

Out and about in Jewell

By Kerma Crouse

Geraldine Ruth "Jeri" Holdendren died on Jan. 27, 2025, at her home in Topeka. She was born to George and Thelma Holdren on Dec. 24, 1950, in Concordia, Kansas. Jeri graduated from Jewell High School with the Class of 1968. She was known for her culinary talents and her penchant for word games. Among the survivors are her brother, George, and his wife, Mary Holdren, of Centralia. Her grandchildren, Curtis, Cameron and Keegan Holdren and Brooklyn Helmick also survive. No services are known at this time. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

Sympathy also goes out to the family of Cynthia Ziegler. Cynthia Lou Thompson Ziegler was born on Jan. 14, 1954, and died in Burr Oak on Jan. 29, 2025. Cynthia was a caring CNA worker in the Beloit Hospital, the Jewell County Hospital and at-home care in Burr Oak. A graveside service was held on Monday at the Burr Oak Cemetery. A survivor is daughter, Cassie Mitchell, and husband, Eric, along with grandchildren, Savannah Mitchell and Noah Mitchell all of Jewell.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Dorothy Graham Revell. Dorothy was born on Aug. 26, 1932, to John and Dora Mae Walden Graham in Concordia. She died at her home in Concordia on Jan. 27, 2025. Dorothy was married to Orville Ernest Revell in 1949. The couple had seven children. Among her many survivors are granddaughter, Hilary Bledsoe, and husband, Jeremy, and great-grandchildren, Haylee, Bradley and Mckenzy Bledsoe all of Randall. We also extend our sympathy to the Bledsoe family in the death of Hilary's cousin, Clint H. Walker, of Jamestown. Clint died on Jan. 24, 2025.

Linda Woerner received word of the death of Cathy Hutchcraft, beloved wife of her cousin, Dale Hutchcraft of Buffalo, Minnesota. Cathy and Dale both contracted Influenza A. Cathy's progressed to pneumonia and she had been in ICU on a ventilator in recent weeks. She died on Friday, Jan. 31. This is the third death in one year in the Hutchcraft Cousin Family. Our sympathy to the Hutchcraft family.

The Jewell Chamber of Commerce will meet at 6:30 p.m., Monday in the Jewell Community Center. The Women of Grace will be serving the meal. Vice-President Susan Flinn has asked Ryan and Ashton Cates of ARC Boutique and Kan-Neb Consulting to have the program.

Trinity Methodist Church's Women of Grace will meet at 9 a.m. Feb. 13 and 14 for their annual "Tying of the Quilts."

The Christian Women's Fellowship of the Jewell Christian Church will meet at 9 a.m. on Saturday Feb. 15 in the church basement.

There will be a Valentine's Potluck Dinner at the Jewell Christian Church on Sunday, Feb. 16 following the morning worship service. All are welcome!

Loretta Todd celebrated her birthday Monday with the morning coffee group and with cinnamon rolls. Happy Birthday, Loretta!

Frank and Thelma Shelton celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Kudos!

John and Michele Freeman of the Kansas City area spent last weekend with their uncle, Bob, and Deanna Freeman. Other visitors during the weekend were Max and Judy Freeman of

Belleville, the Chad Fogo family of Mankato, Twila Means and Sharon Tullar of Jewell.

Congratulations to Piper McMillian! She was the Responsibility Student of the Month for January at Beloit Elementary School. Piper is the daughter of Jarod and Samantha McMillian of Jewell.

Frosty, Kerma and Rachel Crouse traveled to Garden City on Monday and visited with Bret, Lucie, Eleanor and Charlotte Crofts. They returned home via Dodge City where they had lunch with their friend, Jay Garetson. On Tuesday evening they attended the Garden City-Great Bend Wrestling Dual where Eleanor Crofts was one of the wrestlers.

