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It isn't every day you decorate a 30-foot tree. It took quite a crew of decorators and a bucket truck to get the tree covered with lights and ornaments.

## Community Christmas Tree displays true community spirit

**BY JESSIE WAGONER**  
NEWS-LEDGER

McPHERSON—When you drive by the McPherson Museum and Convention and Visitor's Bureau at 1111 E. Kansas Street, you won't be able to miss the newest addition: the 30-foot community Christmas tree. The tree is simply beautiful, but getting it in place was anything but simple and required a great deal of effort on the part of the community.

It all started when The Cedars made the decision that the 30-foot Blue Spruce originally located at 1013 Darlow Drive needed to be cut down. They didn't want the tree to go to waste, so they called Wayne Burns, di-

rector of Public Lands and Facilities. Burns then made a call to Ann Engel, McPherson Main Street director, asking if Main Street would like the tree.

"Wayne said, 'How would you like a live Christmas tree?'" Engel said. "I said, 'Sure. What would I have to do?'"

Engel went out to the location where the tree was located with Lyle Starr from the Park Department. Starr explained cutting down and moving the tree was going to be a process, and Engel would need to call in reinforcements. Starr offered to help with large ornaments and lights for the tree and to help with anchoring it, but he wouldn't be able to move the tree.

Engel is resourceful and began

making phone calls. With each phone call she made, more and more people volunteered to take on some portion of the process. Bob and Michelle Cullen, president and H.R. with Welco Services, Inc., agreed to create and weld a steel base plate with an attached pipe that now holds the trunk and retains water for the tree. Kody Kramer, city forester, agreed to cut down the tree and trailer it to its new location. He also brought along a bucket truck so ornaments and lights could be hung.

With a plan in place to have the tree cut down, Engel still needed to figure out how to lift the tree onto and off of the

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## Trial to begin in involuntary manslaughter case this week

**BY JESSIE WAGONER**  
NEWS-LEDGER

It has been two years since Robert and Mary Unruh of Canton were killed in crash on Highway 56. This week, Julie Hunter, the driver of the vehicle, which hit the Unruh's, will stand trial. Hunter has been charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter-DUI in relation to the crash, which occurred on Nov. 22, 2019.

The wheels of justice are known to move slowly, but in this case, they have moved at a particularly slow pace. Delays in prosecution have resulted from Hunter's own injuries, as well as court delays related to COVID-19. Now, nearly two years from the date of the crash, jury selection will begin.

Hunter, 41, of Minnesota, will appear in McPherson County District Court on Nov. 30 for jury selection. While she has been attending hearings via Zoom, she must appear in person for the trial. She has been free on a \$25,000 bond and living in Minnesota since the wreck occurred.

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## Omicron variant not in Kansas, yet

**BY JESSIE WAGONER**  
NEWS-LEDGER

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the newest COVID-19 variant, Omicron, was identified. The discovery led to rapid changes for those attempting to travel internationally, however the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) says the variant has not been identified in Kansas yet.

"No confirmed cases have been identified in Kansas or the United States to date," KDHE said in a release Monday. "This variant is new, and it is still unknown how transmissible or contagious this variant is. It is unclear how quickly it will spread, but it has been found in 17 countries already, and we should assume that it is only a matter of time before it will be found in the United States."

KDHE will continue to sequence positive COVID-19 samples to look for the Omicron variant. In the meantime, officials say Kansas is more prepared for Omicron than previous variants. This is due to large number of Kansans who have received their COVID-19 vaccination. Currently, 64 percent of the eligible population is fully vaccinated.

"Experts continue to believe that the COVID-19 vaccine will continue to protect

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## Barn raising: Inman Museum board director has big plans

**BY MINDY KEPFIELD**  
NEWS-LEDGER

INMAN—When Ralph Vogel joined the Inman Museum 20 years ago, its exhibits were crowded into one small room.

Vast collections of artifacts have been added to the attraction, which now boasts a life-size village square of six buildings, a restored train depot and an 1875 homestead and farm.

Fundraisers and donations footed the bill for two new wings, dozens of dioramas, and a late 1800s village square, but Vogel built them on his own with 100-year-old repurposed lumber and his own imagination over several cold winters.

"The labor was free," he said. "I look at it now and

think 'I couldn't do that now—especially the two story building.'"

Since then, a generous community has supported the museum by donating valuable items, but the museum is fast running out of space.

He and the museum's board members are "in the dreaming stage" of another big building project, a 20,000-square-foot barn, will tell the story of custom cutting and agricultural invention in Inman. It also will house a fleet of horse-drawn carriages donated by restorer Ron Regehr.

ADM Milling Co. donated a nearby lot for the project, but Vogel admits it will be expensive.

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Restorer Ron Regehr poses with his latest gift to the Inman Museum: a fully restored Albany Sleigh. The vehicle is now on display in the front entrance of the museum.



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# Santa Claus is coming to McPherson's Light Parade

**By BILL BUSH**  
NEWS-LEDGER

McPHERSON—The second annual McPherson Christmas Parade of Lights promises to be bigger and brighter than its inaugural cruise in 2020. Scheduled to start at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, from Lakeside Park, the convoy of floats and brightly decorated vehicles will drive through the Cedars, roll west down First Street to North Main Street, reroute (turn around) south down Main by MP NAZ, and return south on Main to East Euclid, landing at Lakeside Park.

Casey Schropp, the event organizer, asks that spectators do not gather at the launch site, on private property that is not their own, or in the streets.

While the event is called a parade, once again, the format will be a “cruise-style” parade, which means spectators are asked to watch from their yards (for those residents along the route) or public parking spaces, remain off the streets, and no candy or prizes will be thrown from floats.

Schropp said the lingering pandemic has a lot to do with

the format of the parade again this year.

“We’re not going to be as normally close to the crowd so then that creates a safety issue, so we’re asking our participants not to toss candy or prizes into the crowd,” Schropp said. “It’s a cruise in order to be able to reach out to that older community and bring them some Christmas cheer, because it’s been another rough year of dealing with COVID. Next year, we’ll move to a traditional parade.”

Schropp said she’s received more entries for the parade, and with the deadline still a few days away, there’s still time for several more to register. Schropp said they ask people to decorate their vehicles at least 50 percent for the parade to be a good show.

“We are expecting this to be better than last year,” Schropp said. “We are expecting a bigger and brighter show as well as a larger amount of spectators. I have a few tricks up my sleeve for the crowd they won’t want to miss.”

Another highlight will be Dustin W. Frank honoring the military with an incredible display.



Gentry and Barlow, the Christmas Parade of Light Elves, have been busy building and planning for this year's event, which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6:15 p.m.

If bad weather becomes an issue on Dec. 11, the parade will be postponed until the following Saturday, Dec. 18. Updates will be posted on social media sites (McPherson Christmas Parade of Lights) and broadcast on local radio stations.

Participants can register by contacting Schropp via e-mail at [mcpchristmasparade@gmail.com](mailto:mcpchristmasparade@gmail.com), through social media, or by calling Schropp at 620-504-2662.

“Come out and join us either way you can, whether it’s by participating or spectating,” Schropp said. “We’d be glad to have everyone and anyone.”



## Spice up your life

with Lindsey Young



# I could go 'almond' and on about this cherry pie

Joey looked at me this afternoon and declared he's officially done with turkey.

After taking home some leftovers from my parents' house on Thanksgiving and having our own leftovers from hosting that weekend—and making both a roasted bird as well as one on the smoker—we have quite the collection of Tupperware boxes in our fridge.

The good news for Joey is most of the leftover meat will be combined with the broth we made from our turkey carcasses for some turkey noodle soup and go in our freezer for another day.

Just like the turkey inundation in our house, I know I've also been giving you a dessert inundation over the past several weeks. If you're tired of tarts and pies, just hang in there—I'll definitely think of something else for next week.

But if you're like me and love all things sweet, this is another great dessert. Plus, it's super easy to make, even if you're not much of a baker.

This comes from the blog “Singing Through the Rain.” You can find the original post at <https://singingthroughtherain.net/2013/12/easy-crumble-cherry-pie.html>. I added extra almond extract



and sliced almonds to my version.

**Cherry Almond Crumble Pie**

**Ingredients**

- 1 nine-inch pie crust
- 2/3 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons almond extract
- 1/2 cup cold butter, cubed
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 21 ounces cherry pie filling
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds

**Directions**

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Arrange your crust into a pie pan and crimp the edges.

In a bowl, combine the flour, extract, butter and sugar, cutting with a pastry cutter or fork until the ingredients are well-combined and in small

crumbles.

Pour the cherry pie filling into the prepared crust and sprinkle the crumble evenly over the top. Top with the sliced almonds.

Bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until the top is golden brown.

This pie was delicious and was really pretty without any effort whatsoever. The almond flavor was a fantastic combination with the cherries, and the addition of the crunchy nuts on top were yummy, too.

Luckily, I ended up sending my in laws home with quite a bit of pie, since they had much of the family staying with them through the weekend after Thanksgiving to help them eat it, so I haven't heard Joey declare that he's done with pie quite yet.

Of course, if I decide to make yet another one for next week, I'm guessing I'll hear about it. Sounds like it's time for me to get creative while keeping my pie tins in the cabinet.

*Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at [spiceupkitchen.net](http://spiceupkitchen.net).*

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# Public Works completing several projects

By JESSIE WAGONER  
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The Public Works Department is checking things off their to-do list and wrapping up projects before the end of the year. Director of Public Works Jeff Woodward says one big project was recently completed.

“The Oak Harbor Drainage improvement project was completed last week,” Woodward said. “The final inlet and the last 20' of pipe will have to be installed after the sewer project is complete, as the sewer runs directly under the final inlet.”

Three of the cottages at Oak Harbor are nearing completion, as well. Oak Harbor Cottages is a project of the McPherson Housing Coalition. The cottages will serve as temporary, stable housing for individuals



The Oak Harbor Drainage Project has been completed by the Public Works Department. The Oak Street Alley Sewer Project.

as they attempt to find permanent housing.

