



Friday afternoon was a hectic time at Lee's Flowers in Holton — just ask Sandy Bottom, shown in the photo above working to put together a floral arrangement for someone who wanted to "say it with flowers" on Valentine's Day. Bottom and others at the flower shop kept busy selling flowers and floral arrangements that day, one of the busiest holidays of the year at the store, it was noted.  
*Photo by Brian Sanders*

## Dems' primary set for May 2

### ■ Presidential runoff election for GOP cancelled in Kansas

*By Ali Holcomb*  
 A presidential primary election for Democrat voters will be held in Kansas on May 2 while the state's Republican presidential primary has been cancelled, it has been reported.

State primaries and caucuses are now under way across the country as members of both parties seek nominees for president for the Nov. 3 general election.

Iowa held the first caucuses in the country on Feb. 3, and New Hampshire held its primaries last week.

So far, Democrat candidate Peter Buttigieg has 22 delegates, followed by Bernie Sanders with 21, Elizabeth Warren with eight, Amy Klobuchar with seven and Joe Biden with six.

A candidate needs 1,990 delegates to secure their nomination for president at the Democratic National Convention, which will be held in July.

President Donald Trump has received 39 delegates so far in the Republican elections, and Bill Weld has received one delegate.

To win the Republican nomination, a candidate must receive 1,276 delegates by the Republican National Convention in August.

The Kansas Republican Party has canceled its presidential primary this year. Kansas is one of seven states whose Republican parties have decided not to host a state primary because President Trump, the Republican incumbent, is running with little or no opposition for re-election in the party.

The Kansas Democratic Party (KDP) is hosting a presidential primary election on May 2 to determine which candidates will

receive the state's 47 delegates. This is the first time the KDP will hold a primary election instead of a caucus, it was reported. The change is to "encourage greater participation and provide wider accessibility for voters in an open and transparent manner," according to the KDP.

During a caucus, voters gather together to determine which candidates should be supported by voters raising their hands or dividing into groups based on the candidate they support.

In a presidential primary, voters cast secret ballots for their preferred candidate.

A mailing explaining how to voter in person or by advance ballot in the Kansas Democratic presidential primary is being sent to every registered Democrat in the state on March 9, it was reported. Mail-in ballots will be available March 30 through April 17.

In-person voting will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. There will be a voting center set up in each of the 40 Kansas Senate districts. Those centers are still being determined and will be announced in the March 9 mailer, according to the KDP.

Voters will be asked to rank their favorite candidates to determine their top five candidates for the nomination.

If a voter's first-choice candidate has limited support, a voter's next choice will be counted to "ensure their vote is not wasted," according to the KDP.

Any candidate who receives at least 15 percent of the first-choice votes will automatically earn delegates.

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## County spelling bee slated for Saturday

*By Ali Holcomb*  
 The Jackson County Spelling Bee will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Jackson Heights High School auditorium.

The top spellers in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades from each of the county's three school districts will compete at the bee.

Those students include:  
**Royal Valley USD 337:** Eli Holcomb (fifth grade), Danika Decker (sixth grade), Omar Na-

jera (seventh grade) and Jackson King (eighth grade).

**Holton USD 336:** Zach Jensen (fifth grade), Havilah Myers (sixth grade), Ethan Cundell (seventh grade) and Eric Gerhardt (eighth grade).

**Jackson Heights USD 335:** Brayden Innes (fifth grade), Alyssa Mullins (sixth grade), Jenna Joiner (seventh grade) and Dawson Cochren (eighth grade).

Jaclyn Higley will serve as the pronouncer for the bee, and

Shelly Bausch, Chris Kasson and Cody Witte will serve as judges.

Those participating in the bee will need to arrive at the school no later than 8:45 a.m. A complete list of the spelling bee rules and practice spelling bee words can be found at the Jackson Heights website, jhco-bras.net

The winner of the Jackson County Spelling Bee will advance to the Sunflower State Spelling Bee, which has been

scheduled for March 21 at the De Mattias Fine Arts Center at Newman University in Wichita. The state spelling bee is hosted by the Kansas Press Association.

Previous Jackson County spelling bee champions from the past 20 years include:

- 2019 — Griffin Davies (Holton).
- 2018 — Buddy Lundin-Burger (RV).

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## How They're Voting

### Pyle supported "Value Them Both" amendment

Kansas First District Senator Dennis Pyle (R-Hiawatha, pictured) was among those voicing his support for the proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution that would allow elected legislators to regulate abortions, although that amendment didn't make it past the state's House of Representatives to go to a public vote, according to records from the current Legislative session.



Sen. Pyle also voted in favor of Senate bills creating "presumptions related to temporary parenting plans" and enhancing penalties for offenses causing death or serious injuries to public safety employees, but cast the sole vote against a bill removing a requirement that certain entities should report to the state's division of post audit.

Senate Continuing Resolution 1613, known as the "Value Them Both" constitutional amendment, saw Pyle voting in favor of the amendment but opposing several amendments to the overall resolution as proposed by other members of the Senate. Those amendments, mostly semantic in nature, were defeated largely along political party lines.

Pyle had also submitted an amendment to the resolution clarifying the date that it would go to a vote, setting a special election date of Aug. 4 rather than including the question on ballots for the state's primary

election, set for the same date. That amendment was passed by the Senate and was the only amendment to receive Senate approval, it was noted.

"This is one of the most important pieces of legislation we have passed since I've been in the Legislature, and I was happy to be a part of it," Pyle said in a Feb. 3 Internet statement of the resolution, which made it past the Senate on a 28-12 vote, more than the two-thirds majority vote needed to send it to the House.

The constitutional amendment did not receive the two-thirds majority vote needed in the House to put the question to a public vote, it was reported. It received 80 yes votes — four votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority — and 43 no votes in the House, which reportedly is dealing with its own constitutional amendment on abortion.