It has been reported by Stacey Delzeit the groundhog saw his shadow and there will be six more weeks of winter. It is not known if she was an eyewitness. The Feb. 1, 1884, Jewell County Republican noted this about Ground Hog's Day, "If his tail points north, the 4th of July will be hot."

Bob and Sally Engel and Thelma and Frank Shelton went out to dinner Saturday night, then spent the rest of the evening playing games at the Engels' home.

Steve and Annette Roth, York, Nebraska, were welcome visitors at the Ionia Community Church on Sunday.

The Jewell Youth Group will have their Community Soup Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Jewell Community Center. Come support our youth.

Just a reminder: Calvary Bible Church has Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Their Sunday evening service is at 7 p.m. On Wednesdays, there is a Men's and Women's Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 99 Pearl Street in Jewell.

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Trinity Tidbits

Pastor Keith started a new sermon series for the month of February titled: Biblical Soap Operas - Esther.

Esther is one of only two books named for women (Ruth is the other). While the book of Esther doesn't mention God by name or title, the presence is clear throughout the book.

This book of Esther is an example of God's divine guidance and care over our lives. Although we may question certain circumstances in our lives, we must have faith that God is in control, working through both the pleasant and difficult times so that we can serve him effectively.

Esther begins with Queen Vashti refusing to obey an order from her husband, King Xerxes. Because of this, she was banished, and the search began for a new queen. The king sent out a decree to gather all the beautiful young women in the empire and bring them into the royal harem. Esther, a young Jewish woman, was one of those chosen.

Announcements:
Monday - Women's Bible Study at

7 p.m. (church parlors)
Wednesday - Kids for Christ 4 to 5:30 p.m.; Youth Group at 6 p.m. (McCreight's); Prayer Meeting at 6 p.m. (Shirley Varney's home)

Sunday - Choir practice at 11:30
Birthday blessings to Linda Woerner and Jerry Dalrymple. Anniversary blessings to Frank and Thelma Shelton.

Join us on Sunday for Adult Bible Study and Sunday School (all ages including high school) at 9:30 a.m., and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. at Jewell Trinity Methodist Church, a global Methodist expression.

Snippets from Ionia

By Kerma Crouse

Brad and Linda Kohn went to Courtland on Saturday to watch granddaughter, Mckenzy Bledsoe, and great nephew, Tucker Henderson, play basketball.

Pat and Sue Shea enjoyed visiting the town of Marion, Kansas, over the weekend. They stayed at the Historic Elgin Hotel. The hotel was built in the 1800s and has been beautifully refurbished with winding staircases and antique furniture. The restaurant in the hotel has a wonderful dinner and Sunday brunch. As a picture is worth a thousand words, check out Sue's Facebook page.

Karen and Leon Boden went to Goessel on Monday to watch granddaughter, Emily, play basketball.

Karen Boden went to the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday in Clay Center, Kansas.

Historical Snippet: An item in the Feb. 1, 1884 Jewell County Republican about Ground Hog's Day: "If his tail points north, the 4th of July will be hot."

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Kansas Profile - Kristin Brighton, HirePaths

By Ron Wilson

To get to the top, you need to take higher paths. That sounds like good advice for mountain climbers, but it might also apply to those seeking a successful career pathway.

In that case, these are not higher paths, but rather "HirePaths."

One Kansan is leading an effort to help families learn about high demand jobs for which young people can be hired within our state.

Kristin Brighton is co-founder and co-owner of the New Boston Creative Group, a marketing agency in Manhattan. She is also the leader of this project known as HirePaths.

Brighton is a Manhattan native who went to K-State, married and moved to Kansas City with her husband. After four years, he took a position at K-State and they moved back to Manhattan, where she started doing freelance

marketing work.

Brighton encountered freelance marketing specialists, Lisa Sisley and Susan Religa. They joined together in 2006 to form a marketing agency called New Boston Creative Group, using Manhattan's original historic name.

As chair of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce in 2016, Brighton heard from local businesses about the pressing need to get more young people working in the skilled trades. She found that this message was not reaching schoolchildren and their families.

