Commissioners hear from the departments

(Continued from Page 9)

districts. She will also be attending a new clerk school in Topeka next month. She also reminded department heads she is still needing inventory and copies of employees' drivers' licenses.

Ervin Underwood said he had attended a new commissioner training in Topeka and the Jewell County Community Development Association meeting.

Ed Duskie stated he attended the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging meeting at the Mankato Senior Center and would be attending the Kansas Regional Planning meeting. He has been helping with an LEPG issue.

Brent Beck went to a detention center meeting in Junction City and attended the hospital board meeting. He also recognized Shannon Meier for his years of service with Jewell County.

Cindy Becker, health administrator, discussed switching phone plans from Verizon to Nex-Tech and presented quotes from Nex-Tech. She also said the basement at the health department was still getting water in it. Morgan Harris looked over the cement apron he placed around the building to help prevent the leaking. He then went on the roof and found a hole that was resulting in water getting to the basement. Cindy also said she had a person interested in the dirt that was dug up around the building when the apron was placed. The commissioners went into executive session with Cindy Becker present for the purpose of employee evaluation. The regular session resumed with Cindy Becker signing her 2025 employment agreement.

Tanya Paul, DVACK, read the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month Proclamation for January 2025. The commissioners signed the proclamation. Tanya also read the National Stalking Awareness Month Proclamation for January 2025. Commissioners also signed this proclamation.

Joel Elkins, general superintendent, presented a quote for new computers from Nex-Tech. Joel said they hauled a load of trash Monday morning for the solid waste department. He also discussed reimbursements for hauling for the solid waste department, the commissioners discussed the possibility of a flat rate to be charged.

The commissioners went into executive session for the purpose of employee evaluation. Regular session resumed with Joel signing his 2025 employment agreement and his amended 2024 agreement.

Mark Fleming was appointed to the hospital board.

Commissioners approved the annual cost of living increase to starting salary will be $58,000 plus for longevity.

Burr Oak

By Glennys Barnes

Leah Garman Nelson, Manhattan, reports she had a really sweet trip to Burr Oak this past week. She enjoyed visiting with Renita Volker and Rod Ziegler. Her travels took her out to the beautiful Burr Oak Cemetery and then on to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Esbon. She finished up with a meeting in Smith Center and dinner with a high school friend, Donna Weeks, in Beloit. Leah said she always enjoy her trips home to Burr Oak!

The Burr Oak Fire Department met on Feb. 5 at the Burr Oak Fire Hall for their monthly meeting. Prior to the meeting, a supper of chili and oyster soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, relish tray, cookies, coffee and tea was served. Attending were Jackson Chance, Jevan Hertel, Tim Warner, Kurt Warrelmann, Steve and Tammy Cosand, Walt Wilson, Shawn Ayer, Scott Yelken, Bryan Boyles, Jarret Yelken, Derek Henry, Cody Volker and Scott Jeffery.

The Burr Oak Community Church service on Sunday began with candlelighters, Parker, Trey and Krew Badger. Brystol Badger gave the welcome and announcements. Pastor Rod Rose led the congregation in The Call to Worship and the Congregational Prayer.

Pastor Rod gave the children's message, which was titled "Our Tongue Can Be Evil." He spoke of how one little spark can start a fire, much like what we say can hurt another person, and they can carry your words for the rest of their lives. We should think before we speak, be aware of what words we say and what they can mean to another person.

We had an extra special treat for the special. Pastor Rod played the piano for us. It was music he'd composed himself and was pretty. The congregation enjoyed it.

The offering was collected by Trey Badger and Beau Boyles. Joys and concerns were shared by all, followed by the Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer, led by Pasto. Rose. The scripture reading was from James 3: 1-12. The message was called "The Tongue is a Fire." People are going to judge you no matter what you say or do. We all stumble. The tongue is a fire that can defile the entire body. What you say or don't say are all important. Before you speak, ask yourself if it is true, necessary and kind. Your tongue can be uncontrolled and cause damage and spread destruction. Don't be careless with what you say. Words are like fire. A tongue can praise the Lord or curse others.

Benediction was given by Pastor Rose, followed by the closing hymn "God Be with You." Audio music was provided by LaVon Ost for the congregation to sing to. Hymns were "I Love to Tell the Story," "It is Well with My Soul" and "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Last Sunday Pastor Richard Cox opened the service in reciting the Pledges of Allegiance and then gave the opening prayer. Pastor Cox led the congregational singing with Wanda Frasier accompanying on the piano. Songs sung during the service were "This Is the Day," "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," "Rock of Ages," "We're Marching to Zion" and "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The responsive reading was "Parable: The Virgins." Cliff Barnes and Gary Turner served communion. Following a brief welcome time, Pastor Cox gave his message entitled "Which Will It Be?"

