



July 4th to begin Indy's 150th birthday

INDEPENDENCE — Fireworks, patriotic music and a birthday celebration are in store for Independence when the community celebrates the July 4th holiday in a star-spangled fashion.

Events will include a patriotic concert of the Mid-Continent Band at the Hille Band Shell at Riverside Park at 7 p.m. During the concert, a reading of the City of Independence proclamation declaring 2020-21 as the Year of the Sesquicentennial.

The band also will premier its commissioned music that is influenced by the historic buildings of downtown Independence.

At 9:30 p.m., a fireworks extravaganza will be on full display in the night sky. Prime seating will be at the Riverside Park Oval with social distancing and the wearing of face masks emphasized. The fireworks will be set off north of the elk pens at the Ralph Mitchell Zoo.

The fireworks show is sponsored by the City of Independence in recognition of the community's 150th anniversary.

The fireworks display is expected to last between 22 to 25 minutes. A musical soundtrack will accompany the fireworks show on Indy 102.9 FM.

In keeping with the City of Independence ordinance, the shooting of fireworks within Riverside Park and the Ralph Mitchell Zoo (except for the 9:30 p.m., fireworks display) is strictly prohibited.

Pointing to a new direction in their lives

Cherryvale High School senior Gavin Hooper (right) points to a seating area for himself and fellow classmate Zaine Lantz at the beginning of Saturday's CHS commencement exercises at the Logan Park Stadium. The ceremony, which was already postponed from its customary May date due to COVID-19, was delayed by one hour due to morning rain. ANDY TAYLOR / MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRONICLE

Masks to be required under Governor's order

Gov. Laura Kelly justifies executive order by showing rise in COVID-19, especially in 'cluster' cases

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TOPEKA — Concerned about the rise of COVID-19 clusters across Kansas, Gov. Laura Kelly on Monday issued an executive order mandating the wearing of facial masks in all public places. The mandate will go into effect at 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 3.

Kelly admitted that the mandate will bring protests and pushback across the state. But, she said the wearing of masks has proven to be effective in reducing the transmission of COVID-19 cases.

"This is all we got to fight this virus," she said of the wearing of masks. "And, it is up to each one of us to do our part."

Kelly cited evidence showing no cluster cases in places where masks are required, including barbershops, salons and dental offices. However, she said places that do not require masks are those that have identifiable cluster cases.

As for the wearing of masks outdoors, Kelly said if people are not practicing social distancing (six feet separation from the nearest person), then they should wear a mask. Otherwise, they can be mask free.

Under the order, most Kansans must wear masks in stores and shops, restaurants, and in any situation in which social distancing of

6 feet cannot be maintained, including outside.

Kelly plans to release specific guidance today (Thursday) regarding under what circumstances masks must be worn.

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Montgomery County's COVID-19 total caseload has doubled since reopening of state's economy. See page 12

The rising number of cluster cases — which is when two or more infections from the same location are found — continues to bother the governor. As of Monday's press conference, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment had recorded 210 clusters, 101 of which are now active. These clusters account for about 6,000 of the state's number of infections (past and current), 440 hospi-

talizations and 201 deaths.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported 14,443 positive COVID-19 cases Monday — an increase of 905 cases since Friday, Kelly said. The agency has reported 270 deaths across the state.

Kelly's executive order will go to the State Finance Council for its review. The council,

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LOUD THE ALARM, SILENT THE MEMORY: SECOND IN A TWO-PART SERIES

White lies and black lives: was justice served?

Coffeyville race riot of 1927 led to trial of a white man charged with rape, after victim changed her story

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In the minds of Julia Mooney and Margaret Akers, black lives didn't matter.

The two high school-aged white girls would rather throw an entire race of people under the proverbial bus rather than confront the truth. To them, white lies mattered the most.

That is, until Margaret Akers' guilty conscience got the best of her.

A victim of a violent sexual assault that occurred in Mooney's rented apartment on West Ninth Street on March 18, 1927, Margaret Akers could no longer remain silent about the fib that had followed her ever since she and Mooney went to a neighbor's house to report being involved in a violent rape.

It was time to come clean. But, if Margaret Akers thought the truth would set her free, she had another thing coming.

In the days and weeks following the Coffeyville riot of March 19 that stemmed from the alleged rape of Mooney and Akers, police officers continued a roundup for African-American males who fit the description of three rapists.

Multiple African-American males were detained and brought to the Coffeyville City Hall.



However, none garnered a second look from the two victims. None of the detained and arrested African-Americans were the true assailants.

The story of the rapes . . . as well as the race riot . . . garnered state and national headlines. And, considerable reward money from local and state law enforcement circles began to add up.

However, what wasn't adding up was the story from one of the rape victims: Akers. Her story began to deviate. Details of her story had

conflicting facts. Police questioned. Detectives interrogated. Society wondered.

Besides police having difficulty accepting the plausibility of Akers' version of the story, an inquiry from the NAACP caused further speculation about Akers' initial version of the story. The NAACP investigation was led by Elisha Scott, a Topeka attorney who served as the state legal counsel for the NAACP. Scott was familiar with Coffeyville, as he brought a racial segregation lawsuit against the Coffeyville school board

in 1924. That lawsuit wound up in the Kansas Supreme Court.

Akers' conscience could not stand the pressure. She finally broke the truth: that she was sexually assaulted and raped in Julia Mooney's rented house on the night-morning of March 17-18.

However, the assailants were not African-American . . . but white.

Akers alleged that her assailant was Ira Kennedy, a Wichita car salesman who formerly lived and

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Today's Chuckle
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A guy was arrested after swimming in the big fish tank at Bass Pro Shops. They caught him with an orange Jitterbug lure.

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OPINIONS

‘Got your keys, mask, billfold, phone, tooth?’

Early in our marriage, my wife Kathy would send me off to work each morning with the admonition: “Got your keys, got your billfold?”

Then, things got complicated. Today, her list has grown, and even though she will join me an hour later at our newspaper office, she gives me a modern good-bye list: “Got your keys? Got your billfold? Got your phone? Got your cane? Got your tooth?”

Err ... wait. Tooth? Yes, a 74 1/2 year old has an artificial tooth. In my case, a couple of them linked together in what the dentist calls a “partial.”

I wear it when I’m at the office or out in public. I spoke at a high school graduation ceremony last week and nobody ever guessed that my mouth was partially plastic. My smile looks like it did 50 years ago, but it feels like there is a tiny, toy truck in my mouth. I have no complaints, mind you. My partial is no different from my titanium knee, my manufactured rotator cuff shoulder, or my trifocal eye glasses. But with my partial, forget chewing gum, kettle corn or soft lettuce salad.

Life changes, that’s all. And, about the cane — I keep one in the back seat of my pickup when I need to walk a long distance like at Lowe’s, Atwoods or (groan) Walmart. But I seldom use it. I figure it makes me look old, which I’m not. I’m just re-equipped.

When I first got my partial, I was religious with soaking the darn thing in a plastic container anytime it needed cleaned — which is constantly. But, like the guy on “My Big Fat Greek Wedding,” movie, I now keep a bottle of Windex in all handy locations — office, kitchen, bedroom, car — along with a napkin or paper towel. The result is I wear a partial denture that is sparkling clean, shiny and tasty. So, Kathy’s list grows: “Got your keys? Phone? Mask? Cane? Tooth? Windex?”

There was a time when I found it irritating for Kathy to follow me out the door and give me reminders.

Today, I appreciate such loving nudges — except the one when she whispers, “And could you please clip your nose hairs?”

As I have done for 55 years of marriage, I reserve the right to ignore whatever I wish.

RUDY TAYLOR



OFF the Cuff

Life’s Little Lifesavers

America the Beautiful . . . Written by Katharine Lee Bates as a poem in 1893 and first published in 1895, it was combined with music composed by church organist Samuel A. Ward in 1910. Bates wrote the poem after a journey to the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado, saying the views she saw inspired her to write her thoughts . . . the song was a contender for the U.S. national anthem, along with “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” and “The Star Spangled Banner,” in 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a law that made the “Star Spangled Banner” our national anthem, and that upset many Americans, as supporters of “America the Beautiful” contend that it more accurately reflects the

principles of our country, plus it is easier to sing!

*O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown they good with
brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

Happy 244th Birthday, America — May God shed his grace on thee!

KATHY TAYLOR



Little business cards lead to making friends on a new street

As we meet new neighbors and people around our new city, we carry a little stack of business cards for both Landon and myself. It helps to be able to engage in conversation, especially during this time of social distancing, and also relieves the pressure for the stranger to remember our names.

Landon’s card has the mascot of the massive school district where he works in administration. It’s a job that everyone knows and understands. But my business card always, without fail, spurs discussion.

“Newspapers? The (insert the name of any local newspaper where we are standing)?”

I’ve always felt like nobody outside of our readership would really care much about my job or what we do, but I have found that it is quite the opposite.

People are fascinated that we have made a living in the newspaper industry for five generations. And, it is almost a guarantee they will have their own story about their hometown newspaper or a newspaper they read at their grandparents’ house when they were young.

The conversation usually involves a reference to small towns and getting to read the social involvement of everyone in town. Of course they make it sound like Mayberry, and sometimes it is, but really, we have

the best of all worlds. In a small, weekly newspaper, you can almost guarantee your name will end up in black and white, likely for school accolades, while growing up.

You will always have a hard copy photo from basketball games, graduations, livestock shows, community meetings, and swimming pool openings.

A phone call to pay your annual subscription will be answered by the editor and usually involve a discussion about the weather, health, or other such subjects that can lead to lengthy discussions, not for print, but just because we feel like we know each other.

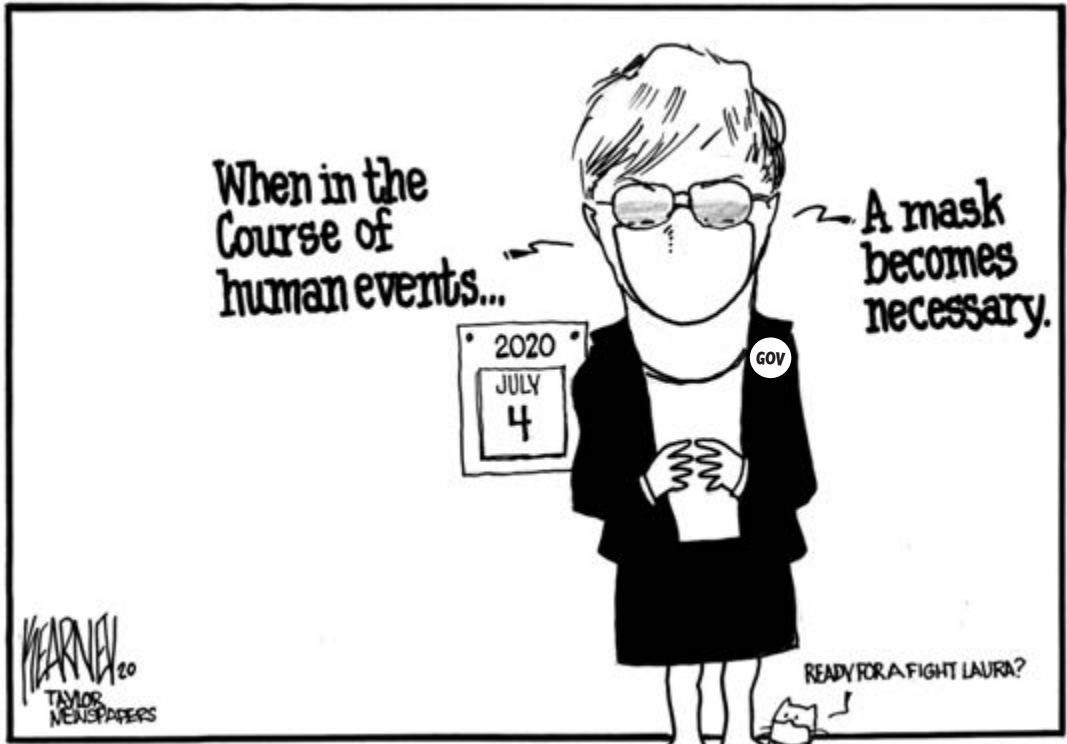
I think that’s why my business card spurs stories, questions, and longing looks in the distance. It’s not to

say you won’t get a friendly voice on the phone when you call a big city daily. Just like the wait staff at a fancy city restaurant are friendly, but they probably won’t know your regular order or ask about your mama, like you can expect in a small town. The grocer at the big box store is always happy to help, but don’t expect a home delivery if you’re recovering from surgery.

I now live with one foot in each space. Life in the city has afforded us accommodations and conveniences I never knew were possible.

But that other foot is firmly planted in rich, southeast Kansas soil that knows why people from the city buy acres of country land where they can spend the weekends. We know why the big companies make commercials that look like they embrace those small town values. And we know why home decor stores are filled to the top with “farm life” decorations that are a far cry from the reality of true farm life.

So I’m packing a few extra business cards in my purse now. For one thing, we kind of need some friends, and I guess we’ll just start advertising. But knowing that a quick glance at a group of small weekly newspapers will spur discussion, reflection, and probably even a little jealousy at what we know and love, is a constant reminder of the gems we carry in our lives, building a life in rural America.



OUR THOUGHTS

About those letters

Chronicle return to its policy: no political endorsement letters

With sincere apologies to political candidates, the Montgomery County Chronicle has to return to its policy prohibiting the publishing of letters to the editor that endorse a specific political candidate.

Why?

We are an advertising-based company, and we make our living selling advertising. Currently, those endorsement letters are free space . . . also known as a free ad. To those persons who wish to endorse a candidate for office, we would be glad to talk about advertising sizes and rates.

We realize we have abused this prohibition in recent weeks with the publication of endorsement letters. However, we feign forgetfulness in this crazy COVID-19 era. Once it was brought to the editor’s attention about the company policy prohibiting endorsement letters, the editor had to put the brakes on those letters.

That doesn’t mean *any* political letter would not be published. We encourage let-

ters that are meant to engage citizens and promote thought. Last week, a letter writer provided a philosophical approach toward a specific political leaning. We feel it was appropriate for publication, because it did not give a specific endorsement — or a free ad — to a particular candidate.

Of course, we always encourage letters during the campaigns for sales tax initiative or school bond elections. Those issues — regardless of how one feels about it — are germane to the community’s greater interest. And we also will print letters that further explain the electoral process.

As for candidates, they have war chests. And, they have social media. So, if people feel obligated to publicly declare their endorsement for a particular candidate, they can certainly do so with a paid advertising in the Chronicle . . . or use their own social media platform.

— Andy Taylor

Our heroes

Shooting of two Tulsa police officers strikes hearts of the entire region

Even though it happened in our neighboring state of Oklahoma, the gruesome murder of a police officer, and the shooting of his patrol partner, has left this region in disbelief.

The two officers were simply doing their jobs, stopping a car for a minor violation at 3 a.m. in Tulsa.

At first, it appeared both officers might survive, but news came Tuesday that one of them, Sgt. Craig Johnson, died of his injuries after being shot three times.

This horrible crime has affected us all, and prayers continue to be offered up. There are no racial divisions or political strife in this one, just needless bloodshed and much pain.

News of this double shooting (each officer shot several times) has reminded us of the mindless effort being made in larger cities, and among a few in the U.S. Congress, to defund police departments, or equally inane, turn street patrol officers into social workers.

In these parts, law enforcement is hon-

ored and appreciated, not scorned. We still ascribe honor and duty as the main attributes of any man or woman who wears a police shield — and we say that unabashedly.

There definitely are many social difficulties that need addressed, and some may have to do with better police training. Our expectations of them are inordinate, and the citizens of this nation have set the bar way too high for these servants of public safety. We need to loosen our cynicism; let them all know how much they are needed and appreciated; and add them all to our list of daily prayers.

Truth be known, our police departments need more funding so we can fetter out the problem areas and improve the stellar services they provide us all.

Meanwhile, our warmest thoughts remain with officer Aurash Zarkeshan who is still hurting and hanging on mightily to life itself.