She conceived the idea of a marketing campaign that would introduce youth and families to high demand jobs within Kansas. Brighton researched the idea. She reached out to multiple state agencies, the Kansas Board of Regents, Manhattan Technical College and others.

With their support, this project came to be known as HirePaths. Brighton led fund-raising efforts to get the project off the ground.

A major part of the research was to collect data on parent's perceptions. In 2019, HirePaths partnered with the Kansas State Department of Education to conduct a statewide survey that provided baseline data.

Three key Kansas entities stepped up to provide major private sector funding as founding HirePaths sponsors: Textron Aviation, Kansas Contractors Association and Stormont Vail Health. Other businesses — such as Garmin, Foley Equipment and Spirit Aerosystems — have provided support as well.

HirePaths set up a fund with the Kansas Rural Communities Foundation, which has allowed it to successfully secure various grants to support the project.

"We want to help fill the jobs that Kansas needs in order to thrive, and to make sure our kids have opportunities to stay in-state if they choose," Brighton said. The marketing campaign includes several elements: videos highlighting in-state job opportunities, billboards, and a website.

The Cool Careers videos highlight youth talking about diverse in-state career opportunities across Kansas. "We have featured youth from Ulysses to Pittsburg," Brighton said.

Highlighted careers range from aerospace to transportation. These include aviation, agriculture and animal health, business and administrative, construction, culinary, energy, manufacturing, medical, public service, service and technology.

Specific jobs include welders, pilots, carpenters, information technology installers, dairy farmers, teachers, electrical engineers, plumbers, distribution support specialists, heavy equipment operators, cybersecurity analysts, sheet metal mechanics, agronomists,

restaurant managers, doctors, nurses, robotics and so forth.

The videos feature actual Kansas youth discussing these careers. The videos are recorded on-site across the state, even in rural communities such as Rexford, population 193 people.

The website includes a career quiz to help students define their interests, plus descriptions of options after high school, success stories and activities for youth. Kansas PBS stations are showing the videos on television. HirePaths is now partnering with Kansas 4-H to reach more youth.

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Jewell Co. Memories

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pice Authority with a retirement reception and dinner in Wichita.

A group of women met at the Dove Dive home to tie a comforter which was to be donated to the Palmer Museum and auctioned.

February 2, 1995

Jewell County soil conservation poster winners were Chris Alcorn, Mankato, first; Lance Winslow, White Rock, second; Guthrie Harris, Mankato, third; and Brandon Decker, White Rock, fourth.

Several people attended the January birthday party at Jewell Variety. Karl Kissinger won the plant. Celebrating birthdays were Kissinger, Glen Samt and Evelyn Divil.

Louise Gillett, Sandra Franco and Andrea Gardner entertained at the Jewell County Long Term Care Unit.

Carla Waugh was sworn in as office of Jewell County Clerk.

Jewell County purchased at public auction three lots of buildings and associated land formerly owned by Rick Automotive to be used for a trash transfer station and recycling center.

February 3, 2005

Adam Elliott, Mankato, was the new soil conservationist at the Natural Resources Conservation Service District Office in Mankato.

Jewell County extension agent, Deanna Sweat and Gary Tordrup, taught bread making skills to fourth grade students at Burr Oak, Mankato and Randall schools.

Rex Henningsen went to Salina with his daughter, Cindy Taylor, Jewell. They took a horse to have a chiropractic treatment by an animal chiropractor who was in Salina that day.

Charlotte Wilson hosted a sleep-

over for her granddaughters' birthdays in December and January.

Betty James visited at her daughter's house in Manhattan, getting acquainted with the new members of the family — two kittens.

January 20, 2005

Don White, Mankato, was honored for 47 years of leadership and service as a member of Lions International.

The Fred and Judy Eilert family won the 2004 Jewell County Soil Conservation Windbreak Award.

