

Raise OK'd for city workers

By Brian Sanders

Full-time City of Holton employees will be getting an average raise of about 3 percent in 2020, following Holton City Commissioners' approval of a salary and wage schedule for the coming year at their first meeting of the new year on Monday.

Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the updated salary and wage schedule that included what Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee said amounted to a 72-cents-per-hour raise, or \$64,014.50 in new money for the year, for permanent full-time city employees. Commissioner Marilyn Watkins was absent from Monday's meeting.

The wage schedule also included a 20-cents-per-hour increase for all permanent part-time employees and a flat 3-percent increase for the city attorney, city treasurer, fire chief, animal control officer, municipal court judge, Public Wholesale Water Supply District 18 general manager and operations manager and the commissioners themselves, totaling \$2,530 in new money.

McKee said the city's budget for fiscal year 2020 had included an increase in the base pay schedule that would cover a cost of living allowance of up to 6 percent, or \$128,029, including full and part-time employees and overtime pay for all employees.

Commissioner Tim Morris said he would prefer a 2.5-percent pay increase for full-time employees, or 60 cents per hour, rather than the 3-percent increase, but noted that he didn't "want to vote against a pay increase" and eventually accepted the proposed 3-percent raise.

Commissioner Mike Meerpohl noted that while he favored the 3-percent raise for full-timers, he suggested that rather

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Holton Elementary School preschool students (from left) Cass Dillon and Juvon Davis demonstrate the pretzel technique that helps students relax and breathe when they are having trouble with their emotions. Student Avery Hundley (at right) is shown holding a blanket that illustrates other techniques used in Kelli Thompson's classroom to help students regulate their emotions. The techniques are a part of a conscious discipline course being taught for free this winter to parents and staff members at HES.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Free parenting classes being offered at HES

By Ali Holcomb

Holton Elementary School is offering a free nine-week parenting class this winter to help both students and adults regulate their thoughts and emotions.

The course, "Conscious Discipline: Building Resilient Schools and Homes" by Dr. Becky Bailey, will include video-based training and workbooks for both parents and HES staff who participate.

"The course will equip educators and parents alike with a foundational understanding of the conscious discipline brain state model and how to create safe, connected and problem-solving environments that allow adults and kids to function in

their optimal brain state," said Karen Williams, HES principal.

The class is being offered at two different times at HES. One will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday afternoons from Jan. 13 to March 16. The other will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday mornings from Jan. 17 to March 27.

The course covers the seven skills of discipline, which include composure, encouragement, assertiveness, choices, empathy, positive intent and consequences.

"When anyone starts to get a strong emotion, our brain is triggered into a survival state," Williams said. "When we're in a survival state, we have to get back to executive state, which

is the optimal state for problem-solving and learning."

Williams said that it's important for students who are in a survival or emotional state to identify how they feel and what they need to do to become calm and "back to a thinking state."

"A lot of time bad behaviors come from not knowing how to cope with an emotion," Williams said. "By teaching very young kids to stop, take a breath and deal with their emotions, I've seen such a change in how kids respond to different situations. They are now calm and can think things through instead of being upset."

Williams said the skills and strategies offered in the course are valuable for students of any age.

"This is for any parent who feels frustrated. There are skills you can take home right away and use that will help make your life easier," she said. "A big piece is creating a school family. The students care for and communicate with each other. They see each other as people. I think a lot of the hurt that happens between people is when we have tunnel vision. Conscious discipline teaches our kids how to connect to each other and that our actions affect others."

Several HES teachers participated in the course last year and are implementing the strategies in their classroom.

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New EMS contract approved

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners have entered the county into a new three-year contract with Jackson County EMS for ambulance services at a rate of \$352,000 per year.

The three commissioners unanimously approved the contract during their meeting Monday. The new rate is \$50,000 less than what was allocated to the business in 2019.

The county's three-year contract with Jackson County EMS expired at the end of 2019 and it included \$302,000 in funding for 2017, \$352,000 for 2018 and \$402,000 for 2019.

Brent Teter and Jay Watkins, owners and operators of Jackson County EMS, presented two contract options to the commissioners last July.

The first contract option included a five-year contract through 2024 at a rate of \$402,000 per year.

The second five-year contract proposed included \$452,000 in 2020 and \$502,000 each year after through 2024.

With the additional funds in the proposed second contract, Teter and Watkins said the second ambulance provided for the county would have been fully staffed by 2021.

The commissioners rejected both contracts and proposed a new three-year contract that was approved unanimously on Monday that included \$352,000 in funding for the next three years. Jackson County EMS also approved the contract.

As part of the new contract, Jackson County EMS will provide one fully staffed primary ambulance in Holton. A second ambulance will also be located in Jackson County that will be staffed with on-duty personnel 64 hours per week. The remainder of the staffing for the second ambulance will be on-call, Watkins and Teter said.

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2019 in review: September through December

The final four months of 2019 were an eventful time in Holton and Jackson County, as this review of the top stories of that period from the pages of The Holton Recorder demonstrates. This is the third of a three-part review of the year.

• September

Holton Farm and Home, located at the corner of U.S. Highway 75 and Sixth Street in Holton, has closed its doors. The store opened in March of 1973 and was purchased in 1978 by Wally and Julie Hawthorne, who operated the store until its closing.

Ruth Weber is now serving as the new assistant superintendent and director of curriculum at Holton USD 336. For the past seven years, Weber served as the assistant superintendent at Oklahoma Bible Academy in Enid, Okla.

The first phase of heating and cooling improvements at Holton High School was noted this month by the Holton school board, which took a tour of the new chiller unit and some of the new unit ventilators located in third floor classrooms.

Teachers in the Jackson Heights school district will receive a five-percent base salary increase as part of a ratified teacher salary contract for the 2019-20 school year, according to the contract as approved this month by the USD 335 Board of Education.

The JH board also learned this month that issues with the geothermal heat pump system installed during construction of the Jackson Heights middle and

high school addition more than a decade ago can be fixed, but the energy cost savings for the district, if any, will be minimal.

The Holton City Commission this month approved an ordinance authorizing Sunday sales of package liquor and cereal malt beverage in the city. The ordinance will not take effect until after the expiration of a 61-day protest period, it was noted.

The city commission also authorized the issuance of "hospital loan anticipation revenue bonds" in the amount of \$14,615,000 for the Holton Community Hospital expansion project, in anticipation of a loan from USDA Rural Development for the hospital's expansion project.

Hospital officials presided over the breaking of ground this month for the expansion project, and hospital CEO Carrie Saia expressed gratitude to all who helped the hospital raise funds for the expansion, as well as the late Cathleen Reed for her efforts to make sure the expansion went forward.

The presence of harmful blue-green algae at Elkhorn Lake in Holton's Rafter's Park has prompted the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to upgrade a "water watch" at the lake to a warning, and city officials recommend that all contact with water in the lake should be avoided.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Council is interested in moving forward with several economic development studies to possibly develop the east side of U.S. Highway 75 along 150th Road. The council is working on an updated feasibility study, as well as an economic impact study, for that area.

• October

The proposed transmission line route for the recently approved NextEra Energy Resources wind farm in Nemaha County includes areas in northern Jackson County, and the Jackson County Commission met with NextEra representatives to discuss the proposed transmission line for the approved 132-site wind farm.

If and when the case of Jacob Ewing returns to Jackson County District Court for retrial, District Court Judge Norbert Marek said he would not preside over that retrial. District Judge Jeff Elder was appointed to preside over Ewing's retrial.

The Jackson County Commission announced it would host three special evening meetings in Netawaka, Holton and Hoyt to discuss the .4 percent retailers' sales tax, which they hope county voters will renew at the Nov. 5 general election for another seven years.

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Jackson County Arts members Katie Morris (right) and April Lemon helped put together this clay mural that was installed this week at Beck Bookman Library. The mural consists of more than 90 tiles promoting the library and encouraging reading that were put together by Jackson County Arts members, Jackson Heights students and others.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Book-themed mural now on display

By Brian Sanders

Every year, the Jackson County Arts group sets its sights on some kind of community art project, according to group member Katie Morris.

"Typically, we do something during Quilts in the Courtyard, but we thought it would be fun to make something permanent this year," Morris said.

That "something permanent," a book-themed mural crafted from modeling clay, is now on display at Beck Bookman Library as part of the new "Wi-Fi bar"

on the east side of the library, and librarian Amy Austin said she couldn't be happier about Beck Bookman's latest addition.

"I love it," Austin said of the mural. "It turned out better than I imagined it would."

The mural features more than 90 clay tiles, many of which were created to celebrate books ranging from the Bible and Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House On The Prairie" to Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With The Wind" and Stephen King's "It," while others displayed messages

such as "Reading Takes You Places" and "Through Art We Grow." Other tiles honor the library and Kansas.

Morris said she considered using clay for the mural, since it is a medium that "people don't get too many opportunities to use." Members of the Jackson County Arts group — including April Lemon of More Than Lemons and her husband John — began crafting the tiles, along with students from Morris' art classes at Jackson Heights.

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THURSDAY'S FORECAST
PARTLY SUNNY, HIGH OF 57
Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 9

*7:30 a.m. Wetmore Cardinal Kiddos.
 *9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topeka farm show, held at Stormont-Vail Events Center, One Expocentre Dr., Topeka. For more information, contact Tradexpos at 800-949-3976.
 *The Holton Rotary Club will meet for a noon luncheon at Trails Café's "The Station." Those interested in joining the club should call David at 364-3141 for more information.
 *4 p.m. WHS Scholars Bowl at Washington County.
 *4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. St. Benedict.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball at Sabetha.
 *4:30 p.m. RVMS boys basketball at Hiawatha.
 *6 p.m. WMS basketball at Axtell.
 *6:30 p.m. Beck Bookman Library book discussion group will meet at the library to discuss "Where The Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. Barb Schul will serve as leader and refreshments will be served by Cindy Meyer and Sandee Morris.
 *Wetmore academic lettering during seminar.
 *7 p.m. Open AA group meeting, held at EUM Church room 105, Holton.

Friday, Jan. 10

*1:45 p.m. Early release for Wetmore students.
 *RVES Character Recognition Assembly (grades K-1 at 2:30 p.m., grades 2-4 at 2:50 p.m.)
 *4:15 p.m. WHS basketball vs. Cornerstone.
 *Wetmore Booster Club soup supper.

Saturday, Jan. 11

*9 a.m. HHS and WHS V Scholars Bowl at Wetmore.
 *9 a.m. RVHS powerlifting meet.
 *9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Effingham gun show, held at the Blue

Building on Main Street in Effingham.
 *High school state band and orchestra auditions at Salina.
Sunday, Jan. 12
 *Attend the church of your choice.
 *9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Effingham gun show, held at the Blue Building on Main Street in Effingham.
 *11:30 a.m. Mayetta Christian Church annual meeting following worship service.

Monday, Jan. 13

*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. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.
 *Wetmore KAY recycling during seminar.
 *4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball at Xavier.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball vs. Riverside.
 *4:30 p.m. RVMS boys basketball vs. Sabetha.
 *5:30 p.m. RVES PTO meeting.
 *6 p.m. Holton USD 336 Board of Education meeting.
 *7 p.m. Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education meeting.
 *7 p.m. Denison City Council meets at Denison City Hall.
 *7 p.m. The Four Seasons Garden Club meets at a member's home the second Monday of the month. For more information, call 785-364-3238.
 *7:30 p.m. Royal Valley USD 337 Board of Education meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

*5 p.m. WHS basketball at Frankfort.
 *7 p.m. Soldier City Council meets at Soldier City Hall.

*7 p.m. Cancer Companions meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 401 Cheyenne Ave., Holton. For more information, contact Marcia Coufal at (785) 851-6023.
 *7:30 p.m. Whiting City Council meets at Whiting City Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

*9 a.m. FFA District Speech and Employment at Wamego.
 *The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 *3:30 p.m. Wetmore BLT meeting.
 *6:30 p.m. RVHS King and Queen of Courts pep rally.
 *7 p.m. Wetmore Booster Club meeting.
 *7 p.m. Mayetta Chapter #383 Order of the Eastern Star meeting, held at Masonic Lodge Hall, 120 E. Main St., Mayetta.

Thursday, Jan. 16

*8 a.m. Holton Municipal Court at Holton City Hall.
 *10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holton Community Hospital blood drive, held at HCH conference room, 1110 Columbine Dr., Holton. For more information, contact Pam Holaday at 364-9660.
 *4 p.m. JHHS V Scholars Bowl at Pleasant Ridge.