Both remain our heroes.

— Rudy Taylor

Symbolism

The statues we build should reflect our living, loving world

Erecting statues of big shots defies this newspaper’s Rule No. 1: Don’t make lists.

In truth, we’re not involved in the tear-it-down controversy whereby some former general, president or cowboy philosopher is cast in bronze to adorn a local park, state capital rotunda or a big room in the U.S. Capitol — so named “Statutory Hall.”

We’ve seen them, read the plaques at their feet and moved on.

Turns out some were less than copacetic in their personal views and actions. Some owned slaves, fought for the wrong side during the Civil War or held membership in a distasteful organization.

So, members of Congress and state legislatures are being urged to purge the brass stiff, and street protesters have recently pulled some of the statues down using ropes and pickup trucks.

Hmm.

Back to not making lists.

We decided a half century ago not to honor the Top 3 Citizens in a town, or try to list everyone who has made significant contributions to a community. There was a time, not long ago, when churches allowed donations to be made in order to get a parishioner’s name inlaid in stain glass windows. Most have stopped that routine. For one thing, few people go to those churches anymore, and those who do have no idea who the window honorees might have been.

And, every college has a line of class

buildings or dormitories named after — you guessed it: Big money donors.

And, in many cases, it leads to a day when somebody learns the misdeeds of the generous donor. The scandal hits the headlines, and the name is chiseled out of the granite door header or the name emblazoned along the sidelines of a football field.

Again, small town folks don’t get too far into this habit. We name our streets Spring, Main, Commercial and numbers from 1st to 99th, and if you live in the country, your county road has been renamed to something like 18000 Road.

We stay away from calling our streets Bob Smith Avenue or Linda Delnazio Circle.

We detest the ugly actions that are causing such angst among those who want to straighten out people who have been dead for a century. Still, if unbolting their brass feet from a slab of marble somewhere in Tennessee makes local folks feel more utopian, then fine. They should crash the brass.

But for this newspaper, we’ll stick with trying to keep our readers, advertisers and neighbors on equal footing. Skin colors, bank account balances, and levels of being Americans keep them from being placed on anybody’s list, or poured into brass.


We need to pay the most attention to those with skin that’s warm, hearts that beat and eyes that reflect our living world.

Let neighbors be neighbors.


— Rudy Taylor

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Lower tax valuations force ICC trustees to anticipate tight budget

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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INDEPENDENCE — A reduced tax base combined with anticipated cash shortfalls at the state level may force Independence Community College to take a highly conservative approach toward spending in the 2020-21 school year, trustees said last week.

At a trustee meeting on June 24, trustees took their first glimpse at the college's anticipated spending levels for the 2020-21 school year. Jonathan Sadhoo, ICC finance director, said several major factors are impacting the college's projected budget. This includes a reduced tax valuation for the ICC tax district. Sadhoo said the ICC tax district is tentatively projected to lose about \$4.1 million in property valuations (from \$141,455,916 in 2019 to a projected \$137,280,888 in 2020; the final valuation will not be known until October). That reduced valuation districtwide could shorten tax revenue by as much as \$176,000, he said.

Sadhoo also said the college's 2020-21 budget is built using a flat enrollment. That came as good news to the trustees, who had anticipated as much as a 10 percent enrollment reduction due to COVID-19.

To lessen the impact of reduced revenue, Sadhoo proposed several financial buffers, including not filling

an information technology position and a sports information position, non-renewal of computer software programs, decreases in vehicle leases, and reductions to the college's repair and renovation budget of campus facilities.

Sadhoo also said the college's professional development was reduced by 50 percent, generating a savings of about \$51,000.

Trustee chairman Ashley Osborn, who is a certified public accountant, cautioned trustees to take a conservative approach toward the 2020-21 budget. She said the full impact of enrollment, tax valuation reductions and potential reductions of state revenue will not be fully felt until 12 to 18 months from now. The greatest impact is not in the most immediate budget year but in the following budget year, she said. That's because property tax revenue is only distributed to local governments such as ICC at specific times of the year. An economic slowdown, combined with many other factors, could impact those tax collections later in the year, she said.

Osborn advised Sadhoo to build in a larger buffer in the 2020-21 budget.

Trustee Kevin Brannum asked if all departments had been advised about the potential area of savings and reductions within their departments. Sadhoo said he had spoken to department and cabinet-level chairs about the budget picture for 2020-21, even though a full budget plan would not be prepared until July.

Trustees will continue to address the 2020-21 budget plan at their July meeting. Trustees will vote at that meeting on a proposed budget plan. A public budget hearing will be held at the trustee meeting in August.

THE MIDLAND MAGIC



The Midland Theater, which was built as the New Tacketts Theatre in 1928 (photo above), has the potential of revitalizing and reshaping Coffeyville's culture and economy for generations to come.

The Midland Theater: endless possibilities

BY DARREL HARBAUGH, vice president
Midland Theater Foundation, Inc.

I have always loved movies. A highlight of growing up in Coffeyville was going to the Midland Theater every Tuesday afternoon during the summer for Pearl's summer matinee series. In 1980 I began working as a projectionist at the Midland. My children enjoyed attending Tuesday matinees while dad ran the projectors. Many of the movies were the same as when I was a child. Suffice it to say, I am a "movie guy". This is why I didn't hesitate to join the Midland Theater Foundation. I want Coffeyville children and adults to once again have a local movie theater. Yet, as much as I love movies, I believe that a stand-alone, single screen movie theater will have difficulties keeping its doors open.

The Midland Theater is one of Coffeyville's many treasures that we must save for future generations. When completed, the Midland Theater will have the capacity to show movies using the latest digital technology, but it will be so much more. The Midland stage will become a venue for a community theater group and summer theater group for our teenagers. Many of us grew up doing summer theater at Floral Hall in Walter Johnson Park under Kenneth Burchinal's direction. The main stage may also be used for dance recitals, talent shows, choir concerts, band concerts, local band and vocalists' concerts, community speakers or TED talk-type series, corporate and organizational conferences and conventions, and weddings. The list of possibilities is endless. As a child in the early 1960s, I remember attending a Christmas party at the Midland for the employees and children of the Continental Can Company where my dad worked.

Additionally, the Midland's second floor ballroom will be a venue for many smaller events, social gatherings and more intimate film previews. The adjacent Alamo building will be developed into a modern community meeting facility that will include a catering kitchen and ADA compliant restrooms that will serve the entire complex. There are so many opportunities for a new downtown event center – conventions, weddings, and reunions. Plans also include arts education programs, STEAM (Science, Technical, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education and activities for youth. With all of these opportunities and more, the Midland Theater and Events Center promises to be accessible to all ages and abilities.

Most importantly, in economically depressed southeast Kansas, the Midland Theater Foundation Board understands the need for arts programs for those living in poverty, especially our children. We have a dream and while it will take some more time and money to bring our dream to fruition, we are committed to making this dream Coffeyville's reality. Please check our Facebook page or website at www.historicmidlandtheater.com to follow our progress, volunteer and become a donor.

(Editor's note: At the request of the Midland Theatre Foundation, the Montgomery County Chronicle presents a set of articles, "The Midland Magic," concerning the restoration of the Midland Theater in downtown Coffeyville. Several Coffeyville residents who are connected to the Midland's restoration will present the articles.)



Harbaugh

PUBLIC FORUM

Reader appreciates Chronicle's tribute to Kenny Aduddell

Editor:

Thank you for sharing the much deserved tribute to Kenny Aduddell in your June 25, 2020, issue. I was so sad to learn of Kenny's death. He was a unique treasure to Coffeyville. He shared his wonderful talents in leading community theatre troupes and helped bring to life many excellent plays and musicals for his neighbors. His work made us laugh, think, and reflect on our situation in life.

As you noted in your tribute, Kenny was an avid collector of all things about music, theatre, and film, especially material related to Broadway. More importantly though, he was an avid collector of people – his friends. If he got to know you, he would never forget you and he was always eager to reconnect and catch-up. You would always come away from your interaction with Kenny richer for the experience. Somehow, I was blessed and honored to be one of many among his collection of friends. I will deeply miss receiving my weekly clipping of his most recent "Our Town" column and the periodic phone calls.

We have lost a community jewel. It is right to pause and pay tribute -- to recognize the loss and appreciate what Kenny has given us. Thank you again for doing so. As Kenny would say: "Till we meet again . . ."

Jim Garner
Washington, D.C.

Kansas Secretary of State explains voter registration in COVID-19 era

Editor:

We are quickly approaching the 2020 primary election. With so much happening in our state and country, we want to remind you the deadline to register to vote in the primary election is July 14.

Whether you are registering for the first time, have moved, or changed your name, you must complete a voter registration form. Registering to vote is easy, safe, and quick! Kansans can register to vote online, by mail, or at the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

To register to vote online, you must have a valid Kansas driver's license or non-driver's identification card. Individuals who do not have a Kansas driver's license or non-driver's identification card will need to register to vote using a paper application.

We also strongly encourage registered voters to confirm their voter registration information is correct before heading to the polls.

Online election resources:

- Online voter registration: <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/voterview>
- Update voter registration: <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/voterview>
- Verify your voter information: <https://myvoteinfo.voteks.org/voterview>

We encourage all eligible Kansans to exercise their right to vote in the 2020 elections. But, before you do, make sure to update your voter registration information or register to vote before July 14.

Scott Schwab
Kansas Secretary of State

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Freda Jane “Janie” Williams

COFFEYVILLE — Freda Jane “Janie” Williams, age 79, of Coffeyville passed away with her beloved husband and family by her side on Wednesday June 24, 2020

Janie was born Oct. 30, 1940, in Parsons to Dale and Carmen Westervelt. She attended Altamont Grade School and Labette County High, graduating in 1958.

Janie married her high school sweetheart, Max Williams, on June 7, 1959, in the Altamont Methodist Church. Max and Janie were the parents of three children: Randy, Roger and Nancy Kay.

Janie worked at Condon National Bank for a few years when they were first married before going to work for Dr. Warren Blaich for 18 years.

She was a member or First United Methodist Church and the choir for 20 years, Beta Sigma Phi, Golden Girls of Labette High School, Tuesday Morning Coffee Group, Birthday Club, was an avid Red Raven fan and a proud sponsor of the Nado Booster Club.

Janie is survived by her husband, Max Williams, of the home; two sons, Randy Williams of Lees Summit, Mo., and Roger Williams of Waco, Texas; one daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Kay and Todd Mantz of Olathe, Kan.; five grandchildren, Ryan and Logan Mantz of Olathe, Connor and Natalie Williams of Overland Park, and Max Williams of Waco, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Billy Westervelt.

Services were held Monday June 29, at the First United Methodist Church, 304 W.10th, Coffeyville. Pastor Nicole Schwartz-Eck and Evangelist David Bycroft officiated. Interment followed at the Altamont Cemetery.



Ford Wulf Bruns Chapel, 2405 Woodland, Coffeyville, was in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests memorials to be made payable to the Coffeyville Community College Foundation or First United Methodist Church and they may be left in care of Ford-Wulf-Bruns Chapel.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence, visit www.fordwulfbrunschapel.com.

Calvin Ann (Owens) Burrows

COFFEYVILLE — Calvin Ann (Owens) Burrows was born April 27, 1939 between 7:30 and 8:00 on Highway 33 near Sliver Streak, Okla., in a 1939 Ford coupe. Her baby book says it all “baby had black hair and eyes, very cute, just as brown as a berry and looked plump.”

Calvin Ann, named after her Father Calvin, known as Ann or by most “Neen” continued through life with the same whimsy she arrived.

Ann was raised in Parsons and graduated from Parsons High School. She married Roscoe Gordon Burrows in July 1966. Gordon was one lucky guy. Ann and Gordon combined forces for a total of five children. The house was always full, and no one was ever turned away.

It was in the Burrows house that food became a common thread that still weaves deep throughout the families today. Ann could cook army eggs for an Army on a moment’s notice, literally feed a swim team until they sank and organize the best of yearly mountain oyster fries. Many family recipes are found only in the hearts and memories of those that shared cooking with her; Ann never used a recipe. The way to her secrets was to join her in the kitchen. Ann was a master of cinnamon rolls and it only seems fitting that each batch baked to this day are still compared to hers.



DEATH NOTICES

The Montgomery County Chronicle publishes death notices as a free service. The death notice contains only the name of the deceased, date of death, and time and location of a funeral and burial service. Further biographical information can be contained in a paid obituary.

Eddie Krenz

TEXAS CITY, Texas — Eddie Krenz, age 81, of Texas City, Texas, and formerly of Coffeyville died Friday, June 26, 2020 in Texas City.

Memorial services were held at Peace Lutheran Church in Texas City on Wednesday, July 1. A local funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 8 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 506 W. 9th, Coffeyville. Burial will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Due to COVID19 restrictions face mask must be worn by all attending as well as social distancing.

Ford-Wulf-Bruns Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.

Ramona Janett Browning

INDEPENDENCE — Ramona Janett Browning, age 78, of Independence died Friday, June 26, 2020 at Wilson Medical Center in Neodesha.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 1, at Harrisonville Cemetery southwest of Independence under the direction of the Webb and Rodrick Chapel.

Horace Ray Hearn

INDEPENDENCE — Horace Ray Hearn, age 91, of Independence died Monday, June 29, 2020.

Family visitation will be at

the Church of Christ, 401 S. 11th, in Independence from 10 a.m., to noon, Thursday, July 2. A funeral service will begin at noon with burial to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery in Independence.

Potts Chapel of Independence is handling arrangements.

Phil Schroder

INDEPENDENCE — Philip “Phil” Vernon Schroeder, age 100, of Independence died Monday, June 29, 2020 at Country Place Senior Living Center in Independence.

Book signing is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, July 2. A private family burial will be held on Friday, July 3.

Webb & Rodrick Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jack L. Newkirk

INDEPENDENCE — Jack L. Newkirk, age 96, of Independence died Thursday, June 25, 2020, at Country Place Senior Living in Independence.

A memorial graveside celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 3, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Independence. Military graveside rites will be conducted by VFW Post 1186 and American Legion Post 139.

Arrangements are being handled through the Zach Webb Family Funeral Service,

Independence.

Frances “Jean” Smading

INDEPENDENCE — Frances “Jean” Smading, age 76, of Independence died Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Mo.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 3, at the Mount Hope Cemetery in Independence under the direction of Potts Chapel of Independence.

Vernon “Art” Arthur Mishler

CANEY — Vernon “Art” Arthur Mishler, age 71 of Caney died at his home on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Graveside services were held at Sunnyside Cemetery in Caney on Tuesday, June 30 under the direction of Potts Chapel of Independence.

Anthony “Tony” Bigley

INDEPENDENCE — Anthony “Tony” Bigley, age 55, of Independence died at St. John’s Hospital in Tulsa, Okla., on June 24, 2020.

There will be two memorial services to be announced and held at a later date.

Martha Ann Rorick

INDEPENDENCE — Martha Ann Rorick, age 76, formerly of Independence, died June 20, 2020, at her home in Fort Worth, TX.

A memorial celebration will be held from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020 at the Booth Hotel, 201 W. Main

St., Independence.

The Zach Webb Family Funeral Service of Independence is handling arrangements.

Gary Seller

INDEPENDENCE — Gary Seller, age 73, of Independence died Saturday, June 27, 2020, at his home.

Services are pending under the direction of the Zach Webb Family Funeral Service of Independence.

Robert K. Scovel

INDEPENDENCE — Retired Independence attorney Robert K. Scovel, age 89, died Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Eagle Estates in his hometown of Independence.

Family visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 8 at Webb & Rodrick Funeral Home from 5-7 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, July 9 at the First United Presbyterian Church of Independence.

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Ann had a love for gardening, canning, sewing, knitting, camping, and traveling. She had a creative spirit, was talented and looked forward to the next challenge or adventure. Tent camping was practically a luxury vacation with Ann. She could cook anything on a stick, in a can or wrapped in foil. She loved all things natural and wanted to pass that along to her children and grandchildren.

