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## Apartments near refinery being sold; tenants told of plans

Tenants of Coffeyville Village Apartments, Eastside Terrace Apartments to be given six months to one year to find other housing, apartment owner says

COFFEYVILLE — Efforts are underway to assist tenants at a pair of east Coffeyville apartment complexes to locate new housing, Coffeyville city commissioners learned last week.

Speaking at the commission meeting on Sept. 22, Chris Hodges, who owns the Coffeyville Village Apartments and Eastside Terrace Apartments, announced that an unnamed buyer is planning to acquire the two complexes. That means tenants within 50 units of the Coffeyville Village Apartments will have to relocate, as will tenants in the Eastside Terrace Apartments, which are formerly known as the Cleveland Apartments.

Hodges said he will retain ownership of 40 other units at

the Coffeyville Village Apartments.

Because the sale of the properties remains under negotiation, Hodges could not divulge the name of the interested buyer or the plans for the properties.

However, he said that he visited with tenants at both complexes about locating other housing arrangements. Because Coffeyville Village Apartment and Eastside Terrace Apartments are subsidized through a pair of a federal housing programs through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development, many of the tenants will be able to receive vouchers to use at new locations, not only in Coffeyville but also other subsidized housing developments in the United States.

Additionally, Hodges said federal law requires the subsidy programs to remain allocated in the community even after certain housing units are no longer available.

“Both agencies (HUD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development) take very seriously the idea of displacing any resident,” he said. “This is a good thing for Coffeyville because it empowers the tenants to move to a location within the community that is more conducive to the kind of residential environment they deserve.”

Hodges also said an existing housing development, whose name he did not reveal, was working with him to assume many of the tenants that will be displaced from 50 units of the Coffeyville Village Apartments and the Eastside Terrace Apartments.

He said that by retaining 40 other units of the Coffeyville Village Apartments, he will assist in relocating displaced tenants to that location.

Hodges said he conferred with tenants over the past several weeks after rumors swirled throughout the neighborhood of evictions and forced moves. He said those

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## PLANS DISCUSSED FOR MODIFIED ENTRANCE AT CANEY GRADE SCHOOL



Vernal Sturgeon (right), USD 436 maintenance director, confers with USD 436 Board of Education member Aaron Richey (center) and Lincoln Memorial Elementary School principal Cameron Traxson (left) about various needs on the Lincoln School primary playground. School board members toured Lincoln Memorial Elementary School and began discussions about modifying the main entrance to include a secure entrance through the school's main office.

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## Higher construction prices could delay school's entrance project

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CANEY — Fear about rising costs of construction materials and disruptions to supply chains have caused the USD 436 Board of Education to reconsider — at least temporarily — modifications to the main entrance at Lincoln Memorial Elementary School.

At a planning retreat on Monday at the elementary school, board members, school principals and Superintendent Blake Vargas talked about anticipated improvements to the local school campus, with a modified entrance at Lincoln School remaining a high priority.

However, Vargas said a quick examination of construction materials during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has revealed inflated prices. The costs of steel and lumber, as well as many other construction components, have almost doubled during the pandemic. Additionally, supply chains have been disrupted internationally, causing vendors to delay the receiving and shipment of their materials, he said.

Vargas said modifying the school's main entrance to incorporate all foot

traffic through the main office should remain a priority . . . but perhaps at a time when construction costs return to lower levels.

In the meantime, Vargas and the board pursued plans for the modified entrance. On Monday, they examined the east entrance facing First Street, which serves as the main entrance and will continue to be the primary entry point into the school after the modifications to the entrance are made.

Vargas presented several architectural renderings from EMIG and Hauff Associates Architects of Emporia showing various entrance options. Each option has all traffic entering the building flowing through the main office for enhanced security purposes. Additionally, the existing offices will be reconfigured somewhat to accommodate a modified entrance.

Board members also discussed the most pressing classroom needs at Lincoln. Cameron Traxson, Lincoln principal, said the school's preschool class is now located in the largest classroom in the building. However, with 34 total students in the preschool broken into two shifts (18 in the morning, 16 in the afternoon) each day, the classroom is

filled beyond capacity.

The preschool room is located in a classroom that is less than 900 square feet. More current trends indicate that a preschool should have at least 1,200 square feet, said Vargas.

Additional concerns within Lincoln involve storage — or the lack of it. Traxson said classrooms of the 21st century have more items and more resources, which take up space either on the floor or on shelves and closets. He said classroom teachers do their best to keep their resources contained within their rooms, but there are many resources that have to be stored elsewhere in the building.

Board members and school administration toured the school's playground areas and discussed concerns about the need for more protective materials under swing sets, slides and other playground features.

At Caney Valley Jr.-Sr. High School, the most pressing need appears to be an expanded vocational agricultural facility. Plans have been envisioned for constructing a new vocational agriculture facility on the east parking lot of the schools campus. Members

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## Sheriff's tax sale scheduled; this issue contains property listings

Beginning with this issue of the Montgomery County Chronicle (and continuing with the Oct. 8 and 15 issues), the properties that are slated to be sold at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Sales are listed.

The listing of tax sale properties can be found on pages B2-B6.

The tax sale will be held at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 20 at the Independence Civic Center.

Paul Kritz, county counselor, said the properties are placed for public auction due to tax foreclosure. This occurs when a property owner fails to pay the property taxes for three or more years on any parcel of property.

Each listing contains the total tax costs and interest owed by the delinquent property owner. The owner can “redeem” a property by paying the amount owed, including interest, by no later than the day before the tax sale. However, the bid at the sale does *not* have to reach that level in order to be sold, Kritz said.

Special assessments, which are fees attached to a property by a local government, are still subject to be paid by the purchaser of the properties. Kritz advised all potential buyers to do their homework to see if any special assessments or nuisance fees are attached to a property at the time of the tax sale.



The 1,200-pound bell that stands on permanent display on the north side of the Montgomery County Courthouse was forged 120 years ago.

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## Courthouse bell no longer tolls but reveals interesting history

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INDEPENDENCE — A Montgomery County Chronicle reader recently asked, “What is the deal with the bell on the north side of the Montgomery County Courthouse? Does it still work?”

So, with the force of a gong that reverberates with deep resonances from any bell, we found some answers.

And, it didn't take long to find results.

The bell itself is inscribed with the date of its forging at the McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore, Md. The date: July 1890.

The bell sits on a cradle that also was forged from the

McShane Foundry. A slight nudge of the bell on its perch indicates that it is capable of movement. However, years of sedated silence have obviously caused the bell to “settle” in its present state of stagnation.

With a July 1890 date in hand, we narrowed our sleuthing to newspaper pages from the summer of 1890 to find out more about the bell.

The Montgomery County Courthouse that was completed in December 1887 included a large cupola that was designed to hold a clock and a bell. As a gift to Montgomery County, the City of Independence decided to purchase a clock works and bell for placement in the new

courthouse in 1890. The cost: \$5,000. Included in that price were construction of new sidewalks and a stone wall to surround the courthouse property.

Newspapers from that era indicate that the Independence town fathers believed the bell would benefit the town as it would serve as a sound for the start of local schools each morning. It also would serve as the town clock, where its high perch could be seen from many people in the downtown Independence business district.

County commissioners signed a contract with S.O. Ebersole in July 1890 for construction of the bell's rigging, as well as

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**Today's Chuckle**

Democrats called the Republicans hypocrites. Republicans then called Democrats hypocrites. I finally agree with both parties at the same time.



# Independence voters to decide sales tax question

### At general election, City's 1.0% special use sales tax to be considered for 10-year renewal

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**INDEPENDENCE** — When Independence city voters cast their ballots in the upcoming general election, they will also decide the fate of a sales tax renewal proposal. On the ballot will be a special question that asks Independence residents whether to renew a 1.0 percent special use sales tax for various improvements to City facilities will expire in October 2022; renewal of the sales tax question will allow that current 1.0 percent sales tax to continue for an additional 10 years.

By renewing the existing special use sales tax, citizens will not be increasing the local sales tax rate. It will remain the same at 9.5 percent. City manager Kelly Passauer said the current one-cent special use sales tax has been in effect since October 2012. During that

time, the sales tax has been used to make improvements to various street projects (specifically West Main Street, 10th and Chestnut intersection, Penn and Chestnut intersection, Peter Pan Road); mandate handicapped accessibility compliance for city sidewalks; provide upgrades and improvements to Memorial Hall, Independence Dog Park, and Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo; install an emergency alert system; and provide some funding for the first phase of the City Hall renovation project.

Many of those projects will continue if the special use sales tax is renewed for an additional 10 years.

If approved, the renewed sales tax will also dedicate revenue for economic development initiatives, stabilize property taxes and mill levy support, and assist with debt repayment of bonds related to previous and future projects.

What happens if the special use sales tax is not renewed? Chuck Goad, who serves as director of the Independence Economic Development Advisory Board, said city leaders will have no other choice but to shift the tax burden to property taxes, which, he said, will prove unpopular with many residents.

"The responsibility of paying sales taxes is shared among local

### How will Independence's special use sales tax be used?



Independence city residents will be asked whether to renew a 1.0 percent special use sales tax at the upcoming general election. That one-cent sales tax will be dedicated to various programs and projects within the City of Independence. They include:

- 31%** — Debt repayment of bonds related to previous and future major projects.
- 27%** — Street and sidewalk improvements, and more work toward compliance with federal handicapped accessibility laws.
- 25%** — Continued mill levy support.
- 12%** — Continued improvements to Riverside Park and the Ralph Mitchell Zoo, as well as other city-owned facilities.
- 5%** — Economic development initiatives to recruit and retain local employment.

residents, as well as visitors, tourists and those passing through our community," said Goad. "Because Independence continues to evolve as a popular regional destination for shopping, dining and recreation, our base of sales tax payers is significantly broader than just our local residents."

To equate the amount of property taxes, the City of Independence currently collects about \$1.9 million per year in sales tax revenue. The City of Independence also has an assessed valuation (in 2020) of \$47.2 million. One mill will gener-

ate \$47,275 in property tax revenue for the City of Independence. By dividing the sales tax revenue collection (\$1.9 million) by the amount of property tax derived from one mill, the result is 40.825 mills . . . meaning it would take a property tax increase of an additional 40.825 mills to pay for the same programs and projects.