*4 p.m. WMS basketball vs. Onaga.
 *4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. Oskaloosa.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball at Jeff West.
 *4:30 p.m. RVMS boys basketball at Riverside.
 *5 p.m. WHS basketball at Oskaloosa.
 *7 p.m. Open AA group meeting, held at EUM Church room 105, Holton.
 *7 p.m. NEK-CAP, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, held at the NEK-CAP, Inc. central office in Hiawatha.

Auction Calendar

Auctions advertised in *The Holton Recorder* qualify to be included in this free auction calendar. Contact Errin at 364-3141, email us at holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net or stop by our office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton for details.
 • Saturday, Feb. 8. Starting at 10 a.m. Behrnes family farm auction, held at Lentz Community Facility, 116 W. Eighth St., Horton. For more information, contact Ash Realty & Auctions at (785) 547-5034.

Holton Municipal Court

Note: The following reports are from Holton Municipal Court proceedings during December and include \$65 court costs.

Bradley J. Broxterman, Axtell, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Shyam Chittibabu, Buffalo Grove, Ill., speeding (10 mph over limit), \$80.
 Thaddeus A. Dugan, Topeka, speeding (10 mph over limit), \$80.
 Kendal W. Dunn, Boonville, Mo., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Katelyn E. Falconer, Holton, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Carey L. Ferguson, Papillion, Neb., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Samantha J. Harden, Topeka, speeding (10 mph over limit), \$80.
 Patricia C. Henson, Wetmore, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Craig A. Hoiseth, Crookston, Minn., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Tre Houston, Omaha, Neb., speeding (12 mph over limit), \$86.
 Angela Y. Lackland, Sabetha, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Ana M. Lierz, Seneca, wrong tag on vehicle, \$95.
 Tyler A. Lindauer, Omaha, Neb., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Sherri R. McNary, Sabetha, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Patrick M. Munsey, McPherson, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.

Gail L. Palmer, Malvern, Iowa, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Samuel L. Roberts, Overland Park, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Tanya L. Ronnebaum, Sabetha, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Don A. Runyan, Falls City, Neb., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Deborah J. Scholl, Falls City, Neb., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Brandon M. Shea, Holton, dog running at large, \$75.
 Jessica L. Singleton, Horton, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Grace A. Spencer, Lyndon, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 William L. Stonebarger, Auburn, Neb., speeding (10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Jake H. Viscomi, Lawrence, speeding (11 mph over limit), \$83.
 Jennifer K. Wells, Denison, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.
 Dawn S. Woolley, Holton, defective headlamps, \$80.

Holton police check incidents

The following incidents were noted in recent days by the Holton Police Department.
 ■ Sometime between 1:40 a.m. and 1:50 a.m. on Dec. 23, a sliding glass window at the Quiet Oaks apartment building in the 500 block of New York Avenue was damaged. The damage to the window was estimated at \$200.
 ■ Personnel at the 7-Eleven convenience store in Holton reported that a suspect or suspects passed a \$20 counterfeit bill sometime between 10 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 1 a.m. on Dec. 6 at the store.

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Jackson Co. Senior Menus

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 Reservations and cancellations may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.
 Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 13 through

Friday, Jan. 17 are as follows:
Monday, Jan. 13: Berry good chicken, baked potato, Malibu vegetables, mandarin oranges, bar cookie and bread and margarine.
Tuesday, Jan. 14: Salisbury steak, Italian vegetables, fruit crisp and hot roll and margarine.
Wednesday, Jan. 15: Vegetable beef stew, cottage cheese with peppers and tomatoes, carrot pineapple salad and crackers.
Thursday, Jan. 16: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup and bread and margarine.
Friday, Jan. 17: Beef enchilada, Mexican rice, lettuce salad and strawberries and bananas.

PBP Elder Center Menu

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.
 The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enrolled tribal members age 50 and older may eat for free. Non-member seniors or non-seniors will be charged a fee for meals.
 Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158th Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-8091.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 13 through Friday, Jan. 17 are as follows:
Monday, Jan. 13: Vegetable beef soup, pineapple whip, biscuit and fruit.
Tuesday, Jan. 14: Philly cheesesteak, potato wedges, broccoli grande and fruit.
Wednesday, Jan. 15: Barbecue chicken, roasted ranch potato, corn and fruit.
Thursday, Jan. 16: Pork tenderloin sandwich, onion rings, cake and fruit.
Friday, Jan. 17: Salmon patties, rice pilaf, sugar snap peas and fruit.

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Saturday		Partly sunny, chance of snow	High: 27 Low: 13 Precip: 40%
Sunday		Partly sunny	High: 40 Low: 23
Monday		Partly sunny	High: 42 Low: 24

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Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell
 On Dec. 29, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service with the praise band leading everyone in singing "Hope Was Born This Night."
 Gary Domer, chair of the administrative council, presented Dorothy Holt with a glass plaque in honor of 30 years serving as the recording secretary for the administrative council at Pleasant Hill.

The children's story was given by Pastor Jin. He asked each child what their best memory of the year 2019 was. Some of the memories were vacation, Christmas, a new pool, toys and having Pleasant Hill as their church family.

The praise band sang "Christmas Offering."
 The birthdays for Dec. 29 through Jan. 4 were Jill Schreiner, Dec. 29; Cathy Brake, Dec. 30; Judy Glasgow, Dec. 31; Seth Sauer, Jan. 1; Nick Nicolay, Jan. 2; Michelle Caudill, Clifford Hurst and Gregg Williams, Jan. 3; and Dennis Smerchek and Zach Wilson, Jan. 4.

The anniversary for the week was John and Linda Reed, Jan. 2.

A joy was having Scott and Darlene Allen and their son to worship with us. They live in Colorado.

The concerns were prayers for Carole Stout, the family of Dean Hurst and the family of Bill Smith.

For special music, the men's chorus, plus one, sang two songs, "Go Tell It On The Mountain" and "Joy To The World." Those singing were Gary Domer, Ron Griffiths, Clifford Hurst, Dave Link, Nick Nicolay, John Wilson and Kay Jones-Ray. John Wilson accompanied them on his guitar.

Daryl Jepson, chair of the "I'm IN Capital Campaign," gave a report that the church have met its goal of \$302,096. He thanked everyone for their support in making this possible. He thanked all the people

on this committee. He thanked Jammie Serrano, chair of finance, for all of her help.

Sam Fealey read the scriptures, Romans 5:2-4 and Philippians 3:12-14. The sermon, "Keep Moving Forward," was given by Sam Fealey.

It is great that we have successfully completed our goal of \$302,096. In the last three years, the youth group has gone on three mission trips with adult leaders. On these trips, you get to know the adult leaders better than you did know them. You have a better connection.

The younger generation needs to be involved to get experience. We all have hope. Hope is what drives us to our goals. The past is behind us. Let us all move forward to the future. May all generations work together to go forward to meet new goals.

The communion elements were served by Pastor Jin, Michelle and Ella Caudill, Sam Fealey, Erin Herrick and Alfred Mannell.

The closing hymn was "Hope Was Born This Night." Those assisting with the service were Sam Fealey, liturgist; Sun Kim, pianist; Matt and Deb Mannell, sound system; Madison Fealey, acolyte; Marc Serrano and Alfred Mannell, guitarists; Carrie Law, Kelly Neiman and Kevin Fealey, singers; and Grace Cho, Lauren Fealey and Ian Law, usher team.

After church, everyone enjoyed chili and cinnamon rolls.

On Dec. 25, Dick and Beverly Newell hosted a family Christmas dinner. Those present were Brian, Jill, Dylan, Logan and Belle Dierking; Kenny, Yvonne, Audrey and Cara Etzel; Chris Farmer; Tom Mika; Sean, Kylene and Emma Kate Frost; Brent and Jessica Newell; Rusty and Monica Newell; and Ryan, Amanda, Mackenzie, Maddie and Maycie Newell.

Everyone enjoyed the good food, fun playing games, wonderful fellowship and making many memories.



Mark Pruett (shown above at right) of the Knights of Columbus Council #4219 in Holton recently presented a check totaling \$2,974.32 to Amy Haussler (at left), Holton Special Education Cooperative director. The funds were generated from the council's recent chicken fry and tootsie roll drive.
Submitted photo

Mayetta Methodist

By Shirley Stauffer
 Church services at Mayetta United Methodist Church on Jan. 5 began with Pastor Howard reading from Isaiah, followed by prayer.

Announcements made were that the Christmas decorations would be taken down on Tuesday afternoon.

Joys shared included the upcoming 95th birthday celebration for Joan Frazier, for which a card was signed. Bud and Shirley celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this past week.

Liz Smith was the acolyte and Robert Smith rang the bell. The call to worship came from Psalms 89:1-2,5.

Pastor Howard read the living word of God from Matthew 19:26. Hymns sung were "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "There's A Song In The Air" and "His Name Is Wonderful."

The special was "The Family Of God." David Oakley and Jonathan Wimer took up the collection. Mary Anderson assisted Pastor Howard with serving of communion. The birthday song was sung to Wanda White.

Pastor Howard shared the word of God from Genesis 1:1-5 and his sermon was "Time To Renew." Services closed with Pastor Howard giving the bene-

diction from the pulpit.

Mary Anderson had a safe and enjoyable trip to Pea Ridge, Ark., to see her son, Jon, and his family. They had Christmas Friday evening. She visited friends Betty and Glen Shackelford in Springdale, Ark., also.

The White family had dinner Friday at Olive Garden in Topeka to celebrate Wanda's birthday, which was Jan. 7.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer had a new great-granddaughter on Jan. 3. Olivia Scarlett Whitten was born to their granddaughter, Rachel, and her husband, Joe. Bryan and Cindy Stauffer are the grandparents.

June Schlotter had Christmas dinner with Darrell and Margy Brown, Kathy and Lalo Ramirez and Doug and Diane Keith.

Russell and Carol Brown of Mesa, Ariz., joined family on Sunday. They visited with June and family along with Virgil and Anna Jo Hallauer of Hiawatha for dinner on Monday. They returned home to Arizona on Tuesday. They were thankful for good weather. June's great-granddaughter, Audrey Schmidt, celebrated her 15th birthday on Jan. 1.

May the grace of God embrace you in the new year. May you live as if all your dreams can be realities. Even now, God is creating a new day for you.

Area students named to Washburn honor roll

Washburn University has announced its President's List honor roll for the fall 2019 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

About 650 students qualified for the President's List, it was reported. Honorees from this area included the following, listed by

hometown.
Holton: Christa Hill, Megan Milne, Mackenzie Moore, Joshua Shields, Tiffanyann Smith, Hayley Thompson and Casi VanAusdall.
Soldier: Brady Holliday.
Delia: Colton Swaim.
Effingham: Samantha Hughes.
Maple Hill: Raelynn McClelland.

Mayetta Christian

By Joyce Cochren
 The Jan. 5 worship service at Mayetta Christian Church began with the congregational reading from 2 Corinthians 5:17. Lauri Harris and Bob and Alma Morse led singing. "Blessed Assurance" was the opening hymn.

The children's story demonstrated that a measuring cup or spoon would be better than a fork to move water from one bowl to another, but the fork is better suited to use when eating spaghetti or steak. As Christians, we each have gifts that are different, but all are needed in service to the kingdom of God.

Praises continue for time with family, safe travel during this busy holiday season, the blessing of sunny days and God's faithfulness in answering prayers. After Pastor Coleman gave the invocation, the songs of praise were "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" and "Be Thou My Vision."

The scripture text for the morning message, "Happy New Year," was taken from John 3:1-8.

We hear "happy new year" often as January first rolls around. "New" may seem better, but most often we face the same job, bills and problems.

What can really make a new year happy? The new birth, being born again and becoming heirs with Christ will bring happiness. Continuing to build a new walk with Christ will lead to new joy in our lives.

A new goal that leads us to leave things in the past that hinder our Christian walk, and new goals of more time in the word and more time in prayer, will produce the love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control that Paul noted as fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

"Refiners Fire" was the hymn for communion and Felix Del Toro gave the communion meditation. Stonie Taylor, Larry McLaren, Tim Dillner and Hal Cochren passed the emblems. The offering was received by Danika and Evangeline Decker and Jaden and Adison Messer.

The hymn of invitation was "Red Letters" by Crowder. After the closing prayer, "Who You Say I Am" closed the worship hour.

Congregants enjoyed fellowship as they took down indoor and outdoor Christmas decorations and shared a pizza lunch. The annual meeting will follow worship service on Jan. 12.

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold
 Mark and Carol Fenton served as greeters at the door for the cowboy/traditional service at Circleville Christian Church on Jan. 5. Brody Bliss gave the welcome to the congregation, scripture reading from Psalm 8 and the opening prayer.

