OH 45227-1027.

To leave a message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com Holton Recorder 12/30/20 ▲

Williams

Bonnie J. Williams, 76, Netawaka, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at Hiawatha Hospital.

She was born April 4, 1944, in Cameron, Mo., the daughter of Wallard and Clara Scott Turner. She had lived in the Netawaka community for 27 years and previously in Horton.

Mrs. Williams was a Certified Nurse's Aide and Certified Medication Aide. She worked for many years for Merry Manor in Holton and Tri-County Manor in Horton.

She was a member of Netawaka United Methodist Church.

She married Darrell W. Williams on June 16, 1989, in Horton. He died April 17, 2019. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Shila Lawrence, in 2018.

Survivors include four children, Mary Waggener and husband Sean, Reed Springs, Mo.; Wendell Blanton Jr. and wife Adriana, Tulsa, Okla.; Sonny Blanton and wife Lynn, Topeka, and Ronnie Blanton and wife Leah, Tulsa, Okla.; eight sisters, Bea Teany, St. Joseph, Mo.; Lucy Taylor and husband Clarence, Kansas City, Mo.; Betty Hodge and husband Gene and Judy Knorr, all of Mayetta, Wander Hernandez and husband Frank, St. Joseph, Mo.; and Carol Sue Studa, Rita Raines and Pammy Nixon and husband Jerry, all of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Jimmy Turner and wife Linda, Clarksdale, Mo.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams will lie in state until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2 and Sunday, Jan. 3 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Graveside services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4 in Netawaka Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Netawaka United Methodist Church, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Guideline for obituaries

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Millenbruch
Ada Jean (Mc Cauley) Millenbruch passed away on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, at Winfield Senior Living in Winfield, due to complications related to COVID-19.

She was born at home in Holton to Russell E. and Lena (Debusk) Mc Cauley on Aug. 7, 1932.

When Ada was three years old, her family moved to Kansas City, Mo., so she could attend the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Elementary School for handicapped children. They eventually moved back to Holton, where she attended Colorado Elementary and graduated from Holton High School. She then attended Clark's Business School in Topeka.

She worked for the Kansas State Income Tax agency in Topeka until her marriage to Louis E. Millenbruch on Sept. 2, 1955, at First Christian Church in Holton. She then became a devoted wife and mother. While their first home was in Hiawatha, it would not be their last as Lou's employer, IBM, moved them throughout the United States and overseas. She made a home in more than 30 locations, including Beijing, China.

Retirement brought them to Winfield, where she enjoyed traveling around the United States, mostly to casinos, and quiet days at home. Since July of 2018 she has resided at Winfield Senior Living where she established many new friends and "family." She was a member of Grandview United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2015. Ada is survived by her son, Louis E. ("Buddy") Millenbruch Jr. and his wife Vicki; two grandsons, Jason (Laura) Millenbruch and Jeffrey (Jasmine) Millenbruch; and five great-grandchildren, Colby, Molly, Hudson, Bo and Beckham. She is also survived by her brother, Gene (Ruth) McCauley, and a nephew, Kelly McCauley.

Ada will lie in state Sunday, Jan. 3 and Monday, Jan. 4 until 5 p.m. each day at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Private family graveside services will be held in Holton Cemetery.

Due to the critical situation we all are in, please remember the families during this difficult time and consider sending a card of condolence or posting on our website.

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Stephenson
Jackie "Jack" Doyle Stephenson, 91, of Smithville, Mo., formerly of Holton, passed away Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020, at St. Luke's Hospice House with family by his side.

He was born June 2, 1929, in Onaga, the son of Roy Edward and Eula Frances (Burdett) Stephenson.

Jack graduated from Onaga High School in 1948. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1951-1953. He worked for United Telephone, retiring in 1984 after 34 years as test board supervisor.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, American Legion Post 44, Volunteer Fire Fighter, Holton Saddle Club and Elk Creek Sam's Camping Club, all in Holton. Jack had a love for horses; in early years, Jack had a farm east of Holton.

Jack married Anna Jean Bolts on Dec. 22, 1950, in Onaga. They celebrated more than 70 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Anna, of the home; a daughter, Celinda Smith of Manhattan; two sons, Robert L. Stephenson (Carla) of Westmoreland and James Stephenson of Smithville, Mo.; a brother, Gary Stephenson (Joyce) of Lawrence; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Jon Stephenson.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2 in Holton Cemetery. Jack will lie in state beginning Wednesday, Dec. 30 through Friday, Jan. 1 until 5 p.m. each day at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

Due to the critical situation we all are in, please remember the families during this difficult time and consider sending a card of condolence or posting on our website. The family suggests that in honor of Jack; try to make someone smile or laugh in the following days and beyond. Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. www.mercerfuneralhomes.com. We also request everyone wear masks and practice social distancing.

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Police note arrests

The following arrests were reported in recent days by the Holton Police Department.

■ Tanner Daugherty, 19, Topeka, was arrested Dec. 22 on a Shawnee County warrant.

■ Jared Schulenberg, 29, Holton, was arrested Dec. 22 on a domestic battery charge.



Hawkins
A. Jane Hawkins, 77, Auburn, passed away Friday, Dec. 18, 2020.

Jane was born Feb. 4, 1943, in Horton to Leo and Anna Bea West Conner. In 1962, Jane and Howard Hawkins were united in marriage enjoying 58 years together. The couple were American Paint Horse breeders, which included national and world champions. Jane loved animals and was gifted in caring for them. She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and will be dearly missed.

Survivors include Jane's husband, Howard; children, Scott Hawkins (Pam) and Laura Perkins (Andrew); grandchildren, Cole, Ryan, Jessica, Madison and Luke; great-granddaughter, Alexis; her brother, Charlie Conner (Liz); sister, Bobbie George (Eugene); and brother, Michael Hill (Janis).

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Earl Hill.

Due to the pandemic, there will be a private family graveside service in Auburn Cemetery and a celebration of Jane's life at a later date.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Kansas City Hospice, sent in care of Kevin in Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 S.W. Urish Rd., Topeka KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennan-family.com

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to the staff of Sabetha Community Hospital and Stormont-Vail for the amazing care given to our father and husband over the years. Thank you to Popkess Mortuary for help in planning the services and burial.

A very special thank you to Fr. Zielinski for Last Rites and final prayers, and to Fr. Arul and Fr. Zarse for the beautiful Mass of Christian Burial. Also thank you to Ed Steinlage and Mary Nagely for the excellent music and for live-streaming the service.

A heartfelt thanks to Sabetha, Nemaha County and Jackson County EMS for the personal attendance and escort vehicles.

A big thank you to Linda Baumgartner and others for preparing and serving a wonderful meal and The Main Event for use of their facility.

Finally, a special thanks to family and friends near and far for the food, cards, calls, prayers, flowers, memorials and many acts of kindness at the time of his passing. Everything is greatly appreciated.

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RV boys win by six over HHS

By Michael Powls

The Holton Wildcats boys basketball team traveled to Hoyt to take on the Royal Valley Panthers in Big Seven League action on Tuesday, Dec. 22. The Panthers won this game 50-44 over the Wildcats.

The Panthers improved to 5-0 in the Big Seven and 5-1 overall while Holton moved to 1-1 in the league and 3-1 overall.

The Wildcats had two players in double figures. Blake Mulroy led the Cats with 18 points followed by Kale Purcell with 14 points.

The Panthers had three players in double figures. Brady Klotz led the Panthers with 17 points followed by Nahcs Wahwassuck with 11 points and Mason Thomas with 11 points.

In the first quarter, The Cats led the Panthers 18-15. In the second quarter, the Panthers scored nine points to the Cats' two points and led at halftime 24-20.

In the third quarter, the Panthers got outscored 10 points to nine points but kept the lead 33-30 and in the fourth quarter the Panthers outscored the Cats 17-14 to end the game with a final of 50-44 Panthers.

"Holton came out and shot the ball really well early and got a lead on us," Royal Valley head coach Chris Brown said. "We were able to finally get some stops on defense and get the ball inside for some high percentage shots that helped us get the lead back by halftime."

"The third quarter was back and forth with both teams

going on some mini runs but we managed to control the fourth quarter and have a lead late," coach Brown said. "I thought Holton defended us very well and made us take tough perimeter shots but we did a great job of taking care of the ball and limiting our turnovers."

Holton - 18-2-10-14 - 44
Royal Valley - 15-9-9-17 - 50

Holton - Blake Mulroy 0 (6) 0-0 18, Kale Purcell 4 (1) 3-6 14, Canon Karn 3 0-0 6, Reese Holaday 2 0-0 4 and Matthew Lierz 1 0-0 2. Totals 10 (7) 3-6 44.

Royal Valley - Brady Klotz 8 1-6 17, Nahcs Wahwassuck 4 3-4 11, Mason Thomas 2 (1) 4-6 11, KJ Miller 3 (1) 0-0 9 and Jake Kelly 0 2-2 2. Totals 17 (2) 10-18 50.

Lady Wildcats' coach comments on Hiawatha, ACCHS

By Ali Holcomb

Before winter break, the Holton High School girls varsity basketball team fell to Hiawatha 30-24 on Dec. 18 and then defeated ACCHS 51-19 on Dec. 21. Both games were at home.

The Lady Wildcats' game against Royal Valley on Tuesday, Dec. 22, was postponed due to concerns about COVID-19, it was reported. Holton is now 0-3 in league play and 2-3 overall.

"We are very pleased with the way we came out and started this ballgame," HHS girls coach Kurt Haussler said of the ACCHS game. "We set the tone with our defensive presence and were very disruptive in the first quarter holding ACCHS to two points while energizing our offense to a very productive 16-point quarter."

Holton led 26-6 at the half, and then outscored the Lady Tigers 12-8 in the third and 13-5 in the fourth to win the game.

"We did a good job of moving the ball and converting plays in the paint while also hitting shots from the three-point line. I thought we were really balanced on offense, inside and out," coach Haussler said. "I am happy for the girls to see some results of the work they are putting in to be more productive on offense. They are embracing the challenges that we are being presented and are staying positive with each other as we go through this process. We are excited to see players impacting the game in a positive way for our team and will work hard to develop some consistency in making that happen each game."

Holton: 16-10-12-13 - 51

ACCCHS: 2-4-8-5 - 19

Individual statistics:
Holton: Flewelling 3-2-0-0-12, Allen 0-3-1-2-10, Tanking 2-2-1-0-10, Moore 2-0-3-5-7, Wisdom 2-0-0-0-4, Barnett 2-0-0-0-4, Patch 1-0-0-0-2, Bond 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 13-7-4-8-51.

ACCCHS: Wallisch 4-0-0-2-8, Schletzbaum 2-0-0-0-4, Pantle 2-0-0-0-4, Nitz 1-0-0-0-2, Caplinger 0-0-1-2-1. Totals 9-0-1-4-19.

JV: Holton 46, ACCHS 6

On Dec. 18, the Lady Wild-

cats fell to Hiawatha 30-24 at home in a Big Seven League contest.

The Lady Red Hawks jumped out to an early 13-5 lead in the first quarter and were up 19-13 at the half.

"We got off to a slow start in the first quarter on both ends of the floor and put ourselves in a situation where we had to climb out of a hole all night," coach Haussler said. "I felt that we

thought we played with better energy and were more connected on defense throughout the rest of the game," coach Haussler said. "We need to reduce our turnovers and convert plays on offense to help our defense. I'm proud of how our girls battled back from being down by double-figures to cutting the lead to two in the fourth quarter. We will use this experience to help us learn from our mistakes and



With HHS boys basketball head coach Connor Bechard looking on along the sidelines at the left, Holton sophomore Tyson Snyder (No. 2 in the white jersey) guards ACCCHS sophomore Coltin Myers (No. 22 in the dark jersey) in the recent matchup between the two teams at the Wildcats' court. Photo by Michael Powls



Holton junior Taylor Moore is shown above controlling the basketball in the recent home game versus ACCCHS. Photo by Michael Powls

were prepared and ready to play. We just did not play to our ability level. We are a step slow on our rotations in the first quarter on defense, and we weren't able to convert plays on offense to keep pace."

In the third quarter, Holton scored five points over Hiawatha's three points to close the scoring gap to 22-18 in the Lady Red Hawks' favor. Hiawatha kept an 8-6 scoring edge over Holton in the final quarter to win the game.

"We made some adjustments late in the first quarter, and I

be better in the future."
Holton: 5-8-5-6 - 24
Hiawatha: 13-6-3-8 - 30
Individual statistics:
Holton: Tanking 2-0-2-3-6, Patch 3-0-0-0-6, Allen 0-1-0-0-3, Flewelling 1-0-1-2-3, Bond 1-0-0-0-2, Wisdom 1-0-0-0-2, Barnett 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 9-1-3-5-24.
Hiawatha: S. Madsen 5-0-3-4-13, Lierz 3-0-4-4-10, Lindstrom 1-0-2-2-4, K. Madsen 0-1-0-0-3. Totals 9-1-9-10-30.
JV: Holton 53, Hiawatha 25

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Panther Classic coming up in January

Royal Valley High School will host the 14th annual Panther Classic basketball tournament Jan. 21-23 at the high school gym in Hoyt, it has been reported.

Besides the host team, other teams competing will include Santa Fe Trail, Wabaunsee and Chapman.

The schedule will include:
Thursday, Jan. 21

* Wabaunsee vs. Chapman - girls at 3:30 p.m. and boys at 5 p.m.

* RV vs. Santa Fe Trail - girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 22

* Chapman vs. Santa Fe Trail - girls at 3:30 p.m. and boys at 5 p.m.

* RV vs. Wabaunsee - girls at 6:30 p.m. and boys at 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23

* Santa Fe Trail vs. Wabaunsee - girls at noon p.m. and boys at 1:30 p.m.

* RV vs. Chapman - girls at 3 p.m. and boys at 4:30 p.m.