The scale of a property tax hike of 25 mills would be unlikely, considering state budget laws now put a tax cap on many aspects of municipal budgets. So, programs and projects would likely be stripped down, if not entirely eliminated from the city government, if the sales tax question is not renewed, said Passauer.

Although the general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, early voting will be allowed beginning Oct. 14.

The City of Independence has a total sales tax rate of 9.5 percent. The local sales tax is dedicated to four areas:

- 6.9 percent: State of Kansas sales tax,
- 1.0 percent: City general fund support (no expiration),
- 1.0 percent: USD 446 education support (expire 2032), and
- 1.0 percent: Special use sales tax (expires 2022).

## Speakers announced for First Friday

**INDEPENDENCE** — The Independence Chamber of Commerce and the City of Independence invite the community to the next First Friday this Friday, Oct. 2, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Independence Civic Center, 410 N. Penn.

The First Friday event is an informational forum featuring leaders from local businesses, industries, government and timely updates on Independence events and issues. The event is always free and open to the public and includes a light breakfast.

Breakfast Family Medicine will serve as the breakfast sponsor of the First Friday session.

Chuck Goad and Kendall Neill will kick off the speaker lineup with information about importance of continuing the one-cent special use sales tax, set to expire October 2022. Goad and Neill will give facts and figures concerning the one-cent sales tax renewal question that will be decided in the upcoming general election.

The 2020 Neewollah Generalissimo, Janet Demo, will share all the exciting twists Neewollah has planned for this year's festival as it works to create the same spirit of Neewollah that the community is accustoming to, even in the middle of a pandemic.

Wrapping up the slate of speakers will

be Miranda Bruening, an Independence High School graduate, who recently purchased Heckman and Associates, now operating as HBK Architecture and Interiors. Burning will share her vision for growing and diversifying this well-known and well-established Independence business.

In recognition of World Vision Week, the Independence Lions Club will have a Drop-off box located at the entry of the First Friday for persons to donate used eyeglasses.

For more information about First Friday contact the Independence Chamber of Commerce at (620) 331-1890.

## History will come to life in Coffeyville on Friday, Saturday

**COFFEYVILLE** — In lieu of the annual Dalton Defenders Days, history will continue to speak loudly when Coffeyville's historical characters emerge for "The Past Lives On In Coffeyville" on Friday and Saturday in the Downtown Plaza.

This year's event, being held due to the cancellation of the Dalton Defenders Days, will showcase re-enactors telling the stories of their lives and times in Coffeyville. Among the people that will be seen talking about their past will be Wendell Wilkie, Walter Johnson, "Ma" Bender, Pearl Richardson, members of the Dalton Gang, Col. James Coffey, and several others.

Re-enactors will be at the Downtown Plaza from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3.

Coinciding with the historical re-enactments will be The Dancing Eagles, a Native American troupe. The Dancing Eagles will perform from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3 in the Downtown Plaza.

The Dalton Defenders and Coffeyville Museum will be open to the public on both

days. On Saturday, admission for all ages (age 6 and up) will be \$5 per person.

Several other weekend events are scheduled and are free to the public.

The Midland Theatre Foundation will hold an outdoor showing of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 2.

The Midland Theatre Foundation also will show the History Channel documentary "Investigating History: The Dalton Gang Raid" at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3. The documentary was produced in 2004 by Bill Kurtis and includes multiple historical re-enactors from the Coffeyville area.

The documentary is 45 minutes in length and will be shown twice.

The Coffeyville's Reawakenings headquarters at 115 W. 9th will be the site of an indoor rummage sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Midland Theatre Foundation.

## Discovery of 'funny money' yields arrest

**CANEY** — Caney Police Department officers were dispatched to NorthStar Metal Works, 502 N. McGee, on Wednesday, Sept. 23 in reference to a male subject attempting to pass counterfeit money.

Upon arrival, the officer obtained a description of the suspect who was last seen leaving the area on foot.

A short time later, officers were able to locate the suspect at the Sonic Drive-In located at 223 E. Rose, Caney. Upon approaching the suspect, and during the arrest, a worker

at the Sonic Drive-In came out and told the officers that the suspect had just used a counterfeit \$20 dollar bill to purchase his food.



Jareel Dungy

The suspect was identified as Jareel Dungy, age 28, from Independence. It was discovered that Dungy is currently on Community Corrections out of Montgomery County and had an active warrant from Montgomery County for Interference with Law Enforcement.

Officers later conducted a search warrant at 108 E. 4th, which is the Garden Walk

Apartments. During that search of an apartment, officers located approximately \$46,000 in counterfeit \$100s, \$20s, \$10s and \$5s.

During an interview with Dungy, he confessed to passing or attempting to pass counterfeit money at the following stores in Caney within the last 72 hours making the crimes a felony under Kansas law: Dollar General Store, 505 Black Dog Trail; Casey's General Store, 101 N. McGee; North Star Metal Works, 502 N. McGee; Sonic Drive-In, 223 E. Rose; Eggbert's, 610 N. McGee.

Dungy also confessed to a residential burglary and theft in Altoona in Wilson County n which items were stolen from

that home. The Caney Police Department is working with Wilson County Sheriff's Office on that case.

Dungy was transported to the Montgomery County Jail on felony theft by deception and counterfeiting charges.

Officers with the Caney Police Department will be in contact with the U.S. Secret Service today. The U.S. Secret Service handles counterfeiting cases at the federal level. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

The Caney Police Department encourages counterfeiting money immediately to the police department at 620-879-2141.



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— James Corle

## Home N Sight

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## RMS students recognized at monthly event

**COFFEYVILLE** — Roosevelt Middle School honored students for behavior and leadership at the first Good Behavior Assembly of the 2020-21 school year last Wednesday.

- Receiving awards were:
- Most improved 7th grade: Jacob Wilhelm,
  - Most improved 8th grade: Tatum Allen.
  - Hardest worker 7th grade: Tristan McGlothlin,
  - Hardest worker 8th grade: JJ (Jeremy) Mack,
  - Leadership award 7th grade: Bennett Thompson,
  - Leadership award 8th grade: Zyon Robinson-Turner,
  - Citizenship award 7th grade: Dakota Munzert,
  - Citizenship award 8th grade: Lauren Lee,
  - Fine arts award 7th grade: Lenae Ivie,
  - Fine arts award 8th grade: Hailey Head,
  - Athlete award 7th grade: Tiana McCullough,
  - Athlete award 8th grade: Jacob Horner,
  - Student of the month 7th grade: Finian Foraker and Hadassah O'Connor, and
  - Student of the month 8th grade: Sereenth Hanigan and Talyn Mason.

## Old-fashioned front porches are making a comeback

During my growing-up years, my family moved around a lot, 12 places in my first 18 years. The houses all had one thing in common — a front porch at each location.

Then only two miles away was the George home where Kathy's parents also sat on their porch in the evenings.

There was something welcoming about those scenes, and that's apparently what draws people to their porches today as they stay a safe distance from other folks.

**RUDY TAYLOR**



**OFF the Cuff**

Some were really small but a couple of them had big wrap-around porches.

Thanks to the current pandemic, porches are making a comeback. With everyone spending lots of time at home, and taking care of their homesteads better than normal, these small appendages are favorite places for gathering with friends or family.

As I drive through area towns, I admire the houses with these small spaces that give entrance to a front door. Older houses are the best front-porch houses, obviously because they were built before air-conditioning, and therefore needed a place where shade reigned.

When I started dating Kathy in 1962, I would leave my parents' rural home and wave goodbye to them as they sat in a porch swing on our front porch.

Truth be known, most of us would paint an expansive front porch on our modern homes, if only we could. We would add wooden banisters and comfy adirondack chairs or a swing.

Ask a kid to draw a picture of a house and he/she will include a porch on the front. All the beautiful pictures you see on front covers of magazines are porched.

There, we wrote it. Porched.

Back to the pandemic, did you know that people are mowing their lawns more often than during most years?

Yep, same with planting flowers and shrubs. We've all become home bodies, and our places of abode are beneficiaries.



Porch-sitting also adds to neighboring, family conversations and Mayberry moments.

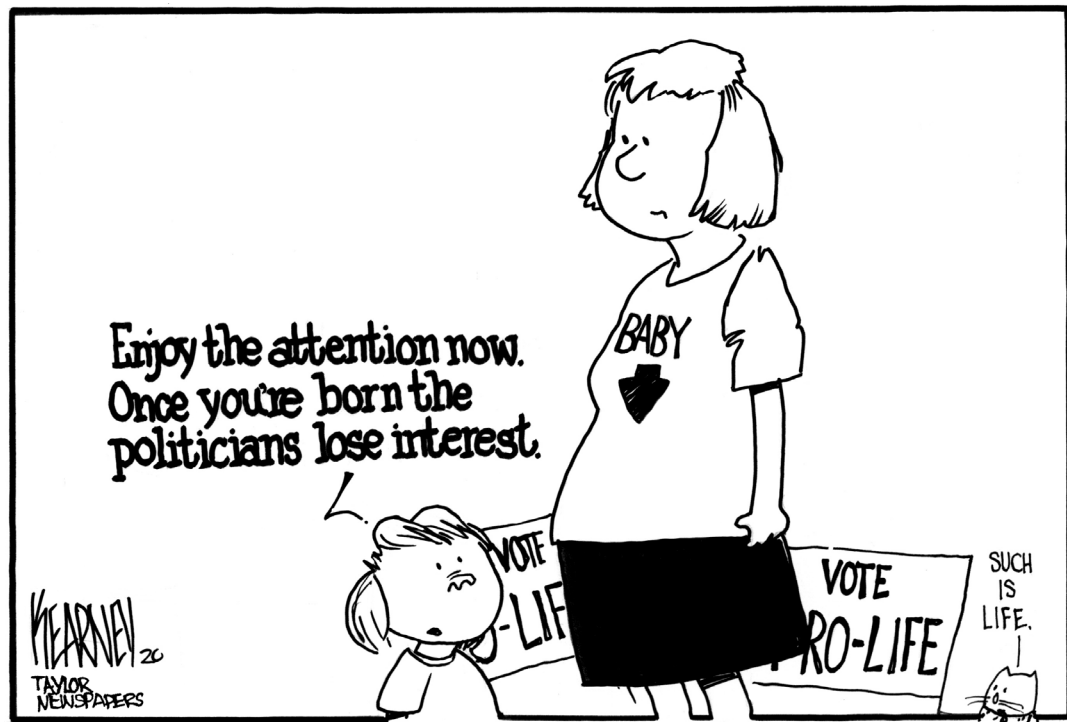
So, we highly recommend this old-fashioned concept of relaxation. Of course, sitting on a patio or deck also counts.