Music was provided by the praise team of Johnny Lynch, David Allen, Max Lierz, Sandra Hurt, Shelly Will, Garrett Will, Paul and Sue Davault and Kay Hallauer as they opened the service by singing "Let Me Tell You About Jesus" and "This World Is Not My Home."

"Revive Us Again" was the prayer hymn as Brody gave the prayer concerns.

David Allen gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Donald Askren, Mike Cochren, Allan Simmons and John Ray. The prayer for the offering was given by Paul Davault.

Kay Hallauer provided the

lovely piano music by playing "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" as communion was served and "He Giveth More Grace" as the offering was received.

Brody Bliss used text from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18 as he gave the morning sermon relating to David's relationship with God. His message brought out four things that tell us about God, the great shepherd and the strength we get from this scripture: 1.) The great shepherd always provides, 2.) the great shepherd always protects, 3.) the great shepherd promotes and 4.) the great shepherd always fulfills His promises.

David loved the Lord and God never abandoned him even through his failures. We should always seek God's presence. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and your eternity rests upon it.

The service closed by singing "I'll Fly Away."

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OPINION

Gov. Kelly touts first year accomplishments

As 2019 drew to a close, Gov. Laura Kelly reflected on her administration's accomplishments during her first year in office and addressed the work still to be done to keep Kansas on the path to prosperity.

Among the successes of Gov. Kelly's administration in 2019, her office listed the following:



*From day one, Gov. Kelly ran on the promise of restoring school funding and becoming the "Education Governor." Gov. Kelly highlighted the importance of investing in the school system to build a future workforce pipeline and a brighter future for all Kansans.

On April 6, she signed a bipartisan school funding bill that the Kansas Supreme Court ruled adequately funded Kansas schools.

Gov. Kelly also established the Governor's Council on Education, which is made up of stakeholders in education, child welfare, labor, advocacy and business communities across Kansas. The council has already issued initial recommendations designed to improve education outcomes from early childhood through postsecondary attainment, enhance workforce development and stimulate economic growth.

Gov. Kelly also increased funding for higher education and challenged Kansas' regents universities to ensure that the funding would protect Kansas college students from a tuition hike for the first time in years.

*Current labor market data, for November 2019, shows Kansas maintained record low unemployment, marking its lowest rate in 40 years at 3.1 percent. Since November of 2018, Kansas has gained 16,800 non-farm jobs and 11,800 private-sector jobs. November estimates also indicate strong wage growth in the private sector.

*During her first weeks in office, Gov. Kelly submitted a balanced budget to the Kansas Legislature nearly three weeks ahead of schedule. The budget paid down debt, invested in key priorities like schools, highways and health care and provided the state with the largest ending balance in a decade — all without a tax increase, as she promised.

In September, Gov. Kelly established the bipartisan Governor's Council on Tax Reform. The council is performing an in-depth study of the state's current tax system. In December, the council produced a number of recommendations for a fair and sustainable tax structure. In calling for a return to the balanced, three-legged stool approach to taxes — income, property and sales — it recommended a food sales tax rebate and return to a tax-reduction fund that would give local governments more ability to lower property taxes.

Decreasing the burden placed on Kansas families by the food sales tax has always been one of the governor's top priorities from the first day of her campaign.

In addition to balancing the budget, Gov. Kelly's administration began the process of thoroughly reviewing the state's "no-bid" contracts. The practice of "no-bid" contracts, the governor recognizes, bypasses the official state bidding process designed to ensure that contracts are transparent and in the best interests of Kansans. New measures of transparency, accountability and fairness have been established within the state procurement process. Gov. Kelly has taken exhaustive steps to ensure that taxpayer dollars go toward the most qualified bidder.

*One of Gov. Kelly's top priorities after taking office was taking steps to rebuild Kansas' broken foster-care system. She first appointed a nationally renowned leader to guide the Department for Children and Families. In January, Secretary Laura Howard took the lead at DCF and immediately improved transparency within the agency and efforts to locate children who were absent or had run

away. Secretary Howard made meaningful progress by also hiring dozens of new social workers needed to improve response times and handle the existing caseload.

Gov. Kelly also signed a bill allowing Kansas to leverage millions of federal dollars to benefit programs that strengthen vulnerable children and families. The bill enables Kansas to meet the requirements of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act program, which uses funds to give Kansas families access to strong, evidence-based programs — from mental health services to substance use disorder treatment — designed to prevent the need for foster care.

*Gov. Kelly reduced more than \$160 million in sales tax transfers from the "Bank of KDOT," the money from the state's transportation program. Over the past several years, more than \$2 billion from this fund was used by the Legislature to pay for programs unrelated to transportation.

*Gov. Kelly has made it clear that her top priority in 2020 will be expanding KanCare, the state's Medicaid program, so that 150,000 more Kansans will have access to affordable, quality health care. As part of Gov. Kelly's commitment to ensuring 2020 will finally be the year that expansion is brought over the finish line, she established the bipartisan Governor's Council on Medicaid Expansion.

*Gov. Kelly, in conjunction with Secretary of Commerce David Toland, established the Kansas "Framework for Growth" — a comprehensive strategy for economic growth in the state. A team of stakeholders, business leaders and economic development professionals from across the state will implement three phases: assessment and benchmarking, recommendations and best practices and implementation planning.

The Department of Commerce also re-launched the Main Street program, which is critical to the growth and revitalization of Kansas' rural communities. Prior to 2012, when Main Street was discontinued, the program had a 27-year history of building stronger communities and strengthening businesses by preserving historic commercial districts around the state.

*Gov. Kelly appointed Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers to lead the newly-established Office of Rural Prosperity, which will develop statewide policies and initiatives for improving life in rural communities that have been neglected for far too long.

*This year, Gov. Kelly increased pay for state workers by 2.5 percent without a tax increase. And after years of health insurance premium hikes, this year Gov. Kelly's administration was able to decrease costs by six percent for families and spouses.

In addition, one of Gov. Kelly's first priorities was to appoint a highly-qualified, bipartisan cabinet focused on rebuilding state agencies that had been hollowed out over the course of the past several years.

*When Gov. Kelly took office in January, the state's corrections system was in dire straits due to overcrowding and other problems. To address the crisis in state prisons and enhance public safety, Gov. Kelly increased pay for corrections workers by 15.9 percent. She also appointed several members to the new, bipartisan Kansas Criminal Justice Reform Commission, which will address systemic problems in the state's criminal justice system and make suggestions for change that should help ease prison crowding and reduce recidivism rates.

*On her first day in office, Gov. Kelly signed executive order 19-02, reinstating protections to state employees who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. She also agreed to a court order allowing transgender Kansans to update the gender listed on their birth certificate so it accurately reflects their identity.

*2020 Priorities — "There is still so much to do," Gov. Kelly said. "I will continue traveling across the state to hear from Kansans about what is working in their communities — and what is not."



U.S. Rep. Watkins reports on congressional work

By U.S. Rep. Steve Watkins
2nd District, R-Kansas

As one of the few freshmen lawmakers on Republican Whip Steve Scalise's USMCA Whip Team, I was one of the first to hear from Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer recently when the United States reached a deal with Mexico and Canada on free-trade.



I've been urging my colleagues and the Speaker of the House to bring U S M C A to a vote for months now.

W h i p Scalise released the following statement in regards to my work on the Whip Team, "As part of our USMCA Whip Team, Steve played an integral part in this USMCA negotiation process. This trade deal will be a major boost for our economy and is great news for American workers and Kansas families. I want to thank Steve for his assistance and hard work over the past months. Now let's get USMCA over the finish line!"

The impeachment kangaroo court moved from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to the House Committee on Judiciary, which passed — on a party-line vote

— the articles of impeachment charging President Donald Trump with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.

I have followed the impeachment investigation closely and say with confidence that no evidence has shown President Trump committed an impeachable offense. I looked forward to voting nay.

Signed Letter To The Speaker Of The House Urging USMCA Vote Before Year's End
Kansas and all of the United States needs USMCA passed now. We are long past due for a vote on this critically important trade agreement and my Republican colleagues in the House have sent the House Speaker a letter that urges them to allow this vote before the end of the year.

Nearly every agriculture group in America has called on Congress to pass USMCA, which significantly improves trade relations with our two largest trading partners that together purchase about one-third of all U.S. agricultural exports.

Under USMCA, U.S. agricultural exports alone are expected to increase by more than \$2 billion annually, helping to build on the 325,000 American jobs that are already reliant on our nation's exports to Mexico and Canada. This is a historic chance to win an important victory for the American people, economy and agriculture industry.

Joined The Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus

Congress plays a key role in the future of cyber-security in our nation. Our nation's security has always been of paramount importance to me; as such, defending our businesses and institutions against the growing threat of cyber-attacks is a top priority of mine.

I am a proud member of the Congressional Cybersecurity Caucus where I work with my colleagues to identify cyber-security challenges and develop legislative recommendations to address the challenges our nation faces in securing cyberspace.

House Passes Bill To Stop Robocalls

Recently, the House passed the TRACED Act, which mandates new requirements for telephone carriers to verify and

transparently block unlawful robocalls.

Everyone I know is sick and tired of these calls that primarily target our seniors and leave them vulnerable to scams. I was proud to vote in favor of this legislation and look forward to the president signing it into law.

2019 Constituent Issues Survey

Constituent interaction is vital to our democracy. In order to better represent you on the issues that matter most, please take two to three minutes to fill out my 2019 Constituent Issues Survey at <https://watkins.house.gov/survey>

Note: Contact Congressman Watkins at his Topeka office (785-234- 5966) or his Washington, D.C. office (202-225-6601).

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Even when it upsets and overwhelms us, truth above all.

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Mark and Deb Knouft served as greeters at the door at Circleville Christian Church for the fifth Sunday combined service on Dec. 29. Brody Bliss gave a welcome to the congregation.

Music was provided by the church youth as they opened the service by singing "I Saw The Light" and "I'll Fly Away."

Ron Parrett used text from John 13:34-35 as he gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Donald Askren, Mike Cochren, Allan Simmons, John Ray, Mark Fenton and Bill Dyer.

The youth choir sang a medley of hymns as communion was served. The prayer for the offering was given by Brandon Winters and Brody Bliss gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

The sermon title was "A New Year, A New Birth." Brody Bliss used text from Matthew 29:18-20 and Romans 6:1-11 as he gave a message on baptism. His message brought out how through baptism, Jesus identi-

fies us as His disciples. Salvation comes from no other name and God desires all to be saved.

We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Baptism unites us with Jesus. Through baptism, Jesus connects us to His death, burial and resurrection. Jesus crucifies our sinful nature upon the cross with Him.

Baptism is a work of God. It buries our sinful nature into the grave and raises us from the grave with Him.

Following the message, Stephanie and Adam Lacey came forward to confirm membership with the church seeking to serve with a deeper commitment. Congratulation to them for their dedication.

The service closed with the youth choir singing "I Saw The Light."

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OBITUARIES

Ag Week Recap

Grain, livestock futures down despite Iran issue

By Matt Hines

All grain and livestock futures were lower to end last week as gold and crude shot higher due to the ramp-up with Iran, which took center stage. Cash feedlot trade last week was reported at \$2 higher than the week previous with \$124 to \$125 live and \$198 to \$200 dressed sales.



Export sales for Dec. 20-26 were bearish for beef at only 3,700 metric tons (MT) for 2019 and 5,700 MT for 2020. Exports were down 23 percent from the four-week average as well at 12,600 MT. Net pork sales and shipments, though, were friendly with 24,100 MT sales for 2020 and shipments at 30,600 MT. Net sales for 2019 were a marketing year low of 3,300 MT, due to cancellations by China of 13,300.

Steers and heifers were not well-tested nationwide these last two weeks as most auctions were closed due to the major holidays occurring mid-week. Those that did have sales this week were quoting much stronger prices as order buyers and farmer feeders alike were back in the seats ready to fill orders.

For the week, Friday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Jan. 3, February live cattle were down \$1.97, April was down \$2.10, January

feeder cattle were down \$2.20, March was down \$2.12, February lean hogs were down \$2.02 and April was down \$2.72. Boxed Beef, Choice was down \$.47 at \$208.49, Select was up \$.82 at \$205.39 and Pork Carcass Cutout was down \$.82 at \$74.22.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 546,000 head, up 78,000 from the week previous and up 11,000 from last year. Beef production was estimated at 450.7 million pounds compared to 387.8 million the week previous and 440.2 million last year.

Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 2,293,000 head, up 264,000 compared to the week previous and up 42,000 compared to a year ago. Pork production last week was estimated at 492.8 million pounds, compared to 436.3 million the week previous and 484.9 million last year.