Lance Winslow of Burr Oak was among 42 members of the Baker University choir touring England and Italy during the university's interterm performance tour.

Nick Newell, Mankato High School, placed first and Socorro Fernandez placed second at the Jayhawk Wrestling tournament at Marysville.

Rosemarie, Rosemary, Jerry and Sherry Havemeyer were among other relatives who attended the 5th birthday party honoring Emilee Rogers at the home of her parents, Eric and Brandy Rogers, near Juniata.

10 Years Ago

January 15, 2015

Jan Boyles, district manager of Natural Resources Conservation Service, retired after serving eight and a half years.

Mary Rothchild, Mankato, received her certificate of achievement for 25 years of service with Jewell County as an Employee Appreciation Supper. Rothchild was a dispatcher for the sheriff's office.

January 29, 2015

Obituaries for the week were Vernon Thronson, Albert Rotman, Patricia Blair and Samuel Wagner.

Kenny Rhea shared a night of entertainment in Superior with Jon and Rosalie Menhusen, Phil and Lori Menhusen, Mitche and Cheryl Woerner and some Nebraska singers joining him in karaoke.

Members of the birthday club cel-

brated Jeanie Blair's birthday over dinner at a local restaurant. Others joining her were Velma Garman, Aletha Loomis, Audrey Diamond and Joan Ost.

The Rock Hills Lady Grizzlies posted their first win of the season when they downed the Tescott Lady Trojans, 5 to 44 in a Northern Plains League tournament at Lincoln, Kansas.

Jean Davis celebrated her 80th birthday with a card shower.

Jeff Shelton and Robin Graham made dinner in Glen Elder for Frank and Thelma Shelton. The menu consisted of crab, boiled shrimp and salmon steak on the grill.

Dan and Elaine Peters attended a surprise 60th birthday party honoring a first cousin of Dan's at Miltonvale.

Leon Boden helped with the Jewell American Legion's annual pancake and sausage dinner held at the Jewell Community Center.

February 5, 2015

Bruce Barrett was the incoming Jewell Chamber of Commerce president.

An estimated 3 1/2 inches of snow fell over the weekend in Ionia. It started with a drizzling rain that turned into snow.

Lula Mizner joined Kenny and Shera Mizner, Halle and Owen, and Nick Mizner at the home of Ray and Barb Mizner in Esbon to celebrate Ray's 60th birthday.

Dick and Gloria Schlaefli traveled several days through Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas visiting several sites.

Vonda Johnson and her sons, Jim and Jason, were the recipients of the conservation district's CRP buffer award.

"After silence that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." Aldous Huxley

Market Report - Friday, January 31

Head Sold: 2,214

17 Blk Heifers	460	332.00	15 Blk Steers	664	287.00
28 Mix Heifers	548	324.00	114 Blk Steers	799	286.50
22 Blk Heifers	630	297.50	42 Mix Steers	754	286.00
39 Mix Heifers	621	296.00	14 Blk Steers	745	284.50
20 Blk Heifers	570	290.00	19 Mix Steers	764	280.50
17 Mix Heifers	650	284.50	130 Mix Steers	835	276.00
64 Blk Heifers	699	279.50	16 Blk Steers	836	274.00
21 Mix Heifers	671	275.00	17 Blk Steers	790	273.50
119 Blk Heifers	775	273.35	134 Blk Steers	889	271.00
16 Mix Heifers	759	270.00	27 Blk Steers	907	267.00
15 Blk Heifers	717	266.00	16 Blk Steers	876	264.75
35 Blk Heifers	759	261.00	23 Mix Steers	872	264.75
16 Blk Heifers	792	258.00	22 Blk Steers	880	264.25
404 Mix Heifers	832	252.50	64 Mix Steers	879	264.00
20 Mix Steers	379	440.00	19 Mix Steers	861	263.50
21 Mix Steers	559	346.00	58 Mix Steers	871	263.50
17 Mix Steers	632	340.00	19 Blk Steers	865	263.00
20 Blk Steers	685	312.00	125 Mix Steers	921	257.75
38 Mix Steers	729	295.00	18 Mix Steers	891	257.50
23 Blk Steers	752	291.50	27 Blk Steers	988	251.00
16 Mix Steers	756	291.25			