So if you have a choice when choosing a house to buy or rent, look for one with a front porch. Then add the fun stuff where two or more folks can gather.

And if you can't make it happen in reality, just dream your porch into existence.

Your blood pressure will drop and your worries will dash away — at least for a while.

That's a promise.



### OUR THOUGHTS

## Unfounded criticism

Trump's Supreme Court nominee is one for the good side of life

Those bashing President Trump's nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court need to find something other than her Christian views as their reasons for opposing her.

Amy Coney Barrett is already facing cruel criticism for her personal religious life, some fearing her place on the high court will result in overturning Roe vs. Wade and the Affordable Care Act.

That's a stretch, at this point, because she hasn't even gone through the Senate Confirming Hearing which is scheduled for later this month. No doubt, that abrasive exchange with members of the Judiciary Committee will bring out her warts, if she has any. But at this point, Barrett appears to be the consummate candidate to become a SKOTUS associate justice.

Conservatives will come out of the Trump years in office with at least three appointments, and it's possible he will remain in office another four years.

But if the worst thing to be said of Amy Coney Barrett is that she is happily married, the mother of seven children (two were adopted from Haiti and one child has Down Syndrome and special needs); that she is a faithful member of the Catholic Church and quite conservative in her thinking, then her beliefs are in line with those of thousands of Americans.

Anyone living in 1960 can remember when political opponents of John F. Kennedy claimed the Pope in Rome would be running the White House if he got elected. Nothing like that happened, and it is despicable to hear outlandish claims about Barrett just because she professes a strong allegiance to Jesus Christ.

She has already proven herself as a



Seventh U.S. Circuit Court Judge Amy Coney Barrett speaks after U.S. President Donald Trump announced that she will be his nominee to the Supreme Court in the Rose Garden at the White House on Saturday. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

qualified jurist in her role as an appellate court judge, earning Senate confirmation to gain that appointment. So far, Barrett has not brandished her religious beliefs during her public appearances. But her resumé lists her church affiliation, and it includes her added affiliation with "People of Praise," a widely accepted open-church charismatic group.

If her answers during the upcoming confirmation hearings prove her to be a zealot who makes irrational promises to those who appoint her, then fine — she would deserve a no vote. But we predict good things from Amy Coney Barrett during her time on the court, which might well exceed the life expectancies of half the American people.

— Rudy Taylor

## Life's Little Lifesavers

... hearing a wonderful friend's five blessings every day ... as you drive by an elementary school, drive slow so you can hear the children's chirpy voices on the playground ... enjoying a pot of brown pinto beans and cornbread ... when hard work pays off ... an organized workbench in the garage ... apple slices with a bowl of warm caramel sauce for dipping ... the last blooms of summer roses ...

learning a new word and using it in a sentence ... listening to the funny snorts of a nose-blower ... the beauty and care put into handmade quilts ... community and personal resilience ... sometimes we like to wallow in sadness, self pity and being scared, but we must at some point get up, wash our face and attitude then seek to do something positive and get invigorated.

**KATHY TAYLOR**



## PUBLIC FORUM

### Taylor says father's signs do not represent family, business ideals

Editor: I am writing this letter to again address the signs my father, Jim Taylor, Sr., posts on his red truck, which he parks around town, at a busy drive through food establishment, and at his place of business here in Coffeyville.

Unfortunately, many have associated these signs with Taylor Crane & Rigging and myself. It is for this reason, I feel it is important to again remind everyone that my father has never been involved with my business.

I also want to stress to my local clients and the prominent business owners who have contacted me regarding these messages that I am not responsible for what my dad states on these signs, nor do I support what they say. I have taken every opportunity to let others know that these messages do not in any way represent my thoughts or beliefs regarding the individuals or companies listed.

I have addressed this in previous letters to the editor placed in the Coffeyville Journal. And, while as a member of the Coffeyville City Commission, I personally addressed the issues with city staff and fellow commissioners. I understand how upsetting these signs can be for others, as they have impacted me personally. They have culminated in strained relationships with long-time clients and friends. Many of which know he is not involved with my business, but have become so frustrated with him that it impacts their feelings towards myself. I am truly sorry that these signs are continuing to cause trouble for others, but I am at a loss as to how to rectify this situation.

I do not have any control over what my father states on his signs and he feels that it is his right to post them. He does not acknowledge the impact they have on my business or me personally. As a result, I feel I must, once again, remind our community that these signs should reflect on him and him alone.

I appreciate your time and understanding.

**Jim C. Taylor, Jr. Coffeyville, Kan.**

### Taxpayer miffed at county's removal of trees on private land

Editor: About 10-11 months ago I took it upon myself to get a local trackhoe and dozer operator to clear a hedgerow on the north end of my property, for a fence I was about to build.

This project cost several thousand dollars to complete and I was very happy with the job my contractor did for me.

Fast forward to Thursday of last week. After returning home from a trip to Garden City, I could see in the distance a big orange, newer trackhoe cleaning out a fence row just across the road from my place. Upon further investigation I found out this was Montgomery County's public works department equipment! I called the owner of the property and they said all they did was call the county and they showed up promptly and started to work! Not only are they cleaning out the hedgerow about 20 feet into their property, they are pulling the line posts along the way!

Wow! What service the county provides!

Not only did I pay full price to have mine done, I'm paying for part of theirs and numerous other landowners in

the county! This, not only is a burden to the taxpayers but it is taking money from the area dozer and trackhoe operators in the area. In visiting with a county commissioner, he informed me they were doing this for the power company in order to run overhead power lines down the road, because a property owner is building a new house. Either way, the power company or the land owner, should our tax dollars be utilized to take out a tree line for the power company or the landowner's new fence?

This needs to either stop or everyone in Montgomery County needs to line up at the trough and get a little piece of the pie! Better yet, me and a couple other landowners I know need a tax refund for the work we have already had done.

Let's take a closer look at who we are voting into office. They claim they are Republicans but I believe deep down they could have a socialist agenda. I hope in the next election I can say: "Mission Accomplished!"

**Colby Flatt Liberty, Kan.**

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## Frustration into action

Repulsed by presidential debate, Americans should march to the polls

The Great American Clown Show on Tuesday night offered considerable evidence why Americans detest politics ... and resort to hibernation in the autumn months every four years.

The presidential debate offered nothing tangible, other than utter repulsion. Shame on our two-political system for thrusting their nominees into the roles of national embarrassments. Diarrhea and gonorrhea may have garnered more respect on Tuesday night than Trump or Biden. That's how bad our presidential selection process has become. How disgraceful!

Our sentiments are best summed up in the words of retired news broadcaster Dan Rather, who wrote late last night via social media: "Who won and lost tonight in a horse race sense, I don't even want to address. Frankly, I don't give a damn. This was a sad, sad, sad night for this nation that

I love with all my heart. This is a moment to mourn what we have lost, and are in danger of losing. I don't want to hear from the pundits, I want to hear from the people. I want to hug all of you in a warm embrace and say, we can, we must be a helluva lot better than this.

"We need to dig deep into our moral character. We need to look at ourselves in the mirror and into the hearts of our neighbors and fellow citizens. We need to embrace a patriotism that is broad, inclusive, and just. We know bullies. We know when racists refuse to denounce racism. We know when autocrats try to undermine democracy.

"There will be an election. And then there will be a future. No president is bigger than the nation. The American people have a voice. And after tonight, I sense millions are eager to turn their yelling at the television into marking their ballots." — Andy Taylor

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# OPINIONS

## New experiences at the dental office resemble a day at the spa

Last week, among a myriad of professional and family obligations, a little alert kept popping up and down on my calendar as a reminder of what was coming. In the midst of billing, school

**JENNY DIVELEY**



**Pick A Little, Talk A Little**

pick up, uniform sizing, road construction, and fall gardening, my fourth root canal was looming. Yep, I'm still shy of my 40th birthday, yet have been blessed with genetic dental issues that keep our dentists housed in golf course mansions. On that day of my appointment, I tied up all of the loose ends at work, returned several calls, made sure the boys were squared away in school for the day, and sped to the specialist clinic. Oh yes, my work even requires that of a more highly qualified doctor. I tend to start with the regular doctor, the hometown favorite that everyone claims is their dentist, then I get advanced to the next level. That dentist is usually lesser known but their name is spoken with a bit of fear in the tone just because you know what might be coming.

Then there's the surgery dentist at the next level, who more people know because of the wisdom teeth rite of passage. Yet most people only see once in a lifetime. Beyond that, I'm not sure...maybe light a candle and say a prayer because you are beyond repair.

So I arrived at the fancy clinic and was greeted by the sweetest office staff, all outfitted in their cutest fall attire, offering me flavored water, and reminding me to sanitize my hands with their high end formula. The awaiting procedure room resembled something out of a golf magazine with ornate wood shelving, a television just two feet from my head with scrolling scenic photos and relaxing music, appropriately draped and items as not to, inappropriately feared, and a doctor with an assistant who spoke in calm, cool tones, giving a spa ambiance to the entire experience.

Obviously in any dental procedure there were a few uncomfortable moments, like the first shots of anesthetic in the roof of my mouth, but once I counted to ten and focused back on the pretty pictures, the rest of the time there was, well, quite honestly, a vacation.

The phone didn't ring, there was no traffic, emails were silenced for later, and for two hours my mouth was propped open with

blocks and wires, so the only thing I had to focus on was not snorting. I mean, with a foot rub and aromatherapy, their fees could be quadruple. The doctor even asked to see a picture of our dog, Samson, so my admiration for her went through the roof.

That same week, our oldest son was fitted with new braces. Because he did not receive my poor dental genes, he only requires a little bit of adjustment, which means his braces are the fancy trays that can come out when eating, and only those with a keen eye will know they exist. I watched her chair in the side of the exam room as they placed a few dots of a substance that will hold the trays in place on his teeth, and we walked out of there with no pain, all smiles, and requests for fancier cases for holding the trays. The office staff engaged in conversation about current events, we laughed, and even made recommendations on area restaurants. It was like a conversation with friends around a campfire.