Cattle futures on Monday shot triple digits higher and gold still continued higher, but crude was actually lower for the day as threats were made but no retaliatory attacks by Iran over the weekend. With the cash feedlot trade a strong \$2 higher to end last week, futures were ready to break higher to start this week. February live cattle are still trending higher but mostly sideways since November with support holding at \$124.50 and the contract high from mid-December up at \$127.90.

January feeders had been stuck in range bound choppy

trade with the most recent between \$142.77 and \$146.65 for the past few weeks. On Monday, a new recent high was hit at \$147.82 with resistance next up near \$150. February lean hogs have a lower trend in place since mid-April with support at \$65.40 and resistance around \$72.

Export sales for grains for the week ending Dec. 26 were low, but also expected, being the week of Christmas. Corn totaled 20.9 million bushels (MBU), soybeans 12.1 MBU, wheat 11.5 MBU and grain sorghum only 15,700 bushels to Mexico.

Last Thursday, USDA reported domestic soybean crush for November at 175 MBU compared to 187 MBU in October and 178 MBU for November 2018. Corn used for ethanol in November was reported at 507 MBU, 5 percent higher than October and 1 percent higher than November 2018. This Friday, USDA will update supply and demand, quarterly stocks and winter wheat seedings.

For the week, Friday, Dec. 27 through Friday, Jan. 3, March corn was down \$.03½, May was down \$.03¼, March and May soybeans were unchanged, March Kansas City wheat was down \$.04¾, July was down \$.05¼, March Chicago wheat was down \$.01¾, July was up \$.00¾, March Minneapolis wheat was down \$.06 and March soybean meal was up \$.80 per ton.

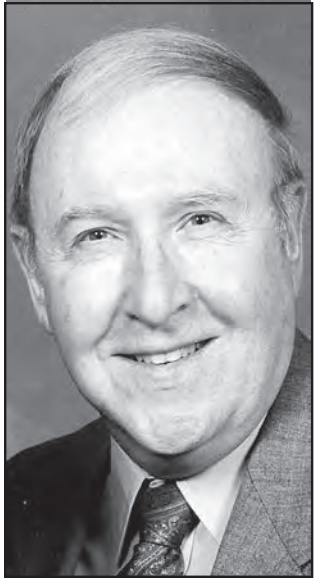
Weekend rains fell in southern Argentina and northern Brazil, and most areas are still looking

very good except for Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil's third-largest grain producing state, where a lack of rains the past few weeks could lower production. Australia continues to suffer from drought and now more than 100 brush fires ripping through the country.

Grains were mixed to start this week and should be fairly quiet until Friday's USDA reports are released, barring any escalation with Iran. March corn remains in a tight range from \$3.83 to \$3.92 since mid-December after breaking the lower trend that was in place since mid-October. March soybeans are holding support at \$9.38 and continue the higher trend that started in early December with resistance at \$9.61, then \$9.70.

March Kansas City wheat was still trending higher with support at \$4.57 and resistance at \$4.97. March Chicago wheat also was still trending higher with support at \$5.38 and resistance up around \$5.67, then \$5.73½, the high from this past summer. March soybean meal was still holding a lower trend with the contract low down at \$295.50 and resistance around \$307.50.

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.



Sherbon

Dr. James Weston Sherbon, Ph.D., passed away Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020 at his home in Lenexa. He was 83.

The son of Ora J. and Besie (Coulter) Sherbon, James (Jim) was born Aug. 3, 1936 in Arkansas City. He grew up helping his dad in the garage at the family O.J. Sherbon Motor Company Desoto-Plymouth Dealership. He graduated from Arkansas City High School with the class of 1954 and from Arkansas City Junior College in 1956.

Jim received a Bachelor of Music Education in 1959 and a Master of Science in Music Education in 1960 from Emporia State University. He then received a Doctor of Philosophy in Music Education with Minors in Statistics and Research from The University of Kansas in 1973.

On May 27, 1959, Jim and Glenda J. Steward were united in marriage at Holton Methodist Church in Holton. They moved to Kansas City, where Jim taught band and orchestra at Argentine Junior-Senior High School for 12 years while working on his Ph.D. and serving as principal trombonist in the Kansas City, Kansas Symphony Orchestra. They had two daughters, Gina and Juli.

Following an appointment at KU and the University of Texas at Austin, Jim moved the family to North Carolina and taught for 27 years as Professor of Graduate Music Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG). While in Greensboro, Jim and his family were active members at Christ United Methodist Church.

At UNCG, Dr. Sherbon advised doctoral dissertations and held multiple positions including Director of Graduate Studies in Music for 15 years. He also refereed and consulted on more than 30

publications including textbooks and research published in state, regional and national journals, provided extensive lectures and served on editorial boards for publications. His principal research focus was in hearing acuity and conservation, diplacusis, pitch perception and musical achievement and aptitude.

Dr. Sherbon retired in 2002 at the age of 65, was promoted to Professor Emeritus and moved to Lenexa. His hobbies upon retirement continued to include teaching courses through distance learning, advising doctoral dissertations, guest conducting school bands and freelancing on trombone in summer theatre pit orchestras and church performances. He was also a substitute teacher with the Kansas City area public schools.

In 2007 Dr. Sherbon was appointed to Visiting Professor Emeritus in the School of Music at The University of Oklahoma. Outside of academics his hobbies included working with automobiles, wood-turning and a renewed interest in the railroad, including gaining a conductor's certificate.

Dr. Sherbon was a devoted teacher who taught for more than 50 years and advised and completed more than 65 doctoral dissertations. He was an active member of the North Carolina, Kansas, Oklahoma and National Associations for Music Educators.

Jim is survived by his wife, Glenda; two daughters, Gina Sherbon, of Lenexa and Juli (Michael) Trexler of Raleigh, N.C.; and two grandsons, Josh Trexler and Grant Trexler.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9 at Lenexa United Methodist Church, 9138 Caenen Lake Rd., Lenexa, with the Rev. Ezekiel Koech officiating. The family will receive friends at the church immediately following the service.

A graveside service will be held the following day at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10 at Riverside Cemetery in Arkansas City, with the Rev. Sally Bates officiating. The family will receive friends at Bible Christian Church, 2411 N. Eighth St., Arkansas City, KS 67005 following the service. A soup lunch will be provided. Porter Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Dr. Jim Sherbon's name to Lenexa United Methodist Church, 9138 Caenen Lake Rd., Lenexa, KS 66215.

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Crops and Soils

Upcoming Farm Bill meeting details finalized

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Crops and
Soils/Horticulture

ARC or PLC? The acronyms associated with the 2018 Farm Bill aren't much different than they were five years ago.

What's changed is the current farm economy, and another Farm Bill sign up means a chance to evaluate options in light of that change in farm economics.

To help sort out some of the details, as well as provide tools that might help producers evaluate their ARC/PLC options, six Farm Bill education meetings have been scheduled across the Meadowlark Extension District.

Meetings will be held at both 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

from Jan. 14-16. On Tuesday, Jan. 14, we'll be at the Jackson County Courthouse meeting room located in the northwest corner of the ground floor of the Courthouse on the Square in Holton.

The Nemaha County Community Building, 1500 Community Dr., Seneca, will be the host for our meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 15. On Thursday, Jan. 16, we'll be at the Oskaloosa City Hall meeting room located at 212 W. Washington St. in Oskaloosa.

Each meeting will last just a little more than an hour, with presentations by local Extension staff and county FSA directors sharing information on enrollment details and aids to help you in the decision making process.

An RSVP is requested 24 hours in advance of the meeting you plan to attend if possible for handout purposes. Walk-ins are welcome. RSVP to your local District Extension Office (Holton: 785-364-4125; Seneca: 785-336-2184; Oskaloosa: 785-863-2212) or e-mail to me at dhallaue@ksu.edu

Information will also be available at www.meadowlark.k-state.edu under the "Crops & Soils" link.

Crop Production Meeting Opportunities

Winter is Extension meeting season and January will not disappoint. In addition to Farm Bill meetings, a host of other opportunities are coming up as well.

If you're a soybean producer,

Guideline for obituaries

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Moran leading Senate veterans committee

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) was confirmed Tuesday as the 12th chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, a committee that he has served on since his election to the Senate in 2011, it was reported.

Following the confirmation, Sen. Moran said he has "made improving the quality of life for veterans across the country a top priority" during his time in the Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. That includes about 200,000 veterans living in Kansas, he said.

"There is no group of people I hold in higher regard than those who serve our nation, and I take seriously the responsibility of providing our veterans with the best our country has to offer," Moran said. "I have always relied on veterans to help drive policy decisions in Washington, and I will continue to look to those who have served for ideas and solutions to improve the lives of their fellow service members."

Moran added that as commit-

tee chairman, he is "committed to ensuring our veterans have the right resources at the right time to achieve success after service."

Moran previously served as a member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee from 1998 to 2010, it was reported. More recently, he and Senate Ranking Member Jon Tester (D-Mont.) joined Washington Post Live for an event to recognize Veterans Day and discuss priorities of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee.

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US Bancorp	57.16	-0.55
Pfizer	38.75	-0.13
Deere & Co.	173.74	-3.07
United Parcel	116.00	-0.20
Apple	298.39	-1.41
Facebook	213.06	+0.46
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Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.

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Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$4.36
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SPORTS Wednesday

Carson Williams named to Shrine Bowl East Squad

Jackson Heights High School senior Carson Williams, shown in the photo below, has been named to the East Squad roster for the 47th Annual Kansas Shrine Bowl, it has been reported.



Williams, a 6'2, 255-lb. tackle and defensive end for the Cobras, will join 71 other top-ranked Kansas high school football players in this year's Shrine Bowl, which will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18, at Yager Stadium at Moore Bowl on the Washburn University campus.

Williams was named to this year's All-Area and All-Northeast Kansas League offensive and defensive teams and was selected for the All-State team as an offensive lineman. He also was named an All-County pick the last two seasons and was named an All-League pick last season.

During his 2019 season, which saw the Cobras returning to the sub-state championship for the first time in more than three decades, Williams was the team's leading tackler with 52 solo tackles and 39 assists. He also had six sacks and seven tackles for losses.

Other area high school football players named to the East Squad include Quinn Buessing, Axtell; Kody Davoren, Rossville; Kamble Haverkamp, Centralia; Atreyau Hornbeak, Marysville; Grant Roush, Perry-Lecompton; Kauli Saili, Jefferson West; and Bryce Uphaus, Nemaha Central.

Players are selected each year by a combination of media votes and selections from the Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching staff. Players must be nominated by their high school coach or athletic director. The players selected to the 2020 Kansas Shrine Bowl join the 3,088 players who have participated in the annual event since 1974.

"We are very excited about the great group of young men selected for this year's game," said B.J. Harris, Executive Director of the Kansas Shrine Bowl. "These players and coaches now have an incredible opportunity ahead of them, one

that is sure to have a lasting impact in their life."

The 2020 head coaches, as selected by votes from the 2019 coaching staff, trainers, managers and camp directors, are Washburn Rural's Steve Buhler for the East Squad — making his second appearance as the squad's head coach after serving in that position during the 2012 Shrine Bowl — and Goddard's Tommy Beason for the West Squad.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl is an all-star high school senior, East vs. West, football game put on each year in Kansas, by the Kansas Shrine. It is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity that produces annual events and related activities, with net proceeds benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Kansas Shrine Bowl has sent over \$3M to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The game has been played throughout Kansas each summer since 1974. Host cities have included Lawrence, Manhattan, Wichita, Topeka, Hays, Emporia, Pittsburg and Dodge City. The West football team camp will be held at Bethany College in Lindsborg, and the East will be held at Ottawa University in Ottawa.

Beginning in 1974, the flagship event has been the East/West All-Star Football Game. As of 2019, the West leads the series with 28 wins, the East has 17 wins, and there has been one tie.

Notable alumni include former All-Pro Wide Receiver Jordy Nelson, NFL Hall of Famer Barry Sanders, former Kansas State and Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Gary Spani, former Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl champion linebacker Mark Simoneau and many others.

All Shrine Bowl events are produced and presented to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children [SHC]. SHC is a health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to the age of 18 are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Tickets and additional information are available at www.kansasshrinebowl.com or by calling (913) 602-8656.

Cobras split with Rams, play at Oskaloosa Friday

By Brian Sanders

Northeast Kansas League basketball action resumed in earnest last night when the Jackson Heights High School Cobra teams split an evening with Pleasant Ridge, the Lady Cobras coming out on top 48-36 while the Ram boys squeaked past the Cobras with a 40-39 win.

The Lady Cobras' win, which boosted their NEK League and overall record to 4-1, kept them in second in the league behind Jefferson County North and dropped the Lady Rams to 2-3 in the league (sixth place) and overall.

