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I just received a letter in the mail that was postmarked October 2nd. I now know what that "Forever" on the stamp means.



"It didn't hurt one bit," said Windsor Place resident Francis Long while receiving the COVID-19 vaccine during a vaccine clinic at the Coffeyville-based long-term care facility on Monday. Administering the injection was John Lehn, a pharmacist from Walgreen's. Also pictured is Jeanette Coltharp, Windsor Place assistant executive director. Approximately 75 Windsor Place residents received their first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine on Monday. ANDY TAYLOR / MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRONICLE

Vaccines given at Windsor Place

About 75 Windsor Place residents receive first doses of COVID-19 vaccine on Monday

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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COFFEYVILLE — The quest to inoculate long-term care residents in Kansas from the COVID-19 virus came true to about 75 residents at Windsor Place in Coffeyville on Monday.

The first doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered to qualified residents via pharmacists from Walgreens. It marked the first time since the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine that long-term care residents in Montgomery County were administered vaccines to fight the coronavirus.

Other nursing centers across Montgomery County are scheduled to receive their vaccines this week and next week.

"I feel relieved," said Jeanette Coltharp, assistant executive director at Windsor Place while watching a line of residents receive their vaccines. "I also feel excitement, because this puts us on course toward reinstitution family visitations and getting our residents toward their level of normalcy."

When Gov. Laura Kelly announced the plans for the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in October, the plans called for long-term care residents to be in the first phase.

However, getting the vaccines confirmed and available was much more difficult than the simple release of a vaccination plan. Coltharp said efforts began at Windsor Place in early November to identify potential vaccine recipients, notify residents' families and receive their consent, and educate residents about the vaccine.

Then came the actual release of the vaccine itself, which, for Windsor Place, was manufactured by Pfizer Inc.

"This process has gone through a lot of coordination and planning," Coltharp said. "Now that the residents have received their first dose, they will wait 28 days to receive their second dose."

A similar vaccine clinic is planned at Windsor Place Assisted Living Center next week.

John Lehn, a Walgreen's pharmacist, administered the Pfizer vaccines at Windsor Place on Monday. He said the 75 doses came in a series of vials,

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Outbreak prompts new air system in jail

Virus outbreak infects 11 inmates in county jail; commission agrees to separate air handling system

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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INDEPENDENCE — Installation of a separate air handling system in the Montgomery County Jail will safeguard inmates and jail staff from potential harmful air particles, including contagions related to COVID-19.

Montgomery County commissioners on Monday learned that 11 inmates had become infected with COVID-19 in an outbreak that began on Dec. 24. Those inmates have been separated from the rest of the jail population. However, the jail's air handling system is interconnected to other various rooms or modules. That means there is the potential for virus-contaminated air to flow into other parts of the jail.

Jeff Phelps, director of courthouse maintenance, suggested installation of a separate air handling system to alleviate concerns about the spread of COVID-19. Installation of a separate heating and air conditioning unit will cost between $15,000 to $16,000, Phelps said. The equipment will include an ultraviolet light disinfection system within the ductwork that will kill not only COVID-19 contagions but also other viruses and bacteria, such as mersa, influenza and staphylococcus.

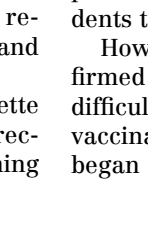
County commissioners agreed to the emergency installation of the separate air handling system. However, they also learned of one problem with an emergency installation: how

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"Your ol' heart starts to pounding and everything about you starts to shake." – Bud Roper, longtime deer hunter

The thrill of the hunt . . . and a case of the jitters

ANDY TAYLOR



My Montgomery County

TYRO — At age 77, Bud Roper of rural Caney could probably be considered the elder statesman of deer hunters in southeast Kansas.

He's been traipsing the timber and fields across the region for more than 60 years, filling tag quotas and doing his part to teach younger generations about the thrill of deer hunting.

Yet, with decades of deer hunting experiences under his belt, Roper still gets as giddy as a small boy on Christmas morning whenever a prized buck falls squarely in his sights.

On Monday, Dec. 29, Roper bagged an impressive 10-point whitetail buck on a hunt near Tyro, using a Mission Sub-1XR Crossbow. The mature buck scored a 156 2/8.

Joining Bud on the hunt were his son, Brent Roper, and a grandson, Brycen Thornton. Thornton and his wife, Tiffany, are on the professional staff with Drury Outdoors. Their deer hunting journeys are frequently documented on video for "Critical Mass," one of the shows that appears regularly on the Outdoor Channel.

As a pro staff member, Brycen often brings his camera gear with him on the hunts. So, it was only fitting that Brycen was able to interview his grandfather after Bud was able to land the big buck, which was shot from an old cellar that had been converted into a deer blind.

"This guy put on quite the show for us," Brycen said proudly of his grandfather. "It was an eventful night."

The elder Roper said he still gets the hunting jitters when a big buck with trophy antlers crosses his path.

"Your ol' heart starts to pounding and everything about you starts to shake," said Bud. "Even after the deer was shot, I was shaking so bad. I've been hunting these things for 62 years. I still get nervous."

Bud said he and his fellow hunters had been tracking this particular buck for quite some time. On the night of the hunt, Bud saw the deer enter the timber area within full view of their deer blind. Bud saw the buck paw the ground and make scrapes on the trees. With the aid of Brycen's resources at deercast.com, Bud, Brent and Brycen knew the conditions were perfect for harvesting whitetail deer. The opportunity to get a giant buck didn't disappoint anyone in the hunting party.

Yet, Bud was philosophical when he spoke about his harvesting a whitetail that carried a good-sized rack and body mass.

"Maybe one of these years, I can kill another deer like this, but it's getting late in my hunting years," said Bud. "Maybe another one like this will come along again before my hunting years are over. But if it doesn't happen, I'll definitely remember this one. I still have a lot of fun getting out and hunting deer."

Not only will the buck's head and rack soon be mounted as a trophy in the Roper home, but the hunt itself also will be remembered on video, courtesy of grandson Brycen Thornton's work with Drury Outdoors. Brycen said he was hopeful that a segment featuring Bud's post-Christmas hunt will be broadcast on "Critical Mass" on the Outdoor Channel during the summer 2021 months.

On an earlier hunt in 2020, Bud and Brycen stared down a mature buck from 20 yards out, but Bud's arrow shot went over the deer's back. Finally, after a long deer season to go along with the COVID-19 pandemic, redemption was met when Bud snagged the giant buck from a short distance on Dec. 29.

"This will be a memory that I will cherish with him forever," said Brycen.



Bud Roper of rural Caney poses with the 10-point whitetail buck that he harvested on a hunt near Tyro on Dec. 29. With Roper is his grandson, Brycen Thornton, who is on the pro staff of Drury Outdoors. Brycen's interview with his grandfather appears at deercast.com. COURTESY PHOTO

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Saying names of polio victims helped ease the 1950s 'shot pain'

RUDY TAYLOR



OFF the Cuff

Along with many pleasant memories of growing up in the 1950s were some sad days akin to today's COVID pandemic, although not nearly so invasive and far reaching.

Infantile paralysis was known as polio, and just saying those words brings back visions of children I knew who were struck by it. Some got by with slight distortions to their arms or legs, many of them walking with limps for their remaining days.

One, who lived across the road from us, was totally paralyzed by polio, and died a decade later. He lived totally inside an iron lung and I spent many afternoons sitting by his side and turning pages so he could read books that were propped up in front of him.

When I was 12, he wanted to become a ham radio operator, so I studied it along with him. Together, we listened to his short wave radio, and later took our FCC tests together. He could move only his head back and forth, and his right wrist had partial use, making it possible to operate a Morse Code "key" which I still have on a shelf in my office.

We moved around when I was young, and I got to know polio victims in Altamont, Broken Arrow, Okla., and Caney. It was heart breaking, to say the least. Each of them became my personal heroes.



Children of all ages were given polio shots by doctors and nurses during the 1950s and early 1960s.

I remember lining up in the hallway of a doctor's office in downtown Parsons to take my first polio shot. Of course, I thought it was painful, but my mother told me to say the names of friends who had polio as the needle entered my arm. "Marcia, James, Becky, Michelle …" and there were more.

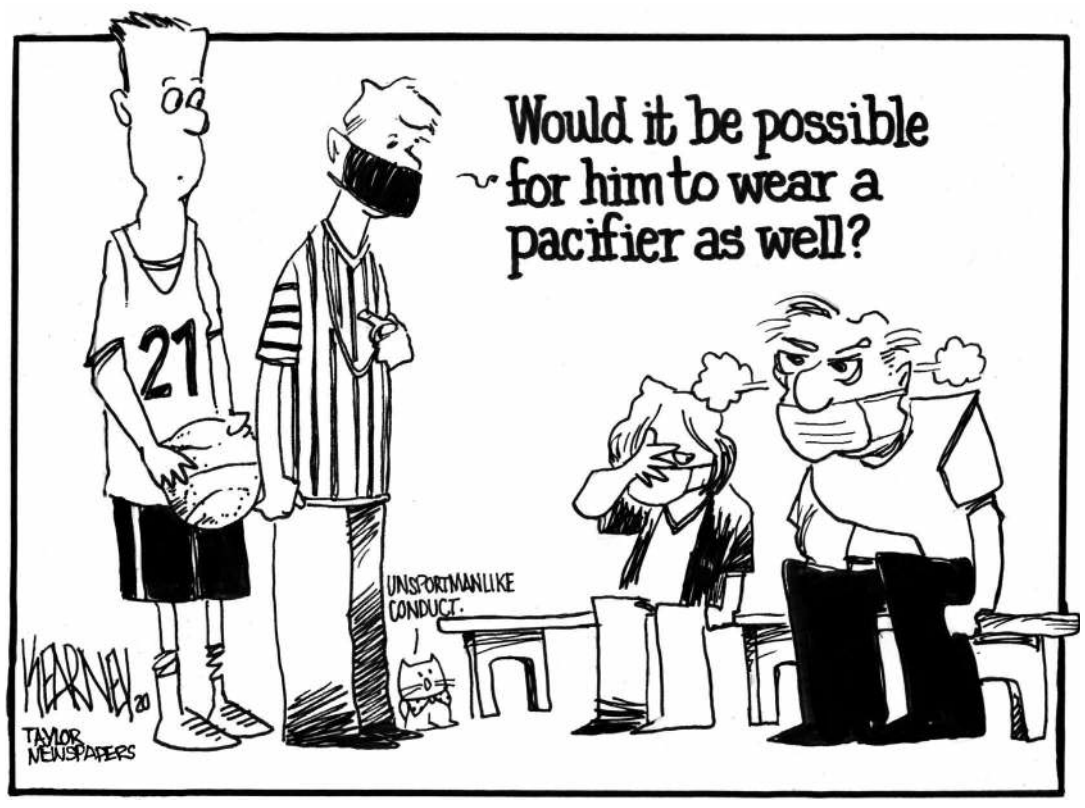
Everyone took the shots, without exception. And, because of that united effort, polio was stamped out by the early 1960s. During the harshest part of the epidemic, there were 119,000 cases of paralytic polio in the U.S., and 6,600 deaths. Sadly, that number is bypassed in one week's time by the horrid COVID virus.