The Oak Street Alley Sewer Project is now underway. This project was awarded to Middlecreek Corporation out of Peabody in the amount of \$213,942. To complete the project Avenue A will be closed between Oak Street and Elm Street. The closure is expected to last approximately 10 days.

“We are excited to finally get this project kicked off,” Woodward said. “Avenue A will be closed late today or early tomorrow and will remain closed for approximately 10 days.”

The Northgate Drainage Project is also moving forward. Woodward says good progress has been made in the last week. The ADS pipe installation and tree removal in the area continue. He says the contractor plans to have all the ADS pipes installed within the next week.

# Giving Tree seeks benefactors at Inman Elementary

By BLAKE SPURNEY  
NEWS-LEDGER

INMAN—Anyone wishing to help others less fortunate during the holiday season can do so by picking up an ornament on the Giving Tree in the foyer at Inman Elementary School.

Secretary Jennifer Carter said recipients are based on staff recommendations. Items listed on ornaments include clothes, shoes, toys and a \$25 gift card to Cornerstone Market.

“We choose families that we see who could benefit the most from needing just a little extra help this time of year,” she said.

Carter said each recipient was sent home with a letter seeking parental approval. Those who choose to participate can fill out a form listing their children’s clothing sizes or any other special needs they might have. She said 19 students from 13 families were represented by ornaments on the tree this year. Each ornament includes one item for an anonymous recipient. Only Carter and Principal Jo McFadden know the identities of the recipients.

Carter said anyone could pick up an ornament or two during school hours. Wrapped gifts should be returned to the school by Friday, Dec. 17, and the respective ornament should be taped to the top.

The school has had a Giving Tree more at least 10 years. Carter said members of community typically picked up each ornament and met every request. If some ornaments remain, the school seeks assistance from outside agencies to meet the needs.

“Very rarely do we have to ask for help for left-over ornaments,” she said. “It’s just really exciting to see the response from the community for this program.”



Michelle Claassen, PA with Partners in Family Care Clinic, spoke to the Kettle Queens about diabetes during a recent meeting.

# Kettle Queens celebrate Thanksgiving

A Thanksgiving meal was held at the home of Bonnie Kaufman for the Kettle Queens FCE on Nov. 19. Bonnie prepared a rack-lette meal for seven members. Roll call was “Tell Something Positive about the person to your Right.” The evening was spent eating and visiting.

Several reports were given about past events. On Oct. 25, Bonnie Kaufman, area director, held an Area Fall Event at the West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge. A business meeting was held and then eight lessons for 2022 were given by various members. Seven of the Kettle Queens assisted with this meeting in various ways.

The Canton Dizzy Dames served light refreshments in the morning. On Wednesday, Nov. 3, the Kettle Queens arranged for Michelle Claassen, PA with Partners in Family Care Clinic, to speak after the meal at the Moundridge Senior Center. Michelle talked about diabetes to the senior citizens and seven members of the Kettle Queens. A poster about diabetes was also displayed with leaflets for people to take.

The next meeting of the Kettle Queens will be on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the home of Nyla Stucky for a Christmas party.

- Submitted by Bonnie Kauffman

## Main Street Mini-Main set for this week

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### MCPHERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY LOGS

Monday, Nov. 22 4:03 a.m. McPherson Sheriff took a report and made an arrest of a suspicious person on S. Main St., Galva. 6:26 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of past criminal deception on S. Elm. 11:28 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of sexual assault on Sycamore Pl. Tuesday, Nov. 23 8:43 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of past theft on S. Centennial. 10:39 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of past burglary on W. Marlin. 2:23 p.m. McPherson Sheriff and Inman Police conducted an urgent welfare check on N. Pine St., Inman. McPherson Fire responded to a medical emergency on N. Elm St. Wednesday, Nov. 24 8:45 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of past theft on North High Dr. 10:08 a.m. McPherson Sheriff made a warrant arrest on N. Maple. 3:41 p.m. McPherson Police took a report of a past assault on N. Walnut. Thursday, Nov. 25 9 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of past harassment on S. Chestnut. 12:42 p.m. McPherson Police took a report of	theft on N. Charles St. 2:35 p.m. McPherson Fire, Police, Sheriff and EMS responded to a structure fire on Center St. 5:33 p.m. Lindsborg Police took a report of theft on N. Main St., Lindsborg. 5:53 p.m. McPherson Police took a report of theft on S. Centennial. 6:48 p.m. McPherson Police took a report of theft on Eschelman. 8:15 p.m. McPherson Sheriff and Canton Police took a report of domestic violence on W. Olive St., Canton. McPherson Fire responded to a medical emergency on N. Dover. Friday, Nov. 26 8:31 a.m. McPherson Police took a report and made an arrest for domestic violence on Lakeview Dr. 10:54 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of domestic violence on N. Elm St. 12:49 p.m. McPherson Sheriff and Canton Police took a report of vehicle theft on W. Olive St., Canton. 2:41 p.m. McPherson Police took a report of past theft on N. Olivette St. 4:47 p.m. Canton Police took a report of past burglary on N. Main St. 10:37 p.m. Lindsborg Police took a report of theft on S. Cole St., Lindsborg. McPherson Fire re-	sponded to a brush fire on Stearman. McPherson Fire responded to an automatic alarm on E. Kansas. Saturday, Nov. 27 9:54 a.m. McPherson Police took a report of domestic violence on S. Hartup. 6:44 p.m. McPherson Police took a report of past theft on Countryside Dr. 9:33 p.m. McPherson Police took a report of	sexual assault on S. Oak St. 10:12 p.m. McPherson Sheriff and Inman Police took a report and made an arrest for domestic violence on S. Spruce St., Inman. McPherson Fire addressed a code enforcement issue on Plaza East Pl. McPherson Fire responded to a medical emergency on Highland Dr.
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Ron Regehr points out the wicker detailing on a Victorian-era carriage Sunday in his workshop near Inman. He plans to restore the horse-drawn buggy this winter.

MINDY KEPFIELD/NEWS-LEDGER

## PLANS

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“Grants would hardly do it, but if we could do that it would be fine,” he said. “I think we are going to have a major fundraising campaign and get the community involved.”

Museum volunteers installed new lighting Monday to welcome visitors during the annual Christmas in Inman Live Nativity at Lambert Park set from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

Santa Claus will greet

children, and there will be cookies, hot chocolate, and cider.

An Albany Sleigh restored by Regehr lends a festive touch to the museum’s lobby.

The gift is the gem of a fleet of horse-drawn carriages Regehr has loaned, including a striking James Cunningham, Son and Co. hearse.

Regehr plans to begin restoration work on a child’s hearse and a Victorian-era carriage this winter.

He inherited the building knack from his father, Arnold Regehr, who

was a carpenter. Regehr taught himself to restore old vehicles, because he was drawn by their craftsmanship.

The carriages could fetch thousands at an auction, but Regehr chose to loan them to the museum because of their historic value.

“You couldn’t afford to hire anybody to do this kind of stuff today,” he said. “If we don’t keep it and put it somewhere people can enjoy it down the road, it’s lost; it’s just lost. People just don’t have a use for them.”

Regehr, a member of

the museum’s advisory committee said he hopes the community will support their efforts to expand.

Vogel said fundraising is always a challenge, but big dreams and hard work have kept the museum developing for decades.

“We’ll just keep growing, because if you don’t keep growing, you’re dead,” he said. “Businesses that stop growing are gone. Plants that stop growing, they die. So you have to keep growing—and be bigger and be better.”

## TREE

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trailer. A 30-foot tree is quite heavy after all.

“I called BPU,” Engel said. “And Lenny Swaim, BPU Electric Metering & Underground Supervisor, brought a crane to lift the tree onto the trailer and then to lift it into the base plate.”

Originally, Engel thought about placing the tree on the downtown Plaza. It would be a great location since three other trees are located there. However, with such a short time period to work with she knew that wouldn’t be possible for this year. So she placed another call, this time to Joni Regnier, CVB director.

“I called Joni and asked about placing it there, and she agreed it would work,” Engel said. “So the tree is now at 1111 E. Kansas.”

With all the phone calls made and a plan in place, on Tuesday morning Engel supervised as everyone got to work. The tree was successfully cut down and moved to the new location. Decorations and lights were hung, and it is now ready for a community tree lighting.

“It is a great representation of what we can accomplish when we all work together,” Engel said. “All of this has been pulled together in less than two weeks, after Wayne first called me.”

Watching everything



BPU uses their crane to hoist the tree into its new location in front of the McPherson Museum and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

fall into place has been a rewarding experience, and now Engel is ready to celebrate with the community. The community Christmas tree lighting will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at 1111 E. Kansas.

Regier and Carissa Speck, director of the museum, will provide cider and cookies for the

tree lighting. McPherson Main Street has also hired Sounds of the Heartland to sing at the event.

Engel said she is hopeful this could be an annual event, with the possibility of locating a large tree each year that they could decorate but not cut down.

“My ultimate goal

would be to purchase an artificial tree of this size for the Plaza area and have a permanent location,” Engel said.

Until then, Engel and community members can enjoy the community Christmas tree this year and celebrate the spirit of community, which made it a reality.

## Meeting Set for Code Update Discussion

McPHERSON — The city of McPherson on Dec. 14, will host an informational meeting highlighting coming updates to the international codes, a group of building safety codes developed by the International code council. The I-codes are the most widely accepted, comprehensive set of model codes used in the United States.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the commission room at the Municipal Center, 400 E. Kansas Ave. There will be a presentation highlighting the most significant changes to the code, followed by a Q and A session. For more information, contact city of McPherson Building Inspector Ryan Rank at 620-245-2535 or email [ryanr@mcpcity.com](mailto:ryanr@mcpcity.com).

## COVID

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those who are vaccinated against severe disease and death,” KDHE said. “The COVID-19 vaccine is available for all individuals aged five years and over. The vaccine booster dose is available for all adults aged 18 and over. Boosters increase the strength of your antibody response, so even if the virus mutates, a boost makes it more likely that your antibodies can prevent you from getting sick or seriously ill, even with the new variant. If you are six months past your second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or two months past your J&J vaccine, get boosted now.”