NEK League Basketball Standings

(As of Monday, Dec. 28, 2020)

BOYS		
Team	League	Overall
Pleasant Ridge	6-0	6-0
Valley Falls	3-1	3-1
Maur Hill-Mt. Acad.	3-1	4-1
Jeff. Co. North	3-2	3-2
McLouth	2-3	2-3
Horton	1-1	1-1
Jackson Heights	0-3	0-3
Oskaloosa	0-3	0-4
ACCCHS	0-4	0-5

GIRLS		
Team	League	Overall
ACCCHS	3-0	3-1
Jackson Heights	3-0	3-1
Jeff. Co. North	3-1	3-1
Maur Hill-Mt. Acad.	2-1	2-2
Oskaloosa	2-1	2-2
Horton	1-2	1-2
McLouth	0-1	0-1
Valley Falls	0-4	0-4
Pleasant Ridge	0-4	0-4

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Big 7 League Basketball Standings

(As of Monday, Dec. 28, 2020)

BOYS		
Team	League	Overall
Royal Valley	5-0	5-1
Perry-Lecompton	2-1	3-3
Nemaha Central	2-1	3-1
Riverside	2-2	4-2
Jefferson West	2-2	3-2
Holton	1-1	3-1
Sabetha	0-3	0-5
Hiawatha	0-4	0-4

GIRLS		
Team	League	Overall
Nemaha Central	4-0	6-0
Sabetha	3-1	5-1
Jefferson West	3-2	4-2
Royal Valley	2-2	3-2
Perry-Lecompton	2-2	2-4
Hiawatha	2-2	2-2
Holton	0-3	2-3
Riverside	0-4	0-6

Twin Valley League Basketball Standings

(As of Monday, Dec. 28, 2020)

BOYS		
Team	League	Overall
Clifton-Clyde	5-0	7-0
Hanover	3-1	3-1
Centralia	2-0	2-1
Axtell	2-1	3-1
Frankfort	1-0	4-1
Washington Co.	1-1	1-1
Linn	1-2	1-5
Doniphan West	1-2	2-3
Troy	1-2	1-3
Onaga	0-1	1-3
BV-Randolph	0-3	2-5
Wetmore	0-4	3-4

GIRLS		
Team	League	Overall
Hanover	4-0	4-0
Washington Co.	3-0	4-0
Doniphan West	2-0	5-0
Wetmore	2-2	5-2
Clifton-Clyde	2-3	4-3
Linn	1-2	3-3
BV-Randolph	1-2	1-6
Troy	1-2	2-2
Centralia	1-2	1-3
Frankfort	0-1	3-2
Onaga	0-1	1-3
Axtell	0-2	0-4

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ACCHS wrestlers fifth at Emporia

By Michael Powls

The ACCHS Tigers wrestling team traveled to Emporia for the 2020 Emporia Winter Classic on Dec. 19.

- Team Scores**
1. Emporia 194.5 points
 2. Goddard-Eisenhower 157 points
 3. Burlingame 149 points
 4. Wamego 136.5 points
 5. ACCHS 101.5 points
 6. Hutchinson 100 points
 7. Uniontown 59 points
 8. Mound City-Jayhawk Linn 44.5 points
 9. Wichita Southeast 43 points
 10. Cottonwood Falls-Chase County 41.5 points
 11. Wichita Trinity Academy 38 points

ACCHS Team Results

113 - Austin Smith (2-2) placed 3rd and scored 12 team points.

Quarterfinal - Austin Smith (ACCHS) 2-2 received a bye.

Semifinal - Pierce Moore (Emporia) 4-6 defeated Smith (ACCHS) 2-2 by decision 6-2.

Cons. Semi - Smith (ACCHS) 2-2 received a bye.

3rd Place Match - Smith (ACCHS) 2-2 defeated Seth Quaney (Burlingame) 5-8 by fall 0:27.

120 - Landon Brown (1-4) placed 4th and scored 11 team points.

Quarterfinal - Lukas Hainline (Emporia) 6-0 defeated Brown (ACCHS) 1-4 by fall 0:59.

Cons. Round 1 - Brown (ACCHS) 1-4 received a bye.

Cons. Semi - Brown (ACCHS) 1-4 defeated Trea England (Hutchinson) 1-6 by fall 2:25.

3rd Place Match - Trevor Woodward (Burlingame) 4-5 defeated Brown (ACCHS) 1-4 by fall 5:00.

132 - Mason Scholz (3-1) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Scholz (ACCHS) 3-1 received a bye.

Semifinal - Scholz (ACCHS) 3-1 defeated Thomas McIntyre (Wamego) 3-1 by fall 5:06.

1st Place Match - Taylor Matthews (Goddard-Eisenhower) 6-1 defeated Scholz (ACCHS) 3-1 by fall 1:33.

138 - Brodie Page (2-2) placed 3rd and scored 11.5 team points.

Quarterfinal - Page (ACCHS) 2-2 received a bye.

Semifinal - Chance Holmgren (Goddard-Eisenhower) 3-4 defeated Page (ACCHS) 2-2 by fall 2:26.

Cons. Semi - Page (ACCHS) 2-2 received a bye.

3rd Place Match - Page (ACCHS) 2-2 defeated Josiah Smith (Burlingame) 1-5 by tech fall 1:54:53 (18-3).

145 - Colby Smith (4-2) placed 5th and scored 9 team points.

Quarterfinal - Anthony Blackwell (Hutchinson) 8-2 defeated Smith (ACCHS) 4-2 by fall 1:36.

Cons. Round 1 - Smith (ACCHS) 4-2 defeated John Heuer (Wichita-Trinity Academy) 8-4 by major decision 9-0.

Cons. Semi - Elijah Collins (Burlingame) 12-3 defeated Smith (ACCHS) 4-2 by major decision 15-4.

5th Place Match - Smith (ACCHS) 4-2 defeated Isreal Garza (Goddard-Eisenhower) 4-4 by fall 1:44.

152 - Bricen Lee (5-2) placed 3rd and scored 20.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Lee (ACCHS) 5-2 defeated Nicholas Marcum (Emporia) 4-4 by fall 2:48.

Quarterfinal - Lee (ACCHS) 5-2 defeated Dreyton Wallace (Mound City-Jayhawk Linn) 3-4 by fall 2:11.

Semifinal - Bryce Eck (Uniontown) 10-0 defeated Lee (ACCHS) 5-2 by fall 1:14.

Cons. Semi - Lee (ACCHS) 5-2 defeated Nicholas Marcum (Emporia) 4-4 by fall 1:43.

3rd Place Match - Lee (ACCHS) 5-2 defeated Noah Doud (Goddard-Eisenhower) 4-5 by decision 7-0.

160 - Carter Page (0-4) did not place.

Champ. Round 1 - Joe Franklin (Uniontown) 5-4 defeated Page (ACCHS) 0-4 by fall 1:35.

Cons. Round 1 - Page (ACCHS) 0-4 received a bye.

Cons. Round 2 - Montae Oliver (Wichita-Southeast) 3-3 defeated Page (ACCHS) 0-4 by fall 4:18.

182 - Gunnar Koontz (3-3) placed 5th and scored 8.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Jess Hancock (Wichita-Trinity Academy) 4-3 defeated Koontz (ACCHS) 3-3 by decision 5-3.

Cons. Round 1 - Koontz (ACCHS) 3-3 defeated Carter Dickman (Goddard-Eisenhower) 0-2 by decision 6-5.

Cons. Semi - Dawson Bolinger (Uniontown) 8-3 defeated Koontz (ACCHS) 3-3 by fall 4:26.

5th Place Match - Koontz (ACCHS) 3-3 defeated Cal Kohlmeier (Cottonwood Falls-Chase County) 7-5 by fall 2:05.

285 - Sebastian Longbrake (1-3) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Longbrake (ACCHS) 1-3 received a bye.

Semifinal - Dane Whalen (Burlingame) 12-0 defeated Longbrake (ACCHS) 1-3 by fall 1:29.

Cons. Semi - Longbrake (ACCHS) 1-3 received a bye.

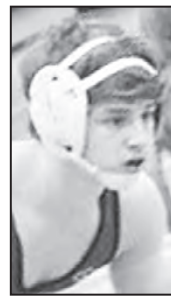
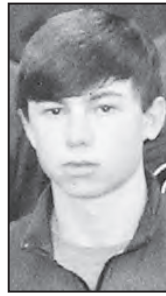
3rd Place Match - Longbrake (ACCHS) 1-3 defeated Will Buckley (Wichita-Southeast) 2-4 by fall 1:29.



HHS wrestler Jayden Fletcher is shown wrestling from the top position in the photo above. The photo was taken during the recent wrestling dual here with Free State High School of Lawrence. Photo by Allison Campbell

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Holton senior wrestler Jake Barnes pinned opponents from Sabetha, Santa Fe Trail, Burlington and Ottawa to start the season in the 120-pound weight class.



Holton sophomore Jayden Fletcher pinned opponents from Sabetha, Santa Fe Trail, Burlington and Ottawa to start the season in the 152-pound and 160-pound weight classes.

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Barta Academic All-Big 12 for second time

Holton High School alumnus and Kansas State University football player Mason Barta, shown in the photo below, has been named to the Academic All-Big 12 Team for the second year in a row, it has been reported.

Barta, a 2016 HHS graduate and the son of Brooks and Tonya Barta, was one of 33 Wildcat football players named to the 275-member Academic All-Big 12 teams. He is a graduate student at KSU majoring in data analytics.

Barta, who was named to the second team both this year and last year, participated in all 10 of KSU's football games this season, picking up an eight-yard pass reception in the Wildcats' 55-14 win over The University of Kansas in this year's homecoming and "Sunflower Showdown" game on Oct. 24.

Nominated by each institution's director of student-athlete support services, the 2020 football academic all-league squad is comprised of 189 first-team members combined with 86 on the second team. First-team members consist of those who have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA, and the second team are those who have a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.



Statewide housing needs assessment planned

Gov. Laura Kelly announced on Monday that a planning and design firm with extensive statewide experience will lead Kansas' first comprehensive housing needs assessment in about 30 years.

RDG Planning & Design, an Omaha, Neb.-based consultancy, will conduct an in-depth discovery process, assess current housing opportunities and identify goals and develop strategic initiatives to guide the state's future housing development efforts, it was reported.

"A shortage of quality, affordable housing is one of our state's biggest barriers to growth and development, particularly in our rural communities," Gov. Kelly said. "This statewide housing assessment will provide us with a starting point on how we can positively affect communities' abilities to grow and provide the quality of life that every Kansan

deserves regardless of their zip code."

RDG has worked in Kansas communities ranging from Scott City to Chanute, De Soto to Dickinson County. The firm's initiatives have included collaborating with Dodge City officials to pioneer developing some of the state's first Rural Housing Incentive Districts (RHID), working with Salina leaders to encourage greater reinvestment in core neighborhoods and helping Johnson County navigate tremendous new growth.

"Dodge City has put a major focus on addressing our housing shortage to provide essential homes for our workforce," said Joann Knight, executive director of the Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation. "RDG plays a vital role in our success, and their attention to detail makes understanding housing needs much

easier." "RDG has had the pleasure to work in every corner of Kansas, from the state's largest cities to its smallest communities," said Amy Haase, RDG principal. "We have developed a deep understanding of the wide breadth of housing opportunities and challenges facing Kansans, and we are proud that communities continue to seek us out both for the expertise we provide and the passion we bring for creating great places."

Kansas has not conducted a significant housing study in decades, resulting in a shortage of data on existing housing resources and current and projected needs.

The Office of Rural Prosperity's Housing Work Group, an interagency team of state leaders led by KHRC Executive Director Ryan Vincent, identified a needs as-

essment as a crucial first step in addressing the state's housing needs and priorities, particularly in rural and underserved areas.

"As I have discussed with Kansans across the state, housing is a barrier for communities to recruiting and retaining skilled workers," Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers said. "This statewide assessment will allow us to determine what our current housing needs are and how best to address them."

The state's Office of Rural Prosperity, in conjunction with Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC), the state's housing finance agency, selected the firm through a competitive RFP process and will manage the project.

The assessment process is expected to extend throughout 2021, with the final report's delivery anticipated in December 2021.

Order waives waiting week for unemployment benefits

Gov. Laura Kelly recently announced that she has signed Executive Order #20-71, which provides temporary relief from the waiting week requirement for Kansans applying for unemployment benefits.

"Kansans who have a lost their jobs as a result of COVID-19 cannot afford to wait a week to receive the unemployment benefits they need to make rent payments or feed their families," Gov. Kelly said. "This executive order will be crucial in our state's ongoing response to the pandemic and to ensuring unemployed Kansans can access their benefits as soon as possible."

The "waiting week" is a required non-payable week that typically needs to be served on new benefit years. The new executive order temporarily waives the waiting week requirement for all claimants.

For states that have temporarily waived the waiting week requirement, Congress will federally fund 50 percent of the first week of compensable regular unemployment until March 14, 2021.

The order is currently in effect and remains in force until rescinded or until the current statewide state of disaster emergency expires, whichever is earlier.