Over a period of eight years, all of us took periodic booster shots, and our final doses in the early 1960s were placed inside small sugar cubes and ingested through the mouth.

We can only pray, and try to live safely, as we seek a better 2021, realizing we're still in the big middle of this pandemic. But, with several vaccines soon to be available, we see definite hope in the dark forest.

Oh, God, we ask for healing as we seek the Great Physician's marvelous touch.

Amen.



Life's Little Lifesavers

KATHY TAYLOR



. . . make a list of all the Christmas cards you received in 2020 so you know who to send one to in 2021 . . . students back in classes following Christmas break, albeit in-person at school or online . . . making it a good habit to say at least one positive thing aloud each day in 2021 . . . have a 2021 calendar handy, either in hard copy or on computer, to record events and appointments for this year . . . "trying" to consume at least half of your daily food intake in veggies and fruits, legumes (beans, etc.) . . . even though the year 2020 was difficult, name some of the year's blessings and thank the Lord for the goodness and richness of those blessings . . . start putting together one of those jigsaw puzzles you got for Christmas . . . preparing a family breakfast for a supper meal . . . taking your dog on a walk in the brisk winter temperatures . . . laughter and joy are contagious and good for cleansing the soul – " 'On with the dance, let the joy be unconfined!' is my motto, whether there's any dance to dance or any joy to unconfined." (Mark Twain)

Improvements for 2021 might just involve some calculated risks

JENNY DIVELEY



Pick A Little, Talk A Little

Last week I watched a show where a curious journalist would ring the doorbells of mansions and ask the owner what they did for a living. It goes along with the same thing most of us do when we drive by those housing editions that sit behind a gate and resemble hotels rather than cozy homes and we say, "I wonder what they do for a living."

What struck me was that the responses were not as I expected. I figured the answers would be lawyers, doctors, or other professions in the upper echelon of the career world. And most of those in those chosen professions do live a good life with plenty to show for it. However, these homes were even beyond that level.

One owner said he was a real estate developer. Another said his family opened a cannabis distribution store. What each of the people had in common as they answered the question was that they took a risk.

Now I know this show was edited and probably not done on the fly as it was conveyed. There again, these mansions were likely tucked away behind a locked gate and may have even had security guards to prevent random strangers from ringing the doorbell.

But as we entered this new year, my mind keeps going back to that show and those responses. As a general rule, the last year provided no risk for improvement.

We were in "hunker down" mode and most people have done what is necessary to keep their family and friends safe. It felt like a holding pattern, where we circled the airport, day after day, waiting for the approval to land.

It's my hope that 2021 greets us with that approval and we can finally put those runway lights in view. It is time to put down the landing gear, disembark, and put our feet out on the tarmac and proceed forward with whatever landscape we are given.

Don't misinterpret this column as my way of saying to throw caution to the wind or ignore the warnings and devastation that has happened in the past year. In fact, I hope that the lessons we have learned from living through a pandemic have allowed us to change our perspectives where we continue to wear our masks, roll up our sleeves when the vaccine is available, and do everything within our power to defeat the beast that has hurt so many.

I'm ready for the challenges and excitement that await in 2021. Maybe it's due to emerging from a year of quarantines and distancing. Or maybe it's the knowledge that my last and final year in my 30s is on the downhill slide.

But the cannabis family, real estate developer, and investors who took a calculated risk provided inspiration for this editor.

While my goals really don't involve houses that resemble hotels or gates that require passwords (unless it leads to a pasture with cattle), it is time to emerge from our shells, dust off what we have always known, make a few revisions, and invest some risk into the new year.

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OUR THOUGHTS

Folly and foolishness

Editorial from 1919 is as appropriate today as it was 102 years ago

America's long-standing fetish with political argument is as old as democracy itself.

After all, a free society cannot function without some element of political bickering entering into the daily conversation.

Sadly, the current state of political affairs in America causes many political conversations to turn silent, as participants would rather tune out their one-time friends and acquaintances than engage someone in friendly banter.

That's nothing new in America. More than likely, our forefathers dreaded hearing Uncle Hiram groan and bellyache about the ruination of the Greenback Party, and few people at the general store wanted to hear spit-and-whittlers give their views on the political merits of the Grange movement.

Imagine the horror on the faces of our grandparents and great-grandparents if they could tune in to the political debates in 2021!

We recently found this editorial printed in a 1919 issue of the Caney Daily Chronicle written by publishers (and brothers) Tom and Fred Lindsay about the foolishness of political arguments. We find their words to be as headstrong in 2021 as they were 102 years ago.

— Andy Taylor

If we started out to find the source of most of the broken friendship in Caney, we firmly believe it would be to discover that political arguments were at the bottom. Not that we would have a man close up like a clam and not voice his opinion of the topics of the day. We encourage that, for an honest exchange of opinions and suggestions is mutually helpful to all.

But political arguments by the man who has not learned to understand that there are two sides to all questions; that the other man is entitled to his opinion; that even if both are wrong the old world is going to keep turning on its axis just the same arguments by that class of men are never helpful and they're always dangerous. One becomes mad, the other gets madder; what started out a friendly interchange of opinions turns out to be a matter of hastily spoken words, often vile names, and a friendship is wrecked beyond repair.

Nothing gets a man as little as a political argument. Nine times out of ten yes, ninety-nine times out of a hundred, you leave the other fellow of the same opinion he was in when he started to argue, you have lost a lot of your esteem for him because he didn't agree with you, and what have you gained? Name one thing you have secured from a political argument that was worth arguing for, and we'll never again raise our voice against the practice.

But until you do we're going to contend that political arguments are nothing short of foolishness.

— Tom and Fred Lindsay
Caney Daily Chronicle
Oct. 10, 1919

The electoral process

Like the weather, if you don't like American elections, just wait

This has been an unsettling week to watch the national news, and it won't be getting better as we move into 2021.

Americans should be jarred by efforts by political leaders to reach into state elections and attempt to change the results. It's not a Republican or Democrat maneuver, because most partisans oppose such crimes. But the outrage among the American people seems to be muffled, based upon whose goose is getting gored.

What every American citizen should realize is that future political races will be affected by the shenanigans being played out as this presidential transition takes place in supposed civil fashion. Remember? That's the way it's done in the U.S.A.

We are emboldened by the notion that all politics are local, so our view of this sausage-making process is brought down to the level we understand: City, county, schools, and of course, state government.

Locally, we've seen more than one political race narrow down to one or two votes. In small precincts, a flip of a coin sometimes decides a race following a tie, or close vote.

The victor gets a handshake from the one landing tails rather than heads, and life moves on. Oh, don't you wish it worked that way in Washington!

Every election has its disappointments, fears of outcomes, and invariably a few vows that "I'll get you next time." In truth, that's the way it should work, because Abraham Lincoln's famous statement is to be believed:

"Democracy is so designed that an evil man elected to office cannot do too much bad. In like manner, a good man cannot do too much good."

Hang on, America. Give those elected a term in office then see which way the pendulum swings. And, if your goose is squealing . . . well, get 'em next time.

— Rudy Taylor

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Of free food, spring music, and a Kansas connection to Mary Ann

ANDY TAYLOR



It's the start of a new calendar year, and this newspaper editor is busy sweeping away a pile of junk and notes from his cluttered desk.

So, here are some items of interest that should reach newsprint before they find their way into the waste basket . . .

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One of the reoccurring images of 2020 were the lines of area residents who were seeking the free distribution of food through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers to Families Food Box Program. I ought to know. I sat in a long line of vehicles awaiting a food distribution in Coffeyville one hot July morning in 2020.

It appears that another round of free food distribution will be occurring again in the early months of 2021.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced last week that $1.5 billion worth of food will be distributed in the form of more than 132 million food boxes in early 2021.

The food is available at local distribution points on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no income guidelines.

You'll be hearing more about the local distribution of the food once contractors have been named after Jan. 19. Deliveries will begin shortly after Jan. 19 and continue through the end of April.

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While many activities at local schools have been curtailed or cancelled due to COVID-19, one local school has plans to pursue a spring musical.

At Independence High School, the school's theatre department is holding auditions this week for "Oklahoma!" The musical will be held in the IHS Performing Arts Center on March 26-28.

IHS theatre director Elizabeth Bennin said the popular musical comes at an appropriate time. Much like the way the Broadway writing and composing team of Rodgers and Hammerstein released "Oklahoma!" in 1943 to a war-weary country, the musical comes to Independence at a moment in time when audiences crave a feel-good story, said Bennin.

"It opened on Broadway in 1943 with minimal sets and design but had an impact on the viewing audience that has lasted for more than 75 years," she said.

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At Independence Community College, theatre director Paul Molnar has announced auditions for two spring productions. "Steel Magnolias" will be performed on March 12-14, followed by a multi-night performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on April 30-May 2.

Auditions for both performances are open to ICC students and the Independence community. For more information about the auditions, check Molnar's Facebook page.

After dealing with a stressful year, it would do some good for all of us to enjoy some live theatre. Thanks to the thespians at IHS and ICC for making that happen.

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When Dawn Wells, who portrayed Mary Ann on the 1960s TV sitcom "Gilligan's Island," died last week at the age of 82, it triggered a memory about the fictional character . . . and her connection to Kansas.

In various episodes of "Gilligan's Island," Mary Ann claimed to be from Winfield, Kan., in Cowley County. That's why show creator Sherwood Schwartz put Wells in a costume get-up that was supposed to "look" Kansas: gingham croptop with a high-waisted shorts. The pig tail hairdos were supposed to give off the appearance of next-door wholesomeness.

When Wells died last week, I made a comment on Facebook about her fictional Mary Ann character being from nearby Winfield. Many people responded that they forgot Mary Ann was from Kansas . . . or had no memory of that Sunflower State connection.

Actually, Wells is a Nevada native. But, her character carries the Kansas stamp of approval.

After all, what viewer of "Gilligan's Island" didn't have a crush on Mary Ann?

Wells did make one visit to Winfield in 1993 as part of a community celebration.

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One of my favorite TV reruns is "The Andy Griffith Show." There also is a Kansas connection on that program.

In some episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show," Andy's love interest, Helen Crump, claims to be from Kansas. She doesn't mention a hometown . . . but only she came from the Sunflower State.

In actuality, the role of Helen Crump was played by Aneta Corsaut, who was a native Kansan. She was born in Hutchinson, Kan., in 1933.

After "The Andy Griffith Show" went off the air (the roles of Andy and Helen got married in the 1968 season, which lead to the two characters riding off into the North Carolina sunset to making way for the sequel "Mayberry R.F.D."), Corsaut continued to act with bit parts in numerous TV shows in the 1970s and '80s. They include "Emergency!," "Marcus Welby, M.D." "Hart to Hart," "Adam-12," "Columbo," "Hotel," and "Matlock."

