



Rebecca Valburg (left) and Freda Galer pooled their efforts on Wednesday morning to put together some baked potatoes to go during the Heart of Jackson Humane Society's annual baked potato stand-raising dinner, held at the Hutchins Building on Holton's Town Square.

Photo by Brian Sanders

HHS grad killed in World War II focus of search for information

By Brian Sanders
An Arizona man with an interest in aviation history is looking for descendants of a 1940 Holton High School graduate who perished along with 16 others in a World War II-era airplane crash near Phoenix.

The purpose of Robert Kropp's search is twofold. First, the Mesa, Ariz. resident is looking for more information on George Zellers, the HHS alumnus who was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army when he was killed in a training exercise about 20 miles northeast of Phoenix on Feb. 18, 1944, with the information Kropp gets on Zellers to be included in "a small memorial" for the airmen who died in the crash.

Secondly, Kropp, who had contacted *The Holton Recorder* looking for information on Zellers, has part of a sterling silver bracelet that Zellers had with him at the time of the crash — and the origin of an inscription on the back of the bracelet is proving to be a real mystery.

"My hope is to learn more about this young man," Kropp said, "and

hopefully to return this piece of aviator's bracelet to his family if they want it."

One surviving member of Zellers' family has stepped forward to claim it. Greg Lawson, a third cousin of Zellers now living in Conway, S.C., said it was "a shock and a miracle" to learn of the bracelet's existence.

Zellers, who graduated from HHS in 1940 along with twin brother Paul, would go on to Baker University, where he excelled in track and field before joining the Army in May of 1942, it was reported. He was a second lieutenant with the 835th Squadron of the 486th Bombardment Group at the time of the air accident that claimed his life.

According to news reports at the time, Zellers was the co-pilot of one of two B-24 Liberator bombers that were "cruising together on a training mission" when the planes suddenly "locked wings" and crashed about 20 miles northeast of Phoenix.

"Wreckage was scattered over a wide area and parts of the fuselage were still smoldering when officers

arrived, indicating the planes had either exploded when they hit or burst into flames on the ground," the Salt Lake Tribune newspaper reported on Feb. 19, 1944.

Zellers and his men were apparently headed for Topeka at the time of his death, said Lawson, who added that according to the Army report, the plane carrying Zellers had gotten off the ground when it was clipped by the other plane, causing both to spin out of control and crash. The pilots of the second plane were determined by the Army to be at fault, he added.

Kropp said that as a high school student in the late 1970s, he had heard a little about the accident that killed Zellers and his fellow airmen via a teacher who would find "pieces of aircraft engine and metal" while on outdoor trips near Phoenix. Those pieces, the teacher told Kropp, came from a World War II-era plane crash in an area that Kropp later said is "dotted with dozens of wartime training crash sites."

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Block grant means small gain for JH

By Brian Sanders

If Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's proposal to retool state aid to schools as "block grants" is approved by the Kansas Legislature, the Jackson Heights district doesn't stand to lose as much in overall state aid as some bigger districts in the state, but it doesn't stand to gain much, either.

During the USD 335 Board of Education's regular monthly meeting on March 9, District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh updated the board on the Kansas Legislature's proposal to transition state aid for schools into flexible block grants while the Kansas Legislature attempts to rewrite the school financing formula.

The district would lose \$120,169 in total state aid for the current year, as well as \$29,087 in "allotment" authority cuts approved by Brownback and a minor reduction in the amount of state aid initially expected, according to figures provided by Walsh. But with an increase of more than \$161,000 in local option budget funds over the previous school year, the loss is mitigated to a certain extent, board members noted.

The "block grant" legislation — which narrowly passed the Kansas

House of Representatives on Friday and will go before the Senate sometime this week — would cut \$93,886 from the general fund as it was approved last summer. The district got \$7,243 less in general fund state aid for 2014-15, she said.

The district's general fund was cut further by \$29,087 when Brownback used his "allotment" authority to trim the state's general fund for 2015. If the block grant is approved, Walsh estimated the general fund for 2014-15 would be cut by another \$57,556.

Cuts could also be expected in capital outlay for the year, board members noted. Walsh said that this year, the district is expecting \$57,076 in capital outlay funds from the state, but if the block grant passes, the district would likely receive only \$39,135 — a decrease of \$17,941.

The outlook is not as dire on the local option budget side of things, she said, noting that the LOB for 2014-15 represented an increase of \$161,370 over the previous year, but even with a block grant reduction in \$44,672, the district would still be looking at \$116,698 on the plus side. With the losses and gains of the three funds put together, the district is looking at an overall budget increase

of \$4,871.

That's hardly enough to cover rising costs, board members noted, with Walsh reminding the board that expected increases in insurance and food supply costs would hardly be covered by a \$4,871 increase in funds. Still, she added, it's not as bad as some larger school districts in the state that face budget cuts of "several hundred thousand dollars" or more.

The block grant is not expected to have much of an effect on how much the district makes in KPERs payments for retiring teachers, even though the state-level decision to include KPERs payments in the amount

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Ties between 911, cell phones explored

By Ali Holcomb

With more and more people using cell phones instead of landlines, how easy is it to pinpoint a cell phone's location during an emergency?

That answer varies based on a number of factors, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse and Sherri Ladner, 911 administrator.

"It depends upon the carrier. Some carriers are more precise than others," Morse said. "I think things are changing so that coverage is better all around."

Morse said getting a "fix" on a cell phone's location also depends on where the company's cell phone towers are in the county and if they are up to date.

"A lot of the 911 calls map to the carrier's tower so that really doesn't help us too much," Ladner said. "We try to rerun those calls through to get a better location, but sometimes we

can't."

Morse said that there are some instances, however, when a 911 call placed by a cell phone can be tracked to a specific room in a building.

"More and more people are moving away from landlines, and it is getting more important that we locate cell phones for when people are in need," Morse said.

A total of 3,147 calls were made to 911 in the county in 2014, with more than half placed by cell phones.

In 2013, the communication center handled 3,526 emergency calls with 61.5 percent made from cell phones, according to the sheriff's annual report.

Morse said that cell phones allow people to report accidents and incidents quicker than in the past.

"We get a lot of calls while people are out on the go," Morse said. "We get numerous reports daily about

erratic drivers or accidents on the highway. In the past, you had to go to a house to find a phone and report something."

Ladner noted that TracFones, which are phones that come with a prepaid plan and no contract, are more difficult to pinpoint for 911 purposes than phones connected with a specific wireless phone carrier.

In the case of a major, life-threatening emergency, law enforcement can contact a cell phone company directly to have the company "ping" the phone to determine its location, Ladner said.

"That's pretty accurate, and we've had to do that on several occasions," she said, noting it was used to locate a resident in 2009 who was threatening suicide. "We found her, and she did not die."

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The Holton Recorder's
**Spring
Home & Garden,
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Headquarters**

Today's edition of *The Holton Recorder* includes our annual spring home and garden, car care and fix up section.

The special section features 47

area businesses that can assist you with a variety of spring improvement projects. Helpful hints for home improvement projects also are included with this special section.

**TUESDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST:
PLENTIFUL SUNSHINE, HIGH OF 59**
Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

Henry recalls 75 years of playing organ

As yet another Easter approaches, Dorothy (Dode) Henry of St. James Church in Wetmore continues to punch out notes as she carries on her legacy in playing the organ. With her 75th year of playing the instrument quickly approaching, Dode took a look back at her life on the bench.

Under her mother's instruction, Dode began playing at the age of 11 for St. Patrick's Church in Corning. Father Hubbard said mass at the time, and Dode recalls he was very insistent that Latin songs be played, which she found out promptly after mass one Sunday.

"I played an English piece during offertory one time and was told it wasn't a proper song for high mass," Henry explained. She laughs now, but at the tender age of 11 it was quite impressionable.

Dode's mother assured her that she was not only playing for the parish, but more importantly, "for God." These words of wisdom unknowingly helped set the foundation with her role as an organist for decades to come.

As years flew by, Donald Henry came into her life. The two married in 1950, before Don left to train and serve in the Korean War. After his service was completed, Don and Dode moved south of Wetmore and began attending the St. James church. The couple quickly started a family and Dode took a short break from playing.



Dorothy (Dode) Henry of Wetmore has played the organ for nearly 75 years, many of those as the organist for St. James Church in Wetmore. Henry will be honored at the church's 6:30 p.m. mass on Saturday, March 28, it was reported.
Submitted photo

Soon after the fifth child was born though, Father Alfred, priest of St. James at the time, announced the need of an additional organist. At the urging of Don, Dode began playing the instrument again and

has not stopped since.

Over the years, Dode has played several types of organs. Her first was a pump style at St. Patrick's. Pump style organs require the organist to push pedals in order to

pump air so the organ plays properly. This calls for a lot of work for an organist, especially for a young girl.

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5:00 p.m. - Prayer Time
5:15 p.m. - RISC
6:00 p.m. - Sr. High Youth
Other activities available throughout the week.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

James A. Anctil, registration violation, \$158.
 Amanda M. Bellew, speeding, \$219.
 Chad D. Braton, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$309.
 Marah L. Green, speeding, \$153.
 Shelly M. Guerrero, speeding, \$276.
 Joshua D. Hahn, registration violation, no seat belt, operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance, diversion.
 Shelli L. Hertz, no seat belt, \$10.
 Justin M. Ragazzino, speeding, \$171.
 Preston C. Richter, speeding, \$333.
 Rebecca E. Warner, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, \$183.
 Raymond A. Wilson, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$158.

Miguel Gonzales vs. Daniel J. Gabel Jr. and Daniel Gabel Sr., seeking judgment of \$15,313.54 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Filed
 Complete Chiropractic Care Center L.L.C. vs. Donald and Kim Oliver, seeking judgment of \$1,621.17 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal

Filed
 State of Kansas vs. Joshua S. Besette, Meriden, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, parking, standing or stopping in prohibited area.
 State of Kansas vs. Daniel E. Simon Jr., Mayetta, possession of heroin, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, parking, standing or stopping in prohibited area.

oin, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 State of Kansas vs. Krystopher Ruesch-Beem, Mayetta, theft.
 State of Kansas vs. Jordan M. Lee, Mayetta, interference with law enforcement-obstructing official duty, criminal damage to property, assault on a law enforcement officer.
 State of Kansas vs. Charles T. Totty, Lebo, interference with law enforcement-obstructing official duty, disorderly conduct.

Domestic

Dispositions
 Shianne D. Stapel vs. Jesse Hayes, sought protective order; dismissed.
Filed
 Elyse I. Hawthorne vs. Lester J. Randall, seeking protective order.
 Emilee D. Wingo vs. Amberlei N.

Greenwood, seeking protection from stalking order.
 Andrew S. Greenwood vs. Amberlei N. Greenwood, seeking protective order.
 In the matter of the paternity of Mae L. Randall, a minor child by and through her mother and best friend, Elyse I. Hawthorne vs. Lester J. Randall, seeking determination of paternity plus custody and support judgment.
 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Judy A. Hasty, seeking support judgment.
 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Alicia D. Cole, seeking support judgment.

Marriage Licenses

Travis L. Amon, 39, Holton
 Jacquelyne B. Kivitter, 36, Holton

Police Calls

The following calls were handled in recent days by the Holton Police Department.
 ■ 5:14 a.m. Feb. 26, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, EMS assist.
 ■ 2:36 p.m. Feb. 26, 300 block of Dakota Avenue, non-injury accident.
 ■ 11:34 p.m. Feb. 26, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, lost property.
 ■ 7:53 a.m. Feb. 27, U.S. Highway 75 north of Holton Community Hospital, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office with injury accident.
 ■ 11:39 a.m. Feb. 27, 700 block of New Jersey Avenue, 911 hang-up.
 ■ 4:11 p.m. Feb. 27, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspicious activity.
 ■ 9:22 a.m. Feb. 28, 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.
 ■ 3:55 p.m. Feb. 28, 200 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.
 ■ 7:54 p.m. Feb. 28, 600 block of West Third Street, animal control.
 ■ 8:51 p.m. Feb. 28, Fourth Street at Nebraska Avenue, search for missing juvenile.
 ■ 11:28 a.m. March 1, 400 block of Juniper Drive, EMS assist.
 ■ 2:11 p.m. March 1, 1100 block of West Seventh Street, suspicious activity.
 ■ 12:34 p.m. March 2, 500 block of Colorado Avenue, animal control.
 ■ 5:31 p.m. March 2, 500 block of New York Avenue, EMS assist.
 ■ 9:16 p.m. March 2, 10th Street at Ohio Avenue, 911 hang-up.
 ■ 7:43 a.m. March 3, Sixth Street at New York Avenue, non-injury accident.
 ■ 10:15 a.m. March 3, 500 block of Dakota Avenue, disturbance.
 ■ 10:24 a.m. March 3, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, suspicious activity.
 ■ 8:21 p.m. March 3, 100 block of South Topeka Avenue, suspicious activity.
 ■ 3:18 p.m. March 4, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, assisted Youth Services with a juvenile.
 ■ 3:19 p.m. March 4, 700 block of New York Avenue, identity theft.
 ■ 5 p.m. March 4, 200 block of Lincoln Avenue, parking complaint.
 ■ 6:18 p.m. March 4, 600 block of West Third Street, animal control.

