



**Rosario
trial could
end today**

By Brian Sanders

Jurors on Monday and Tuesday heard the story of a Holton woman's reported abuse — an incident which she said made her fear for her life and the life of her five-year-old daughter — at the hands of a Topeka resident twice in Jackson County District Court.

"I remember thinking that this was going to be the end," the woman said during testimony given in the trial of 36-year-old Chase Rosario, who is accused of abusing her and threatening her with death. "I remember thinking, this is it... I was thinking about who's going to take care of my daughter, and what's going to happen to my family."

Then, this morning, defense for the defendant announced that without any testimony from the defendant or any other witnesses, it would rest, with closing arguments set for this afternoon.

During the trial, which began Monday afternoon following jury selection and an opening statement by Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller, jurors watched a video recording of the woman being interviewed by Detective Al Dunn of the Jackson County Sheriff's Department of the events that allegedly transpired on Dec. 19 and 20, 2013.

The woman also appeared in district court on Tuesday afternoon to present her case to jurors and District Court Judge Micheal Ireland, as well as to Miller and to defense attorney Ron Evans of Topeka, who reportedly had not finished his cross-examination of the woman at the end of the day. She finished her testimony this morning in a trial originally expected to last through the end of this week.

Evans said today that Rosario would not testify in his own defense during the trial. Jurors were expected to begin deliberations this afternoon after closing arguments.

Jurors were also given the opportunity to review pictures of bite marks, bruises and burns the woman said she suffered at the hands of Rosario in the incident, the photos

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**Becker recounts
trip to Normandy
during fund-raiser**

By Brian Sanders

Sitting on Omaha Beach at Normandy, France, on the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings, former Jackson Heights superintendent Paul Becker said he found himself alone and contemplating what might be on the minds of the young men who landed on the beach that morning in 1944.

"I wondered, could I have done what they did?" Becker said. "And I didn't like the answer that I came up with, quite frankly."

But the courage those young men showed — and continue to show today — is "amazing," said Becker, who returned to Jackson County on Saturday to talk about his trip to Normandy and to help raise funds for the Honor Flight program, which he helped start at Jackson Heights High School in 2008. A fund-raising soup supper at Circleville Christian Church that day drew a crowd of more than 40 and donations of more than \$1,700, it was reported.

The day's donations puts Jackson Heights "in great shape to take a flight," said Adrienne Walsh, who succeeded Becker as superintendent in the fall of 2011. The district's program, funded entirely by donations, has so far conducted five trips for World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington, D.C.

"Usually, a flight takes around \$12,000, depending on how many



Royal Valley High School junior Janelle Marney (second from right) discussed the variety of plants being grown at the school's new greenhouse with second-grade students (from left) Alexandria Kester, Athena Broaddus and Bobbi Buchtel. Marney and other RVHS FFA members hosted an Agriculture Day for elementary students on Friday. The club received a grant from the Kansas Farm Bureau and the Kansas FFA Foundation in order to purchase materials for the hands-on event.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Impact World Tour coming to Jackson County

By Ali Holcomb

A unique ministry is coming to Jackson County in two weeks that will feature freestyle motor-cross, hip-hop dancing and other sports stunts and feats of strength.

Impact World Tour, an outreach of Youth With A Mission, is bringing its Team Xtreme International and GX International live-action programs to local schools April 14 - 18 to reach students and families with a positive message.

Performances have been set for 8 p.m. April 14 at Jackson Heights, 7 p.m. April 15 - 16 at Royal Valley and 7 p.m. April 17 - 18 at Holton High School. All performances will be held in the gymnasiums at each of the schools. The events are free

and open to the public, said Tim O'Byrne, pastor of Holton First Baptist Church and one of the organizers for the event.

In addition to the evening performances, members of the tour will showcase their talents at a school assembly at Royal Valley on April 13 and for the WILD 1's after school program that Wednesday.

During the Team Xtreme International program, performers will shatter concrete bricks and ice blocks with their bare hands and forearms, blow up hot water bottles, snap steel handcuffs in two and bend steel bars around their necks and between their teeth, according to information provided by Impact World Tour.

Members of Team Xtreme have

been traveling around the world performing these feats while motivating young people with wild stories and important lessons, it was reported.

The GX International performance includes aggressive skating, hip-hop dancing, freestyle motor-cross and biking. Team members come from Europe, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, South America and the United States to perform.

Local pastor O'Byrne said that each performance runs between an hour to an hour and a half and that community members throughout the county have been planning the event for six months.

O'Byrne said he has seen Team Xtreme perform and that several other church leaders in the county

had heard of the tour and were interested in bringing them to Jackson County.