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Here is a bit of trivia for those fans of "The Andy Griffith Show": only four regular characters from "The Andy Griffith Show" remain alive in 2021. Who are they?

The surviving regular performers from "The Andy Griffith Show" are Ron Howard, who portrayed Opie Taylor; Betty Lynn, who portrayed Thelma Lou; and Elinor Donahue, who portrayed pharmacist "Ellie" Walker.

So, who is the fourth character?

Do you remember Leon, the peanut butter sandwich-eating child who never had any speaking lines in any episodes? He was played by Clint Howard, who is Ron Howard's younger brother.

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Tales of a Kansas Farm Mom

Two of our family members have recovered from COVID-19. They both agree that it really isn't that much fun at all. We are very thankful that it was limited to only two members and that we were able to isolate them safely from the rest of us.

Christmas Break was very strange as one son spent his entire break with my parents to keep him further from the positive cases.

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This winter season has me wanting to break out the crock pot every single day to make a yummy roast.

Italian Ranch Beef Roast

1 package of dry Italian seasoning
1 package of dry ranch dressing
1 package of brown gravy mix on top then add a
1/2 cup water
1 beef roast
Place roast in slow cooker and sprinkle everything over the top including the water. Cook on low all day.

Easy Beef Roast with Vegetables

1 package of dry onion soup mix
Chopped onion
Vegetables of choice (carrots, potatoes, celery, green beans (canned or frozen)
3-5 pound roast
Place all in the slow cooker all day and come home to your meal all ready for you.

Coca Cola Roast

Any roast … lamb, beef or pork. Dry rub with Lowry's Seasoned Salt (make a crust). Put it in the crock pot with a can of Coke. If you want BBQ, add a bottle of bbq sauce. If not, it is perfect with just the seasoned salt and Coke. Cook 8 hours on low. I have also been told that Dr. Pepper and Cherry Coke work amazing in this recipe as well.

Pork Roast in Apple Cider Gravy

1 pork roast or pork loin roast
2 medium apples
2 small onions
Salt & pepper
2 c. apple cider
1 T. cornstarch
Directions: Slice apples and onions. Put half of apples and onions in the bottom of crock pot. Slice deep into roast and about 1 inch apart insert other half of apples and onions amongst slices. Place roast on top of first half of apples and onions. Salt and pepper roast on top. Pour 2 cups of cider around roast. Cook on high 5 to 6 hours, or on low for 8 hours. Once done take out roast and tent with foil. Strain cider out of crockpot into saucepan. Whisk in cornstarch and cook until bubbly and thick.

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

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

FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHERRYVALE: Tommy Duncan, pastor. 717 E. 6th, Cherryvale, Kan. (620) 336-3504. Website: www.fsbccherryvale.net. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wed. Night Bible Study & Youth, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Ernest J. Monk

MULVANE, Kan. — Caney native Ernest J. Monk (Ernie or EJ) was born on Dec. 24, 1930 in rural Caney, to Benhard and Juanita Monk.

Ernie passed away on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 at Villa Maria in Mulvane, Kan., with wife, sons and grandsons present.

A graduate of Washburn University, Monk also did a tour of duty in the U.S. Army's 10th Infantry Division in Austria.

Ernie joined the Boeing Co. in 1956 and retired in 1987 (with over 30 years of service) as manager of business systems/computer services. He loved the outdoors and sports especially golf (he scored three holes in one!)

Ernie is survived by his wife, Shirley; two sons, Kerry with wife Denise, and Kelly with wife Debra; and three grandsons, Casey, Kyle and Cory with Brooke; a great-grandson, Rowan; a sister-in-law, Beryl Johnson; along with four nieces, three nephews and a number of cousins.

Due to COVID-19, no services are being planned.

David Joe Randall

TYRO — David Joe Randall, age 70, of Tyro passed away Monday, Dec. 28, 2020 at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville, Okla.

David was born on May 30, 1950 in Fairfax, Okla., to Lester and Mildred (McMann) Randall. He grew up in Fairfax and Little Chief, Okla., where he attended school. David furthered his education at Butler Community College and Newman University in Kansas.



David proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for over 13 years until receiving a medical discharge. After his military service, David worked for the United States Postal Service for more than 20 years.

On Dec. 17, 1983 he was united in marriage to Patricia Ann Roby in Haysville, Kan. The couple made their home in Tyro where he served as the postmaster at the Tyro Post Office. They also had several rental properties they took care of.

David was a member of the Delaware Tribe and Cherokee Tribe as well as a member of the VFW Post 1022 and American Legion Post 20 of Coffeyville. He was a guy who could fix anything. From mechanic work and carpentry to making fishing lures and taxidermy he could do it all He was always there to lend a helping hand and even if he couldn't fix something, he could come up with a temporary solution until something else could be done.

Some of David's hobbies were hunting, fishing, watching his favorite football teams the Green Bay Packers and the OU Sooners.

Surviving to honor his memory are his loving wife, Patricia of the home; a son, Lester Joe Randall and wife, Erika, of Horton, Kan., a daughter, Stephine Ann Randall and wife, Emily Relph, of Coffeyville; grandchildren, Marshall Randall, Maryanna Randall, Wyatt Randall, Mae Randall, Maci Randall and Kacely Relph; a brother, Charles Randall and wife, Mary, of Hulah Lake, Okla.; two sisters, Judy Nevius and husband, Dennis, of Edmond, Okla., and Jerri Laird of Bartlesville, Okla.; and a sister-in-law, Barbara Randall, of Edmond, Okla.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Mildred Randall; brothers, Bob Randall, Arthur Randall and wife, Barbara and a sister, Allene Randall.

Following David's wishes, cremation will take place under the direction of David W. Barnes Funeral Home in Coffeyville. No public services are scheduled at this time.

Memorial contributions can be made to the VFW Post 1022 or the American Legion Post 20; these may be left with the funeral home or mailed in care of David W. Barnes Funeral Home 306 N. Cline Rd. Coffeyville, KS 67337.

David W. Barnes Funeral Home in Coffeyville is in charge of arrangements. To leave a message for the family online, visit www.dwbfh.com.

DEATH NOTICES

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

Roger C. Cotner

INDEPENDENCE — Roger C. Cotner, age 77, of Independence died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020.

Services will be announced at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Webb and Rodrick are entrusted with arrangements.

Zelda M. Powell

COFFEYVILLE — Zelda Marguerette Powell, age 90, of Coffeyville died Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Windsor Place Nursing Home in Coffeyville.

Private family funeral services were held at Ford-Wulf-Bruns Chapel on Tuesday, Jan. 5. Burial was at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Coffeyville.

To leave an online condolence or share a memory, visit www.fordwulfbrunschapel.com.

Betheen G. Armstrong

COPAN — Betheen Grubaugh Armstrong, age 69, of Copan died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020 at the Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville, Okla.

Cremation has taken place with Potts Chapel and a service will be held at a later date.

Marjorie Irene Hight

INDEPENDENCE — Marjorie Irene Hight, age 92, of Independence died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020.

A celebration of life service was held Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Potts Chapel of Independence.

Barbara (Cranor) Dodson

INDEPENDENCE — Barbara Farrell (Cranor) Dodson, age 84, of Independence died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020, at Country Place Senior Living in Independence, due to complications following Covid-19.

There will be no service at this time. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Webb and Rodrick Chapel. Internment will happen at a later, undetermined date.

Dorothy (Hamlin) Jackson

ELK CITY — Dorothy Ann (Hamlin) Jackson, age 85, of Elk City died at her home on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020.

A private family graveside will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery in Independence. Arrangements are being held through Potts Chapel of Independence.

Wanda Mae Hemman

COFFEYVILLE — Wanda Mae Hemman, age 82, formerly of Coffeyville died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020 at Cherryvale Senior Living in Cherryvale.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Coffeyville; arrangements were handled through David W. Barnes Funeral Home of Coffeyville.

Dale Duane Kennedy

COFFEYVILLE — Dale Duane Kennedy, age 70, of Coffeyville died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020 at Coffeyville Regional Medical Center.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Argonia Cemetery in Argonia, Kan.; arrangements are being handled through the David W. Barnes Funeral Home of Coffeyville.

Larry Dean Bray

SOUTH COFFEYVILLE — Larry Dean Bray, age 72, of South Coffeyville, Okla., died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 31, at the Southview Church of God in South Coffeyville. Burial followed at Robbins Cemetery west of Coffeyville.

Arrangements were handled through the David W. Barnes Funeral Home of Coffeyville.

Joseph "Ben" Benjamin Hudson

WANN — Joseph "Ben" Benjamin Hudson, age 46, of Wann, Okla., died Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 in Bartlesville, Okla.

A celebration of Ben's life will be held at a later date. Cremation has been entrusted to Stumpff Funeral Home and Crematory in Bartlesville.

Clara L. Mitchell

COFFEYVILLE — Clara L. Mitchell, age 73, of Coffeyville died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020.

Honoring Clara's wishes, cremation under the direction

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Due to the COVID-19 virus, we will not be holding the annual Valentine Cookie Fundraiser in 2021.

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Military veteran presents unique American flag to Lee's Cooling and Heating

A local disabled military veteran said "thank you" in a unique way recently. Gary Goldsberry of rural Coffeyville and a member of the Independence VFW Post 1186 presented a wooden American flag to representatives of Lee's Cooling and Heating after the Independence-based firm provided Goldsberry with a new heating and air unit at his house. Accepting the flag were Brian Beecham and Doug Harpster of Lee's Cooling and Heating. Beecham and Harpster then asked that the wooden flag be placed in the VFW Post for all to see and respect. Goldsberry said he was overwhelmed by the show of generosity from Lee's Cooling and Heating in 2020 when the firm chose him to receive a much-needed unit for his house. "I think it's important to give back, and there is no symbol of patriotism stronger than the American flag," said Goldsberry. Beecham said Lee's Cooling and Heating works with local veterans organizations in donating equipment to deserving military veterans. Lennox, a major supplier of heating and air conditioning equipment, has a program where climate-controlled equipment is donated to military veterans in communities served by Lennox representatives. "This is just a small part of what we can do to pay it forward for our military veterans," said Beecham. Pictured with the wooden American flag, which was made by a wood artist from Oswego, are (left to right) Doug Harpster of Lee's Cooling and Heating, Gary Goldsberry, Brian Beecham of Lee's Cooling and Heating, and Bruce Clemens, VFW Post 1186 commander. ANDY TAYLOR / MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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of Ford-Wulf-Bruns Chapel will take place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

Max Bentley

COFFEYVILLE — James F. Bentley, age 90, of Woodhaven, Mich., and formerly of Coffeyville died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020 in Woodhaven.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 at Ford-Wulf-Bruns Chapel in Coffeyville.

Adella Elizabeth Capwell

INDEPENDENCE — Adella Elizabeth Capwell, age 78, of Independence, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020, at the St. John's Ascension Health Center in Bartlesville, Okla.

Graveside services were held at the Bluff Cemetery in Springdale, Ark., on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021.