Another bill receiving Pyle's vote of approval was Senate Bill 45, which would elevate penalties for offenses that cause death or serious injuries to public safety employees, such as law enforcement officers, firefighters and other emergency management workers.

The bill is known as "Brandon's Law," named for Master Deputy Brandon Collins of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department. Collins was killed in September 2016 when a truck crashed into his patrol car while he was conducting a traffic stop.

SB 45 was approved on a 36-1 vote on Jan. 23 — Kansas City Democrat David Haley cast the

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After 20 years as full-time school nurse for the Holton district, Carolyn Bartlett has announced her retirement from the district, effective at the end of the current school year.  
*Photo by Brian Sanders*

## Bartlett retiring as Holton school nurse

*By Brian Sanders*  
 Being a school nurse is a lot more complicated than most people think, according to Carolyn Bartlett, who has served the Holton school district as its nurse for the past 20 years.

"A lot of people think school nursing is giving a child a Band-Aid or a cough drop. That's not even close," said Bartlett, who has announced her retirement as the district nurse effective at the end of the current school year.

Bartlett said she has been proud to stand in the gap when "Dr. Mom" can't be present to take care of ailing students during a school day, sometimes fig-

uring out what's wrong with students who might be afraid to say what's really bothering them.

"They might come in saying they have a stomachache, and they'll have a whole different problem, but they won't tell you," Bartlett said. "With my experience, I can usually tell what's going on, particularly if they come in saying they've got a broken arm."

Bartlett's experience covers almost half a century, starting with her enrollment in nursing classes at Hutchinson Junior College right after her graduation from Holton High School in 1971. Nursing, she noted, was

a career choice she knew for a long time she wanted to make.

"When I was a kid, one of my favorite toys was one of those little plastic doctor's bags, with the stethoscope and the head mirror. I used to carry that thing around everywhere," she said.

After her first year in junior college, Bartlett transferred to Hutchinson Hospital School of Nursing, completing her training in 1974. Her first nursing job was at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, where she worked in orthopedics and was involved in hip and knee replacement operations.

"At that time, you were in the

hospital for at least three weeks recovering," she said. "Now, you have it done one day and you're out the next. The techniques have improved a lot over 40 years."

After 18 years at St. Francis, Bartlett worked briefly as a consultant at the Pennsylvania Place assisted living facility in Holton, then joined the staff at the Jackson County Health Department. Back then, she said, schools contracted with the health department for nursing services, and she was involved in that for six years.

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**TUESDAY'S FORECAST**  
 Mostly Sunny, High 39  
 Look for the complete forecast on Page 2.

# DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## Traffic

Alexander Cooper, Topeka, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, speeding, \$240.  
Eric D. Fox, Holton, no seat belt, \$30.  
Keaton B. Knutsen, Horton, speeding, \$177.  
Boniface N. Mwhaki, Topeka, speeding, \$183.  
Joel P. Parker, Holton, driving under the influence, found guilty.

law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, speeding.  
State of Kansas vs. Levi W. Stein, Holton, aggravated domestic battery.  
State of Kansas vs. Levi W. Stein, Holton, criminal threat.  
State of Kansas vs. Russell L. Washington, Frankfort, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

court costs; dismissed.  
Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Nicole Warrington, sought judgment of \$2,768.53 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.  
**Filed**  
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Alexis N. Davidson Franks, seeking judgment of \$140 plus interest and court costs.  
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. William R. Simmons and Lisa A. Simmons, seeking judgment of \$1,680.85 plus interest and court costs.  
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Marcie Adcock and Chad Adcock, seeking judgment of \$999.64 plus interest and court costs.  
Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Robert E. Eigenman, seeking judgment of \$3,121.10 plus interest and court costs.  
Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Bobbie J. Ray, seeking judgment of \$6,159.32 plus interest

and court costs.  
McCray Lumber Company vs. Brad Coats, also known as William Coats, seeking judgment of \$1,269.22 plus interest and court costs.

## Small Claims

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

## Domestic

**Dispositions**  
In the matter of the marriage of Kimberly N. Sturgeon and Timothy W. Sturgeon, sought divorce; granted.  
In the matter of the marriage of Jordan K. Adwell and Paris T. Adwell, sought divorce; granted.  
**Filed**  
In the matter of the marriage of Vincent J. Thuringer and Tina Thuringer, seeking divorce.

## Criminal

**Dispositions**  
State of Kansas vs. Kyler J. Reynolds, Atchison, driving under the influence; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended after 48 hours jail time; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$250 plus court costs.  
State of Kansas vs. Shawn M. Nelson, Topeka, disorderly conduct; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.  
**Filed**  
State of Kansas vs. David L. Jones, Holton, aggravated indecent liberties with a child, promoting obscenity to minors.  
State of Kansas vs. Brand N. Betts, Topeka, disorderly conduct.  
State of Kansas vs. Dustin L. Froelich, Tecumseh, disorderly conduct.  
State of Kansas vs. Ruby J. Kilmar, Herington, disorderly conduct.  
State of Kansas vs. Rose M. Ybarra, Galva, disorderly conduct.  
State of Kansas vs. Sherri F. Carr, Oneida, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.  
State of Kansas vs. Beverly J. Huntsman, Topeka, theft.  
State of Kansas vs. Jacob E. Asher, Sabetha, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal use of weapons, speeding.  
State of Kansas vs. Tyler A. Moore, Topeka, disorderly conduct.  
State of Kansas vs. Kelly A. Chandler, Hoyt, interference with

## Limited Civil

**Dispositions**  
Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Rachel McKinney, sought judgment of \$910.51 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.  
Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Rachel McKinney, sought judgment of \$901.61 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.  
Topeka Oral Surgery P.A. vs. Stephanie Allen, sought judgment of \$378 plus interest and

# KDOT certifies drone operators

Twenty Kansas Department of Transportation employees across the state were certified as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) commercial drone operators on Friday, Feb. 14, it was reported. Cooperative efforts between

KDOT and members of the Kansas Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Joint Task Force continue to improve partnership efforts between state agencies in Kansas. Drones represent a number of opportunities for the transporta-

tion industry to become more efficient, it was reported.