■ 7:51 p.m. March 4, 400 block of Juniper Drive, disturbance.
 ■ 4:14 a.m. March 5, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, disturbance.
 ■ 6:34 a.m. March 5, 700 block of Arizona Avenue, animal control.
 ■ 8:23 a.m. March 5, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, assisted staff with a juvenile.
 ■ 11:26 a.m. March 5, Ninth Street at Wisconsin Avenue, non-injury accident.
 ■ 4:09 p.m. March 5, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, placed a juvenile into police protective custody.
 ■ 4:48 a.m. March 5, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspect arrested on a Jackson County failure to appear warrant.
 ■ 9:39 a.m. March 6, 900 block of Forrest Drive, placed three juveniles into police protective custody.
 ■ 10:42 a.m. March 6, 900 block of Forrest Drive, animal control.
 ■ 11:39 a.m. March 6, 600 block of Vermont Avenue, suspicious activity.
 ■ 7:10 p.m. March 6, Sixth Street at Illinois Avenue, suspicious activity.
 ■ 1:03 a.m. March 7, 300 block of New Jersey Avenue, citizen assist.
 ■ 10:04 a.m. March 7, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office.
 ■ 8:06 p.m. March 7, 100 block of East Fourth Street, suspect arrested on charges of expired tag, no proof of insurance and possession of a controlled substance.
 ■ 8:15 p.m. March 7, 100 block of East Fourth Street, suspect arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
 ■ 10:38 p.m. March 7, 900 block of Kansas Avenue, 911 hang-up.
 ■ 2:47 p.m. March 8, 100 block of Roselawn Drive, non-injury accident.
 ■ 12:50 a.m. March 9, 200 block of

Summit Drive, EMS assist.
 ■ 8:47 a.m. March 9, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, assisted staff with an unruly juvenile.
 ■ 3:42 p.m. March 9, 100 block of West Fourth Street, vehicle damage.
 ■ 6:28 p.m. March 9, 400 block of Kansas Avenue, battery.
 ■ 7:10 p.m. March 9, 200 block of Dakota Avenue, loud music.
 ■ 9:38 p.m. March 9, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, welfare check.
 ■ 9:55 p.m. March 9, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, 911 hang-up.
 ■ 9:11 a.m. March 10, 900 block of New York Avenue, investigated two minors in possession of tobacco.
 ■ 9:25 a.m. March 10, 300 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.
 ■ 10:11 a.m. March 10, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, found property.
 ■ 10:17 a.m. March 10, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, assisted staff with an out-of-control juvenile.
 ■ 1:06 p.m. March 10, 100 block of South Topeka Avenue, civil standby.
 ■ 2:54 p.m. March 10, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, found property.
 ■ 3:11 p.m. March 10, 1000 block of West Fourth Street, non-injury accident.
 ■ 5:03 p.m. March 10, 200 block of East Seventh Street, animal control.
 ■ 10:08 p.m. March 10, 400 block of Indiana Avenue, disturbance.
 ■ 3:19 a.m. March 11, 700 block of Iowa Avenue, EMS assist.
 ■ 7:16 a.m. March 11, 900 block of New York Avenue, burglary and criminal damage to property.
 ■ 3:52 p.m. March 11, 900 block of West Fourth Street, non-injury accident.
 ■ 9:19 p.m. March 11, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, disturbance.

Civil

Dispositions
 Jackson County Sheriff's Department vs. 1985 Chevrolet Blazer, VIN 1G8CT18B5F8158547, judgment of forfeiture granted.
Filed
 Robert A. Myers vs. Earnest C. Williams, seeking judgment in excess of \$75,000 plus court costs.

County officers report arrests

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests:
 ■ On March 6, Antonio Harris, 39, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On March 6, Cole Gilbert, 19, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On March 7, Gregory Wilcox, 55, Omaha, Neb., was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
 ■ On March 7, Wilona Decker, 57, Hoyt, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
 ■ On March 10, Shannon Russell, 29, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On March 10, Larry Linton Jr., 38, College Station, Texas, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended and operating a vehicle without liability insurance.
 ■ On March 10, Jordan Lee, 26, Mayetta, was arrested on a charge of criminal damage to property.
 ■ On March 10, Bobbie Hazen, 31, Wichita, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On March 10, Ryan Cook, 36, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.
 ■ On March 11, Joseph Sullivan, 22, St. Marys, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and operating a vehicle without liability insurance.
 ■ On March 11, Stephen Jennings Sr., 50, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On March 11, Chad Braton, 51, Olathe, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

Accident reported

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents:
 ■ At 8:45 a.m. on March 6, Joy Knudson, 39, Horton, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 302nd Road when her 2006 Dodge struck some debris that fell off a tractor trailer. Knudson's vehicle sustained damage to its front left bumper that was listed at less than \$1,000.

NEWS BRIEFS

■ The next Lenten Dinner will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 20 at St. Dominic Parish Hall in Holton. Lenten dinners are sponsored by the Altar Society, Knights of Columbus and youth groups. Free-will offerings will be accepted at all dinners.
 ■ The Heart of Jackson Humane Society shelter is located at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 364-5156.
 ■ Holton Alateen, a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism, will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the library (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave.
 ■ Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 362-7021.
 ■ The Caregivers Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) will meet every third Tuesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Medicalodges Jackson

County. For more information, contact Zennie McClintock at 364-9696 or Amy Spiker at 364-3164.
 ■ Quote of the day: "If mankind minus one were of one opinion, then mankind is no more justified in silencing the one than the one — if he had the power — would be justified in silencing mankind." — John Stuart Mill
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INVITATION FOR BID: Glacial Hills Resource Conservation and Development Region Inc., Wetmore, Ks. has issued an Invitation for Bids for 2 streambank stabilization sites on the Delaware River in Atchison County. The closing date for bid submissions is 2:00pm on April 15, 2015. All project site plans, specifications and bid package are available by contacting Gary Satter, Glacial Hills RC&D at 785-608-8801 or email gary.satter@glacialhillsrccd.com.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 as amended. Requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the bid package.

Bidders must fully comply with Subpart C of 40 CFR Part 32 entitled: Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (Doing Business with Other Persons). Contractors, subcontractors, or suppliers that appear on the Excluded Parties List System at www.epls.gov are not eligible for award of any contracts funded by the Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund.

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MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra McClain

5 Years Ago

Week of March 15-21, 2010

Holton Colorado Elementary School first-grade teacher Neta Halton will retire this May after serving in the district for 21 years, it has been reported. Halton grew up in Texas and always dreamed about being a teacher as a little girl.

After serving as the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce executive director for more than three years, Katie Patterson-Ingels is stepping down to pursue a career as a communication specialist for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, it has been announced. She began serving as the chamber's director on Feb. 1, 2007.

Betsy Zibell of Holton recently won a 22-inch flat-screen television set, given away at Ginger Snips as part of a Matrix hair care promotion. Ginger Snips employee Karen Buchtel sold Zibell the winning ticket.

Highland Community College is considering expanding its outreach facilities in Holton. According to HCC President David Reist, it is "no secret" that the college has been looking at the possible purchase of the Gary Hardy Dodge building and property located at the southern edge of Holton on U.S. Highway 75, which closed in early 2009.

The Jackson County Kid's Closet is embarking on its second year in Holton. The first year was very successful, with more than 100 and 150 children being helped in just two events, respectively.

10 Years Ago

Week of March 15-21, 2005

Construction of the new Heart of Jackson Humane Society shelter is expected to be complete by the end of this month, and it is expected to be open for business by the middle of April, it has been reported. The shelter includes a vestibule that serves as a waiting room, and is located about half a block east of Vermont Street

on Eighth Street in Holton.

The library at Holton Colorado Elementary School will need to be moved to a different room in the K-2 school next year to free up more space needed for a special education classroom, the USD 336 school board learned at its meeting on Monday night, March 14.

Jackson County Planning Commission Chairperson Bob Marney recently presented Jane Coverdale with a plaque honoring her service on the planning commission since October 1998. Coverdale has opted not to serve another term. Planner Lee Doyle was also honored for serving more than two years, and he has also decided to step down.

The Wetmore community celebrated the success of its high school girls basketball team with a hay bale "victory train" encouraging the team to victory at the state tournament.

Last year (2004) was a record year for tornadoes in Kansas. A total of 36 struck regions in the state, the most in 10 years. Nearly all of those tornadoes hit north central Kansas and all but three struck from May 22-29. The largest number occurred on May 29, with 17 touchdowns. Jackson County managed to escape the worst cases of severe weather.

25 Years Ago

Week of March 15-21, 1990

A different look at the outdoor life will be presented at the Holton Area Home and Garden Show this weekend with a new set of exhibitors. Displays on wildlife and outdoor sports, such as hunting, have been added to the home show this year, according to committee member Carl Jarboe.

Concession stand lines at auctions tend to get congested, which prompted a Whiting man to streamline auctions with his own concession sales. Walter "Pooge" Wagner and his wife, Norma, have made a thriving business out of catering local auctions from their converted 20-passenger school bus. Set up cafeteria style, people enter the bus

through the back, select what they want, pay at the front and step out the front door.

Salts Styling and Barber Shop in Holton is celebrating its 25th anniversary, it has been announced. Drawings for various prizes will be held to commemorate the event.

On Tuesday, March 13, a "super storm" spawned two dozen tornadoes in Kansas, one of which demolished the town of Hesston, and pushed its way toward Jackson County. The storm died before reaching Jackson County, but not before tearing up homes and grain bins less than 35 miles from Holton. The violent storms have ushered in the tornado season a little early this year.

The Topeka newspaper's all-state basketball listings include three Jackson County players as first team, all-class 3A. They include Holton guard Pat Birkbeck, Jackson Heights senior center Matt Hundley and senior forward Shelley Tanking.

50 Years Ago

Week of March 15-21, 1965

A new front and permanent awning were installed to The Toggery in Holton last week. Owner Gene Grannell said that within the next few weeks a new sign would be placed on the front of the store. The store is located on the north side of the Square.

Jack Jensen and Dennis Reed of Holton will be honored with the Boy Scout God and Country Award on Sunday, March 21, at the Holton Evangelical United Brethren Church. This award is the highest in Scouting, it was reported.

Penney's in Holton sold men's slacks for \$5.95, two dress shirts for \$5 and a tie for \$1.50.

Utterback Pontiac-Buick in Holton will celebrate its 19th anniversary in the automobile business this month, it has been announced. A feature of the anniversary celebration will be the display of the Marlin, new Rambler sports car, according to dealership president Bob Utterback.

Named on more than 50 ballots, Dick Geis of Circleville was chosen the outstanding player on the all-state Class BB basketball team that was named in the Wichita newspaper on Sunday, March 14. Geis was also named to the All Class BB team announced on Tuesday, March 16, in the Topeka newspaper.

Craig's IGA in Holton sold four 20-ounce bottles of Libby's ketchup for \$1, a five-pound bag of Gold Nugget flour for 29 cents, lamb shoulder roast for 49 cents per pound and full shank halves of ham for 39 cents per pound.



Holton High School senior Tristan Parks (center) recently accepted a scholarship in horse judging at Northeast Oklahoma (NEO) A&M in Miami, Okla. Shown with Parks are his parents, Tim (left) and Dyann Parks (right), along with Amanda Burrows (standing), head equine judging and equestrian coach at NEO. Submitted photo

Deputy escapes injury in chase

■ Atchison County man arrested after three-county pursuit

A Thursday afternoon police vehicle pursuit that crossed into Jackson County resulted in the arrest of an Atchison County resident who reportedly attempted to strike a Jackson County deputy during the chase, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said.

According to Morse, Ryan Marcus Brownfield, 23, was arrested after the three-county chase that reportedly began in Atchison County, crossed into Jackson County and ended in Jefferson County. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office is forwarding charges for Brownfield to the Jackson County Attorney's Office, it was reported.

According to a Kansas Highway Patrol report, the pursuit started at about 5 p.m. when an Atchison County deputy attempted to pull over a Nissan Armada that did not have a registration tag. It was later reported that the Nissan had been stolen from an Atchison car dealership.