Arrangements are entrusted to the Backstrom-Pyeatte Funeral Home of Springdale.

Mamie Lee Davis

COFFEYVILLE — Mamie Lee Davis, age 80, of Coffeyville died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 in Coffeyville.

Graveside service will be held at Hall Cemetery in French Village, Mo., at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8. A memorial service for the Coffeyville area will be announced at a later date through Potts Chapel.

John H. VanDyne

PARSONS — John Herbert Van Dyne, age 91, of Parsons and formerly of rural Independence died Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at Labette Health, in Parsons.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, at the Independence Church of the Nazarene. Burial followed in the Harmony Cemetery, near the family farm, in rural Independence.

Forbes-Hoffman Funeral Home in Parsons handled arrangements.

Eugene R. Trefethen

CHERRYVALE — Eugene R. Trefethen, age 72, of Cherryvale died Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021 at his home.

Celebration of life services will be held 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, at Wickham Family Funeral Home, 216 E. 4th, Cherryvale.

Susan E. Drake

CHERRYVALE — Susan E. Drake of Cherryvale died Monday, Dec. 21, 2020 at her home.

Cremation has taken place with private family services planned at a later date.

Wickham Family Funeral Home, 216 E. 4th, Cherryvale, is handling burial arrangements.

Jacqueline "Christi" Hestand

CHERRYVALE — Jacqueline "Christi" Hestand, age 43, of Cherryvale died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020 at Labette Health in Independence.

Cremation had taken place and services are pending under the guidance of Wickham Family Funeral Home, 216 E.

Local porch pirate learns lesson about redemption

INDEPENDENCE — A package thief who learned the error of stealing packages before Christmas collided with a generous heart to create a brighter holiday for several local people.

Jerry Harrison, Independence police chief, said local police received a report on Dec. 23 of a person stealing packages from a front porch on East Main Street in Independence. The caller reported that the thief, known as a "porch pirate" for taking parcels from front porches, pilfered the package.

> Surveillance cameras can add layer of security to local homes, chief says

The investigating officer identified the package pilfering party from the homeowner's video surveillance system. An officer visited the suspect's home, where the suspect was told there was enough evidence to have the suspect placed in jail . . . or, at the least, have enough money to bond out of jail.

Police later learned that the package contained a crockpot and was returned to the original owner in time for Christmas.

Along with the return of the crockpot, the thief left a note apologizing for their misdeed, along with a Christmas gift for the victim.

In return, the victim gave the suspect the gift of freedom by dropping all charges, Harrison said.

"It isn't often that cases have such a positive ending, even during the holidays," said Harrison. "Happy endings should be celebrated, and we hope this is a sign of more good things to come for Independence in 2021."

Harrison encouraged homeowners to do their part to prevent crime throughout the year. Some helpful ideas to prevent package theft:

- Have your package delivered to work,
- Have your package delivered to the home of a relative or friend you know will be home,
- Have the package held at the post office for pick up,
- Use ship to store where you can,
- Give directions to have the package hidden on your property, and
- Purchase a "box lock" system or require a signature upon receipt.

Harrison also encouraged people to consider home surveillance systems. They have become economical and versatile enough that you can have a very simple low-cost system or invest more in a higher-end more complicated system. Even doorbells can provide quality, high-tech surveillance options.

Anyone that has a home surveillance system can enroll in IPD's Private-Eyes database. Share a few details about your system and when there is a crime in your neighborhood police will notify you and try to determine if your system can help solve the crime. Private Eyes gives everyone the option of working together to keep their neighborhood safe. IPD will not share any information about your system with any other agencies without your permission.

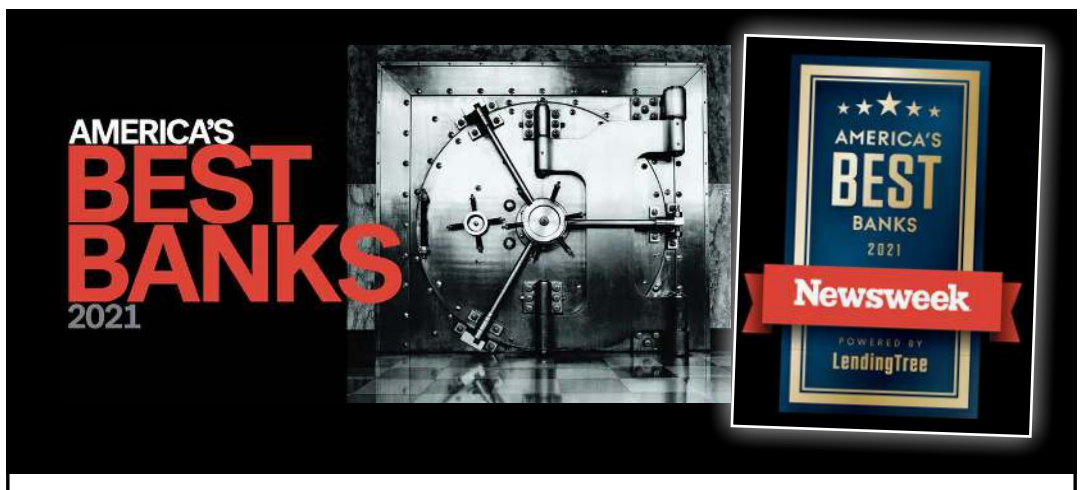
Local museum to hold Smithsonian exhibit

INDEPENDENCE — The Independence Historical Museum and Art Center is making preparations for its first exhibit of 2021: a Smithsonian-sponsored Institution traveling exhibition called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America"

The exhibit will be on display at the museum, 123 N. 8th, from Jan. 28 through March 5.

"Crossroads: Change in Rural America" will spark fresh thinking and new conversations about the future and sustainability of Kansas communities. Local exhibitions, public programs, online resources, and the Smithsonian exhibition will offer food for thought as we think about what's at stake in small towns.

The exhibit stop will also feature a local exhibit about Independence's unique crossroads. This local exhibit will be displayed in downtown window fronts in the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of Penn Ave. This local exhibit will look at Independence's rich volunteer, entrepreneurial, and cultural heritage.



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"On behalf of our executives, directors, officers and employees throughout our organization, it is an honor to be recognized by Newsweek magazine," said Dan Mildfelt, Community National Bank & Trust's president and chief executive officer. "Our employees are committed to provide the highest quality banking products and exceptional service to our customers throughout the Region."

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COVID-19 vaccine release framework remains in place

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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While questions persist about the availability of COVID-19 vaccinations for Kansas in 2021, the framework for the inoculation schedule remains intact, the spokesperson for Gov. Laura Kelly said.

On Dec. 16, Gov. Laura Kelly released the framework for a COVID-19 inoculation schedule. The goal of the framework was not to confine Kansans to set datelines for COVID-19 vaccine administration but to give direction as to which population groups would be given the priority when those vaccines are made available.

Lauren Fitzgerald, Kelly's spokesperson, said the vaccination framework (see chart) remains in place. She said the vaccination schedule is conditional upon the release of the vaccines from pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Now in place are vaccinations for the top-tier priority group, which includes emergency personnel and healthcare workers, including doctors, nurses, therapists, long-term care facility staff, emergency or ambulance workers, and other frontline public health workers.

Population Group	Very Limited Availability (early winter)	Limited Availability (late winter)	Increased Availability (spring)	Generally Available (summer)
Health Care Personnel	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long Term Care Facility Staff	✓	✓	✓	✓
Long Term Care Residents	✓	✓	✓	✓
EMS/Frontline Public Health Workers	✓	✓	✓	✓
First Responders		✓	✓	✓
Includes some public facing workers in essential and critical infrastructure		✓	✓	✓
Teachers, school staff, child-care workers		✓	✓	✓
Individuals at high risk for adverse health consequences		✓	✓	✓
All other adults			✓	✓
Children				✓

Source: Office of Gov. Laura Kelly

Some of those emergency service personnel in Montgomery County have already received the first dose of their two-dose vaccines in recent weeks.

Long-term care residents in nursing homes and assisted living centers also are targeted as a top-tier population group who will receive the initial shipment of the COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccinating the top-tier population group will likely take most of the early months of winter, depending upon the vaccine availability, according to the inoculation framework.

The vaccine will become available in late winter, on a limited basis, for first responders, some public facing workers in essential and critical infrastructure, teachers, school staff, child care workers, and individuals at high risk for adverse health consequences.

The vaccine will become available in the spring, at an increased availability, for all other adults.

Finally, the vaccine will become generally available in the summer for all Kansans, including children.

The overall goal, Kelly told the Montgomery County Chronicle, is to get most Kansans, including children, inoculated by the start of the 2021-22 school year in August.

"If I could look into a crystal ball, I would like to see all Kansas children in their classrooms without interruption when schools begin next August," she said.

The release of the vaccines is being coordinated through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. A hub-and-spoke system of distribution systems will allow the release of the vaccines to regional hubs, then flow through the spokes to the local communities. In southeast Kansas, Pittsburg serves as the regional hub for the vaccines.

Kelly: data lag leads to misinterpretation of inoculation rate

CDC data comparing states' inoculation rates is not fair, timely analysis, governor says

BY TIM CARPENTER
Kansas Reflector

TOPEKA — The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday inoculation of Kansans with COVID-19 vaccines continued to trail the rate in four surrounding states, while Republican politicians denounced plans by Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly to place prison inmates ahead of the general public on the priority list for the shot.

Kelly said statistics reported by CDC on Kansas' vaccination rate were misleading because gaps in comparison with Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma had been distorted by delays in documenting inoculations in Kansas. CDC data shows 20,110 people in Kansas received at least one shot for a rate of 690 per 100,000 residents. That ranked Kansas last nationally, according to CDC. Mississippi had the second-worst inoculation rate of 733 for 100,000 residents.

Nebraska has distributed the vaccine to 35,644 people, according to CDC, for a rate of 1,853 per 100,000. Here are total vaccinations and per-capita rates for the three other states: Colorado, 112,500 shots, 1,954 per 100,000; Missouri, 91,800 shots, 1,496 per 100,000; and Oklahoma, 60,000 shots, 1,517 per 100,000.

"We've got people who right now are focused on getting vaccinations in people's arms," said Kelly, a Topeka Democrat. "Their sidelight is trying to get that data into the system. I think what we've done is just not pull them away from people to train them. We're working on the reporting and getting the data into systems so that those numbers will change."

When asked to explain the vaccination-reporting shortfall in Kansas, Kelly said the state needed to prioritize prompt distribution of its allocation of 130,000 doses of vaccine while also upgrading contributions to the CDC and other public reporting on vaccination rates. The governor's office said coronavirus vaccine had been transferred to all 105 counties, and the governor said Kansas had among the most efficient systems for moving vaccine from central storage hubs to health facilities in each county.

However, the Osage County Health Department posted to social media that the agency "does not have any vaccine and KDHE has not given us a timeframe as to when we will receive it. The health department has not been notified of any sites in the county that have vaccine."