My mind raced back to the two times I had braces around his age, and oh the horror! Tight fitting metal bands were squished into the gums of the back teeth, rubber bands were used to realign jawlines, and the metal brackets would have to be covered with wax sometimes just to relieve

the wear and tear to the inside of my mouth. And while the dentists I visited in my younger years were kind, in my mind, they were scary. We didn't have much in common, their gloves smelled like cauliflower, and the shots they would hide below my shoulder before raising them toward the mouth were the size of oil pipes and felt as though they were shoved clear into the top of my head.

Even though our son attempted to milk his new situation for the first 24 hours, it didn't work as his daddy and I recounted the trials and tribulations of pre-millennial dentistry. And even our experiences are a cake walk compared to the true pain and horror that our parents and grandparents faced before that modern advances.

So I may have found my new "mom's day out" experience at the dental specialist office. Flavored water, views of the ocean, and soundscapes piped in my direction are awaiting. Heck, I don't even have to worry about keeping my mouth open or closed, as it is done for me. I'm looking ahead and anticipating the next procedure. I think

I'll schedule it on the calendar during an especially busy week and have an excuse to disconnect, focus on breathing without snorting, and let the fancy professionals improve my dental future.

## Bell: courthouse feature stands in silence

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the new clock works. Newspapers do not indicate how Ebersole was able to hoist both elements into the courthouse's highest elevations, but it would have required considerable muscle power as the bell itself weighed 1,200 pounds. The clock works, which were manufactured from Seth Thomas in Thomaston, Conn., weighed 1,300 pounds.

The Independence Daily Reporter of July 13, 1890, revealed that the bell was placed below the clock . . . while the clock's mechanical components were installed below the bell (but directly above the district court room). The Reporter noted that the bell's deeper resonance could be audibly heard from two to five miles away, depending on the wind direction.

The bell and clock were finally install and fully operational by late September 1890.

The bell and the clock stood as visible and audible elements of the courthouse until the building was modified in the 1930s. The massive Victorian architecture — including the statue of Lady Justice atop the south entrance — would be wiped away, and the striped down courthouse would be encased with concrete and stone like so many architectural of the 1930s architectural phase, which relied on cubist style, flat lines, and stark finishes.

It's not known where the bell went after the original roof and cupola were removed. However, it later found its eventual place on the north side of the court-



With stately and elaborate architecture befitting most courthouses of the late Victorian Era, the Montgomery County Courthouse, as seen in this 1895 photo, incorporated numerous structural elements, including a cupola, a statue of Lady Justice, a clock tower and bell. The bell, now located on permanent display on the north side of the courthouse, required considerable muscle power to raise its 1,200-pound weight to the area tucked inside the roof structure below the clock.

house, where it has stood in silence ever since it issued its last gong in the 1930s.

The procurement and placement of that bell, as well as the clock works, did generate some controversy. The South Kansas Tribune, which was a weekly newspaper that was a mouthpiece of the Republican Party, complained about other newspapers questioning the placement of the bell and clock in the courthouse. Referring to those people and newspapers who questioned the bell and clock's procurement as "Ca-

lamitytes," the Tribune took the persistent questioning to task.

"These miserable, contemptible ignorants and so willfully ignorant and so destitute of any patriotic pride that it is hardly worth while to correct them," the Tribune opined on Oct. 15, 1890. "As soon as one gets that disease they being to fault find and it grows on them until they are ready to gulp down the most improbable lies, and are perfectly miserable, and lose their love of country and love for their wife.

"The fine clock and bell, along with the magnificent sidewalks the stone wall and all the improvements are a free gift from the City of Independence. The City voted \$5,000 and the county has the cash, and the Board of Commissioners is simply directing how it shall be expended.

"In nine cases out of ten, these whiners don't pay ten dollar's tax, but they yawp as if they were paying hundreds."

## Farm Bureau annual meeting is Tuesday

INDEPENDENCE — The Montgomery County Farm Bureau invites the public to attend its annual meeting on Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building in Independence's Riverside Park. Due to current state and local guidelines, this year's event will be presented a little differently.

Depending on the weather, the intent is to utilize the building with as much of an open air setting as possible. It is planned to open all windows and doors to facilitate a fresh air environment. If the outside temperature happens to cool down by then, please dress accordingly.

The meal and dessert will be catered and served in individual containers. Bottled water and tea will be provided as well. Tables and chairs will be spaced out as much as the room allows. Feel free to sit together as a family, or as friends. It is asked that you please respect the rights of those wishing to maintain

social distancing guidelines. Masks will be available upon request and will not be required, but you may wear one if you so desire. In addition to the usual orders of business, it will be voted on to amend the bylaws to allow the ability to hold virtual board, special and or annual meetings, and to be able to conduct business as such.

This year's silent auction proceeds will benefit Jessica Woods, daughter of Cherryvale's Warren and Melody Wood. Jessica was born with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS), a complex and rare heart defect. Throughout her twenty years, she has endured numerous medical procedures, including one this past summer. If you will be unable to attend the meeting but would either like to bid on an item, or make a donation, contact Kathy O'Brien at (620) 331-0826.

## Independence Lions Club holds eyeglasses drive

The Independence Lions Club is collecting eyeglasses this week as part of World Sight Week, which is held the first week of October.

A drop-off box will be located at the first Friday information session sponsored by the Independence Chamber of Commerce and City of Independence on Friday, Oct. 2. The drop-off box will be located on a table at the front entry of the Independence Civic Center. First Friday will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Independence Civic Center.

Additionally, members of the Independence Lions Club will assist with the City of Independence's monthly recycling drop-off on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. Besides collecting recyclable products such as paper, glass and aluminum, the Lions Club also will accept the donation of used eyeglasses at the recycling event. The recycling is located at the City of Independence's sanitation center at

21st and Maple streets.

Eyeglasses can be donated anytime of the year to the Independence Lions Club. Drop-off boxes can be found at the Montgomery County Chronicle, Eggberg's, Textron Aviation, Walmart Vision Center, Independence Public Library and The Medicine Shoppe.

Only prescription eyeglasses will be accepted (no over-the-counter sunglasses or prescription eyeglasses with missing parts).

## Apartments: housing options given to tenants

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rumors were baseless, as were rumors that tenants had 30 to 60 days to move out of their apartments.

Hodges clarified tenant relocation would begin no less than six months and no more than one year from the date

of the properties are sold.

During his meetings with tenants in the past two weeks, Hodges said he believed he alleviated many of the concerns of apartment tenants. However, he said he realizes the anticipated relocation of many apartment tenants will be bittersweet, as they leave

their long-standing homes in east Coffeyville but also remove themselves further away from the sprawl of the CVR Energy complex.

He said he understood the concerns of many tenants who believe their location adjacent to the CVR Energy complex no longer made por-

tions of east Coffeyville a desirable place to live.

"We're trying our best to facilitate the relocation of many of the residents to other developments or housing developments in Coffeyville," Hodges said.

## Lincoln School: plans made for modified entry

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of the Caney Valley FFA program have been raising funds toward construction of a facility, and the Caney Valley FFA Boosters also have been involved in fundraising.

Relocating the vocational-agriculture area to a new facility would also open the existing vo-ag room to other uses, such as a room for the school's weightlifting classes, said Jimmy Littleford, high school principal.

Another major concern at the junior-senior high school building is the condition of

the main gymnasium floor. That wooden floor, which was original to the school's construction in 1972-73, has warped over the decades due to moisture. Additionally, supports under the gym floor have eroded or collapsed.

However, the cost to replace the entire main gym floor would be more than \$112,000, according to a bid that was received in September 2019. Vargas said he anticipated the cost to replace that floor in 2020 would be considerably higher.

"Replacement of the gym floor always gets deferred be-

cause there is usually something more pressing that comes up each year when we plan for it," said Vargas. "So, we're approaching a gym floor that is almost 50 years of age and in need of replacement. At some point, we can't hold off too much longer."

Monday's meeting also saw good news in terms of the energy upgrades that have been incorporated into both Lincoln Memorial Elementary School and Caney Valley Jr.-Sr. High School. Vargas said an energy audit undertaken by the Trane Corporation has revealed energy

savings of about \$30,000 per year through improved lighting design and efficiencies in HVAC systems.

Vargas also shared a list of projects that were completed by school custodians during the late spring and summer months. The project list was lengthy, as custodians had more time to complete projects due to the closure of classes in March due to COVID-19. The estimated savings by having custodial crews do the bulk of the work as compared to private contractors was almost \$90,000, Vargas noted.

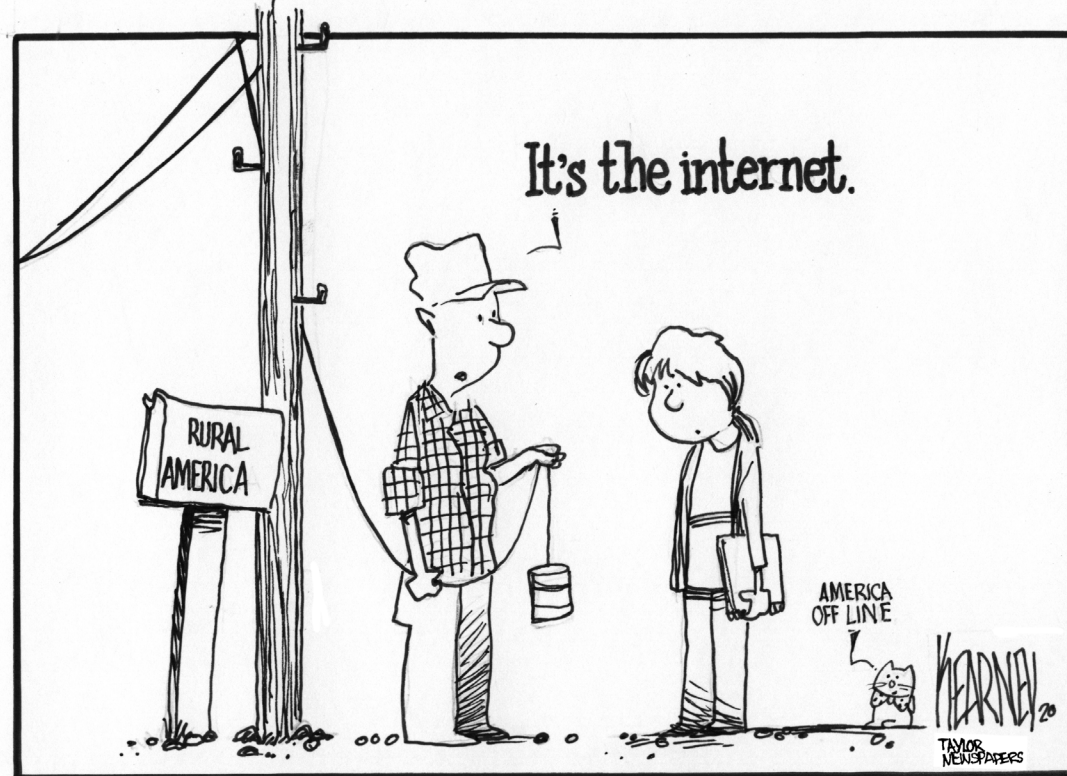
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PSU to provide polka music at livestreamed concert

PITTSBURG — October and polka music go together like pumpkin and spice, so what better time for the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts at Pittsburg State University to offer a concert of polka favorites by local polka legends?