Community meetings were held throughout the past several months to seek financial and community support. Four committees — hospitality, logistics, prayers and links (local Christians trained to meet with anyone with questions about Christ at the end of each show) — were formed to help with the event, O'Byrne said.

"The program is known for really strengthening rural communities," he said.

Impact World Tour was formed in 1993 and has traveled all over the United States and 14 other countries.

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Former Jackson Heights superintendent Paul Becker talked about a trip he took to Omaha Beach at Normandy, France last year, marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Becker discussed his trip during a fund-raising soup supper this past weekend for the Honor Flight program, which allows local veterans to travel to Washington D.C. for a day for free to visit national monuments and other historic sites.

Photo by Brian Sanders

vets and student guardians we take," Walsh said. "I feel pretty confident that we'll be able to get one scheduled."

More fund-raising for the Honor Flight program will likely happen this summer, as Gary Bell noted. A benefit concert and dinner has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 25, Bell said.

Becker reminded those present

that the Jackson Heights program got started after local veterans Claude Rieschick and the late Francis Turley were involved in an Honor Flight through the Lyndon school district in 2008. The two came back to the Jackson Heights school board and urged Becker and board members to start a program locally.

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**Local Easter
egg hunts set**

By Ali Holcomb

Several egg hunts for kids are being planned for Easter weekend in Jackson County.

Holton businesses are sponsoring an egg hunt at the Jackson County Courthouse lawn and Linscott Park starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Kids ages one to three will be searching for eggs on the south side of the courtyard with ages four to five to follow on the north courtyard.

Following those hunts, families will parade one block south and west to Linscott Park for hunts geared to kids age six to nine.

Certain eggs in all the hunts will contain a name of a business and can be taken to those businesses to receive a special treat. Also, golden eggs will be hidden that can also be redeemed for special prizes.

The Circleville Recreation Club is also sponsoring an egg hunt at the Circleville Ball Field starting at 10 a.m. Saturday. The hunt is for children ages 12 and under.

Mayetta Christian Church women are planning an Easter egg hunt for 1 p.m. Saturday. The hunt is for toddlers to fourth-grade students and will be held at the church, which is located at 202 East Jones St. Homemade cookies and punch will be served.

Meet Your Doctors: Dr. Vance Lassey

Note: This is the eighth story in a series about doctors in our community.

It's often said that "laughter is the best medicine" — and that's the kind of prescription that Dr. Vance Lassey is happy to write.

"Laugh! Every day!" says Lassey, when asked for the one piece of medical advice he would give anyone. "Scientifically speaking, laughter is the opposite of stress."

Lassey, a staff doctor at Family Practice Associates in Holton since 2007, also says that he has always felt a calling to be a doctor.

"I was inspired by helping patients at a nursing home at age 10



as a volunteer," said Lassey, who has a total of 11 years of experience as a doctor.

Lassey grew up in Peck, a small community straddling the Sedgwick-Sumner county line in south central Kansas. He attended The University of Kansas, earning a bachelor of arts degree

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Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed at the Jackson County Register of Deeds office:

Kansas Quit Claim Deed: Christopher L. Woltje and Joni L. Woltje, husband and wife, convey and quit claim to Loretta M. Kuti, a single person, Lot 18, Block 9, City of Netawaka, according to the railroad plat of said city; Lots 19 and 20 in block 9 in the City of Netawaka; and the west 90 feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 9, City of Netawaka, all in Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Quit Claim Deed: Loretta M. Kuti conveys and quit claims to Christopher L. Woltje and Joni L. Woltje, husband and wife, the west 90 feet of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 9, City of Netawaka, Jackson County, Kansas.

Trustee's Deed: Cheryl R. Meier or Carol A. Harris, trustees or their successors in trust under the Cheryl R. Meier Living Trust, convey and warrant to JJJ Management LLC, the south 30 acres of the east half of the northeast quarter and the east half of the southeast quarter, except the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, all in Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Warranty Deed: Jamie Stauffer, a single person, conveys and warrants to Homestead Affordable Housing, Lot 31 on Wyoming Avenue, Park Addition, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Connie Schlotter, a single person, conveys and warrants to A. Kyle Schlotter and Crystal L. Schlotter, a parcel of land located in the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Administrator's Deed: Todd Robbins, administrator of the estate of Carl F. Robbins, does grant, bargain, sell and convey to Duane D. Minner, the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Keith Hug, a single person, conveys and warrants to Terry Collins, a tract of land in the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Terry Collins, a single person, conveys and quit

claims to Thomas O. McLaughlin II, a tract of land located in the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Stacy Fredrickson, a single person, conveys and quit claims to Scott Fredrickson, Lot 5 and the east half of Lot 4, Prairie View Addition No. 1, located in the southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Hoyt-America Inc., a Kansas Corporation,

conveys and warrants to New Direction IRA Inc., Lot 6, North Ridge Subdivision, located in the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Robert Rollins and Nancy Ann Rollins, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Jessica A. Woodward, the north two and a half acres of a tract of land in the northwest corner of the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 30, township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Accidents noted in county

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents:

■ At 2:20 a.m. on March 11, Dennis Ireland, 62, Holton, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 278th Road when the oversize mirror of an oncoming truck struck the windshield of his 2000 Chevrolet.