The CDC says 4.5 million doses of vaccine have been administered nationwide from among 15.4 million doses delivered to states and territories.

Ashley Jones-Wisner, spokeswoman for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, said not all health providers were fully trained on computer systems used to report inoculations for COVID-19. The state-by-state vaccination numbers shared by CDC "are not current" in terms of Kansas, she said.

"We hope that as this process moves forward, and everyone becomes trained, we will be able to share accurate numbers more readily," Jones-Wisner said.



Gov. Laura Kelly said Kansas' last-in-nation COVID-19 vaccination rate, based on CDC reporting, is misleading due to a lag in health workers documenting inoculations across the state. The CDC says Kansas trails the four surrounding states. (SHERMAN SMITH/KANSAS REFLECTOR)

Former Gov. Jeff Colyer, a surgeon and Republican who served as governor for one year prior to Kelly's election, said he was disappointed CDC reports affirmed Kansas was the worst in the nation at COVID-19 vaccinations.

"It's disheartening to see Kansas ranked at the bottom in immunizations," Colyer said. "Last April, Kansas was ranked last in testing. Kansas should be a national leader — not last place."

In October, the Kelly administration initiated a statewide coordinated testing strategy with a goal of conducting 1 million tests for COVID-19 by the end of December. On Tuesday, KDHE said the state conducted 1,001,000 coronavirus tests during 2020.

"Ramping up testing capabilities in Kansas has been critical to identify COVID-19 in our state and stop the spread," said Lee Norman, secretary at KDHE. "Reaching this milestone in Kansas shows great success, but we must remain vigilant and continue following proven public health measures as we move into 2021. Free testing is available through the end of January, and I urge you to utilize testing locations in your area this month."

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, a Republican who has been mentioned along with Colyer as a possible candidate for governor in 2022, didn't object to the Kelly administration's intent to offer the vaccine initially to front-line pandemic workers, including prison employees, as well as nursing home residents and employees.

The attorney general, however, said a distinct line should be drawn when it came to prison inmates.

"Kansas should save lives by putting older folks, wherever they live, ahead of younger inmates," Schmidt said. "I think Kansas seniors, many of whom have been largely trapped in their homes since March, should have priority over prisoners. But, sadly, not everybody agrees."

Schmidt said 85% of the COVID-19 fatalities in Kansas were among people age 65 and older. The Kansas Department of Corrections reports 13 inmates have died after testing positive for the coronavirus, which computes to a rate of less than 1% of the inmate population.

The state's prison system houses about 8,600 inmates and these facilities have reported more than 5,200 cases among incarcerated men and women. There have been nearly 1,000 infections for COVID-19 among prison staff. Four corrections employees have died.

On Monday, the state corrections department said the first inmate at El Dorado Correctional Facility had died after testing positive for COVID-19. The man's name wasn't released, but the 65-year-old tested positive Dec. 28 and was hospitalized Saturday. He had been incarcerated since 2010 on a 294-month sentence for attempted first-degree murder.

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New Caney Christmas lights to be result of fundraising drive

CANEY — Fundraising for new Christmas lights to be installed along Fourth Avenue in downtown Caney has begun. Rudy and Kathy Taylor are heading the effort to raise money for this purpose after seeing that the current decorations were in need of replacement.

The Taylors said Caney's reputation of holding the area's largest night-night Christmas parade each year deserves better lights, both for decorating and illumination purposes.

They have made trips to many area towns to see their holiday lights, and to take pictures to show the Caney Community Betterment Group and the Caney City Council. Hopefully, the fundraising portion of the project can be completed before June, then the lights can be chosen and purchased for delivery and installation by November.

Already several checks have come in for the purpose. Close to $2,000 has been received. The Taylors believe it will take around $15,000 to outfit approximately 15 poles in the downtown area.

Donations should be sent to: Caney Community Betterment Group Foundation, P. O. Box 153, Caney, KS 67333. This is a 501c3 non-profit corporation which means all contributions will be fully tax deductible.

The Taylors have received calls from several Caney Valley High School alumni who want to support the lighting project. One family wants to make a donation in memory of a well-known father and grandfather who was known for his proclivity for Christmas decorating. Several donations have been made as memorials to loved ones or friends who have recently passed away.

Questions about the project should be directed to Kathy or Rudy Taylor at the Montgomery County Chronicle office in Caney, 620-879-2156.

Vaccine: Windsor Place administers shots

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all of which are stored in dry ice after having been received from a regional hub where they are stored in deep-freeze conditions.

Lehn said the vials have a time factor after they are opened. That's why it's imperative timing and planning for vaccine administration is critical, he said.

"I only open one vial at a time," said Lehn. "But there are only a certain number of hours we can administer the vaccine after the vial is opened. It's important that the timing and scheduling remain in place so the we don't waste any vials."

At Windsor Place, vaccine recipients were examined carefully for 15 minutes after the shots were administered. Windsor Place staff watched the injection sites to determine if residents had any serious and instantaneous reaction to the vaccine.

Jail: 11 inmates infected with COVID-19

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to remove the COVID-19-infected inmates. Phelps said staff from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment was on the jail premises on Monday to test all inmates for COVID-19. Additionally, Phelps said KDHE protocols call for the infected inmates to not be removed to separate locations.

Removal of the inmates — both infected and non-infected — is critical toward getting the separate air handling system installed, Phelps said. Not only will the jail area that now contains those infected inmates have to be disinfected for the contractors who will install the ductwork but a portion of the jail will have to be shutdown for security purposes. That's because contractors will have to knock holes into the jail walls for the ductwork, he added.

Sheriff Ron Wade said installation of the new air handling system will help protect inmates from a future airborne COVID-19 outbreak. He also said he was conferring with state officials to decide where and how to sequester the infected inmates during the construction and installation of the new air handling system.

On a related note, Rick Whitson, county emergency management director, confirmed that members of the Montgomery County Rural Fire Department #1 were not eligible for the COVID-19 in the first round of vaccines that were distributed for first responders. The reason? Immunization protocols set by the federal government do not classify rural firefighters as first responders in the healthcare realm, even though they serve in a secondary role as backup to first responders who are emergency medical technicals or paramedics.

"From what I've been told, rural firefighters' primary role is in fire suppression," said Whitson. "So, that carries a different distinction than if they had a primary role in healthcare."

Whitson did vow that the rural firefighters will be vaccinated against COVID-19 when vaccine supplies are made available.

The rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in Kansas has been confined to frontline workers, such as those who are directly involved in healthcare, Whitson said. Persons in long-term care centers also are scheduled to be vaccinated in the first round of COVID-19 inoculations.

The vaccines that are administered locally are manufactured through Mederna pharmaceutical company. The vaccines are in two doses; the second dose is administered 28 days after the first inoculation.

Whitson also noted that Montgomery County receives its vaccines through a regional distribution point in Crawford County. All vaccines distributed in Kansas will be available through a "hub-and-spoke" system, where one community will serve as the regional hub. The vaccines are then available to each county as they become available from the manufacturer.

The administration of the Mederna vaccine is tricky because it requires down-to-the-minute scheduling, said Whitson. That's because the vaccine is fresh for only six hours after a vial is opened. He has been working with local law enforcement, fire departments, and EMS services in the past two weeks to make sure the scheduling of those vaccines is timed in an effort to avoid waste.

"The last thing I want to do is dump out a good vial," he said.

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DATEBOOK

FRIDAY JAN 8

• Virtual only First Friday event sponsored by the Independence Chamber of Commerce and the City of Independence, 7:30 a.m., watch live on the City's Facebook page.

SATURDAY JAN 9

• First Saturday Recycling Independence will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at the Sanitation Yard, 21st and Maple.

MONDAY JAN 11

• Montgomery County Commission will meet at 9 a.m., in the lower level of the Montgomery County Judicial Center in Independence.

• Caney Boy Scouts meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Cornerstone Church of Caney.

• The Cherryvale Senior Citizens bingo event will be held at 1 p.m., 107 E. Main. Cost is a $1 donation, and snacks are provided. You must be 55 years old or older to play; grandchildren are welcome with grandparent.

• VFW Bingo Night, Independence VFW - 113 E. Myrtle, bingo packs $7, doors open a 5 p.m., games start at 7.

• Al-Anon meets at the Independence Episcopal Church, 400 E. Maple, 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Monday.

• The Cherryvale USD 447 Board of Education regular meeting will be held at 7 p.m., in the Cherryvale Middle-High School Library.

• The Independence USD 446 Board of Education monthly meeting at the Independence High School Library, 7 p.m.

• The Coffeyville Board of Education will hold its monthly meeting at the board office at 6 p.m.

• USD 436-Caney Valley Board of Education meeting, 6:30 p.m., in the Board of Education meeting room.

• Caney Pioneers 4-H Club monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Caney Trinity Lutheran Church.

• The Fawn Creek 4-H Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Tyro Christian Church.

• The City of Tyro will hold its monthly council meeting at 7 p.m. at the Tyro Christian Church.

• The City of Havana will hold its monthly council meeting at 6 p.m. in the Havana City Hall.

• Leaf and limb pick up in Cherryvale. If you need this service, call Cherryvale City Hall and give them your address.

TUESDAY JAN 12

• City of Independence Recycling and Large Debris and Junk Drop Off is held every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sanitation Yard, 21st and Maple.

• The Coffeyville City Commission will meet for a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the commission meeting room at City Hall, 102 W. 7th Street.

WEDNESDAY JAN 13

• Cherryvale Public Library board of trustee meeting, 6 p.m., at the library.

• Caney United Methodist Church free community meals served from 5 to 6 p.m, drive-thru meals only at the church parking lot. See detailed ad and story found elsewhere in this issue.

THURSDAY JAN 14

• The Caney Community Betterment Group will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Caney City Council meeting room at Caney City Hall. See detailed story found elsewhere in this issue.

• The Independence City Commission will hold a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Veterans Room at the Civic Center, 410 N. Penn Ave.

• Montgomery County Beekeepers Association will meet at 6 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Andrew Catholic Church, 414 E. Myrtle. Use door on south side for entrance. See detailed story found elsewhere in this issue.

MONDAY JAN 18

• Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday. Most governmental offices and banks will be closed.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Montgomery County Conservation District will hold its annual meeting by virtual format on Thursday, Jan. 21. Conservation district members are invited to participate in the annual election of board members. Because of the virtual format, ballots need to be given to members who wish to vote. Contact conservation district manager Levi Cluibine at Levi.Clubine@ks.nacdnet.net or at 620-331-4860 ext. 3 to get an invitation and a ballot.

Montgomery County Conservation District



Coffeyville teen earns Eagle Scout rank

At a recent Court of Honor in Coffeyville, Eagle Scout Zachary Adam Lowrance of Coffeyville honored four mentors and recognized several others who helped him earn the Eagle Scout rank. From left to right are Dona Pendleton, Jerrie Ann Lowrance, Eagle Scout Zachary Lowrance, Jack Gerler and Chris Decker. COURTESY PHOTO

New trash service begins in Cherryvale

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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CHERRYVALE — Green Environmental Services remind Cherryvale residents this week about the use of proper refuse containers as the Erie-based service began residential trash disposal this week.