Brownfield reportedly continued south on U.S. Highway 59 out of Atchison into Jefferson County on Kansas Highway 4, it was reported. At some point, a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper took over the pursuit, which reportedly continued toward Topeka with speeds often exceeding more than 100 miles per hour.

Valley Falls police reportedly placed "stop sticks" at the intersection of K-4 and Kansas Highway 16

to deflate the Nissan's tires, but it was reported that Brownfield avoided them by driving into a ditch and back onto K-16 toward Denison.

Morse said a Jackson County deputy placed another set of "stop sticks" in the 16000 block of K-16 east of Denison, but Brownfield drove the Nissan off the road again in an apparent attempt to strike the deputy patrol car. The deputy was able to get out of the way and avoid injury, he added.

According to KHP, Brownfield turned the Nissan back onto K-16 toward Valley Falls, striking the pursuing KHP patrol car in the process. It was reported that the trooper driving the patrol car did not appear to be in-

jured but was taken to Holton Community Hospital for examination and later released.

As the Nissan crossed back into Jefferson County, a deputy from that county was able to force it off the roadway, and Brownfield bolted from the vehicle, which had reportedly been damaged from the crash with the KHP patrol car. A KHP canine unit was able to apprehend Brownfield shortly afterward, and he was taken to the Atchison County Jail for detention.

A KHP spokesperson anticipated that charges would be filed against Brownfield in all three counties, it was reported.

'Robocalling' operation shut down: AG Schmidt

A Florida robocalling operation that illegally sold cruise vacations under the guise of political surveys has been shut down, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said recently.

Schmidt, along with attorneys general of nine other states and the Federal Trade Commission, reached a settlement with Caribbean Cruise Line Inc., requiring the company to cease its abusive telemarketing practices and imposing a penalty of \$500,000. Kansas will receive approximately \$20,000 as a result of the settlement.

The attorney general's consumer protection division initiated an investigation in 2012 into the company's practices after receiving multiple complaints by Kansas consumers. More than 80 Kansans complained about the company between 2010 and 2013.

Most of the complaints alleged that the unwanted call began with a political survey which, if completed over the phone, would result in an offer of a "free" or "complimentary" cruise from CCL.

Consumers who completed the survey and pressed one for their cruise were connected to a live telemarketer working on behalf of CCL to market its cruise vacations. In addition to the cruise, these telemarketers also sold pre-boarding hotels, cruise excursions, enhanced accommodations and other travel packages.

Although FTC rules and the Kansas No-Call Act do not prohibit political survey robocalls, the defendants' robocalls to consumers on the No-Call List were illegal because they incorporated a sales pitch for a cruise and additional items.

"Many Kansans have chosen to ask for privacy when it comes to telephone solicitors," Schmidt said. "Telemarketers cannot skirt the law by pretending to conduct surveys. Our office will continue to take action against those who violate the law."

The case was filed Tuesday in federal district court in the Southern District of Florida. A group of five interrelated companies and their owner, Fred Accuardi, have been accused of assisting with and facilitat-

ing the illegal cruise calls. Accuardi and those companies have not yet settled with the FTC or the attorneys general.

The Kansas Attorney General's office is responsible for enforcing the Kansas No-Call Act. This act prohibits most businesses from calling consumers registered on the do-not-call list to sell a product or service. Organizations soliciting charitable donations, calls concerning political candidates or issues, or other calls unrelated to the sale of property or services do not fall within the scope of the Kansas No-Call Act.

In 2014, the Kansas No-Call Act was extended to registered cell phone lines as well as residential landlines. To register for the national Do-Not-Call list, please visit www.InYourCornerKansas.org or call 1-888-382-1222.

Outlook For Today's Investors: Less Certainty – But Potential Opportunities

The world of today is vastly different from the one that existed in, say, 1974. Innovations such as the Internet, smartphones, tablets, Facebook, Twitter and so on Shannon Wright have made our lives more enjoyable, efficient and productive in many ways, and have vastly improved our access to the world's knowledge. Yet when it comes to one important area of our lives – investing for the future – many of us may actually face more challenges today than we might have in the past.

At least two main factors are responsible for this apparent regression. First, following a quarter century during which U.S. workers' income rose fairly steadily, "real" wages – that is, wages after inflation is considered – have been flat or declining since about 1974, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Secondly, during this same time period, we've seen a large drop in the percentage of private-sector workers covered under a "defined benefit" plan – the traditional pension plan in which retired employees receive a specified monthly benefit, with the amount determined by years of service, earnings history and age. So unlike your counterparts in the

1950s and 1960s, you may not be able to count on a rise in real wages, and you may not have the promise of a regular pension. What, then, can you do to improve your prospects for eventually achieving a comfortable retirement?

First of all, in the absence of a formal pension, you will need to create your own retirement plan. That means you will need to consider all the opportunities available to you. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar account, such as a 403(b), contribute as much as you can afford – at the very least, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. And even if you participate in your employer's plan, you may also be eligible to open an IRA. If you're self-employed, you still have options such as a SEP IRA or a "solo 401(k)." While these accounts may differ from each other in terms of eligibility, income restrictions and contribution limits, they both offer the same key benefit: the ability to defer taxes on your earnings for many years, typically until retirement.

As for your next main challenge – the need to compensate for stagnant real wages and the subsequent difficulty of boosting your

savings – what can you do? For one thing, you will need a reasonable percentage of your portfolio – both inside and outside your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement plans – devoted to growth-oriented investments. It's true that the value of growth vehicles, such as stocks and stock-based instruments, will always fluctuate. But you can help control this risk by owning a mix of investments, including stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit (CDs) and other securities. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can reduce the impact of volatility on your holdings, it can't guarantee profit or always protect against loss.

As far as attaining rising wages and enjoying guaranteed retirement payments, we don't have the "certainties" that many people had in the 1950s and 1960s. But you can still help brighten your future – through diligence, discipline and the determination to explore the opportunities available to you.

This article was written by Edward Jones, member SIPC for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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DEAR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

We would like to invite you to our Mother's Birthday Party on Sunday, March 22 from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Mother will be 100 years old on that day. We are so pleased and proud of our Mother, Ruth Drown. Please come and share the day with us. Cards may reach her at 1215 W. 5th St., Holton, KS 66436.

Virginia, Carol, Norma, Barbara, Betsy, Gayle and Rob Marshall

Public Notice

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LAURA K. COOP, a/k/a LAURA K. MCGUIRE, and the UNKNOWN SPOUSE of Laura K. Coop a/k/a Laura K. McGuire,

Defendants.

Civil Case No. 14-4130-SAC-KGS

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA K. COOP a/k/a LAURA K. MCGUIRE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, by the United States, on behalf of Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, by and through the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, praying for *in personam* judgment against borrower Laura K. Coop a/k/a Laura K. McGuire, in the amount of \$88,914.64, which includes the following: the principal sum of \$81,772.99 (comprised of unpaid principal of \$77,769.45, escrow replenish of \$2,876.22, title of \$220.00, escrow of \$832.20, and late fees of \$75.12); and \$7,141.65 interest accrued to November 20, 2014 (comprised of principal

interest of \$7,032.26 and interest on advances of \$109.39). Interest continues to accrue from and after November 20, 2014, at the contract rate of \$12.7392 (comprised of daily interest on principal of \$12,2514 and daily interest on advances of \$4,4878) per day to the date of judgment herein. In addition, \$16,502.52 interest credit or subsidy is subject to recapture *in rem* only. In addition, Plaintiff prays for post judgment interest plus the costs of this action; and for foreclosure of a real estate mortgage executed on April 25, 2006, covering real property located in Jackson County, Kansas, described as:

Lot 39 and the South Half of Lot 41 on Montana Avenue, Park Addition, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas,

and you are hereby required to plead to said Complaint on or before April 15, 2015, in said Court at Topeka, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Complaint.

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OPINION

Block grant formula will prove most costly to rural schools

The Kansas State Legislature now appears to be in a rush to approve a new "block grant" funding plan for the state's K-12 schools to replace the current state aid formula that has been in place since the early 1990s.

The Legislature is intent on moving to the "block grant" plan because everyone knows that the state tax breaks for the wealthy approved by the Legislature over the past three years have left the state in a financial crisis.

Because of the tax breaks approved over the past three years, the state is not collecting enough tax revenue to fund its K-12 public schools, which is the most important responsibility of the state along with keeping the state's road system in good shape and taking care of those people who can't take care of themselves.

All politicians know that the secret to getting re-elected includes being able to tell your constituents that you have either cut taxes or prevented tax increases.

What some people do not realize is that there is always a day of reckoning when it comes to local, state and federal taxation.

When cash reserves are totally depleted, taxes must be raised to cover the cost of doing business. In the case of the local, state and federal government, the services they provide must actually be paid for someday.

The new "block grant" state aid formula for the state's public schools is shameful because it's the schools located in the non-metro, rural areas that will be penalized the most in the long run. The "block grant" formula proposed eliminates special considerations for rural schools called "weighting."

For many years, the Legislature has recognized the fact that it is more difficult for rural schools to provide an education equal

to their metro counterparts. It's also more difficult to collect enough local taxes in rural areas to provide an equal education as compared to the metro areas, such as Johnson County.

With the block grant formula, the equalization part of the state aid formula is eliminated and while on the surface it might look like rural schools will not suffer as much as some others, the exact opposite will soon be true.

A lot of the block grant money planned for schools over the next few years will never make it to the classroom, because it is earmarked for teacher pension funds.

State employee pension funds, by the way, are another area of the state government budget suffering due to poor budgeting by the Legislature.

In the last few years, as state tax revenue fell due to tax breaks for the wealthy, the Legislature began a tricky book-keeping system that reduced its number of overall state employees due KPERS (state retirement benefits) by moving some of those state employees (teachers) over to the public education state aid budget.

In the last few years, state aid to schools has included state funds to be used for state employee retirement funds.

Kansans rejoicing that their state taxes have either been reduced or not raised should not be surprised in the next few years if their local taxes soar through the roof. The Legislature is shrugging its responsibility to adequately fund schools. The tax burden is shifting to the local level. Which communities will find it most difficult to keep pace? That's right. It will be the rural schools.

What's the end result for many rural school districts? Higher local taxes or forced consolidation. *David Powls*



LETTER

How do readers want their legislators to vote on school funding?

Dear editor,
I purchased a copy of the March 11, 2015 edition of *The Holton Recorder* at a quick shop near my home in Topeka.

As a retired educator, I have been watching the 2015 legislative happenings, so I was not surprised by two articles on the front page. Royal Valley is expected to lose \$181,245 if the Legislature passes block grants to fund our public schools.

Holton is also expecting a drop in its operating budget was another headline story.

I believe the current school finance formula is great when properly funded. Two court cases (by school districts) have taken the state to task for not budgeting adequate dollar amounts. Also, money for school employee pensions has never been counted in school finance until recently, so we are not comparing apples to apples when it comes to state aid.

Representative Becky Hutchins gave a report to her constituents on page 4A. Topics covered included the turnaround, issues with KDOT and the turnpike and change in the DUI penalty under HB 2115. I had seen news coverage only of HB 2115 a while ago. Not a word about the financial state of Kansas. Not a word of the fast track change in school funding.

I have not seen previous *Recorders* this legislative session, so I certainly hope Rep. Hutchins has communicated with her constituents on these topics. I was in the House galley Friday, March 13, 2015, when the vote was taken. Rep. Hutchins voted "yes" on block grant funding. Is this what *Recorder* readers wanted her to do?

Chris Huntsman
Topeka

PLAINS FOLK: How to catch a horse

By Jim Hoy

One disadvantage with some, not all, horses is getting them caught so you can saddle and ride.



Some horses are easy to catch. You can just walk up to them in the corral, or even in the pasture, halter in hand, and they will just stick their nose in it. But in my limited experience those horses are extremely rare. More often you need a can of oats to shake before they will come up to be caught, and even that doesn't work sometimes.

For instance, my current cowhorse, Pudge, loves to work cows. She'll lay her ears back when you're sorting in a corral, and she often reaches out to nip a laggard cow's rear end when you're driving them to a pen.

The only thing she loves better is feed. If she's anywhere close enough to hear me when I call the horses, she'll come on the run. And, once in the corral with her nose in a feed trough, catching her is easy. She'll even come up in the pasture sometimes to be petted.

Except in the summer when there

are pastures to ride, cattle to doctor, and especially when it's time to ship. Then she is hard to catch. To be more precise, she can be almost impossible to get into the corral, no matter how much I shake the feed can.

I have to shut the other horses in an inner corral, put some feed in the trough in the outer corral, then hope that she'll be tempted to come in and that I can get the gate shut on her before she takes out. The only solution is to get the horses in about sunset and shut them up overnight so they'll be in the corral next morning.