"Our defense has been our strength this season," Lady Cobras Head Coach Dan Shupe said of last night's win. "We have been executing it well for this time of year."

The first quarter of the game appeared to set the pace for the Lady Cobras, who outscored the Rams 14-3 in the frame, eight of the Heights points coming from Amaya Marlatt. The only problem was Pleasant Ridge's 20-7 run in the second quarter, which put the Rams up 23-21 at halftime.

"We had a letdown after a pretty good first quarter, and when you do that with a good team, it opens the door for them," Coach Shupe said. "So we had to get back to executing the basics."

But in the second half, the Cobras came back and kept the Rams quiet for the most part, taking a 14-8 third quarter and a 13-5 final frame.

Marlatt led the Lady Cobras with 16 overall points on the night, followed by Abby Brey and Kylie Dohl with a dozen points apiece, while defensively, Shupe cited the work of White and Dohl. For the Lady Rams,

Gabriella Watkins led scoring with 10 points, followed by Kaija Nutsch with eight.

On Friday, the Lady Cobras will travel to Oskaloosa to take on a 4-2 Lady Bears team that's coming off a Tuesday night 52-30 win over McLouth. Pleasant Ridge, meanwhile, will host McLouth (0-5 league and overall) that night.

"Both teams are expecting to get the ball up and down the court, so it will probably be a fast-paced game," Shupe said of his team's upcoming game with Oskaloosa.

In the nightcap, a last-second disappointment that saw the Rams walking away with the one-point win dropped the Cobra boys to 2-3 in the NEK League (sixth place) and overall, while the Rams climbed to 3-2 in the league (fifth place) and overall.

Cobra head boys coach Chris Brown said his team worked on its game "a lot" over the holiday break and came out "ready to play" against the Rams, who took a 14-11 lead at the end of the first quarter and held on to take a 27-20 lead into intermission.

"We shot very poorly from the free throw line in the first quarter," Coach Brown said, noting his team made just three of nine shots from the charity stripe in that frame. "We shot better from the line throughout the rest of the game, and that helped us to keep it close."

The Cobras outscored the Rams 13-9 in the third frame to narrow the Rams' lead to three points, then got close to a single-point win in the fourth quarter, leading 39-38 when the Cobras were called for a foul with six seconds left.

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Holton senior Danika Hickman (No. 23 shown above) drives to the basket in a recent game with senior teammate Faith Haussler (No. 12) shown in the background along with HHS head coach Kurt Haussler. Photo by Michael Powls

Wildcats split with Perry-Lecompton, travel to Nemaha Central on Friday

The Holton Lady Wildcats improved to 3-1 in the Big Seven League and 4-1 overall with a 53-32 varsity win here over Perry-Lecompton last night.

The Lady Kaws moved to 2-3 in the league and 3-3 overall. After trailing 9-3 after the first quarter, the Lady Wildcats exploded for 22 points in the second quarter while holding the Lady Kaws to just 4, making the halftime score 25-13.

The two teams both scored 15 points in the third quarter and Holton had a 13-4 scoring edge in the fourth quarter. Saydee Tanking scored 17, including two three-point baskets, to lead Holton. Ball and C. Keller both scored 11 points to pace the Lady Kaws.

On Friday, the Wildcats play at Nemaha Central. Elsewhere in the Big Seven last night, the Sabetha girls beat Hiawatha 49-19.

Holton - 3-22-15-13 - 53.
Perry-Lecompton - 9-4-15-4 - 32.

Holton - Flewelling 1-0-0-0-2, Haussler 0-0-5-6-5, Yingst 3-0-0-1-6, Hickman 1-1-2-6-7, Rhodd 2-0-1-1-5, Tanking 5-2-1-2-17, Crouch 2-0-0-2-4, Patch 3-0-1-3-7. Totals 17-3-10-21-53.

Perry-Lecompton - Ball 3-1-2-3-11, J. Keller 1-1-1-2-6, C.

Keller 2-1-4-4-11, K. Hurd 2-0-0-0-4. Totals 8-3-7-9-32.

In the varsity boys game, the Holton Wildcats lost 63-51 to Perry-Lecompton in a game that saw the visiting Kaws sink 19 of 25 free throws while the home team sank nine of 10.

The Kaws, who now have a five-game win streak, held a 17-12 scoring edge after the first quarter with a hot-shooting start by Farmer, who scored eight points in the frame.

The Kaws then added 19 points more in the second quarter while holding Holton to nine, making the score 36-21 at halftime.

The Wildcats then roared back in the third quarter, outscoring the visitors 16-8 to bring the score to 44-37 entering the fourth quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Holton's Eli Prine hit a three-point basket to make the score 46-40 but that was as close the Wildcats could make the score as Stone and Farmer scored nine more points for the Kaws before Prine could make another three-point basket to make the score 55-44 with 3:52 left in the game.

Matthew Lierz also sank a three-point basket for Holton in the fourth quarter. Kale Purcell

also dunked the basketball in the third quarter for Holton. Unofficially, Holton had 15 turnovers in the game. Perry-Lecompton made four of seven free throws in the fourth quarter.

The Holton boys moved to 2-2 in the league and 2-3 overall while Perry-Lecompton moved to 4-1 in the league and 5-2 overall.

Prine scored 15 points, including three three-point baskets, to lead Holton in scoring. Lierz added 13, including three three-pointers, and Purcell scored 12. Stone scored 20 points and Farmer 18 to pace the Kaws.

Holton - 12-9-16-14 - 51.
Perry-Lecompton - 17-19-8-19 - 63.

Holton - Wright 2-0-0-0-4, B. Mulroy -1-0-0-0-2, Purcell - 4-0-4-4-12, Lierz 2-3-0-0-13, Prine 1-3-4-4-15, Holaday 2-0-1-2-5. Totals 12-6-9-10-51.

Perry-Lecompton - Stone 2-2-10-13-20, Welch 2-0-0-4, Robb 2-2-4-5-1, Williams 2-0-3-5-7, Farmer 8-0-2-2-18. Totals 16-4-19-25-63.

Elsewhere in Big Seven League action last night, the Hiawatha varsity boys beat Sabetha 73-53.

The Holton boys also travel to Nemaha Central on Friday.

RV boys team still undefeated

■ Panthers travel to Sabetha on Friday

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley varsity basketball teams split games against Jefferson West on the road last night with the Panther boys taking home a 57-47 win over the Tigers.

It was the first game since Christmas break for Royal Valley. Jefferson West played Council Grove last Friday.

Jeff West grabbed a quick 16-7 lead over RV in the first quarter.

"Jeff West came out hot, and we weren't quite ready," said RV head coach Trent Oliva. "We had to make some adjustments and respond to getting down."

The Panthers outscored Jeff West 16-8 in the second quarter, which made the halftime score 24-23 in the home team's favor.

In the third quarter, RV sophomore Nahcs Wahwassuck scored 10 of the team's 15 points to give the Panthers a 38-32 lead and some momentum.

"The second half was about executing our game plan and doing what we needed to do both on the defense and offense side of the ball," he said.

In the final quarter, RV scored 19 points over Jeff West's 15 points to win the game.

"We responded well to the adversity," Oliva said. "Both teams played really tough and hard, and we were able to make enough plays in the end. There's still a lot of things we can get better at and improve on."

Wahwassuck lead the team with 22 points followed by sophomore Brady Klotz with 15 points.

The Panthers were 11-23 at the free throw line. The Tigers went 15-18 at the line.

RV improves to 5-0 in the Big Seven League and 5-0 overall and Jeff West is now 2-2 in league play.

RV: 7-16-15-19 - 57
JW: 16-8-8-15 - 47

Individual statistics:
RV: Wahwassuck 8-1-3-7-22, Klotz 6-0-3-6-15, Canady 1-1-2-2-7, Spoonhunter 2-0-2-2-6, Thomas 2-0-1-4-5, Miller 1-0-0-2-2. Totals 20-2-11-23-57.

Jeff West: Neuenswander 1-4-3-3-19, Clements 6-0-5-6-17, Athon 1-0-7-8-9, Brading 1-0-0-1-2. Totals 10-4-15-18-47.

JV: Jeff West 40, RV 53
C Team: RV 46, Jeff West 44

The RV girls fell to the Lady Tigers 50-16 in the Panthers' first game coming off winter break.

"Jeff West had a game last Friday, and they came out tough," said RV head coach David Boucher. "We played our game but shots didn't fall."

The Lady Tigers took a 21-1 lead after the first quarter and were up 28-2 at the half.

Jeff West added 22 more points in the second half and kept the Panthers to 14 points.

"There were some bright spots. We shot better free throws," coach Boucher said. "At times we executed very well, but we just couldn't put the ball in the basket."

Jeff West is now 2-2 in the Big Seven League while the Panthers have a 2-3 league record.

"I think this team is still growing and getting used to each other, and our youth showed just a little bit last night," he said. "We just have to keep pushing."

JW: 21-7-18-4 - 50
RV: 1-1-7-7 - 16

Individual statistics:
Jeff West: Kr. Biltoft 3-1-8-8-17, N. Roenne 3-1-1-2-10, Kahler 3-0-1-4-7, M. Roenne 3-0-0-0-6, Peck 1-0-2-7-4, Ki. Biltoft 2-0-0-0-4, Young 1-0-0-0-2. Totals 16-2-12-21-50.

RV: Stithem 0-1-0-0-3, Price 1-0-1-2-3, Harman 1-0-1-1-3, Poort 1-0-0-0-2, Neuner 0-0-2-2-2, Joslin 0-0-2-2-2, Saia 0-0-1-2-1. Totals 3-1-7-9-16.

JV: Jeff West 29, RV 22

C Team: Jeff West 33, RV 25

Both Panther teams will travel to Sabetha on Friday for another Big Seven League match up. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.



1,000th prep basketball point noted

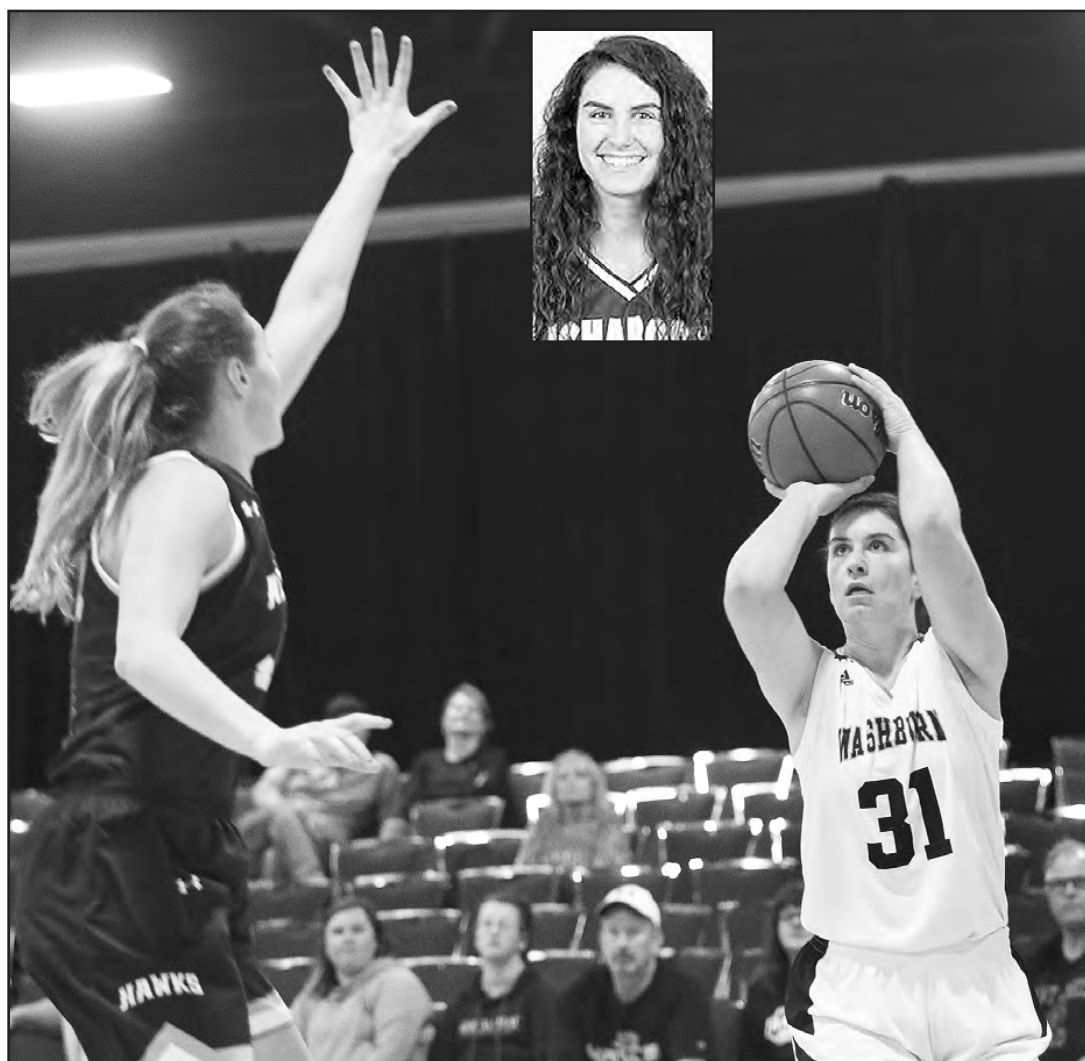
Jackson Heights senior Kylie Dohl, shown above fifth from left, scored her 1,000th point as a Cobra basketball player prior to Christmas break and the photo above was taken with coaches and teammates to note the special occasion.