Speaking at Monday's Cherryvale City Council meeting, John Hafner of Green Environmental Services said residential trash containers have been delivered to local residents in the past two weeks. Residents who have refuse carts from another source — such as a Walmart or Orscheln's brand — can continue to use those carts for residential disposal. However, Green Environmental Services it not responsible for repairing those non-Green containers, Hafner said.

"I'd really rather people use our Green carts, but if they have a cart from Walmart or somewhere like that, that is fine," said Hafner. "However, we will not maintain those carts that do not come from us. Our carts are industrial strength with a 12-year, prorated warranty. If our carts break, we'll fix them."

Hafner also said Green Environmental will remove all residential refuse this week, including the large boxes that often accompany the Christmas season.

The Cherryvale City Council's first meeting of the 2021 calendar year saw councilors approve a pair of resolutions that deal with annual accounting principals and policies.

Councilors agreed to adopt the League of Kansas Municipalities' annual municipal policy statement. The statement allows the City of Cherryvale to follow the principals and interests of the League of Kansas Municipalities, which represents municipal governments across Kansas.

The council also adopted the annual Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP) waiver resolution, which is an annual accounting conformity policy.

The GAAP procedures are not relevant to the requirements of the state's cash basis law, which is the accounting guideline that Kansas municipal governments follow.

In other business, the council learned that City Hall will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Therefore, the council's next meeting will be moved to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19 at City Hall, 123 W. Main.

Clerk's office to assist with filing Homestead tax claims

The Montgomery County Clerk's Office is notifying all citizens of Montgomery County that the office staff will be available to assist in processing the Homestead or Safe Senior Property Tax Refund for Low Income Seniors starting on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2021. The deadline for processing the returns will be Thursday, April 15, 2021.

For the Homestead tax refund, renting does not qualify for the Homestead refund. You must be a homeowner and pay the property taxes to qualify.

For the food sales tax credit, you must file a federal income tax return before calculating the food sales tax credit. If you do not file a federal income tax return then you do not qualify for the food sales tax credit.

The Clerk's Office will be available to assist applicants on the following days and times: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Below is the information that you will need to bring with you:

- SRS: Food stamp payments for all of 2020, cash assistance payments for all of 2020
- Social Security (1099): Benefit Verification form that includes your "Date of Disability Onset" (if receiving disability payments); Income letter for all of 2020; 1099 (Interest and Income)
- Children: Birthdates: Social Security numbers
- Homeowners: Statement for 2020 Property Taxes-Applicants name must be on the deed.
- Income: All income for any household member over the age of 18 in 2020 unless income is Social Security/Disability; if you file a federal or state income tax return you must have your tax preparer complete your homestead as well. The county clerk's office will no longer be able to calculate the homestead on citizens who file a federal and/or state income tax.

Office staff will not be able to process these claims unless all necessary paperwork is brought in at the time of preparing your claim. If you have any questions, contact the County Clerk's office at (620) 330-1200.

Consumer Corner: Use your holiday gift cards wisely

BY KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL DEREK SCHMIDT

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

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

As you venture out to the stores or log on to your computer to spend that gift card, make sure you're aware of the fine print that comes with your gift. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- Under Kansas law, gift cards cannot expire for at least five years. If the gift card does not have an expiration date printed on the card, then it is good until you redeem it, no matter how long that is.
- Merchants can begin charging inactivity fees against the card's balance 12 months after the card is issued. These fees are required to be printed on the card or the packaging it comes in.

Caney Betterment Group to meet

CANEY— A number of topics will be discussed when the Caney Community Betterment Group meets for its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 14, in the Caney City Council meeting room at Caney City Hall. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Routine business will be presented with approval of minutes, treasurer's reports, etc. Caney City administrator Fred Gress will give updates on the new grocery store, swimming pool, sewer/water projects and the EPA. A report, by the Caney Valley Historical Society, sponsors of the 150th Caney Anniversary Celebration, will be presented. Comments will be given regarding the Caney Christmas Parade, any upcoming business grand openings or anniversaries, Caney's Drug Dog Program, marketing, brochures and tourism for Caney, Kansas SPARK money use, and other items of interest.



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I am currently the MDS coordinator at Windsor Place, but I've worked in a variety of areas since I started work here 22 years ago. I've been the director of Assisted Living and I've also lead staff training. The reason I've stayed with Windsor Place for so many years is because I agree with and believe in their principles and mission statement. The Windsor Place administration has always been flexible when I wanted to change positions, and they've encouraged learning and growth. We see the amazing care our co-workers provide to each resident every day. So, when our mom needed help we knew we could trust her care to Windsor Place. She started out at Assisted Living, and also had great experiences at Home N Sight and the Nursing Center. We know firsthand that Windsor Place is an outstanding place to live and work.

– *KaLynn Showalter, MDS Coordinator*

I've been working in the maintenance department at Windsor Place for 13 years. Like so many Windsor Place employees, a family member influenced my decision to come to work here. My sister encouraged me to apply, and I'm glad I did. I love all the residents. It's my job to make sure all they are comfortable and have a safe place to live. That's makes every day a rewarding experience.

– *Champ Showalter, Maintenance*

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Foundation on quest for cancer research, family support

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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INDEPENDENCE — The COVID-19 pandemic may have canceled the annual Blake Bertie Youth Triathlon in 2020, but the illness did not stop organizers, triathlon participants and Bertie family members from pushing ahead on juvenile cancer research.

In fact, the Blake Bertie Cancer Foundation enters 2021 with one of its biggest achievements . . . aided by a host of Independence youths who are committed to the fight against youth cancer.

The annual youth triathlon, which was canceled in August due to COVID-19 concerns, was transitioned into a youth awareness campaign during the fall sports season at Independence High School. Anne Bertie of the Blake Bertie Cancer Foundation said local sponsors provided funds so that each IHS fall sports athlete would wear a T-shirt that spread the 2020 slogan of the foundation: "Bulldogs Battle for Blake." Beginning in September, which was designated National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, more than 200 IHS fall sports athletes and coaches wore the T-shirts on game days during the fall sports season.

Remaining funds from those T-shirt sponsorships were then given to the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Anne Bertie said a gift of $25,000 in memory of Blake Bertie was presented to the Children's Mercy Research Institute (CMRI) on Dec. 23. Bertie family members and friends were present to make the donation to CMRI, which is a new facility that will open in February 2021.

"In loving memory of Blake's life and spirit, we established a not-for-profit organization to promote awareness of children's cancer, the number-one disease killer of children," said Anne. "The Blake Bertie Cancer Foundation provides financial support to local families affected by cancer, as well as financial support for children's cancer research. Additionally, the foundation hopes to make a difference in the lives of children battling this disease.

"We feel like our little corner of the world can do our part in helping a world-wide cause that affected us personally and has affected other local children. The funds we raise are made possible by local sponsors and donors, many who knew Blake and our family, and others who truly care about this cause. We appreciate their loyal support and hope they see how important it is as we give to such a worthwhile resource as Children's Mercy Hospital."



The Bertie family of Independence (front row, center to right), including Brynn, Anne, Cory and Brecken, join other friends who supported the Blake Bertie Cancer Foundation in standing at the entrance of Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City in late December. The foundation presented a $25,000 gift to the hospital for cancer research in memory of Blake Bertie. COURTESY PHOTO



Members of the Independence High School girls' golf team pose with the "Bulldogs Battle for Blake" t-shirts that were worn during the fall 2020 sports season. COURTESY PHOTO

Anne Bertie said Children's Mercy Hospital researchers are emerging as leaders in the medical field by working to define and delineate the characteristics of cancers that develop in children to better determine if there are common factors in adult cancer – even if it's a different type of cancer. This important work is taking place at the Children's Mercy Research Institute (CMRI), which works to integrate research and clinical care with multidisciplinary teams at the point of care while bringing together nationally recognized expertise in genomic medicine, precision therapeutics, population health and health care innovation.

Blake Bertie, the eldest child of Cory and Anne Bertie, died Aug. 13, 2007, at age 6 of neuroblastoma. After Blake's diagnosis of cancer, the Independence youth underwent 10-plus rounds of chemotherapy, surgery and numerous procedures in a span of seven month at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She also underwent stem cell transplant at Children's Mercy Hospital, which is where the Bertie family became familiar with the hospital's devotion toward battling juvenile cancers.

In response to their child's passing, the Berties established the Blake Bertie Cancer Foundation, which sponsors an annual youth triathlon. Money raised through the triathlon and other events are then presented to local families with children who also are battling juvenile cancers. So far, five local families have benefited from foundation funds.

The foundation also delivers books and toys to Children's Mercy Hospital and the University of Kansas Medical Center in memory of Blake. The deliveries are made each Christmas . . . and each June, to honor the month of Blake Bertie's birth.

The foundation also supports the ongoing efforts at Children's Mercy Hospital in the area of pediatric cancer and blood disorders. Children's Mercy researchers and clinicians provide children and teens with comprehensive clinical services and innovative treatment, including phase 1 experimental therapeutics, stem cell transplantation, and immunotherapies such as CAR T-cell. supported by the latest research.

"As a result and thanks to the generosity of our community, Children's Mercy is accelerating the development of groundbreaking individualized therapies and treatments that transform the potential of all children, one child at a time," said Anne.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Published in Montgomery County Chronicle on Jan. 7, 2021)

PUBLIC NOTICE

US Cellular Corp. proposes a fiber installation underground and on the rooftop of an existing building located at 200 Arco Place, west of N 9th Street, north of W Myrtle Street, in the central portion of the Township of Independence, in Montgomery County, Kansas (Montgomery County PID #099-31-0-20-07-001.00-0). Interested persons are invited to identify historic sites already listed in, or that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in the vicinity of the proposed facility and to identify potential effects the facility may cause to these sites. Questions or comments may be submitted by February 6, 2021 to: Tower Engineering Professionals, Inc. (Attn: George Swearingen) 326 Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 Telephone: (919) 661-6351 Fax: (919) 661-6350. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Appendices B and C.

(Published in Montgomery County Chronicle on Jan. 7, 14 and 21, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff

vs.

ESTATE OF JEFFERY D. ERSKIN, DECEASED a/k/a ESTATE OF JEFFREY D. ERSKIN, DECEASED; MARY J. ERSKIN a/k/a MARY JO ERSKIN f/k/a MARY JO MCCOY, DECEASED; ADAM SCOTT MCCOY; MELISSA VEATCH; JILLIAN LEE BARTON a/k/a JILLIAN LEE BRATON; BRYAN JOSEPH MCCOY; STATE OF KANSAS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SOUTHERN TIRE MART a/k/a SOUTHERN TIRE MART, LLC; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, Defendants

Case No. 2020-CV-30-I
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that under, and by virtue of, an Order of Sale issued to me by the District Court of Montgomery County, Kansas in the above-entitled action, I will, on the 28th day of January, 2021, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. on said date, at the South door of the Judicial Center, 300 East Main Street, Independence, Kansas 67301, offer at public sale, and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the following described real estate, to wit:

Lots 17 and 18, Block 1, CARSON AND BALDWINS FIRST ADDITION to the City of Cherryvale, Montgomery County, Kansas.