KDOT's Division of Aviation partnered with K-State Polytechnic for 18-months to establish formal drone training for infrastructure inspectors. The first cadre of KDOT UAS operators were to have graduated this past Friday.

This 20-person class represents the Division of Aviation, multiple bureaus of KDOT's Engineering and Design Division and every KDOT district across the state, it was reported.

"We are proud of the teamwork represented by this diverse class and look forward to leveraging new technologies to enhance the effectiveness of our Kansas transportation system," said Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz.

KDOT directors of operations, engineering and aviation are working collaboratively to find innovative opportunities to improve KDOT processes.

Kirsten Zoller, director of the Professional Education and Outreach Center, said "we are pleased to offer UAS training as our next instance of KDOT training."

## Arrests reported in county

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

- On Feb. 7, Rachel Shane, 38, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence, improper crossover on a divided highway and reckless driving.
- On Feb. 7, Sherri Hamlin, 51, Holton, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.
- On Feb. 9, Netaanese Thomas, 22, Horton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
- On Feb. 10, Alysha Murata, 29, Horton, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.
- On Feb. 10, Zachory

Downard, 24, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

On Feb. 11, David Williams, 46, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

On Feb. 11, Tonya Donaldson, 43, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

On Feb. 11, Christine Lockhart, 29, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge and on two traffic warrants on probation violation charges.

## Police Calls

The following calls were handled in recent days by the Holton Police Department. Calls included four area checks at the Holton Industrial Park.

- 9:17 a.m. Jan. 30, Kansas Highway 16 at U.S. Highway 75, non-injury accident.
- 2:01 p.m. Jan. 30, 400 block of Montana Avenue, citizen assist.
- 3:28 p.m. Jan. 30, 200 block of Dakota Avenue, animal control.
- 3:45 p.m. Jan. 30, 400 block of Wyoming Avenue, EMS assist.
- 11:08 a.m. Jan. 31, funeral escort.
- 1:33 p.m. Jan. 31, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 5:45 a.m. Feb. 1, Second Street at Wisconsin Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 11 a.m. Feb. 1, funeral escort.
- 1:27 p.m. Feb. 1, 900 block of New York Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 5:15 p.m. Feb. 1, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, gas leak.
- 1:38 a.m. Feb. 2, First Street at Ohio Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.
- 10:51 a.m. Feb. 2, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 11:36 a.m. Feb. 2, 300 block of Wisconsin Avenue, theft.
- 9:28 p.m. Feb. 2, 700 block of West Fifth Street, animal control.
- 11:17 p.m. Feb. 2, Fourth Street at New York Avenue, animal control.
- 11:39 a.m. Feb. 3, funeral escort.
- 6:48 p.m. Feb. 4, 200 block of South Arizona Avenue, motorist assist.
- 10:03 a.m. Feb. 5, 1100 block

of Columbine Drive, assisted PBP tribal police.

- 5:14 p.m. Feb. 5, 600 block of Arizona Avenue, EMS assist.
- 10:02 p.m. Feb. 5, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 4:16 a.m. Feb. 6, 400 block of Wisconsin Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 12:01 p.m. Feb. 6, 900 block of Ohio Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 5:04 p.m. Feb. 6, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 5:32 p.m. Feb. 6, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 11:31 a.m. Feb. 7, 100 block of West Seventh Street, suspicious activity.
- 2:58 p.m. Feb. 7, funeral escort.
- 9:34 a.m. Feb. 8, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, EMS assist.
- 10:56 a.m. Feb. 8, funeral escort.
- 12:50 p.m. Feb. 8, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, EMS assist.
- 2:10 p.m. Feb. 8, 400 block of West Fourth Street, suspicious activity.
- 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8, 900 block of New York Avenue, security for winter formal dance.
- 1 a.m. Feb. 9, 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, disturbance.
- 10:44 a.m. Feb. 9, 200 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.
- 3:09 p.m. Feb. 9, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, juvenile matter regarding activities in Linscott Park.
- 5:21 p.m. Feb. 9, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.

## Accidents investigated

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

- At 11:15 p.m. on Feb. 2, Leslie Sligar, 24, Delia, was driving west on 158th Road near J Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Sligar's 2012 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.
- At 6 p.m. on Feb. 3, Benjamin Blaindt, 40, Circleville, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 16 near L Road when his 2002 Toyota struck a deer in the road. Blaindt's Toyota sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.
- At 9:45 p.m. on Feb. 7, David Kuglin, 82, Holton, was traveling north on K-16 near 222nd Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Kuglin's 2017 Ford sustained damage to its front left bumper and left side that was listed at more than \$1,000.

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## Today's Weather

Tuesday		Mostly sunny	High: 39 Low: 20
Wednesday		Partly sunny	High: 34 Low: 15
Thursday		Mostly sunny	High: 32 Low: 18
Friday		Sunny	High: 42 Low: 28
Saturday		Mostly sunny w/slight chance of rain	High: 51 Low: 30 Precip: 20%

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# OPINION

PRESIDENTS' DAY

## Americans should show respect on this holiday

What do you think about Presidents' Day? Not much, you say? Presidents' Day is a federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday in February. That's today.

Is it a federal holiday that still makes sense in today's society?

I don't know. We don't exactly love and respect all of our modern presidents, do we?