A honking car horn had a meaning of its own for her grandchildren. It brought a giddy excitement and joy and you knew Neen was doing a drive by throwing candy and coins into the yard. Neen was the only person that could make a station wagon cool by going faster over street dips for whoopsey dos. Now Gordon knows why so many alignments.

Gordon and Ann retired early in life and took to the road on motorcycles. They traveled with a custom-made dog box and their beloved dog Mac. Ann and Gordon saw no limits on their motorcycles. Weather only required more gear and the miles were just an opportunity for more memories. Ann and Gordon were besties, a matched set! Later in life camping turned to trailer camping but the road was no stranger to them; they never let time or miles keep them at home. Ann lived life to the fullest with Gordon for 54 years.

Ann passed on June 27, 2020 in her home and is survived by her husband Roscoe Gordon Burrows; five children, Roscoe (Ros) Gordon Burrows II (wife Deanna) of Mannford, Okla., Alan Lee Burrows (wife Nancy) of Coffeyville, Darla Dawn Long (husband Goose) of South Coffeyville, Janet Sue Mayes (husband Windall) of Independence, Nancy Ann McIntire of Houston, Texas. There are 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a sister, Jayne Gwartney of Parsons.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents, Ane Mae (Hatfield) Owens and Calvin Walter Owens of Parsons, and a brother, Charles Walter Owens of Neodesha,

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 3, at Ford-Wulf-Bruns Chapel, 2405 Woodland Ave., Coffeyville, with Harry Hynes Chaplain Keith Springer officiating. Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m., Monday, July 6, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Humbolt, Kan.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, face masks must be worn by all attending either services as well as social distancing. Rather than hugs or handshakes, please extend your sympathies through a phone call, text message or cards in the days to come.

The book will be available to sign on Thursday, July 2, from noon to 5 p.m.

The family suggest donations be made payable to the Alzheimer’s Association; donations may be left in care of the Chapel. Once you make your donation, have a cinnamon roll and think about Ann. To leave an online message of condolence, visit www.fordwulfbrunschapel.com.

Calvin Ann, Ann, Mom, Neen . . . you will be missed.

Hot temps for remainder of week

Montgomery County should brace for hot temperatures for the remainder of the week and into the weekend.

The National Weather Service in Wichita said Wednesday that a high pressure system over the Great Plains will keep temperatures hot, with daytime highs hovering near the century mark and heat indices in the low 100s.

Thursday’s and Friday’s daytime highs will be in the mid- to high-90s with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorm. Nighttime lows will be in the low- to mid-70s.

On Independence Day, look for mostly clear skies with a daytime high of 92 and a nighttime low of 70.

Sunday will see mostly sunny skies with a 20 percent of rain in the afternoon; the high will be in the low 90s with lows in the low 70s.

SPECIAL MEETING
INDEPENDENCE CITY COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JULY 14 ★ 6 p.m.
Independence Civic Center

The City Commission is considering adopting an ordinance that would allow for the retail sale of packaged cereal malt beverages and alcoholic liquor for off-premise consumption on Sundays.

If you have an opinion on this topic, please join us for this Special Commission Meeting. If you are unable to attend, please submit your written comments by July 10, 2020, to KellyP@IndependenceKs.gov, and they will be forwarded to the City Commission.

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Construction crews are on the scene of the burned South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad trestle this week, clearing damaged pilings and beginning the stages of rebuilding the trestle. The trestle is located about one-half mile east of the Independence city limits and spans an unnamed drainage area. *ANDY TAYLOR / MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRONICLE*



The South Kansas and Oklahoma railroad trestle burned in a spectacular fire last Wednesday evening, June 24. *PHOTO COURTESY OF MATT HOOVER*

Caney rec board buys new scoreboard for baseball field

CANEY — Board members of the Caney Valley Recreation Commission took action at its recent monthly June meeting and approved to hire two part-time employees and approved the purchase of a new scoreboard.

Board member Tony Chaffin made a motion to approve part-time employees Tanner Rose and Ryan Liker effective May 13 at minimum wage and not to exceed 30 hours per week. The motion carried 3-0.

A motion was made by Nick Cunningham to approve the purchase of a new scoreboard for the “big boys” baseball field to be ordered after July 1 and to be on the next fiscal year budget not to exceed a price of \$6,500. This motion also passed 3-0.

There was much discus-

sion held concerning the baseball and softball programs and how the season is going in correlation with the phases of COVID-19 restrictions. Also discussed were:

- opening the rec center and when to start offering rentals of the center;
- the board agreed not to host a pickle ball tournament in September and would rather try to host it for Mayfest 2021;
- talked about the approval of the 21st Century After School Grant which USD 436 was able to acquire recently, and how it may affect the current after-school program in place at the Caney Rec Center. Brett Anderson, Caney Rec director, said a meeting is scheduled for June 26 at the board office to discuss this

subject;

- also agreed to acquire bids for a new riding mower to be used at the ball diamonds and bids will be presented at the next board meeting;
- heard from Anderson on updates concerning the junior golf and archery programs.

The meeting was then adjourned. The Caney Valley Recreation Commission board of directors meet monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at the Caney Rec Center, 403 E. First Ave., at 7 p.m.

Board members attending the June meeting were Nick Cunningham, Tony Chaffin, Bubba Matthews, and rec director Brett Anderson. Members absent were Aaron Richey and Travis White.

Justin Doub on honor roll at Cloud County

CONCORDIA, Kan. — Justin Doub of Independence was named to the Cloud County Community College Spring 2020 President’s List.

To be named to the president’s list, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours of college coursework and must have earned a semester grade point average of 3.9-4.0.



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Replacement of burned trestle underway; investigation ongoing

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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Crews are working this week to replace a South Kansas and Oklahoma Railroad trestle that burned in a fire last Wednesday night.

The trestle is considered a total loss. And, the trestle’s loss will mean the SKO Railroad branch from Cherryvale to Catoosa will be closed until the trestle is replaced.

The cost to replace the trestle will be between \$3 million and \$4 million, Montgomery County commissioners learned Thursday. The SKO Railroad is self insured and will replace the trestle based on insurance proceeds.

At an emergency meeting of the commission last Thursday, Lee Miller of the Montgomery County Emergency Management Office reported that he had been in communication with representatives of the SKO Railroad and its parent company, Watco Companies of Pittsburgh. The company had crews on site while the trestle was still burning on Wednesday night. The economic impact with the railroad line’s closure will be profound as multiple industries use that line to transport goods, especially to the Port of Catoosa, which serves as an inland marine port, Miller said.

Due of the economic magnitude with the railroad line’s closure and because of various county resources that were expended to extinguish the fire, the Montgomery County Emergency Management Office sought an emergency declaration through the State of Kansas on Thursday. The declaration, which was approved by the county commission allows for the state’s Emergency Operations Center to coordinate resources at the state level for co-

ordinating rail traffic through other rail lines in southeast Kansas. Additionally, the declaration, which has a 60-day timeframe, will allow Montgomery County to be reimbursed for the resources that were used to fight the fire.

Rick Whitson, emergency management director, said he was appreciative of Montgomery County’s mutual aid agreements with other fire departments, which allowed them to respond to the fire. CVR Energy of Coffeyville brought its chemical foam truck to the fire and sprayed about 200 gallons of foam product on the structure.

However, the nature and conditions of the fire — a 450-foot wooden structure with creosote-covered timbers and ties — forced fire-fighters to allow the fire to burn itself out.

The trestle was still smoldering early Thursday morning.

“Basically, it’s similar to trying to put out a hay bale fire,” said Miller. “There’s really nothing you can do except to let it burn itself out.”

The trestle’s age is unknown. However, Miller said that particular railroad line dates back to the days when the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe (ATSF) Railroad built and operated the line.

The trestle is located one-half mile east of the Independence city limits south of county road 4600. It is located due north of the City of Independence sewage treatment plant.

The trestle covers an unnamed drainage gulley that eventually flows into the Verdigris River.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation, Whitson said.

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Hitting the trail to Pawhuska

Almost four dozen trail riders left the Caney Saddle Club arena early Friday morning for the two-day Caney-to-Pawhuska Trail Ride — an annual trek that dates back almost 60 years. The trail riders stopped at Hulah Lake on Friday and then continued onto the Osage Hills State Park on Saturday before arriving in Pawhuska on Sunday. The 59th annual trail ride was sponsored by the Caney Saddle Club.

ANDY TAYLOR / MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRONICLE

Whiskey Creek to be focus of brush clearing, improvement to drainage

BY ANDY TAYLOR
chronicle@taylornews.org

INDEPENDENCE — Removal of brush and accumulated silt along certain portions of Whiskey Creek in Independence may limit potential flooding situations, Independence city commissioners said at their June 25 meeting.

Commissioners agreed to accept a scope of work for the removal of brush, debris and driftwood along certain portions of the Whiskey Creek channel. TranSystems of Independence prepared the scope of work document, which will now be submitted to contractors for bidding.

The Whiskey Creek channel maintenance involves three sections from Pine Street, south to Cherry Street. The sections include Pine Street to Laurel Street, Laurel Street to Walnut Street, and Walnut Street to Cherry Street.

The City of Independence applied \$50,000 to its 2020 budget for the Whiskey Creek channel maintenance.

On a related note, commissioners agreed to have TranSystems to perform the engineering services for Whiskey Creek drainage improvements at Sycamore and 20th streets.

The total project for engineering and construction of the drainage improvements at 20th and Sycamore streets will involve a mixture of city funds and a grant through the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

Also at the June 25 meeting, commissioners accepted a \$35,842 grant from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund (CESF) through the State of Kansas. The grant will be used to purchase two portable ventilators and a training mannequin. The ventilators and mannequin will be used as an ongoing response to the City's COVID-19 efforts.

IN OTHER BUSINESS at the June 25 meeting, city commissioners:

- approved the condemnation of the property at 801 E. Birch as dangerous and unsafe.
- rescinded the condemnation resolution for the properties at 1008 W. Laurel and 1208 N. 6th after the property owners have either cleared the lots or made repairs that passed the City's housing inspection.
- agreed to hold public hearings at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 for the condemnation of the following properties: 800 E. Edison, 816 E. Magnolia, 909 W. Chestnut, 912 W. Laurel, 1020 W. Myrtle, 1214 W. Main, 2009 1/2 N. Penn Ave., 704 W. Main, and 1117 W. Main.

• agreed to a resolution that authorizes the abatement of unhealthy and unsafe exterior conditions for the property at 225 S. 16th. The property has been subject to numerous complaints from neighbors because of the unhealthy and unsafe condition.

The property owner has 20 days from the issuance of the resolution to clean the property.

• signed an agreement with Viking Industrial Painting for the inspection of the clear wells at the City's Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$3,500.

• extended appreciation to longtime municipal judge William "Bill" Kelly upon his retirement after 40 years of service. The municipal judge gavel was passed to Independence attorney Jocelyn Kusiak.

• agreed to close Myrtle Street, from Penn Avenue to Eighth Street, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 25 for the Auto-Rama Car Show as part of Independence's 150th anniversary celebration and the Professional Building's 100th anniversary.

• authorized a car show in the downtown Independence businesses district on the evening of Saturday, July 18 as part of the Shift S3ctor Kansas Airstrip Attack that will be held at the Independence Airport on July 18-19.

• signed a proclamation declaring July 25, 2020 as Independence Sesquicentennial Day and July 4, 2020 through July 4, 2021, as the Year of the Independence Sesquicentennial.

• agreed to update the City's lease with the Independence Gun Club for the construction of a building donated by Woods Lumber Company.

County officials ask citizens to follow Kelly's mask order

The Montgomery County Health Dept. and Office of Emergency Management will continue to respect Gov. Laura Kelly's guidelines, including her latest order relating to the wearing of masks.

Montgomery County officials request citizens to not call 911 dispatch, law enforcement, the Health Department or Emergency Management to report non-compliance. Law enforcement does not

have the authority to enforce this executive order.

Montgomery County officials also request that all citizens abide by the governor's protocols.

"In addition, we continue

to ask residents to exercise caution, including social distancing and avoiding mass gatherings when possible," said Carolyn Muller, county health director. "Use personal hygiene strategies including handwashing, and avoid touching your face. If you feel ill, remain at home and speak to your medical provider as soon as possible."

The Montgomery County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management recommends that everyone living, working, and traveling in Montgomery County continue to follow the Governor's guidelines as a precaution. Persons or organizations that decline to encourage adherence to these guidelines assume the risks and responsibility associated with that decision.

"As Kansans, we must collectively continue to take precautions," said Rick Whit-

son, emergency management director. "State guidance continues to change in response to the overall pandemic situation. The county must also adapt as necessary to the changing environment and attempt to slow the spread of the COVID virus and its effects in these challenging times."

Under the order, most Kansans must wear masks in stores and shops, restaurants, and in any situation in which social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained, including outside. The executive order will be released on Thursday, and will provide specific guidance regarding under what circumstances masks must be worn.

The Kansas Attorney General's Office will work closely with officials in Governor Kelly's administration to ensure that the order complies with Kansas law.

Masks: Kelly to require wearing of facial coverings in public areas

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businesses open, they won't fight this one."

which is dominated by Republican leaders of the Kansas Legislature, cannot revoke the order. That decision must come from a full vote of the Kansas Legislature, which will not reconvene until January 2021.

Asked during her weekly press conference whether the State Finance Council will fight her executive order, Kelly said she was prepared for it.

"This is in the best interests of all Kansans, including their own constituents," said Kelly. "If they are concerned about keeping their

Kelly's order brought an immediate rebuke from her loudest critic: Kansas Senate President Susan Wagle, R-Wichita. Wagle said the statewide order was a "one-size-fits-all order that does not work for our diverse state."

"She's inconsistent in her direction, one day giving authority to local government and the next taking it back, causing total confusion," said Wagle in a press statement.

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Cherryvale Youth Fair begins next week

CHERRYVALE — Despite challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cherryvale Youth Fair will proceed on as it always has to kickstart the summer fair season.

The annual fair will be held July 8-11 at Logan Park. The fair, which traditionally signals the start of summer fairs across the Sunflower State, is known as being “the biggest littlest” fair in Kansas.

Events get underway on Monday, July 6 with a setup of pins at Logan Park at 6 p.m.

On **Wednesday, July 8** events include the poultry show at 9 a.m., a rabbit show at 6 p.m., and entry of indoor exhibits and livestock from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

An exhibitor cookout meal sponsored by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On **Thursday, July 9**, events will include livestock entry from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; indoor exhibit entry from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.; judging of indoor exhibits at noon; auction of youth exhibitor baked goods at 7:30 p.m., steer weigh-in at 7 p.m., and snow cones sponsored by the Montgomery County Farm Bureau from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On **Friday, July 10**, G&W Foods of Cherryavle will hold a breakfast for fair exhibitors, their families and fair sponsors at 8 a.m.

Following the breakfast, a Skillathon contest will be held at the Cherryvale Community Center, two blocks south of Logan Park. Due to Covid-19 and trying to social distance and limit the number of people in the center at one time, this year’s Skillathon will have a new format and a new location. Because all schools have experienced continuous learning, most exhibitors will have

Google email addresses. This year’s Skillathon will be an experiment. It will be on Google classroom. Pencil and paper options will be available but the Chromebook format will be tried for 2020. The Cherryvale Community Center has WiFi service, which is why the Chromebooks will be used at that site. The Chromebooks will be available for use to the entrants.

At the Skillathon, the senior division will start at 9 a.m., intermediates start at 9:30 a.m., and juniors and peewees start at 10 a.m.

Entries for the adult food contest will begin at noon. A silent auction for those adult contest items will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The livestock competition will begin at 5 p.m. with a group picture in the showring, followed by judging at 5:15 p.m. Livestock show order will be dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, dairy, beef and swine.

The Cherryvale FFA Alumni will hold its annual barbeque at Logan Park at 6 p.m.