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Holton High grads Shay Tanking (No. 10 shown above at left) and Hayley Thompson (No. 31 shown above at right) are members of the Washburn University Ichabods women's basketball team this season. Tanking, a 5-7 guard, is a sophomore and Thompson, a 6-0 forward, is a senior. Thompson, who has started nine of 12 games so far, is averaging 5.8 points per game and 4.1 rebounds per game and has scored 12 points in a game two different times this season so far. Tanking played in two games in November and reportedly will miss the remaining games this season due to injury.

Photos courtesy of WU

NFL playoffs under way

The NFL (National Football League) playoffs started last weekend with the wild card round. The playoffs continues this coming weekend.

- Wild Card Games**
 *AFC Wild Card Round
 Saturday, Jan. 4 3:35 p.m.
 Houston Texans defeated Buffalo Bills 22-19
 *AFC Wild Card Round
 Saturday, Jan. 4 7:15 p.m.
 Tennessee Titans defeated New England Patriots 20-13
 *NFC Wild Card Round
 Sunday, Jan. 5 12:05 p.m.
 Minnesota Vikings defeated New Orleans Saints 26-20
 *NFC Wild Card Round
 Sunday, Jan. 5 3:40 p.m.
 Seattle Seahawks defeated Philadelphia Eagles 17-9

- Divisional Games**
 *NFC Divisional Round
 Saturday, Jan. 11 3:35 p.m.
 Minnesota Vikings at San Francisco 49ers
 *AFC Divisional Round
 Saturday, Jan. 11 7:15 p.m.
 Tennessee Titans at Baltimore Ravens
 *AFC Divisional Round
 Sunday, Jan. 12 2:05 p.m.
 Houston Texans at Kansas City Chiefs
 *NFC Divisional Round
 Sunday, Jan. 12 5:40 p.m.
 Seattle Seahawks at Green Bay Packers

■ JH Cobras

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The Rams took the lead on a pair of free throws, prompting the Cobras to get a shot off at the buzzer that didn't go in, Brown said.

Brown cited the work of Dylan Thompson on both sides of the ball, leading the team offensively with 16 points, including a pair of three-point hits.

"Dylan did a great job being in the passing lane," the coach said.

Pleasant Ridge was led in scoring by Conner Gibson with 14 points.

On Friday, the Cobras will head to Oskaloosa to take on a Bear team that's currently winless in six tries, league and overall, following last night's 48-31 loss to McLouth. The Rams will host McLouth (4-1 league and overall) that same night.

"Oskaloosa is a young team, and they've struggled so far this year," Brown said. "Hopefully we can go play well and win."

Girls Scoring
 Jackson Heights 14-7-14-13-48
 Pleasant Ridge 3-20-8-5-36
 Jackson Heights: Marlatt 8 0-1 16, Brey 4 4-4 12, Dohl 5 2-3 12, Roles 3 0-2 6, White 1 0-0 2. Total 21 6-10 48.

Pleasant Ridge: Watkins 1 (2) 2-2 10, K. Nutsch 4 0-0 8, Schwinn 3 0-1 6, Herbig 1 (1) 0-0 5, Theis 1 2-2 4, Barnes 1 1-2 3. Totals 11 (3) 5-7 36.

Boys Scoring
 Jackson Heights 11-9-13-6-39
 Pleasant Ridge 14-13-9-4-40
 Jackson Heights: Thompson 3 (2) 4-8 16, S. Holliday 0 (1) 5-5 8, Bosley 2 2-3 6, Kennedy 2 1-3 5, Doyle 0 (1) 0-0 3, Wareham 0 1-2 1, Wege 0 0-1 0. Totals 7 (4) 13-22 39.

Pleasant Ridge: Gibson 3 (1) 5-6 14, Carpenter 0 (3) 0-1 9, Johnston 2 2-2 6, Stutz 0 (1) 2-4 5, Wohlgenuth 1 2-2 4, Adams 1 0-1 2. Totals 11 (5) 11-16 40.

JV Girls: JHHS 55, PRHS 15
 JV Boys: PRHS 58, JHHS 29
 C Girls: JHHS 49, PRHS 5
 C Boys: PRHS 42, JHHS 35

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 JHMS Boys Basketball Scores Monday, Jan. 6
 A Team: JHMS 24, ACCMS 15
 B Team: ACCMS 25, JHMS 18
 C Team: JHMS 12, ACCMS 4 (two quarters)

Wetmore boys play Rams, Tigers

By Brian Sanders

Wetmore High School's Cardinal boys came back from the holiday break in hopes of a win against Twin Valley League foes Blue Valley-Randolph last Friday and Centralia last night, but in each case, the Cardinals came up short.

Last Friday, the Rams outscored the Cards in the second half to get the 55-44 win.

"It was a close game going into the fourth quarter, and I think we just ran out of gas," Wetmore Head Coach Mark Martin said of the Blue Valley game. "We just looked tired, and I don't know why. Plus, we couldn't hit a shot."

The game got off to a good start with Wetmore outscoring the Rams 15-8 in the first quarter on the strength of seven points from Braden Henry. But the Rams bounced back in the second frame with eight points from Bryson Brockman to take a 26-24 halftime lead.

It was neck-and-neck in the third quarter, with the Rams finishing the frame with a 45-41 lead before taking off in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Cards 10-3.

"We gave up way too many offensive rebounds, which came back to beat us," Coach Martin said. "Plus we didn't

stop their two best players from scoring."

For the Cardinals, Henry led in scoring with 13 points, followed by Kyler Wommack with 11. Brody Barr led the Rams with 24 points, followed by Brockman with 21.

The loss kept the Cardinals winless in four TVL games on the season but with a 2-5 overall record, while Blue Valley's league record improved to 1-1 and its overall record improved to 4-1.

On Tuesday, the Cardinals traveled to Centralia, where a tough Tiger team extended its winning streak to five games with a 69-41 win and dropped the Cardinals to 0-5 in the TVL and 2-6 overall. The Tigers got out to a 22-12 lead in the first quarter and led the way through the rest of the game.

"We played a team that was just better than us," Coach Martin said this morning of Centralia. "We are really struggling to find our identity right now, and we have just three games left before our mid-season tournament begins. We have to get back to the basics and play like we did the first four games of the season."

Henry again led the way in scoring for the Cardinals, picking up 16 points including three treys, while Jacob Carls

added 10. Centralia saw four players finish with double-digit totals, led by Colby Arnold with 14, Presly Bowers with 11 and Cooper Deters and Kamble Haverkamp with 10 each.

Wetmore's next game is set for this Friday evening, when the Cardinals host Cornerstone.

Scoring (Jan. 3)
 Wetmore 15-9-17-3 44
 Blue Valley 8-18-19-10
 Wetmore: Henry 2 (3) 0-1 13, Wommack 1 (3) 0-2 11, McQueen 1 (2) 0-0 8, Bloom 2 2-4 6, Carls 2 0-0 4, Hackler 1 0-0 2. Totals 9 (8) 2-7 44.

Blue Valley: Barr 7 (2) 4-9 24, Brockman 8 (1) 2-3 21, Bylka 0 (1) 1-2 4, Wichman 1 2-4 4, Duncan 1 0-3 2. Totals 17 (4) 9-23 55.

Scoring (Jan. 7)
 Wetmore 12-7-12-10 41
 Centralia 22-19-18-10 69
 Wetmore: Henry 3 (3) 1-2 16, Carls 3 (1) 1-2 10, McQueen 1 (1) 2-4 7, Lamberson 2 0-1 4, Wommack 2 0-0 4, Bloom 0 0-0 2. Totals 11 (5) 4-11 41.

Centralia: Arnold 5 4-4 14, Bowers 5 1-3 11, Deters 1 (2) 2-2 10, Haverkamp 5 0-1 10, Quigley 2 (1) 1-2 8, Heinen 2 2-3 6, Osterhaus 2 0-0 4, Becker 1 0-0 2, Talley 1 0-0 2, Weyer 0 2-2 2. Totals 24 (3) 12-17 69.

Big Seven lists girls stats leaders at Christmas break

By Michael Powls

The girls stat leaders at the Christmas break in the Big 7 League were as follows:

Scoring:

1. A. Kramer from Nemaha Central had 70 points in 5 games and averaged 14 points per game.

4. S. Tanking from Holton had 50 points in 4 games and averaged 12.5 points per game.

8. F. Haussler from Holton had 41 points, in 4 games and averaged 10.25 points per game.

9. D. Hickman from Holton had 40 points in 4 games and averaged 10 points per game.

13. K. Bryan from Royal Valley had 38 points in 4 games and averaged 9.5 points per game.

2-Point Field Goal Percentage

1. R. Rottinghaus from Nemaha Central made 25 field goals in 36 field goal attempts for 69.4 percent.

3. F. Haussler from Holton made 7 field goals in 12 field goal attempts for 58.3 percent.

11. K. Bryan from Royal Valley made 10 field goals in 22 field goal attempts for 45.5 percent.

14. D. Hickman from Holton made 15 field goals in 36 field goal attempts for 41.7 percent.

14. K. Albright from Royal Valley made 5 field goals in 12 attempts for 41.7 percent.

3-Point Field Goal Percentage

1. F. Haussler from Holton made 5 field goals in 8 field goal attempts for 62.5 percent.

3. M. Joslin from Royal Valley made 3 field goals in 6 field goal attempts for 50 percent.

5. S. Tanking from Holton made 9 field goals in 22 attempts for 40.9 percent.

Free Throw Percentage

1. M. Patch from Holton made 9 free throws in 10 free throw attempts for 90 percent.

4. F. Haussler from Holton made 12 free throws in 15 attempts for 80 percent.

Regional wrestling for girls division announced

High school girl wrestlers from Holton, Royal Valley and Atchison County will compete in all-class regional wrestling to be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15 at Paola High School, according to the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

This is the first year that KSHSAA has sanctioned girls wrestling as a sport, and for the inaugural season — as of Jan. 2 — there are 972 girls participating in Kansas with an alpha weight. Regional girls wrestling was originally scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 15, but has been expanded into a two-day event.

By rule, each wrestler is limited to five matches per day. The amount of matches needed to complete the regional would not be possible under the one day format.

One classification made up of 150 schools has been divided into two regionals, at Paola and McPherson. Brackets will be 16 or 32-person brackets. Each school will be permitted one entry per weight class and KSHSAA will qualify the top six finishers in each weight class from each regional event for the state tournament, it was reported.

Other area schools that are scheduled to participate in the Paola regional include Atchison, Jefferson West, Oskaloosa, Sabatha, Silver Lake and St. Marys, as well as all Topeka schools.

The state tournament is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 27 in Salina.

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It was noted at those meetings that the need to improve the county's rural roads was the central concern from members of the public who attended and asked for better roads, bridges and tubes.

Dates and times that Class C fireworks can be sold and discharged in Holton's city limits around the Fourth of July will remain unchanged despite the efforts of a group of Holton residents who sought to have the Holton City Commission reduce the number of days that fireworks can be discharged.

The Holton school board will host two evenings of "community forums" to explain the school bond proposal on the November general election ballot for improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems at the high school and middle school. About 20 people attended the forums.

Heavy rains in the spring and summer prevented many farmers in Jackson County and the surrounding area from planting their corn, soybeans and other crops in a timely manner, but crops that have been harvested so far are looking good, according to Doug Biswell, general manager at Jackson Farmers in Holton.

The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has continued some of the programs that started during Holton Main Street's six-year run, including the Joint Opportunity for Building Success (JOBS) revolving loan program, which Chamber interim director Ashlee York said still has funds available in the account for business owners within Holton's city limits.