Maybe it's genetic; her mother, Molly, also loved to work cows, but could be difficult to catch in the wee hours of the morning. When you have to be at the pasture when it's barely light enough to see 10 yards ahead, you have to call the horses in when it's still pitch black.

I remember one early morning when I chased her (on foot, of course) all over the pasture with a feed can and a flashlight when she wouldn't come into the corral. I was just about to give up when she stopped running and actually came up to me. It was as if she were playing a game and once she had proven that I couldn't win, she decided it would be more fun to chase cows than to stand around in the pasture all day.

When I was a boy back home, the horses would come in when called,

except for my sister's. Interestingly, my mount back then was a little bay mare, while Rita's was a big, tall spotted gelding. She taught Paint to stretch out so he was low enough to the ground that she could get on. She could not, however, teach him to be caught, even with oats, if he didn't want to be. Paint was so bad you could hardly drive him in if you were horseback.

Finally, Dad attached about six or so feet of heavy log chain to a leather strap and buckled that onto his front foot before turning him loose. That slowed him down enough that he could be driven into the corral the next time Rita wanted to ride.

I've known of ranchers who had a cowdog trained to bring the horses into the corral. We often kept a horse in the barn overnight so we could bring the others in the next morning. As noted above, I call mine in with oats (actually little protein pellets). My son and his wife use a four-wheeler to run the horses into the corral when they're needed.

But how did cowboys and Indians catch their horses back in the days of the open range? We'll take a look at that in my next column.

Note: Jim Hoy is a professor of English at Emporia State University and co-author of the Plains Folk column.

Thank You

The family of Alva N. Burns, Jr., wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shown their care and concern during this difficult time. We have been blessed by your prayers and expressions of love and support in so very many different ways. These are irreplaceable and will never be forgotten.

However, as it is written, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him." - 1 Corinthians 2:9

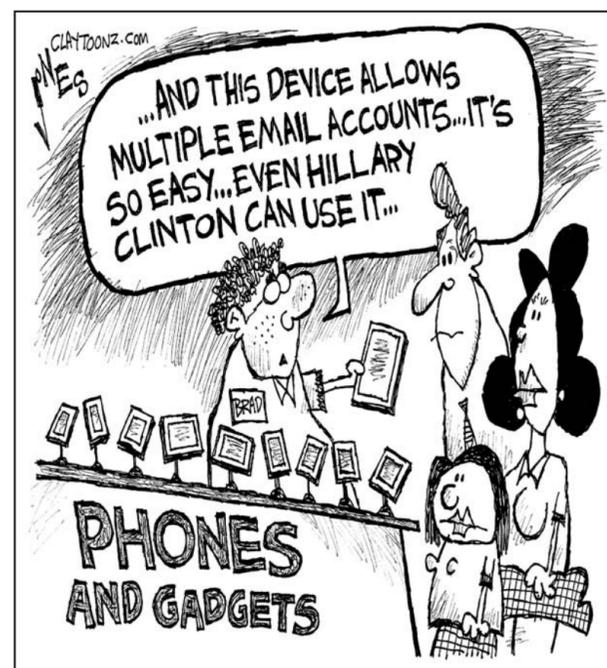
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OBITUARIES George Zellers...



Bottenberg

Warren D. Bottenberg, 78, of Holton, passed away Friday, March 13, 2015, at Clare Bridge of Topeka.

He was born Oct. 22, 1936, in Holton, the son of Warren E. and Lorene Viola (Spiker) Bottenberg.

Warren D. graduated from Holton High School in 1954 and had lived in the Holton community for most of his life. He served in the Army National Guard. Warren D. worked alongside his dad at Bottenberg Auto. He later owned and operated BMB in Holton, Contract Manufacturing in Holton and Northeast Kansas Hydraulics, Inc. in Topeka.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Holton Country Club and Masonic Lodge all in Holton. He was a Holton Volunteer Fire Fighter, member of Holton Chamber of Commerce and Shriners and Scottish Rite member.

Warren D. married Barbara Ann Chrisman on Aug. 14, 1955, in Holton. She preceded him in death on July 8, 2014. He was also preceded in death by an infant sister, Joan Bottenberg; and a brother, Bernard "Bernie" A. Bottenberg.

Survivors include three daughters, Kim Tegethoff (Teg) of Holton, Kassy Bottenberg (Vernon Johnson) of Emporia, and Kari Bottenberg of Holton; a brother, John C. Bottenberg (Carol Duffy McDowell) of Topeka; an aunt, Irene Cowger of Holton; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Inurnment will be held in Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Hospital Dads for Shriners, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Dode Henry...

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St. James also had a pump style organ, but quickly moved to electric as the pump style was phased out. An older electric organ still resides at the Wetmore church with a newer electric piano beside it, but Dode still prefers the organ when it's her turn to play.

Don and Dode operated a family farm, as many did in the day, but after the two quit milking in 1976, Dode was convinced by the local music teacher, Carol Armstrong, to begin teaching a few lessons to local children. She agreed to the idea and by the next week, she had seven young girls riding the bus after school to learn the piano and organ. Within six months, that number had grown to 27.

"One girl would be on the keyboard, another on the organ, and Dad would keep another busy baking bread and rolls while she waited her turn," said Tim Henry, Dode's son.

At the time, Dode did not think there would be much interest in children learning to play the organ.

"It just amazed me at the number

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Since then, Kropp has spent "the majority of my life" with airplanes from that era as owned, operated and restored by museums and private citizens who owned planes. He also spent a lot of time looking for the site of the crash that killed Zellers, but since the Army's wartime accident report was "vague regarding the location," and most of it was cleaned up shortly afterward, the search seemed fruitless.

That is, until six years ago. "In the end, I found this crash site's location — pretty ironic, as I'd probably passed right by it numerous times in the last 30 years, as it's literally several hundred feet from a well-traveled road in this mountain preserve area," Kropp said. "Hundreds of people pass by it every day and have no idea 17 young men died here or have any idea such a horrific accident occurred."

Three years ago, on the anniversary of the accident, Kropp visited the site with his wife and daughters to place a small American flag at the impact site of one of the two planes involved in the accident. Nearby, there were still "a few bits and pieces of airplane metal," he said, but another piece of debris caught his eye.

"It was a little airman's bracelet, very discolored from the intense fire that had consumed the wreckage, along with years of exposure under Arizona skies," he said.

Kropp picked up the bracelet and looked closely, finding Zellers' name

Jackson Heights...

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of state aid that schools would receive amounts to little more than "smoke and mirrors," Walsh said later.

Walsh also spoke during the meeting on pending bills in the Legislature that could affect school districts, including two that could prove costly to individual districts. One bill, if passed, would require school districts to post their top 10 salaries on their Web sites or face a fine of \$1,000 per day for noncompliance, while another proposes a \$5,000 daily fine for not being in compliance with the Student Data Privacy Act.

"There are a lot of punitive things that hopefully will not go through," she said.

In other business on March 9, the board:

- Approved an amended agenda and the meeting's consent agenda, the latter of which included the minutes from meetings held in February and monthly billing and activity account reports.

- Met in executive session with Walsh, Middle and High School Principal Darren Shupe and Jennifer McMahon present to discuss personnel matters for five minutes. No action resulted from the executive session.

- Approved an updated version of the district's technology plan as presented by District Technology Director Vern Andrews. A story on the plan appeared in the Wednesday, March 11 edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

- Met with Jared Beam of Brier Payne Meade Insurance of Overland Park to discuss the district's property and liability insurance policy for the 2015-16 school year. The board ap-

proved the policy premium estimate of \$42,861 along with a separate \$4,300 service fee on a 5-2 vote, with board members Melinda Wareham and Neal Keeler opposed.

- Met with high school math teacher Robin Sides and middle school math teacher Gary Baldrige to discuss their respective new curricula in math.
- Agreed to keep the fee for summer driver's education classes at \$110. Walsh told board members that this summer's class should have about 22 students enrolled, roughly the same as the previous summer.
- Heard a report from Walsh on guidelines for a mentoring program for the district.
- Heard a report from Walsh on upcoming activities at the elementary school, including the 2015-16 kindergarten parent meeting, kindergarten round-up and the possibility of having a pre-school screening date.
- Learned from Shupe that the school will host the Northeastern Kansas League forensics tournament next February.
- Heard a report from Shupe about upcoming activities at the middle school and high school, including this week's state basketball tournament, in which the high school boys

of kids who wanted to play," she explained. "Even kids I thought would have no interest at all were wanting lessons!"

Of course, Dode played for several weddings and funerals in all the surrounding churches and communities. Although the music has changed, playing for God has always been the focal point for Dode. She continues to live on the farm, even after Don died a few years back.

However, as always, there is still an organ close by in the family room ready for someone to play. Lessons have ceased, but the desire to play lingers.

Dode will be honored at the 6:30 p.m. mass on Saturday, March 28 at St. James for her many years of service. Fr. Barry Clayton will present her with a Papal blessing from Rome, along with a reception for family, students, and friends to follow in the adjacent hall. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Editor's note: The above article was submitted by Ron Heinen of Wetmore.



George Zellers' high school photo, from *The Holtonian*.

on one side and a message inscribed on the other. The message was simple — "With love, Viola" — but curious enough to spur Kropp to try and do a little extra digging for information about the airman who wore the bracelet, and the mysterious "Viola."

It had been reported that Paul Zellers had his twin brother George's second-lieutenant bars and silver wings packed away since World War II. After Paul's widow's death in the late 1990s, several artifacts from George's military career, including dozens of letters and photos, were given to Lawson.

Those items, Lawson said, includ-

ed the last letter that George wrote home, three days before he died, as well as a telegram from the U.S. Department of War to George's mother, informing her of her son's death.

But what of the mysterious "Viola"? A tribute to George was printed on the front page of the Monday, Feb. 28, 1944, edition of *The Holton Recorder*, and at the end of that tribute, in a list of family members he left behind, "Miss Viola Richter, a dear friend," is also mentioned.

Richter was a 1944 graduate of Holton High School who, according to Lawson, is mentioned in at least a dozen letters home. As it turns out, Richter — now reportedly known as Viola Row — lives in Topeka.

Until the bracelet is returned to a family member, Kropp said he keeps the bracelet in a safe place.

"It's a daily reminder that life is fragile and precious, and that in aviation things can happen very quickly that have tragic consequences," he said of the bracelet. "I have children close to the age of this young airman, and I can't help but think how young these kids were when taking on the responsibility of training for a global conflict so many years ago."

Zellers and the other airmen who died in the crash are also the subject of a planned memorial, and part of their story is told at two museums in the Phoenix area.

"I'd like to tell others of this young man," Kropp said of Zellers. "He had goals and aspirations and an adult life that he wasn't able to realize."

basketball team is vying for a state title; distribution of pre-enrollment packets; state assessment testing in April; and prom on April 11.

- Met in executive session with Walsh for 55 minutes to discuss personnel matters.

- Following the executive session, accepted the resignation of Roger Brown, middle school social studies teacher.

- Approved a contract offer for Katie Morris as art teacher for pre-kindergarten through high school.

- Adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 p.m.

Public Notice

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BEFORE THE JACKSON COUNTY APPEALS BOARD

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 8:00 p.m., 9th day of April, 2015 located at 312 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, Kansas in the Senior Citizen Building to consider the following application.

Application filed by, Rex & Traci Frazier, requesting a Special Use Permit for placement of a Seasonal Dwelling on the following described real estate:

Lot No. 1, Prairie View Estates, First Addition, Jackson County, Kansas.

Also known as: 13204 246th Rd, Holton, Kansas 66436

The public is invited to the hearing to express their opinion on the application.

Jason Claycamp
Zoning Administrator
Jackson County, Kansas

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911 and Cell Phones...

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Ladner said residents who may need to depend on using a cell phone's location during an emergency should make sure that the GPS on their cell phone is turned on and enabled.

In 2012, the 911 system for the county's dispatch center was overhauled and improved through a grant from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"Updating our 911 system did give us the ability to track a cell phone if the person is moving to a different location," Ladner said. "We don't use it a lot and not every carrier offers it, but we have the capability to do that if all the circumstances are right."

Morse said the technology to pinpoint cell phones is getting better each year.

"Our 911 upgrade was a big step from where we were years ago and it's something that continues to improve," he said.

The state of Kansas is working on implementing a new Next Generation GIS (geographic information system) 911 system across the state. The new system will be a large database of addresses and roads throughout the state. Calls are expected to be processed through this database as

opposed to running through phone companies.

In Kansas, each phone customer pays 53 cents a month in 911 fees for any device capable of contacting 911, whether it's a landline or wireless phone. All the fees are collected by the state, and the county is allocated half of the amount collected in the county each month, Ladner said.