It used to be a crime to publicly threaten a president or even joke about causing harm to the president or the White House.

In recent years, however, well-known entertainers and other celebrities have gotten away with seriously bad-mouthing the president. I don't think that is right.

It also seems like Americans used to have a lot more respect for the office of the president, regardless of who the current president was.

Originally established in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents' Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, an attempt to create more three-day weekends for workers.

Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present.

The story of Presidents' Day date begins in 1800. Following the death of George Washington in 1799, his Feb. 22 birthday became a perennial day of remembrance.

At the time, Washington was venerated as the most important figure in American history and events like the 1832 centennial of his birth and the start of construction of the Washington Monument in 1848 were cause for national celebration. While Washington's birthday was an unofficial observance for most of the 1800s, it was not until the late 1870s that it became a federal holiday.

The shift from Washington's birthday to Presidents' Day began in the late 1960s, when Congress proposed a measure known as the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Championed by Senator Robert McClory of Illinois, this law

sought to shift the celebration of several federal holidays from specific dates to a series of predetermined Mondays.

The proposed change was seen by many as a novel way to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

While some argued that shifting holidays from their original dates would cheapen their meaning, the bill also had widespread support from both the private sector and labor unions and was seen as a surefire way to bolster retail sales.

The Uniform Monday Holiday Act also included a provision to combine the celebration of Washington's birthday with that of Abraham Lincoln, which fell on Feb. 12. Lincoln's birthday had long been a state holiday in places like Illinois, and many supported joining the two days as a way of giving equal recognition to two of America's most famous statesmen.

The main piece of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act was passed in 1968 and officially took effect in 1971 following an executive order from President Richard M. Nixon.

Washington's birthday was then shifted from the fixed date of Feb. 22 to the third Monday of February.

Columbus Day, Memorial Day and Veterans Day were also moved from their traditionally designated dates. (As a result of widespread criticism, in 1980 Veterans Day was returned to its original Nov. 11 date.)