JH, Wetmore girls teams and RV boys team ranked

The KBCA (Kansas Basketball Coaches Association) has announced the 2020-2021 girls and boys basketball rankings on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

The girls rankings were as follows:

- Class 6A Girls
- 1. Topeka High
- 2. Shawnee Mission NW
- 3. Derby
- 4. Shawnee Mission West
- 5. Washburn Rural
- 6. Olathe North
- 7. Wichita Heights
- 8. Dodge City
- 9. Blue Valley North
- 10. Liberal
- Class 5A Girls
- 1. Andover Central
- 2. St. Thomas Aquinas
- 3. Kansas City-Piper
- 4. Salina Central
- 5. Maize
- 6. Kapaun Mt. Carmel
- 7. Bonner Springs
- 8. Bishop Carroll
- 9. Basehor-Linwood
- 10. Goddard-Eisenhower
- Class 4A Girls
- 1. Bishop Miege
- 2. Eudora
- 3. Nickerson
- 4. Clay Center
- 5. McPherson
- 6. Andale
- 7. Louisburg
- 8. Labette County
- 9. Circle
- 10. Wellington
- Class 3A Girls
- 1. Cheney
- 2. Halstead
- 3. Nemaha Central
- 4. Phillipsburg
- 5. Hugoton

- 6. Sabetha
- 7. Jefferson West
- 8. Riley County
- 9. Osage City
- 10. Cimarron Class 2A Girls
- 1. Sterling
- 2. Spearville
- 3. Garden Plain
- 4. Trego Community
- 5. Valley Heights
- 6. West Elk
- 7. Hillsboro
- 8. Bennington
- 9. Smith Center
- 10. Erie
- Class 1A Division I Girls
- 1. Olpe
- 2. Burlingame
- 3. Norwich
- 4. Pretty Prairie
- 5. Osborne
- 6. Doniphan West
- 7. Ingalls
- 8. Jackson Heights
- 9. Bucklin
- 10. Lebo
- Class 1A Division II Girls
- 1. Central Plains
- 2. Hanover
- 3. Golden Plains
- 4. Gunningham
- 5. Attica
- 6. Beloit/St. John's-Tipton
- 7. Waverly
- 8. Central Christian
- 9. Wetmore
- 10. St. Paul

The boys rankings were as follows:

- Class 6A Boys
- 1. Blue Valley NW
- 2. Blue Valley North
- 3. Lawrence High
- 4. Haysville-Campus
- 5. Olathe South

- 6. Shawnee Mission NW
- 7. Shawnee Mission East
- 8. Blue Valley
- 9. Lawrence Free State
- 10. Junction City Class 5A Boys
- 1. Andover
- 2. Basehor-Linwood
- 3. Hays High
- 4. Topeka West
- 5. Salina South
- 6. Maize
- 7. Lansing
- 8. Bishop Carroll
- 9. De Soto
- 10. Valley Center Class 4A Boys
- 1. Bishop Miege
- 2. Mulvane
- 3. Abilene
- 4. McPherson
- 5. Ottawa
- 6. Paola
- 7. Buhler
- 8. Augusta
- 9. Tonganoxie
- 10. Parsons Class 3A Boys
- 1. Hesston
- 2. Wichita Collegiate
- 3. Cheney
- 4. Hoisington
- 5. Lakin
- 6. St. Mary's
- 7. Haven
- 8. Rock Creek

- 9. Royal Valley
- 10. Galena Class 2A Boys
- 1. Hoxie
- 2. Berean Academy
- 3. Belle Plaine
- 4. Lyndon
- 5. Erie
- 6. Hutchinson Trinity
- 7. Ellis
- 8. Garden Plain
- 9. Sedan
- 10. Sterling Class 1A Division I Boys
- 1. Little River
- 2. South Gray
- 3. Madison-Hamilton
- 4. St. John-Hudson
- 5. Lebo
- 6. Osborne
- 7. Centralia
- 8. Olpe
- 9. Udall
- 10. Meade Class 1A Division II Boys
- 1. Attica
- 2. Cheylin
- 3. Hanover
- 4. St. Francis
- 5. South Haven
- 6. Axtell
- 7. Beloit/St. John's-Tipton
- 8. Triplains-Brewster
- 9. Logan/Palco
- 10. Natoma

Area wrestlers make state rankings list

The KWCA (Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association) has announced its 2020-2021 girls and boys wrestling rankings.

Girls Division II Team Rankings

- 1. Pratt
- 2. Fort Scott
- 3. Baldwin
- 4. Paola
- 5. Hoisington
- 6. Wellington
- 7. Mulvane
- 8. Burlingame
- 9. Lakin
- 10. Oakley
- Individual Rankings
- 138-Pound Weight Class
- 1. Gianna Culbert, Burlingame
- 2. Tally Wikum, Hoisington
- 3. Maya Ogden, Royal Valley
- 4. Courtney Holt, Circle
- 5. Emily Welch, Columbus
- 6. Olivia Lee, Labette County
- 191-Pound Weight Class
- 1. Holly Colvert, Tonganoxie
- 2. Tannah Forbes, ACCHS
- 3. Maddi Miller, Nickerson
- 4. Payton Sholander, Douglas
- 5. Jasmine Renyer, Baldwin
- 6. Americus Harris, Paola

Class 4A Team Rankings

- 1. Andale
- 2. Chanute
- 3. Tonganoxie
- 4. Frontenac
- 5. Fort Scott
- 6. Colby
- 7. Rose Hill
- 8. Ottawa
- 9. Augusta
- 10. Pratt
- Individual Rankings
- 120-Pound Weight Class
- 1. Trent Clements, Chanute
- 2. Owen Eck, Andale
- 3. Quentin Pauda, Ulysses
- 4. Grady Fox, Augusta
- 5. Ryan Owens, Louisburg
- 6. Jake Barnes, Holton
- 195-Pound Weight Class
- 1. Konnor Tannahill, Holton
- 2. Brandon Martin, Tonganoxie
- 3. Tanner Luttig, Smoky Valley
- 4. Mitchell House, Labette County
- 5. Jared Ferguson, Ottawa
- 6. Riley Marx, Andale

- All Class Team Rankings
- 1. Goddard - Class 5A
- 2. Washburn Rural - Class 6A
- 3. Chanute - Class 4A
- 4. Mill Valley - Class 5A
- 5. St. Thomas Aquinas - Class 5A
- 6. Blue Valley SW - Class 5A
- 7. Arkansas City - Class 5A
- 8. Dodge City - Class 6A
- 9. Garden City - Class 6A
- 10. Maize - Class 5A
- Individual Rankings
- 1. Kaden Glass, Goddard - Class 5A
- 2. Brandon Martin, Tonganoxie - Class 4A
- 3. Konnor Tannahill, Holton - Class 4A
- 4. Brodie Scott, Mill Valley - Class 5A
- 5. Mack Hubbel, Blue Valley SW - Class 5A
- 6. Tate Seabolt, Cimarron - Class 321A
- 7. Shadryon Blanka, St. Francis - Class 321A
- 8. Gavin Nutting, Hays High - Class 5A
- 9. Gus Davis, GE - Class 6A
- 10. Sean Carroll, St. Thomas Aquinas - Class 5A

Donations collected for Wabskie family after fire

An outpouring of support for a Jackson County family that lost its home in a Dec. 17 fire has helped the family to get through the Christmas season, it was reported.

Aaron Wabskie and his family awoke in the early hours of Dec. 17 to smoke and flames, and while it was reported that Wabskie and his four children were able to get out of their rural Mayetta house safely, the fire reportedly rendered the house and its contents a total loss. No information on the cause of the fire was available

at press time.

Since then, family members have undertaken a fund-raising drive to raise funds for Wabskie and his family, and the drive has, as of this morning, raised about \$1,445 of its \$3,000 goal. The Gossip in Holton also reportedly put together a fund drive that has raised at least \$825 for the family, it was reported.

The Wabskie family has since found housing, it was reported. The fund drive is available online at gofund.me/6acbc352

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- 2009 HONDA ACCORD LX - Sedan, Auto, FWD, 2.4L I4, Extra Clean, 105,063 miles
- 2013 HONDA CIVIC LX - Sedan, 4-Door, 4-Cyl., Auto, FWD, 126,622 miles
- 2017 TOYOTA CAMRY SE - Loaded Sedan, 1 Owner, Auto, FWD, 4-Cyl., 65,219 miles

Public Notice

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JACKSON COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 43

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER MODIFYING STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF FACE MASKS

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the Governor issued an Executive Order requiring most Kansans to wear face masks in public; and,

WHEREAS K.S.A. 48-925(h) allows the County Board of Commissioners to issue an order less stringent than that of a statewide executive order; and

WHEREAS the board has consulted with the local health officer regarding the governor's executive order and following such consultation, implementation of the full scope of the provisions in the governor's executive order are not fully or singularly necessary to protect the public health and safety of the county. The Jackson County Health Officer has strongly recommended that all persons in Jackson County wear a mask when in any setting where 6 feet distancing cannot be maintained. This recommendation does not apply to children under two years of age or if you have a condition that makes wearing a mask difficult or worsens any medical condition. Additionally, Jackson County has implemented social distanc-

ing recommendations and feels its population has been adhering to social distancing protocol set by the Center for Disease Control.

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Executive Order requiring the use of face masks in public shall be modified to strongly recommend the wearing of face masks publicly in the situations identified by the executive order. It is also strongly recommended that all residents practice social distancing and appropriate hand washing techniques as well as staying home if feeling ill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that this resolution and order shall be effective upon execution of this document.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS of Jackson County, Kansas this 28th day of December, 2020.

/s/ Janet Zwonitzer
Janet Zwonitzer, Chairman

/s/ William Elmer
William Elmer, Commissioner

/s/ Ed Kathrens
Ed Kathrens, Commissioner

[SEAL]

Attested by:

/s/ Tara Peek - Deputy
Tara Peek, Deputy County Clerk

First Day Hikes planned

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism is inviting Kansans to take part in a First Day Hike on Friday, Jan. 1. Start 2021 on the right foot by participating in a hike at area parks. Bring the family on the trails to sightsee, catch a glimpse of wildlife and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Most hikes are one to three miles long and allow pets on a leash. You can also support the community by bringing a canned good to the park where staff will include it with their collection to the local food bank.

The guided First Day Hike is part of a program sponsored by America's State Parks. There are hundreds of scheduled First Day Hikes across the United States.

Kansas parks participating in Friday's event include Clinton State Park, Crawford State Park, Glen Elder State Park, El Dorado State Park, Wilson State Park, Fall River State Park, Green Property in Pratt, Kanopolis State Park, Cedar Bluff State Park, Perry State Park, Pomona State Park, Tuttle Creek State Park, Milford State Park, Meade State Park, Sand Hills State Park, Cheney State Park, Flint Hills Nature Trail State Park, Elk City State Park, Hillsdale State Park, Prairie Dog State Park, Historic Lake Scott State Park and Webster State Park.

For more information, visit <https://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Special-Events/First-Day-Hikes>



In the photo above, Holton High School sophomore Grace Etzel (No. 11 in the white jersey) attempts a shot over an ACCHS defender during a recent game at Holton on Dec. 21. The Lady Wildcats came out on top 51-19.

In the photo at right, Wildcat sophomore Matthew Lierz (No. 20 in the white jersey) is shown shooting during the boys ACCHS game where the Wildcats won 47-24. Lierz scored nine points during the game.

Photos by Michael Powls



Holton students to return to school in person after holiday break

Students at USD 336 Holton are expected to return to school in-person on Monday, Jan. 4, for the start of the second semester, Superintendent Bob Davies informed parents this week.

"Unless parents or guardians made arrangements before the holiday to change their student's status from or to Family Choice Remote Learning, we will see you at school or via Zoom as before," Davies said. "For those who wish to change their status, please con-

tact the school your son or daughter attends within the first week back to make arrangements to do so."

Davies reminded parents to continue to monitor their students for COVID-19 symptoms and to practice social distancing.

"We are entering that time of year when under normal conditions, the colder weather and being stuck indoors brings on more opportunities for colds and the flu," Davies said. "Please continue to wear your mask,

wash your hands, avoid large gatherings and maintain social distancing when possible. If you do not feel well or someone in your household is not feeling great, please stay home and contact your school."

Davies also thanked parents for their support last semester.

"Thank you again for everything you have done to support our students, staff and the community as we move into this next semester," he said.

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CITY OF WHITING
Ordinance No. 164

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WATER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WHITING, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 160 AND ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WHITING, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1: RATES
 That the Governing Body of the City of Whiting, Jackson County, Kansas, hereby establishes the following rates for water furnished by the City as follows:
 a. \$16.00 per 1,000 gallons for the first 1,000 gallons
 b. \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons for the second 1,000 gallons or for any fraction thereafter

SECTION 2: SERVICE CHARGES
 That the Governing Body

of the City of Whiting, Jackson County, Kansas, hereby establishes the following service charges for water furnished by the City as follows:
 a. \$50.00 to establish new accounts
 b. \$25.00 to reinstate disconnected delinquent accounts

SECTION 2: PAYMENT OF BILLS
 That the Governing Body of the City of Whiting, Jackson County, Kansas, hereby establishes the following terms of payment for water furnished by the City as follows:
 The City shall deliver or cause to be delivered a service bill each month. The failure to receive a bill shall not excuse the customer from the obligation to pay within the specified time. All bills for water shall be due and payable at the City Hall location in Whiting, Jackson County, Kansas; at the office of The Farmers State Bank in Holton, Jackson County, Kansas; by electronic payment to the KanPay Counter service; or by USPS delivered to P.O. Box 126, Whiting, Kansas 66552, on or before the last day of the month for water used the preceding month.

If such bill remains unpaid within thirty days' time after the due date, the City Clerk shall present the Superintendent of Distribution with a statement regarding such delinquency and the Superintendent of Distribution may discontinue services to such delinquent. All bills for water shall be collected by the City Clerk and deposited into the City's General Fund Account at The Farmers State Bank in Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

THIS ORDINANCE will take effect and become effective from and after its publication in the Holton Recorder.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Whiting, Kansas, this 8th day of December, 2020.

 Loren Lind, Mayor

ATTEST:

 Carla Adams, City Clerk

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT FREDERICK LAYTON, deceased. (Petition pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

Case No. 19 PR 12

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in this court by Fred Binkley and Karen Binkley, duly appointed, qualified and acting executors of the estate of Robert Frederick Layton, deceased, requesting the petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and estate be assigned thereto; the Court find the allowance requested for attorney fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid (advanced); the administration of the estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts, the petitioners be finally discharged as the executors of the estate of Robert Frederick Layton, deceased, and petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 26th day of January, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., in the District Court, in Holton, Jackson County, Kansas at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

/s/ Fred Binkley
 Fred Binkley

/s/ Karen Binkley
 Karen Binkley

Submitted and Approved:
/s/ J. Richard Lake
 J. Richard Lake, #06661

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- Road and Bridge Department
- Senior Citizen's Meal Site
- Recycling Center
- Noxious Weed Dept.
- Household Hazardous Waste



The Jackson County Landfill will close at noon on **Thursday, Dec. 31**, and be closed all day **Friday and Saturday, Jan. 1-2**, in observance of the New Year holiday.

Saia...

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"I feel a huge reward, personally, when I can see somebody who I've helped mentor and grow really succeed, or when there's been a difficult issue, maybe a stressful negotiation or a difficult issue with a provider," she said. "When those issues can be worked through and we can all feel good about the end result, I feel like I'm doing my job in a good way."