In 2014, the county received \$79,000 from the phone fees and those funds must be spent on items directly connected to the county's public safety answering points (PSAPs), such as 911 equipment, consoles, headsets and radio equipment. 911 funds cannot be used for salaries or office supplies.

The Jackson County dispatch center operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week with eight full-time dispatchers, working on eight-hour shifts.

Morse and Ladner said that old cell phones, even though they don't have a service contract anymore, can still call 911 if they are charged and that sometimes a child playing with an old cell phone will accidentally call 911.

"Just take the battery out and then give it to them to play with," Ladner said.

NEWS BRIEFS

- The Mayetta Senior Citizens will meet at noon Thursday, March 19 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Mayetta. Ham will be provided with carry-in side dishes and desserts. All are welcome to attend.

- Hoyt United Methodist Church will hold a St. Patrick's Day potato bar from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the church, 405 High-

land Ave. in Hoyt. Baked potatoes with toppings, salads, desserts and drinks will be served for a free-will donation.

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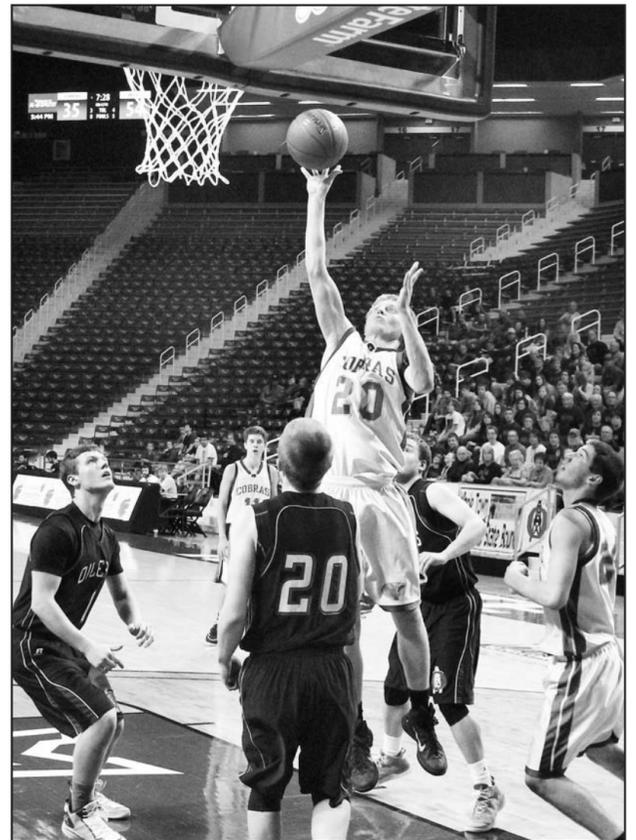
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SPORTS *Monday*



Cobras Seth Holliday (shown above, second from left), Wyatt Olberding (back middle) and Zane Richter (right) close in to help as teammates Lane Slocum (bottom middle) and Westin Jacobsen (second from right) fight for a loose ball early in Wednesday's Class 2A state basketball tournament quarterfinal game against Central Plains. While Jackson Heights never stopped fighting, the Oilers proved too much to handle in a 67-42 loss.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch



Jackson Heights' Lane Slocum (shown above, middle) collects a rebound and goes up for a put back in the team's state quarterfinal match-up against Central Plains.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Cold offensive night dooms Cobras

MANHATTAN—Experience can be so crucial in state tournament competition, no matter the sport. So, while the Jackson Heights and Central Plains boys basketball teams entered their Class 2A state quarterfinal game on nearly equal footing as far as tournament experience was concerned, individual experience seemed to play a big factor in the final outcome.

The Cobras rolled out five players who were not only starting their first game of the state tournament, but this also marked their first season starting for the varsity squad. Meanwhile, the Oilers were led by two guards (Layne Bieberle and Michael Ryan) who have been starting since their freshman seasons and they were at the head of a two-pronged attack that gave Heights fits on the way to a 67-42 victory in Bramlage Coliseum.

"Bieberle and Ryan, those two were as good as advertised," JH coach Chris Brown said. "To be quite frank, they dominated the game like we're used to dominating the game. They turned it right back on us."

Both teams fought some first-time nerves early and it wasn't until nearly three minutes into the game that either team scored, with Korby Strube delivering the first blow for the Cobras.

Central Plains quickly turned Jackson Heights' biggest strength against it, though, as the Oiler guards weaved through the Cobras' pressure defense and beat them up the court routinely while starting to pull away.

While Brown noted players like Lane Slocum, who had two early blocks, did a good job stopping their opponents inside, it was only a matter of time before the Oilers started chipping away there, too.

"They got the ball to the middle of our press and they attacked," Brown said. "I thought we did a great job protecting the rim. A lot of times they attacked there early in that game and we protected the rim and blocked a shot, but when it happens over and over and over again, then it becomes a problem because you start getting in foul trouble and things like that."

Bieberle got Central Plains going

in the first quarter, but with three minutes to go, Strube hit an off-balance shot while leaning towards the basket to keep the Cobras within two points.

From there, though, the Oilers closed the quarter on a big 10-0 run that seemed to give the team all the momentum it would need, especially considering how much Jackson Heights was struggling on the offensive end.

"I thought we were hanging in. I thought we were doing okay. I thought it was very similar to the first game of the day when neither team could score," Brown said. "Then, they go on their run, get the lead and with how we were shooting it was going to be very hard to come back from that."

That's not to say the Cobras quit fighting, because they had plenty of fight in them and gained a little edge in the second quarter.

Wyatt Olberding made some big plays on both ends, but Central Plains managed to find a way to maintain its double-digit lead each time. Then, after a timeout with three minutes left in the first half, the Cobras finally seemed to flip a switch and went into attack mode on both ends of the floor.

"We just said we needed to make something happen. I told the guys, at the end of the day, they're making a few plays that there's nothing we can do about it, so let's go make some plays that there's nothing they can do about it," Brown said. "Multiple times Wednesday night, I thought we gave ourselves some life. Credit to them, though, a good team ends that really quickly and that's what they did every time I thought we gave ourselves a chance."

To end the Cobras' second quarter run, Ryan stepped up and hit a three-pointer with one second left in the first half to give the Oilers a 36-23 advantage at halftime.

Jackson Heights could get no closer in the second half as the team's shooting woes continued. While the Cobras were getting into the lane, they had a tough time finishing shots and because of Central Plains' sound interior defense, they struggled

getting to the free throw line as well. In the game, Heights shot just 41 percent from the field and hit just 23 percent (three or 13) of its three-point attempts, while Central Plains hit 57 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc.

"If we could score in the 60s, I thought we would've had a chance to win. Obviously, that would've been the case, but talk about a tough team to score 60 on. Those guys are very tough to score 60 on and so 42 just wasn't going to cut it," Brown said.

While Central Plains' defense was as good as advertised, Brown said his team adjusted from the second quarter on and was strong with the ball to limit turnovers. It was the Oilers' offense that was the problem, as Brown noted his team went through four defenses, but when a team can invert the offense and run its point guard through the post like the Oilers did, that creates a challenge.

Bieberle and Ryan combined for 49 points in the quarterfinal game for eventual state runner-up Central Plains, while Zane Richter poured in 20 points for Heights and Olberding added 12.

Olberding drained a long three to end the third quarter, but that only cut Heights' deficit to 17 points. The Cobras worked to be more aggressive on offense in the fourth quarter to cut into that a little more, but that came with a price on the defensive end and Central Plains was able to pull away and advance to the semifinals of the Class 2A state tournament.

The Cobras finished 21-3 overall this season and while Heights will be a different team replacing three key seniors next season (Slocum, Strube and Seth Holliday), it will also have a lot of scorers returning and could be a team on the rise in the grand scheme of things.

"I told them, I think Jackson Heights is back on the map. For a stretch there, we were one of the most dominant teams in 2A basketball and I really feel like between this season and last season, we're right back to where we need to be," Brown said. "We're hoping we can get some momentum going and get some young people interested and get the community interested and get something that can last a few years so we're not coming here once every eight years, we're coming here a lot and from there hopefully come and win some games eventually."

March 11, 2015
 CP: 18-18-16-15-67
 JH: 6-17-12-7-42
 Individual statistics:
 JH: Richter 7 (1) 5-6 20, Olberding 4 (2) 2-3 12, Slocum 3 0-0 6, Strube 2 0-1 4, Totals- 16 (3) 7-10 42.
 CP: Ryan 7 (1) 10-14 25, Bieberle 8 (2) 6-6 24, Warnken 2 (1) 3-4 8, Lamatsch 3 0-0 6, Crites 2 0-2 4, Totals- 22 (4) 19-26 67.
 Team statistics:
 Rebounding: JH- 15 (Richter 8, Strube 3); CP- 30 (Lamatsch 9, Crites 7, Bieberle 4).
 Assists: JH- 2 (Jacobsen 2); CP- 7 (Crites 3, Warnken 2, Ryan 2).
 Turnovers: JH- 12; CP- 9.

Upset-minded Wetmore comes up a little short

DODGE CITY— Going into Class 1A-DII state basketball action, Wetmore girls coach Perry Smith noted his team was ready to embrace its underdog role, especially after surviving the tough Twin Valley League schedule this season.

The Cardinals proved how much bite they had in quarterfinal action on Wednesday as the seventh seed nearly knocked off second-seeded Beloit-St. John's, the eventual state champion, before falling 52-49 in the end.

A slow start hindered Wetmore early and may have been a factor in the end, as the Blue Jays pushed the pace to jump out to an 18-9 lead in the first quarter.

"We looked like we were in mud that first part of the game and they looked like they were in a track meet. They put some easy baskets in and we didn't do a good job in transition," Smith said.

In the second quarter, it was all Wetmore early as the team bounced back and took a 22-21 lead at one point, but Beloit-St. John's answered with a 13-0 run to close out the quarter and take a 34-22 lead into the locker room at halftime. Brenna Eilert and Elizabeth Walter helped lead that charge for the Blue Jays, finishing with 20 and 18 points in the game, respectively.

That was a key point in the game, but Smith noted while his team may have kept digging itself into holes, Wetmore also showed a penchant for fighting its way out when the team's

back was against the wall. Starting out that way in the third quarter, the Cardinals started to chip away at the Blue Jays' lead and that was due in part to the team playing its style of basketball in the second half.

"We finally got to get into our pressure packages and kind of got the tempo going playing up and down a little bit better, more our style, which really helped in the second half," Smith said.

Neither team shot very well in the game, with Wetmore hitting 34 percent from the field and Beloit-St. John's converting at only a slightly better 36 percent right.

With the Blue Jays holding a major rebounding advantage in Wednesday's game (47 to 26), the Cardinals needed to find their edge. With the way Beloit-St. John's was playing defense, it really left only one option.

"They packed it in so tight that everything that was open was outside and they kind of took away driving lanes, so we had to hit some shots and we did," Smith said.

For the game, Wetmore shot 43.5 percent from behind the three-point line, making 10 of 23 attempts in the game. Leading scorer Dakota McQueen (18 points) had half of those herself, while Gerac Haverkamp hit a pair from beyond the arc and finished with an equally strong 17-point effort while Keri Pfrang hit three three-pointers and finished with 12 points.



JHHS guard Westin Jacobsen (shown above, at left) cuts to the basket during the second half of Wednesday's state tournament game in Manhattan. While the Cobras came up short this year, they will return a lot of contributors to next year's squad and look to keep building on their success.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

In the end, the game boiled down to execution in high-pressure scenarios and the Blue Jays got the better of the Cardinals in those situations. Wetmore actually held a one-point lead with 50 seconds left in the game, but missing two front ends of one-and-one situations at the free throw line were critical for the Cardinals.

Wetmore made just seven of 17 free throws in the first round game, while Beloit-St. John's was 13 of 17 and proved clutch down the stretch.

Still, the Cardinals had one last chance to keep their upset bid going. Wetmore worked the ball up the floor with six seconds left and McQueen got a good final look that was on point, but came up just a little short and allowed the Blue Jays to survive and advance to the 1A-DII state semifinals.

Beloit-St. John's made more plays in the end, Smith said, and that proved to be the key difference in the game. It may have been disappointing, especially with how Wetmore has been playing down the stretch, but it was not surprising to Smith how much that impacted the game.

"When you go to the state tournament, every possession and everything you do is amplified to a degree that your mistakes really stand out," Smith said. "That was just one of those games that if we would've played a little better in certain stretches we would've been a lot happier with the outcome."

The Cardinals end the season 16-9

overall and while a loss like that may have made the trip back home a little longer, Smith noted it didn't take away from the strides the team made this season and could continue to make in the future.