The other vehicle, a 2004 Dodge, was driven by Dusty Wenger, 35, Powhattan. Ireland's vehicle sustained damage to its windshield that was listed at less than \$1,000. Wenger's vehicle sustained damage to its driver's side mirror that was listed at less than \$1,000.

■ At 3:34 p.m. on March 13, Greg Cassell, 51, Holton, slowed his 2004 Pontiac on Z Road near 222nd Road to avoid striking wild turkeys in the road. Torin Kaboudan, 17, Holton, was unable to determine that Cassell's vehicle was stopped, and the two vehicles collided.

Kaboudan was driving a 1995 Honda and it sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000. Cassell's Pontiac sustained damage to its rear bumper and trunk that was listed at more than \$1,000. The Honda was towed from the scene.

A passenger in Cassell's vehicle, Kim Ralston, 57, Holton, was transported by Jackson County EMS to Holton Community Hospital for treatment of injuries.

■ At 3:39 p.m. on March 13, Janessa Carlson, 33, Netawaka, was

traveling south on Church Street in Netawaka when her vehicle was stopped at the stop sign. According to the report, Carlson allegedly failed to look left before proceeding through the intersection.

Her 2004 Honda collided with a 2002 Pontiac traveling west on the road. The Pontiac was being driven by Ruth Klahr, 66, Netawaka. Carlson's vehicle sustained damage to its front left bumper, and Klahr's vehicle sustained damage to its front right bumper. Damages to both vehicles were estimated at less than \$1,000.

■ At 3:52 p.m. on March 20, Sharryl Cochran, 71, Holton, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 16 near 198th Road when her vehicle traveled around a curve, left the road and struck a fence. Cochran's 2011 Ford sustained damage to its front right bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene. The damaged fence was owned by Richard Lassiter of rural Denison.

■ Shortly after 5 p.m. March 26, a two-vehicle accident occurred at U.S. 75 and 162nd Road. At that time, a 2006 Kenworth tractor and trailer was southbound on U.S. 75 when a westbound 2011 Chevrolet Camaro struck the truck, according to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

John Fitzgerald, 61, Springer, Okla. was driving the Kenworth truck and Jude Gentry, 50, Topeka, was driving the westbound Camaro. No injuries were reported.

U.S. Supreme Court to hear appeals on sentence reversals

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has announced that the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear the state's appeals of the Kansas Supreme Court's decisions overturning the death sentences of Jonathan Carr, Reginald Carr and Sidney Gleason.

Sidney Gleason was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death for the 2004 shooting deaths of two individuals in Barton County. At the time of the murders, Gleason was on parole following a conviction of attempted voluntary manslaughter. In July 2014, the Kansas Supreme Court upheld Gleason's convictions, but reversed his death sentence.

Jonathan and Reginald Carr were convicted following a December

2000 crime spree involving multiple murders and various sex crimes. They were convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death for the execution-style murder of four people in an east Wichita soccer field following a home invasion.

In July 2014, the Kansas Supreme Court upheld one conviction of capital murder with respect to both Jonathan and Reginald, but reversed their death sentences.

"We have carefully analyzed the opinions of the Kansas Supreme Court and we do not believe they have correctly applied the U.S. Constitution," Schmidt said. "I am encouraged the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to review the cases."

Nemaha County

The following reports were released in recent days by the Nemaha County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests
 ■ Jason E. Rudin, 26, Oneida, and Jesse D. Wiltz, 25, Sabetha, were arrested March 13 by sheriff's officers on charges of cruelty to animals, theft of property, criminal trespass and criminal damage to property. Rudin and Wiltz were taken into custody after sheriff's officers received a tip regarding the illegal butchering of a cow belonging to Doug Metzger. Both remain in custody.

■ Colby A. Lock, 32, Sabetha, was arrested March 13 by Sabetha police on a charge of driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked. Lock is also being held on a Nemaha County warrant for failure to appear. Bond is set at \$1,500 for the DWS charge and \$500 for the warrant. Lock remains in custody.