The above-described real estate is taken as the property of the Defendants, and is directed by said Order of Sale to be sold, and will be sold without appraisement, to satisfy said Order of Sale, subject, however, to the applicable redemption period.

Ron Wade, sheriff
Montgomery County, Kansas

Submitted by:
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(Published in the Montgomery County Chronicle on Thursday, Dec. 24, 31, 2020 and Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS SITTING AT COFFEYVILLE

COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION, (Plaintiff)

vs.

CHRISTINA R. HAMILTON; SERENIA MARIE SMITH; COMMUNITY NATIONAL BANK & TRUST; IDA ANN BILBY; the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of EDDIE R. BILBY, deceased; the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any other deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants; the unknown tenants or persons in possession, if any; and any other party claiming any interest in the real property described herein, (Defendants)

Case No. No. MGC-2020-CV-26
Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS to the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of EDDIE R. BILBY, deceased; the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any other deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants; the unknown tenants or persons in possession, if any; and any other party claiming any interest in the real property described herein.

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Montgomery County, Kansas, Sitting at Coffeyville, assigned Case No. MGC-2020-CV-26 by Cooperative Credit Union, praying for foreclosure of its lien on real estate described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2, Block 5, Patton's First Addition to the City of Coffeyville, Montgomery County, Kansas, commonly known as 1303 W. 2nd St.

You are hereby required answer or plead otherwise to the petition on or before the 17th day of February, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in the District Courthouse, 3rd Floor City Hall, 7th & Walnut, Coffeyville, Kansas, at which time the case will be called for hearing. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff

HALL LEVY DeVORE BELL OTT & KRITZ, P.A.
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

(Published in the Montgomery County Chronicle on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2021, and Jan. 7 and 14, 2021)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, KANSAS

Pentagon Federal Credit Union (Plaintiff)
vs.
Anthony Malachowski aka Anthony Malachowski III (Deceased), et al. (Defendants)
Case No. 20CV51I
K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Montgomery, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 20CV51I, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 02:00 PM, on 01/21/2021, at the Main Door of the Courthouse in Independence, Montgomery County, Kansas, the following described real estate located in the County of Montgomery, State of Kansas, to wit:

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Ron Wade, sheriff
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Caney UMC continues free community meals

CANEY — The Caney United Methodist Church continues to serve its free community meals twice a month to the public. The meals are served on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 5 to 6 p.m.

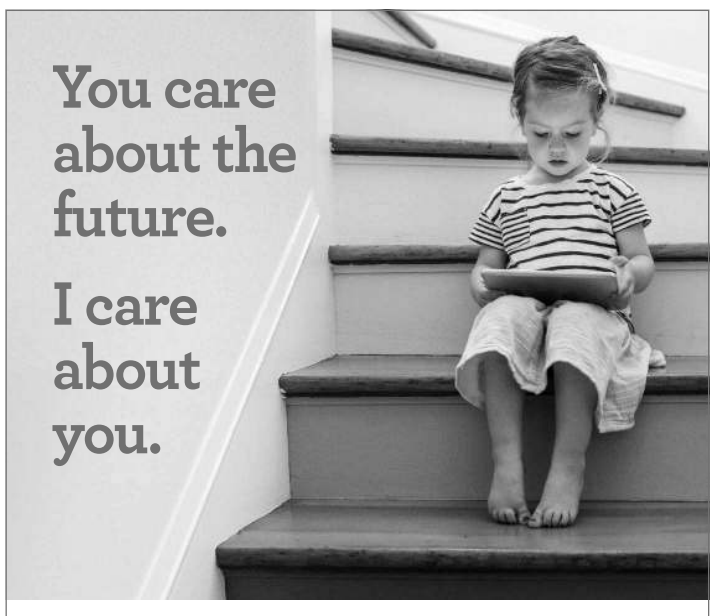
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meals are served as to go meals in a drive-thru area at the church located at 114 N. High. Delivery of meals are also available by calling the church at 620-879-2648.

The January menu follows: Wednesday, Jan. 13, spaghetti; Wednesday, Jan. 27, chicken rice casserole.

The February menu is: Wednesday, Feb. 10, breakfast for supper; Wednesday, Feb. 24, beef and noodles.

The church invites everyone who wishes a free meal to stop by the Caney United Methodist Church on any or all of those dates. The March and April menus will be announced in the future.

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SPORTS

KJCCC

CCC men picked to win KJCCC East Div.

Familiar names may top the coaches polls for the upcoming Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference (KJCCC) basketball season, but the pack is advancing on the top spots, according to the tightness of the voting.

The Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference basketball coaches released their preseason poll on Tuesday.

Perennial power Coffeyville tops the East Division men's poll, with a resurgent Cowley program just a small notch behind. Independence is tabbed in fourth place in the seven-team East Division.

Hutchinson tops the predicted order of finish in both the men's and women's West Division polls, with a tight grouping following in close behind.

Coffeyville is ranked third in the women's East Division while Independence, under first-year head coach Jim Turgeon, earns a fifth-place nod

Division II basketball looks to be the dogfight it always is. Both men's and women's polls were close, with Kansas City topping the men's poll, and defending conference champion Labette, which is coached by Montgomery County native Mitch Rolls, on top in the women's poll.

The season begins on Jan. 20, and conference play opens on Jan. 27. Region VI championship play opens at the higher seeds on April 5.

Listed below are the predicted order of finishes for the Division I and II East and West divisions.

Men's Div. I, East Division
1. Coffeyville
2. Cowley
3. Butler
4. *Independence*
5. Allen
6. Neosho County
7. Cloud County

Men's Div. I, West Division
1. Hutchinson
2. Dodge City
3. Colby
4. Seward County
5. Barton
6. Garden City
7. Pratt
8. Northwest Tech

Women's Div. I, East Division
1. Butler
2. Cowley
3. Coffeyville
4. Cloud County
5. Independence
6. Neosho County
7. Allen

Women's Div. I, West Division
1. Hutchinson
2. Seward County
3. Barton
4. Dodge City
5. Colby
6. Garden City
7. Pratt
8. Northwest Tech

Men's Div. II, East Division
1. Kansas City
2. Johnson County
3. Highland
4. Labette
5. Fort Scott
6. Hesston

Women's Div. II , East Division
1. Labette
2. Johnson County
3. Kansas City
4. Highland
5. Fort Scott
6. Hesston



Members of the Caney Wrestling Club who competed at the SEK Dual Tournament on Jan. 2 were (top row, left to right) Kole Rigdon, Hayden Fields, Easton Randell, Boone White, Hagen Ellis, Bradley Vargas, Braxton Ellis, Logan Gray, Samuel Denton, (bottom row, left to right) Barrett Ellis, Keith Ellison, Austin Freisberg, Daniel Denton, Sawyer Freisberg, Bowen Freisberg, Gabe Prince, Landry Traxson, and Knile Jackson. COURTESY PHOTO

Caney wrestlers compete at SEK Duals Tourney

CANEY — The Caney Wrestling Club amassed a kindergarten-8th grade dual team to compete in an SEK Dual Tournament on Jan. 2 in Iola.

The local club had 17 wrestlers compete in the duals, reports Michael Freisberg, Caney Wrestling Club coach.

Freisberg said the Caney Dual Team was extremely competitive as they lost to Kansas Thunderstruck Wrestling Club in the opening matchup. Caney was tied 51-51 and had to forfeit the final two weights, which led to a 63-52 loss. Caney then wrestled the Trojan Warrior Wrestling Club and earned a resounding 81-30 win.

The Abilene Wrestling Club had an extremely tough squad that walked away as champions and defeated Caney in the third round 111-12, as Hayden Fields and Bowen Freisberg were the only two local wrestlers to earn victories. Caney was then placed in the fifth-sixth place dual match against Chanute. Caney came away with a 78-28 win in the final dual.

"We didn't get to wrestle each every team at the dual, but I believe we were better than fifth, but that's how these tournaments work," said Freisberg. "I was extremely proud of our boys competing and challenging themselves. This was a kindergarten-8th grade dual, and we only had two wrestlers older than fifth grade, so that shows what some of our boys had to deal with. I don't think they even understand what they are accomplishing."

Caney has had another record breaking year in the wrestling room with over 70 athletes participating. It's never to late to sign-up if anyone is interested.

Local wrestlers who competed at the SEK Dual Tournament were Bowen Freisberg, 50 pounds; Knile Jackson, 55 pounds; Landry Traxson, 60 pounds; Sawyer Freisberg, 65 pounds; Hayden Fields, 70 pounds; Gabe Prince, 75 pounds; Easton Randell, 80 pounds; Bradley Vargas, 85 pounds; Logan Gray, 90 pounds; Hagen Ellis, 95 pounds; Daniel Denton, 100 pounds; Austin Freisberg, 105 pounds; Boone White, 115 pounds; Kole Rigdon, 120 pounds; Samuel Denton, 130 pounds; Keith Ellison, 140 pounds.

Field Kindley's Darell Jones on Shrine Bowl roster

COFFEYVILLE — Field Kindley High School senior Darell Jones was selected to compete in the 48th annual Kansas Shrine Bowl. Jones will compete for the East Squad in the 2021 event, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 26, at Gowans Stadium in Hutchinson.



Darell Jones . . . Coffeyville product is also bound for K-State for fall 2021 season

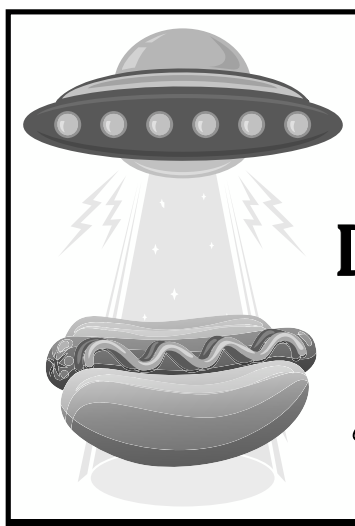
The Golden Tornado program has now had a representative selected to the Shrine Bowl in back-to-back years and for the fourth time in the past seven years, joining Charles Mayfield in 2015, Kamaren Wilson in 2017 and CJ Kelley in 2020.

Overall, Jones became the 20th player from Field Kindley to be selected for the Shrine Bowl. Other 'Nado players selected for the event included Darrell Scourten in 1976; Glen Hughes and Mark Lee in 1977; Bob Hanna in 1978; Steven Nave in 1982; Jim Wright in 1984; Preston Casurole in 1986; Colin Colbert in 1987; Aaron Haynes in 1989; Chad Ullom and D.J. O'Connor in 1990; Cedric Colbert in 1991; Luke Logan, Chris Horn and Paul LaPota in 2002; and Brad Bilby in 2005.