Saia said she "really just grew up" at St. Francis, moving from the medical surgical floor to the emergency department, with the ER as part of her responsibility for the bulk of her two decades of service there. She started taking on additional roles outside the ER "from about 2000 on," serving as the director over the ICU and the ER.

In 2008, when she joined the HCH staff as the director of nursing, St. Francis had another employee — Ron Marshall — serving as the CEO at Holton. Four years later, in May of 2012, Marshall had been separated from his employment at St. Francis and was no longer eligible to serve as the chief officer at HCH.

That's when another Chamber Hall of Famer — the late Cathleen Reed, who joined the HOF in 2012 — stepped in.

"She came into my office and said, 'Would you mind stepping in as the interim CEO?'" Saia said of Reed.

That was a particularly trying time for Saia, whose father, Les Olsen, had fallen ill and would die later that year. On top of that, she said, she was "feeling out the CEO role and wearing a lot of different hats," but she was grateful for the opportunity to see that her father was cared for in his last days at HCH.

"I was able to see him come back to our hospital and see him surrounded by people that he knew and cared for," Saia said of her father. "I knew then that I needed to make sure that this hospital was financially sound and would be here for our community for a long time."

Saia took over the CEO position in late summer of 2012, and has since involved herself in the Holton community as well, being a part of such organizations as Rotary Club and the Holton Business Women's Club. She's also proud to have been part of the United Way of Greater Topeka, looking for — and finding — a way to bring that organization's services back to Jackson County.

"For years, I would drive down to the United Way of Topeka and was on their board," she said. "Then we started thinking, how can we get something back to Jackson County, because there is a need within our community. And that's meant a lot, to develop different grants and other resources that people can apply for."

Saia is also a passionate advocate for rural hospitals, and in

July of 2015, she was called by then-Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins to testify in front of a House Ways and Means subcommittee in Washington, talking with national lawmakers about how federal Medicare regulations were negatively affecting rural hospitals.

"I didn't know what questions they were going to ask, and some questions were just off the wall," Saia said of her Congressional experience. "It was completely nerve-racking, but it was such a great experience."

Saia has also met with state and national legislators to discuss other issues, and she's spoken at different conferences on rural health, sharing her experiences at HCH with a wider audience. And while she's grateful for those opportunities, she also enjoys taking on seemingly smaller roles at HCH — including weeding flower beds at the hospital.

"A lot of times, picking weeds out of the flower beds helps my mind get off of issues I need a break from sometimes!" she said.

She's also happy to help in other areas when the need arises, such as stepping in to cover staffing shortages in Home Health and other departments.

"I have a huge respect for our hospice and Home Health nurses, and if I can cover calls for a weekend and that would prevent us from the huge expense of hiring an agency nurse, then I'll do that," she said.

That Saia would step down from the CEO's position to fill whatever needs arise at the hospital stems from her father's leadership, she said.

"He was a man of few words, but when he did speak, he wanted to make sure that being a part of your community and being a leader, you lead by example," she said of her father. "He would never ask anybody to do something that he could step in and do himself. That's why I have a hard time calling somebody and saying, 'You need to go do that,' if I have the opportunity to do it and in five minutes, it's done."

Today, Saia, a mother of two sons who have both served in the military, said she's proud to have been a part of a leadership team that recognized the need for growth at HCH and worked to take the expansion project from notes on a pad to the construction of a 6,594-square foot clinic building that will better serve the health care needs of the Jackson County area.

It's been quite the rewarding journey, she said — one that she admits she was reluctant to begin back in 2008.

"I really like being in a smaller community and knowing the people that we care for, even though that makes it harder sometimes," she said. "And yet, it also makes you push yourself to be truer and work harder to keep those services here."

New clinic opens Monday...

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"As long as we can wrap everything up by June and have everything signed off, we'll still be good," she added.

The new clinic building is one of several aspects of the hospital's expansion project that began with the creation of a strategic plan in 2015 to address the need for more room at the hospital to handle services that have outgrown the hospital's available space.

Saia said Monday's clinic opening represents the culmination of work by "a dedicated group of board members" and volunteers, notably the late Cathleen Reed, who was a key player in getting the expansion project off the ground and who is honored on a memorial stone located near the new clinic's entrance.

"Cathleen was one who was very instrumental in talking to the community, and the commu-

nity really stepped up in giving and wanted there to be a top-of-the-line health care facility," she said. "I get a sense that this community is supportive, wants to see this community grow and prosper and knows that having quality health care is a choice."

Fund-raising efforts will continue at the hospital, Saia noted, adding that funds raised will allow the hospital and clinic more opportunities to expand their services.

"We're looking at redoing our radiology work room, as well as upgrading the radiology equipment," she said. "We're going to go completely digital, so that will happen before the project is completely done, before May 1. And we've added in a DXA (dual energy X-ray absorptiometry) scan for bone density studies and now all of our X-rays will be completely digitalized... We're able to do that through generous donations from the

community."

And while the construction has been slowed, albeit nominally, by "pockets" of COVID-19, Saia said the pandemic hasn't had much effect on AHRS Construction's work.

"They've had different issues at different times, but they've all been very compliant with screenings and mask requirements in the buildings," she said. "Their superintendent has been spot on with keeping up with how we're marking people, whether it's a sticker or something around the wrist, he wants to know and make sure his guys get checked out."

Plans for an open house, however, will have to wait until later due to the pandemic and continuing work at the hospital.

"I don't know what that's going to look like right now," Saia said.

Saia also noted that the clinic's previous home in the HCH

annex building will be vacated, although the hospital will continue to rent some space in the annex in the area below Holton Dental, which will remain in the annex, as will Medical Pharmacy.

She added that HCH Home Health and Hospice's offices, currently located on the southeast corner of Holton's Town Square, will relocate to the annex in February.

"We feel like it's better to have them close to us as employees who can work with our providers and know what's going on within the hospital," she said.

In related news, the hallway that connects HCH to the annex building will be restricted to one-way traffic, Joe Gilliland of Medical Pharmacy reported. The annex can be accessed from the hospital via the hallway, but annex visitors will have to leave the building and reenter the hospital from outside, Gilliland said.

Mask mandate...

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Reith shared a graph created by Dr. Erin Locke at Holton Community Hospital that tracks the spread of the disease in the county.

"When we implemented the mask mandate, very soon after that we started to see a decrease in cases," Reith said. "In

all fairness, we saw a decrease across the entire state of Kansas. I feel like, at this time, it's still prudent to do this. Nobody likes wearing a mask, but at the same time, we're not 100 percent past this."

Reith said that the mandate has "significantly helped."

"I would recommend that we

continue this for at least one more week," Reith said of the health order. "We tested a lot of people today that had exposure on Christmas. I'm very nervous. I think we need to continue for at least a week, if not two. I'd be willing to negotiate the restaurant seating or increasing the mass gathering limit. But I

think the key to this is the mask mandate in helping to control the virus."

Reith also reported that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has closed out the cluster at the jail here after two rounds of testing resulted in no new positive COVID-19 cases.

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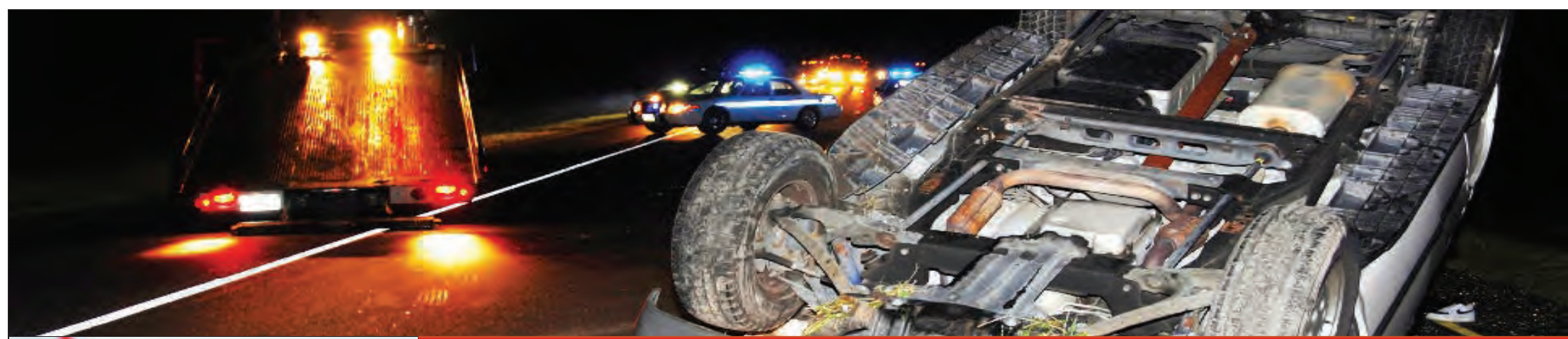
"New" Courthouse, completed in 1922

The old courthouse, the second courthouse serving the county, was built in 1872 and within 41 years fell into serious disrepair due to lack of funds for maintenance. It finally suffered a fire in 1916 that ended its majestic stand on the Square. Actual construction on the "new" courthouse was not even commenced in 1920, but that is the date placed above the west entry. It was completed in 1922. It is a true Jackson County treasure which has been well maintained, and the old time pictures that are now framed in the halls always cause one to stop and appreciate our history.

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Flachsbarth tapped to serve as Acting Labor Secretary

Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly recently announced Brett Flachsbarth (shown at right), deputy secretary of the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL), will be Acting Labor Secretary, it was reported. Flachsbarth will serve as acting secretary until Gov. Kelly announces the permanent secretary.



Review and counsel to the Public Employee Relations Board.

He is a current member and former chair of the steering committee for the Information and Technology Support Center, a nationwide collaboration between state agencies and the United States Department of Labor to advance the effective use of technology within the unemployment insurance system. He is a graduate of The University of Kansas and Washburn University School of Law.

"I want to thank Ryan Wright for his service as acting secretary," Gov. Kelly said. "Taking over this department was no easy task. There is still a lot of work to be done — but under his leadership, KDOL has made immense progress and has largely been stabilized."

The Kansas Department of Labor has made significant progress in the last six months, including:

- Returning the agency to normal operations in all program areas, including workers compensation and industrial safety and health.
- Instituted a fraud program which has stopped more than 200,000 fraudulent claims: www.ReportFraud.ks.gov
- Brought on Accenture, a firm

that helped address critical unemployment program backlogs, stabilized legacy IT systems, and increased temporary staffing to address the historic increase in demand for unemployment compensation.

• Since March 15, paying out more than \$3.4 million weekly claims totaling more than \$2.4 billion in unemployment. Previously, it took 8 years to reach \$2 billion in unemployment payments.

• Made significant progress on the backlog of claims. In June, the regular unemployment backlog was about 25,000. Today, KDOL has a backlog of around 1,800 claims and is on target to eliminate this backlog around the first of the year.

• Made significant progress on the buildout of the PUA Unemployment System, including a critical component that allows the agency to address the PUA backlog. Since it was completed at the end of November, more than 11,000 Kansans have begun providing the necessary documentation to have their PUA claims adjudicated. As claimants provide their documentation, KDOL staff is able to make a determination on their claims in a timely manner.

• Improved call center customer service, added hundreds of new operators and streamlined operations. Now, once a caller enters an initial call queue, they can speak to a customer service representative within 15 minutes.

KCC investigates earthquakes

The Kansas Corporation Commission has completed an investigation into whether the recent string of earthquakes occurring in the Wichita area were related to oil and gas industry activity, it was reported. The KCC regulates oil and gas production and exploration in the state.

"Based on our investigation, KCC staff does not believe the seismicity in Wichita is tied to any oil and gas activities in the area," said Ryan A. Hoffman, director of the KCC Conservation Division.

The KCC's investigation examined many factors including:

• A review of historical disposal well records for Arbuckle formation or Granite Wash injection wells within a six-mile radius of the earthquakes. Five wells were located in the radius. No recent volume increases were found.

• Any new drilling activity within three miles of the epicenters. No new wells were recently completed within the area.

• Spot checks of the wells within the radius area to verify compliance with permit conditions.

This investigation procedure is outlined in the Seismic Action Plan developed in 2014 in collaboration with the Kansas Geological Survey and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

An investigation is triggered whenever an earthquake of M 3.5 or higher occurs in the state or when an earthquake scores a 17 or higher Seismic Action Score which takes into account variables such as risk, clustering and timing.

The KCC will continue to monitor the situation and consult with the Kansas Geological Survey and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment as necessary, it was reported.



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Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jim Johnson, who died on Dec. 7 at Colmery O'Neil VA Medical Center in Topeka. Grave-side memorial services with military honors were held on Dec. 18 at Circleville Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Ginger, of the home; daughter, Dandy Thiessen (Gary) of Hoyt; son, James "Jimmy" Johnson of Goff; and five grandchildren.

Sympathy also goes out to Barbara and Dennis Hutchinson for the loss of their great-grandson, Wilson Lane Korte. He was the son of Barbara's granddaughter, Lauren Korte and her husband, Zack. Wilson was four months old at the time of his death on Dec. 9 and a memorial service was held on Dec. 17 at Porter Mortuary in Lenexa.

The AYLI Club met on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the home of Thersa Wade with six members and two guests, Evelyn Allen and Sally Moege, present. The roll call was "What is your favorite salad to make when you go to a dinner?"

Money was collected to give to the Circleville playground project. A dessert of apple pie and topping was served and three rounds of bridge were played with Barbara getting high score and Evelyn getting second high score. The next meeting will be held in February. There will be no January meeting.

The United Methodist Women met at 1 p.m. on Dec. 9 at the

home of Thersa Wade in Holton with seven members and two guests, Bonnie Coverdale and Mary Edwards, attending. After reading the purpose and doing the roll call, Thersa gave the treasurer's report and Dawn Duryea, secretary, read the minutes for the November meeting.

Information was given about the Jackson County Christmas Bureau needing help on Friday, Dec. 11 with the disbursement of the items for the families. Cards were signed for the birthday of Melvin Askren, who resides at Medicalodges, for the family of Jim Johnson who recently died and the Rev. Kathy Williams of First United Methodist Church, who is moving to the conference office. Kathy had attended the September meeting and gave an interesting program.

The podcast program was given by Pastor Charlotte Milroy. The interesting speaker was Chonda Pierce, and part of it was humorous.