"The first game of the year, I had a lot of questions, but how we finished up, we could play with anybody," Smith said. "We're a young group. They have a lot of aspirations of going back and if we continue to work hard and get things going our way, we'll sure have that opportunity."

March 11, 2015
 WHS: 9-13-14-13-49
 BSJ: 18-16-10-8-52
 Individual statistics:
 WHS: McQueen 5 (5) 3-7 18, G. Haverkamp 7 (2) 1-2 17, Pfrang 3 (3) 3-5 12, C. Haverkamp 1 0-0 2, Totals- 16 (10) 7-17 49.
 BSJ: Eilert 8 (2) 2-2 20, Walter 5 (1) 7-8 18, Smith 1 3-5 5, Hollerich 2 1-2 5, Miller 1 0-0 2, Shellito 1 0-0 2, Totals- 18 (3) 13-17 52.
 Team statistics:
 Rebounding: WHS- 26 (G. Haverkamp 8, M. Henry 7, McQueen 6); BSJ- 47 (Walter 9, Hollerich 9, Eilert 8).
 Assists: WHS- 11 (C. Haverkamp 3, Pfrang 3); BSJ- 9 (Smith 3, Eilert 3).
 Turnovers: WHS- 8; BSJ- 14.

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State basketball scoreboard

Boys Basketball

Class 6A
Quarterfinals
 Wichita East 59, Maize 46
 Olathe East 60, Olathe North 48
 Lawrence 64, Wichita South 46
 Shawnee Mission North 65, Derby 51

Semifinals
 Wichita East 59, Olathe East 52
 Lawrence 78, SM North 64

Third-place game
 Olathe East 68, SM North 63

Championship
Wichita East 58, Lawrence 43

Class 5A
Quarterfinals
 Maize South 60, Mill Valley 52
 Bishop Carroll 67, KC Washington 53
 BV West 68, Shawnee Heights 49
 Wichita Heights 54, Kapaun Mt.-Carmel 51

Semifinals
 Maize South 53, Bishop Carroll 46
 Wichita Heights 53, BV West 38

Third-place game
 BV West 60, Bishop Carroll 58

Championship
Wichita Heights 72, Maize South 53

Class 4A-DI
Quarterfinals
 McPherson 66, Chanute 31
 Bishop Miege 50, Andale 34
 Basehor-Linwood 65, Wellington 40
 Ottawa 53, Fort Scott 44

Semifinals
 Basehor-Linwood 51, Ottawa 44
 McPherson 79, Bishop Miege 68

Third-place game
 Bishop Miege 77, Ottawa 67

Championship
McPherson 74, Basehor-Linwood 60

Class 4A-DII
Quarterfinals
 Rock Creek 74, Atchison 40
 Wichita Trinity 63, TMP-Marian 57
 Holcomb 59, Parsons 44
 Osawatomie 63, Girard 57

Semifinals
 Holcomb 77, Osawatomie 60
 Rock Creek 86, Wichita Trinity 71

Third-place game
 Wichita Trinity 77, Osawatomie 58

Championship
Holcomb 63, Rock Creek 55

Class 3A
Quarterfinals
 Sabetha 50, Riverton 46
 Wichita Collegiate 57, Hesston 44
 Scott City 47, Cheney 44
 Wellsville 59, Osage City 51

Semifinals
 Scott City 63, Wellsville 55
 Wichita Collegiate 70, Sabetha 54

Third-place game
 Sabetha 55, Wellsville 48

Championship
Scott City 60, Wichita Collegiate 48

Class 2A
Quarterfinals
 Olpe 42, Pittsburg-Colgan 31
 Central Plains 67, Jackson Heights 42
 St. John-Hudson 83, Ellis 41
 Washington County 71, South Gray 57

Semifinals
 Central Plains 69, Olpe 44
 St. John-Hudson 71, Washington County 53

Third-place game
 Olpe 63, Washington County 57

Championship
St. John-Hudson 49, Central Plains 44

Class 1A-DI
Quarterfinals

Hanover 83, Pretty Prairie 37
 Hartford 67, Satanta 54
 Stockton 59, Cedar Vale 44
 Doniphan West 49, Pratt-Skyline 39

Semifinals
 Doniphan West 46, Stockton 31
 Hanover 67, Hartford 35

Third-place game
 Stockton 61, Hartford 58

Championship
Hanover 58, Doniphan West 36

Class 1A-DII
Quarterfinals
 Beloit-St. John's 57, Axtell 45
 Hutch-Central Christian 70, Ashland 67
 Sharon Springs 68, Fowler 44
 Caldwell 65, Grainland-Wheatland
 Grinnell 58 (OT)

Semifinals
 Beloit St. John's 64, Hutch-Central
 Christian 51
 Sharon Springs 78, Caldwell 60

Third-place game
 Caldwell 68, Hutch-Central Christian
 62

Championship
Sharon Springs 72, Beloit-St. John's 61

Girls Basketball
Class 6A
Quarterfinals
 Maize 49, BV Northwest 30
 SM Northwest 39, Manhattan 26
 Wichita South 52, SM West 39
 Wasburn Rural 52, Olathe South 43

Semifinals
 Maize 37, SM Northwest 27
 Wichita South 44, Washburn Rural 19

Third-place game
 Washburn Rural 50, SM Northwest 47

Championship
Wichita South 56, Maize 48

Class 5A
Quarterfinals
 St. Thomas Aquinas 56, Emporia 34
 BV Southwest 47, Bishop Carroll 37
 Leavenworth 49, Newton 31
 Kapaun-Mt. Carmel 55, Seaman 28

Semifinals
 BV Southwest 42, St. Thomas Aquinas
 31
 Leavenworth 45, Kapaun Mt. Carmel
 35

Third-place game
 Kapaun Mt. Carmel 44, St. Thomas
 Aquinas 43 (OT)

Championship
Leavenworth 52, BV Southwest 30

Class 4A-DI
Quarterfinals
 Paola 66, Rose Hill 44
 Buhler 73, Labette County 62
 Bishop Miege 68, KC Piper 52
 Hayden 41, Andale 36

Semifinals
 Paola 70, Buhler 62
 Bishop Miege 54, Hayden 44

Third-place game
 Hayden 64, Buhler 51

Championship
Bishop Miege 70, Paola 39

Class 4A-DII
Quarterfinals
 Hugoton 54, Jeff West 49
 Clay Center 50, Columbus 48 (OT)
 Baldwin 61, Girard 44
 Concordia 64, Wichita Trinity 58

Semifinals
 Hugoton 55, Clay Center 36
 Baldwin 67, Concordia 42

Third-place game
 Clay Center 51, Concordia 39

Championship
Hugoton 68, Baldwin 54

Class 3A
Quarterfinals
 Hesston 51, Galena 25
 Sabetha 55, Beloit 52
 Cimarron 57, Wellsville 39
 Silver Lake 55, Remington 52

Semifinals
 Cimarron 68, Silver Lake 53
 Hesston 53, Sabetha 28

Third-place game
 Silver Lake 51, Sabetha 50

Championship
Hesston 54, Cimarron 40

Class 2A
Quarterfinals
 Central Plains 62, Wabaunsee 52
 Meade 54, Pittsburg-Colgan 51
 Valley Falls 52, Hill City 37
 Moundridge 47, Chase County 38

Semifinals
 Central Plains 64, Meade 51
 Moundridge 56, Valley Falls 48

Third-place game
 Meade 60, Valley Falls 51

Championship
Central Plains 46, Moundridge 33

Class 1A-DI
Quarterfinals
 Hoxie 71, La Crosse 43
 Centre 46, Ingalls 38
 Centralia 70, Waverly 55
 St. Paul 37, Thunder Ridge 32

Semifinals
 Hoxie 64, Centre 37
 Centralia 48, St. Paul 31

Third-place game
 Centre 48, St. Paul 44

Championship
Hoxie 67, Centralia 53

Class 1A-DII
Quarterfinals
 Moscow 56, Sylvan-Lucas 42
 Grainfield-Wheatland Grinnell 48,
 Sharon Springs 36
 Beloit-St. John's 52, Wetmore 49
 Norwich 41, South Barber 39

Semifinals
 Beloit-St. John's 26, Norwich 24
 Moscow 48, Grainfield-Wheatland
 Grinnell 46

Third-place game
 Norwich 49, Grainfield-Wheatland
 Grinnell 44

Championship
Beloit-St. John's 45, Moscow 35



JHHS boys basketball coach Chris Brown (shown above, second from front right) talks things over with his team during a timeout early in Wednesday's game against Central Plains. Brown noted his team responded well when faced with some challenges, but the Cobras couldn't quite overcome the Oilers in the end.
 Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Top teams in poll meet in Big 12 finale

Of the 39 *Holton Recorder* readers who participated in our most recent online poll, five predicted that Iowa State would win the Big 12 championship tournament held last week. The Cyclones beat the KU Jayhawks 70-66 Saturday at the Spring Center in Kansas City. Of those surveyed at www.holtonrecorder.net, 26 people (67 percent) predicted that KU would win the tournament. K-State received three votes (eight percent), while Oklahoma and West Virginia both received two votes (five percent). One person predicted that Oklahoma State would win the tournament. To participate in all our polls, vote online at www.holtonrecorder.net.



Cobra Wyatt Oiberding (shown above, at right) slashes to the basket in a first round match-up against Central Plains at the Class 2A state basketball tournament in Manhattan at Bramlage Coliseum. Heights was making its first appearance at state since 2007.
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Big Seven Girls All-League Basketball

Name	Year	School
<i>First team</i>		
Lillie Holtgrave	Sr.	ACCCHS
Emily Gartner	Jr.	Hiawatha
Courtney Boswell	So.	Holton
Olivia Brees	Sr.	Jeff West
Rachel Baumgartner	Jr.	Nemaha Central
Jaci Swart	Sr.	Nemaha Central
Jaycee Worrell	Sr.	Royal Valley
Kate Hanson	Jr.	Royal Valley
Alexis McAfee	Jr.	Sabetha
Taryn Schuette	Jr.	Sabetha

Honorable Mention

Rachel Newquist	Sr.	ACCCHS
Kennedy McKernan	Sr.	Nemaha Central
Sam Mallonee	Jr.	Perry-Lecompton
Lexia Jamison	So.	Perry-Lecompton

Big Seven Boys All-League Basketball

Name	Year	School
<i>First team</i>		
Jacob Dickey	Sr.	Jeff West
Brett Plattner	Sr.	Sabetha
Kellen Russell	Sr.	Sabetha
Kegan Schumann	Sr.	Sabetha
Devin Henry	Sr.	Nemaha Central
Luke Holthaus	Jr.	Nemaha Central
Abe Elder	Sr.	Nemaha Central
Seth Surface	Sr.	Perry-Lecompton
Garett Beecher	Sr.	Holton
Trey Tanking	Sr.	Holton

Honorable Mention

Grady Middendorf	Sr.	Jeff West
Brock Frey	Jr.	Sabetha
Calder Keehn	Jr.	Sabetha
Joe Cullen	Sr.	Royal Valley
Jarrett Roy	Jr.	Royal Valley
Grant Shue	Jr.	Riverside
Andrae McGaughy	Sr.	Riverside
Conner Winters	Sr.	Hiawatha

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Royal Valley junior Jarrett Roy was picked as an honorable mention selection to the Big Seven All-League boys basketball team last week for a season in which he routinely asserted himself in the post for the Panthers. While not the tallest of the Panthers' interior players, Roy was the leading scorer among forwards with an average of 8.3 points per game, including a team-high 13 in RV's final game against Atchison, to go along with 4.05 rebounds per game. This is his first All-League selection.

Holton sophomore Courtney Boswell earned All-League honors for the first time as well, making the Big Seven girls first team last week thanks to a strong all-around season that saw her finish second in scoring (7.7 ppg) for the Wildcats while leading the team in both assists (2.4/game) and steals (2.6/game). She also chipped in 2.8 rebounds per game in just her sophomore season running the point for the Lady Wildcats.

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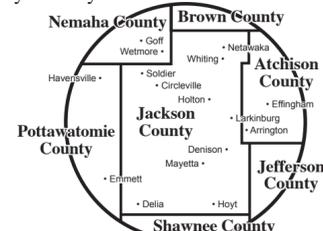
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Smith seeking re-election to Royal Valley B.O.E.

Boone Smith

Incumbent Boone Smith, 37, Hoyt, is running unopposed for the position two seats on the Royal Valley Board of Education in the April 7 election.

Smith has lived in Jackson County for 12 years. He and his wife, Macie, have one son.

"In 2007, I ran for this position initially because I wanted to be of service to the Royal Valley school district and the people of Hoyt," Smith said. "That hasn't changed at all, and I'm glad that I have the opportunity to continue to serve."