On **Saturday, July 11**, a bucket calf show will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the release of exhibits and park cleanup. The award presentation and premiums will begin following the park cleanup.

An exhibit swim party will be held from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday, July 12 at the Logan Park Pool. The swim party is sponsored by the Labette Health Cherryvale Clinic.

Proceeds from adult bakeoff to benefit Tara King

The 2020 Cherryvale Youth Fair Adult Food Bakeoff will



Wendie Powell served as a judge during the bucket calf show at the 2019 Cherryvale Youth Fair. The fair allows adults to work with youth exhibitors to perfect their showing skills and demonstrations in preparation for other summer fairs. FILE PHOTO

benefit the family of Tara King. Tara is married to Justin King and is a sister-in-law to Erin Harris, who is among the fair board members.

Categories for the contest include one dozen cookies (undecorated), one dozen cookies (decorated), decorated cake, bread, cake, and pie.

In August 2013, Tara, a Thayer native, was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer. She underwent multiple surgeries and chemotherapy to treat the cancer. In 2015, after battling hard she won and was in total remission.

In July 2019, she underwent a general surgery and was admitted to the hospital and they discovered a tumor in her lung. After multiple radiation and chemotherapy treatment, she found out the cancer had spread to her other lung. With some more radiation and chemotherapy for a few months, she heard news that no one wants to hear. The cancer had spread to her brain in two places. On May 14, 2020, she had surgery to remove the biggest tumor, but unfortunately where it was, they were unable to reach the tumor without complications.

Once Tara awoke from surgery, she lost most function in

her right arm and right leg. She was in the hospital for about a week. Once home she was getting around with help from a walker. After three days she began walking on her own with a leg brace. She will now be going through radiation on her brain tumor and changing chemotherapy to treat lung and brain tumors.



Tara King

Until July 2018, Tara was employed at Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Hospital. She also has worked with her dad at his restaurant, Busters BBQ and Home Cooked Catering, in Neodesha.

Justin, a Cherryvale native, is self-employed and owns JK Fencing. He also is a tree trimmer for Twin Valley Electrical Cooperative.

They are the parents of her 9-year-old son, Taten, who is a fourth grade student at Thayer Elementary School.

The fair board encourages anyone interested to participate by baking or attending the silent auction.

Local students earn academic honors at Kansas State Univ.

MANHATTAN — More than 4,800 Kansas State University students have earned semester honors for their academic performance in the spring 2020 semester.

Students earning a grade point average for the semester of 3.75 or above on at least 12 graded credit hours receive semester honors along with commendations from their deans. The honors also are recorded on their permanent academic records.

- Caney: Sadie Wade
- Cherryvale: Jordan Carinder, Zackery Steed
- Coffeyville: Jackson Stringer
- Havana: Elizabeth Rogers, Sydney Tucker
- Independence: Carly Beurskens, Alexis Clapp, Zane Evans, Madeline Kalivoda, Alexis Palmer, Eric Parker, Danielle Rathbun, Eryn Schnurbusch, Emma Stoner
- Liberty: Abby Ewing

KATHY’S CLASSROOM CHALLENGE

It’s your patriotic duty to test your mind with this U.S. trivia

Kathy’s Classroom Challenge has taken last week and this week to focus on American and Kansas history as we get ready to celebrate our nation’s birthday on July 4. The column will go back to its varied categories of questions and answers next week in the July 9 edition.

QUESTIONS:

American History

1. How many stars does the American flag have?
2. How many stripes does the United States of America flag have?
3. Who preceded Ronald Reagan’s presidency in the U.S.?
4. The second atomic bomb ever used in war-time was dropped on what city?
5. What Kentucky-born U.S. president is honored in the Wrestling Hall of Fame?
6. What U.S. holiday was first observed under its current name on Nov. 11, 1954?
7. In what year did World War II end?
8. Ford’s first Model T automobile was available in what color?
9. Who invented the cotton gin in 1793?
10. What was the name of the U.S. mail service, started in 1860, that used horses and riders?

Kansas History

1. What are sometimes used to do surgery on horses at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine?
2. Where is the largest ball of twine located?
3. In 1881, Kansas was the first state to adopt a constitutional amendment prohibiting what?
4. Omar Knedlik of Coffeyville invented what drink?
5. What’s the name of the famous playwright from Independence who wrote several Broadway productions, including Picnic?
6. What was discovered in 1905 at the University of Kansas?
7. An author lived in Pittsburg, Kansas between 1901 and 1903. He was the author of a regionally well-known story that was later made into a movie by the same name starring John Wayne. He is reported to have been the first American writer to earn one million dollars from his writing. Who is the author, and what is the well-known story?
8. One of the largest towns in the region of Kansas was once burned to the ground to prevent the spread of disease and then burned again, several years later, because

“evil spirits” dwelt there.” What was the name of the town?

9. By 1910, there were 25 glass factories in southeast Kansas area. What brought this industry to this location shortly after 1900?

10. The state’s name comes from a Kansas Indian word “kanza” meaning what?

ANSWERS:

American History

1. Fifty stars.
2. Thirteen stripes.
3. Jimmy Carter.
4. Nagasaki.
5. Abraham Lincoln.
6. Veterans Day.
7. 1945 — we are currently celebrating in 2020 the 75th anniversary of World War II.
8. Black.
9. Eli Whitney - the cotton gin was one of the key inventions of the Industrial Revolution and helped shape the economy of the United States.
10. The Pony Express which transferred mail between Missouri and California on horseback.

Kansas History

1. Waterbeds.
2. Cawker City, Kansas, and the world’s largest ball of twine has a 38-foot circumference, weighing almost 17,000 pounds and still growing.
3. Alcoholic beverages.
4. The ICEE, a slushy ice soft drink.
5. William Inge.
6. Helium gas.
7. The author is Harold Bell Wright who wrote the famous Shepherd of the Hills book which is now embedded as a tourist attraction and historical site near Branson, Mo.
8. Uniontown in Shawnee County, Kansas. Uniontown today is a cemetery where the residents are said to be buried in a mass grave.
9. The abundant availability of natural gas which was the fuel for manufacturing window glass in large quantities, plus the silica brick necessary to line the furnaces and glass sand (silica), crushed limestone, salt cake, soda ash and carbon (all raw materials) and the accessibility of rail transportation. Glass workers were some of the highest paid employees at the time.
10. South wind. The Native American tribe in the area was called “the people of the south wind.”

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(Left photo) Sidna and Art Small on their wedding day in 1965. (Right photo) Art and Sidna Small on the observance of their 55th wedding anniversary in 2020.



Area couple celebrates 55th anniversary

NEODESHA — Art and Sidna Small of Neodesha celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 27.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, no large celebration will be held. A family celebration

with their sons Rusty and Randy has already been held.

Cards can be sent to them at 15396 6600 Road, Neodesha, KS 66757.



(Left photo) James and LaVerna Huneycutt on the observance of their 64th anniversary in 2020. (Right photo) LaVerna and James Huneycutt on their wedding day on July 4, 1956.

Huneycutts celebrates 64th anniversary

CHERRYVALE — James and LaVerna (Hicks) Huneycutt of rural Cherryvale will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 4, 2020.

Married in 1956 at rural Cherryvale's Hazeldell Southern Baptist Church, the couple farm and are semi-retired from Huneycutt

Construction Co., after 45 years of soil and water conservation work in southeast Kansas. LaVerna was employed for 14 years by National Life Insurance and Ozark National Life Insurance.

Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 66, Cherryvale, KS 67335.

Asphalt, chip and seal contractors announced at commission meeting

INDEPENDENCE — Asphalt and road material contractors for Montgomery County's 2020 hard-surface road improvement plans were approved at Monday's Montgomery County Commission meeting.

Commissioners approved the bids for construction firms to apply asphalt and chip and seal material to various coun-

ty roads during the summer.

Heckert Construction of Pittsburg was awarded the bid for the asphalt projects at \$69.70 per ton. Meanwhile, Circle C Construction of Goddard, Kan., was awarded the bid for chip and seal application at 39 cents per square yard.

The commission also awarded bids to Wright As-

phalt of Dodge City for emulsion oil, which is used in the chip and seal mixture, at \$1.79 per gallon for projects in the Elk City area. Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions of Overland Park, Kan., received the bid at \$1.85 per gallon for chip and seal projects in the Caney and Coffeyville area.

Local legislator to serve on panel to study COVID-19 economic recovery

State Rep. Richard Proehl, R-Parsons, whose district includes portions of eastern Montgomery County, has been named to an interim legislative committee concerning economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

House Speaker Ron Ryckman, R-Olathe, said Proehl will be joined by State Rep. Sean Tarwater, R-Stillwell; State Rep. Marty Long, R-Ulysses; State Rep. Les Mason, R-McPherson; and State Rep. Kristey Williams,

R-Augusta, in reviewing the state's current economic policies and programs; and make recommendations to the legislature regarding the state's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee will be asked to look at taxation, regulatory affairs, business financing, and existing programs offered through the Kansas Department of Labor and Kansas Department of Commerce.



State Rep. Richard Proehl

Coffeyville foundation awarded grant to develop community garden, orchard

COFFEYVILLE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investing \$8,300 for essential community development in the city of Coffeyville.

The Coffeyville Area Community Foundation, a non-profit serving the local community since 2001, will use an \$8,300 Community Facilities Grant to develop vacant lots of land into a community garden and orchard. These sites require small infrastructure improvements to make the project viable. This project will help purchase equipment to maintain proper levels of water and soil and provide security fencing around each property.

Funding for the project was made available through the \$150 million in grants in-

cluded in the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act that President Trump signed into law on June 6, 2019. These grants are to help eligible rural communities continue their recovery from the devastating effects of natural disasters.

Grants may be used for relief in areas affected by Hurricanes Michael and Florence; wildfires in 2018; and other natural disasters where the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided a notice declaring a Major Disaster Declaration and assigned a FEMA disaster recovery (DR) number. Please check the FEMA website for regular updates and names of additional communities that may be added.

Grant applications will be accepted on a continual basis until funds are exhausted.

More than 100 types of projects are eligible for Community Facilities funding. Eligible applicants include municipalities, public bodies, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Native American tribes. Projects must be in eligible rural areas with a population of 20,000 or less.

Emily Wilson earns degree at Washburn

TOPEKA — Washburn University is pleased to announce the students in its spring 2020 graduating class.

More than 600 students completed their courses for associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees.

Emily Wilson of Independence, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

A graduate of Independence High School, Emily is the daughter of John and Sarah Wilson of Independence.

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FCMH offers free parenting classes during July

Four County Mental Health has announced the July Parenting Program schedule which follows. The programs are held at Independence, Four County Mental Health Center-North, 1101 Donald Ave.; at Coffeyville, Four County Mental Health Center, 1601 W. 4th, Prairie Room; Sedan, Four County Mental Health Center, 220 Lee Street; Neodesha, Four County Mental Health Center, 101 S. 8th; Cherryvale, United Methodist Church, 305 W. 3rd, (downstairs); and Fredonia, Four County Mental Health Center, 437 N. 6th, activity room. Call 620-331-3480 to register for the programs at least the day before the class. There is no charge to attend any class.

The following symbols denote special items to the classes:

* means KDHA approved classes for day care providers and foster care licensing.

@ means Connections transportation offered (ask when registering).

% means baby-sitting is available (ask when registering).

1-2-3 Magic Managing Difficult Behavior in Kids 2-12 years: July 29, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-4 p.m. 1 0

Tips to Improve Parenting Skills: July 8, Neodesha, 10-11 a.m.

12 Essential Parenting Skills: July 7, Independence FCMHC, 12-1 p.m.

Active Parenting for Stepfamilies. (6 sessions): Continued from June, July 6, 13, 20, Independence FCMHC, 2-4

p.m.

Activities for Infants and Toddlers – Approaches to Play and Learning: July 23, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

Adolescent Challenges: July 1, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Co-Parenting – Working Towards Cooperative Parenting: July 2, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Digitally Distracted - Parenting in the Age of Technology: July 9, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun, (5 sessions): Continued from June, July 7, 14, 21, 28, Independence FCMHC, 2-4 p.m.

Effective Communication in the Family: July 14, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

Establishing Sleep Routines for Toddlers: July 13, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

General Discipline Techniques: July 29, Fredonia FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

Get in the Feels – Understanding Your Baby's Feelings: July 20, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

Great Beginnings with Preschoolers: July 21, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

Guiding Good Choices, (5 sessions): July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Coffeyville FCMHC 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Helping Kids Cope with Painful Feelings: July 15, Fredonia FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Helping to Prevent Sexual Child Abuse: July 30, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

How to Respond When Your Teen Becomes Violent: July 7, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Kids and Vaping – What Parents Need to Know: July 2, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Let's Talk the Talk – Discussing Risky Behaviors with Your Kids: July 22, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-4 p.m.

Love and Logic: Adults Supporting Youth with Challenging Past, (6 sessions): July 7, 9, 14, 21, 28, Coffeyville FCMHC, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; July 30, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-4 p.m.

Loving Discipline: July 8, Coffeyville FCMHC, 1-3 p.m.

Managing Emotional Mayhem (Conscious Discipline), 5 sessions: July 6, 13, 16, 20, 23, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Parent Education Support Group: July 10, 17, 24, 31, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.; July 15, Coffeyville, 2-3 p.m.

Parenting by Personality: July 22, Neodesha FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Parenting by Praise: July 8, Neodesha, FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Parenting with Love and Logic Way,

6 sessions: July 6, 13, 20, 23, 27, 30, Coffeyville FCMHC, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Positive Parenting with Your Pre-Teen: July 16, Cowley FCMHC Strother Field, Winfield, 10-11 a.m.

Raising Your Grandchild: July 28, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

Teen Dating Violence: July 29, Fredonia FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

The Eight Principles of Attachment Parenting, (2 sessions): July 1, 15, Fredonia FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

The First Years Last Forever: July 16, Coffeyville FCMHC, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Toddlers – Your Plan for the Terrific Twos: July 6, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

Trauma and Toxic Stress: Caregiver Wellbeing Practices for Fostering Re-

silience in Kids: July 9, Independence FCMHC, 2-4 p.m.

Undercover Parents – Apps Parents Need to Know About: July 21, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

Understanding Your Child's Trouble with Focus: July 1, Fredonia FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

When Food Becomes an Obsession for Your Child: July 9, Independence FCMHC, 10-11 a.m.

When Kids Drain Your Energy: July 28, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-4 p.m.

Winning at Parenting: July 14, Coffeyville FCMHC, 2-4 p.m.

Why Can't We Get Along? Teen and Parent Relationships: July 27, Independence FCMHC, 2-3 p.m.

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owned the house at 812 W. 9th but was renting the house to Mooney through his wife (it was later learned that Kennedy's wife and two children had left Coffeyville earlier in the day on March 18, which left the house to be occupied only by Mooney).

Furthermore, Akers alleged that Mooney had conspired with Kennedy to lure Akers and a third teenage girl into the house for what Mooney had initially envisioned to be a sexual foray with several men, fueled by an orgasmic mix of jazz and liquor.

The news of Akers' new allegation shocked Coffeyville . . . and much of the nation. Overnight, society's disdain for the African-American community in Coffeyville became on of sympathy. Meanwhile, the two girls who gained society sympathy's for having been traumatized in a brutal sexual assault, were now thought of being somehow scandalous.

"Whites — not Negroes — were the bedfellows of Julia Mooney and Margaret Akers, Coffeyville high school girls, the night of March 17, the black letter night in the city's history which led up to rioting, mob violence and bloodshed, if prosecutions started by the state are based on justice," reported the Coffeyville Journal of May 29, 1927.

Mooney was arrested on the very day she was to have received her diploma from Coffeyville High School — a detail that didn't garner her any sympathy from the African-American press, which included the Birmingham (Ala.) Reporter. With a massive bold headline, "RAPE CHARGED TO WHITE MEN" on page one, the Birmingham newspaper of June 11, 1927, reported details of Mooney's and Kennedy's arrest. The newspaper reported, "The Mooney girl was to have received her diploma at the high school commencement the night of the morning she was placed in jail. She held her nerves and her flip manner until she heard the jail door clank behind her, and then she lost her temper and began railing at the turnkey."