The McPherson County Health Department as well as primary care providers throughout McPherson have vaccines available. As of press time, 51.6 percent of the eligible population of McPherson County is fully vaccinated.

The McPherson County Health Department has not updated the COVID-19 Dashboard for the county since Nov. 23. As of that date, there were 101 active cases of COVID-19 in the county. Of those cases, four people were hospitalized with remainder recovering at home. The county remains at 98 deaths related to COVID-19.

## TRIAL

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In the original complaint filed by McPherson County Attorney Greg Benefiel, Hunter was charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter-DUI, one count of driving under the influence, one count of driving while suspended and one count of driving left of center. Involuntary manslaughter-DUI is a level four-person felony, which can result in a sentence of 38-172 months imprisonment.

Hunter is represented by Stephen W. Johnson. He had previously filed a motion to quash and suppress the blood evidence in the case. The motion to suppress was denied.

The trial is expected to last at least four days.

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# Planning the best Christmas ever

JESSIE WAGONER



THEN WE LAUGHED

I have a huge confession, I'm not a holiday fan. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, I could do without them all. Ever since my mom died 15 years ago, I've just tried to avoid them at all costs. Once I had children, I attempted to make them more enjoyable, but they just aren't my thing. Birthdays, heck yes, I can throw one heck of a birthday celebration, but other holidays I'd prefer to just skip.

But this year, I'm forcing myself to make this the best Christmas ever at our house. I have this fear that this will be my last Christmas and I want my kids to remember it as a great one. While I feel good right now, I continue to watch the other people on dialysis die off around me. It is a tough crowd to run with. Small things take us out. An infected tooth and a simple cold did in two of my dialysis friends in the last month. I have to be realistic. The odds are not in my favor. So, Christmas planning it is.

I actually broke down and bought a huge Christmas tree for the house. We have only had a pathetically small tree for the last several years. Sylas K was home for a visit this weekend so we got it all decorated. Selah J squealed with delight every single time she put an ornament on the tree. She has spent the last two evenings laying underneath it to play with her toys and look at books.

I've got fun Christmas activities planned for us for each weekend leading up to the big day. We are going on the Christmas Light Tour, going to visit Santa and even going to see the Nutcracker Ballet. All things I usually avoid, but thought I'd try to do this year. I even have a Grinch night planned with special green treats. I don't know who I have become, but if I happen to survive this, I'm setting quite a precedent to live up to in coming years.

I have even brought back a couple of my Christmas traditions from when Sylas K was little. One of his favorite things was getting to open presents, obviously. So, I started wrapping up Christmas or winter books, 25 in total. Each night, he would unwrap one of the presents and we would read the story together. He actually helped me wrap the books this weekend so I could share the tradition with Selah, this year. I'm sure she will love it as much as he did.

What traditions do you have surrounding Christmas? I'd love to come up with a few other fun things to do with the kids this year, but I'm having a hard time thinking of something new. Please share and help me make this the best Christmas ever at our house!

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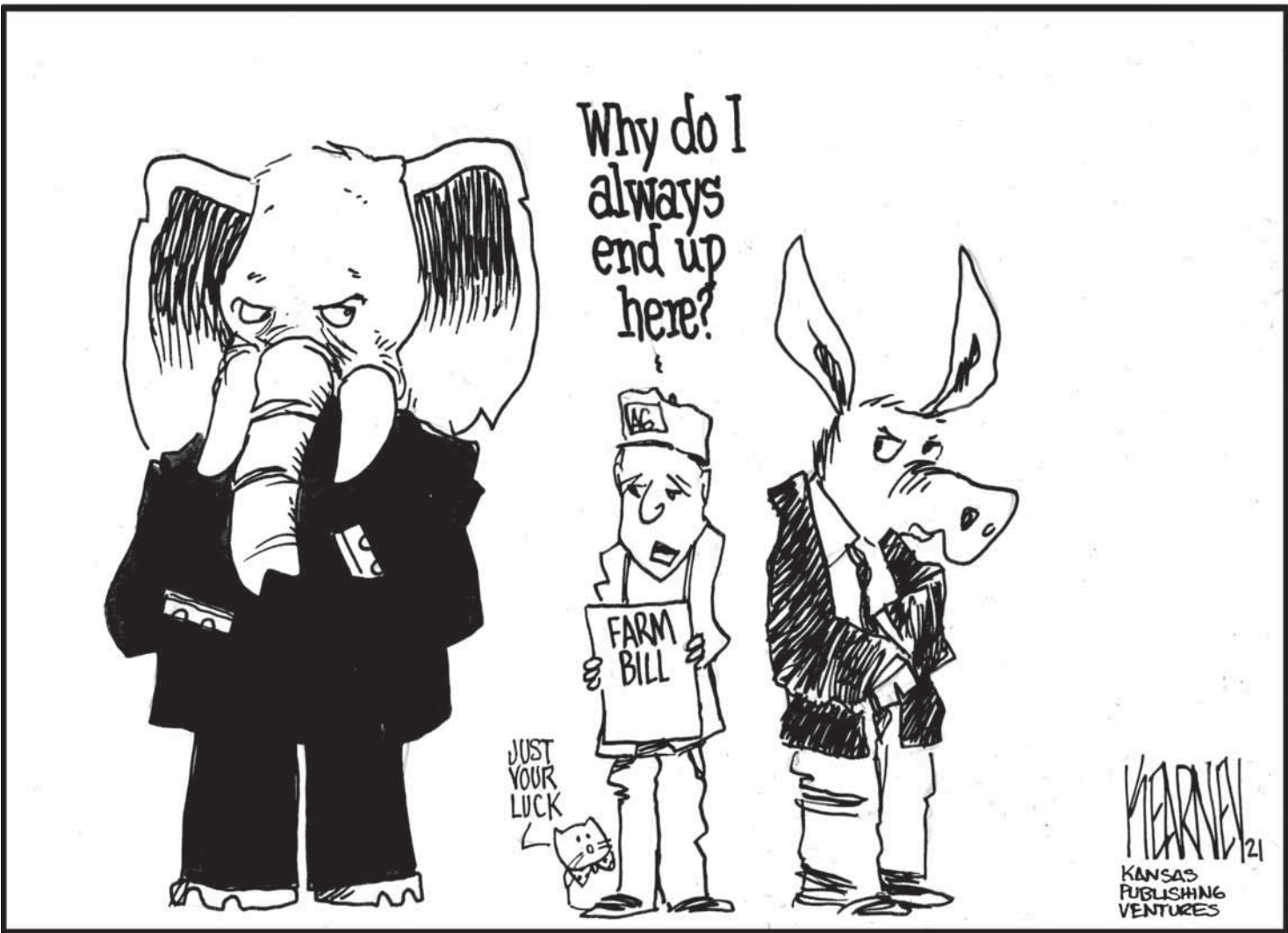
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# OPINION



As a sprawling bill encompassing both farm subsidies and food assistance programs, the U.S. Farm Bill could be an acrid affair, even when Congress was far less divided. Throw global politics and trade into the mix a year before the 2024 presidential election, and the bill could be in peril.

# Gilliland makes a trip to the taxidermist

STEVE GILLILAND



EXPLORE KANSAS OUTDOORS

Staring at the two deer mounts on our living room wall, and the fact that Kansas deer rifles season opens this week, brought back memories of the hunts when we harvested those two deer and also memories of the process of getting them mounted. Both deer came from ground farmed by my wife's family in south-western KS.

The very nice nine-point whitetail was my wife's first buck, and the dandy ten-point mule deer was my first big buck, so we decided to spend the money to have them both mounted. Immediately after we got home that year, I took both the heads to a taxidermist, thinking that was the end of our responsibility. Not so and let me see if I can explain the process.

When a taxidermist receives an animal or fish, the first step is removing the skin so it can be tanned or processed. With deer, the meat processing plant or the hunter removes the head from the animal, along with the hide down past the shoulders; this hide is known as the "cape."

The head and the cape are then taken to the taxidermist. The taxidermist carefully skins out the head, removes the top of the skull with both antlers intact, tags and stores the antlers and sends the cape to be tanned. That tanned cape, with the corresponding antlers, is eventually fitted over a form made from a hard foam material.

This form ultimately determines the "pose" of the finished mount. Note; if having you animal processed at

a commercial processing plant, MAKE CERTAIN to tell them to cape-out the head so you have enough hide for the mount, otherwise they will cut the skin way too short for the taxidermist.

Next step is choosing how you want your deer head "posed." I felt like I was at a portrait studio trying to choose final pictures for the church directory. Without thinking, I assumed our only choice was to have both deer looking away from the wall! Not so!

There are four basic "poses" or positions, and several variations of each. They all center around the state of alertness you want the animal to replicate, and the direction you want it looking. The first of the four basic positions poses the head extremely low with ears laid back as if the buck were sneaking.

The subsequent three each raise the head higher until the final basic view shows the deer on "full alert" and ready to bolt. The look we chose shows our bucks with upright heads, but not startled and one looking each direction, as if at each other.

Another option to an expensive full-shoulder mount is simply having the antlers

mounted on a nice plaque. Few taxidermists will do this anymore, but kits are available for you to do it yourself. In my office hangs a nice heavy set of antlers from a buck I found dead on our Ohio farm when I was a kid. A third option that has become very popular of late is called a "European Mount" which consists of the bare skull with the antlers attached. These can be decorated or painted for a unique look.

A couple years ago, I gave my sister a nice European Mounted rack from a buck I harvested on her property. Her home décor is western and southwest, so I mounted it on a weathered piece of barnwood and hung some old rusty barbed wire on its antlers.

Here are some things to consider when deciding whether or not to have a fish or animal mounted. Trophies do not have to be determined by size alone.

Unusual shapes and colors of fish and animals can make them memorable. The situation surrounding the catch or hunt may be worthy also, like a son's first turkey, or in our case, my wife's first buck, which was also harvested on her uncle's land. Good quality pictures are very important too. Who knows, maybe a picture will be your trophy.

A classy plaque sporting a good picture makes a very attractive memento.