Smith teaches fourth grade at Topeka Public School where he's worked since 2008. He was the youth minister at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Topeka from 2005 to 2011 and a youth minister at Calvary Lutheran Church from 2000 to 2004. Smith worked for the Seaman School District from 2005 to 2008.

"I would like to help the district continue to incorporate technology into the classroom," he said. "I would also like to see our district re-examine establishing a pre-school in the elementary school building when it is economically feasible. Outside of that, I would like to be a part of helping our school district move forward and navigate new challenges, including funding challenges and health-care challenges that have come about through new laws that were not in place when I was first elected."

Smith said he's qualified for the position for a variety of reasons.

"First of all, I am a concerned and actively interested citizen who is happy to give up my time to make things better, which is the most important qualification for an elected position," he said. "The second reason that I'm qualified is because I am a parent of a student in this school district. Third, I am a public school teacher and have been for 10 years, which gives me



a unique perspective on the board. Fourth, I now have a master's degree from Baker University in School Leadership (what we used to call school administration), so that gives me even more of a unique perspective to bring to the board. Finally, I am running for my third four-year term on the school board, and I now have nearly eight full years of experience in this position."

Smith said the best way to address the recent budget cuts to Kansas schools is by contacting parents and community members to let them know how the cuts will directly affect their children and schools.

"We should also contact our other elected leaders, including Sen. Dennis Pyle, Rep. Becky Hutchins and Gov. Sam Brownback," he said. "I'm convinced that these people don't want to see bad things happen to our schools or our students, by and large. It's just that at times they don't know how their votes will affect our students until we tell them. This doesn't mean that the only contact should come from school board. If the school board can motivate our citizens to stay informed and to stay in touch with our Legislature about budget cuts that affect our students, then I think that we will be doing a good job of addressing this issue."

Smith has served as the Republican Committeeman for Douglas Township since 2014. He coaches dodgeball at the YMCA, started a Scrabble club at the school where he works and teaches midweek class at Calvary Lutheran Church.

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Keeler running unopposed

Neal Keeler

Incumbent Neal Keeler is running unopposed for position three on the Jackson Heights Board of Education. Keeler, 47, lives in Whiting with his wife, Debbie, and is a lifelong resident of Jackson County. He is a member of St. Leo's Catholic Church of Horton.



A graduate of Jackson Heights, Keeler completed one year of college and has been a self-employed farmer for many years. He is seeking his third four-year term on the school board.

"Being a graduate of Jackson Heights, I want to give back to the school and be a small part of the district," Keeler said. "I want to continue to try and be a good steward of our money. I do not have an agenda that I am trying to accomplish. I just try and do the best I can and have an open mind."

Keeler said that the board of education can't stop state budget cuts aimed at education.

"We will have to watch our spending," he said. "If we need to, we will have to make some cuts. Everything will have to be looked at carefully."

If re-elected, Keeler said his focus will continue to be on educating the students of the district.

"I'm not more qualified than anybody else," he said. "I love our school and will try to do the best I can."

Straight Arrows hold meeting

By Samantha Wilson

On Feb. 16, 2015, the Straight Arrows 4-H Club got a one-on-one feel of the new 4-H building. It was their first meeting of the many to come to be in the building.

President Tristan Parks called the meeting to order by calling the song leaders up to do the pledge and birthdays. Secretary Sonora Sheldon did roll call, and club members had to answer what their favorite candy bar was. There were 35 members and zero guests present.

Beth took the Cloverbuds to do an activity with them during the meeting. Sonora reported the minutes of the last meeting in the old 4-H building.

During share time, Madeline shared that she won a poster contest at her school and Lorna shared that she got three blue ribbons on her projects that she brought to County 4-H Days.

The council said that the upcoming fair will be a lot different and that club members need to figure out the fair's award types, which was moved to new business. During new business, club members discussed adding a Parliamentarian to the officer team. They nominated Jenna to be the Parliamentarian, and that item was passed.

Also during new business, club members discussed fair options, including the type of plaques, weigh-in and what schedule they wanted.

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They passed on wooden plaques, swine weigh-in on Sunday and option B for the fair schedule.

Club members had to pay bills for trophies, which was passed. They also passed a motion on paying Jill for buying pizza from Pizza Hut.

During project talks, Evan told how to have more fun around a campfire with just household items, and Shelby played music on her chimes. Also during the project talks, the Straight Arrows Gavel Games Team showed what they did for County 4-H Days.

Monie missed County 4-H Days, so she showed what he was going to do for the County 4-H Days, which was an erupting volcano.

Sonora told some important announcements, and then Tristan told some important upcoming dates that should be put on the calendar. The meeting was then adjourned and the kids looked around the new 4-H building and enjoyed refreshments provided by two 4-H families.

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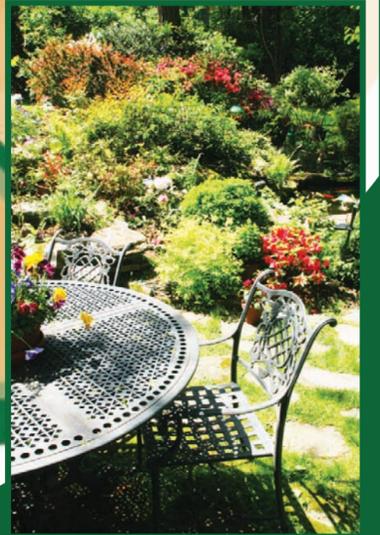
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Aeschliman Construction Inc. serves Jackson County and the surrounding areas, and local references are available upon request. For more information about the company, call Mark at 364-2517 or (785) 207-0416, or e-mail AeschlimanHolton@embarqmail.com

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Country Greenhouse

Janice Hollander, owner of Country Greenhouse east of Holton, loves growing things, from her vegetable garden to the different varieties of flowers and foliage available for house plants, to outside annuals and perennials. As a youth, her grandmother got her started on growing houseplants and how to make new plants from cuttings.

"Soon, I had all the windows in the house filled with a huge variety of greenery," Hollander said. "I read everything I could get my hands on about different plants and how to grow them. If someone gave my mom magazines with plant articles in them, I would cut the articles out and make my own scrapbooks on plants."

By the time Hollander got to high school, she told her parents she wanted a greenhouse. At that time, her school didn't offer any vo-tech programs, and the only job training for girls was office-related, so her desire to have a greenhouse was "pushed to the background."

After getting married and moving to Holton, Hollander said she got the chance to work part-time for Oscar Nowland at Holton Greenhouse. Her love for plants was increased, and soon, when she had the opportunity to purchase a small used greenhouse from a fellow greenhouse worker, her chance to have her own greenhouse business was realized.

"We put up our first small greenhouse, and the first year, I had it crammed full of as much as I could get in it," she said. "From vegetables to flowers, I wanted to grow them all, so we soon put up a second greenhouse, then a third, until now we have six greenhouses full of plants plus an outside growing area."

Country Greenhouse grows a large variety of flowers, from "the old standbys" to new trial varieties, Hollander said.

"If we find something new we like," she said, "it becomes one of our regulars."

The greenhouses hold hundreds of hanging baskets with hundreds of varieties and combinations. Customers who want perennials enjoy shopping from the perennial beds outside, and in the fall, more than 3,000 mums and asters are available in the greenhouse's growing field.

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"We also grow large prearranged orders of vegetable plants for persons growing farmers' market gardens," Hollander said. "Our intent is to try to provide a place where customers can find whatever they want for their gardens, from asparagus to zucchini."

All plants at Country Greenhouse are grown by staff members who give them a good start in the greenhouse climate and growing conditions, Hollander said. Growing advice and instructions also are offered so that customers may have the best chance of success when they take their plants home.

"We enjoy seeing the work of our

hands make other people happy and hope we can make the world just a little prettier too," she said.

Country Greenhouse is located at 17080 246th Road northeast of Holton. For more information, call 364-3935.

Don Ash & Son, Inc.

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The baked goods at Penny's vary daily. Selections such as quiche, ham & cheese puff pastries, baked buttermilk donuts, honey oat bars, muffins, cupcakes, banana bread, cookies, brownies and more are all homemade on site each day. Call if you're interested in finding out the daily menu.

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Photo by Brian Sanders

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Jayhawk TV and Appliance

For more than 60 years, Jayhawk TV and Appliance has served northeast Kansans' appliance needs. Located on the northwest corner of Holton's Town Square, the showroom floor displays a selection of Whirlpool, Amana, Maytag and KitchenAid appliances, along with Traeger Grills.

Customers don't have to drive far to get the best deals as Jayhawk TV and Appliance will price-match the big box stores. Jayhawk TV and Appliance also offers delivery and installation of new appliances and will recycle old appliances.

Jayhawk services all brands of major appliances and serves as a warranty center for most brands of appliances, including televisions. Check out Jayhawk's Facebook page and Web site, jayhawk.tv.net, for weekly specials, and check in at the

Farmertown

Farmertown, located at 603 Arizona Ave. in Holton and owned by Kathy Farmer-McNeel, has been open to the public for the last year and a half, providing antique hunters with a wide variety of antiques, collectibles, sports memorabilia and yard art.

Farmertown also offers both rentals and consignment sales for anyone who's got some antiques or other oddities of their own to sell. Gift certificates are also available.

Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and starting in April, the store also will be open from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call 364-0770.

Sutherlands

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Home improvement projects do not always go as they are planned...

Home improvement projects can turn a house into a home. Homeowners plan scores of renovations to transform living spaces into rooms that reflect their personal tastes and comforts.

Homeowners going it alone may find things do not always go as planned. In fact, a Harris Interactive study found that 85 percent of homeowners say remodeling is a more stressful undertaking than buying a home. But homeowners about to embark on home improvement projects can make the process go more smoothly by avoiding these common pitfalls.

* Failing to understand the scope of the project. Some homeowners don't realize just how big a commitment they have made until they get their hands dirty. But understanding the scope of the project, including how much demolition and reconstruction is involved and how much time a project will take can help homeowners avoid some of the stress that comes with renovation projects.

For example, a bathroom renovation may require the removal of dry-wall, reinforcement of flooring to accommodate a new bathtub or shower enclosure and the installation of new plumbing and wiring behind walls. So such a renovation is far more detailed than simply replacing faucets.

* Not establishing a budget. Homeowners must develop a project budget to ensure their projects do not drain their finances. If your budget is so inflexible that you can't afford the materials you prefer, you may want to postpone the project and save more money so you can eventually afford to do it right.

Without a budget in place, it is easy to overspend, and that can put you in financial peril down the line. Worrying about coming up with money to pay for materials and labor also can induce stress. Avoid the anxiety by setting a firm budget.

* Making trendy or overpersonal improvements. Homeowners who plan to stay in their homes for the long run have more free reign when it comes to renovating their homes. Such homeowners can create a billiards room or paint a room hot pink if they so prefer. However, if the goal is to make improvements in order to sell a property, overly personal touches may make a property less appealing to prospective buyers.

Trends come and go, and improvements can be expensive. If your ultimate goal is to sell your home, opt for renovations that will look beautiful through the ages and avoid bold choices that may only appeal to a select few buyers.

* Forgetting to properly vet all workers. It is important to vet your contractor, but don't forget to vet potential subcontractors as well. Failing to do so can prove a costly mistake. Contractors often look to subcontractors to perform certain parts of a job, and it is the responsibility of homeowners to vet these workers.

* Expecting everything to go as planned. Optimism is great, but you also should be a realist. Knowing what potentially could go wrong puts you in a better position to handle any problems should they arise. The project might go off without a hitch, but plan for a few hiccups along the way.

* Overestimating DIY abilities. Overzealous homeowners may see a

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Roger Collins knows what it takes to improve a lawn by ridding it of unwanted weeds and pests, and for more than 31 years, Collins' business, Grass Roots Pest Control and Lawn Care, has been putting that knowledge to work. Roger got his start in the business working eight years for a pest control company in Topeka before starting Grass Roots.

Grass Roots' basic function is "to

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Units of all shapes and sizes have been installed in everything from trailer houses to churches. Ground Source installs systems in new and existing homes, and the business works with customers within a 100-mile radius of Holton. Free estimates are provided for homeowners who are interested in installing a geothermal heating and cooling system.

The business installs all ductwork, controls, registers and grills, and also

has the equipment to install pond and open loops. Ground Source is a Water Furnace Geo Pro Master dealer, and Tim Dugan has a Topeka Master Mechanical license. The business carries proper insurance for each project, as well as a full stock of replacement projects and a trained technician for any problems that may arise.

Haug Construction, Inc.

For nearly half a century, Haug Construction, Inc. of Holton has been doing its part to fill the construction needs of county residents. That work continues today with the variety of construction services offered by the company, founded in 1963 by Ambrose and Rosalita Haug.