His selected scripture reading was Luke 5: 1-11. There are moments in our life when we would like to pause time just to savor the moment. Then there are other times when time can not go by fast enough. There are moments when we are compassionate and moments when we are not. If there are two powerful natures in our lives, which one should we nurture? The one that we nurture will become the strongest. The world wants us to feed that bad nature while God calls us to feed the good nature. God sees the good in all of us and calls us to follow Jesus, not conform to what the world wants us to conform to. Disappointments and problems may still trouble us, but as long as Jesus is leading us, we can overcome the bad nature. The service closed with the Benediction by Pastor Cox and singing "The Bond of Love." Recently the Sunday morning service at the Burr Oak Christian Church has gone live on the Burr Oak Christian Church social media page courtesy of Glenny Barnes.

At the Burr Oak Nazarene Church on Sunday morning, Chad Wulf gave the welcome and announcements. Krystal Wulf led the pledges of allegiance. Leading the congregational singing were Krystal and Jazmyn Wulf. Shane and Colton McCutcheon. Songs sung were "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow" and "Heaven Came Down." Prayer was given by Chad Wulf and Jeff Ord. Tithes and offerings were taken up by Ethan Warner and Ryan Kriedler. Diana Ord had the special, signing to "Make Me a River" by Casting Crowns.

Ashley Wulf led the children's time. Blowing bubbles makes us happy but they are short lived and soon pop. Many people chase after things that they think will make them happy only to have them disappear or end. Following God is the only thing that can give us lasting happiness. They finished with singing "Jesus Loves Me."

Shane McCutcheon offered prayer. Pastor Jeff Ord's message for the morning was entitled "Compromise." How do people move forward when some of them want things one way and others want things another way? Compromise is the art of negotiation so that both sides give a little so that both sides win. When the forces of evil want their way, there should be no compromise. To compromise God's truths or God's way is to negotiate away what is Holy. Unacceptable compromise is giving up too much to get too little. Scripture shared was Romans 15:1, Philippians 2:2, Revelation 2:14, Daniel 1:8, and Hebrews 3:12-13. We are most likely to compromise in areas where we are spiritually weak. It is so important to stay grounded in God's Word. The one thing we can never compromise on is God's Word.

Braiden Juarez celebrated his 14th birthday on Sunday afternoon with ice cream cake at the local cafe. Attending were his mother, Tabitha Erickson, sister, Makaya Juarez, grandmother, Kelley Bunting, great-grandmother, Cheryl Hillman, other family, Walt and Peggy Wilson, Cliff and Glenny Barnes, Jessica Barnes, and friends, Savannah Warrelmann and Lennie Gutscher.

Helen Zimmerle, Lincoln, Nebraska, arrived on Monday to stay several days with her niece, Kelley Bunting.

On Monday late afternoon, Cliff and Glenny Barnes went to Red Cloud to attend a junior high boys basketball game. The Red Cloud team defeated the team from Franklin by a score of 51 to 12. The Barnes' great-grandson, Remington Ord, eighth grade, had his season high game with 20 points. Another great-grandson, Kooper Ord, seventh grade, scored two points. Others in attendance to watch Ord cousins play were Kyle Ord, Keller and Patsy Ord, Diana and Jeff Ord, and Wendy and Judy Ord.

The Rock Hills High School vs. Natoma High School basketball games scheduled for Tuesday were cancelled because of the forecast of significant snowfall Tuesday night through Wednesday morning. It was already snowing lightly Tuesday morning as this was being written. Winter is still here. Spring is still, hopefully, on its way.

Trinity Tidbits

Pastor Keith's sermon series for the month of February is titled: Biblical Soap Operas - Esther.

The book of Esther is an example of God's divine guidance and care over our lives. Although we may question 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 3:2 – All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him. But Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor. •

Mordecai's determination came from his faith in God. He had the courage to stand alone. Doing what is right may not make you popular, and you may be in the minority, but to obey God is more important.

The congregation was blessed with special music provided by Kinley Bohnert's piano solo.

Thank you to the community for your generous support of the youth group 'Souper Bowl Soup Dinner' Sunday.