Prior to the holiday break, Jones officially signed a national letter-of-intent to continue his football career at Kansas State University. The 5-11, 170-pound defensive standout was named All-Class 4A Honorable Mention by The Topeka Capital-Journal, The Wichita Eagle and Varsity Kansas after recording 51 tackles — including five for loss — one sack and two interceptions.

FKHS closed out the season at 2-6 overall, which included a 1-2 mark in the SEK to tie Labette County for third place. The Golden Tornado finished with a loss to Lansing in the opening round of the Class 4A playoffs.

Each player selected to the Shrine Bowl has the opportunity to play in one of the most prominent all-star games in the nation and for a worthy cause. All players will be representing their high school, the Kansas Shrine Bowl and most importantly the Shriners Hospitals for Children and their patients. Proceeds from the game go to benefit the network of 22 hospitals.


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Planning board rejects rezoning request from Dollar General Store

BY ANDY TAYLOR
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INDEPENDENCE — A request by a national retailer to rezone property on North Penn Avenue for a second retail location was denied by the Independence Planning Commission on Tuesday.

The commission voted 5-2 to deny a request from Dollar General Store to rezone the current residential property at 2313 N. Penn from R-1 (large lot single-family dwelling district) to C-1 (neighborhood business district).

The commission's recommendation to deny the zoning request will be forwarded to the Independence City Commission on Thursday, Jan. 28 for final determination.

The retailer's rezoning request was made through its developer, AAB Engineering, LLC. Dollar General Store currently owns a retail store located on East Main Street in Independence.

The property is currently owned by members of the Reynolds family, including William J. Reynolds, Jack L. Reynolds, Richard A. Reynolds, Loretta M. Reynolds, and Joseph L. Reynolds.

The planning commission heard opposition from property owners in the area of the proposed Dollar General Store. The proposed owners said they believe the retail store would attract additional traffic, noise and light interference and congestion.

While city staff noted that the proposed Dollar General Store would fit the character of the neighborhood as guided by the City's Comprehensive Plan, staff members noted that Dollar General's proposed store would be 9,100 square feet, which is above the limit set in the C-1 zone (now limited at 5,000 square feet). Staff suggested that Dollar General Store would have to seek a variance from the planning commission should it chose to rezone the property.

City staff also noted in its analysis of the Dollar General Store proposal that the retailer could seek a C-2 (commercial services district) rezoning designation, which is geared toward businesses that adjoin a major highway. However, by rezoning the property to C-2, the property itself would be declared a "spot zone" within an area that is primarily zoned residential with less restrictions than a C-1 district.

ALSO AT TUESDAY'S planning commission meeting, commissioners:

• named their officers for 201. Kendall Neill will serve as chairman, Lisa Richard will serve as vice chairman, and Rachel Lyon will serve as secretary.

• requested that City staff write a letter to the Montgomery County Commission asking for a representative to come to their next meeting on Feb. 2 regarding the status of the requirements of a conditional use permit for a county-owned parking lot located at the southwest corner of Wald and Myrtle streets.

• requested that City staff contact April Nutt, Independence Housing Authority director, and ask if she would attend their Feb. 2 meeting to discuss future text amendments relating to tiny houses.

• agreed to use the March meeting to discuss future text amendments relating to marijuana dispensaries.

Workshop to educate landowners about fence, lease laws

BY JAMES COOVER
Crop Production Agent
Wildcat and Southwind Extension District

K-State Research and Extension will host a Land leasing and Law Meeting on Jan. 23 virtually as well as in person at the Southeast Research and Extension Center in Parsons.

We will cover how to create simple, but well-defined written leases, laws when it comes to leasing, and the results of a recent leasing survey in the Wildcat District. Call a K-State Research and Extension Wildcat or Southwind District office to register (Altamont, 620-784-5337).

Fences, property lines, and adverse possession of land can be one of the most contentious issues in agricultural law. The laws, no matter which state you are in, are complex, usually very old, and not always well-defined. This article is to state what my understanding of the property boundaries laws are based on various state extension publications and is not meant to be substitute for an attorney's advice.

• **The Partition Fence:** A partition fence is the fence that is between two property lines and the majority of property lines have them. The issue is that not all fences are on the original property line. As hedge rows were planted, old fences were abandoned, and new fences were built, the original lines recorded in the county courthouse might not be where expected.

Unfortunately, that nearly always means that someone has gained ground and someone has lost ground, which is where the issues arise.

• **Adverse Possession:** Under adverse possession, a landowner may acquire title to a property by making open and notorious use of that property for 15 years in Kansas and 10 years in Missouri. Notorious in this sense means the usage is not in secret and the usage is obvious (such as grazing livestock and fertilization). The use of the land must be "hostile" which means the land isn't being rented or contractually granted.

Usually the instances of adverse possession is that the adverse possessor does not know they are on another's person land (adverse meaning unknown). The usage of the land needs to be exclusive, as in it can't be a driveway that are used by two land owners. The usage also needs to be continuous, so not divided into separate periods and possessed by a single party during that period. Usually these property/fence lines go uncontested for decades. However, problems arise when a land survey or some type of record inspection reveals the original lines. In both Kansas and Missouri, a land survey can't move a property line, only a court order can do that. The payment of property taxes also doesn't affect the laws of adverse possession. One way to officially move a property line and make it "marketable of record," is a quitclaim deed. This is a signed, notarized, and courthouse recorded agreement between adjacent landowners that should be done with an attorney's advice that is intended to keep a settlement out of the court system.

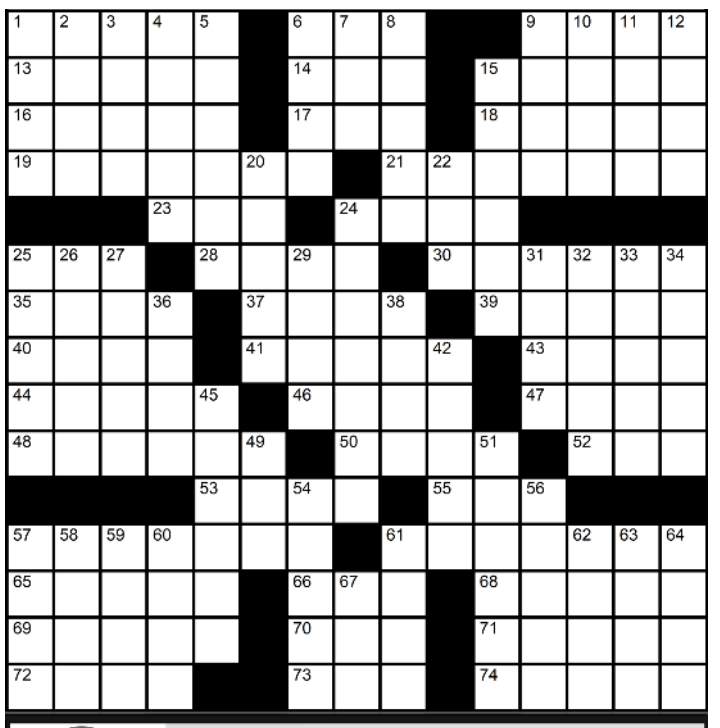
These laws of adverse possession make it important for landowners to protect themselves, or more likely, future inheritors or the land. If a fence is moved off a tree line, first it would be good to know if the tree line really was the original property line. A boundary agreement affidavit of sorts can be made and filed between landowners declaring the property line, removing the "adverse" part of adverse possession. I would assume that permanent markers upon the actual property line would help with future issues. Looking at the Open Records for Kansas Appraisers maps could be an easy first step, but they are meant for land valuations and taxes and aren't necessary accurate enough for property line disputes.

This article was written using publications from Roger McEowen, Washburn University professor of ag law, and Joe Koenen, Missouri Extension specialist. If you have any questions about finding agricultural law publications, please contact your local extension office. However, any legal dispute over property line is an issue for an attorney and the court system. The Kansas Agricultural Mediation Services (KAMS) is a part of K-State Extension that offers mediation and legal assistance.

For more information, contact James Coover, Crop Production Agent, jcoover@ksu.edu or (620) 724-8233.

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Deadline: ..... Monday, 5 p.m.

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INVITATION TO BID

Montgomery County will accept sealed bids for our Biennial Bridge Inspection until 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021. Bids may be submitted to Montgomery County Clerk at PO Box 446, 217 E. Myrtle, Independence, KS 67301. The bid shall be based on the specifications in the bid packet, which is available from Montgomery County Public Works at 620-330-1170. MG-M53-2tb

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Montgomery County will accept sealed bids for Bridge No. 25 Construction Engineering Inspection until 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021. Bids may be submitted to Montgomery County Clerk at PO Box 446, 217 E. Myrtle, Independence, KS 67301. The bid shall be based on the specifications in the bid packet, which is available from Montgomery County Public Works at 620-330-1170. MG-M53-2tb

The deadline for placing a classified advertisement is 5 p.m., Monday.

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CUSTODIAN: Full time custodial position, 1:30pm to 10 p.m. M-F. Interested applicants can pick up an application at the USD 446 Board of Education, 517 N. 10th, Independence, KS 67301 or may print one off at www.indyschools.com. Applications may be submitted to the Board Office, faxed to 620-332-1811, or emailed to kdoub@indyschools.com. MC-I1-2tb

TITLE PARA EDUCATOR: Independence Middle School is looking to hire a Title Para Educator. This teacher's aide needs 48 hours of college credit or will need to pass a state assessment, this assessment can be taken at the Board of Education Office. Interested applicants can pick up an application at the USD 446 Board of Education, 517 N. 10th, Independence, KS 67301 or may print one off at www.indyschools.com. Applications may be submitted to the Board Office, faxed to 620-332-1811, or emailed to kdoub@indyschools.com. MC-I1-2tb

SANITATION CREW: The City of Oswego is accepting applications for a Sanitation Crew Member position. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. A CDL is required for this position or one must be obtained within 30 days. An application and a complete job description may be downloaded from the city website at www.oswegokansas.com; picked up at the City Office, 703 5th St.; or by calling 620-795-4433. The city is an equal opportunity employer. LA47-tfc

DEPUTY CITY CLERK: The City of Oswego is accepting applications for a position of Deputy Clerk for the City Clerk's Office. The candidate should have be a high school graduate or equivalent. Three years of general office experience is required, with an emphasis on accounting and public relations. Prefer completion of the City Clerk's Certification school within five years of hire. Starting pay is dependent upon qualifications and experience. An application and detailed description of the position is available at the Oswego City Office, 703 Fifth Street or on the city's website www.oswegokansas.com. You may call 620-795-4433 for more information. The city is an equal opportunity employer. LA53-2tc

FLINT OAK COOKS: Evening full-time position. Benefits include health, dental, and other insurance, S-IRA and vacation. Applications at reservations@flintoak.com or Flint Oak, 2639 Quail, Fall River, KS 620-658-4401. PS1-3tb

PART-TIME TREASURER: City of Elk Falls is seeking a local person for PT treasurer position, send resume to P.O. Box 74, Elk Falls, KS 67345. PS1-4tb

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