Construction of the Mayetta Spray Park has begun. Continental Pools of Gardner began building the 50-foot by 40-foot spray park on Oct. 14, including the completion of dirt work, laying out the pipes for the spray park features, spreading gravel and installing the underground and above ground water nozzles.

• November

The Royal Valley High School volleyball team won the Class 3A state volleyball tournament at the Hutchinson Sports Arena after defeating Beloit in straight sets, earning the first state volleyball title in the school's history.

Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging administrators are interested in expanding the organization's transportation services in Jackson County, and NEKAAA officials met with the Jackson County Commission this month to discuss offering more transportation services to all county residents.

Jackson County voters approved the renewal of the county-wide .4 percent retailers'

sales tax during the general election, while USD 336 patrons voted not to approve the proposed \$4.5 million school bond issue for energy and safety improvements at both the Holton High School and Holton Middle School buildings.

One of the races on the ballot, for position one on the Royal Valley school board, was not decided until the Jackson County Commission's election canvass a few days later. Jacob "Tug" Wamego, who trailed Michael Boswell by four votes after election night, ended up defeating Boswell by four votes.

Muddy Creek Family Clinic in Netawaka will join the Cotton-O'Neil Network as Cotton-O'Neil Netawaka, it was announced. Current Muddy Creek Family Medicine physician Michael Keehn, M.D., will become a Cotton-O'Neil provider and will continue to see patients.

The purchase of the former Holton Farm & Home by Tarwater Farm & Home of Topeka was announced this month, with Rich Tarwater noting that the store will reopen in the near future following a thorough inventory of the Holton facility.

Four Jackson County women — Deb Dillner, Diane Gross, Esther Ideker and Floye Knouft — were announced this month by the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce as the newest additions to the Chamber Hall of Fame for 2020.

The Holton community mourned the loss a previous Hall of Fame honoree this month, as Jim Birkbeck, longtime Denison State Bank leader and Holton community pillar, died at the age of 79.

Nine new recreational vehicle camp sites with electrical hookups will be added at Banner Creek Reservoir after the Jackson County Commission approved an estimated \$15,000 to install electrical pedestals to a tent campground on the north side of the reservoir.

The deceased body of Brian K. Wood of Netawaka was found in a culvert a couple miles north of Holton during a search for Wood, who had been reported missing a few days earlier. Wood was found in the vicinity of the place where he had last been seen alive, it was noted.

• December

Sunday liquor sales are now permitted in Holton, city commissioners noted as they approved an update to city codes regarding alcoholic beverages to reflect an ordinance passed in September that allowed such sales within the city limits.

City commissioners also heard a report from electrical production superintendent Ira Harrison that his department

may be looking at the purchase of a new transformer in the near future, possibly at a cost of about \$500,000, to keep up with summer energy demands.

Funds continue to be raised for an enclosed community building on the north side of the Banner Creek Reservoir grounds, and the Jackson County Commission recently pledged the county's support for the project to the tune of about \$25,000.

Derrick Bohnkemper, charged with first-degree murder and other charges in the September 2018 shooting death of his father and ensuing standoff with Jackson County officers, will face arraignment in late January after waiving his right to a preliminary hearing this month in Jackson County District Court.

A controversial water contract between the Jackson Heights school district and Jackson County Rural Water District 3 was approved this month by the USD 335 Board of Education, which noted that for the past 50 years, RWD 3 provided water to the district at no charge; the new contract includes a charge of \$4 per 1,000 gallons of water.

Free wireless internet will be available to the public inside the Jackson County Courthouse in 2020, after the Jackson County Commissioners approved a county expense of \$1,307.89 to allow Giant Communications to install public wi-fi inside the courthouse.

The first major snowstorm of the 2019-20 winter season dumped up to seven inches of snow on parts of eastern Jackson County on Dec. 15, according to reports from the National Weather Service. The snow made travel treacherous in the region and closed most area schools for a day.

The City of Holton will receive a \$98,000 "Christmas present" for improvements at the city's parks from the estate of a former Holton couple, George and Elizabeth Mansfield, who were described as "community-minded folks" by city officials.

The defeat of a proposed \$4.5 million general obligation bond issue to upgrade the heating, ventilation and cooling systems at Holton's middle and high schools has prompted the USD 336 Board of Education to study what it would take to complete the needed HVAC upgrades in six phases over several years.

Amendments to the 2019 county budget, made possible by additional non-tax revenues, have been proposed by the Jackson County Commission. Additional unforeseen revenues received that are not collected tax dollars require commissioners to amend the county budget each year for several county departments.

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Students are allowed to read books on their own in this area, go through breathing exercises, draw or use "cranky cream," a bottle of lotion students can use to relax. Once students have calmed down, they join their classmates.

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Williams said that additional course sessions will be held in the spring and summer if these scheduled dates and times do not fit parents' schedules.

To RSVP for the class, contact Williams at 364-3251 or k.williams@holtonks.net

Legal limit for cigarettes now 21

It's now illegal for retailers to sell any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars and e-cigarettes, to anyone under the age of 21, according to new legislation signed recently by President Donald Trump.

On Dec. 20, President Trump signed legislation that amended the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act in order to raise the federal minimum age of the sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years.

The amendment was part of a \$1.4 trillion spending package signed by President Trump.

The smoking age hike had bipartisan support in the U.S. Senate and was co-authored by Democrats Brian Schatz and Dick Durbin and Republicans Mitt Romney and Todd Young, it was reported.

Prior to the amendment, 19 states and more than 500 U.S. cities had already raised the minimum age to buy tobaccos

products to 21.

The minimum legal age in Kansas before the federal change was 18.

Besides cigarettes, the amendment also includes e-cigarettes, which have grown in popularity among high school students. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 27.5 percent of U.S. high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the past month.

Consumer Corner: Beware of scammers posing as Apple support

By Derek Schmidt
Kansas Attorney General
During this holiday season, our Consumer Protection Division has seen a recent influx of complaints from Kansans receiving phone calls from scammers posing as Apple support staff.

The scammers even use caller-ID spoofing technology to impersonate the company's real telephone number in order to appear more legitimate. The scam involves a claim that your iCloud account has been compromised, there has been suspicious activity in your account or there has been a data

breach at Apple.

Earlier this year, the company issued a warning to iPhone users to not answer calls purporting to be from the company unless you have requested one using the official Apple online support page.

If you receive one of these calls, hang up. Do not give your personal information or Apple account credentials to someone over the phone. To further insulate yourself from this type of scam, consider using Apple's two-factor authentication to protect your account.

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Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards
Jan. 5 was a nice sunny morning with the temperature above freezing. At Netawaka United Methodist Church, Marcia Robertson lighted the altar candles and Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements.

Pastor Young Won thanked the congregation for their gifts and prayers for him and So-Jin and Baby Eden, and said they are adjusting to a new life schedule. The Williams twins, Jack and Judah, are gaining and doing well — please continue prayers for their eyesight.

Prayers are for those having the flu and that others can avoid getting it. The congregation learned that a dear friend and former member, Dotty Mead,

died. Her funeral services will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11, at Crestview UMC in Topeka.

Hymns were "Come, Let Us Use The Grace Divine," "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," "Cares Chorus" and "We Three Kings Of Orient Are." Verona Grannell was in charge of recorded music.

The scripture lesson was Matthew 2:1-12, the visit of the Magi. Pastor Young's sermon was "The King Revealing Himself."

As Pastor Young began the sermon, he said the last two weeks since Baby Eden's birth seemed like two months, with all the new chores, check-ups and changes of routine. He and So-Jin had been excited and anxious for the birth and mis-

takenly thought life would be calm and peaceful after the baby arrived.

Sunday was Epiphany Sunday. Epiphany means "the light that shines forth." We celebrate the wise men's visit to pay homage and welcome the baby King with gifts fit for a king. The Magi welcomed the new king, but King Herod was frightened by the idea of a new king and decided to destroy Jesus.

As Jesus is revealed to us in our lives, how do we react? Hopefully we will be like the wise men, and with open hearts joyfully welcome Him, excited to live in the light which the darkness will not overcome.

Holy Communion was given by Pastor Young, who was assisted by Marcia Robertson.

■ Parenting Class...

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Kelli Thompson, preschool teacher, said that using conscious discipline has made a big impact in her classroom.

"I've seen such changes in several of my students," Thompson said. "By using conscious discipline, they now have tools they can use for when they start to feel overwhelming emotions."

In one corner of Thompson's room is a "safe place" area where students can go when they are angry, overwhelmed or sad.

While in the area, the students use a "choice board" to identify how they feel and then chose what they want to do to calm

down.

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A Thank You Note to Lynn Meyer

Some people say, "If there's anything I can do to help, don't hesitate to ask." Other people are so dedicated to helping, they don't wait to be asked. They seek all opportunities to simply do so. This last example well described a resident of Holton. In the community, he is known as Lynn Meyer. To us, he has always been known as Uncle Lynn.

Uncle Lynn has given tirelessly of himself his entire life. From entering the work force at a young age to help support his widowed mother to most recently helping us lay our father to rest, he has always been there for his immediate and extended family (and if you know him, to say he has been there for many in the community, is an understatement). The youngest of eight siblings, Uncle Lynn has throughout the years sought ways to help his brothers and sisters... and their children, too.

Our mother was a sister to Lynn. In 1989, she suffered an untimely vehicle accident that as a result left her with various and permanent injuries; the most severe being that of a head injury. Never hesitating, never shying away, Lynn was always and forever at our family's side doing whatever needed to be done when exhaustion would overwhelm us and our father.

The following 10 years were at times joyous and other times heart-wrenching. Lynn remained steadfast. In 1999, our mother passed away. Since then, over the course of 20 years, he consistently made himself available to our father (and us), whether to help with routine tasks or to take him out for a meal. As the years passed and our father's health declined, Lynn continued to be a friend for all seasons.

In a world where sometimes you wonder who you can count on, we never have had to wonder if we could count on Lynn.

These few examples do not begin to encapsulate all that Lynn has done for us. If we did attempt to list all the examples, there would not be enough print, nor paper, and the words chosen would fail to express the depths of our gratitude. A simple newspaper thank you is the least he deserves, but the most he will accept.

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School Menus

Jackson Heights
Monday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – Hot oatmeal, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, tater tots, baby carrots, chocolate chip cookie, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Waffles, ham patty, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole-wheat roll (9-12), tossed salad, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – White chicken chili, cornbread, red pepper slices, cucumbers, fruit and milk.
Thursday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun, french fries, lettuce salad, sliced tomato, fruit and milk.
Friday, Jan. 17: Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pepperoni pizza, lettuce salad, carrots and cucumber slices, fruit and milk.
Holton
Monday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Pig in a blanket or turkey fritter, potatoes and gravy, broccoli casserole, fresh fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken wrap or crispito, Spanish rice, cookie (9-12), fresh fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Cinnamon roll or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Pasta and meat sauce with roll or hamburger, salad, green beans, fresh fruit and milk.
Thursday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – Sausage and cheese biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Taco salad, chips and salsa or corn dog, pepper strips, salad, beans, cinnamon puff (6-12), fruit and milk.
Friday, Jan. 17: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and

milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles and roll or turkey sub, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit and milk.
Royal Valley
Monday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – French toast sticks, fruit and milk; Lunch – Grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, cucumbers, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Muffin and yogurt, fruit and milk; Lunch – Burrito, rice, carrots, broccoli, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes, sausage patty, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.
Thursday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Nacho supreme, refried beans, carrots, fruit and milk.
Friday, Jan. 17: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pizza, salad, corn, fruit and milk.
Prairie Hills
Monday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Grilled chicken patty on a whole-grain bun, campfire potato wedges, ranch broccoli salad, pineapple and milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, fruit cocktail, whole-grain roll and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Chili, carrot and celery crunchers, dill pickle spears, apple smiles, whole-grain cinnamon roll and milk.
Thursday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Chicken crispitos, Spanish rice, refried beans, corn, oranges and bananas and milk.
Friday, Jan. 17: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Classic macaroni and cheese with meatballs, steamed broccoli, carrots and cucumbers, grapes, whole-grain breadstick and milk.

Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold
 Kenny Wykert spent Christmas Eve at the home of his cousins, Bill and Vicki Lesser, of Topeka. He rode with Jack Barnes, who attended along with other relatives. On Christmas Day, Kenny joined those attending the Holton Community Christmas Dinner event in Holton.
 On Christmas Day, Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson went to Lenexa to attend a brunch meal with Doug and Lisa Brown and Bill Meares. Doug Hutchinson joined them, along with Zack and Lauren Korte and Spencer Brown.
 Later that day, Dennis and Barbara went to the home of Tim and Sandee Morris and enjoyed visiting with them and their family. Tess Schwartz, Tim and Sandee's granddaughter, recently born to Erin and Jason Schwartz of Belvue, was there. It was a full day but an enjoyable one too.
 Deloris Beam had her family all home for Christmas dinner on Christmas Day. There were about 48 people present for the special get-together. It was wonderful to have the kids all home and the weather was just wonderful.
 On Thursday, Dec. 26, Bob and I, Merlin and Judy Arnold, Steve and Leota Wilkerson and Elmer and Rita Ent all joined Maxine Lewis for the coffee with friends event at Vintage Park.
 Dave and Sara Anderson were guests of Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson on Sunday evening, Dec. 29. They enjoyed a soup supper get-together.
 Dale and Ilah Rose Askren had their family all home to celebrate Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 29. They invited Deloris Beam to join them. A granddaughter, Megan Steiner, and her family were unable to be there, as their son had a virus.

Buck's Grove United Methodist Church

By Betty Bernriter
 What a beautiful Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020. As Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church, Leesa Harshaw played the hymn "He Touched Me." Other hymns Leesa accompanied as the congregants sang were "We Three Kings," "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear" and "The First Noel."
 After announcements, Pastor Charlotte Milroy led in the call to worship, opening prayer and the Epiphany prayer.
 Donna Ashcraft read scripture from Isaiah 60:1-6 and Ephesians 3:1-12.
 Pastor Charlotte read scripture from Matthew 2:11-12. She titled her message "Believe As You Behave." The annual observance of the birth of our Savior is almost over. Epiphany, recalling the visit of the wise men, ends the liturgical celebration, following the "Twelve Days Of Christmas."
 Lots of legends have grown up around this story of the Three Kings. Matthew called them "wise men from the east." They probably were astrologers, which explains why they would have noticed the star and then been so excited about coming across something unusual in the sky. They were excited enough to make them drop what they were doing and follow the star.
 There is a wonderful lesson for us right here. The three met God in the midst of doing their work. God is not limited to meeting us in a certain place (like a church) or at a certain hour. God can

and does speak to us anywhere and anytime. The lesson is "be alert!"
 When God presents us with some new opportunity, are we willing to begin a journey of faith? The story of the wise men says there is something special that awaits at the finish. What does God expect of us? We do not have to guess. The vast majority is found in the pages of our Holy Book. What you believe should determine how you behave.
 The offertory prayer was recited and Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick were ushers. Everyone enjoyed eating the Epiphany cake Mary Ringel provided with baby Jesus. Linda Rieschick was the lucky person to receive the slice of cake with baby Jesus.

By Betty Bernriter
 I was asked by several people if I had quit writing the Buck's Grove news. The answer is I was sidetracked with pneumonia, but I am back on track now.
 On Sunday, Dec. 29, being a fifth Sunday, we welcomed Circleville UMC to join us for brunch and worship service.
 Mary Ringle lighted the altar candles and Pastor Charlotte Milroy asked for announcements and then led the congregation in the call to worship.
 Pastor Charlotte read a story about the Advent candle and how it all started. She also gave a short history about each hymn that was sung.
 Donna Ashcraft played the recorded music as the congre-

gants sang "Joy To The World," "Away In A Manger," "What Child Is This," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" and the closing hymn, "Go, Tell It On The Mountain."
 For a special, Denny Ashcraft read an article titled "Why Go To Church?"
 Pastor Charlotte read scripture from Matthew 2:13-23 and titled her message "Immigrate Into The Kingdom Of Jesus Christ."
 From the very first day after His birth, Jesus caused political trouble and was resisted by the powerful. One of the first things that Jesus does in the first days of His earthly life is to become an immigrant.
 Jesus and His family did not stay in Egypt very long. The Holy Family returns not to Bethlehem, but they go far from Jerusalem, all the way to Nazareth. No wonder King Herod was threatened by Baby Jesus. Because of Jesus' birth and the world's response, it required His family to immigrate.
 All of us are naturalized citizens so far as the Kingdom of God is concerned. Have you immigrated into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ?
 The offertory prayer was recited and Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick were ushers. Mary carried out the light of Christ.
 Benediction: May the God who gives us peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being – spirit, soul and body – free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5-23).

Circleville UMC

By Sue Wichman
 Epiphany Sunday was celebrated on Jan. 5 at Circleville United Methodist Church. Leesa Harshaw, pianist, played "How Great Thou Art" for the prelude as Verlin Wichman lighted the altar candles.
 Lay Pastor Charlotte Milroy extended a welcome before leading the call to worship, the opening prayer and the psalter. Mary Jo Fernkopf served as liturgist, reading from the books of Isaiah and Ephesians.
 The hymns were "We Three Kings," "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear," "The First Noel" and "Go Tell It On The Mountain." Dawn Duryea was song leader and Leesa provided

the accompaniment.
 Charlotte's message was based on the gospel lesson, Matthew 2:1-12. The three wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the baby Jesus. The gold represents money used in the service of Christ while frankincense was burned in the temple as a symbol of prayer. Myrrh was a spice used in medicines and embalming.
 Tradition says that myrrh was given in anticipation of Christ's crucifixion and death. We learned two important lessons from the wise men. First, be ready to meet God in the midst of your everyday activities. Secondly, behave as you

believe. Be willing to put feet on your faith and get up and follow the star.
 Leesa provided a special, playing "He Hideth My Soul" and "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Ginger played "Auld Lange Syne" on her harmonica for a second special.
 Allen Fernkopf and Dennis Hutchinson received the offering while Leesa played "Amazing Grace" before the service closed.
 Following the service, the congregation was served Epiphany cake by Dixie Mannell and Milton Snyder. Allen and Mary Jo Fernkopf will provide the cake next year.
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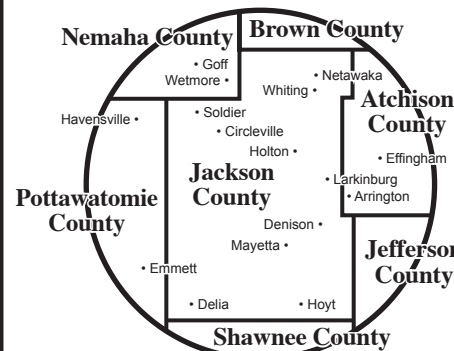
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than a raise of 20 cents per hour for part-timers, that raise should be 30 cents an hour. Meerpohl eventually held to the 20-cent raise in his motion to approve the salary and wage increase, which was seconded by Commissioner Dan Brenner and approved.

Holton Mayor Robert Dieckmann said he appreciated the city's efforts to reward its employees with suitable pay raises, particularly when "we've got a good group of people working for us... I see those guys out there in the snow, and when the power's out."

In other business on Monday, commissioners approved updated contracts with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas for city employee insurance, including a health insurance policy with an average 4-percent increase in insurance premium costs that McKee noted was significantly less than the 15-percent increase provided for in the city's budget for 2020.

The city paid a total of \$647,765.28 in insurance premiums to Blue Cross last year, according to Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley. This year, the city expects to pay a total of \$674,901.48 in premiums, an increase of \$27,136.20, Riley said.

McKee also recommended approval of the city's annual term life insurance contract for city employees, which at 28 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage was the same as the past two years.

Commissioners also: ■ Approved minutes from the Dec. 31, 2019 commission meeting and budget appropriations made since that meeting.

■ Were introduced to Carmen Wakole, a recent hire as dispatcher at the Holton Public Safety Building.

■ Set their next meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 21, as their next regularly scheduled meeting date falls on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

■ Announced winners of the city's recent Christmas light contest. First place and a \$100 city utility rebate went to Paul and Bette Jo Holzheu, 519 New Jersey Ave.; second place and a \$50 rebate went to Steve Bohnenkemper, 600 W. Third St.; and third prize and a \$25 rebate went to Mike

and Teresa Scheidegger, 13576 Kansas Highway 16.

■ Approved annual designations of Denison State Bank, The Farmers State Bank and GNBANK as official city depositories and The Holton Recorder as official city newspaper.

■ Authorized McKee to seek bids for repairs to the street department building roof.

■ Noted a bid of \$9,405 from Enersys of Reading, Pa., for the purchase of 20 six-volt batteries for installation at the city's power plant. Commissioners also noted a bid of \$15,500 from Topeka Battery for the batteries, which are used to maintain operations at the power plant. McKee said the plant's current batteries are about 15 years old and "might hold for two hours if the power goes out."

McKee also noted that Enersys' bid was "just below what I can spend" without requiring commission action; expenditures of more than \$10,000 require commission approval.

■ Heard a report from McKee that King's Construction Company of Oskaloosa had completed three of four sewer line point repairs that commissioners had approved in December. The fourth point repair involves a manhole replacement on Seventh Street between Ohio and New Jersey avenues that "might slow them up," McKee said.

■ Heard a comment from Dieckmann on the Holton VFW Post 1367 fireworks display on New Year's Eve at Banner Creek Reservoir, which was "excellent."

■ Learned from Riley that 19 Holton families benefited from Sitzler Fund disbursements this past holiday season.

■ Heard a comment from Dieckmann about public interest in construction of a "skate park" in the city, along with a suggestion that Erika Allen may be contacted to write a grant for such a park. Allen and the Holton Middle School KAY Club had previously been involved in getting the concrete fitness path built at Countryside Park, Dieckmann noted.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 7:40 p.m.



Linda Lierz stopped in Holton on Tuesday morning with the Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging (NEKAAA) van. The organization has recently expanded its fee-based general transportation services to Jackson County, it was reported, and Lierz said that a local driver is being sought to provide transportation services in the county.

Photo by Brian Sanders

■ Jackson County EMS...

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"In the past, the second ambulance was always 100 percent on call," Teter said Monday. "We could go full on-duty with two ambulances, but it would require a higher subsidy from the county."

Watkins said that in the event of multiple emergencies, Jackson County EMS would provide as many ambulances as possible.

"If there's a problem, we'll roll another truck out of the door," Watkins said. "We don't just dispatch two because we're contracted for two."

Commissioner Ed Kathrens questioned why Jackson County EMS needed more than \$300,000 in subsidy from the county.

The men explained that, due to insurance, the company deals

with many write-offs each year and that they need to offer good benefits to attract good employees.

The commissioners discussed the need for the men to share more of the "day to day" activities of the business in order help them justify the expense to taxpayers.

As part of the contract, Jackson County EMS will continue to provide continuing education training for all local first responders in the county, including all fire departments and first responders.

The new contract also includes free assessments and transports of all county prisoners at the jail and also free blood draws on suspected persons driving under the

influence of alcohol and/or drugs when it is requested by an officer.

EMS will also continue to provide free standbys for all law enforcement when requested and to all potentially dangerous fire scenes when requested by the local fire departments.

EMS will also provide, at no charge, medical care and transportation for all county emergency employees while on call or while on duty.

CPR training for county employees also continues to be included as part of the EMS contract.

In 2018, Jackson County provided 1,403 ambulance runs in the county.

Of those calls, 243 were for falls, 187 were for transfer/inter-

facility/palliative care, 118 were for traffic/transportation incidents, 111 were for sick persons, 106 were for breathing problems, 72 were for standbys, 70 were for fire calls, 62 were for reports of chest pain, 48 were for reports of abdominal pain/problems, 34 were for psychiatric problem/abnormal behavior/suicide attempt, 34 were for unconscious/fainting/near-fainting, 31 were for stroke/CVA and others.

The average time it took an ambulance unit to arrive on a scene in 2018 was 8 minutes and 14 seconds, it was reported.

Almost 33 percent (461) of all ambulance responses were to private homes, with 18 percent (252) to hospitals and 11 percent (155) to streets and highways.

■ Library Mural..

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"I'd say we spent about 10 hours making all the tiles with the different themes," Morris said. "We had two different events, and some of the students at Jackson Heights made some more so we could fill in the gaps."

The Lemons put together a plywood frame for the mural, and April pieced and glued the tiles together.

"There's about three-quarters of a gallon of epoxy underneath all those tiles," she said.

After about 20 hours of glazing time, the group began looking for a place to put the mural once it was finished. Austin said she was approached by Morris about possibly placing the mural at the library, which was in the process of putting together the "Wi-Fi bar."

"We didn't know what we were going to put here," Austin said. "We were thinking we might have someone make a quilt or something like that. But when Katie came up with this, I thought, 'Yes! We have to have it right here.'"

"It worked out perfectly," Morris added. "It's cute to watch kids come in and try to find their tiles."

Austin said the mural fits in with the library's aim with the "Wi-Fi bar," which involves reminding people that Beck Bookman Library is something that belongs to the community.

"We're just wanting to make this look more inviting as people walk in," she said. "It's just something we could do to make the community aware that this is their library."

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