Announcements:

Monday – Women's Bible Study at 7 p.m. (church parlor)

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

Thursday – Tying quilts at 9 a.m. Women of Grace meeting at 12:30 p.m. (church basement)

Friday – Tying quilts at 9 a.m. (church basement)

Sunday – Join us from 10 to 10:30 a.m., in the church parlor of muffins and coffee-juice to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Anniversary blessings to Mark and Cecilia Peters.

Join us on Sunday for 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

Karen and Leon Boden were among those who enjoyed the soup and desserts at the Jewell youth group's soup dinner on Sunday. Brad and Linda Kohn were also there, they visited with Linda's parents, Bill and Nancy Marston.

Brand and Linda Kohn also enjoyed Liam Kohn's 7th birthday party on Saturday afternoon.

According to weather forecasts, we are going to have some snowy weather. Hope you are all warm and cozy - have a cup of tea or hot chocolate!

Pat and Sue Shea spent some time getting bedding ready for all their outdoor animals. Stay warm all!

Ye Scribe has heard that both Kevin and Kirk Wilson are doing better!

Historical Snippet: In 1895, the GAR and the S of V (Sons of the Veterans of the Civil War) were having a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 12, at the courthouse to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. The program consisted of four addresses, a recitation as well as musical selections. Maybe we should be celebrating our 16th president more than we do!

FYI: The Ionia Post of the GAR was the 78th organized in the State of Kansas. The post was active for many years.

Out and About Jewell

By Kerma Crouse

Sympathy goes out to the family of Stephen Robert Wren of Belleville. He was born Dec. 29, 1956, and died on Feb. 4, 2025. Wren was a 1975 graduate of Jewell High School. Visitation is today (Thursday, Feb. 13) from 1 to 7 p.m. at Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home in Belleville. His service will be held at the Cuba Community Hall at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, a graveside service at the St. Isidore Catholic Cemetery in Cuba at 12 noon.

We also send our sympathy to the family of Robert "Bob" Roush of Formoso. He was born on July 17, 1962, and died on Feb. 6, 2025. Bob was the fire chief of Formoso for more than 30 years. His daughter-in-law, Lauren Roush, was a member of the Jewell High School Class of 2007. Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 14 from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home in Belleville. His funeral will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home with interment following the service at the Balch Cemetery near Formoso.

Congratulations to Kinley Bohnert who provided the special music for the Trinity Methodist Church's Sunday Morning Worship!

Pay a visit to the Jewell Public Library – the new rotating books have arrived.

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, the Prairie Shooters 4-H Club will meet at the Fairgrounds-Sale Barn in Mankato.

The J-Janes met on Saturday at Marsha Ericson's home. Ten members had a lovely breakfast followed by a business meeting. The lesson was given by Peg Bohnert on J.D. Vance's book "Hillbilly Elegy."

Also on Saturday, Desire Tybee Sears members went to Beloit to welcome veteran, Homer Parsley, to the community. Parsley is moving to Beloit to live with his sister, Joyce Parsley Graff. Those helping to welcome him included, Sherry Koster, Jane and Daisha Pahls or Jewell, Michella Baxa of Scottsville and Sierra Bonjour of Formoso. They were joined by other family and friends of Joyce and Homer.

There was a great turnout for the Jewell youth group's soup dinner. Five roasters of soup were served! For several years, the Jewell youth group has had a soup dinner on Super Bowl Sunday. Thanks to the community for supporting the event and to the great group of youth who make it happen.

Frank and Thelma Shelton went to Hays for the 30th birthday party honoring their granddaughter-in-law, Taylor Shelton, and her twin sister, Jordan Staab. They got to spend time with their great-grandchildren, Kasen and Brielle Shelton from Minden, Nebraska, and Barrett, Berghlor and Breckyn Strasburg from Phillipsburg.

Guests of Frosty, Kerma and Rachel Crouse during the week were, Glen McClure, Brian Koster and Peg Bohnert.

Sandy Watkins has company. Her sister, Carol Cameron, from Colby is visiting.

Things to Remember

Christian Women's Fellowship – Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. Chrostum Church.

Valentine's Potluck – After worship on Feb. 16 at the Jewell Christian Church.

Jewell County Readers - Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Jewell Public Library.

During these days, little is mentioned about President Abraham Lincoln's or President George Washington's birthday. But in the early days of our county, Washington's birthday was observed with more fanfare. In 1879, Jud Clark and S. R. Worack were planning a Grand Ball on Friday, the 21st at Mark's Hall in Jewell. Tickets were $1.50 and included both music at the ball and a meal at the Whitney House.

Post Rock Answers

By Sandy Wick, Post Rock Extension

Do you have your 2025 kochia management plans covered?