Because of the racial complexity of the case, multiple prosecutors in the case were involved . . . and with

multiple intents. At the helm was Walter C. Keith, the Coffeyville city attorney and the official prosecutor in the case who had every intention of proving Akers' latest version of the story to a jury.

Another prosecutor who had his fingers in the case was C.W. Mitchell, who was Montgomery County's attorney and had a penchant for being loud, pushy and unethical.

Mitchell's guns-blazing approach was told in an incident in the Coffeyville Morning News in July 1927 in which the Akers' mother recalled a moment when C.W. Mitchell and a jail matron had kidnapped Akers on a Saturday morning after the riot and took her to another house to persuade her to change her story that the assailants were African-American.

Akers was able to slip Mitchell's grip, go to a bathroom and open a window, where she whistled for a neighbor boy to contact the police and Coffeyville mayor and alert them of her location. The police and mayor located Akers and freed her from Mitchell.

Because of Mitchell's erratic actions, Kansas Attorney General Charles B. Griffiths chose to have a personal hand in the prosecution of the case but leave the local handling to Keith.

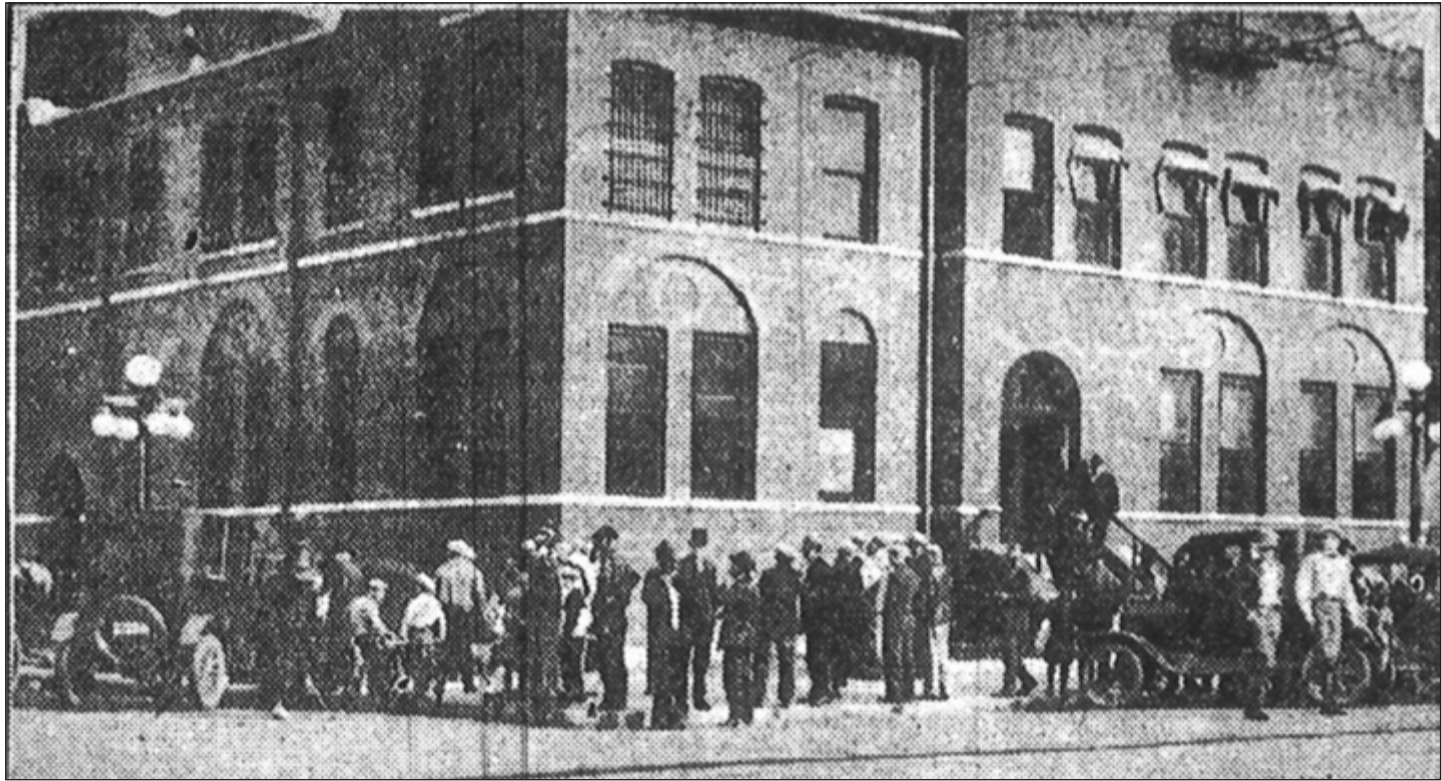
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ing News editorialized that Mitchell should be removed from the prosecution team because of his behavior.

"Unless County Attorney Mitchell is removed from the case speedily, he will do the State's case irreparable harm," opined the Morning News. "The young victim of the attack should be given every protection and assistance in her attempt to reveal who the guilty person or persons are, and not treated as if she is worse than the brute that committed the crime against her."



A photograph from the Kansas City (Mo.) Post newspaper shows the forming of a white mob outside the Coffeyville City Hall at 7th and Union streets on March 19, 1927. The location of the city jail is easy to locate (look for the windows with the iron bars on the second floor). The white mob, according to news accounts, attempted to break into the jail to locate an African-American suspect who was detained — and later freed — for an alleged rape of two, white teenage girls.

Griffiths maintained his post as one of the prosecutors, albeit unsettled and temperamental compared to the other calm-minded attorneys on the prosecution team.

And, the prosecutors were hoping that Akers, whose testimony against Mooney and Akers was critical to the case, would win over the all-male, all-white jury. The story: that Mooney and Ken-

apprised of the Coffeyville riots and eventual trial of Ira Kennedy and Julia Mooney. The NAACP's Coffeyville chapter had raised funds to have Scott serve as an attorney on behalf of the African-American community and seek reparations for the African-American men and businesses who were injured in the March 1927 riots.

When Ira Kennedy and Julia Mooney stood trial (Kennedy was charged with assault while Mooney was charged with being an accessory to a crime) in July 1927, newspapers were quick to believe that both would be acquitted.

That's because the prosecution largely bombed with Akers on the witness stand. How so?

Griffiths, the county prosecutor whose goal was to use Akers' story to win the case, badgered Akers while she was sitting in the witness chair. The badgering and questioning came across that Griffiths didn't believe Akers' own version of her story.

"Some of the statements by County Attorney Mitchell sound more like the statements were coming from defense attorneys than the prosecutor," reported the Coffeyville Morning News. "Statements made by him on the case eclipse anything ever heard in a criminal case."

When the defense rested, Ise quickly put Mooney on the witness stand, where she testified that she had always been telling the truth. She

claimed to have protected Margaret, her younger friend, after they were assaulted in her apartment by three African-American men.

Ise further alleged that Mooney was a victim of a conspiracy between African-American leaders in Coffeyville and detective R.W. Davis, who had been hired by the City of Coffeyville to investigate the case. When White was put on the witness stand, Ise denounced Davis as being a braggart by boasting to sheriff's deputies that "he would get the truth out of the girls" by "taking them to a picture show, 'pet them a little, if necessary,' and then 'take them to a jazz party.'"

The sexual innuendo mortified the jury.

Ise also marched a series of other witnesses to the stand to discredit Akers as an untruthful person because of her constantly changing story during the investigation. Because so many witnesses were called to blow holes in Akers' story, the judge in the case agreed to a demurrer (a demurrer plea allows a court to dismiss an entire action due to insufficient evidence) of Julia Mooney. When the demurrer was granted, Mooney walked free from the courtroom, leaving Kennedy as the lone defendant.

However, Kennedy was able to prove an alibi by having several co-workers from his Wichita automobile firm testify that Kennedy was with them in Wichita the night and morning of the alleged rapes.

the 12-man jury, which deliberated for less than one hour before returning a verdict of not guilty against Kennedy.

The vindicated Kennedy then walked to the jury box and shook the hands of each jury member. He was joined by Mooney, who also thanked the jury in providing a swift not guilty verdict.

And, what about Akers, who was the state's chief witness?

"And, while the two defendants were rejoicing and laughing, and were receiving congratulations right and left in the courtroom, Margaret Akers sat in the hall on the west of the courtroom, weeping as though her heart were broken," reported the Cherryvale Daily Republican of July 20, 1927.

The prosecution team was embarrassed by its performance. It fired the detective, R.W. Davis. And, Coffeyville residents were still unsatisfied that justice was served through Kennedy's not guilty verdict.

Instead, more than 1,000 Coffeyville residents asked Keith to seek a grand jury to thoroughly investigate the alleged rapes. Keith refused.

The case on the Coffeyville rape story was declared closed.

The remaining loose ends were charges of inciting a riot that had been filed against two African-American men: Napoleon Anderson and Herschel Ford. It was Elisha Scott who was able to

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Late Chronicle publisher provided eyewitness account of riot

What is believed to be the only first-hand account of the Coffeyville race riot of 1927 was written by the late H.K. “Skeet” George, the longtime editor and publisher of the Caney Chronicle.

Upon the Kansas centennial in 1961, George wrote a series of columns, “Kansas: I Remember,” that retold the unique stories of his upbringing in southeastern Kansas.

In March 1927, George worked at the Coffeyville Journal as a night shift Linotype operator, while also working at his father’s newspaper in Altamont, Kan. George also owned and operated the Mound Valley Times-Journal in Mound Valley, Kan., until moving to Caney in 1943. He retired in 1970.

George’s recollection of the 1927 riot, as printed in the 1961 “Kansas: I Remember” series, is printed below.

This happened about 1927 at Coffeyville. I was a young Linotype operator on the Coffeyville Journal, working the composing room night shift with one other man, “Dummy” Simmons.

The newspaper plant was next door to the

city hall (now the Coffeyville fire station). My companion and I were getting in our licks on the next day’s paper when I heard a commotion outside. He didn’t, because he was totally deaf.

During the previous night, two high schools girls, left alone in the home of one, related a story on an attack by three Negro youths. Subsequently, the police had arrested two suspects and lodged them in the city hall.

A mob formed outside the combination city hall-fire station-city jail. At first it was composed mostly of high school youths, who seemed to me to be merely in quest of excitement rather than blood.

But there were angry mutterings. The crowd increased. Adults gave it a semblance of leadership and aggressiveness. The mutterings grew into angry shouts. Someone



George

threw a rock to break a city hall window.

Within a few minutes the mob was in action. It was my first and only look at human beings crying for the blood of other human beings. It was my first and only look at Kansas suddenly gone beserk.

It wasn’t long until every window in the City Hall was broken. Police stood their ground at the front door and refused entrance to the mob.

Then, there was a shot. And other shots. Negroes on Union Street and whites on Walnut Street were firing promiscuously.

This boy broke all speed records getting back into the newspaper office and behind a roll of paper. The guy at my heels was “Dummy” Simmons. We could peer over the paper, past the press and out the big east window at the action on Union Street.

After a few minutes, two men came into the office leading a pale and bleeding boy — a printer’s apprentice who worked with us on the Journal. He had been shot through the hand.

We took him to the Southeast Kansas Hospital. Half of his hand was amputated imme-

diately.

We returned to the scene of action just in time to see the Coffeyville National guard in battle dress march down Walnut Street. Martial law had been declared.

Here was authority — the kind that made an impression even on men gone mad. The commanding officer ordered the crowd to disperse. Any congregation of two or more persons on the streets was prohibited. There was to be no loitering in the vicinity of city hall. The mob dispersed meekly. The crowd went home.

Little did the mob know that the Negroes, who eventually proved their innocence, had been whisked out of the jail building in a fire truck after a false fire alarm and reposed in the county jail at Independence during most of the time the mob was breaking windows and firing into Union Street.

It was a costly lesson in the stupidity of mob action — a lesson that must have made a lasting impression on all those who participated in an effort to punish without trial two innocent young men.

Was justice delivered during 1927 race riot, rape trial?

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join forces with Charles Ise in demanding that Montgomery County drop its charges against Anderson and Ford, just as Montgomery County had drop similar charges against 14 white men and women immediately after the March 1927 riot. The charges were eventually dropped.

Although Ford and Anderson were free of criminal charges, they could not collect damages from the injuries they received in the riots (Anderson was shot in the legs; Ford was beaten by the mob). Their civil lawsuit against the City of Coffeyville was defeated in court.

The only settlement that was made in the Coffeyville riot was for William “Willie”

Waddell, a printer’s apprentice at the Coffeyville Journal who was shot in the hand while fleeing the gunfire in the riots. The gunfire led the amputation of three fingers, leaving him unable to continue his early career as a newspaper printer.

After almost 100 years lost and buried in the archives of Coffeyville history, the story of the 1927 race riot

was unearthed by Geoffrey Newman, a doctoral candidate in American studies at the University of Kansas, when he detailed the history of the event in the autumn 2018 issue of “Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains.” The extensive article chronicles the role of the NAACP, and particularly Topeka attorney Elisha Scott, in its early-day activities

among the African-American community in Coffeyville.

Coffeyville was one of a half dozen Kansas cities to have a local NAACP branch, with as many as 64 dues-paying members at its height in the early 1920s.

Additionally, Coffeyville was home to a chapter of Marcus Garvey’s United Negro Improvement Association, which required only

seven members to establish a chapter, Newman discovered.

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Church Directory



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, EPISCOPAL: 400 E. Maple, Independence, KS 67301. Telephone: 620-331-4794. Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. on Sundays beginning June 28.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, EPISCOPAL: 702 Osage Street, Neodesha, KS 66757. Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m. on Sundays beginning June 28.

NEW LIFE BAPTIST CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE: Jason Sperling, pastor. 2515 S. 10th, Independence, Kan. Discipleship Classes, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Celebration Service, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 6 p.m. *Free Clothing Closet every third Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon.* Information on our New Life Groups at NLBindy.org. Email: NLBindy@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook at NewLifeBaptistIndependenceKansas. Church phone: (620) 332-6802.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE: 220 S. Penn. Ave, Independence, KS. Todd Reeder, senior pastor. Jeremy Alford, family pastor. Sunday Worship Services, 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. (available for all ages) Wednesday Community Meal, 5:45 p.m., Children/Youth Activities, 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact us at 620-331-6290 or visit our website at fbionline.org.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF CANEY: Brad Sanders, pastor. 900 S. Ridgeway, Caney, KS. (620) 879-5220. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 10:40 a.m.; Sunday Night Service (during summer), 6:30 p.m.

CHERRYVALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Micah Booe, minister. 319 E. Main, Cherryvale, Kan. (620) 336-2533. Free coffee and doughnuts on Sunday mornings, 10:15 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday evening 6:30 p.m. Student Service. Love God, Love People, Serve the World. Go to www.cherryvalechristian.org.

CROSS POINT BAPTIST CHURCH OF CANEY: Joshua Eaton, pastor. South 75 Highway, Caney, KS (620) 879-2839. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Website: crosspointcaney.com.

COFFEYVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST: Gordon Willhite, pastor. 906 Elm Street, Coffeyville, KS. (620) 251-1710. Sunday Church at Study, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Church at Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Church mission: Community-wide breakfast last Saturday of every month, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Game Day on Mondays, 1 p.m.

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE: Trevor Darr, pastor. 918 W. Chestnut, Independence, KS. (620) 331-3810. www.fsb independence.com. SERVICES: Sunday Morning Bible Study for all ages, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Imprint Children’s Ministry, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

CANEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: James Humphrey, pastor. 407 N. Spring, Caney, KS. 620-879-2101. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. For events see our Facebook page and Instagram.