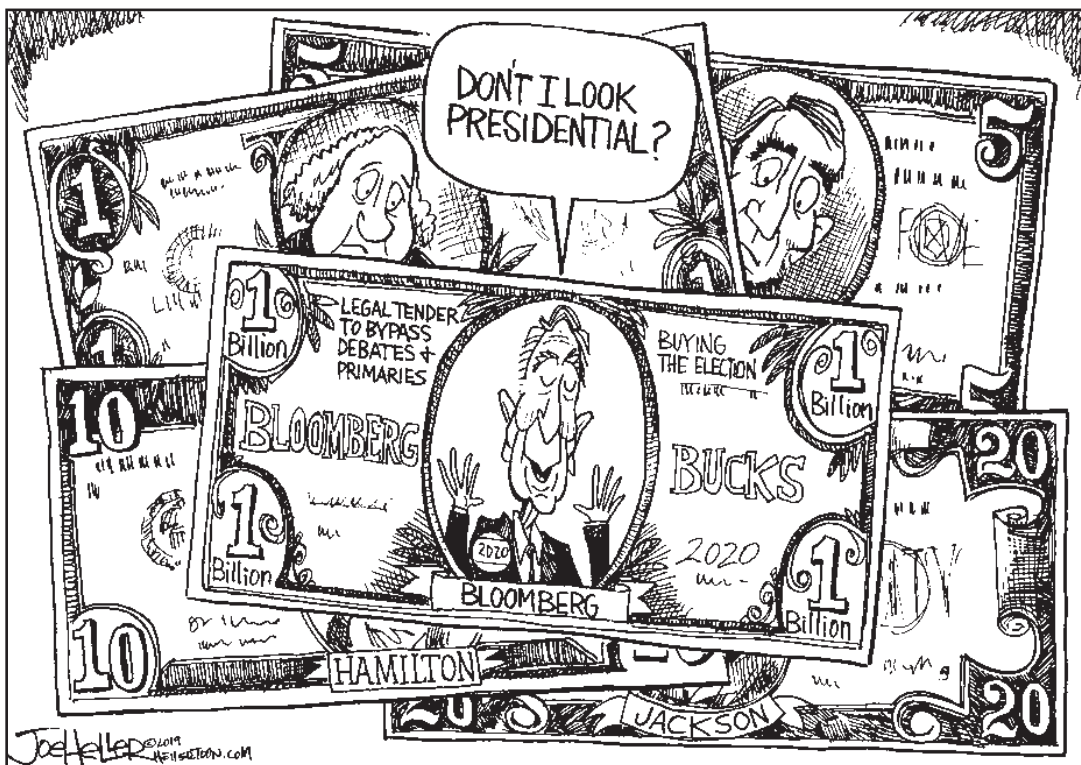
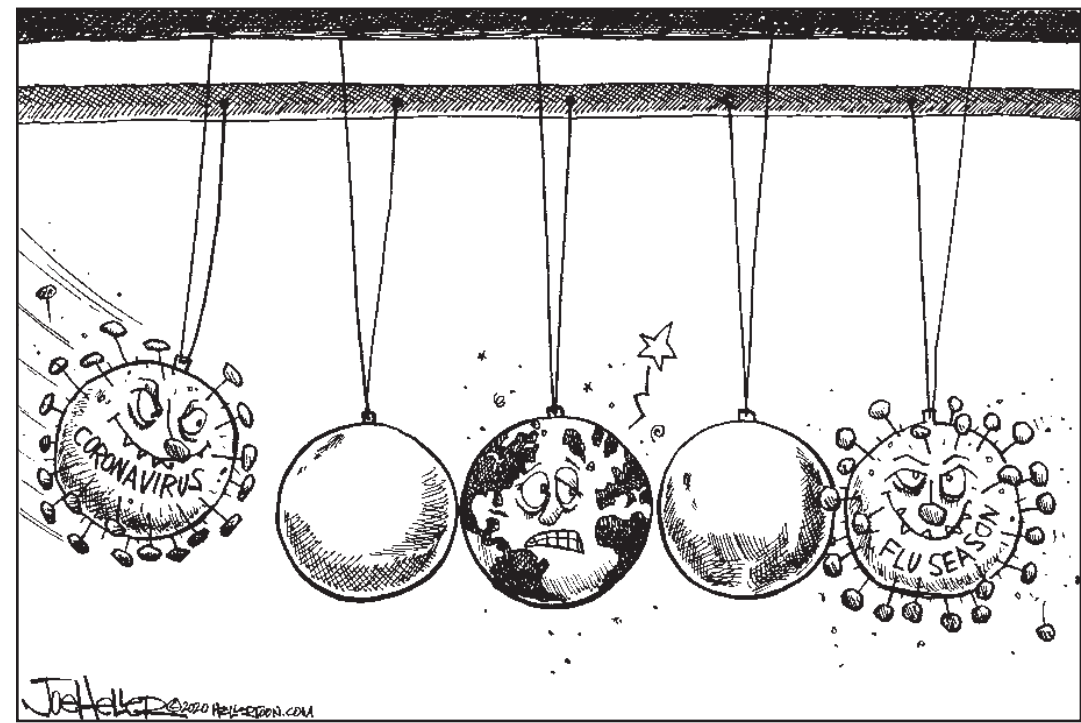
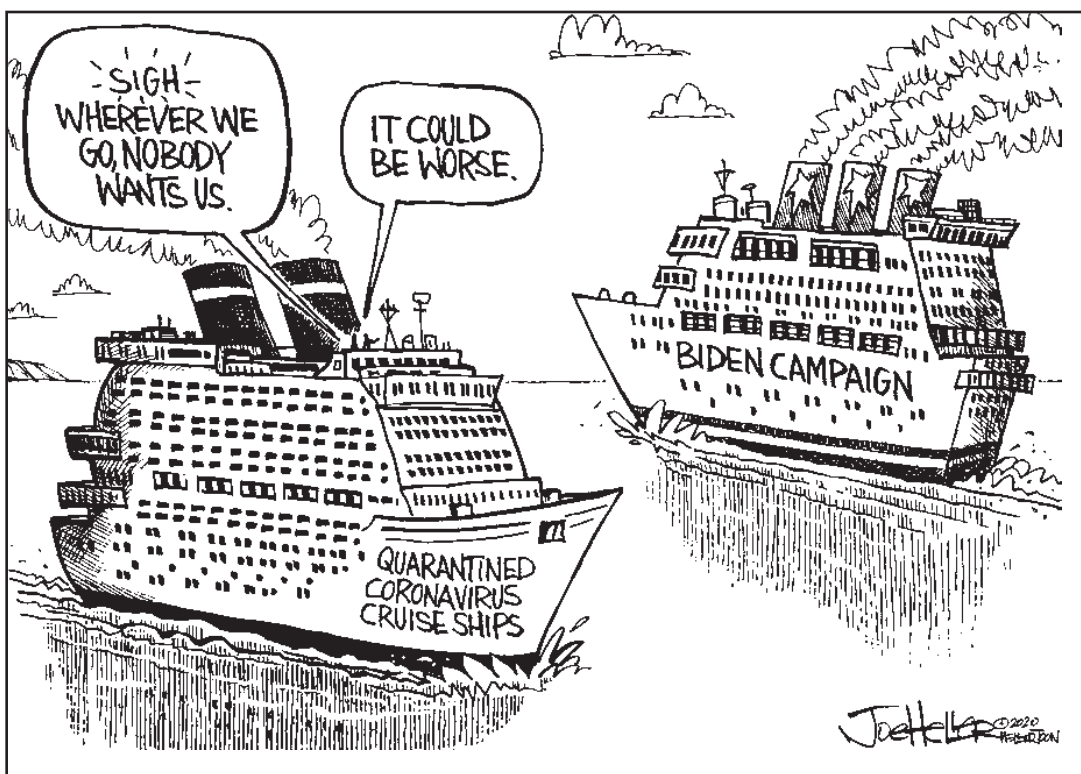
The trouble with Presidents' Day, I think, is that not everyone loves and respects every president.

Presidents Nixon and Clinton and now current President Donald Trump, for example, are as polarizing as they are popular, and as controversial as any presidents we've probably ever had.

Nixon, Clinton and Trump are despised by as many Americans as they are loved.

On Presidents' Day, I think we should follow mom's golden rule: that is, "If you can't say anything nice about the presidents, don't say anything at all!"

David Powls



## LETTER Bids are let to be prudent with tax dollars

Dear editor,  
Foster Ford has been supportive of the Jackson County community since 1985. In the course of our 35 years of business, we have had the opportunity to bid several governmental agencies' requests.

We have been fortunate to have sold several units to Jackson County due to the fact that our manufacturer gives us the tools needed to make the best price available on a quality product, as evidenced by the number of Ford vehicles this county owns.

We have always supported Jackson County, financially and otherwise. When sales tax increase issues have arisen over the years, it would have been very easy to campaign against the increases which greatly impact vehicle purchases, but we elected not to do so.

Last year alone, Foster Ford collected more than a half million dollars in sales tax revenue and more than \$18 million over the 35 years of doing business in Jackson County, as well as owning some of the highest taxed property in the county.

We realize the county does not receive the entire amount, but this indicates just how much we do contribute to county funds.

We were appalled to be told by a county commissioner that the low bid was not accepted recently in order to "try something else."

The State of Kansas has implemented spending laws that protect citizens from abusive spending practices by local governments.