The Johnnie Zibert Band didn't get a chance to perform at their usual Little Balkans Day venue because the festival was canceled due to the pandemic. But thanks to the recording and streaming capabilities of the

Bicknell Center, the community can plan to enjoy a concert at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 5.

It can be viewed at [pittstate.tv](http://pittstate.tv), at [Facebook.com/bicknellcenter](https://www.facebook.com/bicknellcenter), and on CAPS 13 TV.

Zibert began his accordion playing career performing with a band in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, area in 1982. In 2013, he joined with Gerald Azember, a banjo and guitar player from Girard, and George Barberich, a bass, accordion, and guitar player

from Pittsburg, to form the Johnnie Zibert Band.

With his new band, he has carried on the legacy of his father, local polka legend accordionist John Zibert, in playing Slovenian/Cleveland style polka music at a variety of dance halls throughout Southeast Kansas as well as numerous outdoor festivals, including the Big Brutus Polka Fest and Little Balkans Days.

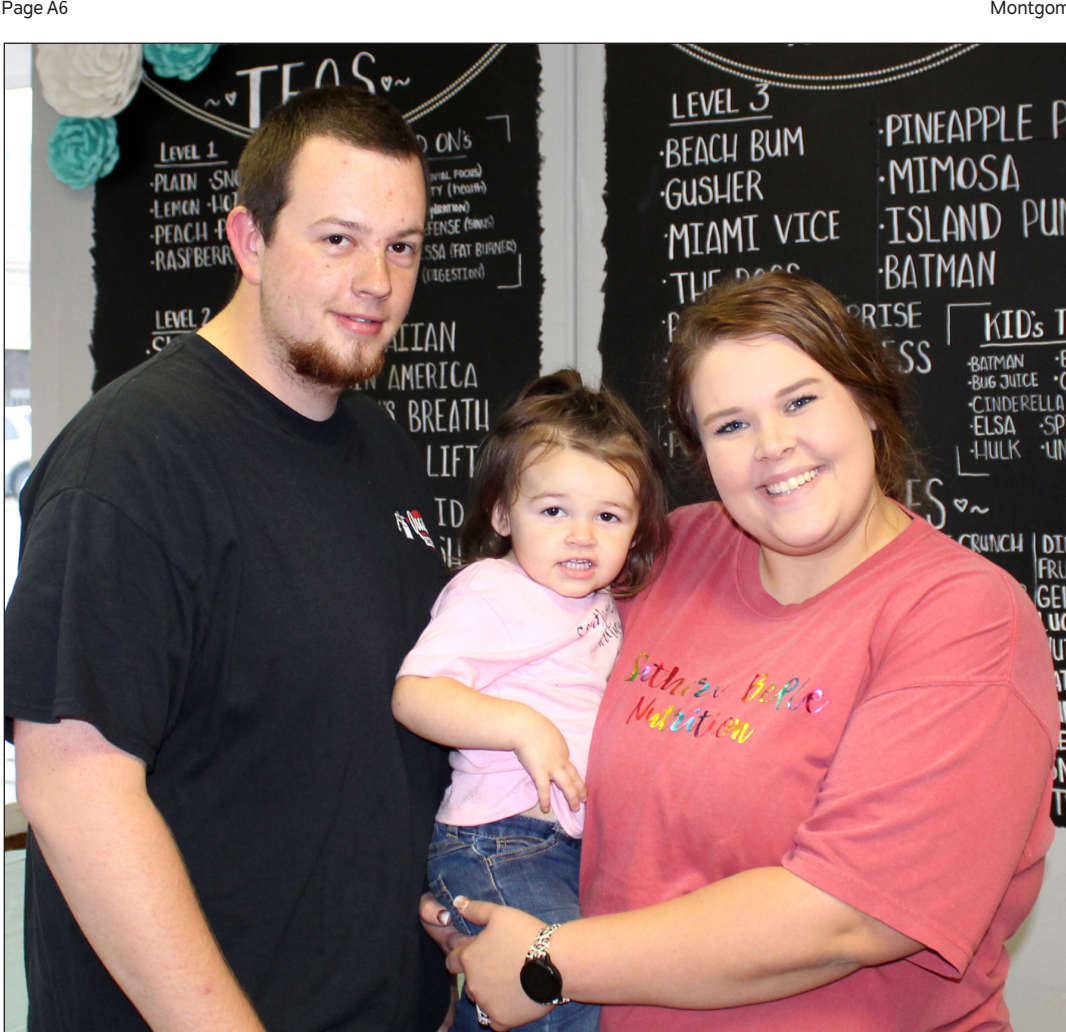
Barberich's music career began in 1966 in Kansas City, Kansas, on

Strawberry Hill under the direction of the late accordion master Don Lipovac. He began with the St. John's Tamburitza band, performing Eastern Balkan music and dance, then, after relocating to Southeast Kansas in the mid 1970s, began performing with accordion band leaders John Zibert, Joe Nepote, Bobby Stewart, John Yoger, and Jimmy Karlinger.

Barberich noticed that there were no Button Box Accordion musicians playing professionally in the area,

so after spending time with Lipovac, the Button Box practice developed into an enjoyable musical addition for him.

Azember began playing guitar with The Holiday Band in 1996 and continued to play with the group at several locations in the area for 21 years. In 2013, he joined the Johnnie Zibert Band as a guitar and banjo player.



## New business opens in downtown Caney

A new downtown Caney business opened its doors this week, Southern Belle Nutrition, located at 200 W. 4th Ave. Owners Mckenzie and Hailee Evans are pictured with their 2-year-old daughter Kenzie, who reside at Tyro. The new business sells healthy drinks, mainly various teas and shakes, designed to promote good nutrition, weight loss, meal replacements, wellness coaching programs and more. It features Herbalife products which are plant-based protein powders. The drinks are made using different levels and sizes. Hailee, who manages the business, will be on hand to explain the different drinks and programs to customers. Southern Belle is open Mondays-Fridays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. She said they will feature different specials every day; check their Facebook page for more information.

PHOTO BY RUDY TAYLOR

# City commission to consider \$250,000 contribution for healthcare center expansion

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INDEPENDENCE — A decision on whether to expend City of Independence tax funds for the anticipated expansion of Labette Health's Independence Healthcare Center was tabled by Independence city commissioners at their semi-monthly meeting last Thursday.

Commissioners chose to delay a decision on a recommendation by the Independence Economic Development Advisory Board to provide \$250,000 in tax funds for the healthcare center's expansion. The commission is expected to discuss the proposal at their next meeting in October.

The advisory board has recommended that the city commission provide a \$250,000 forgivable loan to Labette Health to be disbursed over a five-year period. The incentive will be paid out with revenue from the special use sales tax, which is subject to renewal by city voters at the upcoming general election. The incentive for Labette Health is contingent upon the passage of the special use sales tax renewal question.

In return for acceptance of the loan, Labette Health will be required to prove the creation of five new full-time equivalent (FTE) employees at the Independence Healthcare Center during 2022, over a level of base employment established at the end of 2021.

Labette Health must maintain those five positions over subsequent years in order to receive a maximum of \$50,000 per year as an incentive for job creation.

Should less than five FTE positions be maintained during the reporting period, the annual incentive payment for that period will be dis-

counted on a pro-rata basis.

The initial \$50,000 payment, if granted, would be made on March 1, 2023.

Commissioners conferred about the advisory board's proposal in executive session, which is closed to the press and public, with advisory board members as well as Brian Williams, Labette Health chief executive officer. Commissioners indicated after the closed-door session that they wished to have more information and consultation about the project and the incentive proposal.

Speaking by telephone, Williams said he was prepared to send a 56-page document to the commission that details all aspects of the anticipated expansion of the Independence Healthcare Center.

Commissioners indicated they would discuss the proposal at their next meeting.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS** transacted at the Sept. 24 commission meeting, city commissioners:

- held a series of public hearings concerning 12 structures that have been deemed dangerous and unsafe. Commissioners agreed to move forward with condemnation of structures at 409 S. 17th, 509 N. 14th, 708 S. 16th, 813 S. 18th, 1101 W. Main, 1105 W. Main, 1217 N. 9th and 1629 W. Laurel.

The commission agreed to adjourn condemnation proceedings for 60 days for structures at 416 S. 18th, 801 E. Birch, 414 S. Wall, and 321 S. 19th.

On a related note, the commission agreed to hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19 concerning the property at 201 E. Main. The property, which was the former location of a Dollar General Store, has fallen into an unsafe condemnation because of a collapsing roof.

- approved handicapped

accessibility upgrades at 113 E. Main, the city-owned parking lot behind Big Cheese Pizza, and the northeast corner of 14th and Chesnut streets.

- approved the construction of a driveway for the temporary fire-ambulance station at a cost of \$52,518.50. Constructing the driveway will be Darren Goins Construction.

- tabled a decision to allow Quality Motors to expand its business by vacating portion of 27th Street.