The mount's "final resting place" in your home should absolutely be defined and agreed upon by harvester and spouse. This issue has been the source of much conflict between mates over the

years. Hopefully your significant other has their priorities right and sees it your way!

Cost is also a factor. While I realize a price cannot be put on everything, think reasonably. Shoulder mounts, which are the most popular, are costing above \$600 now. I found out many taxidermists no longer do simple antler mounts, but the one that do charge around \$150, or you can buy the DIY kit for only a few bucks. There are a few guys around who do European mounts, which will cost around \$100.

Selecting which wildlife artist to trust with your prize is the final step. Recommendations from other sportsmen are probably the best litmus tests of all. Look at work done by those you're considering, even visit them at their shops.

They will gladly spend time with you, because they are fellow outdoorsmen and understand how important this decision is.

We didn't choose to have our deer mounted merely to brag about them or our skills (although I could hardly wait for my brother to see them.) Each time we look at these awesome examples of God's creation, we want to be able to close our eyes and watch again the scenes of the hunt unfold around us; to sense the exhilaration as we wait for each buck to give us just that "right" shot; to feel anew the pride and gratitude for the opportunity we had been given...Continue to Explore Kansas Outdoors!

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# Perspective is a gift as a grandparent

ELAINE MCALLISTER



GRANDPARENTING

Family life is hectic as schedules fill with holiday events at school, work, and church, yet this is a season to reflect as we gather with those we love.

At our recent gathering, our son and his daughter spent time looking through heritage albums filled with photos and stories of our ancestors. I loved listening as our son identified people and put life into perspective by explaining what was happening in the world at the time each photo was taken. If I hadn't been elbow-deep in a turkey carcass, I would've joined their conversation. You see, I'm passionate about generational storytelling and I believe knowing one's family stories makes history come alive for children.

I loved my granddaughter's enthusiasm, so not long after the leftovers were gone, I began delving into history from her great grandfather's perspective. You may have seen social media posts about life for those who were born in 1900. Well, my dad was born in 1922.

WWI (1914-1918) and the

nesses. Others died of starvation...or despair. It was a devastating era for a young Iowa farm boy.

On the other side of the world, Nazis came into power (1933) and soon WWII raged. America was pulled into that conflict (1939-1945) resulting in the deaths of millions. Millions more were killed in The Holocaust. Dad was 23.

It's too late to ask him now, but oh, how I wish I knew what my dad thought about life, to know his perspective.

Daddy was a 30-year-old newlywed, Iowa farmer when the Korean War began (1952), resulting in another five million fatalities.

The Vietnam War was already underway (1955) and the world was on the brink of war due to the Cuban Missile Crisis (1962). Mass annihilation was averted yet the war in Vietnam was a constant conflict for twenty years (1955-1975); from the time my dad was 33 until he was 53. Four million people lost their lives including his own brother-in-law, my Uncle Jim who was just a

few years older than his 14-year-old niece. That certainly impacted me!

War is ugly! Scars remain! Survivors suffered long after returning home. Some still do.

Reflecting on my dad's lifetime was an adventure. He lived through hard times yet we call that era 'the good old days' and somehow we believe 'they' had it easy compared to what we face. Right?

Just look at us! A nation of massive political unrest, a divided country in somewhat of a leadership vacuum. Violence runs rampant and is often applauded. Hot spots exist globally with smaller (but no less deadly) conflicts in American cities. Opioids claim daily victims. Abuse is acceptable, though – really – it's not! Widespread disrespect for others – especially those in authority – trickles down to classrooms even in small town America. A global pandemic results in vaccination wars. Small businesses close every day. Responsibility is a thing of

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# City of McPherson approves changes to BPU ordinance

By JESSIE WAGONER  
NEWS-LEDGER

During the most recent McPherson BPU Board meeting the board of directors voted to bring forward several changes to board meeting participation policies and procedures. The changes needed approval from the city commission to take effect. Monday morning, the McPherson City Commission placed their stamp of approval on the requested changes.

Jeff Houston, who serves as city attorney and BPU attorney, presented Charter Ordinance 47 to the commission. He explained the needed changes came out of ensuring meeting can continue to occur, even if board members need to attend remotely due to COVID. The original ordinance governing board meeting participation did not in-

clude participation by phone or video conferencing, which has now become a regular occurrence for nearly all governmental agencies.

The commission approved the new ordinance as presented. The ordinance will be published for public viewing and if no protests are filed it will take effect in approximately 60 days.

City Administrator Nick Gregory presented a motion to the commission to raise the maximum spending authority for department heads from \$1,000 to \$1,500 without commission approval being required.

“Since 2008, the maximum authority permitted for any expense without receiving formal approval from the McPherson Governing Body has been \$1,000,” Gregory said. “Since that time, inflation and costs have seen significant in-

creases. It was discussed moving that maximum spending authority amount to \$1,500. Eventually, this will be incorporated in an overhaul of the city of McPherson's purchasing policies, but for the time being, the city attorney has advised that simple motion would cause this change to take effect.”

The commission approved the request. They also approved a motion to move the maximum travel costs per employee for work-related travel without approval by the commission from \$500 to \$1,000 per person per travel request.

In other business the commission:

- Approved wages and bonds.
- Approved the enhanced cereal malt beverage licenses for The Village Geek and Walgreens.



Selah, a contemporary Christian trio will perform at the McPherson Opera House at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4

## Selah to perform at the McPherson Opera House

The McPherson Opera House welcomes contemporary Christian trio Selah on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. With unmatched talent, a passion for ministry and a deep love for the church, Selah breathes new life into timeless Christmas classics we all know and love.

With more than half a billion streams, over 4 million albums sold and eight GMA Dove Awards to their credit, Selah's Allan Hall, Amy Perry and Todd Smith have earned a reputation for not only delivering compelling new anthems but also for reviving great hymns of faith. With their soaring harmonies and distinctive lead vocals, they have breathed new life into timeless musical treasures that have ministered to believers for generations. They have also populated culture with such enduring hits as “Press On,” “Wonderful, Merciful Savior,” “You Raise Me Up,” “Hope of the Broken World” and “All My Praise.”

For tickets, visit [McPhersonOperaHouse.org](http://McPhersonOperaHouse.org) or call the box office at 620-241-1952.

### OBITUARIES

#### SUEVAUN MICHELLE ALLISON

SueVaun Michelle Allison, 39, of Goose Creek, S.C., and formerly of McPherson, entered her heavenly home on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, with family by her side at her home in South Carolina. She was a homemaker, artist and health coach.



SueVaun was born May 22, 1982, in McPherson, the daughter of Keith and Jeanette (Unruh) Koehn. As a young girl, she attended Sugar Creek School in Galva.

On Feb. 7, 2009, she was united in marriage to Joshua D. Allison in McPherson.

Survivors include her husband, Josh; four children, Wyatt, Olivia, Bodie and Lillian; parents, Keith and Jeanette Koehn of Fruitland, Idaho; father-in-law and mother-in law, Denny and Helen Allison of McPherson; brother, Lyndell (Vienna) Koehn of Fruitland, Idaho; sister, Mishana (Dallas) Koehn of Hawkeye, Iowa; grandparents, Eugene and Salome Unruh of Moundridge and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Elizabeth Deane Allison, and grandparents, Dale and Dorothy Koehn.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, at the First United Methodist Church, McPherson. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 3, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Rodney Richard officiating. Burial will follow at McPherson Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given for the children's education fund (payable to Josh Allison), in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 N. Chestnut, McPherson, Kan., 67460. Personal condolences may be sent to the family at [www.stockhamfamily.com](http://www.stockhamfamily.com).

#### MEROE ANN GRABER

Meroe Ann Graber, 92, of Moundridge, passed away Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, at Pine Village. She was born Jan. 9, 1929, in McPherson, the daughter of Arthur and Alvina (Schrag) Krehbiel.

She graduated from McPherson High School.

Meroe was united in marriage to Harry E. Graber on Nov. 24, 1949, at Eden Mennonite Church.

She was a member of Eden Mennonite Church in Moundridge, where she was active in the Dorcas Society. Meroe and Harry assisted with the Mennonite Disaster Service and the MCC sale for many years. They also served in 1W Service in Colorado.

Meroe and her sister-in-law, Vera Krehbiel, purchased the fabric store from Alvina Krehbiel and became co-owners and operators of Family Needs and Notions in Moundridge. She was a devoted homemaker and farmer's wife.

She is survived by her daughter, Janice (Joe) Yoder of McPherson; eight grandchildren, Philip (Jeannie Roberts) Huff, Regina Kagle, Dustin (Amanda) Huff, Amanda (Chris) Kagle, Stacey Neufeldt, Steven Neufeldt, Yvonne Graber and Yulonda (Mark) Hartman; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter and brother, Kerry (Nancy) Krehbiel of Hesston.

Meroe was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Graber; parents, Arthur and Alvina Krehbiel; son, Michael Graber; grandson, Luis Graber; four brothers, Arlan, Arthur, Don and Gene Krehbiel and sister, Anita Buterbaugh.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, at Eden Mennonite Church, with burial following in the church cemetery. Friends called from 3-8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Moundridge Funeral Home, with family greeting friends from 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Pine Village or Good Shepherd Hospice, in care of Moundridge Funeral Home, P.O. Box 410, Moundridge, Kan., 67107.

### COLUMN

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the past. People don't want to work and those who do risk losing jobs if they don't get a shot. What a mess! Life sometimes sucks. It's hard, but life was hard for our ancestors, too.

Consider this! Life happens 24/7 before our eyes. We have a front-row seat to tragedy thanks to the Internet and news media. I wonder if my dad (and others) survived more gracefully because life wasn't continually in his face.

There's a fine line be-

tween sticking our heads in the sand (limiting 24/7 commentary) and protecting our own mental health. During this season, I hope you take time to reflect. Learn to celebrate life one day at a time in 2022...as if it was 1922. If you've acquired a not-so-positive perspective, make some changes.

Perspective is a gift you give yourself, but it's also a gift you share with others!