A special thanks goes to Thersa for hosting the December meeting again. It means a lot to be able to get together, have scripture, a program and be with friends. This is especially important during this stressful time of the pandemic and things being shut down.

Everyone present enjoyed delicious refreshments of pumpkin roll, topping, coffee and water. The next scheduled meeting is set for March 10, 2021.

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Liebig's Law shared

By David G. Hallauer
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Liebig's Law of the minimum is a principle developed in agricultural science in 1840 that applies to many of our current management approaches. It states that growth is dictated not by total resources available, but by the scarcest resource or what's known as a limiting factor.

How does it apply? Any time we look at either a production issue – whether something isn't growing as well as it should or we'd like to determine how to grow it better – looking at this principle can be of value.

In many of our cool season grass systems, for example, phosphorous is a limiting nutrient (according to soil test results). This principle simply means that we can apply lots of nitrogen, but may not get the desired rate of response if phosphorous levels are limited for some reason.

We see some of the same effect in nitrogen uptake levels when applying sul-

fur in corn production. Preliminary results of a study at the Kansas River Valley Experiment Field at Rossville showed increases in N uptake when sulfur was applied, likely linked to the balance of nitrogen and sulfur within the plant.

In that study, the highest sulfur application rate significantly increasing yield when compared to applications of urea alone (results can be found online at <https://newprairiepress.org/kaesr/vol6/iss9/10/>).

Sometimes, the issue isn't a nutrient, and the production question doesn't relate to field crops – but it doesn't matter. The principles of Liebig's Law can still apply, and that means exploring multiple factors when grass, field or fruit and vegetable crops don't perform up to expectation.

To be fair, it can be almost impossible to flush out the scarcest resource in many cases. Fact is, there may even be multiple resources that are scarce. There can even be resource scarcity that we can't manage. Sunlight or in some cases moisture are both examples.

Next time something isn't growing as well as you'd hoped, start noting all the resources that go into getting that plant to survive, let alone thrive. It likely won't be difficult to see the principle of Liebig's Law at work.

County Commission OKs funds for additional health department nurse

By Ali Holcomb

Additional county funds have been allocated to the Jackson County Health Department to continue the employment of an additional nurse hired earlier this year, it has been reported.

During a recent Jackson County Commission meeting, the commissioners agreed to allocate \$19,296 to the Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department at the request of Kristina Romine, NEK Multi-County Health director of operations.

Romine spoke to the commissioners via speakerphone while Angie Reith, Jackson County public health nurse, was also in attendance during the meeting.

"We can cover three months of this full-time position so we're asking that that county consider funding an additional three months," Romine said.

Romine requested the additional funds to cover the three-month salary of a contracted nurse for the Jackson County Health Department. NEK Multi-County Health has funds to pay the nurse's salary for three months so they can continue to be employed for a total of six more months.

Romine said she was making the request since funds from the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act are set to expire at the first of the year.

"It's not over," Romine said of COVID-19. "Testing is increasing, as well as contract tracing. When we start rolling out the vaccine, we'll need as much help as we can get. We have a very big workload, and I don't see an end in sight."

Romine said she has made similar requests for funds from Atchison and Brown counties, which are also part of NEK Multi-County Health.

Reith said the department's contracted nurse was hired in September.

"Before they were hired, we were only able to test about eight people a day and now we can test 30 people a day," Reith said.

The contracted nurse does not receive benefits, holiday and sick pay or overtime pay, Romine said.

"The staff is struggling, and I don't see it stopping," Romine said. "We're drowning as is."

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Dec. 14, the commission:

- * Heard an update on the construction of the new county attorney's office on the fourth floor of the Courthouse from Kenny Hartter of Senne Construction of Topeka and Shawn Harding of HMN Architects of Overland Park.

The offices have been primed and are ready to be painted. The ceiling grid was also expected to be installed that week, as well as the flooring.

- * Approved the low fuel bid of \$14,473 submitted by Haag Oil Company. Knotty Pine Oil submitted a bid of \$15,400.

- * Learned from Dan Barnett, road and bridge director, that the Denison quarry was low on rock so county crewmembers started hauling rock from the Grantville quarry. Barnett also reported that crews would be working on S Road that day.

- * Reviewed the proposed 2020 amended budgets with Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick. A hearing was set for Monday, Dec. 28, to approve the changes.

Any additional unforeseen revenues received – not tax dollars – require the 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 \$7,541,429 to \$7,875,478.
- * Sheriff's office from \$2,684,467 to \$3,074,791.
- * Road and bridge department from \$3,664,516 to \$4,012,899.
- * The noxious weed office from \$239,486 to \$264,427.

- * Agreed to renew the county clerk membership with the Kansas League of Municipalities for 2021.

- * Approved a bid of \$4,176 from Sullivan Construction to repair the east wall of the recycling building. The project includes installing six posts to protect the wall from further damage, according to Scott Kieffaber, noxious weed and environmental services director.

- * Approved an agreement between the county and the Kansas Department of Transportation to treat noxious weeds along the highway.

- * Approved a motion to renew the county's agreement with Doniphan County. According to the agreement, the county will continue to accept household hazardous waste materials from Doniphan County residents.

- * Discussed district court's use of the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex for jury selection for an upcoming trial.

- * Commissioner Ed Kathrens called some members of the 4-H board and questioned why the county would be charged a rental fee for the building when, each year, the county allocates \$38,000 to the organization. After that, the 4-H board members agreed to waive the fee, it was reported.

- * Approved the appointments

of Konrad Coe (fire chief), Steve Buck (assistant fire chief) and David Reed (board chairman) to the Soldier Fire Board. The appointments will take effect Jan. 1. The fire chief positions are for three-year terms, and the chairman position is a one-year term.

- * Discussed CARES Act funds with Chad Phillips, Courthouse custodian. The commissioners and Phillips discussed purchasing hand-free fixtures for the bathrooms in the Courthouse.

- * Left their meeting room to view the remodeling project on the fourth floor.

- * Heard a weekly report from Lu Griffiths, Banner Creek Reservoir director, who reported that Haug Construction was installing new water lines for the new camping spots in campground C. Riley Electric was scheduled to be out later in the week to complete electrical work.

Griffiths also reported that he recently planted 15 trees at the reservoir.

- * Met in executive session with Griffiths, Mick and Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back

in open session.

- * Received hay lease agreements for ground at the reservoir from Charles Kennedy, AK Farms, Brett Barnett, Garrett Schreiber, Gregg Watkins, Duane Rieschick, Larry Holliday and DD Griffiths.

- * Met with Brett Waggoner of Governmental Assistance Services and Pat Korte, director of emergency management, to discuss CARES funds.

- * Brooke Smith, youth services director, requested an additional \$900 in CARES funds to purchase iPads for intake workers who have to use Zoom for meetings. The request was approved.

- * Appointed Kathrens as the county representative on the NEK Multi-County Health board following the resignation of Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer.

- * Approved bills and payroll.

- * Approved a motion to allocate \$5,000 in county alcohol tax funds to the Banner Creek Science Center and Observatory. In February, center representatives requested \$10,000 for the center.

- * Adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

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Tips for holiday returns, exchanges

Holiday returns aren't easy. And we don't mean the part where you explain to your mother why you returned the sweater she gave you.

Stores are not legally required to accept exchanges or give refunds unless the merchandise was defective or misrepresented. While most retailers do offer refund and exchange programs, policies vary greatly from one store to another.

Fortunately for shoppers, one positive outcome of the COVID-19 pandemic is that many retailers have become more lenient in their return policies. But be sure to double check policies this holiday season, even if you are familiar with the brand.

The following tips from the Better Business Bureau should help to make your holiday returns run more smoothly:

- * Get to know store policies. Before you make a purchase, find out if the store has a return policy and, if so, how it works. Understand that many retailers have changed their policies for the holiday season and

the COVID-19 pandemic.

If the store does allow returns or exchanges, find out if you will need to pay a restock fee. Ask the seller if they offer cash refunds, exchanges or only store credit. Store policies are usually posted at the check-out counter or printed on the back of receipts.

- * Understand online store return policies. If you are shopping online, search for the seller's return policy and read it through before clicking "buy." Find out if they accept returns or exchanges and who pays the shipping when an item is returned. In some cases, you can save on shipping fees by returning an online purchase to the local brick-and-mortar store.

- * Get the details on a product's warranty. Most electronics and home appliances come with warranties that are to be fulfilled with the manufacturer, not the retailer. Find out how returns and repairs are handled if an item stops working or needs replacement parts. Will the retailer ship the item to the manufacturer for you? Or will you need

to deal with the manufacturer directly? Knowing the answers will leave you well-prepared for any future issues.

- * Keep your receipt and packaging. Most stores will only accept returns and exchanges if you can present the item with its receipt and original packaging. Always include a gift receipt with items you give, and hold on to any gift receipts you receive.

- * Bring your ID. To avoid holiday return scams, many stores ask to see your ID when you return an item. Sometimes retailers require you bring your ID and the original form of payment. If this is the policy of the store where your gift is from, you may need the assistance of the gift giver in order to be reimbursed.

- * Make returns in a timely fashion. Almost all return policies are valid during a specific time period. Some stores modify their return period during the holidays so don't risk missing your chance to make your return. Take the item back to the store without delay.

School Menus

Jackson Heights
Monday, Jan. 4: Breakfast – Blueberry muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken crispito, tortilla chips, baby carrots, refried beans, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 5: Breakfast – Cheese omelet, oatmeal square, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick, green beans, tossed salad, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 6: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pork rib sandwich, sweet potato fries, lettuce salad, sliced tomato, fruit and milk.
Thursday, Jan. 7: Breakfast – Peanut butter and jelly, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chili dog with cheese, hash brown rounds, cauliflower, Snickerdoodle, fruit and milk.
Friday, Jan. 8: Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Country

steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, biscuit (9-12), lettuce salad, fruit and milk.

Holton
Monday, Jan. 4: Breakfast – Donuts or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Barbecue pork on a bun or chicken tenders, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Nachos or ham and cheese sub, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Breakfast – Blueberry waffles or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Pizza or peanut butter and jelly and string cheese, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Breakfast – Sausage and cheese biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken

wrap or hamburger on a bun, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Friday, Jan. 8: Breakfast – Long john or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets or country fried steak, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Royal Valley
Monday, Jan. 4: No school.
Tuesday, Jan. 5: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets, vegetables, roll, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Breakfast – Donut, fruit and milk; Lunch – Meatball sub, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Breakfast – Bagel, fruit and milk; Lunch – Nacho supreme, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 8: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Grilled chicken sandwich, vegetables, fruit and milk.

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold

Dr. David Allen gave the welcome for the Dec. 27 service at Circleville Christian Church. Music was provided by the praise team of Max Lierz, Annie Allen, Dr. David Allen, Lori Mellenbruch, Sue Davault and Travis Self as they led in singing "There Was Jesus," "Jesus Messiah" and "Ain't No Grave."

Lyle Alley used text from John 3:16-17 as he gave the communion meditation reflecting of God's power and authority. The praise team sang "I Am Clean" as the congregation partook in the bread and cup.

Spencer Askren, who is with Student Mobilization campus ministries, told about

his ministry. Seven years ago, he went to central Arkansas to begin his ministry in helping students grow their faith. Now he is in this third year at the University of Wyoming where he shares the gospel, bringing young people to Christ. He gave some interesting testimony on the impact this has had in his life and the lives of others.

The guest speaker was Dave Henry, who works with college students. He said that questions are a big part of the discovery and an important part of their journey. His message focused on questions. He talked about how we sometimes have questions running around in our heads. He used text from Matthew

11:2-12 as he told how even John the Baptist questioned Jesus by asking, "Are you the one who was to come or should we expect someone else?"

John expected Jesus to come to change culture in a moment so Jesus didn't fit his expectations. John was disillusioned but came to proclaim Jesus as the one to come. It's OK to have questions and we can seek clarity in the Bible.

Jesus came to make peace with and in the world, and as Christians we are to apply peace with God and with others. God calls us to be peacemakers with those around us. The service closed by singing "Ain't No Grave."

Netawaka U.M.C.

By Mary E. Edwards

The Dec. 24 Christmas Eve service was held at Netawaka United Methodist Church for a small group from Netawaka and Whiting congregations. Susan Gordon played several Christmas carols on the piano before the service began. It was a treat to have "live" music in our church. Thanks, Susan!

Candles, including the Advent and Christ candles, were lit by Marcia Robertson and Verona Grannell. Pastor Young Won gave the opening prayer.

The Christmas hymn of praise was "O Come, All Ye Faithful." The scripture reading was John 3:16. Marilyn Banaka read names of congregants who died this year to remember and honor them.

Pastor Young's sermon was titled "For God So Loved The World." There are many customs and activities to be enjoyed at Christmas time, but we must remember that the source of our joy is the coming of our savior, Jesus. It was not just an historical event; we are joyful for His presence right now. As we are reminded of His presence, we meditate on how to live as disciples of Jesus and acknowledge His lordship.

God sent Jesus to renew the relationship between God and His people, which was lost when people abandoned God's will and went their own ways. God, in Jesus, came to earth to restore that relationship – this is grace.

We have been trained to ask for help from an expert if we have a problem. If we are sick, we go to a doctor. If we have property damage, we call the insurance company. If we need to know how to do something, we ask somebody with experience with something similar.

When something is missing from our lives, why don't we just talk to Jesus about it? In this time of pandemic, there is much confusion, distress, doubt and concern. Let us remember to pray and believe in Jesus' almighty power.

Pastor Young distributed Holy Communion. The congregation joined in singing the Christmas hymn of joy, "Joy To The World."

On Sunday, Dec. 27, Netawaka UMC gathered for worship with a nice surprise – Pastor Young's wife, So-Jin, and one-year-old son, Eden, were in attendance. Eden was in a carriage with a "windshield" to keep him safe. Very cute, too!

After the opening prayers, "Cares Chorus" played on piano and violin via Pastor's

smartphone. It sounded very pretty.

The scripture lesson, Exodus 16:1-7a, was read by Pastor Young. The sermon was "The Israelites In The Wilderness And Our New Year."

