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Staff photos by Abigail Compton  
Peggy Huxman holds her dog, Zoe, on Tuesday night in the Riley County Seniors' Service Center parking lot. Huxman, Zoe and others listened to Greta Herron sing jazz during an outdoor concert. The building has been closed during the pandemic, and the concert series is a way for people to gather safely.



Greta Herron started by singing Frank Sinatra. She performed her cabaret-style show, "Me and the Night and the Music."

## JAZZY

### Senior center hosts outdoor concert



Seniors were asked to bring their own chairs to watch and maintain physical distancing.

## County confirms 42 new COVID-19 cases

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Riley County on Wednesday confirmed 42 new cases of the coronavirus since Monday.

The total since the pandemic began in March is 1,857. Of those, 267 are active, 1,582 have recovered and eight people have died after testing positive.

There are three positive patients at Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan, officials said Wednesday.

Officials announced Tuesday that the positive rate last week was 9.6%. The rate is the percentage of positive tests in the total number of tests in any given week.

That was the first time the rate was below 10% since it

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## Police arrest JC man for murder in death of sister-in-law

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A Junction City man is in jail after being charged with killing his sister-in-law over the weekend.

Junction City police arrested Michael Chavez, 19, for second-degree murder in the death of his sister-in-law at 1:40 a.m. Sunday.

JCPD responded to perform a welfare check on Carolina Almendarez Marquez, 22, at 10:14 p.m. Saturday in the 500 block of West Seventh Street.

Officers discovered Marquez dead inside the residence and initial investigation ruled her death as a homicide.

Investigations Capt. Trish Giordano said Wednesday an autopsy has been completed but JCPD has not yet received the completed report.

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## McCain Auditorium launching new livestream series

K-State News Service

In most years, the McCain Performance Series at Kansas State University would be in high gear at this time. But with the performance series canceled through December, McCain Auditorium will offer a new livestream event series called McCain Connected, a

collection of curated shows only available online.

"Because we miss connecting with our patrons during this time, we are excited once again to be working on shows that will enlighten, engage and broaden lives from the comfort of home or wherever people are streaming," said Todd Holmberg, director

of McCain. "We are working every day to add more shows. Connecting people to artists, live or online, is what we love to do."

Most McCain Connected events will be free of charge, although there will be a few where a ticket will be required to view the show. Some events will happen live on the McCain

stage or at other locations around the world, while others will be prerecorded and made available exclusively to the McCain audience. Donations will be accepted with links provided during the stream. Six events are currently scheduled and more will be added soon.

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## DEER IN SUNLIGHT



Staff photo by Abigail Compton  
Deer stand in a field by Baldwin Park Road near Randolph on Wednesday morning.

## Pott, Wabaunsee counties \$4M apart on Belvue Bridge project options

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Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee county commissioners are about \$4 million apart on rehabilitating the Belvue Bridge.

Commissioners from the two counties meet Monday via Zoom and endorsed different options for the bridge, developed earlier this year

by the engineering firm of Finney & Turnipseed.

The commissions will likely have to reach an accord soon, however, as the deck of the aging span may be on its last legs.

"If we put asphalt on the deck this October, I don't think the bridge will last until December of

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### CORONAVIRUS WATCH

Riley Co. confirmed cases	1,857
Riley County deaths	8
Pott County confirmed cases	278
Geary County confirmed cases	427
Geary County deaths	2
Kansas confirmed cases	59,749
Kansas deaths	678
U.S. confirmed cases	7,199,139
U.S. deaths	206,351

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