*Elaine McAllister is a devoted grandmother and accomplished local author. You can reach her via her website at [www.elainemcallister.com](http://www.elainemcallister.com)*

#### MARY THERESA DAVIS

Mary Theresa (Parisse) Davis went to Heaven on Nov. 29, 2021.

Mary was born to Eugene and Helen (Cotchi) Parisse on July 13, 1950, being the fourth in line of seven sisters and five brothers. She was brought up in the Catholic Faith and raised in Kansas City, Mo. She continued her love of God and the Gospel. She would find love and matrimony with Harold D. Davis on October of 1971.

Harold and Mary lived in various places from California to Missouri, to McPherson, Kan., and eventually Manhattan, Kan.

Married for almost 51 years, Harold and Mary were blessed with three sons, Duane (Tammy) Davis, Leon (Jenn) Davis, and Cory (Keli) Davis, while also being blessed with six grandchildren, Aaron, Alex, Bella, Ryan, Kyle and Caleb.

Mary was very family oriented, and her family was her life. She loved to cook and have family dinners. She was saved and lived every day with faith while being the heart of her family. She was the ultimate hostess, always wanting everyone to be comfortable and full and always offering refreshments and her "famous dip."

She often made quilts for her nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and her sons. She was a beacon of love for God and her family.

Preceding Mary in death were her brother, Paul; her mother, Helen in 2008; her brother, Joseph in 2012; and her father, Eugene Parisse in 2015.

Mary is survived by her husband, Harold; three sons, Duane (Tammy) Davis in Manhattan, Kan., Leon (Jenn) Davis of Manhattan, Kan., and Cory (Keli) Davis of McPherson, Kan.; six grandchildren, Aaron, Alex, Bella, Ryan, Kyle and Caleb; siblings, Gene Parisse of Springfield, Mo., Helen (Joe) McHendry of Virginia Beach, W.V., Mike Parisse, Rose Parisse, and Daniel Parisse, all of Overland Park, Kan., Mark (Vicky) Parisse of North Kansas City, Mo., Margaret (David) Acker of Waycross, Ga., Cathy (John) O'Connor of Kansas City, Mo.; Clara (Jim) Beavers of Lee's Summit, Mo.; Maria (Mark) Rezac of Kansas City, Kan.; Annette (John) VanDeBerghe of Lenexa, Kan.; and 87 nieces and nephews.

Mary had been sick for the better part of a year. At the age of 71, she died at Via Christi Village, Manhattan, with Alara Hospice and surrounded by love and visits from her family. Her husband, Harold, never left her ailing bedside.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday, Dec. 2, at Zion Church of God in Christ, Mennonite (Inman, Kan.). The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, at the church. Burial will follow at Zion Church Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to Smoky Hills Church of God in Christ, Mennonite (Windom, Kan.) in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS, 67460. Personal condolences may be sent to the family at [www.stockhamfamily.com](http://www.stockhamfamily.com).



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# Chief Judge Marilyn Wilder reappointed

The Kansas Supreme Court announced this week the reappointment of 27 chief judges in Kansas, one of whom serves McPherson and Harvey counties.

Chief Judge Marilyn Wilder was reappointed in the 9th Judicial District. She has served as a district judge since 2015 and chief judge since September 2021.

Wilder received an undergraduate degree from Taylor University and a law degree from Indiana University School of Law. She worked in private practice before she was appointed a district judge.

Each of Kansas' 31 judicial districts has a chief judge who, in addition to their judicial responsibilities, has general control over case assignments within the district, as well as general supervisory authority over the administrative and clerical functions of the



**Wilder**  
court.  
Their terms are effective Jan. 1, 2022, to Dec. 31, 2023.

## Moundridge Communications named Smart Rural Community Provider

MOUNDRIDGE—The communities of Moundridge and Goessel today announced that Moundridge Communications was recently named a Smart Rural Community (SRC) provider by NTCA, the Rural Broadband Association.

SRC is a national network of communities powered by innovative rural broadband providers that are building a brighter future for small-town America. The program promotes rural broadband and its role in supporting innovative economic development, effective education, efficient energy distribution and use, state-of-the-art health care and other important issues for rural America.

In order to receive recognition as a SRC provider, Moundridge Communications was required to affirm that it offers 25/3 Mbps broadband to at least 50 percent of its service area; that it has broadband subscription rates of at least 50 percent; and that it is committed to program principles of collaboration and innovation. As a result of Moundridge Communication's national recognition, Moundridge and Goessel will now be celebrated as a Smart Rural Communities in program materials and online at [www.smartruralcommunity.com](http://www.smartruralcommunity.com), joining a national network of similarly innovative communities.

"Moundridge Communications has worked hard to meet these standards, which enable our residents to fully participate in today's connected society," said Sommer Smith, vice president of Moundridge Communications. "Because of access to high-speed Internet, the communities of Moundridge and Goessel provide their residents with educational and economic opportunities on par with those in the most connected regions of America."

NTCA Chief Executive Officer Shirley Bloomfield also recognized Moundridge Communications for this achievement, noting, "We are so excited to welcome another Smart Rural Community provider into this growing network of innovative broadband providers delivering the Internet's fastest speeds in some of the most remote and rural communities of our country. I applaud Moundridge Communications and the communities of Moundridge and Goessel for their commitment to enabling cutting-edge technologies that drive innovation and promote economic development in their region and nationwide."

# Construction manager at risk selected by Inman - USD-448

By DIANE MILLER  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-LEDGER

The November meeting of the Board of Education (BOE) for USD-448 moved from the usual third Monday to the fourth Monday, Nov. 22, at the district office. Unlike at recent meetings, there were no patron comments.

The BOE continued to hear information about ways to improve the lower-than-desired average ACT scores earned by Inman High School students. This came as a request from Janell Harman, board president, at the September meeting. At the October BOE meeting, Jo McFadden, principal of Inman Elementary School (IES) presented how she and the teachers at IES are working to identify textbooks that use consistent terminology and practices for that subject matter over several grade levels to improve learning outcomes by students.

Tyler Weinbrenner, high school principal, presented what is being done at the Inman Junior/Senior High School (JH/HS) at this meeting.

He stated, "We are focusing on instructional practices with the goal of reducing instructional variability between classrooms. We are using the 12 Touchstones of Good Teaching by McREL International as a guide for this process."

According to its website, [www.mcrel.org](http://www.mcrel.org), "McREL delivers evidence-based processes, programs, and professional learning to schools, districts and education service agencies to drive quick wins and long-term school improvement and innovation." Its goal is to "... help principals, school supervisors, superintendents, and other education leaders respond to their current and emerging needs to improve instructional practice, increase student expectations and achievement and promote school and system effectiveness."

"During the Nov. 22, 2021, staff development day, teachers were able to spend time reflecting on the 12 touchstones and identifying evidence within their individual classrooms," Weinbrenner reported. Small and large group discussions followed the discussion.

Weinbrenner continued, "In February, McREL will be sending a representative on site to guide us through some follow up professional development. I am excited about this process because research and best practice tell us that challenging, engaging and intentional instruction are at the core of great systems. I also believe it is essential that any organization continually looks for ways to grow and improve."

A discussion important for the future upgrades to facilities was the interviewing of three companies for the contract to become the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) to guide the district through the bond election in spring 2022.

According to Scott Friesen, district superintendent, "In the past year, patrons have shared with BOE members and the administration their desire to see another bond issue put forth to fund improvements to our outdoor athletic facilities and greenhouse. These patrons have also stated their willingness to participate in the effort to pass the bond. Because of these patrons, and our own commitment to supporting the opportunities of our students while being fiscally responsible, the board tonight began the process of determining the best path forward."

The district, like most districts in Kansas, previously followed the traditional path for facility construction projects: get a design, pass a bond election, hire a contractor and build the project. Since 2015, the state of Kansas has allowed districts to pursue the hiring of a Construction Management At-Risk to plan the construction before the bond election. This is permitted through Kansas Unified School District Alternative Project Delivery Building Construction Procurement Act, Sections 9 through 14 of Chapter 148, 2008 KAN. SESS. LAWS and House Bill 2267, July 1, 2015.

This process allows the district to hire a contractor and other service providers to design all aspects of the project before bond funding is obtained. A "construction management at-risk contract means the contract whereby the board acquires from a construction manager or general contractor a series of preconstruction services and an at-risk financial obligation to carry out construction under a specified cost agreement"

([https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch72/072\\_011\\_0053.html](https://www.ksrevisor.org/statutes/chapters/ch72/072_011_0053.html)).

Of the responses to the district's Request for Statement of Qualification to Provide Construction Management At-Risk Services in October 2021, three companies were interviewed: Dondlinger Construction of Wichita, DCS Services of Wichita, and Hutton, with offices in McPherson and around Kansas. After the interviews, the board approved Hutton to be the CMAR.

According to Friesen, "By selecting our Construction Management firm first, we will have more specific and real-time pricing when budgeting the project. This will increase the accuracy of our estimates over previous bond project estimates, and allow us to reduce the amount that we have had to carry in the past for unknowns. It allows us to answer confidently why we made the decisions we made. Hutton will coordinate the subcontractors' bidding of the project and is committed to utilizing local subcontractors when feasible. It will also act as the general contractor for the project and is responsible for coordinating the work on site, and quality control."

He continued, "It will also provide top-notch pre-bond marketing and post-bond services. A primary reason we chose the CMAR delivery method is that the construction manager assumes the "risk" of the project. This means that once the pricing is complete, the guaranteed maximum price will be set for the project. If our project comes in under budget, 100 percent of savings would be returned to the district, but the district is not responsible for any cost overages."

In a later communication, Friesen invited interested persons to help share project details and answer questions. With a transparent process, the public will have more opportunities to understand on what they are voting, how it will impact them and the scope of the bond project. Anyone interested in being a part of the community committee or helping in any other way can contact Friesen at the USD-448 office or reach out to any board member. Their email addresses are found at [www.usd448.com/vnews/display.v/SEC/BOE/District+info+in+a+PDF+document](http://www.usd448.com/vnews/display.v/SEC/BOE/District+info+in+a+PDF+document).