When the Israelites were freed from their life of slavery under the pharaoh in Egypt, it was a great change for them. They had the freedom they had longed for, but they failed to find joy. They didn't fully open their hearts to God. They went back to their habit of grumbling and complaining, not appreciating that their situation was much better and thanking God.

As we come to the end of 2020, we can wish and hope the pandemic will disappear like magic with the changing of the calendar. However, that is not the way it works; there is no guarantee things will be better because it is a new year.

It is Jesus and His love that can transform us and change us for the better. In Jesus, we have hope, joy, love and peace in any situation. Let us decide to follow Jesus, and not turning back.

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Sheriff's Office notes recent arrests

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

■ On Dec. 18, Isabella Bennett, 24, Circleville, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear and on two criminal warrants from Shawnee County on probation violation charges.

■ On Dec. 20, Robert Nesbitt Sr., 58, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of theft.

■ On Dec. 20, John Crader, 34, Hoyt, was arrested on charges of domestic battery, criminal restraint, criminal damage to property, battery on an law enforcement officer and obstruction.

■ On Dec. 21, Roxanna Hernandez, 63, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of possession of marijuana.

■ On Dec. 21, Sarah Graham, 25, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of identity theft and possession of fraudulent identification.

■ On Dec. 23, Greg Walker, 57, McClouth, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, possession of a hallucinogenic drug and transporting an open container.

■ On Dec. 23, Jesse Pendergrast, 51, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of possession of a weapon by a felon, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, driving while suspended, no liability insurance and illegal registration.

■ On Dec. 25, Jack Roberts, 58, Hoyt, was arrested on charges of intimidation of a witness, possession of marijuana, possession of an opiate and possession of illegal

drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 26, Jimmie Bechtel, 51, Holton, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of motion to revoke bond.

■ On Dec. 28, Joseph Mullins, 51, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of obstruction and driving while suspended.

Seven tested positive COVID-19 at the jail

Several inmates at the Jackson County jail tested positive for COVID-19 recently as personnel continue to monitor the health of the inmates, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported.

All those inmates testing positive are "asymptomatic," Sheriff Morse said.

COVID-19 testing was provided for all inmates in the Jackson County Jail following a positive test of an inmate earlier this month, Morse said.

"The Kansas Department of Health and Environment completed the initial round of test-

ing that indicated that six additional inmates were positive," the sheriff said. "However, all tested inmates were asymptomatic. A second round of testing occurred on Dec. 17, resulted in no new positive cases."

Morse said a third round of testing was conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

"At this time, the sheriff's medical staff continues to be diligent in monitoring the health of the inmates," Morse said.

KDHE no longer lists the Jackson County Jail as a COVID-19 "cluster."

Holton Senior Menus

Until further notice, Jackson County Senior Center meals are carry-out or delivery only (no dine-in).

Menus are subject to change. For more information, call 364-3571.

Monday, Jan. 4: Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, cooked cabbage, baked apples and bread and margarine.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Lasagna, lettuce salad, fruit cup, pudding

and garlic bread.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Ham and beans, carrot salad, pears and cornbread and margarine.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, Japanese vegetables, fruit pie, ice cream and bread and margarine.

Friday, Jan. 8: Breaded fish, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, tropical fruit, bar cookie and bread and margarine.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

Christmas Eve candlelight service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 6 p.m. on Dec. 24. "Away In A Manger" was the opening hymn.

Following the confession, absolution, introit, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis, salutation and collect, Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 9:2-7. Psalm 96 was read responsively.

The Epistle Lesson was from Titus 2:11-14 and the holy gospel was from Luke 2:1-14. The sermon hymn was "Joy To The World."

Everyone came to the Christmas Eve services to hear once again the Christmas story, and as familiar with it as we may be, we never tire of hearing it because of its sublime beauty. We heard the Christmas story from two perspectives - in the Old Testament reading from Isaiah, we heard the Christmas story as it would have been told to those who lived before it happened. Then we heard the story as told by those who were there when it finally actually happened.

Joseph and Mary had a hard time finding a place to stay so they did the best to find a place to at least escape the elements. They laid their newborn baby, their "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince Of Peace" in a manger - this is the story we are the most familiar with - Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Bethlehem, angels, shepherds.

Contrasted to the Old Testament "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him and with Him was not anything made that has been made. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

Only God, who was in the beginning, can tell us that the baby born to Mary in Bethlehem is one other than the eternal word through whom the world was created. And the historical Christmas story tells us that God's eternal and unchangeable will for His creation is carried out in time and space.

The Christmas story anxiously anticipated in the Old Testament that came to pass in the New, that continues in the hearts of minds of us here - the past, the present and the future - all meeting together in this baby born in Bethlehem. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

In the prayers of the church, petitions were for the proclamation of His birth to sound forth through the world; for faithful pastors to proclaim the good tidings of His birth; for watchfulness over and are keeping emergency workers safe and all whose vocations keeping them from their families; for continuation for encouragement for those who are lonely, sick or recovering; for the opportunity to tell others the good news

of His coming; and for commendation all for whom we pray. The congregation joined in the Lord's Prayer.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" was sung. "O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem, Come and behold Him, Born the King of angels; O come let us adore Him, O Come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him. Christ the Lord."

Following the benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night," during which candles were lighted and the church lights dimmed. Elder Rich Heitzman served as acolyte and lighted the Christ candle of the Advent wreath.

The Dec. 27 worship service at Immanuel opened with the hymn "Joy To The World." Following the confession, absolution, introit, Kyrie, Gloria Excelsis, salutation and collect, Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 61:10-62:3. Psalm 111 was spoken responsively.

The Epistle lesson was from Galatians 4:4-7 and the holy gospel was from Luke 2:22-40. The congregation professed the Nicene Creed. The sermon was "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

In Pastor Van Velzer's sermon, the congregation was asked to spend the time thinking about how we, who are the sons and daughters of God through the adoption that was accomplished by our brother, Jesus Christ, and that was formally ratified in our baptism, shall live. How shall we live as we come to the end of another year of time and as we are about to begin a New Year of time in the year of our Lord, 2021?

In every season and every time

we let the word of His Son ring loudly in our ears. "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33.)

What this means to the child of God who strives to live by faith in the fullness of time is that we are to live in the present and let God take care of tomorrow and the future. Of this we can be sure - 2021 is going exactly according to the holy will and gracious purpose of the God who loves us and made us His own. And for us, that is enough. My times are in His hands.

In the prayers of the church, petitions were for grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation and granting a glad new year; bless families with God's promises and grant His favor to all children that they may grow in strength and wisdom; bless all widows, orphans and broken families with mercy; give wisdom to those who make, administer and judge our laws; be with those who suffer from loneliness with comfort; and for the sick and suffering to heal them. The congregation joined the Lord's Prayer.

The Service of the Sacrament included the preface, Sanctus, Pax Domini and Agnus Dei. The distribution hymn was "I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table." Following the Nunc Dimittis, thanksgiving and benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Serving Sunday were Rich Heitzman, elder and acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and Sharon Beaman and Kristi Dohl, altar committee.

Celebrating birthdays this week are Katie Strube, Korby Strube and Gary Watkins.

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Community Calendar

Note: All calendar events are subject to change/cancellation. Contact *The Holton Recorder* at 364-3141 or holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net for more information about placing an event on this calendar.

Thursday, Dec. 31

*New Year's Eve.
*7 p.m. Holton VFW Post #1367 New Year's Eve fireworks, held at Banner Creek Reservoir. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. (enter on the north side). Free-will donations will be accepted at the gate.

Friday, Jan. 1

*New Year's Day.

Saturday, Jan. 2

*9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holton American Legion Post #44 gun show, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.

For more information, contact Duane Clemons at 785-383-3237.

Sunday, Jan. 3

*Attend the church of your choice (check with churches regarding virtual and in-person services).
*9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holton American Legion Post #44 gun show, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. For more information, contact Duane Clemons at 785-383-3237.

Monday, Jan. 4

*The Jackson County Commission meets at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public (enter on the south side of the Courthouse; temperatures will be checked).

Contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.

*Classes resume for Holton, Jackson Heights and Wetmore students.

*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball vs. Jeff West.

*7 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall.

*7 p.m. Delia City Council meets at Delia City Hall.

*7 p.m. Netawaka City Council meets at Netawaka City Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

*Classes resume for Royal Valley students.

*7 p.m. Hoyt City Council meets at Hoyt City Hall.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at Countryside Park (soccer fields in Holton at

First Street and Pennsylvania Avenue) on the first Tuesday of every month. Signup is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Serving ends at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

*The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*7 p.m. Mayetta City Council meets at Mayetta City Hall.

*7 p.m. Circleville City Council meets at Circleville City Hall.

*7 p.m. Effingham City Council meets at Effingham City Hall.

*Wetmore KAY board meeting during seminar.

Thursday, Jan. 7

*4 p.m. RVHS varsity Scholars Bowl at Cair Paravel Latin School (Topeka).

Mayetta Mustangs discuss fund-raisers

By Abigail Robinson

The monthly meeting of the Mayetta Mustangs 4-H Club was called to order at 4:06 p.m. on Dec. 13. Roll call was, "What do you want for Christmas?" It was answered by three guests, nine members, three parent advisors and one leader with a total of 16 attendees.

There was no leader's report given. The treasurer's report was given by Ashley Tyler in place of Kailei Mitchell. There is \$1761.79 in the club's

checking account and \$582.18 in the savings account with a total of \$2,343.97.

Club members discussed fund-raisers and community service projects. For a fundraiser, members plan to sell hot cocoa at Royal Valley's homecoming football game in 2021. They also plan on doing a chili feed at Royal Valley's King and Queen of Courts basketball game in 2022.

For the club community service project, members are donating money to the Catholic

church in Mayetta, filling a club member's blessing box for his Eagle Scout project and going to Medicalodges in Holton to play bingo.

Club members were informed that 4-H Club Days will be held on March 20-21, 2021 via Zoom. Club members were also informed that each member will be limited to sell only one animal at the 2021 fair.

The meeting was then adjourned at 4:38 p.m. with a Christmas party that followed.

Topekan injured in accident

A Topeka man was hospitalized following a single-vehicle accident Monday afternoon near 174th Road and U.S. Highway 75, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported.

At 3:30 p.m. that day, an off-duty Jackson County Sheriff's Office deputy observed a northbound 2011 Camry on U.S. 75 in southern Jackson County traveling at a high rate of speed, Sheriff Morse said.

The Camry left the highway and crashed near 174th Road, and the driver was identified as Robert Gerhold Way, 68, of Topeka.

Mayetta and Hoyt Fire Departments responded to the scene, and Way was transported to a Topeka hospital with disabling injuries by Jackson County EMS, Morse said.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is investigating whether alcohol contributed to the accident.

PBP Elder Center Menu

Until further notice, Prairie Band Elder Center meals are curbside pick-up only.

Meals will be brought out. Please do not get out of vehicles.

Menus are subject to change. For more information, call (785) 966-8091.

Monday, Jan. 4: Potato soup with ham, grilled cheese, applesauce and crackers.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Pork fritter on a bun, macaroni and tomatoes, apricots and dessert.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Barbecue chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit cup and roll.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Shepherd's pie, beets, pineapple fluff and bread and butter.

Friday, Jan. 8: Smorgasbord.

Consumer Corner: Use gift cards wisely

By Derek Schmidt

Kansas Attorney General

The holidays are upon us, the typical time for families and friends to gather to rekindle relationships and share traditions. However, as the events of the past year have taught us, 2020 is anything but typical or traditional, changing nearly every aspect of our lives. That includes how we celebrate the holidays in times of pandemic and social distancing.

The pandemic changed how Kansans shopped and prepared for the holidays when getting to the store was a challenge. In recent years, and certainly under the current circumstances, gift cards are a popular way for givers to make sure the recipient gets something he or she wants. If you unwrapped a gift card under your tree this year, now is your chance to choose your own perfect gift!

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Be aware that even with legal protections in place, the value of

a gift card may be lost if the store goes out of business before the card is used.

You should also remember to keep unused gift cards in a safe location. Treat them like cash. Unlike credit cards, if a gift card is lost or stolen, it can be difficult to prove the card belonged to you. Some retailers will allow you to register your card online, which protects the value of the card if something does happen.

If you happen to receive a card for a place you do not shop, it is unlikely that the retailer will let you exchange your card for cash. However, there are websites that allow you to sell or exchange your unwanted gift cards. Use caution when dealing with these online sites to be sure you don't become a victim of fraud. You can also consider donating your unwanted gift cards to a local charity.

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First half of 2020: COVID-19 derails business as usual

The year 2020 began in Jackson County with expectations and high hopes for a new decade, but those expectations and plans would be almost totally derailed by COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The first half of the year saw county residents, businesses and governing bodies doing their best to deal with the threat of COVID-19 and trying to keep things going despite changes of plan necessitated by the spread of the virus.

The *Holton Recorder* is taking a look back on the events of the year that was in the first of a two-part review, covering the months of January through June. A look back at the events of July through December will appear in next week's edition.

January

The Jackson County Commission approved a new three-year contract with Jackson County EMS at a rate of \$352,000 per year. The new rate is \$50,000 less than what was allocated to the business in 2019.

The county commission also approved an agreement with Soldier Creek Wind to allow the developer of the wind farm in southern Nemaha County to drive oversized vehicles on Jackson County roads, but permits were still needed for the vehicles.

Efforts to improve safety and security procedures at Jackson County's schools are continuing this year, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse told commissioners.

Tarwater Farm and Home Supply held a "soft opening" in its new home, the former Holton Farm and Home building, and business owners said they were "overwhelmed" with the great response to the business' opening here.

Former Banner Creek Reservoir director John Kennedy, charged with allegedly trespassing and taking items from his former office a week after his firing last February, received a year's probation — including 30 days of jail time — after entering a plea on two misdemeanor theft charges against him in Jackson County District Court.

Ethics charges were recommended against Jacqie Spradling, the special prosecutor hired by Jackson County for the Jacob Ewing trials of 2016 and 2017, stating that she misled the jury that found Ewing guilty of several sex-related crimes in a conviction that was overturned by the Kansas State Court of Appeals.