Commissioners chose to delay a decision on the street vacation so that more information can be learned about the impact on city infrastructure and utilities.

- agreed to hold a special meeting at 9 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 15 to discuss anticipated programming and office space for the 1916 City Hall and Fire-EMS station project.

- approved a temporary use permit to the Independence VFW, 113 E. Myrtle, for handicapped accessibility improvements. The VFW had originally envisioned installing a metal ramp on the sidewalk.

# Coffeyville adds fund to create housing development program

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COFFEYVILLE — Emphasis on improving Coffeyville's housing supply was made evident when Coffeyville city commissioners on Sept. 22 approved the creation of a \$200,000 fund to create a housing/community development department.

Commissioners approved the request by city manager Mark Hall to dedicate \$200,000 from the City of Coffeyville's Economic Development Fund for the purpose of creating a housing/community development department. The department will oversee financial resources to address existing and future housing needs, establish a housing/community development director, and dedicate housing options, priorities for land acquisition and development, and program implementation.

Hall said the housing/community development director would initially also work with other departments, including code enforcement, building inspections, and engineering. The director would eventually phase into a stand-alone position and department.

Mayor Paul Bauer emphasized that the creation of a housing department was being done to improve Coffeyville's housing situation.

"We're not creating a position just to create a position," said Bauer. "There actually is a reason behind this."

Hall said that in January 2020, the City of Coffeyville began to plan to meet housing needs across a broad range of income levels. This ef-

fort will continue with education and outreach to keep the Coffeyville community informed and engaged about the need for a diverse set of housing choices and opportunities, he said.

"The City's Strategic Housing Plan 2030 comes at a time when Coffeyville is redefining its place in the southeast Kansas economy," he said. "It is an opportune time to examine how the City can provide a balance of housing choices and preserve affordable and workforce housing and the fabric of Coffeyville's neighborhoods."

"Coffeyville is in a state of change, the economy is stable, but residential development is very weak or nonexistent. As such, there is urgency in addressing housing needs now, before they become acute."

The \$200,000 that is being dedicated for a housing/community development department program will use about \$81,000 reserved for a housing director payroll, health insurance, and City payroll commitments. The remainder will be used for various housing programs and initiatives.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS** from the Sept. 22 meeting, commissioners:

- formally accepted the funding allocated by the Montgomery County Commission to the City of Coffeyville through the State of Kansas' SPARKS fund for COVID-19 response and relief.

The City of Coffeyville was awarded \$546,604.69 through SPARKS funds for various coronavirus relief efforts.

# Housing sales on the increase in Independence, official says

INDEPENDENCE — City commissioners agreed to seek a grant through the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for construction of a new housing subdivision.

At their meeting on Sept. 24, city commissioners agreed with their recommendation from April Nutt, director of the Independence Housing Authority, to seek a \$400,000 grant through the KHRC for the Catalpa Subdivision. The 7.93-acre subdivision will include 20 residential lots. The subdivision, is located immediately north of the Eisenhower Subdivision and is bordered by 11th Street on the east. The subdivision will include extensions of Catalpa and Pearl streets to the west; each street would terminate in a cul de sac.

Nutt said the Catalpa Subdivision would be constructed in phases, with the first phase involving infrastructure installation. The City's commitment for the project is \$65,380 for water service. All other funds for this development would be paid from the Independence Housing Authority's development account.

Nutt said the Independence Housing Authority was partnering with the City of Neodesha for the grant. Neodesha plans to construct 18 new residences, Nutt said.

KHRC will notified recipients of the housing grant by the end of 2020. If Independence receives the grant, then the Independence Housing Authority will move forward with in-

stalling infrastructure at the Catalpa Subdivision in early 2021.

On a related note, Nutt told commissioners that approximately 57 homes have been sold within Independence in the past 90 days. Nutt said many of the homeowners have moved to Independence to escape the fast-paced life and problems on both coasts. In speaking to real estate brokers, Nutt said she has learned people are wanting to relocate to Independence because of a simpler, safer way of life.

"These are the stories I have heard . . . time and time again," said Nutt. "Whatever we have going for us, we just need to keep going."

Commissioners also agreed to study a request by the Independence Housing Authority concerning the establishment of an Independence Land Bank. A land bank, which contains properties that are provided to a city entity through donation, acquisition via tax foreclosure, purchase, or transfer from the City, is designed to strategically acquire problematic properties. The land bank would be able to sell the properties — both commercial and residential — to potential property owners who intend on improving the conditions of those properties.

The City of Pittsburg is the nearest community with an aggressive land bank. Commissioners said they might plan to visit with Pittsburg city officials about its land bank.

# Fredonia man killed, two injured

INDEPENDENCE — A Fredonia man was killed and two others were seriously injured in a two-vehicle wreck south of Independence on Monday.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said a 1999 Ford F150 driven by Paul David Thomas, age 51, of Independence was northbound on county road

3900, also known as 10th Street Road, five miles south of Independence at around 11:30 a.m. Thomas crossed the centerline and struck a 1997 Ford pickup truck driven by Monty David Phillips, age 56 of Fredonia. Phillips was pronounced dead at the scene of the collision.

A passenger in the Phillips vehicle, Amos Cole Jr., age 55, of Fredonia, was taken to Coffeyville Regional Medical Center with suspected serious injuries.

Thomas also was taken to CRMC for treatment of serious injuries.

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## Brown Mansion reverberates with sounds, smells of Native American life

The grounds of Coffeyville's Brown Mansion on Saturday were the site of a Native American celebration that was attended by more than 350 people. The annual Native American Unity Gathering was sponsored by the USD 445 Indian Education Program, Coffeyville Community College Native American Leadership Program and the Oklahoma Union Education Program. The event included kids' activities, tribal dances, and free samples of Native American-influenced cuisine. (Top left photo) Matt Wren of Independence, who is of Osage and Cherokee descent, dressed in tribal regalia while demonstrating the flute. (Top right photo) Kay Anderson of Bartlesville was joined by family members in making Indian fry bread with Grape dumplings. (Bottom photo) Levi Randall of the Delaware tribe took spectators on a tribal dance on the Brown Mansion grounds. **ANDY**



# Landowners unhappy with county policy on tree clearing

### Commissioners grilled about allowing public works crews on private land to clear trees from fence lines; policy to be re-evaluated

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INDEPENDENCE — Montgomery County commissioners on Monday were taken to task for a long-standing policy that allows the county's public works department to remove trees along fence lines on private property. For several decades, the public works department has worked with property owners to remove aging trees and brush along fence rows as a way to not only remove the vegetation but also improve drainage. Public works crews use equipment to knock down the trees and place them in piles on the private property. The property owner is responsible for removing and replacing any fences, as well as burning the brush pile or cutting up the trees for firewood.

On Monday, two rural property owners said the policy not only was a waste of county labor and expense but also was unfair to other property owners who hire private contractors for treeline removal. Colby Flatt, who resides between Cherryvale and Liberty, complained about the fairness of the policy. He said he recently spent more than \$8,000 with a private contractor to remove trees along his property owner that is adjacent to a county road. Meanwhile, his neighbor is using the county's public works department to freely clean and remove a fencerow on the neighbor's property.

"Where I come from, I would have never dreamed about calling the county pub-

lic works department to see if they would come to my property and freely remove trees," said Flatt. "I would have never imagined that could even be an option."

John Gillman, who resides on county road 3300 near Jefferson, complained that the public works department's involvement in removing trees on private property was taking away revenue possibilities from private contractors. He said he would be more understanding of the policy if the county's focus was on improving safety, such as removing trees or limbs so that they don't impair school buses, farm equipment, and other large vehicles. However, the wholesale removal of trees along a fence line from one corner of a property to the other was an unreasonable use of county resources, Gillman said.

"When is this going to end," asked Gillman. "But, taking out the trees along the fencerows is unbelievable."

Commissioners have said in previous meetings that the removal of trees along fence rows is triggered at the request of the private landowner. After the landowner and the county agree to the project, the public works department enter the private property to remove trees and brush along a fence line.

Commissioner Fred Brown voiced concern about the county's policy, even though he has supported it in the past. He said he feared the policy would take away money out of the pockets of local contractors who might be able to do the tree clearing.

Additionally, he said the policy would have a negative impact on wildlife habitats.

"Once we take away those trees, then there is less habitat for the deer and the birds," said Brown. "And, that means less wildlife to attract hunters."

Brown, who was presiding at Monday's meeting in the absence of commissioner chairman Larry McManus, said the commission would revisit the

county's policy when McManus returns in two weeks.

Also at Monday's meeting, commissioners Fred Brown and Robert Bever agreed to pursue an opportunity through the Kansas Department of Transportation to participate in a cost-share program for replacement of a rural bridge. Jim Wright, public works director, said Montgomery County will submit an application to KDOT for

the replacement of the Sycamore Creek bridge, which is located on county road 6200, north of county road 2300, in Sycamore Township.

If KDOT allows Montgomery County to obtain cost-share then KDOT will fund up to \$900,000 for a bridge replacement.

KDOT's cost-share program this year has dwindled to \$5 million total, meaning there will likely be few projects chosen statewide, Wright said.

Montgomery County's application to the cost-share program is due today (Thursday).

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CANEY VALLEY ROLLS OVER MONTGOMERY COUNTY RIVAL IN HOMECOMING GAME

Bullpups remain undefeated; Chargers now 1-3

Caney Valley to host Galena on Friday in pivotal class 3A district game; Cherryvale prepares for road game at undefeated Columbus

By BRIAN THOMAS sports@taylornews.org

CANEY — Leading by 28 points at halftime, the Caney Valley High School football team cruised from there to a victory 40-6 over Montgomery County rival Cherryvale in the Class 3A-District 1 opener for both teams last Friday at Caney Valley High School Stadium.

pete in the CNC League, are currently 3-0 overall and 1-0 in district action following last week's 34-14 home win over Parsons. Galena has been dominant in its three outings this season, outscoring the opposition 118-36. GHS had its week-two contest cancelled due to concerns over COVID-19.

cure a 38-30 win. As for Cherryvale, it lost for the third time in the first four games of the season while dropping to 0-1 in district play. The Chargers will remain on the road this Friday as they travel to Columbus for a 7 p.m. contest.