At the October 2021 meeting, the board discussed the lease for the land south of Farmington Rd. that is owned by the district. It had been under lease for growing crops suitable for baling as hay for many years, and the board decided not to renew the current lease. Sealed bids for this cash farm lease for brome hay production will be taken at the district office until 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17. The individual or organization that places the highest responsible bid will receive the lease for one year with the possibility of extensions. Interested parties should contact the district at 620-585-6441, ext. 0, for information.

The district will be discussing the current contract for technical services over the next several months. The current contract expires in May 2022. Current and future needs for information technology and similar services are important because most students use tablets and other devices as part of their daily learning processes. Faculty and staff have additional needs for data analysis and record storage.

As usual, the board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Resignations were received from Jana McIver, assistant cook; Ruth Sisson, part-time afternoon secretary at IES and Shannon Malone, title para. To fill the opening at IES, current IES part-time morning secretary, Jennifer Carter, will transition to being the full-time secretary.

The December BOE meeting is expected to be held on Dec. 20, at the district offices, 119 S. Main St., Inman.

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The governing body of McPherson County will meet on December 13, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. at 122 West Marlin, McPherson, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amendment of the 2021 Budget. Detailed budget information is available at the County Administrator's Office, located in the County Courthouse and will be available at this hearing.

FUND	2021 Adopted Budget			2021 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Taxes Levied	Expenditures	
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MCPHERSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of  
James Dean Winslow, Deceased  
Case No. 2021-PR- 00015S  
(Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 59)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL  
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You are hereby notified that on the 5th day of November, 2021, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this court by Ricky G. Winslow, an heir of James Dean Winslow, deceased.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ Ricky G. Winslow  
Administrator

/s/ Dale M. Sprague  
Attorney for Administrator



# Inman's Brake wins IHS award for Heisman High School Scholarship

**By Bill Bush**  
NEWS-LEDGER

INMAN—Inman's Reagan Brake (senior) was recently chosen to apply and compete for the Heisman High School Scholarship.

A press release announced, "Today, The Heisman Trophy Trust and Acceptance Insurance announced senior Reagan Brake as Inman High School's 2021 School Winners for the Heisman High School Scholarship."

Brake received a certificate and the opportunity to compete for college scholarship money through the Heisman Trophy Scholarship program.

"It was a pretty extensive application," Brake said. "It had a full section to apply and then also four, 1,000-character essays, just talking about community service, academic and athletic achievements, and extracurriculars we've been in all throughout high school."

School winners competed to be their state winner and move on to the national competition. State and national winners received scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

"I completed that [the application] and submitted it, and unfortunately, I wasn't a state winner or anything, but it's still an honor to even be selected out of all the students at the high school," Brake said.

She said writing the essays is coming in handy, because she's



Inman High School senior Reagan Brake was recently chosen to compete for the Heisman High School Scholarship.

busy filling out other scholarships. Brake plans to play volleyball and attend Ohio Wesleyan University next year.

# School Ambassadors want to share the warmth

**By JESSIE WAGONER**  
NEWS-LEDGER

McPHERSON—The temperatures are dropping and the YMCA Middle School Ambassadors are wanting to share the warmth with those in need.

"Ambassadors are doing the Share the Warmth drive, and they are collecting blankets, hats, gloves, and scarves as a service project to give back to their community, elderly, and families," Anna Schwindt with the YMCA said.

The Ambassadors are a small group of middle school students. The group focuses on helping the students increase interpersonal skills and relationships, build greater self-awareness and self-confidence. The group also focuses on building their leadership skills and abilities by providing them with a variety of leadership opportunities. The Share the Warmth Drive is just one of those leadership opportunities.

The Ambassadors program was started several years ago, and it is staffed by a program director from the YMCA. The group meets weekly, and program leaders have seen participants grow over time.

"Ambassadors have grown in leadership skills," Schwindt said. "Showing improvement at home and school as well as in the community."

Participants who attend at least 10 of the weekly meetings are eligible for a free five-day summer camp at Camp Wood. They are also eligible for a free YMCA membership.

"It also provides a safe environment for them to have social and emotional support," Schwindt said. "It promotes the kids' confidence with their peers to help with peer pressure and other obstacles they may encounter through their life."

While the ambassadors are collecting many of the items for the Share the Warmth drive themselves, they are asking for community support. Anyone who would like to donate hats, coats, blankets, gloves or scarves can drop them off at McPherson Middle School between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the YMCA during business hours.

# Christmas Brass Concert scheduled for Dec. 12

The 16-Piece McPherson Community Brass Choir, under the direction of Jerry Toews, will perform their popular Christmas Brass Concert on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Goessel High School Gymnasium. The Christmas concert will also include The Elbiata Singers under the direction of Braden Unruh, which is the Select and Popular Singing Group comprised of Goessel High School Students. The event is sponsored by the Goessel Ministerial Alliance. A free will offering to benefit local ministries will be taken. Come out for a fun evening of great Christmas entertainment. This event has been moved from the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church to the Goessel High School Gymnasium, 100 E. Main, Goessel, to accommodate social distancing. Livestream will be available by clicking on the Goessel School YouTube channel link at [usd411.org](http://usd411.org).

# Inman girls new coach has high hopes for the team

**By Bill Bush**  
NEWS-LEDGER

INMAN—Megan Heckel is ready to take on the task of coaching the Teutons girls basketball team. She's been the head volleyball coach but now steps into the role as the head basketball coach.

"I am very excited about becoming the basketball coach," Heckel said. "Because I coached the girls the last two years in volleyball, I know how hard of workers they are. They listen and want to succeed and put excellent effort in each day at practice."

Inman finished 8-12 last year, and

Heckel is looking to improve on that record.

"We want to improve our fundamentals and have team success," Heckel said. "They are doing a great job so far."

Inman begins their season at home against Minneapolis on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

**Schedule**

Dec. 3—6 p.m.—vs. Minneapolis—at Inman

Dec. 7—3 p.m.—vs. Hillsboro (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge

Dec. 9—3 p.m.—vs. Lyons (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge

Dec. 10—6 p.m.—vs. Moundridge (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge

Dec. 14—6 p.m.—vs. Sterling—at Inman

Dec. 16—6 p.m.—vs. Belle Plaine (Girls HOA-CPL Challenge)—at Belle Plaine

Jan. 4—6 p.m.—vs. Ell-Saline—at Ell-Saline

Jan. 7—6 p.m.—vs. Burrton—at Burrton

Jan. 11—6 p.m.—vs. Hutch-Trinity—at Hutch-Trinity

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Jan. 25-28—TBD—Girls Tournament—at Berean Academy

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WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER: Table

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GUESS WHO: Bobby Flay

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# Inman boys return most of their team from last year

**By BILL BUSH**  
NEWS-LEDGER

INMAN—Almost all of Inman's scoring from last season returns this year for head coach Brett Froese, now in his 12th season.

The Teutons lost Derrick Johnson (six points per game and Honorable Mention All-League) from last year, but return senior Jace Deorksen (Second Team All-League) and sophomore Tanner Heckel (First Team All-League and Honorable Mention All-State).

Other key returners include seniors Kyler Konrade, Kendon Blank, and Dawson Mannebach; juniors Eli Brunk, Harrison Brunk, and Josiah

Buller; and sophomore Zach Martisko.

Froese said Inman should have plenty of team speed.

"Really like this group," Froese said. "Will be super fun to watch. Mannebach and Martisko will be good tandem inside for us, which we were missing a little last year. Think this team should really be able to defend which we did last year. If we shoot it well enough from outside, it will be a fun year. All my guards can get the ball to the rim."

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# Bullpup Winter Activities Preview is next week

McPHERSON—On Monday, Nov. 29, at McPherson High School, the athletic department will host its annual Bullpup Winter Preview to include the girls and boys basketball teams, the boys swim team, wrestling, and the histers.

Opening announcements will be 6 p.m. at 6:05, introduction of the winter squads

and coaches in the following order: wrestling (by weight class); boys swimming; Hi-Steppers-performance; girls basketball; and boys basketball.

After introductions, the various teams will disperse for parent meetings and scrimmages. The girls basketball will scrimmage in the Roundhouse; boys basketball parent

meeting in library; boys swim parent meeting in Little Theater; and wrestling parent meeting and wrestling in aux. gym.

At 7:30 p.m., the boys basketball team will scrimmage in the Roundhouse, and the girls basketball team will hold their parent meeting in the library.

Reserved basketball season

tickets seats will be available for purchase that evening from 6 to 8 p.m. in the commons. Regular price \$68/seat, price with pass \$50/seat and USD-418 staff price \$15/seat.

Admission for the evening is a donation of non-perishable food to the MHS Student Council that will be delivered to the McPherson County Food Bank.

# Four-year-starter Seth Madron to anchor Mac B-Ball

By Bill Bush  
NEWS-LEDGER

McPHERSON—The boy' basketball team enters the 2021-22 season with only one returning starter: senior Seth Madron who averaged 15.7 points, 4.8 rebounds, 2.7 assists, and 1.8 steals per game last year.

Gone are Jayton Alexander (now playing at Tabor College), Eli Pyle, and Adam Elliott, all who graduated last year, and Jayden Dukes, who is lost for the season with an ACL injury in football.

Juniors Mason Miller (4.5 pts, 3.4 rebs) and Sam Becker (1.3 pts, 1.0 rebs) both return as letter-winners last year.

Head coach Kurt Kinnamon said the team's strength will be its athleticism and varsity experience.

"Madron is a four-year player, and others have state tournament experience," Kinnamon said. "This team should be able to play at an up tempo."

Last year, McPherson made it to the 4A Semi-final game, where they lost to Bishop Miege, who won the title.

The Bullpups' weakness will be their size.

"We lack the 6'6" rim protector," Kinnamon said.

He thinks the top 4A contenders will be Bishop Miege, Basehor-Linwood, Independence, Paola, Ottawa, and Buhler.

The Kansas Basketball Coaches Association has McPherson ranked fifth in their pre-season poll. The top four teams are 1) Bishop Miege, 2) Louisburg, 3) Tonganoxie, and 4) Rose Hill.