Consignments for Friday 2-7-2025

50 Blk 4 - 6 year olds, Start 3-15 Bred Char, 240 Blk Steers and Heifers, 600-750; 115 Blk Steers and Heifers, 800-900; 260 Blk Steers, 800-825; 60 Char Heifers, 850

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You are invited to our Spring Crop Update meeting

February 19, 2025 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mankato Community Center | 214 N. High St. Mankato, KS 66906

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Free for members. \$25.00 for non-members.

RSVP by February 12 by calling 785-378-3611 or 785-648-0060

FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES

CVA CENTRAL VALLEY AG

Central Valley Ag (CVA) is accepting sealed bids to purchase the **CVA ESBN FUEL SITE**. Sealed bids may be mailed and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 21, 2025, to the CVA Beloit Office (204 E. Court Street, Beloit, KS, 67420). Sealed bid booklets located at CVA Beloit Office.

Questions? Contact Jeff Ingalls at 402-362-8418.

cvacoop.com

City of Jewell, Kansas Treasurer's Annual Financial Statement For the Year-to-Date of December 31, 2024						
	Beginning Cash	Cash Receipts and Transfers	Disbursements and Transfers	Ending Cash	Accounts and Payroll Payable	Ending Cash Less Payables
Funds					\$ 0	\$ 0
General Fund	\$ 29,331.42	\$ 253,355.33	\$ 259,416.16	\$ 23,270.59		\$ 23,270.59
Special Revenue						
Employee Benefits	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Library	\$ 0	\$ 13,570.22	\$ 13,570.22	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Special Highway	\$ 2,106.94	\$ 9,686.13	\$ 11,507.91	\$ 285.16	\$ 0	\$ 285.16
Apartment Reimbt	\$ 1,429.17	\$ 12,915.93	\$ 13,250.32	\$ 1,014.38	\$ 0	\$ 1,014.38
ARPA Grant Fund	\$ 14,464.35	\$ 0	\$ 14,464.35	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Land Bank Fund	\$ 19,594.86	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 1,696.95	\$ 21,197.91	\$ 0	\$ 21,197.91
Grant Fund	\$ 9,924.26	\$ 8,173.00	\$ 2,483.46	\$ 15,613.80	\$ 0	\$ 15,613.80
Enterprise						
Water	\$ 30,788.28	\$ 136,288.61	\$ 118,628.22	\$ 48,448.67	\$ 0	\$ 48,448.67
Sewer	\$ 1,695.12	\$ 23,329.87	\$ 12,685.00	\$ 17,340.99	\$ 0	\$ 17,340.99
Trash	\$ 12,873.48	\$ 20,650.62	\$ 15,915.00	\$ 17,609.10	\$ 0	\$ 17,609.10
Private Purpose Trust						
School Property	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Ula Maag Fund	\$ 193,817.44	\$ 0	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 183,817.44	\$ 0	\$ 183,817.44
Oliver Scholer Funds	\$ 159,788.99	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 159,788.99	\$ 0	\$ 159,788.99
Lambert Fund	\$ 5,694.17	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,694.17	\$ 0	\$ 5,694.17
Agency						
Payroll Funding	\$ 230.87	\$ 128,315.11	\$ 128,315.11	\$ 230.87	\$ 0	\$ 230.87
Totals	\$ 486,639.35	\$ 609,515.82	\$ 601,913.10	\$ 494,242.07	\$ 0	\$ 494,242.07
This statement was prepared fully and fairly from the accounts examined (pp000101)						
Reviewed by the City Auditor (pp000102)						
Reviewed by the City Manager (pp000103)						
Reviewed by the City Council (pp000104)						
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