Bid specifications for vehicles exist for a reason. They allow the dealership to construct a bid at the lowest price available for what specific aspects are deemed necessary by the business or agency requesting bids.

Bids are let in order to be most prudent with taxpayer dollars. Bids should be compared to like bids, not left up to interpretation.

We have participated in the bidding process enough times over our 35 years that we don't believe we need to practice the process when it becomes apparent the decision is made before bids are opened and fairly compared.

To end, we want to be clear this is not just a complaint that the county did not purchase from Foster Ford.

The problem is the amount of money that was wasted on not only one but two vehicles to just "try" another product when the bid process was not followed by our elected officials.

Thank you for your time,  
**Scott Foster,**  
**Jordan Foster,**  
**Foster Ford, Inc.**  
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## Marshall signs term limit pledge

U.S. Term Limits (USTL), the leader in the non-partisan national movement to limit terms for elected officials, has praised 2020 U.S. Senate candidate for Kansas, Roger Marshall, for signing the pledge for an amendment to term limit Congress.

Marshall is reportedly a champion of term limits and is currently a co-sponsor of congressional term limits. The primary election for Kansas U.S. Senate is scheduled for May 12, 2020.

U.S. Term Limits has the support of nearly 70 pledge signers in Congress.

"Roger's strong support of term limits shows that there are individuals who are willing to put self-interest aside to follow the will of the people," said USTL President Philip Blumel. "America needs a Congress that will be served by citizen legislators, not career politicians."

The USTL amendment pledge, provided to every announced candidate for federal office, reads, "I pledge that as a member of Congress, I will cosponsor and vote for the U.S. Term Limits amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms and no longer limit." The U.S. Term Limits constitutional amendment has been introduced in both the U.S. Senate by Senator Ted Cruz (SJR1) and the U.S. House by

Representative Francis Rooney (HJR20).

"We have seen a dramatic increase in supporters wanting term limits on Congress," Blumel said. "More than 82 percent of Americans have rejected the career politician model and want to replace it with citizen leadership. The way to achieve that goal is through congressional term limits."

According to a 2018 nationwide poll on term limits conducted by McLaughlin and Associates, term limits enjoy wide bipartisan support.

"Support for term limits is broad and strong across all political, geographic and demographic groups," McLaughlin's analysis states. "An overwhelming 82 percent of voters approve of a constitutional amendment that will place term limits on members of Congress."

"America is in trouble," Blumel said. "Our career politicians have let the people down. It is time to return control of our nation to the people. It is time for a constitutional amendment limiting congressional terms."

The term limits amendment resolutions would require a two-thirds majority in the House and Senate and ratification by 38 states in order to become part of the U.S. Constitution.

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# The value of ag data to be discussed

By David G. Hallauer  
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North Carolina State University published an article in the fall of 2019 about on-farm data and increase in collection and interpretation of that data.

In it, communications specialist Jennifer Howard said, "Never before have growers had so much information at their fingertips. From sensors embedded in farm machinery to constellations of satellites taking pictures, data is flowing everywhere. It is estimated that by 2025, an average-sized farm will produce more than one million data points a day."

Think about that for a second. One million data points a day. How can you manage one million data points a day? Is it useful? How can it best be used? If it was stolen, would you pay to get it back?

All of those questions will be intertwined as part of a general discussion titled "The Value Of Ag Data (And How To Capture

It...)" hosted by the Meadowlark Extension District and Brown County Extension on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Glacial Hills Business Resource Center. We'll gather for coffee at 10 a.m. at the center, located at 913 Dakota St. in Sabetha, kicking off the meeting at 10:15 a.m. with "What Is Ag Data And How Can We Capture Value From It?"

K-State Research & Extension cropping systems economist Dr. Terry Griffin has spent the better part of his career discussing ag data issues. He'll be on hand to share his observations about that data, and how it might be valued. After his presentation, we'll finish the morning with a producer/presenter discussion. We'll wrap up with a light lunch at noon.

For meal and handout count purposes, please RSVP by noon Monday, Feb. 24 to the Seneca office of the Meadowlark Extension District at (785) 336-2184 or by e-mailing me at dhallaue@ksu.edu. It should be a great morning of discussion on all things ag data.

### Pruning Fruit Trees

Mid-February through late March is fruit tree pruning season. That means, so long as the wood isn't frozen, it might be time to think about caring for those fruit trees. For mature trees, follow these steps in order

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Remove suckers – branches that grow straight up from the trunk or major branches.

If two branches cross and rub against one another, remove one.

Cut back or remove branches that are low and interfere with harvest or pruning.

Cut back branches to reduce the total size of the tree, if necessary.

Thin branches on the interior of the tree.

When cutting back a branch, always cut back to another branch or a bud. Do not leave a stub. Always cut at the branch collar when possible.

For more specific detail, check out the following publications: "Pruning Apple And Pear Trees" (<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3450.pdf>) or "Pruning Peaches, Plums, Cherries And Other Stone Fruits" (<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3451.pdf>). Both publications are available online or upon request from a District Extension Office.

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## Jefferson West teen killed in Sunday morning crash

A two-vehicle accident on Kansas Highway 4 in Jefferson County involving a semi-tanker claimed the life of a Jefferson West High School student Sunday morning, it was reported.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, Kyler Michael Postma, 16, of Ozawie was driving a 2005 Chrysler Sebring south near the 9700 block of N.W. K-4 when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle

went left of center into oncoming traffic.

Postma's Chrysler struck a semi-tanker headed north driven by Michael Keith Stanwix, 39, of Grantville. The highway was blocked off until 5:35 p.m. Sunday.

Postma was declared deceased on the scene, and Stanwix may have sustained possible injuries, according to the KHP. Both drivers were wearing seatbelts, it was reported.