Kinnamon is in his 27th year as head coach with MHS and has a record of 536-120. He is assisted by Dustan Kanitz (16th year), Brandt Busse (seventh year), and Paul Reichenberger (first year).

The Bullpups open their season on Friday, Dec. 3, at Dodge City, beginning at 8 p.m.

Schedule  
Dec. 3—8 p.m.—vs. Dodge City—at



McPherson High School boys take on Buhler during the substate final last season.

Dodge City Civic Center  
Dec. 7—7:30 p.m.—vs. Newton—at Newton High School  
Dec. 10—7:30 p.m.—vs. Andover—at McPherson High School  
Dec. 14—7:30 p.m.—vs. El Dorado—at McPherson High School  
Dec. 18—5:30 p.m.—vs. Basehor-Linwood—at Shawnee Mission NW High School  
Dec. 21—7:30 p.m.—vs. Buhler—at McPherson High School  
Jan. 7—7:30 p.m.—vs. Winfield—at Winfield High School  
Jan. 11—7:30 p.m.—vs. Augusta—at McPherson High School  
Jan. 14—7:30 p.m.—vs. Circle—at McPherson High School  
Jan. 20-22—TBD—vs. McPherson Invitational—at McPherson High School

Jan. 25—7:30 p.m.—vs. Andover Central—at McPherson High School  
Feb. 4—7:30 p.m.—vs. Derby—at McPherson High School  
Feb. 8—7:30 p.m.—vs. Andale—at Andale High School  
Feb. 11—7:30 p.m.—vs. El Dorado—at El Dorado High School  
Feb. 15—7:30 p.m.—vs. Buhler—at Buhler High School  
Feb. 18—7:30 p.m.—vs. Winfield—at McPherson High School  
Feb. 22—7:30 p.m.—vs. Augusta (Senior Night)—at Hutter Gymnasium, Augusta  
Feb. 25—7:30 p.m.—vs. Circle—at Circle High School  
Mar. 3-5—TBD—Sub-State—at Salina - Tony's Pizza Events Center  
Mar. 10-12—TBD—State—at Salina - Tony's Pizza Events Center

# Moundridge girls have a good balance of size and speed

By Bill Bush  
NEWS-LEDGER

MOUNDRIDGE—The Moundridge girls team will look a lot different this year. They return three key players—senior Kate Eichelberger and juniors Emily Durst and Kindall Elmore—but have a new head coach and will rely on several players stepping into new or more significant roles.

First-year head coach Kaleigh Huxman said she's looking for senior Emma Blough, juniors Aubree Durst, Reese Schmidt, and Hannah Schrag, and sophomore Kaelyn Wedel to play significant time this season.

"We have a great combination of size and speed, with three key players returning this year," Huxman said. "We have a new coaching staff and several girls who will be stepping into bigger roles this year."

She expects Sterling, Inman, and Remington to be their toughest opponents this year.

Moundridge opens at home against Elyria Christian on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m.

Schedule  
Dec. 3—6 p.m.—vs. Elyria Christian—at Moundridge  
Dec. 7—6 p.m.—vs. Lyons (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge  
Dec. 9—6 p.m.—vs. Hillsboro (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge  
Dec. 10—6 p.m.—vs. Inman (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge  
Dec. 14—6 p.m.—vs. Little River—at Moundridge  
Dec. 16—6 p.m.—vs. Chaparral (Girls HOA-CPL Challenge)—at Chaparral  
Jan. 4—6 p.m.—vs. Oxford—at Oxford  
Jan. 7—6 p.m.—vs. Marion—at Marion  
Jan. 11—6 p.m.—vs. Bennington—at Moundridge  
Jan. 14—6 p.m.—vs. Hutch Trinity—at Moundridge  
Jan. 21—6 p.m.—vs. Goessel—at Moundridge  
Jan. 24-28—TBD—Girls Tournament—at Sedgwick  
Feb. 1—6 p.m.—vs. Sterling—at Sterling  
Feb. 4—6 p.m.—vs. Inman—at Moundridge  
Feb. 11—6 p.m.—vs. Remington—at Remington  
Feb. 15—6 p.m.—vs. Sedgwick—at Sedgwick  
Feb. 18—6 p.m.—vs. Berean Academy—at Berean Academy  
Feb. 22—6 p.m.—vs. Ell-Saline—at Ell-Saline  
Mar. 3-5—TBD—SUB-STATE—at TBD  
Mar. 9-12—TBD—STATE—at TBD

# McPherson wrestling team to have depth, competition

By Bill Bush  
NEWS-LEDGER

McPHERSON—There is a lot of interest in wrestling in McPherson. The middle school has 60 kids out and McPherson High School has 73—38 boys, 26 girls, and nine managers.

"I think this a direct reflection of our wrestling culture and tradition," said MHS wrestling head coach Douglas Kretzer. "Most schools seem to be struggling to get numbers. That's not the case here. It will be a dogfight in our ranking matches just to be a varsity wrestler for MHS."

Last year, Holli Giddings finished third at the state meet. Ame Hale, Arriana Gross, Erin Kutina, Brock Burgess, and Gavin Richardson all made the top 16 last year (but didn't qualify for state, since only the top eight made it). Other key returning wrestlers for the girls team include Braelynn Patterson, Shaylee Scheetz, and Hunter Wilson.

"We should be tough in duals with these numbers, but we are going to need some kids to make the jump to the next level if we are going to make a run for the top 10 in the state for both the boys and girls," Kretzer said. "I think we have kids on the team with the potential to make that jump."

Key returnees for the boys team are Brock Burgess, Treyton Pelnar, Lorenzo Cruzen, Hayden Farley, Collin Pearson, Gavin Richardson, Eli Clarke, Landon Thompson, Caden Burris, Curtis Landrum, and Conner McVicker.

Kretzer said the coaching staff, kids, and administration are excited for the season, especially since Covid was a mess last year, and things seem to be getting back to "more" normal.

"My staff is top-notch with Aaron Dibbens, Jerry Bowen, Kaden Kretzer, and Ethan Fowler," Kretzer said. "There isn't a better activities director

Junior Holli Giddings celebrates during the wrestling state tournament last year. Giddings, who finished the tournament with a 3-1 record and a third-place finish, returns this year for her senior season.



in the state in Shane Backhus, as he continues to provide everything necessary for both teams to reach our goals both on and off the mat."

MHS wrestling opens their season on Dec. 10-11 with a tournament in Colby.

"It's a great time to be a Bullpup Wrestler," Kretzler said.

Schedule  
Dec. 10—2 p.m.—vs. Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Colby  
Dec. 11—9:30 a.m.—vs. Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Colby  
Dec. 16—6 p.m.—vs. Winfield—at Winfield High School  
Dec. 18—10 a.m.—vs. Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Abilene High School  
Jan. 8—9:15 a.m.—vs. Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Burlington High School  
Jan. 13—6 p.m.—vs. El Dorado—at El Dorado High School  
Jan. 14-15—9 a.m.—vs. Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Newton High School  
Jan. 20—6 p.m.—vs. Augusta—at McPherson High School  
Jan. 21—2:30 p.m.—Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Hays High School  
Jan. 22—10 a.m.—Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Hays High School  
Jan. 27—6 p.m.—vs. Circle—at McPherson High School  
Feb. 4—11 a.m.—Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Rose Hill High School  
Feb. 5—10 a.m.—Tournament (Multiple Schools)—at Rose Hill High School  
Feb. 10—6 p.m.—vs. Buhler—at Buhler High School  
Feb. 18-19—TBD—Regional—at TBD  
Feb. 25-26—TBD—State—at Salina - Tony's Pizza Events Center

# McPherson swim team is short on experience to begin the season

By Bill Bush  
NEWS-LEDGER

McPHERSON—The McPherson High School swim team will look for a lot of swimmers to step up and fill the shoes of graduating senior state qualifiers Matt Powers, Rhys Vanderhoof, Cody Achilles, Alex Houston, and Logan Ediger. Powers, Vanderhoof, and Achilles swam on two relays that finished in third place at the state meet.

Senior Wesley Wurm returns from those relays. Smoky Valley High School (SVHS) junior Tytus Reed returns after a successful sophomore campaign.

Head coach Matt Cotton, who is in his fourth year with the MHS wrestling team and third as head coach, said Ethan Burger returns after a hiatus his junior year, and his breaststroke has always been competitive. Palmer Heskett is a freshman who could have a big first season with the team, as well as Gabriel House (SVHS) who has a bit of swim experience under his belt with their club team.

"There is some promise among some of the greener guys as well," Cotton said. "We will have to see once we get into competition what they're capable of doing."

This will be a rebuilding year for the program after losing a stellar class of senior leaders.

"We will be bolstered by leaders like Wes and Tytus, as well as some of our returning members who made big strides last year to help get our fresh batch of recruits ready for competition," Cotton said.

Last year, McPherson dropped their streak as AVCTL Division League Champs to Andover Central, who went on to win state. They will look to hang with them and the big Wichita programs they see regularly during the season, but Cotton said the team's realistic about their prospects this year.

"We want to send as big a team to the state meet as possible, which means qualifying relays and hitting some qualifying times that are going to be a real challenge after the blazing-fast state meet last February," he said. "Still, we're hoping to put up some points at the state meet and maybe even get

Wes or Tytus on the podium."

The McPherson swim team starts their season on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 9 a.m. at the USD-266 (Maize) Aquatic Center.

Schedule  
Dec. 4—9 a.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at USD 266 Aquatic Center  
Dec. 8—5 p.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Topeka-Capitol Federal Natatorium  
Dec. 10—4 p.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Andover Public Schools Aquatic Center  
Dec. 16—6 p.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Wichita-Heights swimming pool  
Jan. 8—9 a.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Andover Public Schools Aquatic Center  
Jan. 13—3:30 p.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Salina South High School  
Jan. 22—10 a.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Wichita-Heights swimming pool  
Jan. 29—10 a.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Wichita-Northwest swimming pool  
Feb. 1—4 p.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Haysville-Campus High School  
Feb. 12—9 a.m.—vs. Multiple Schools—at Andover Public Schools Aquatic Center  
Feb. 18-19—TBD—State—at TBD





Zach Martisko prepares to tackle Olpe running back Derek Hoelting in the 1A State Football Championship game.