February

Early in the month, the risk of COVID-19 coming to Kansas was deemed "low" by Kansas Department of Health and Environment officials, who noted that the state had no positive cases of the disease at that time.

The Eagle Scout project plans of a local youth were approved by the Holton City Commission after Johan Campbell of Troop 64 told city commissioners that he would like to replace the flag pole at Linscott Park, clean the World War II monument there and add names to the Purple Heart Monument there.

Holton's historic Hotel Josephine is up for sale, it was announced this month by owners John Chiles and Lori Ford, who said they were "looking to change direction."

The Holton USD 336 Board of Education approved a motion to proceed with Phase 2A of the new heating, cooling and ventilation project at Holton High School at an estimated cost of \$884,172. The work will reportedly finish the work needed for the HHS three-story building classrooms and library in the west building on the first and second floors.

Work was started to establish a transmission line on private land in Jackson County for a new wind farm in neighboring Nemaha County following the approval of a road use and maintenance agreement by the Jackson County Commission.

Mid-States Materials opened a new rock quarry at 142nd and W Roads in Jackson County, giving the county's road and bridge department a local source for road rock.

Holton resident Larry Hladky was killed in a Feb. 28 single-vehicle accident when his pickup went off the road east of Holton and trapped him under water in a ditch.

March

COVID-19 arrived in Kansas, the first reported positive case occurring in Johnson County early in the month, when local and state health officials were still confident that the risk of the coronavirus' spread in the state would be low.

That changed by the end of the month, however, as the Jackson County Commission declared a public health emergency in the wake of the spread of COVID-19, and the county courthouse and Holton City Hall were closed to the public. The county also saw its first COVID-19 case in March.



Students at all three Jackson County schools headed off to spring break, unaware that they would not be returning to their respective school buildings to finish the school year as Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly ordered school buildings across the state closed in an attempt to mitigate the possible spread of COVID-19.

School districts in the county announced plans to continue providing school meals for children at off-site locations while the school buildings remained closed, and school administrators and staff at all three districts worked to roll out a "continuous learning" initiative for students.

Gov. Kelly later announced a statewide "stay-at-home" order through mid-April due to the spread of COVID-19, noting that the order did not mean "house arrest" and referenced essential businesses and activities that could continue. The

In 2020, COVID-19 (coronavirus) changed much of everyday life in Jackson County, as these images from previous editions of *The Holton Recorder* attest. In the top photo, large numbers attended local food distribution events, such as April's Harvesters distribution event in Holton's Countryside Park; in the above left photo, educators such as Holton Elementary School second-grade teacher Michelle Jones found themselves teaching classes via online videoconferencing platforms such as Zoom; and in the above right photo, Jackson Heights personnel distributed school lunches so that students could get their daily breakfasts and lunches from home while school buildings were closed.

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First half of 2020...

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 county issued a similar directive effective through the end of April.

More than 40 people from the area gathered at the Hutchins Building for the annual Legislative Breakfast, where Sen. Dennis Pyle, Rep. Francis Awerkamp and Rep. Randy Garber were all in attendance, as were Congressman Steve Watkins (R-KS) and Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Property valuation notices were mailed to Jackson County property owners, and a "steady increase" in overall values was noted this year, according to Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp, who said the county's value in agricultural land increased by six percent.

April

"Mask up!" became the rallying cry of public health officials in Jackson County and elsewhere after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended the wearing of cloth face coverings in public due to concerns about the possible spread of COVID-19.

Personal protective equipment, or PPE, for health care workers was reported to be in short supply across the country as doctors and nurses did their best to protect themselves while caring for COVID-19 patients, although local health care workers noted that so far, they had enough PPE.

The effect of COVID-19 on the Holton community was felt as the Holton City Commission announced in April that the city's swimming pool would not open for the summer and the summer youth street program would be postponed. Holton High School's alumni banquet and "Glory Days" activities were also canceled, it was announced.

Meanwhile, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), providing loans to small business owners affected by COVID-19

through local banks, was keeping area bank personnel busy serving customers and staying up to date as the program guidelines change. The program helped 159 businesses with about \$11 million in non-repayable loans through Jackson County banks, it was reported.

Area businesses that found themselves closed due to COVID-19 prepared to open again as a plan to relax the stay-at-home restrictions and safely reopen the county for business in phases was drafted and eventually approved. A fund-raising T-shirt program was also created to help local businesses affected by closures.

The Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir group reached its initial goal of \$125,000 in donations and commitments for the construction of a large enclosed building at the reservoir, it was reported.

May

Businesses in Jackson County and across the state began to come back to life as the plan to reopen the state's economy in phases, as proposed by Gov. Kelly, went into effect, while other annual events, including the Prairie Lake Pickin' Party, were called off and high school graduations were postponed.

Not all summer activities were called off for the year, as the Holton City Commission approved a proposal from the Holton Ball Association to allow a modified 2020 summer baseball and softball season for children age 14 and under.

The threat of COVID-19 continued locally, as the Johnsonville plant in Holton was closed temporarily due to a coronavirus outbreak among employees. The county saw a dramatic rise in positive cases, with the overall total hitting 100 — including the county's first COVID-19-related death — by the end of the month.

With support from Holton city commissioners, the Jackson County Commission applied for a \$300,000 grant from the federal government to assist local businesses struggling due to the recent stay-at-home order to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19. The county eventually received a \$132,000 grant.

Jackson County voters will be asked in November whether they supported a resolution that would businesses, such as microbreweries and wineries, to sell liquor by the drink without having to also sell food. Holton resident Sean Willcott, who plans to open a microbrewery in Holton, asked for the ballot question.

Randy Fox was selected by the Holton USD 336 Board of



Education to serve as the new principal at Holton Elementary School, while Annie Diederich was hired as the new elementary principal and athletic director at Jackson Heights.

June

Restrictions for businesses and the size of "mass gatherings" continued to be loosened as the county prepared to begin phasing out the COVID-19 "stay-at-home" order, and all three Jackson County school districts announced high school graduation plans for the summer.

Efforts to reopen some businesses came too late, as at least three Jackson County businesses — including Your Place Or Mine, Holton Tire and Service and Lamberson Elite Athletics — were forced to close permanently due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting statewide "stay-at-home" order.

And while other annual events were called off over COVID-19, it was announced that there would still be a Jackson County Fair this year, although this year's fair would look different from previous events.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation filed suit in federal district court to prevent U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin from distributing the remainder of \$8 billion in funding provided to tribal governments under

the CARES Act to address the effects of the coronavirus on American Indian and Alaska Native nations and tribes.

Assessed valuations on real estate and personal property in Jackson County went up by about \$6 million, which county officials noted would benefit local governments and school districts as officials began preparing their budgets for the upcoming year.

The architects and builders of Holton Elementary School asked that a civil suit filed against them by the Holton school district and stemming from water and gym issues at the school be tried in a United States district court in Kansas City, according to documents filed in Jackson County District Court.

Holton USD 336 earlier filed a seven-count civil suit against Nabholz Construction Corporation and Hollis + Miller Architects in late March, seeking damages for issues involving the water system and piping and gymnasium at HES, which opened in August of 2016.

Jackson County was expected to receive \$2.9 million in CARES Act funding, it was reported after the State Finance Council recently approved the distribution of \$400 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to 103 Kansas counties.



The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic prompted governments to close their doors to the public at times in 2020, but governing bodies such as the Holton City Commission, shown in the above left photo, continued to conduct business. In the photo above, Holton's Walmart was among retail businesses across the nation that saw their toilet paper inventories depleted as a result of panic buying prompted by "stay-at-home" orders. Recorder file photos

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Holton man arrested after Dec. 22 pursuit

A Holton man was captured here on Tuesday, Dec. 22, after a six-hour search, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Cody Wayne Gaston, 35, was arrested on drug charges after leading Jackson County Sheriff's Office deputies and Kansas Highway Patrol troopers on an extensive search in the county.

Shortly before 11 a.m. that day, a vehicle pursuit began on 126th Road by sheriff deputies and ended in the 13500 block of 190th Road east of U.S. Highway 75 when Gaston exited the vehicle and fled on foot into a wooded area, Sheriff Morse said. A female passenger in the vehicle Gaston was driving was taken into custody at the scene.

K-9s from the sheriff's office and KHP were brought onto the scene, and a KHP helicopter and a drone were also used in the search.

Gaston was apprehended near 190th and R4 Roads shortly after 5:30 p.m., it was reported.

He was arrested on several traffic charges, as well as possession of methamphetamine and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

Morse reported that Gaston is also a suspect in an aggravated assault case on 126th Road and a burglary and theft to an unhabited residence on R4 Road.

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■ At 5:02 p.m. on Oct. 2, Robert Bevirt Sr., 65, Topeka, had stopped his vehicle at the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and 94th Road facing west when it was struck from behind by a vehicle driven by Tara Naylor, 36, Topeka.

Beveritt's 2019 Dodge sustained damage to its rear left bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000. Naylor's 2013 Honda sustained damage to its front right bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 12 p.m. on Nov. 1, Kaitlyn Claycamp, 15, Circleville, was traveling south on J4 Road just south of 262nd Road when she lost control of the 2009 Ford she was driving after hitting a loose patch of gravel in the road.

Claycamp's vehicle left the road to the east, entered a ditch and struck a barbed wire fence owned by Austin Rash of Circleville.

The Ford sustained damage to its front bumper, hood, right side and rear left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 1:35 a.m. on Nov. 6, Jose Escamilla, 77, Manhattan, was traveling south on U.S. 75 near 110th Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road.

Escamilla's 2010 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper, right side and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 8, Drake Waser, 18, Horton, was traveling north on U.S. 75 near 102nd Road when his 2019 Kia struck a deer in the road.

Waser's Kia sustained damage to its hood and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 1:55 a.m. on Nov. 10, James Gray, 67, Topeka, was traveling north in the right-hand

lane on U.S. 75 near 94th Road when his 2008 Nissan struck a deer in the road.

Gray's Nissan sustained damage to its hood, front left bumper and left side that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 7:01 p.m. on Nov. 10, Keri Brucken, 37, Circleville, was traveling west on 254th Road near J Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road.

Brucken's 2013 Chrysler sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and right side that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 8:11 p.m. on Nov. 18, Wesley Holthaus, 26, Ozawkie, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 16 near S2 Road when his 2018 GMC struck a cow in the road.

Holthaus' GMC sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 1:30 a.m. on Nov. 22, Kyle Johnson, 18, Ozawkie, was traveling east on 134th Road near V Road when his vehicle left the road to the north and struck a fence, a Free State Electric pole and a concrete bridge pillar.

Johnson's entire 2006 Hummer was damaged and towed from the scene.

■ At 6:43 a.m. on Nov. 23, Jessica Pfrang, 33, Wetmore, was traveling south on U.S. 75 near 198th Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road.

Pfrang's 2016 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper, front right quarter panel and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:50 a.m. on Dec. 4, Gary Baldrige, 59, Holton, was traveling east on K-16 near O Road when his 2011 Ford struck a deer in the road.

Baldrige's Ford sustained damage to its right side that was listed at more than \$1,000.

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Traffic

Harry L. Coker II, Holton, no proof of insurance, \$408.

Keith C.M. Davy, Topeka, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$133.

Juan P. Hernandez-Rubio, Topeka, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$358.

Jamie L. Hopkins, Mayetta, duty of driver to report upon damaging unattended vehicle or property, \$108.

Drake M. Lovvorn, Holton, speeding, \$189.

John W. McGrew, address sealed by court, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, no proof of insurance, \$305.

Tiffany Melendez, Topeka,

speeding, \$222.

Courtney L. Place, Netawaka, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$208.

Reigna J. Wahwassuck, Topeka, transporting an open container, \$108.

Darin T. White, Mayetta, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$330.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Melissa A. Livengood, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Michael V. Thomas, Horton, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Quo-Jon P. Tye, Hoyt, domestic battery; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Jaime L. Wyre, Holton, criminal damage to property; sentenced to three months in jail, suspended; placed

on six months probation and assessed court costs.

Filed
State of Kansas vs. Merle P. Jessepe, Netawaka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a valid driver's license.

State of Kansas vs. Sarah V. Graham, Holton, identity theft, unlawful use of an identification card.

State of Kansas vs. Phillip J. Jim, Mayetta, three counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, aggravated criminal sodomy.

Limited Civil Dispositions

CHCS vs. Kent Wood and Linda Wood, sought judgment of \$3,778.02 plus interest and court costs; granted.

RHR vs. Shannan R. Strathman and Scott Strathman, sought judgment of \$987.48 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Filed
Midland Credit Management

Inc. vs. Michael D. Meditz, seeking judgment of \$1,785.84 plus interest and court costs.

Autovest L.L.C. vs. Devin S. Kuhn, seeking judgment of \$6,889.88 plus court costs.

Newton Healthcare Corporation, doing business as Newton Medical Center, doing business as NMC-Health vs. Travis Davis, seeking judgment of \$152.71 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims Dispositions

Nathan and Christa Villalobos vs. William and Pamela Cunningham, sought judgment of \$1,055 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Correction

The domestic disposition of a divorce case involving Daryl R. McLinn and Marla L. Burnes-McLinn that appeared in the Dec. 23 Recorder was incorrectly listed. The case was dismissed. The Recorder apologizes for the error.

Land Transfers

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

Trustees deed: Judith A. Macke and Larry J. Macke, as trustees of the trust in their names, to Roger Macke and Karen Macke, husband and wife, an undivided 6 percent interest in three tracts of land in S13, T9S, R12E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Rita Krause and Richard D. Krause, husband and wife, to Richard D. Krause and Rita M. Krause, as trustees of the Krause Revocable Trust, an undivided one-half interest in two tracts of land in S27, T6S, R13E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Jeffrey S. Bell, a single person, Joan A. Barriere and F. Edward Barriere, wife and husband, Arnold F. Bell and Teresa D. McQuin, husband and wife, Karl H. Bell, a married person, and Katherine J. Hurla and Louis B. Hurla, wife and husband, to Alvin Bell Jr. and Shirley A. Bell, land in the southeast quarter of S4, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Alvin Bell Jr. and Shirley Bell, husband and wife, to Mason Baum, the west 60 feet of Lots 44, 46 and 48, Western Avenue, city of Holton; and land in the southeast quarter of S4, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., all in Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Heather M. Stewart, a single person, and Donald Stewart and Ragina Stewart, husband and wife, to David W. Criqui and Cathy E. Criqui, Lot 16, New Jersey Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Kansas transfer on death deed: Helen M. Slattery, a single person, to Catherine Marie Slattery, Lot 7 and the west half of Lot 8, Block 1, Wilson's Addition, city of Circleville, Jackson County.