Caney Valley quarterback Ron Davis finds the eye of running back Baylor Thornton on a quick pitch while finding ample blocking support from the Bullpup offensive line.

CLASS 3A DISTRICT 1 FOOTBALL

Table with 5 columns: Team, Dist. Record, Dist. Win %, Point Diff, Overall Record. Rows include Caney Valley, Columbus, Baxter Springs, Cherryvale, Galena, and Parsons.

Sept. 25 game results: Caney Valley 40, Cherryvale 6; Columbus 52, Baxter Springs 7; Galena 34, Parsons 14

Oct. 2 game schedule: Galena at Caney Valley; Cherryvale at Columbus; Baxter Springs at Parsons

quarter. Baylor Thornton followed with touchdown runs of 21 and seven yards. King also included another conversion run as the 'Pups expanded their advantage to 22-0 at the end of 12 minutes of action.

yard scramble for six by Rose — his third touchdown of the game — to push the difference up to 40-0.

Table with 3 columns: Category, Caney Valley, Cherryvale. Rows include Rushes-Yards, Passing Yards, Com-Att-Int, Total Yards, etc.

CVHS continued to extend its edge before halftime. Rose scored again on a five-yard run as the Bullpups went into the intermission up 28-0.

Cherryvale was able to avoid the shutout in the closing moments of the game as Chet Linn found his way into the end zone from a yard out for the final margin.

SCORING PLAYS CVHS — Rose 73 run (King run) CVHS — Thornton 21 run (Run failed) CVHS — Thornton 7 run (King run) CVHS — Rose 5 run (Run failed) CVHS — King 1 run (Run failed) CVHS — Rose 37 run (Kick failed) CHS — Linn 1 run (Pass failed)



Cherryvale senior Mariah Monroy (#8) spikes the volleyball over the reach of a West Elk player during Saturday's dual in the CHS Gymnasium.

Chargers open TVL schedule with split matches at home

By BRIAN THOMAS sports@taylornews.org

CHERRYVALE — Opening Tri-Valley League action with a victory over Fredonia, the Cherryvale High School volleyball team managed just a split of its own Cherryvale Triangular on Tuesday, falling in the nightcap to Neodesha.

es, Cherryvale moved to 6-4 overall and 1-1 in the TVL. The Lady Chargers will step out of league play on Saturday when they entertain Independence in a non-league dual. After that, they will return to TVL play on Oct. 6 when they travel to Leon for a dual against Bluestem.

Today showed the hard work the girls have put in the last week of no games," Strickland said. "We've made a few minor adjustments in our lineup, and so far it's proving to work. Today everyone was on."

BOWLING NOTES

Cherry Bowl Lanes League Standings Week #5 Tuesday Men's Classic League: 1. Diana's Petite Beauty Shop, 2506 series, 903 game; 2. Woods Lumber of Independence, 2483 series, 843 game; 3. B&B Automotive, 2410 series, 833 game; individual highs: 1. Morris Woldum, 563/228; 2. Rick Hoose, 465/157; 3. Jonathon Rash, 429/186.

Wednesday Youth Crew: Stars of the Week: 1. Mylie Snyder, 279; 2. Merrick King, 244; 3. Cooper Dean, 220; 4. Kylie Roberson, 178. Wednesday Night Major Mixed League: 1. JP Food & Fuel, 2514 series, 866 game; 2. Channel Cats, 2510 series, 873 game; 3. Pam Pez Grooming, 2361 series, 822 game; individual highs: 1. Kristie Groff, 508/193; 2. Jim Case, 469/183; 3. Bill Kele-

men, 462/190; 4. Preston Rash, 459/171. Thursday Night Mixed League: 1. Gutter Dusters, 2394 series, 844 game; 2. Fast Lane, 2368 series, 800 game; 3. G&S Const., 2287 series, 787 game; individual highs: 1. Morris Woldum, 530-203; 2. Stella Blanchard, 456/170; 3. Tommy Duncan, 438/151; 4. Stephanie Crain, 391/131. Bowlers of the Week: 1.

Morris Woldum, 563/228; 2. Kristie Groff, 508/193. Season High Bowlers, Hdcp. Series: 1. William Kelemen, 760; 2. Kristie Groff, 510. Thank you to the Indy Diamonds baseball team and sponsors. Many happy birthdays to Chris Oliver, Morris Woldum, Mike Lain and JoAnn Perry.

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# Road trip to Leon-Bluestem proves unfriendly to Bullpups

By BRIAN THOMAS  
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LEON — It was another rough night on the court for the Caney Valley High School volleyball team. The Lady Bullpups dropped a pair of Tri-Valley League matches Tuesday evening at the Bluestem Triangular.

CVHS fell in straight sets during both matches, including 17-25, 7-25 against host Bluestem and a 9-25, 10-25 decision to Eureka.

The 'Pups watched their losing streak extend to 16 consecutive matches as they fell to 2-19 overall and 0-2 in the TVL. Caney Val-

ley will be back in action on Oct. 6 at the Neodesha Triangular, taking on Humboldt and host Neodesha in league action.

No further information was available from Tuesday's Caney Valley matches as of press time.

In the other league match at the triangular, host Bluestem won in three sets over Eureka (21-25, 25-21, 25-19).

## Caney Valley drops matches at Central

BURDEN — The Lady Bullpups

lost all three of their matches in pool play as part of the Central Invitational on Saturday.

CVHS dropped all three matches in straight sets to Flinthills (7-25, 15-25), Sedan (9-25, 14-25) and host Central of Burden (19-25, 19-25).

The Central Invitational was altered from its traditional 10-team, one-site tournament due to concerns over COVID-19. In addition to the Burden Pool, the event was divided into two other pools, including Caldwell, Oxford and Udall in Caldwell, as well as Argonia, Attica and Cunningham in Argonia. Only

pool matches were played, with no champion declared.

## 'Pups lose struggle to Sedan, Oswego

MORAN — Despite taking two of its three opponents to three sets, Caney Valley dropped all three of its matches last Thursday at the Marmaton Valley Quad.

CVHS lost 2-1 to host Marmaton Valley (25-22, 11-25, 14-25) before falling in straight sets to Sedan (17-25, 8-25). The 'Pups capped off the

evening with a three-set loss to Oswego (16-25, 25-21, 21-25).

"We had some absolutely great moments and some very not good moments," said CVHS coach Kirsten Ergenbright.

In the quad, Taylor Gilliland had a team-high 17 service points, while Maggie McVey, Evie Scoles and Morgan Hall had nine each. Gilliland also had eight aces. Scoles recorded 15 kills, 12 assists and seven blocks. Meanwhile, Ally Miller added 21 kills and 49 assists.



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### Caney Valley homecoming royalty

Tyler Cowan and Tyler Gilliland, Caney Valley High School seniors, were crowned the CVHS fall sports homecoming king and queen on Friday evening. **ANDY TAYLOR / MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRONICLE**

# Appellate court affirms conviction of local man charged with sex crime

BY ANDY TAYLOR  
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A Montgomery County man who is in a state prison following his conviction of aggravated indecent liberties with a minor will remain behind bars for 25 years to life, following affirmation of the prison sentence by the Kansas Court of Appeals on Friday.

However, the appellate court also ruled that the Montgomery County district court judge erred in giving Michael Dean Forrest, who is now an inmate at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, a lifetime post release supervision.

Therefore, the post release supervision is nullified. In July 2017, Forrest was charged with aggravated indecent liberties with a minor and aggravated criminal sodomy. Both crimes were Jessica's Law Offenses, calling for life sentences with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

Under a plea agreement between Forrest and the Montgomery County District Attorney's office, Forrest agreed to plead no contest to aggravated indecent liberties with a child, and the county attorney agreed to dismiss

the aggravated criminal sodomy charge.

Forrest hoped for a lighter sentence. During the sentencing phase, Forrest's attorney hired Dr. Robert Barnett, a clinical psychologist, to perform a psychosexual evaluation of Forrest. In Dr. Barnett's opinion, Forrest did not appear to be a pedophile or a sexual predator. He concluded that there was no evidence of mental disease or defect, but he believed that Forrest would benefit from psychotherapy or counseling to address symptoms of depression which stemmed from the charges. Barnett noted that Forrest had a substance abuse problem—Forrest used cannabis daily and the drug ecstasy occasionally—but Barnett concluded that Forrest "appears to be a reasonably good candidate for probation or some type of community placement."

However, the lead detective in the case testified in the sentencing hearing that Forrest continued to have a fascination with the victim, as evident through a series of letters written by Forrest to the victim whereby Forrest mentioned how he thought

the two could continue a relationship after the minor turned 18.

Forrest sought a departure from the life sentence and noted that he had limited criminal history prior to the incidents involving the minor.

Judge William Cullins rejected Forrest's claims in that sentencing hearing and noted that he believed Forrest, through his continued communication with the victim, exhibited dangerous behavior.

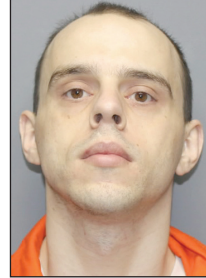
Therefore, Cullins issued a 25 year to life prison sentence with lifetime post release supervision if he was able to attain parole after 25 years.

The Kansas Court of Appeals ruled that Cullins was allowed judicial discretion in issuing the lifetime prison sentence but did not have the authority to issue lifetime post release supervision. The appellate court said previous case law specifically prohibits lower courts from ordering a term of post release supervision in conjunction with a lifetime prison sentence.

Instead, defendants sentenced to imprisonment are subject to lifetime parole, the appellate court said.

The appellate court vacated Cullins' issuance of lifetime postrelease supervision.

Forrest will not be eligible for parole until 2042.



Michael Dean Forrest

# Area kids may join 4-H at no cost for 2020-21

4-H enrollment opens October 1, and thanks to the generous support of donors, Wildcat District students can enroll in the state program this year without paying the required \$15 annual fee.

"Dozens of people bought dinner tickets, bid on silent auction items and sponsored our jewelry fundraiser," said Jerry Hall, Wildcat Extension Education Foundation Chairman. "Thanks to their support, we can cover the enrollment fees for hundreds of students throughout our district. We hope that by removing any financial barrier to student enrollment, we will have even more kids involved in the great programming and activities offered by our local 4-H clubs."