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# Inman loses in the title game to the defending champs

By Bill Bush  
NEWS-LEDGER

INMAN—Inman's dream of a state championship in football will have to wait another year after losing to Olpe 35-6 in the 1A state title game last Saturday at Lewis Field at Fort Hays State University. The championship was Olpe's second straight.

One of the issues for Inman was untimely injuries. Kyler Konrade, an All-State linebacker and starting fullback tore his ACL last week in the sub-state game. Kendyn Blank, the team's All-State running back and starting defensive back, pulled a hamstring against Sedgwick and was not able to go. Talon Welch, the outside linebacker broke his collarbone before the Conway Springs game. Sammy Shober, Inman's other inside linebacker, hurt his MCL and was able to play but not 100 percent on Saturday.

The other issue was Olpe's defensive front four and linebackers. Inman couldn't get their run game going (they ended with 42 rushing yards), were consistently in third and long situations, and were forced to pass. Quarterback Jace Doerksen threw for 126 yards and a touchdown, but it wasn't enough to keep Inman close.



Jace Doerksen rolls out to pass in the 1A State Championship game versus Olpe. Olpe won the game 35-6.

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Two moments could have changed the course of the game, according to head coach Lance Sawyer.

Just before halftime and down 21-6, a long kickoff return by

Zachary Martisko gave Inman the ball at Olpe's 20-yard line. The Teutons moved the ball to the two-yard line but weren't able to score.

Then, late in the third quarter, still down 21-6,

Harrison Brunk forced and recovered a fumble on Olpe's 19-yard line. Again, Inman failed to score and turned to ball over on downs at the seven-yard line.

"Scoring either one of those possessions gives us momentum," Sawyer said. "The fact that we struggled to run the ball kept us from scoring these possessions."

Defensively, Sawyer thought the team played well.

"They were able to get outside a couple of plays, which allowed for them to have some long runs," Sawyer said. "Redeker is a solid quarterback who runs extremely well. The problem was that we couldn't sustain anything on offense. Time of possession killed us."

Elijah Brunk led the way on defense for Inman with 10 tackles, a half-sack and 2.5 TFL (tackles for a loss). Tanner Heckel had nine tackles, Grant Thimmesch had eight tackles (half a sack and 1.5 TFL), Martisko had six tackles, with one for a loss, and Brunk had the forced fumble and recovery.

It was the best season Inman football has ever had. This was the Teutons' first trip to the state championship game, and they ended their season with a 12-1 record.

## Moundridge boys have depth, scoring ability and a lot of promise

By Bill Bush  
NEWS-LEDGER

MOUNDRIDGE—The boys team for Moundridge returns two starters this season. Junior Landon Kaufman averaged 20.1 points and 3.7 assists per game last year. Junior Logan Churchill averaged 9.4 points and 4.5 rebounds per game last year.

Head coach Vance Unrau, who is in his 35th season at MHS, said that Kaufman and Churchill had good off-seasons. One of the keys to the season, according to Unrau, is the duo elevating their games.

"Another key to our season will depend on our supporting cast, both returners from last year's team and new additions that are less experienced and young," Unrau said.

Joining the pair are last year's letter winners Joseph Schrag and Garrett Doherty, both seniors, as well as key players seniors Ethan Brandewiede and Joseph Lane and junior Alec Huddle.

"I feel we have more depth this year that will help us play fast when the opportunities exist," Unrau said. "I want our

guys to be more committed on the defensive end and show more aggressiveness on the glass. Both have been recent deficiencies."

Unrau thinks the top teams in the Heart of America League will be Sedgwick, Inman, and Bennington. Other top teams on their schedule include Little River, Hillsboro, Garden Plain, and the Canton-Galva tournament.

He said the Wildcats play a very difficult schedule, and the pre-Christmas schedule will give them all they want.

"My hope is that we will accept the challenge and establish ourselves as a team that I think we are capable of being," Unrau said. "Looking forward to this group of guys. Time to do something special."

Moundridge opens their season at home on Friday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. against Elyria Christian.

Schedule

Dec. 3—7:30 p.m.—vs. Elyria Christian—at Moundridge

Dec. 7—7:30 p.m.—vs. Lyons (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge

Dec. 9—7:30 p.m.—vs. Hillsboro (Early Season

Tourney)—at Moundridge

Dec. 10—7:30 p.m.—vs. Inman (Early Season Tourney)—at Moundridge

Dec. 14—7:30 p.m.—vs. Little River—at Moundridge

Dec. 17—7:30 p.m.—vs. Garden Plain (Girls HOA-CPL Challenge)—at Moundridge

Jan. 4—7:30 p.m.—vs. Oxford—at Oxford

Jan. 7—7:30 p.m.—vs. Marion—at Marion

Jan. 11—7:30 p.m.—vs. Bennington—at Moundridge

Jan. 14—7:30 p.m.—vs. Hutch Trinity—at Moundridge

Jan. 18-21—TBD—

Boys Tournament—at Canton-Galva

Jan. 28—7:30 p.m.—vs. Goessel—at Goessel

Feb. 1—7:30 p.m.—vs. Sterling—at Sterling

Feb. 4—7:30 p.m.—vs. Inman—at Moundridge

Feb. 11—7:30 p.m.—vs. Remington—at Remington

Feb. 15—7:30 p.m.—vs. Sedgwick—at Sedgwick

Feb. 18—7:30 p.m.—vs. Berean Academy—at Berean Academy

Feb. 22—7:30 p.m.—vs. Ell-Salin—at Ell-Saline

Mar. 3-5—TBD—SUB-STATE—at TBD

Mar. 9-12—TBD—STATE—at TBD

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## McPherson girls to rely on newcomers stepping into key roles

By Bill Bush  
NEWS-LEDGER

McPHERSON—Seniors Peyton Howard and Lauren Labertew return as starters from last year's girls basketball team that finished 21-4 and as runner-up for the 4A State Championship.

The Bullpups graduated three seniors from that team, and all three are playing college basketball this season. Grace Pyle was an All-State selection and is at Pittsburg State University. Kassidy Beam was an All-Class 4A selection and is at Tabor College. Emma Malm is also playing this year at Tabor College.

Besides Howard and Labertew, varsity returners include seniors Cameron Pelzel, Ella Schmid, and Emily Whorton; juniors Alexis Dukes and Ella Buschbom, and sophomore Karter Alvord.

Key newcomers are junior Chloe Clevenger (who transferred from Doniphan West) and sophomores Madison Moors, Reanna Eilrich, Jayla McLeod, and Alex Romero

Chris Strathman is in his 27th season with the MHS girls basketball team and his 17th year as the head coach. His career record is 323-60. Assistant coaches include Katelyn Loecker, Jeremy Elseth, and Courtney Heinen.

Strathman hopes this year's team will fly under the radar a little bit, since they're not returning near the offensive firepower as they have had the last several years.

"We are going to be a team that will have to rely on our defense, rebounding, ball security, and shot selection," Strathman said. "We must have all of those components working in order to compete with the really good teams on our schedule."

Strathman said the field for the McPherson tournament is as strong as ever, as all three of the Kansas City area schools will be very strong this season and Clearwater, a newcomer to the tournament, will have a very solid squad as well.

He names Bishop Miege, Andale and Louisburg as a few of the top teams in 4A this season.

"I love the group of girls that we will get to work with, as I think some of them are ready to step forward in a big way after being supportive yet key role players for a couple of seasons," Strathman said.

"Production from our sophomore varsity newcomers and also our transfer player will also be a very big key toward any success we might have this season."

The Bullpups have qualified for the state tournament 26 of the last 29 seasons and won their league 24 of the last 27 seasons, including the last 14 consecutive seasons.

McPherson will start their 2021-22 journey at Dodge City on Friday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Schedule	
Dec. 3—6:30 p.m.—vs. Dodge City—at Dodge City Civic Center	
Dec. 7—6 p.m.—vs. Newton—at Newton High School	
Dec. 10—6 p.m.—vs. Andover—at McPherson High School	
Dec. 14—6 p.m.—vs. El Dorado—at McPherson High School	
Dec. 18—4 p.m.—vs. Blue Valley—at Shawnee Mission NW High School	
Dec. 21—6 p.m.—vs. Buhler—at McPherson High School	
Jan. 7—6 p.m.—vs. Winfield—at Winfield High School	
Jan. 11—6 p.m.—vs. Augusta—at McPherson High School	
Jan. 14—6 p.m.—vs. Circle—at McPherson High School	
Jan. 18—7:30 p.m.—vs. Andover Central—at McPherson High School	
Jan. 27-29—TBD—vs. Mid America Classic—at McPherson High School	
Feb. 4—6 p.m.—vs. Derby—at McPherson High School	
Feb. 8—6 p.m.—vs. Andale—at Andale High School	
Feb. 11—6 p.m.—vs. El Dorado—at El Dorado High School	
Feb. 15—6 p.m.—vs. Buhler—at Buhler High School	
Feb. 18—6 p.m.—vs. Winfield—at McPherson High School	
Feb. 22—6 p.m.—vs. Augusta—at Hutter Gymnasium, Augusta	
Feb. 25—6 p.m.—vs. Circle—at Circle High School	
Mar. 2-4—TBD—vs. Sub-State—at TBD	
Mar. 9-12—TBD—vs. State—at Salina - Tony's Pizza Events Center	

Inman's Sawyer a finalist for coach of the year

INMAN—Sports in Kansas released its annual Coach of the Year Finalists and Inman's Lance Sawyer is among the seven coaches selected in 1A.

Other coaches nominated for the top award are Jeff Werner (Sedgwick), Chris Schmidt (Olpe), Jess Rutledge (Wabaunsee), Darren Sasse (Smith Center), Scott Jones (Lyndon), and Larry Glatczak (Centralia).

The list is presented by Mammoth Sports Construction, SAFE, and Watco. Winners will be announced over the weekend.

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