CHERRYVALE CHURCH OF CHRIST: Stan Bryan, minister. North Hwy. 169, Cherryvale, KS. (620) 336-3948. Sunday Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Preaching, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHERRYVALE: Tommy Duncan, pastor. 717 E. 6th, Cherryvale, Kan. (620) 336-3504. Website: www.fsbcherryvaleks.com. Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Night Bible Study & Youth, 6 p.m.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL: 10th and Magnolia streets, Independence, Kan. Rev. Kevin Peterson, pastor. We strive to be a Christ centered caring congregation prayerfully and faithfully teaching, preaching and sharing the true word of God in a joyful manner. If you do not have a church home we welcome you to come and worship with us. Services are each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Church services can be heard at 10:30 a.m. on KBIK (102.9 FM). To obtain a worship service bulletin, contact the church office 620-332-3300 or zionoffice@cablone.net.

WAYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Jerry D. Davidson, minister. (620) 778-6575. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Church, 11 a.m. Mailing address for the church: Wayside Christian Church, 508 S. Spring, Caney, KS 67333.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH: Scott Wittenberg, pastor, (580) 395-0221. 108 N. Bradley, Caney, KS, (620) 879-5604. Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Church, 10 a.m.

TYRO CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Brian Ingalls, minister. P.O. Box 307, Tyro, KS; (620) 289-4433. Service Times: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wednesday Youth Classes, 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE: 200 S. Penn, Independence, KS. Rev. Earl J. Haggard, pastor. Sunday services: “Chapel Service” (casual) at 8:30 a.m., Gault Chapel; “Wings of Worship” (contemporary) at 10:35 a.m., Wesley Center; and “Sanctuary Service” at 11 a.m. (traditional); Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m., nursery available. Youth meets Sundays at 4 p.m. Worship televised on Ch. 10 at 2 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Thursdays.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH: Fr. Robert Spencer, priest. 303 N. Hooker, Caney, KS. Sunday Mass, 11 a.m.; Weekday Masses on Monday, 8 a.m.; Confessions are before Mass; CCD/PSR Classes on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; Altar Society, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP REGIONAL CHURCH OF CANEY: 100 E. 4th Street, Caney, KS. Sunday Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

CANEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Rev. Stan Basler, pastor. 114 N. High, Caney, KS. (620) 879-2648. Caney United Methodist Church: where God, tradition and community intersect. Worship begins at 10:45 a.m. which follows Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Community meal open to all on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Come be a part of living out God’s mission. Reach out and transform lives by sharing Christ’s love. You matter to God, and you matter to us.

COFFEYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: 300 W. 9th Street (corner of 9th & Willow), Coffeyville, KS. Pastor Dick Smith. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Services, 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Adult Bible Study, Office “Ivy Room”, 6:30 p.m.; Youth, “R.C.” Kids, Main Church Social Hall, 6:30 p.m. Phone: (620) 251-3980; www.coffeyvillefbc.com.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHERRYVALE: Fourth and Montgomery streets, Cherryvale, KS. (620) 336-2440. Sunday School (all ages), 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Youth Group on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

LIBERTY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Bill Booe, pastor. Sunday morning service, 9 a.m. (nursery available); Identity Youth Group, 6 p.m., Sunday; Wednesday Craft Group 1 p.m.; Choir practice, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. P.O. Box 175, Liberty, KS 67351. Call (620) 330-3432. See more information on our Facebook page @ Liberty Methodist Church-Kansas.

CHERRYVALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: 305 W. Third, Cherryvale, Kan. (620) 336-2375. Pastor Susan Knewtson. Worship 11:00 a.m., Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m. Preschool is open from September to April. Nursery is available every Sunday.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH: Father Zachary Pinaire. 202 S. Liberty, Cherryvale, KS. Parish Hall: (620) 336-2599. All mail and calls to St. Andrew Parish in Independence, KS: (620) 331-1789. Sunday Mass, 8 a.m.

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: Come worship with us. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts served. Sunday worship services begin at 10:30 a.m. George Rau, pastor. Call 541-403-1740. Find Hope in Christ Jesus at New Hope Christian Church, 908 E. 4th, Cherryvale.

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY OF CHRIST: three miles north of Dearing at the corner of county roads 3900 and 2600. Pastors are Melissa McIntosh. Leslie Brooks, and Johnna Hugo. Church school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. Crossroads is a welcoming congregation to all races, genders and orientations. Phone 620-331-9294.

HOPE CHURCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD, CANEY: George Varghese, pastor, 301 N. McGee, Caney, KS (417) 259-1290. Sunday Morning Worship, 10 a.m.; Children’s Church during Sunday Morning Worship; Wednesday Service and Wednesday Youth Meeting, 6:30 p.m; Ladies Fellowship & Fitness, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Men’s Fellowship & Fitness, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF INDEPENDENCE: John P. Wilson, pastor. 201 S. 5th Street, Independence, KS (620) 331-0241 Worship hours are: 10:00 a.m. – June through August, 10:45 a.m. September through May Children’s Sunday School class meets during Worship services For Church news, activities, and calendar visit our website at <http://fpc-indy-ks.org> or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/lizsmithmoore2/> Our church e-mail address is indyres@sbcbglobal.net and our mailing address is P.O. Box 612. Our Office is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Newman discovered that Coffeyville is no different than Tulsa. Both towns sustained a high degree of “historical amnesia” after the communities experienced bloodshed due to racial tensions.

While Tulsa has begun to come to grips with its history, Coffeyville continues to suffer from a lack of information and knowledge about the events of 1927, he noted.

Coffeyville — known as the community that stopped the Dalton gang in 1892 — has no identifiable connection to the events of 1927. Instead, it’s as if the story of the 1927 riots simply disappeared.

That’s why you won’t find a file at the Coffeyville Public Library about the Coffeyville riots, the local museum has no photographs or newspaper clippings of the event, and no signs have been erected to denote where the riots began and ended.

That’s a shame, Newman noted in a podcast with the Kansas State Historical Society regarding his research into the 1927 Coffeyville riot.

“Coffeyville has lost the chance . . . and perhaps possibly should pursue the chance . . . of memorializing this particular example of armed resistance in the black freedom struggle,” he said.

Additionally, history continues to neglect another injustice in the 1927 events: although the exact facts remain unknown, one or two young high school girls were sexually assaulted in a brutal and violent way. And, no one was ever convicted in those assaults.

“The lack of justice in the rape trial of 1927 resonates with sexual assaults even today,” Newman said.



The cost to have your church listed in this advertisement is \$10 per month. To have your church listed, call Emalee Mikel, ad director for the Montgomery County Chronicle, at 1-800-592-7606.



The children at Melander Daycare in Caney have never stepped foot in a log cabin, nor experienced a lesson in a one-room country school. But, that’s what they learned last Friday when they visited the Little House on the Prairie Museum between Caney and Independence. The Montgomery County Chronicle photographed the kids with their frontier school teacher, Rhonda Stephens, in an artistic photograph that is reminiscent of the early-day pioneer pictures: kids are arranged in height (shortest to tallest) and pose without smiles. The kids had a great time trying to get their photo taken in a style reminiscent of the 1870s.

21st century kids *in a* 19th century world

Little House on the Prairie Museum continues to offer a glimpse into the frontier life



(Center left photo: After a lesson in the Sunny Side School, Melander Daycare kids gave an appreciative hug to their teacher and frontier re-enactor Rhonda Stephens. (Center right photo) For all of the Melander Daycare kids, a trip to the Little House on the Prairie Museum was the first time for the youngsters to be in a one-room school without computers, air conditioning or comfortable desks.



With old-fashioned bonnets and hats firmly affixed to their heads, Melander Daycare kids enjoyed a rare treat: using chalk to write on an authentic chalkboard at the Sunny Side School at the Little House on the Prairie Museum. The museum, located between Caney and Independence on U.S. 75 highway, is open each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PHOTOS BY ANDY TAYLOR



A constant task on the dusty frontier: sweeping the wood-planked floors inside the log cabin.

DATEBOOK

THURSDAY JULY 2

• The Coffeyville School District - Child Nutrition Dept., and Liberty Fruit are sponsoring a give away of large boxes of produce and limited dairy to the community every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The distribution, while supplies last, will be held curbside beside the Nado Cafe, 606 Cherokee, Coffeyville. The boxes will be available for anyone who chooses to pick one up on designated days, regardless of income, and you do not have to reside in Coffeyville or have a child in-district to qualify. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/libertyhfruitcompany/> for detailed information.

FRIDAY JULY 3

• Most federal and state offices, including the U.S. Postal Service, will be closed today in observance of the 4th of July holiday.

SATURDAY JULY 4

• Fourth of July holiday — Happy Independence Day, America!
• Independence will kick off its sesquicentennial celebration at Riverside Park with a band concert at 7 p.m. in the Hille Band Shell along with the reading of the Independence Sesquicentennial Proclamation. A huge fireworks show will begin at 9:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend these events. (See detailed story found elsewhere in this issue).

MONDAY JULY 6

• Montgomery County Commission will meet at 9 a.m., in the lower level of the Montgomery County Judicial Center in Independence.
• Independence Community College trustees will hold a special meeting via Zoom at 7 p.m.
• The Cherryvale City Council will meet at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room at City Hall.

TUESDAY JULY 7

• The Trail Writers will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. in the Cherryvale Public Library.
• Cherryvale Youth Fair begins at Logan Park. See story on page 8.
• The Coffeyville Farmers' Market will held today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the southeast corner of parking lot behind Lanings in downtown Coffeyville. Market can be seen from 11th and Patterson. Vendors are wanted for the market. Call Lisa at 620-251-2145 for questions or to sign up as a vendor.
• The Independence Mid-Continent Band will perform a concert every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m., at the Hille Band

Shell in Riverside Park. The public is invited to attend this free event.
• City of Independence Recycling and Large Debris and Junk Drop Off is held every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sanitation Yard, 21st and Maple.

THURSDAY JULY 9

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• Cherryvale Youth Fair continues at Logan Park. See story on page 8.

FRIDAY JULY 10

• Free outdoor movie night, sponsored by the Midland Theater Foundation, Coffeyville's Reawakening, Community State Bank and Coffeyville Resources, 8th and Elm, bring lawn chairs for seating. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, or bring your own. Show ("The Sandlot") starts 8:30-9 p.m., please respect social distancing.
• The Independence High School Class of 2020 will hold its graduation commencement ceremony at 8 p.m., Shulthis Stadium. Rain date is set for Saturday, July 11, 9 a.m. (See detailed story found elsewhere in this issue).
• Cherryvale Youth Fair continues at Logan Park. See story on page 8.

SATURDAY JULY 11

• Caney Valley High School will hold its CVHS commencement at 9:30 a.m., at the CVHS Stadium.
• The Coffeyville Farmers' Market will held today from 7 to 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of parking lot behind Lanings in downtown Coffeyville. Market can be seen from 11th and Patterson. Vendors are wanted for the market. Call Lisa at 620-251-2145 for questions or to sign up as a vendor.
• Independence Farmers' Market is held every Saturday from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m., Chestnut and 8th streets. Lots of varied produce and crafts available for sale.
• Friends of the Riverside Park and Zoo (FORPAZ) will be offering free rides and mini golf at Riverside Park, Independence, from 1 to 8:30 p.m. A free movie will also be presented in the oval after sunset.

Coffeyville's Summer Celebration set for July 11 at city park

COFFEYVILLE — The Coffeyville Summer Celebration will proceed as planned with a massive celebration and fireworks show on Saturday, July 11 at Walter Johnson Park.
Daytime events include a 5K run and one-mile fun run, a car show (as well as kiddie car show), the Coffeyville Community College Athletic Department's Quack Clash duck race, numerous vendors, kids' games, and more.
Evening entertainment include concerts by the Backroads Band and Retro Rockerz, followed by one of the region's largest fireworks displays.
For more information, contact Gail Smith at (620) 252-8688, Mike Bradley at (620) 988-0038, and Andy Duncan at (620) 515-1089.

Independence resident earns doctoral degree

Jennifer Lynn Jabben of Independence graduated with a doctorate degree in pharmacy at St. Louis (Mo.) College of Pharmacy (STLCOP).
Due to COVID-19 the college delayed the 152nd commencement ceremony to be held on Sept 5, 2020.
While at STLCOP, Jabben was actively involved on the executive boards of many local and professional organizations. She was one of two students in the nation to be selected for a corporate internship with Walgreens. There she assisted the specialty pharmacy operations team with the pilot of Feel More Like You, an oncology program launched nationwide.
In addition, she received the Global Scholar Award for her efforts with Habitat Humanity in Romania and publication with International Pharmaceutical Federation at World Congress while studying in Portugal.
Dr. Jabben recently moved to Jackson, Miss., to complete a post graduate year of residency. She will work at St. Dominic's Hospital and Walgreen's specialty pharmacy settings. Jabben will also receive a teaching certificate though Ole Miss and travel to Peru for a medical mission trip in 2021.



Jabben

County board hears about COVID-19 response at CRMC, Class LTD

Montgomery County's COVID-19 total now reaches 40

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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INDEPENDENCE — Rick Whitson, Montgomery County emergency management director, said on Monday that the county's COVID-19 caseload reached 40 as of 9 a.m. Monday.
That number now means Montgomery County has doubled its caseload in only three weeks.
"For a period of 35 consecutive days, we stood at 20 cases, but once the economy

started to reopen, we saw the number quickly rise," said Whitson at Monday's county commission meeting. "The lesson is simple: we want people to follow the guidelines: mass gatherings are one of the causes of this increase. All of us have to do our part to limit the potential spread of COVID-19 by social distancing. I also believe that there will likely will be more cases as we conduct more contact tracing."
Whitson said if the local infection numbers continue to climb at an alarming rate, he and the county commission may have to revisit the county's social distancing and mass gathering guidelines.

On a note related to COVID-19, county commissioners heard from Brian Lawrence, Coffeyville Regional Medical Center chief executive officer, about the impact that the infection increase has had on the local hospital. He said CRMC has been treating COVID-19 patients in the past week.
A COVID-19 command team has met daily since early March to address how CRMC would treat and handle positive virus cases, Lawrence said. Staff training and medical protocols are constantly addressed, and additional resources and equipment needs are evaluated on a daily basis, he emphasized.

He also said CRMC was planning ahead by not only meeting the needs of existing virus cases but also in meeting the anticipated uptick in cases during the fall months, which is when a second wave of COVID-19 is projected to occur.
"CRMC is ready and prepared to deal with this, not only for COVID-19 but also other diseases," said Lawrence.
Also speaking at Monday's meeting was Scott Thompson, who is president of Class LTD, which is a multi-county organization that provides resources and training for people with disabilities.
The COVID-19 pandemic

has caused Class LTD to shut down the daytime services it provides to many clients. Thats because many Class LTD clients have chronic, underlying medical conditions that make them susceptible to being ill during a pandemic.
The postponement of those day services has caused a loss of revenue, which impacts the organization's bottom line, Thompson said. That revenue loss comes at a time when the organization has also been required to order more medical equipment, such as personal protective gear, for staff and clients.
"We spent \$9,000 beyond our allowed budget for medical equipment and gear," said Thompson. "So, this was something for which we had no control."

Class LTD currently provides case management in Montgomery County to 87 individuals: 72 adults and 15 children.
Class LTD receives an allotment each year through the Montgomery County budget. For fiscal 2020, Class LTD will receive \$48,000, which is equivalent to 0.14 mills of the county's total budget.
Thompson asked for continuation or an increase in that an annual allotment.
He also noted the Kansas Legislature during its 2020 session approved a 5 percent rate increase for providers of developmental services. However, that increase was rescinded by Gov. Laura Kelly last Thursday, leaving Class LTD with a shortfall of more than \$305,000.



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For these things, we simply say, "Happy birthday, America."