## Wilkerson earns degree from Benedictine

Rosalie Wilkerson of Holton has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and mass communications at Benedictine College in Atchison, it has been reported.

The college graduated 92 students at the end of the fall term in December 2019, including two with graduate degrees.

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## Potawatomi UMC

By Ilene Dick

Sunday, Feb. 16, was a beautiful sunny day as members and friends gathered at Potawatomi United Methodist Church for worship service. Pastor Howard opened the service with scripture and prayer.

Prayer concerns were raised for four-year-old Henry Bowsler in Holton Community Hospital ill with the flu, Leetha Smith with a hurt shoulder and not having much movement in it, Jim Shenk in Holton Community Hospital with knee replacement and a broken leg, Dorothy Kyukan having a brain scan for cancer at KU Medical Center on Monday, Feb. 17, and Warren Pugh in St. Francis Medical Center for pain management.

Dorthea Bell is feeling somewhat better. Prayers continue for all.

Pastor Howard indicated that a special service for healing could be arranged if desired.

It was a joy to have Dorothy's cousin, Denise Lewis, as a guest for the morning service.

Tina Pugh provided the music. Lily Hall and LBJ Powers carried in the light of Christ. Sherry Glenn was liturgist, reading from Matthew 17:20. The Epiphany Prayer was prayed in unison.

The hymn of praise was "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and the hymn of witness was "Amazing Grace." Offertory ushers were Leon Daugherty and Austin Daugherty. Pastor Howard's message was titled "When The Ordinary Becomes Extraordinary" with the text taken from 2 Kings 5:1-14.

We have to admit that most of us long for the dramatic. Many of our daydreams or longings focus on the spectacular. Did Naaman, the figure in the text who had leprosy, almost miss his cure because he was looking for a dramatic cure when

he traveled to Israel? He was a great hero and was used to getting respect. He expected royal treatment.

Naaman almost missed the miracle because he expected to do something spectacular. He had to humble himself and obey Elisha's commands to be healed. He looked for an extraordinary answer to his problem.

Naaman's childishness, immaturity or self-centeredness blocked his vision of the varied ways God can work. Sometimes people react to God's offer of forgiveness in the same way.

The Christian pilgrimage is a call to maturity. Maturity for the Christian is continuous openness to God's spirit and in what ways God may lead. God can work through very ordinary means to bring about healing.

A short board meeting followed the service. Thanks to Pam Daugherty for providing cookies, punch and coffee for a late Valentine treat. All enjoyed the treats and fellowship.

Ginger Pugh, Brian Nelson and Anna Comer were overnight guests of Tina Pugh on Saturday night, Feb. 15.

Steve, Celia and Anne Bowsler and Betty Bowser spent Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16, with Marc, Elisha and Parker Bowser and Zachary, Lauren and Carly Bowser in Overland Park.

## Valley Falls teen killed in crash

A Valley Falls teenager died from injuries sustained from a two-vehicle crash northeast of Topeka early Friday morning, it has been reported.

Hannah L. Blick, 18, Valley Falls, was driving a Pontiac Grand Am east on N.E. 46<sup>th</sup> at 1:32 a.m. that day when her car crossed over to the west-bound lanes of traffic, striking a Chevrolet Traverse that was traveling west, according to the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office.

Blick was taken by ambulance to a Topeka hospital with life-threatening injuries after she was extricated from her car by Soldier Township Fire Department personnel. She was later pronounced dead at the hospital, it was reported.

The Chevrolet's driver, Bradyn J. Rottler, 21, Topeka, was taken by personal vehicle to a local hospital for treatment of minor injuries, it was reported. The crash remains under investigation.

## Thank You!

I would like to thank the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, The Holton Recorder, Boomers' Catering and to the Hall of Fame Committee for a memorable evening.

It is great to live in a community where recognition is given to ordinary people doing ordinary things with love.

Congratulations to the other 2020 inductees – Deb Dillner, Diane Gross and Floye Knouft.

Thank you to family, Holton Community Hospital staff, Friends of Hospice and friends who reached out to me with your support, both past and present. I am very blessed!

Esther Ideker

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2020 Hall of Fame Banquet. Thank you also to everyone who sent cards and for all the phone calls. Everything was greatly appreciated.

Floye Knouft

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Photo by David Powls

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The sixth Sunday after Epiphany worship service at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Feb. 16 opened with the first two verses of “Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise.” Following the invocation and confession and absolution, Psalm 119:1-8 was spoken responsively.

Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and the Epistle lesson from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the holy gospel from Matthew 5:31-37. The congregation professed the Nicene Creed. The sermon hymn was the third verse of “Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise.”

In Pastor Van Velzer’s sermon, he said that this is now the third week that we have been invited to gather around Jesus to listen to His Sermon on the Mount. Two Sunday’s ago, we followed Jesus up the mountain, and listened as He poured out those wonderful Beautitudes – one blessing after another.

Last Sunday, we heard Jesus tell His disciples that they are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This morning, we hear Jesus continue His sermon by describing just what it means to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

His disciples are to be the preservative and the shining light in the midst of decay and darkness. The standard for God’s law is love; the love of God with all of your heart, soul and mind, and to love your neighbor with the same measure of love with which God loves us.

He sums the whole thing up by saying, “You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” It sounds like an impossibly high standard that Jesus is setting for His disciples and their little outpost in this world, but try to imagine a Christianity where everyone lived according to God’s law without the additions and subtractions. What salt of the earth, what a light in the world it would be.

Try to imagine a world where the one, holy, Christian and apostolic church lived in the complete freedom that Christ has won for it by His cross and grave. What influence upon this world would His church have if the men and women, boys and girls that professed to be members of it, actually believed that since He has kept the whole law for us we don’t bring it down so we can keep it.