Trustees deed: Delbert W. Hawthorne and Julie-Anne M. Hawthorne, as co-trustees of the Delbert W. Hawthorne Trust, to Nathaniel W. Hawthorne,

land in the northeast quarter of S9, T7S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Kyle D. Phillips and Dena D. Phillips, husband and wife, to Aaron Joseph Lueger and Sarah Marie Lueger, husband and wife, land in the northeast quarter of S12, T7S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Catherine R. Marten and David L. Marten, wife and husband, to Mark Murnahan and Peggy Murnahan, husband and wife, Lot 85 and the south 20 feet of Lot 87, New York Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Trustees deed: Dennis A. White and Catherine R. Marten, as trustees of the N.F. White Spendthrift Trust, to Mark Murnahan and Peggy Murnahan, husband and wife, Lot 85 and the south 20 feet of Lot 87, New York Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Trustees deed: Dennis A. White and Joni A. White, as trustees of the trust in their names, to Mark Murnahan and Peggy Murnahan, husband and wife, Lot 85 and the south 20 feet of Lot 87, New York Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

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- Aggressive men
- Farm animal
- Young woman (French)
- Sixth month of Hebrew calendar
- Short cry
- State capital
- Rural delivery
- "Twilight Zone" creator
- Gigabyte
- Flammable hydrocarbon
- Supervises flying
- An actor who plays a principal role
- Furnace for pottery
- Fall back
- Afrikaans word for language
- Chinese city
- Fleshy
- Inventor
- Taxis
- A citizen of Spain
- Important age for aging workers (abbr.)
- Body part

CLUES DOWN

- Chinese mountain range
- Romanian city
- Fishermen cast it
- Shelter from wind
- Sign language
- Pippen
- Make sore
- Flat metal shelves
- Forms that say who you are
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- Popular cooking ingredient
- Skin covering the head
- Unshakable
- Exclamation meaning "Finally!"
- One of the wise men's gifts
- Take away from
- In accordance with the law
- Nicole Kidman's husband
- NY Giants legend
- Utilize
- Beloved Hollywood alien
- Unwell
- More destitute
- Grinded together
- Sun up in New York
- Italian-made cars
- Most sacred site in Islam
- Rip apart
- Go in a specified direction
- Freshwater mussel genus
- "__ the Man" Musical
- One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- West coast time zone
- Mimic
- You can get one in summer

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Fenceline

Minerals for beef cows: costly

By Jody G. Holthaus
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District Agent
Livestock & Natural
Resources

It's come to my attention that there have been a few herds chowing down on mineral this winter. While this can be common and probably not toxic, it is costly!



Most of the time, this is not due to some great deficiency, but maybe just something new or something to do.

How much is too much? All minerals should have a label that has a suggested consumption rate. If your cattle are consuming too much, you can either mix the mineral with loose salt. The rate would be 1/4 or 1/3 salt to the mineral. This will slow down consumption.

The other option is to figure out how many days the mineral is supposed to last (consumption rate X number of cattle). Suppose that bag of mineral should last two weeks. Then in two weeks, you put more out, not just when it runs out.

Most mineral bag labels will have consumption at three to five ounces a day. Some of the reports I'm hear-

ing are cows eating pounds of mineral within a few days.

Research and studies on minerals and vitamins are very difficult because of the differences in soil types and forages consumed. Finding a good mineral starts with salt. It is one of the cheapest minerals to provide. If you are grazing cool-season grasses in the spring, magnesium should be added weeks before grazing season to avoid grass tetany.

Calcium and phosphorus should be the major players in your mineral program. Phosphorus is the most expensive component, and it needs to be in the mineral beginning before calving season and through the breeding season. After breeding, it will depend on the forages whether or not to include in the mineral.

Distiller's grains are high in phosphorus, so if you supplement DDG, you will not need additional phosphorus. If you are feeding DDG's, supplemental calcium should be included in the mineral.

Mineral needs vary by the region you are in and what forages cattle are consuming. Some minerals interact with each other. For instance, an oversupply of potassium in areas of grass tetany problems will produce tetany as the potassium will tie up the magnesium.

To design a good mineral program, first, you need to know what the cattle need.

There are at least 17 different minerals required by beef cattle. These minerals and their required amounts can be found in the "nutrient requirements of beef cattle" publication.

Forages are the most economical source of minerals. The National Research Council report gives the average amounts supplied by various forages. These amounts are just averages, as the real amount is based on forages' quality and quantity.

Data shows that as a plant matures, mineral availability in the forage decreases. Some complex interactions in the cow's body complicate things even more.

You can usually count on 85 to 92 percent of the plant or grain phosphorus, potassium, manganese and iron are available. Calcium in the plant or grain is available at 50 to 65 percent, 40 to 70 percent of the zinc is available and 50 to 60 percent of copper in the plant is available to the animal.

The exception to this is manganese. It can be considerably lower in some forages. If grass tetany can be a problem, I would always add it to the mineral.

Mineral supplementation is complicated and can be expensive. Talk to your veterinarian about your mineral program. This may be an area where you can cut some costs!

Family Life

Journaling personal history

By Nancy Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Thanks to the mystery person who dropped off at the Extension office a newspaper clipping of one of my columns from the 1990s. It started out, "One year at Christmas time I gave my grandmother a fabric-covered, blank journal book for writing her memoirs. From time to time, she tells me she has been recording stories of her childhood and earlier days."



Now that I'm a grandmother, I have plenty to write or tell. I've updated that column to share again. Personal history is also a part of our world history, and particularly essential for an understanding of women's lives.

The following questions are a guide to discovering more about the history of your grandmother, mother, aunt or older friend. As you listen to answers, you will develop "new" questions of your own. Ask her to share photographs, letters, keepsakes and documents that are important to her and will help you understand her life.

Where was she born? Who were other members of her family? What does she know about her ancestors? Where did her family live? How long did they live in her birthplace? How long

in the same house or apartment? Who were her favorite relatives or role models?

What was her schooling? What books or magazines did she read? How else did she get information (radio, newspaper, television)? What did she do for fun? Who were her friends? What did the family do together?

Who did the housework in her family? Did she marry? How did she meet her husband? What was her wedding like? Were there any special customs or beliefs observed? Where did they live after marrying?

Did she have children soon after marriage, or later? How much time was spent with her husband? How was time spent with other women? Who were her best friends? Did she belong to any clubs (church, groups, civ-

ic organization, social groups)?

What were her happiest times (achievements, special trips, events, celebrations)?

What world or national events most affected her (wars, epidemics, economic downturn, political movements)?

When did her children leave home? How did her life change? How did she feel about it?

If she was employed outside the home, what sort of work did she do? For how long? When did she retire? How did she feel about it?

How does she feel about her life now?

Why not take the time to help someone record an oral history this winter or write your own journal to share? It's a wonderful way to learn about family history and build stronger family relationships.

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FACS: Free online sessions boost together time

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

We've all spent a lot of time with family and friends living in our pods during the coronavirus pandemic and looking for creative, positive ways to spend that time together.



Extension professionals from Kansas State University have been in the same situation with their families. As

a result, they've created a series of virtual programs, titled Living Well Together, as a way for individuals and families across the state to capitalize on that time.

"Just like other families, we, in extension, have spent a lot of time with our families during COVID-19," said Sharolyn Jackson, family and consumer sciences specialist for northeast Kansas. "Since we're in the business of helping families every day through our work in extension, it made sense for us to put our heads together - virtually, of course - and figure out ways to help other families make the most of their time together."

Participation is free to all

Kansans, but registration is required. Participants can choose to register for one session or as many as they like. Once registered, a Zoom link will be sent to the registrant's email address.

"Living Well Together is a series of one-hour sessions that touch on a wide variety of essential skills that empower individuals and families to live, work and thrive," Jackson said.

The series was developed by extension agents and specialists in northeast Kansas but open to everyone. Programs will be recorded for those who cannot participate in the live sessions.

Starting Jan. 7, Living Well Together weekly virtual sessions are planned for 6:45 p.m.

CST on Thursdays. Sessions are scheduled through at least March 25. Some topics planned for early 2021 are the Mediterranean eating style, checking your credit, home organization tips, family mealtime and more.

For more information, contact Sharolyn Jackson at sharolyn@ksu.edu or Cindy Williams at csw@ksu.edu.

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AG WEEK: Livestock future mixed

By Matt Hines

The first week of holiday trade is now complete as livestock futures finished last week mixed. Cash feedlot trade was reported at mostly \$2 higher than the week previous at \$110 live in the south and \$4 to \$6 higher at \$172 dressed in the north.



Beef exports remain neutral as pork export sales slipped lower this past week, but actual exports remain very strong. Mild liquidation in hog breeding herds was confirmed in last week's quarterly hog and pig report. Total inventory was down one percent from a year ago. Breeding herd is down three percent, market hog numbers are down one percent, fall farrowings are down one percent and the pig crop down is down one percent.

For the week, Friday, Dec. 18 through Thursday, Dec. 24, December live cattle were up \$1.67, February was up \$.12, January feeder cattle were up \$.47, March was up \$.02, February lean hogs were up \$1.15 and April was up \$1.17.

We begin this second week of holiday trading on solid ground. Cattle futures should be supported to begin the week, and again the expectation is for steady to higher cash feedlot trade. December live cattle expire this Thursday with strong support from \$109 to \$110. February live cattle have support at \$113 with resistance at \$116.60.

January feeders have been holding a higher trend since mid-October with support around \$139 and resistance at \$142. February lean hogs have been choppy the past two months with support at \$63 and resistance at \$69.

Over in the grains, last week was filled with higher trading and new contract highs for both corn and soybeans. January soybeans are actually now running seven consecutive days with a new contract high, including Monday.

Union port strikes continue in Argentina bogging down exports. Some might think this is not a big issue as their new crop is still a few months away, but Argentina is the number one soybean meal exporter at nearly 40 percent of the world's trade and more than double what the U.S. exports annually.

I have been asked many times this year, "So what will happen to soybeans when Brazil's new crop comes on and we stop shipping to China?" Neither country actually stops shipping as the

other brings on a new crop, but the volume leader does go back and forth every six months or so.

For example, Chinese customs data released on Christmas Day showed November imports of U.S. soybeans were 6.04 million metric tons (MMT), compared to 3.4 MMT in October. Since January, China has imported 20.05 MMT of U.S. soybeans. Chinese import of Brazilian soybeans during November totaled 2.74 MMT compared to 4.23 MMT in October. Accumulated Brazil soybean imports over the January through November period this year were 63.1 MMT.

For the week, Friday, Dec. 18 through Thursday, Dec. 24, March corn was up \$.13½, May was up \$.12½, January soybeans were up \$.43½, March was up \$.40½, March Kansas City wheat was up \$.19½, May was up \$.18½, March Chicago wheat was up \$.18½ and January soybean meal was up \$11.30 per ton.

We do have another holiday shortened trading week with markets closing early on Thursday and closed on Friday, New Year's Day. Export inspections for the week ending Dec. 24 showed corn inspections at 39.1 million bushels (MBU) and grain sorghum at 8.1 MBU, both exceeding expectations. Soybean inspections were again strong at 53.2 MBU while wheat inspections still disappointing at 11.2 MBU. China is the number one destination for corn, with soybeans and grain sorghum taking almost 56 MBU combined.

South America will be the main focus for additional news with the ongoing port strike in Argentina and updated weather forecasts. The forecast this week shows very little relief expected in Argentina and scattered rains for Brazil.

A winter storm bringing the chance for heavy snow and heavy rains is slated to move through the central U.S. into the Midwest mid-week. The six-to-10-day outlook shows normal to above normal temps for all except in the southwest with above normal moisture in the northwest and below normal for the Southern Plains and eastern third of the U.S.

March corn hit a new contract high on Monday at \$4.57½ with support at \$4.30. January soybeans, again the seventh consecutive trading day in a row, hit a new contract high at \$12.79½ with support around \$11.80.

March Kansas City wheat hit a new recent high at \$5.93 last week with support at \$5.62. March Chicago wheat was met with resistance at \$6.37 and support at \$5.98. January soybean meal hit a new contract high last week at \$424.80 and support around \$390.

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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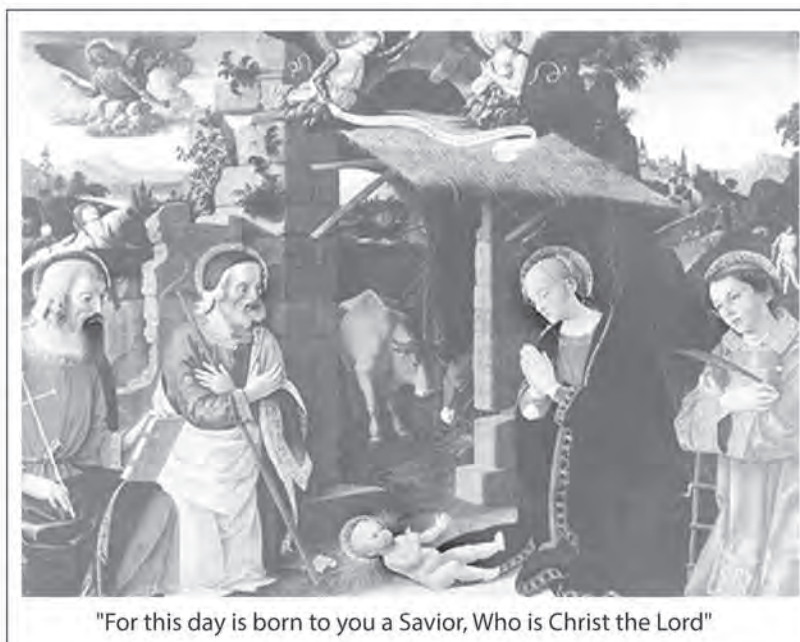
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