Now is the time to finalize plans for kochia control for northcentral Kansas. Since we have had some moisture recently, kochia can be among the first summer annual weeds to emerge in the spring. Recent KSU research suggests that kochia can begin emerging in early February, with most kochia emerging by late April.

Good control of the first dense flush of kochia is essential for obtaining a good crop yield. Early-emerging seedlings use the limited spring soil moisture in dryland production fields. Kochia seedlings emerge in dense populations, making adequate herbicide coverage difficult. In addition, glyphosate-resistant kochia is prevalent across central to western Kansas, making kochia control even more challenging.

For these reasons, it is important to apply preemergence herbicides in late winter or early spring to control kochia before it emerges.

To successfully manage kochia, a herbicide program needs two components:

1. A very soluble and effective herbicide that can be incorporated with very little precipitation, such as dicamba.

2. A herbicide that has longer residual activity, which will require perhaps 0.75 inches or more precipitation for adequate incorporation, such as atrazine.

Precipitation events during late winter are often too small to activate longer-lasting residual herbicides, but dicamba may control kochia for 4 to 6 weeks until atrazine is incorporated.

The best time to apply herbicides for kochia control is prior to kochia emergence, generally January through the first week of March but, depending on weather conditions. Later applications, for example, at the time of burndown, are more likely to occur after kochia emergence, which increases the risk of very limited control. Other herbicides with good preemergence kochia activity include mesotrione, metribuzin, saflufenacil (Sharpen) or sulfentrazone. Be sure to check product labels for crop-specific planting intervals. For more information on controlling kochia, see the KSU 2025 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, Rangeland and Noncropland.

If you have questions on "kochia management," stop by or call me at any office of the Post Rock Extension District.

Harmony United Methodist Church

Harmony United Methodist Church met Sunday, with Phyllis Christie as greeter, Grady and Emily Warne, Quinn and Jet Thiessen as acolytes, Lisa Goodheart as worship leader, Joann Davis as pianist, and Jerry Grout as usher. Birthday wishes went out to Lucinda Christie, Pat Alcorn, Rick Diamond, Ann Hanson and Larry McNabb. Thanks were given that Linda Pierce is doing much better following surgery. Prayers were offered for the Bob Roush family following his death. We requested healing for Kelly Danner following her accident, and Linda Kohn's daughter, Lacey, on her upcoming surgery. Walk His Way Ministries is sponsoring a free date night on Feb 22 in Smith Center, featuring a meal and family friendly comedy.

In the children's message, Pastor Jim likened the way we give each other valentines to show love to the way God sent Jesus to show us that He loves us. Lori Menhusen shared the scripture from 1 Corinthians 13:1-13: Without love, all we are and all we do amounts to nothing. Pastor Jim explained that even though many associate this passage with weddings, that was not its original intent. It was written to the church is Corinth, which was one of the most diverse at the time. There were converted Jews and converted Gentiles, all of whom brought their traditions and beliefs with them and wanted to dominate. There was division over which spiritual gift was the greatest. Some felt that if you couldn't speak in tongues, you weren't a real Christian. Others felt that prophecy should be the focus. Paul explains that love is more important than either of these. If love is only about feeling good, you've missed the point. A church should always make decisions based on love for each other, in our church and in our community. When there are disagreements, we should let love guide our path. We are defined as a body by how we care for each other.

Care, communication and forgiveness help us to see the bigger picture, both in our church and our families. Love is an essential part of who we are, how we interact with each other and the world.

"When white and black and brown and every other color decide they're going to live together as Christians, then and only then are we going to see an end to these troubles." Barry M. Goldwater

CVA CENTRAL VALLEY AG

Central Valley Ag (CVA) is accepting sealed bids to purchase the **CVA ESBON FUEL SITE**. Sealed bids may be mailed and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Februc y 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

Jim's Metal Roof Coatings
Leak Repair, bin tops,
Quonset roofing metal/galvanized
Asphalt Shingle roof coating
Painting exterior steel or aluminum
Statewide service - Free Estimates
785-201-7622

"Caring and Compassionate Healthcare Close to Home"

Jewell County HOSPITAL

- Newly remodeled facility
- Long term care for your loved ones
- Up-to-date technology in X-ray, Lab, Physical Therapy & Outpatient Care
  Digital radiology, Bone density, MRI, Laboratory testing
- 24 Hours Emergency Room Care

Andy Walker, M.D.

Dawn Steinman, A.P.R.N, D.N.P.