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The year 2015 brings about some changes at Heartland Veterinary Clinic, P.A. Dr. Tim Parks was offered an opportunity for a change in direction of his veterinary career and still serve the beef industry that he loves so much. After much thought

and reflection, Dr. Parks accepted a position starting Feb. 2, 2015, as Beef Technical Services Manager for Kansas and Oklahoma with Merck Animal Health.

The tradition of providing animal care with quality and compassion, while compassionately and conscientiously caring for the clients, will be carried on by Dr. Don Sunday and Dr. Amy Sunday.

A native of Netawaka, Dr. Amy (Gerhardt) Sunday returned to Jackson County to join Heartland Veterinary Clinic, P.A. two years ago. Dr. Don Sunday will be joining the practice in June 2015.

"Drs. Sunday will continue the same practice philosophy that we built our foundation on, and they will continue the level of service that we expect for our clients," said Dr. Parks.

A returning face, Dr. Katie Nordhus, has been helping Dr. Amy during the spring months. Once Dr. Don joins the practice, Dr. Katie will be called upon from time to time to help out. In addition, the office staff will continue as a mainstay at the clinic.

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Paint color can affect the mood of a room

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Finding the right shade for a bedroom or kitchen involves more than just selecting the first color that catches your eye.

Design experts and psychologists alike say it may be worthwhile to choose a color that helps you feel good rather than just following design trends.

The paint color you pick may add energy to a space or create a tranquil retreat where you can unwind at the end of the day.

■ **Blue.** To create a spa-like environment and a more serene space, look to shades of blue in soft variations. Cool blues are soothing colors that can help lower stress levels and promote sleep.

That's why blue is a frequent fixture in bedrooms and bathrooms. Just be advised that too much blue can make a room appear cold and stark, so balance out blue with some warmer accents.

■ **Orange.** Many people do not immediately consider bright orange for their homes, but when used as an accent shade, orange can really brighten up a home. Orange is considered a shade that expands creativity and imparts a youthful appeal to a space. Consider an orange accent wall or a burst of color with orange throw pillows. If pumpkin orange is a little too bold for you, tone it down by choosing a more pastel, peachy hue, which is equally warm and energizing.

■ **Red.** Red stimulates energy and appetite, which is why the shade is so popular in restaurants and home dining spaces. Red is a good choice for social gathering rooms but may not be the wisest choice for a bedroom, as the color

may prove overstimulating.

■ **Green.** Green can evoke composure and tranquility and works in any room of the house. Since green is the primary color of nature, it also works well for those people who want to bring some of the outdoors inside and work with the fresh starts and new growth that green can inspire. To make green feel less subdued and sleepy, work with its complementary opposite, red, by using a few bold red accents here and there to balance out the tranquility of green.

■ **Purple.** People have long related purple to royalty, and this dramatic color can add a formal, regal aspect to a home depending on the hue. Purple also may help stimulate the creative side of the brain. In paler shades of lavender, purple can seem almost ethereal and spiritual. Some designers suggest avoiding purple in a bedroom because that is a place you want your brain to rest rather than be

stimulated.

■ **Yellow.** Few colors are more vibrant than yellow, which can help stimulate conversation and make thoughts more focused. A luminous shade of yellow is an ideal way to make any space more welcoming and bright. Just use it sparingly, as too much yellow may not be a good thing. Yellow accents mixed with touches of purple can offer the balance needed to prevent yellow rooms from overwhelming residents and guests.

Home decorators should keep in mind that colors can be blended to create the desired environment. A color scheme based on complementary colors, or those opposite on the color wheel, may fit. Otherwise, analogous color schemes, or those colors that are next to one another on the color wheel, can create a variation that suits your design needs.

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The store opened on March 1, 1973, with Frank and Anne Lossman as managers. After the Lossmans, Darlene Meier served as store manager until Wally and Julie Hawthorne purchased the store in 1978.

Holton Farm and Home strives to be "your friendly hardware store" and sales staff members are very knowledgeable and work hard to answer all customer questions and fulfill all customer product needs.

In 2007, the store teamed up with Orgill Bros. Hardware to sell home hardware and related supplies. The store also has a showground and warehouse north of town, but operations primarily are kept at the main store in town.

Holton Farm and Home specializes in selling agricultural products, Filson cattle equipment, Keystone barbed wire fencing, Hustler Lawn Mowers, Chicago Heights steel fence posts and Stihl power equipment. The store also provides work-clothing lines from Levi Strauss, Wrangler, Carhartt and Key Industries and work boot lines from H&H Boots, McRae and Muck Boots.

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Certain projects can add value to your home

Homeowners choose renovation projects for a variety of reasons. Although many improvements are made to increase functionality and comfort of a home, several others are seen as worthwhile investments. These investments can add up to a higher resale value when the time comes to sell a home.

Certain projects have a history of providing a greater return on homeowners' investments than others. The following renovation tips can add beauty to your home and generate great returns when you put the home up for sale.

■ **Invest in your kitchen.** Kitchen remodels are a safe bet when it comes to putting money into improving a home. Residents tend to spend a great deal of time in the kitchen, but a dated, poorly functioning kitchen can detract from the value of a home, even if the rest of the home is in good shape.

It's possible to recoup between 60

and 120 percent of your kitchen remodel investment, especially if the kitchen matches up well with the rest of your home. Homeowners should know that a deluxe renovation may not be necessary, as relatively moderate improvements can create a whole new look for a kitchen.

■ **Look to paint.** One of the least expensive improvement materials, but one that has a significant impact, is paint. Neutral, modern colors can easily liven up any space. If you paint with low-VOC paint, you also can advertise an eco-friendly home, which is very desirable these days.

■ **Put in another bathroom.** Multiple bathrooms are an attractive selling point, particularly in older homes that may not have been equipped with more than one bathroom. Finding extra space for a bathroom can be tricky, but consider closets, areas under stairs or even taking some space away from another room. Popular home-improvement television chan-

nel HGTV advises that half-bathrooms require at least 18 square feet of space, while full baths need 30 to 35 square feet for a stand-up shower or bathtub.

■ **Renovate the HVAC system.** Aesthetic improvements aren't the only ones that add value to a home. Many home buyers are eager to purchase a home that has a new heating and cooling system, as buyers understand that furnaces and air conditioning units are substantial investments that can last for years. Other improvements, such as adding attic insulation or replacing older windows and doors with more energy efficient options, also are smart bets.

■ **Add illumination to rooms.** A dark home is a dreary home. Adding light can mean including more overhead and accent lighting. Under-cabinet task lighting is a nice touch. Inclusion of skylights and sun tubes can bring natural light into rooms that may not have south- or west-fac-

ing windows.

■ **Put a deck addition outdoors.** Outdoor living spaces have become more desirable, especially as the "staycation" has grown in popularity. Decks and patios can make backyards more appealing. The scope of your investment will depend on the size of the deck and design. Doing the work yourself can cut the cost of decks in half, but only if you have the specific tools or experience to tackle such a project.

Completely renovated interiors may never be seen if buyers pass up your home because of a less attractive exterior.

Classy, subtle changes, like well-placed shrubbery and a green lawn, can work wonders. An inviting front door and well-lit entryway also add curb appeal to a home.

Before making improvements, homeowners should determine if a given project will provide a solid return on their investment.

FEATURED BUSINESS PROFILES

Grimm's Gardens

Grimm's Gardens is a diversified business with landscape design services where employees visit your home or business and then draw up a plan for the landscaping. This is followed by professional installation by Grimm's Gardens crews.

As the years go by, Grimm's Gardens can also maintain it for you, even manage your lawn, install irrigation and night lighting systems. If that isn't enough to cover all your landscape needs, the company also installs hardscapes such as paver patios, retaining walls, sitting walls, fire pits, ponds, waterfalls, bubbling rocks and of course any plants and trees you could need.

For the do-it-yourselfer, Grimm's Gardens also have all the supplies that are needed for landscaping your home or setting up a display for your front porch both in bulk and individual quantities.

Grimm's greenhouse and nursery provides many choice plants, including heirlooms such as lilacs, tomatoes and geraniums, and will have all sorts of vegetable starts for your garden as spring progresses, including peppers, tomatoes and squash. Currently, vegetable and flower seeds and seed potatoes are available, and onion sets will soon be available.

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Grimm's carries aquatic plants and fish for ponds and waterfalls, as well as native prairie plants that are beneficial for native wildlife. The company is also well known for its U-Pick patches, the most popular being peaches and blueberries. However, apples, raspberries, aronia berries,

persimmons and others also are offered.

By far, Grimm's staff members are experts at trees. The company carries well more than 200 different kinds of trees and just about every shrub that will grow and thrive here. Tree stakes, tree ties for planting your tree, as well as tree wrap for protecting your tree from rabbit, deer or winter injury, are also available.

Fall is the best time to plant trees, and spring comes in a close second. However, as Doug Grimm says, "The best time to plant a tree is when you can best take care of it." That means if you are home more in the summer than any other time of year, the best time would be summer.

Grimm's designers are working hard on landscapes, so call to get on the list early! The company is also getting ready for applying crabgrass preventer on lawns.

Horticultural Services

Horticultural Services is celebrating its 45th anniversary. It was started in 1970 by Carl J. Meyer, who still serves as president of the company. The company has three divisions: nursery, growing greenhouses and the retail garden center.

Horticultural Services grows trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses, groundcovers, vines, annuals (bedding plants), vegetables, poinsettias and sod. The company uses about 100 acres in rotation, so all may not be used at the same time.

Horticultural Services grows between 75 to 100 varieties of trees; about 250 varieties of shrubs; more than 20 varieties of perennial groundcovers; more than 700 sizes and varieties of annuals; more than 300 sizes and varieties of perennials; more than 20 perennial grasses; and more than 100 sizes and varieties of vegetables and herbs.

The Garden Center is open year round, seven days a week (closed Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and from noon Dec. 24 through Jan. 2).

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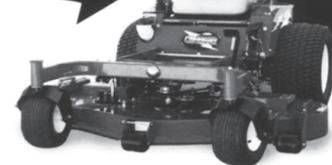
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The company is located at 3220 S.W. Auburn Road, Topeka. For more information, call (785) 232-8873.

You Name It Handyman

You Name It Handyman is owned by Terry Fox, who has more than 10 years of experience providing handyman services.

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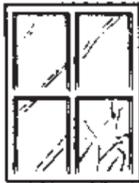
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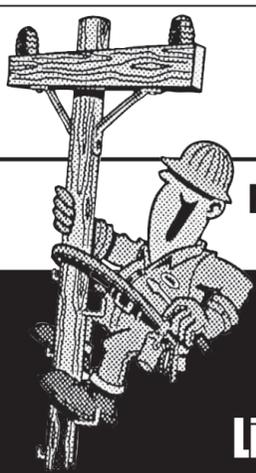
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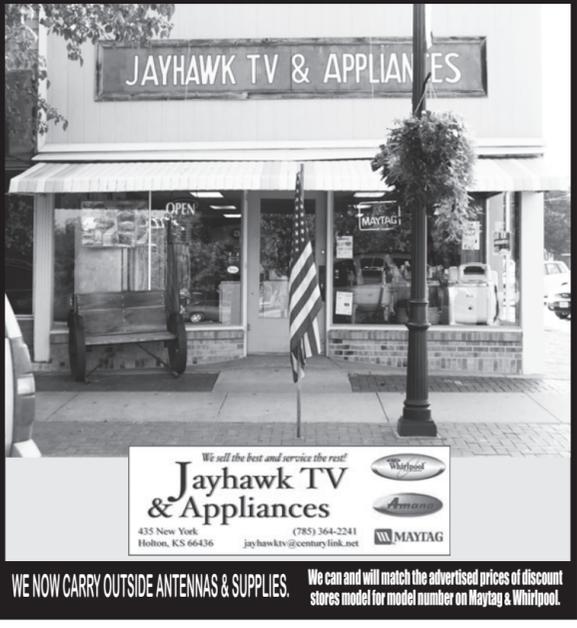


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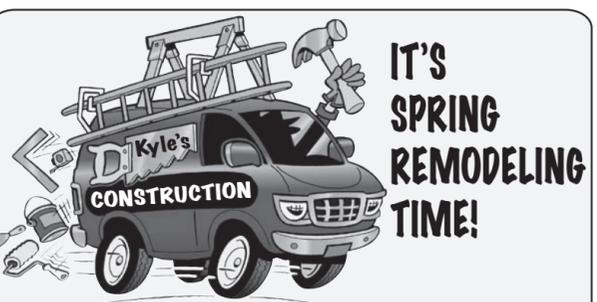
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