And what if one day, the Christian church, so salted the earth and enlightened the world with this one, true faith, that it overcame the world? May the Lord bless us to be “salt” and

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## How Pyle voted...

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lone dissenting vote — and introduced the next day in the House, where it was referred to the House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

Pyle also voted in favor of Senate Bill 157, a “shared parenting” bill that was filed in February 2019 with 17 bipartisan sponsors. The bill was recommended for approval last March by the Senate Judiciary Committee — of which Pyle is a member — but did not come up for a vote until Feb. 4, when it passed on a 39-1 vote. Lenexa Democrat Dinah Sykes casting the only “no” vote.

The bill was introduced into the House on Feb. 6; the next day, it was referred to that chamber’s judiciary committee for further review.

Pyle cast the lone dissenting vote on Senate Bill 258, which reportedly addressed administrative issues within the Kansas Statehouse and removed the requirement for certain reports to be submitted to the Legislative Division of Post Audit, which no longer supervises audit work

associated with specified reports due to legislation passed by the Senate in 2018.

The bill was also passed by the Senate on Feb. 4 and received by the House two days later. It has since been referred to the House Committee on Appropriations for further review.

Also, Senate Bill 269, increasing the mandatory retirement age for Kansas district court judges from 75 to 80, was questioned by Pyle over the appointment process for judges who step down before their term expires. Pyle said he preferred “legislative oversight” rather than allowing governors to make appointments.

The bill was recommended to state legislators by Jackson County District Court Judge Norbert Marek over the impending retirement of Second District Chief Judge Gary Nafziger, who is nearing the current mandatory age but, as Judge Marek stated, is still operating at full mental capacity and could do so until age 80.

The bill was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee,

which recommended its approval, although the bill was withdrawn from the Senate calendar on Feb. 3 and sent back to the committee for further review.

Pyle and four other senators also introduced Senate Bill 301, which would change property tax valuations from an annual occurrence to once every three years. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation for review, and a hearing for the bill has been scheduled for this Wednesday.

Pyle also voted to approve 32 appointments made early in the session by Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly to various state offices, including DeAngela Burns-Wallace, secretary of the Department of Administration; Stephen Durrell, executive director of the State Lottery Commission; Herman Jones, Kansas Highway Patrol superintendent; Doug Jorgensen, state fire marshal; Earl Lewis, Kansas Water Office director; Kala Loomis, State Gaming Agency executive director; and Constance Owen, Kansas Water Authority chair-

person. Other Kelly appointments Pyle voted to approve included Erica Andrade, Michael Birzer, Patricia Hudgins, Laurel Michel and Richard Ney, State Board of Indigents Defense Services; Kent Deines, Kansas Development Finance Authority; Romano Delcore, University of Kansas Hospital Authority; Joni Franklin, Jonathan Gilbert, Michael Ryan, Keely Schneider and Donald (Rick) Wiley, Kansas Public Employee Relations Board; Sheryl Gilchrist, State Civil Service Board;

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Shela Kiblinger and Jonathan Rolph, State Board of Regents; David Herndon, Office of the State Banking Commissioner; Emily Hill and Owen (Brad) Stratton, Kansas Public Employees Retirement Board of Trustees; Kelly Kultural, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission; Catherine Moyer, Kala Spigarelli and Kenneth (Ed) Trimmer, State Lottery Commission; and Ruth Stevenson and Patrick Walden, State Banking Board.

## Carolyn Bartlett retiring...

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“None of the schools in Jackson County had full-time school nurses,” Bartlett said. “I would come up and work at the Holton schools for three days and Jackson Heights for a day. Another nurse went to Royal Valley. Then Holton decided they needed a full-time nurse 20 years ago.”

Bartlett sought the full-time district nurse position in Holton against the advice of her friend, the late Cathleen Reed.

“She used to tell me, ‘If you go there, you’re going to be bored, and you don’t like to be bored,’” Bartlett said of Reed. “I don’t think I’ve had a single day where that’s been true.”

Bartlett said the biggest perk of being a school nurse is watching the kids she takes care of on a daily basis grow up.

“They start out in kindergarten and first grade, and they’ll see me all the time. By the time they’re seniors, they’ve matured a lot,” she said. “I’ve had a lot of them come back and tell me what they remember and even show me their babies.”

Over the years, Bartlett said she has collected quite a few remembrances of the kids she’s taken care of and recalls stories of youngsters claiming broken bones from “teeter-totters” on the old Colorado and Central school playgrounds. She’s also written letters to the Tooth Fairy “to certify that kids have lost a tooth here at school... You don’t want to fool the Tooth Fairy!”

She’s even had the pleasure of taking care of her own grandchildren who are students in the district.

“I spy on them!” she said with

a laugh. “What are you doing? Who are you playing with? My oldest grandson, bless his heart, I spy on him all the time.”

But this will be the last year of doing that, she said, because of her age.

“I’m old enough,” Bartlett said. “In my mind, I always thought that I was going to work until I was 67, and it happened.”

She doesn’t see herself slow-

ing down that much, however. She has a quilting business, Carolyn’s Longarm Quilting, and she also plans to continue “running the chains” at Holton High School football games for as long as she can.

And, if need be, Bartlett said, she will come back to school and fill in.

“If they still want me to hang around, I might volunteer for stuff,” she said.

## Spelling bee...

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■ 2017 – Cooper Sheldon (Holton).

■ 2016 – Hope Kebert (RV).

■ 2015 – Alyssa Carlisle (RV).

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■ 2007 – Ross Allen (JH).

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■ 2004 – Ian Longhofer (Holton).

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■ 2002 – Ian Longhofer (Holton).

■ 2001 – Rebecca Burns (RV).

■ 2000 – Max Ellis (RV).

## Presidential primary...

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