Jewell County Rural Health Clinic Hours
Monday - Thursday: 8 am - noon, 1 - 5 pm
Friday: 8 am - noon
Phone: 785-378-3511
Website: www.jewellcohospital.org
Visit our website for more information
Providers are now accepting new patients!

Marilyn Dunstan, A.P.R.N

Bryan Houcheris, P.A.C.

Rebecca Snyder, P.A.C.

Mankato Livestock, Inc.

Head Sold: 2,526

Friday, Feb. 7

20	Mix Heifers	542	296.00	16 Mix Steers	521	381.00
20	Mix Heifers	630	280.00	61 Blk Steers	652	319.00
25	Mix Heifers	659	268.00	26 Mix Steers	655	315.00
16	Mix Heifers	684	267.50	18 Mix Steers	656	312.00
79	Mix Heifers	670	266.50	22 Mix Steers	704	289.00
31	Mix Heifers	673	266.50	277 Blk Steers	772	285.50
39	Blk Heifers	683	266.00	15 RWF Steers	645	282.50
30	Mix Heifers	704	263.75	32 Blk Steers	767	281.00
23	Mix Heifers	705	262.50	16 Mix Steers	808	277.00
16	Mix Heifers	746	259.00	20 Mix Steers	713	277.00
21	Mix Heifers	702	259.00	23 Chax Steers	852	274.00
28	Mix Heifers	712	254.50	16 Mix Steers	799	272.75
19	Char Heifers	816	253.00	34 Mix Steers	785	270.50
15	Blk Heifers	765	252.00	52 Mix Steers	807	269.50
23	Mix Heifers	790	251.50	32 Mix Steers	825	269.00
26	Mix Heifers	826	250.00	35 Mix Steers	786	268.50
63	Mix Heifers	835	250.00	22 Mix Steers	864	266.00
26	Mix Heifers	701	250.00	18 Mix Steers	863	264.00
43	Mix Heifers	770	248.50	30 RWF Steers	847	263.00
47	Mix Heifers	794	248.00	15 Mix Steers	921	250.50
19	Mix Heifers	817	245.00	20 Mix Steers	941	247.25
16	Red Heifers	830	242.00	15 Blk Bred Hfrs	1,189	3,475.00
26	Mix Heifers	905	240.00			

Consignments for Feb. 14

87 Blk/BWF heifers, 750-800 (47 Blk 40 F1 Baldy's OCV Pelvic Tract Scored); 57 Angus heifers, 650-750 OCV Pelvic DNA; 73 BWF/Blk heifers, 750 (40 BWF, 33 Blk OVC Pelvic); 17 Blk/BWF heifers, 700-750 (8 BWF, 9 Blk OCV Pelvic); 15 Blk/BWF heifers 700-750 OVC; 58 Hereford heifers, 700 OCV; 40 Hereford heifers, 700-750 OCV; 40 Angus heifers, 700-750 OCV; 45 Blk heifers, 700 OCV; 41 Blk heifers 750 OCV; 35 Angus heifers 725-800 (Conneely Genetics DNA); 22 red heifers, 800-825 OCV Pelvic; 12 Blk/BWF heifers, 700-750 OCV Pelvic; 25 CHAR-CHAR-X heifers, 700-750 OVC Pelvic Tract Scored, Breeding shots; 50 Blk heifers, 650-700 OCV; 43 Blk/red heifers, 700-750 OCV Pelvic.

Bred Heifers: 25 Angus bred heifers start calving March 1; 30 Hereford and BWF bred heifers.

Feeders: 42 Blk steers and heifers, 600-700, weaned shots; 95 CHAR-X steers and heifers, 550-675, weaned shots.

BARN PHONE 785-378-3283

Mankato Livestock, Inc.

Jon Russell, 785-545-6105, *Cell 785-819-6115*
Neil Bouray, 402-879-5566 • **Scott Greene**, *785-545-8612*
Kelly Bouray, *Cell 402-879-5567*
Zach Sumpter, 785-545-6175 • **Adam Giger**, 402-469-2357
Kody Steinhauer, 402-964-5264

7.25

We will not be open

Monday, Feb. 17

in honor of Presidents' Day

the Guaranty STATE BANK & TRUST CO. FDIC

Beloit • Esbon • Burr Oak • Jewell • Smith Center • Glen Elder

THE LEADER FOR FINANCIAL SUCCESS

WEALTH MANAGEMENT & TRUST SERVICES
CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK

JESSE POUNDS
Vice President & Trust Officer
(785) 243-8224

- Investment Services
- Trust & Estate Planning
- Family Business Solutions
- Retirement Planning

Contact me to schedule an appointment today.
www.centralnational.com