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Area beekeepers to hold meeting on July 9 in Indy

INDEPENDENCE — The Montgomery County Beekeepers Association will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 9 at the St. Andrew Parish Center, 414 E. Myrtle, in Independence (enter the door on the south side).
Social distancing will be in effect and wearing masks is encouraged.
Cecil Sweeney and Joli Winer of Spring Hill, Kan., will present the program on hive inspection. Joli and Cecil are members of Kansas Honey Producers and Northeast Kansas Beekeepers Association. They are owners of Heartland Honey and Beekeeping Supply in Spring Hill and currently have around 100 colonies of bees.
This program should be of great interest to those new to beekeeping as they will give information on what to look for when checking their bees. Seasoned beekeepers may also learn new ideas and different ways of working with bees. There will also be time during the meeting for questions and answers so that anyone needing information can get their questions answered by seasoned beekeepers.

A door prize, courtesy of Jordy's Honey in Lenexa, Kan., will be given. As always, the meetings are open

to the public. The group welcomes all beekeepers and anyone interested in bees to come see what the organization is about.
For more information call 620-331-9394, 620-423-4281, 620-515-3977, 620-249-4864, or 620-331-6847.

Ramps now open at U.S. 169-160

On Tuesday, June 30, the Kansas Department of Transportation opened three ramps to traffic at the U.S. 169/U.S. 160 interchange in Montgomery County.
The fourth ramp, connecting southbound U.S. 169 to westbound U.S. 160, remains under construction. The signed state detour for southbound U.S. 169 traffic uses U.S. 400 west to U.S. 75, and U.S. 75 south to U.S. 160 at Independence.
KDOT started construction in April 2019 to convert the intersection at the north junction to a grade-separated interchange. King's Construction of Oskaloosa is the primary contractor on the \$12 million project.

City of Indy seeks condemnation of collapsing downtown property

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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INDEPENDENCE — Multiple roof collapses of the property at 201 E. Main has forced Independence city commissioners into seeking condemnation of the property.

City commissioners on Tuesday agreed to hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27 concerning the unsafe and dangerous condition of the property.

David Cowan, public safety and code enforcement director, said city crews were told of a possible collapse of the roof on Friday. City employees observed what appeared to be light in the building while they drove past the building. With the help of the Independence Fire Department's Tower truck, city employees were able to discover several parts of the roof has collapsed with a large section along the west wall. City staff consulted two local architects and both felt it necessary to barricade off the building to protect the public.

Cowan said that upon discussing the status of the building, concerns have raised about potentially more collapses to the roof and wall. Any collapse of the west and north walls would likely extend building damage onto sidewalks and city streets, Cowan said.

Mayor Leonhard Caflisch, a retired architect, said he was concerned about the stress points of the building as a result of the partially collapsed roof. Those stress points are unknown, meaning the building's walls are susceptible to collapse because of instability.

Several years ago, the building was sold for \$1 to a local church. The ownership of the building remains under the name of the Family of Christ Church. However, that church has now folded, and the church organizers have relocated to Indiana. Cowan said there have been repeated attempts to contract the church officials, but those contacts have been unsuccessful.

Speaking as the mayor, Caflisch said the public hearing on Aug. 27 will determine what course of action the owners will take in either repairing the building or removing it.

For now, those options must be weighed by the owner, not the City of Independence, he said.

Cowan noted that the size and condition of the building would make it a costly demolition for the City of Independence pursue. Preliminary demolition estimates range from \$60,000 to \$100,000, he said.



Barricades now surround the vacant commercial property at 201 E. Main in downtown Independence after City of Independence crews found multiple collapses of the building's roof. The collapses have now caused stress points on the exterior walls.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

Whittaker to return to Labette County court for hearing in auto theft case

OSWEGO — An Independence man will have a preliminary hearing in August in Labette County for charges related to an 11-mile law enforcement chase in February.

Benjamin R. Whitaker, age 20, of Independence, is charged in Labette County District Court with fleeing and eluding, possession of stolen property (a 2014 Chevrolet Aveo) and interfering with a law enforcement officer, all low-level felonies.

At Whitaker's first appearance last week, Judge Fred W. Johnson set his bond at \$15,000. Whitaker told the judge he wanted to return to Montgomery County so he could testify against the man accused of killing his girlfriend, Kimberly Meeks, age 19. Meeks was shot and killed on Dec. 14, 2019, while walking with Whitaker near Laurel and West Main streets in Independence. Whitaker ran off before police ar-

rived.

Police have indicated that Whittaker was the intended target of that shooting.

On Feb. 18 in Cherryvale, Whitaker and Tyler J. Hale, age 24, of Elk City llegedly stole a 2014 Aveo that was left running while its driver ran into the house to get something. The owner contacted OnStar, the navigation system included with many modern General Motors products, and On-Star gave the owner the car's location. At 5:45 a.m. Feb. 18, a Labette County deputy clocked a car traveling 114 mph eastbound on 24000 Road near Harper Road, according to the Labette County Sheriff's Department. The deputy pursued and the car continued traveling on paved and gravel roads for 11 miles. The car crashed at a T-intersection on 21000 Road at Kiowa Road. The occu-

pants were not at the car and were captured in different locations in the county at different times.

On Thursday, Judge Steve Stockard agreed to reduce Whitaker's bond from \$15,000 to \$5,000. Whitaker's attorney, Alan Brereton, asked for his client to be released on his own recognizance; County Attorney Stephen Jones suggested a \$7,500 bond. The hearing was conducted via the Zoom web-based conferencing application.

Stockard scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for Monday, Aug. 3.

(Editors note: information for this story was shared to the Montgomery County by the Parsons Sun).



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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION

According to K.S.A. 25-209, notice is hereby given that a Primary Election will be held on August 4, 2020. The voting hours will be from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. in all voting precincts within the County of Montgomery.

STATE OF KANSAS)
MONTGOMERY COUNTY)
) ss:

I, CHARLOTTE A. SCOTT SCHMIDT, County Election Officer of the above named county and state have received a certified list of the candidates from the Secretary of State for the respective offices of the National and State, by each of the political parties of the state, hereby published as much thereof as is applicable to this County and have added thereto the names of all persons from whom valid nomination papers or declarations have been filed in the County Election Officer's office, by each of the political parties, to be the same as appears on file in my office.

s/ **Charlotte A. Scott Schmidt**
MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER
(SEAL)

NATIONAL OFFICES

United States Senator

Barbara Bollier, Democratic: 6910 Overhill Road, Mission Hills, KS 66208
Robert Leon Tillman, Democratic: 2802 Beacon Hill, Wichita, KS 67220
Lance Berland, Republican: P.O. Box 161, Chapman, KS 67431
John L. Berman, Republican: PO Box 831, Richland, 99352
Derek C. Ellis, Republican: 5322 NW Jennings Rd, Topeka, KS 66618
Bob Hamilton, Republican: 3597 W 222 St, Bucyrus, KS 66013
Kris Kobach, Republican: P.O. Box 155, Lecompton, KS 66050
David Alan Lindstrom, Republican: 1310 A Westloop, Manhattan, KS 66502
Roger Marshall, Republican: P.O. Box 1588, Great Bend, KS 67530
Brian Matlock, Republican: 512 N. Thompson St., Kansas City, KS 66101
John Miller, Republican: 4812 West 157th St., Overland Park, KS 66224
Steve Roberts, Republican: 9126 Riggs Lane, Overland Park, KS 66212
Gabriel Mark Robles, Republican: 1243 SW Western Ave, Apt. B-18, Topeka, KS 66604

United States Representative - 2nd District:

Michelle De La Isla, Democratic: 3250 SW Briarwood Dr, Topeka, KS 66611
James K. Windholz, Democratic: 1320 Massachusetts St., Lawrence, KS 66044

Jake LaTurner, Republican: PO Box 67177, Topeka, KS 66667
Dennis Taylor, Republican: 3934 S.W. Wanamaker Road, Topeka, KS 66610
Steve Watkins, Republican: 6021 SW 29th St Suite A #150, Topeka, KS 66614

State Senator - 14th District:

Michael A. Fagg, Republican: 1810 Terrace Dr. El Dorado, KS 67042
Bruce Givens, Republican: 1525 Country Club Rd, El Dorado, KS 67042

State Senator - 15th District:

Dan Goddard, Republican: 3420 Mosher Road, Parsons, KS 67357
Virgil Peck, Republican: P.O. Box 299, Havana, KS 67347

State Representative - 7th District:

Richard J. Proehl, Republican: 510 Pine Ridge Road, Parsons, KS 67357

State Representative - 11th District:

Jim Kelly, Republican: 309 South 5th Street, Independence, KS 67301

State Representative - 12th District:

Doug Blex, Republican: 3131 CR 2600, Independence, KS 67301

District Court Judge - District 14 Division 3:

Jeffrey W. Gettler, Republican: P.O. Box 656, Independence, KS 67301

COUNTY OFFICES

County Commissioner District No. 2

Nicholas Eugene McCollam, Republican: 335 Woodrow Rd., Independence, KS 67301

Larry McManus, Republican: 2503 Quail Run PO Box 185, Independence, KS 67301

County Commissioner District No. 3

Fred Brown, Democratic: 105 Timberlane, Coffeyville, KS 67337
Mike Cordray, Republican: 500 Michele Lane, Coffeyville, KS 67337
Gene Tucker, Republican: 2444 CR 4500, Coffeyville, KS 67337

County Clerk:

Charlotte Scott Schmidt, Republican: 4336 CR 4000, Independence, KS 67301

County Treasurer:

Nancy Clubine, Republican: 2501 N. Penn Ave, Independence, KS 67301

County Register of Deeds:

Marilyn Calhoun, Republican: 207 Washita, Coffeyville, KS 67337

County Attorney:

Lisa D. Montgomery, Republican: 2820 N. 8th St., Independence, KS 67301

County Sheriff:

Ron J. Wade, Republican: 204 E. 6th Ave, Caney, KS 67333
Chris V. Williams, Republican: 2203 W. 2nd, Coffeyville, KS 67337

TOWNSHIP OFFICES TRUSTEE & TREASURER

Township Trustee - Caney Township:

No Candidate

Township Treasurer - Caney Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Cherokee Township

Todd Gilstrap, Democratic: 5381 CR 2000, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Township Treasurer - Cherokee Township:

Jackie Gilstrap, Democratic: 5381 CR 2000, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Township Trustee - Cherry Township

No Candidate

Township Treasurer - Cherry Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Drum Creek Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Fawn Creek Township:

No Candidate

Township Treasurer - Fawn Creek Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Independence Township:

No Candidate

Township Treasurer - Independence Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Liberty Township:

Charles Peterson, Republican: 5343 CR 3800, Liberty, KS 67351

Township Treasurer - Liberty Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Louisburg Township :

No Candidate

Township Treasurer - Louisburg Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Parker Township:

Joseph Staudt, Republican: 4362 CR 2400, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Township Treasurer - Parker Township

Mereda Tucker, Republican: 2444 CR 4500, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Township Trustee - Rutland Township:

No Candidate

Township Treasurer - Rutland Township:

No Candidate

Township Trustee - Sycamore Township:

Jacqueline Admas, Republican: 541 Summit PO Box 125, Sycamore, KS 67363

Township Treasurer - Sycamore Township:

Liz Schwatken, Republican: PO Box 159, Independence, KS 67301

Township Trustee - West Cherry Township:

No Candidate

Township Treasurer - West Cherry Township:

No Candidate

Caney City 1st Ward Prec 1 - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Caney City 1st Ward Prec 1 - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Caney City 1st Ward Prec 2 & Exclave A H12 Committeeman:

No Candidate

Caney City 1st Ward Prec 2 & Exclave A H12 Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Caney City 2nd Ward Prec 1 - Committeeman:

Joshua D. Eaton, Republican: 619 N. Wood St., Caney, KS 67333

Caney City 2nd Ward Prec 1 - Committeewoman:

Sherri R. Eaton, Republican: 619 N Wood., Caney, KS 67333

Caney City 3rd Ward Prec 1 - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Caney City 3rd Ward Prec 1 - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Caney City 3rd Ward Prec 2 - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Caney City 3rd Ward Prec 2 - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Caney City 4th Ward Prec 1 - Committeeman:

Ron J. Wade, Republican: 204 E. 6th Ave, Caney, KS 67333

Caney City 4th Ward Prec 1 - Committeewoman:

Amy M. Wade, Republican: 204 E. 6th Ave, Caney, KS 67333

Caney City 4th Ward Prec 2 - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Caney City 4th Ward Prec 2 - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Cherryvale City 1st Ward - Committeeman:

Don Bledsoe, Democratic: 1106 E. Main St., Cherryvale, KS 67335

Cherryvale City 1st Ward - Committeewoman:

Jo Ann C. McDowell, Democratic: 815 E. 4th St., Cherryvale, KS 67335

Cherryvale City 2nd Ward - Committeeman:

James G. Hogben, Republican: 420 N Depot St, Cherryvale, KS 67335

Cherryvale City 2nd Ward - Committeewoman:

Shirley Ann Hogben, Republican: 420 N Depot, Cherryvale, KS 67335

Coffeyville City 1st Precinct - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 1st Precinct - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 2nd Precinct - Committeeman:

Daryl R. Smith, Republican: 405 Penn, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 2nd Precinct - Committeewoman:

Winnie Jackson, Democratic: 407 Penn, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 3rd Precinct - Committeeman:

John Calhoun, Republican: 207 Washita St., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 3rd Precinct - Committeewoman:

Marilyn Calhoun, Republican: 207 Washita St., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 4th Precinct - Committeeman:

Kent Newby, Republican: 809 Lincoln St., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 4th Precinct - Committeewoman:

Susan Newby, Republican: 809 Lincoln St., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 5th Precinct - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 5th Precinct - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 6th Precinct - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 6th Precinct - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 7th Precinct - Committeeman:

John C. Bally, Republican: 606 W. 6th St., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 7th Precinct - Committeewoman:

Lyssa L. Bally, Republican: 606 W. 6th St., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 8th Precinct - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 8th Precinct - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 9th Precinct - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 9th Precinct - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 10th Precinct - Committeeman:

James Jones, Republican: 1820 S. Walnut, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 10th Precinct - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 11th Precinct - Committeeman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 11th Precinct - Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Coffeyville City 12th Precinct - Committeeman:

Kenneth D. Daily, Republican: 412 N. Parkview, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 12th Precinct - Committeewoman:

Carolyn M. Daily, Republican: 412 N. Parkview, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 13th Precinct - Committeeman:

Ronnie L. Akin, Republican: 405 Cheyenne Ave., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Coffeyville City 13th Precinct - Committeewoman"

Carmen L. Winston, Republican: 304 Michele Lane, Coffeyville, KS 67337

Peggy L. Akin, Republican: 405 Cheyenne Ave., Coffeyville, KS 67337

Independence City Ward 1 - 1st Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City Ward 1 - 1st Prec Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Independence City Ward 1 - 2nd Prec Committeeman:

Chad Dunham, Republican: 1214 N Park Blvd, Independence, KS 67301

Independence City Ward 1 - 2nd Prec Committeewoman:

Julie Dunhan, Republican: 1214 N Park Blvd, Independence, KS 67301

Independence City Ward 2 - 1st Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City Ward 2 - 1st Prec Committeewoman

No Candidate

Independence City 2nd Ward - 2nd Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 2nd Ward - 2nd Prec Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Independence City 3rd Ward - 1st Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 3rd Ward - 1st Prec Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Independence City 3rd Ward - 2nd & Exclave Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 3rd Ward - 2nd & Exclave Prec Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Independence City 4th Ward - 1st Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 4th Ward - 1st Prec Committeewoman:

Angela Price, Republican: 208 S. Park Blvd., Independence, KS 67301

Independence City 4th Ward - 2nd Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 4th Ward - 2nd Prec Committeewoman:

Leslie Fox, Democratic: 611 S. 1st St., Independence, KS 67301

Independence City 5th Ward - 1st Prec Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 5th Ward - 1st Prec Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Independence City 5th Ward - 2nd Prec Committeeman:

Kenneth Fecke, Republican: 1101 N. 13th, Independence, KS 67301

Independence City 5th Ward - 2nd Prec Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Independence City 6th Ward - 1st Prec H11 Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 6th Ward - 1st Prec H11 Committeewoman

No Candidate

Independence City 6th Ward - 1st Prec H12 Committeeman:

Keith Confer, Republican: 2301 Gary Ave, Independence, KS 67301

Independence City 6th Ward - 1st Prec H12 Committeewoman:

Colleen Confer, Republican: 2301 Gary Ave, Independence, KS 67301

Independence City 6th Ward - 2nd Prec H11 & H11A Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 6th Ward - 2nd Prec H11 & H11A Committeewoman:

Nancy Clubine, Republican: 2501 N. Penn Ave., Independence, KS 67301

Independence City 6th Ward - 2nd Prec H12 & H12A Committeeman:

No Candidate

Independence City 6th Ward - 2nd Prec H12 & H12A Committeewoman:

No Candidate

Caney Township Havana Precinct Committeeman:

Virgil Peck Jr., Republican: 2647 CR 1700, Havana, KS 67347

Caney Township Havana Precinct Committeewoman:

Carol Sanders, Democratic: 115 Oak Ln, Caney, KS 67333

Tamara Peck, Republican: 2647 CR 1700, Havana, KS 67347

Caney Township Tyro Precinct Committeeman:

Scott Brown, Republican: 1644 CR 2300, Caney, KS 67333

Caney Township Tyro Precinct Committeewoman:

Katrina Gulick, Republican: 1449 CR 2500, Caney, KS 67333

Cherokee Township Precinct Committeeman:

No Candidate

PUBLIC NOTICES

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KAN., SITTING AT COFFEYVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CHRISTOPHER M. ISLE a/k/a CHRIS ISLE, DECEASED
CASE NO. 2019-PR- 49 C

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on the 16th day of June, 2020, a Petition was filed in this Court by Jennifer Meek, Administrator of the Estate of Christopher M. Isle a/k/a Chris Isle, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings, and accounts as Administrator, allowance for attorney’s fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, entitled to the estate of Christopher M. Isle a/k/a Chris Isle, deceased.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of July, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. of said day in said Court in the City of Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

JENNIFER MEEK, PETITIONER

HALL LEVY DeVORE BELL OTT & KRITZ
815 Union, P. O. Box 9
Coffeyville KS 67337
(620) 251-1300
Attorneys for Petitioner

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance to K.S.A. 72-6214 and K.S.A. 1999 Supp. 72-963, Tri-County Special Education Interlocal #607 is information those individuals and/or their legal guardians of its intent to destroy non-essential student records for those individuals who participated in Tri-County services with a date of birth in 1994.
If you are an individual who participated in Tri-County services during this time (and/or are their legal guardian) and wish copies of any or all of these records prior to their destruction, please contact the Tri-County central office at 620-331-6303 or submit a written request to:

Tri-County Special Education Interlocal #607
P.O. Box 668
Independence, Kansas 67301

There will be a charge for postage for those records mailed. This must be prepaid in advance. Letters or contacts for records must be received prior to July 31st, 2020.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KAN., SITTING AT COFFEYVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KEITH O. ELLISON, DECEASED
CASE NO. 2020-PR-18 C

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on June 9, 2020, a petition was filed in this Court by Paula Ellison, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Keith O. Ellison, deceased, dated October 21, 1996, praying for Informal Administration to Admit Will to Probate.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 14, 2020, at 9 o'clock A.M. of said day, in this Court, in the City of Coffeyville, in Montgomery County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

PAULA ELLISON, Petitioner

HALL LEVY DeVORE BELL OTT & KRITZ
815 Union, P. O. Box 9
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(620) 251-1300
Attorneys for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

MEB Loan Trust IV (Plaintiff)
vs.

Marjorie A Barrager, et al., (Defendants)
Case No. 20CV221
K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Montgomery, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 20CV221, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 02:00 PM, on 07/16/2020, at the Main Door of the Courthouse in Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas, Montgomery County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County of Montgomery, State of Kansas, to wit:
THE FOLLOWING REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY AND STATE OF KANSAS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE, SITUATE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS, TO-WIT: LOT 3, BUSH’S SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 2, WHITEMAN’S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS. SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, RESERVATIONS, EASEMENT, COVENANTS, OIL, GAS, OR MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

RON WADE, SHERIFF
Montgomery County, Kan.

Respectfully Submittet By:
Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542
Sara Pelikan, KS # 23624
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12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555, St. Louis, MO 63141
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KAN., SITTING AT COFFEYVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATES OF JACQUELYN M. TROTTER, DECEASED, AND LARRY E. TROTTER, DECEASED
CASE NO. 2020-PR- 1 C

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of June, 2020, a Petition was filed in this Court by David O. Trotter, the Administrator of the Estates of Jacquelyn M. Trotter, deceased and Larry E. Trotter, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of his acts, proceedings, and accounts as Administrator, allowance for attorney’s fees and expenses, determination of the heirs, entitled to the estates of Jacquelyn M. Trotter, deceased and Larry E. Trotter, deceased.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of July, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. of said day in said Court in the City of Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

DAVID O. TROTTER, PETITIONER

HALL LEVY DeVORE BELL OTT & KRITZ
815 Union, P. O. Box 9
Coffeyville KS 67337
(620) 251-1300
Attorneys for Petitioner

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Wayne Bright- Application for a permit to authorize the disposal of saltwater into the Haines-Johnson #3A, located in Montgomery County, Kansas.
TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.
You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Wayne Bright has filed an application to commence the disposal of saltwater into the Arbuckle formation at the Haines-Johnson #3A, located in the N2 N2 S2 N2 Section 33, Township 32 Range 14 East, Montgomery County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 500 psig and a maximum injection rate of 1500 bbls per day.
Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within thirty (30) days from the date of this

publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must state specific reasons why granting the application may cause waste, violate correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.
All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall govern themselves accordingly.

Wayne Bright, Operator
3166 CR 4000
Independence, KS 67301
620-330-2891

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY, KAN., SITTING AT COFFEYVILLE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN W. GILLESPIE, DECEASED
CASE NO. Case No. 2020-PR- 22 C

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on June 25, 2020, a Petition was filed in this Court by Sharon Mann, an heir of John W. Gillespie, deceased, praying for issuance of Letters of Administration.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 28th day of July, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

SHARON MANN, PETITIONER

HALL LEVY DeVORE BELL OTT & KRITZ
815 Union, P. O. Box 9
Coffeyville KS 67337
(620) 251-1300
Attorneys for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KAN., PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MADELINE FAYE VANDER LINDEN, DECEASED
Case No. 20 PR 21-I-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that on June 3, 2020, a Petition For Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Douglas E. Vander Linden, an heir at law of Madeline Faye Vander Linden, deceased.
All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Douglas E. Vander Linden, Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:
THOMAS F. ROBRAHN
SUPREME COURT #14964
206 N. 3rd St.
P.O. Box 44
Burlington, Kansas 66839
Telephone (620) 364-5409
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Tri-County Special Education Interlocal No. 607

Tri-County Special Education Interlocal No. 607 Board of Education will hold its annual reorganizational meeting for the 2020-2021 school year on July 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tri-County Central Office, 2207 N. 10th, Independence, Kansas.

Commission OKs tax incentive to new industry in Dearing

Wood provider Berg Reinvigoration to add two more workers as demand grow, owner says

BY ANDY TAYLOR
chronicle@taylornews.org

INDEPENDENCE — A Dearing-based industry that specializes in wood drying and wood cuts for the construction business was afforded a property tax incentive by the Montgomery County Commission on Monday.

Commissioners agreed to provide a 10-year property tax abatement to Berg Rein-

vigoration, which is located south of Dearing. Berg Rein-vigoration, which started in early 2019, is one of the region’s only saw mills and kiln dryers. The company also produces hardwood lumber for the construction industry, as well as unique wood cuts for woodcrafters and furniture makers.
The company is small, with only 3.5 employees. However,

company president Nate Berg said he anticipates adding two more employees this year due to the company’s continued growth.
“We are growing, even though we had to adapt to COVID-19,” said Berg. “During the months with COVID-19, we had to shift our focus to drying wood. But, the need for lumber seems to continue.”
Berg said his company receives its hardwood logs from harvests in southeast Kansas, northeast Oklaho-

ma and southwest Missouri. The company has partnered with Wichita State University, which uses Berg’s wood wastes as a fuel for a pottery kiln on the WSU campus. However, when WSU closed its campus in March due to COVID-19, the need for that wood waste stopped.
“I’m looking forward to getting our wood waste back to Wichita State University because it is a win-win for everyone,” said Berg.
Trisha Purdon, Montgomery County Action Council director, said Berg Rein-vigoration qualifies for the economic development property tax abatement that is provided to industries in Kansas through the Kansas Board of Tax Appeals. The tax abatement is for the real estate only, because the personal property, including machinery and equipment, already

is exempted from taxation through the State of Kansas’ machinery and equipment exemption program.
A cost-benefit analysis of the Berg Reinvigoration’s property tax abatement proposal showed Montgomery County entities would still collect revenue even with the company’s tax abatement.
Additionally, the company has already seen spin-off benefits with wood sales to local construction companies and building contractors, Purdon said.
“The total amount of property taxes to be exempted over 10 years is about \$25,600,” she said. “That’s not a lot of tax revenue but the additional sales, business activity and employment will obviously mean more revenue in other areas.”

IN OTHER BUSINESS transacted at Monday’s meeting, county commissioners:
• accepted a bid from Sims Fertilizer and Control of Osborne, Kan., for herbicide chemicals in the noxious weed department. The firm submitted a \$3,369.20 bid.
• accepted the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Ram one ton pickup truck at a cost of \$34,380 from Quality Motors of Independence. The truck will be designated for the Montgomery County Public Works Department.
• agreed to a recommendation from Jim Wright, public works director, to seek bids for the purchase of new tires for three motor graders in the Montgomery County Public Works Department.
• agreed to a request from Wright to increase the wages of public works department

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• heard concerns from Coffeyville resident Ron Davis regarding the lack of diversity in various county positions.
Davis said that he was struck by that lack of diversity while visiting the courthouse in recent weeks, during which time he had expressed a desire to campaign for the Montgomery County Commission.

Saying he was a Republican and a supporter of President Donald Trump, Davis encouraged the commission to provide more resources to minorities and lend a voice to minority views on various issues, including economic development.
Davis also said he was concerned about the county’s lack of a digital presence on the internet. Not only does the Montgomery County website not provide enough information about county resources but it does not allow for online payment of property taxes.
“I was rather shocked to learn I couldn’t pay my taxes online,” said Davis, a Coffeyville native who recently returned to his hometown after living in the Dallas, Texas, area.
Davis is a graduate of Coffeyville Community College where he played football. He later had a brief football career in the Canadian and American arena football leagues.



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1. "For the Benefit of All" org.

2. Cheese in red casing

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4. Bad rep

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25. Music to a performer's ears

26. *Fastest growing tissue

27. Popular Japanese dish

28. Orient Express, e.g.

31. Walkie-talkie word

32. *The teeth did it

34. "The ____ have it"

36. *Gut dwellers

38. *One of #36 Down

40. Males

41. Van Gogh's famous flower painting

44. Coffee shops

46. * ____ cavity, a.k.a. mouth

48. Aplomb

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Vision revealed for Coffeyville school campus upgrades

First phase of multi-phase approach to school improvements told at school board meeting

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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COFFEYVILLE — A vision for various physical and structural improvements to USD 445 facilities was unveiled at Monday’s USD 445 Board of Education of meeting.

USD 445 has been unsuccessful for multiple years in gaining passage of a bond election. However, the physical needs of the facilities continue to mount as the school buildings, namely Roosevelt Middle School and Field Kindley High School, near the century mark in age.

Board members were told of a first phase of a multi-phase project that will

address the more pressing needs of those two campuses. Michael Speer, assistant superintendent and business director, walked the board through a process whereby a facility committee, composed of school personnel, crafted a list of needs, using the primary concepts that were the main thrusts in previous bond elections.

“Basically we are restarting from where the previous bond issues left off, but we are not going back to the beginning,” said Speer. “We know what the concerns are and what the needs are. And, the citizens have told us they would not support a tax increase at

this time. So, we’re taking this phase by saying ‘How can we meet the most impressing needs without having to go through another bond election?’”

Among those primary concepts developed by the facility committee:

- Safe, secure entrances at Roosevelt Middle School and Field Kindley High School,
- New physical education/auxiliary gymnasium at Roosevelt Middle School,
- Mechanical, electrical and plumbing upgrades or replacement at both campuses, and
- Accommodations for handicapped accessibility at both campuses.

Speer said money derived from the USD 445 capital outlay fund, which has the potential of assessing no more than eight mills per year for phys-

ical improvements, would be used to pay for these projects.

The first phase of the multi-phase project would take at least 18 months to complete, he noted.

The board took no action on Speer’s presentation but indicated that it would revisit the issue at its July and/or August meetings.

Safe, secure entrances

Preliminary plans call for Roosevelt Middle School to have a ground-level main entrance on the school’s east side, utilizing a now-closed entry area. Once opened as a main entrance, the handicapped-accessible entrance will guide guests and patrons into a secured office area, where admission into the remaining portions of RMS can

only be granted by office staff. Otherwise, all business — including meetings with principals and teachers — would take place in the secured office area. That office area will include offices for principals and secretaries, as well as a conference room.

That office area will occupy the space of two existing classrooms. Speer said the current main offices could easily be transformed into additional classrooms, thereby allowing the school to not lose any classroom areas.

New, extended construction would likely not be required for the outside of the modified RMS entrance on the east side of the school, Speer said. However, the new main entrance would have to include features that makes it obvious that the ground-level entrance will be

the new main entrance for the school, he said.

At Field Kindley High School, new construction would have to be required to make for a safe, secure entrance located on the southwest corner of the school. This is located where the doors to the FKHS Auditorium are now located. The new entrance would flow into a proposed office area where several existing English classes are now located on the west end of the first floor. The new office area will include facilities for school secretaries, principals and a conference area. The office area would include secured doors that would allow students and patrons into the main area of the school but not before checking in with the office staff.

The intent of the secured office entrances is to add an additional layer of security while containing the patron and parent contact to the office area.

The existing main offices will be transformed into additional classroom space.

Other modifications will require relocating a boys’ restroom on the first floor to an area adjacent to the existing girls’ restroom on the same floor. That new boys’ restroom would ultimately take the place of the existing concession stand located to the west of the Stoner-McClure Gymnasium.

What would happen to the existing concession stand?

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New concessions area

Plans call for the south mezzanine level of Stoner-McClure Gymnasium to be transformed into a large-scale concession area and the location for the school’s Store Nado clothing shop. The new concession area would be larger than the existing area and include an area with pub-style tables.

The concession area would complement the Store Nado clothing store that is operated by FKHS business students. The store’s new location to a prime venue at FKHS sporting events would allow for additional sales of Golden Tornado gear and souvenirs, while giving the FKHS entrepreneurial students more resources to market their clothing and other merchandise.

The new concession stand and clothing store will complement several upgrades to the Stoner-McClure Gymnasium, including installation of now ground-level bleachers and replacement of the steel railing that surrounds the mezzanine level.

Additionally, new aesthetic lighting will highlight the Wall of Champions on the gymnasium’s east wall, where the listing of state and league champion athletic teams are now displayed.

Placement of the concession stand and clothing store on the second level mezzanine will meet handicapped accessibility requirements, Speer said.

Additional parking

Plans call for an additional parking lot to be located at the southwest corner of the Field Kindley High School campus. That lot will provide much-needed parking stalls for the school, while also serving as the school’s primary parking lot should the existing parking area between Ise Athletic Field and the FKHS north entrance be eliminated in the future.

New PE/auxiliary gym

The first-phase vision also calls for construction of a physical education gymnasium for Roosevelt Middle School to be built north of the USD 445 Food Service Center. The gymnasium would be used primarily as a physical education classroom. However, with the additional of several rows of seating on one side of the gymnasium, the facility could be used as a competition site for junior varsity, middle school or freshman-level basketball and volleyball games.

“It’s envisioned to have limited seating, perhaps two or three rows of bleachers along one side of the gym,” said Speer.