The Wildcat District Education Foundation was created in 2018 to solicit and receive funds in order to promote the activities of K-State Research and Extension's Wildcat District which covers Crawford, Labette, Montgomery and Wilson counties.

To become a 4-H member, parents can call their county 4-H agent to determine which club is the best fit for their family. Wildcat District 4-H and Youth Development agents are: Will Morris (Crawford County): 620-724-8233, Cara Comstock (Labette County): 620-784-5337, Katie Townsend (Montgomery County): 620-331-2690 and Cheri Nelsen (Wilson County) 620-378-2167. When enrolling into the online system, parents should choose "pay by check" rather than completing payment online to ensure the foundation covers the enrollment charge.

Students participating in 4-H can receive guidance on a variety of designated projects including STEM, shooting sports, foods, horticulture, leadership and livestock. If

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Cherryvale High School's fall homecoming queen candidates include CHS seniors (front row, left to right) Sabrina Trefethen, Kobi Pearson and Joy Renfro. King candidates include (back row, left to right) Gage Vigil, Chet Linn and Kolbyn Hooper. COURTESY PHOTO

# CHS homecoming coronation is Oct. 9

CHERRYVALE — Spirit Week will be held next week at Cherryvale Middle-High School with several activities designed to bolster school spirit. Events begin on Monday, Oct. 5. Throughout the entire week, students will be collecting canned food in order to "can the teacher." Students will use their canned good to vote for their favorite -- or least favorite teacher. The teacher with the most canned goods on Thursday evening will receive a pie in the face during Friday's pep rally. The competition will be held at the Cherryvale Food Bank for donation. In addition to "can the teacher," there will be dress-up days. On Mon-

day, Oct. 5, students and staff are asked to show their colors. Freshmen will dress in black, sophomores in grey, juniors in white and seniors in blue while staff is asked to wear green. The class with the most participation will earn an ice cream party. On Tuesday, Oct. 6, the students will be "hunting for a victory" with everyone hunting for a victory. On Wednesday, Oct. 7, the theme is "total confusion" with girls dressing as guys and guys dressing as girls. Thursday, Oct. 8 will be "sporting for a win" and wearing gear representing a favorite team. Concluding the week's activities on Friday, Oct. 9 will be Charger Day with

everyone being asked to wear blue and white to show their school spirit. The traditional parade will take place at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 9, followed by a pep rally at the CMHS Gym afterward. Coronation will take place at 6:30 p.m., at the Logan Park Stadium prior to the Cherryvale-Baxter Springs football game. After the game instead of a dance, there will be a celebration with music and games at the football field. Sponsors for this year's homecoming are EZ Storage, JP Food & Fuel, and Jim Gill Agency, all of Cherryvale, and CJ Threads of Independence. Also helping to bring this event together is the Cherryvale Booster Club.

# Republican rally set for Saturday

COFFEYVILLE — The public is invited to attend a Republican Rally on Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Downtown Mall, 114 W. 9th, Coffeyville, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Independence Mall and the Montgomery County Republican Women.

Also making appearances will be impersonators of Abraham Lincoln and Uncle Sam who will be addressing those in attendance as well as several local pastors will speak.

To attend, you must wear a Trump t-shirt and those will be for sale at a nominal price. Free Trump signs will also be distributed. Bring your own lawn chairs for seating and enjoy a day of patriotic music, a sing-along and special music presented by Josie Hoggatt. A 50/50 drawing and a raffle for a fire pit will also be held and you need to be present to win. A hot dog with drink will sell for \$1.

# State GOP bus tour to make stop in Indy

TOPEKA — The Kansas Republican Party today announced its 2020 Keep Kansas Great bus tour with stops in 30 Kansas cities. The bus tour will feature 2020 GOP candidates Dr. Roger Marshall, Tracey Mann, Jake LaTurner, Amanda Adkins, and Ron Estes, as well as other current and former Kansas GOP elected officials and special guests.

The bus tour will come to Independence on Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The location of the bus tour stop will be announced later.

# National Life Chain to rally for support for the unborn

CANEY — Local pro-life Christians will again form a line along Highway 75 in Caney as part of the National Life Chain on Sunday, Oct. 4. The Life Chain will take place from 2 to 3 p.m., rain or shine.

silent and bold in the stand everyone is taking.

The group, composed of Christians from many denominations, will stand silently and hold placards with positive wording to show their opposition to abortion.

They will ask participants to space themselves 25 to 30 feet apart once they arrive. Placards will be provided. On the back of each cardboard placard will be printed scriptures from the Bible. Participants will be asked to simply stand and silently read the provided scriptures.

For 33 years, pro-life Christians have taken this stand all across the United States and Canada. The chain is formed on the first Sunday in October.

As a central Bible scripture theme, they pointed to II Thurethians 7:14-15: "When God's people humble themselves, pray, seek his face and turn from their own ways, God will hear from heaven, forgive a nation's sins and heal their land."

They invite everyone to participate in this Life Chain, and there are no rules to follow other than to be peaceful,

For information on the Life Chain, contact Miriam Staton, 620-879-2674.


# Area students earn degrees at PSU

PITTSBURG — In May 2020, Pittsburg State University graduated approximately 1,200 students who earned degrees in the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Technology, and Kelce College of Business. To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, commencement exercises were postponed and will be held Nov. 21. Among the local graduates were: • Caney: Allison Nichole Littleford, doctorate of nursing practitioner; Casey DeLayne Melander, bachelor of science. • Cherryvale: Quentin Lestat

Austin, bachelor of science; Beth A. Hawkins, bachelor of science; Jessica Holt, bachelor of science in nursing; Karrie Mathes, bachelor of fine arts; Michelle Meloy, bachelor of science in nursing; Amy D. Smith, master of business administration; Jessica D. Wilson, master of science. • Coffeyville: Harlene P. Alford, bachelor of science; Katrina Lauralea Altenreid, bachelor of arts; Carrington Siobhan-Anae Barmore, bachelor of general studies; Kendall Kaelyn Blaich, bachelor of business administration; Priscella Caron, doctorate of nursing practitioner; Eryn Delany Cox, bachelor of science in nursing; Shelley R. Harper, master of

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• Children's Attendant Care (CPST)  
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• Medical Services Injection Nurse (Independence)  
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# PSU reports decline in testing demand and positive rate

PITTSBURG — The Bryant Student Health Center at Pittsburg State University reported Wednesday that the number of positive COVID-19 cases involving students continues to decline.

Currently, 12 students are in active isolation, down from 24 students in the last week, and the number of those quarantined also fell for the third straight week to about 50 students, according to Taylor Panczer, COVID-19 case manager at PSU.

In the seven days leading up to Wednesday, Sept. 23, the Bryant Student Health Center tested 33 individuals, down 50 from the previous seven-day span. Of those, eight tested positive. Eight tests were pending as of Wednesday afternoon.

Among faculty and staff, four new cases were reported in the most recent seven-day period. Currently, four faculty/staff are in isolation and five are in quarantine due to possible exposure. Since the university began tracking in March, 14 faculty/staff have reported infections, and 36 have had to quarantine for any reason.

Panczer noted that the only tested/positive numbers the university can reliably report are those from the Bryant Student Health Center. Isolation and quarantine numbers will differ from the Crawford County Health Department report due to student being tested elsewhere and then later reporting as PSU students via the health department.

# New testing strategy to target asymptomatic Kansans in at-risk areas

BY NOAH TABORDA  
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — Gov. Laura Kelly on Monday announced a COVID-19 testing strategy that will target asymptomatic Kansans in areas with high community spread.

The current state plan limits access to testing for those with symptoms or exposure to individuals with confirmed infections. Phase one of the state's new plan will provide testing for those without symptoms in "at-risk congregate settings," like correctional facilities, schools and nursing homes.

Kelly said the goal of the new plan is to help cover gaps in testing across the state.

"With shared goals and clear metrics, this coordinated strategy will go a long way in ensuring we can effectively test our population and identify where the virus exists in our communities," Kelly said. "Together with the use of masks and recommended social distancing, we can better contain the virus in Kansas schools and businesses can reopen responsibly."

Kelly announced the expanded testing strategy — paid for with more than \$50 million in CARES act funding allocated to testing in September — following the highest number of cases in a reporting period for the state.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment confirmed 2,037 cases and five new deaths since Friday. That brings the state totals to 58,629 cases and 637 deaths since the pandemic began.

"We cannot accept these rising case numbers or normalize the fact that 637 Kansans have lost their lives to COVID-19," Kelly said. "If we cannot reduce the viruses spread through our communities, we risk undermining our economic progress."

Kelly said testing capacity must increase. She said the state is currently administering about 16,000 per week, and under the new plan that number should continue to grow.

Senate Majority Leader Jim Denning, a Republican from Overland Park, had previously said the state had a capacity of about 2,800 per week. The goal was to ramp up to 10,800 tests per day to show the state's positivity rate is closer to 5%.

Marci Nielson, president for policy and strategy at the Government Employees Health Association, will lead the new testing strategy. She previously served as president and CEO of the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative in Washington, D.C., and worked at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Kelly said Nielsen already has begun work with stakeholders and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The hope is the testing strategy will provide a clear framework for everyone across the state. Kelly described the current strategy as a "patchwork and a hodgepodge of stuff."

"It's more of having everybody operating from the same premise and having one portal to go through, rather than having the nursing homes over here doing this, the schools doing this, somebody else doing that," Kelly said. "Just having it all operating under here, so we know what's going on and we know where we need to focus."

Phase one will focus on screening the population by adding asymptomatic carriers in at-risk areas. When resources and need allow, Kelly said, they will move to surveillance testing, or testing groups outside of congregate living, within the community.

# \$2.39 million grant aimed at creating regional opportunities

PITTSBURG — A three-year, \$2.39 million grant awarded to the Kansas Polymer Research Center at Pittsburg State University is aimed at developing new technologies that would diversify the regional workforce, support business relocations and start-ups, and result in new career opportunities.

Awarded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, funds will be used to launch and commission the new National Institute for Materials Advancement, or NIMA, at the Tyler Research Center, which houses the KPRC. The center will serve as the foundation and launchpad for the new institute.

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 Bids must be postmarked by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9, with opening bids on Oct. 16. Bids should be mailed to:  
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