■ Clifford J. Oom, 33, Morrill, was arrested March 14 by sheriff's

officers on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and transporting an open container. Oom was released on \$1,250 surety bond with court set for 10 a.m. on April 14.

■ Christopher J. Sperling, 51, Olathe, was booked into Nemaha County Jail on March 25 on a Nemaha County warrant for probation violation. Sperling remains in custody with bond set at \$40,000 cash or surety.

■ Frederick Boltz was released March 26 on \$5,000 OR bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on April 30.

■ Courtney Seward was released March 26 on \$10,000 OR bond with court set for 10 a.m. on April 30.

Accidents
 ■ At about 8:10 p.m. on March 27, Deanna K. Vandorn, 71, Vliets, was driving a 2007 Ford Freestar south on Y Road when the Ford struck a deer approximately 1/2 mile south of 168th Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

Stolen pickup truck recovered in Holton

A 2003 white Ford F-250 pick-up truck that had been reported stolen from the Kickapoo Housing Authority on the Kickapoo Reservation was recovered March 25 in Holton, it was reported.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said the vehicle was reportedly taken

sometime before March 13.

On Wednesday, a county resident reported a suspicious vehicle parked behind 307 Montana Ave. in Holton to the sheriff's office, and the piece of property was recovered.

No one has yet to be arrested in connection with the incident.

Here's to ya, sis! Happy 60th Birthday!

Love You, Mom & Gwen

NEWS BRIEFS

■ Holton's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, starting at the Jackson County Courthouse for participants ages 1-5 and moving to Linscott Park for participants ages 6-9. Don't forget to look for golden eggs, as well as eggs that can be taken to local businesses for a special treat!

■ The Holton Business Women's Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 6 at Trails Café. Paul Abell will give the program about his new knitting store on the north side of Holton's Town Square.

Please RSVP for the meal when contacted by the Program Committee.

■ The Holton Community Hospital Auxiliary will hold its quarterly meeting at noon Tuesday, April 7 in the physicians' lounge at HCH. Guest speakers will be Carrie Saia, CEO, and Bart Kenton, CFO, of HCH, who will provide updates and news about the hospital. Members and potential members are encouraged to attend; feel free to bring a lunch.

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MARKETS

STOCKS			GRAIN		
Description	Price at Close	Change	Description	Price at Close	
AT&T	32.66	-0.31	Wheat	\$4.97	
CenturyLink	34.52	+0.46	Corn	\$3.59	
Lowe's	74.37	-0.43	Milo	\$4.36	
Target	82.04	-0.10	Soybeans	\$9.29	
Hershey	100.91	-1.52	Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.		
Walmart	82.25	-0.28	FUEL PRICES		
Phillips 66	78.60	-0.96	Current Last Mo. Last Year		
US Bancorp	43.68	-0.11	Kansas Average	\$2.27	+\$0.019 -\$1.171
Pfizer	34.80	-0.19	National Average	\$2.43	+\$0.030 -\$1.126
Deere & Co.	87.67	-0.94	Holton Average	\$2.27	
United Parcel	96.92	-0.35	Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, March 29, 2015.		
Apple	124.43	-1.94			
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Goodyear	27.08	+0.29			

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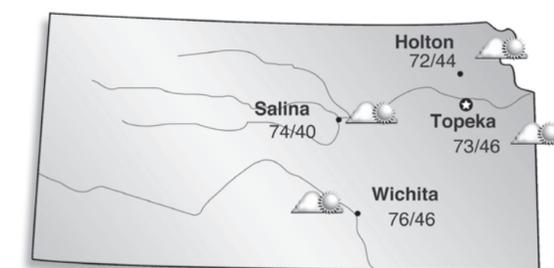
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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72/44 Partly cloudy skies. High 72F. Winds NNE at 10 to 20 mph.	57/32 Showers ending by midday. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	69/46 Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	72/49 A few clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	75/53 Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.
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Infantry specialist Osmun to be deployed

Infantry Specialist Cody Osmun of Holton (shown above) is set to be deployed to Qatar on Saturday for eight months, it has been reported.

A 2012 graduate of Holton High School, Osmun completed his basic training at Fort Benning in Georgia in the fall of 2012. After that training, he served in the Honor Guard at Fort Myer of Washington D.C.

Osmun and his wife, Ashley, have a daughter, London, and a son, Bentlee, and they reside in Colorado Springs, Colo. during his deployment.

His parents are Kim and Daymon DeVader of Holton and Randy and Stephanie Osmun of Holton.

Local art to be featured at library

The Jackson County Arts Council met at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 23. Present were Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert, David Schock, Mary Schock, Linda Brownlow, Katie Morris, Gary and Mary Shupe, Marilyn Spiker, Carol Totten and Kathleen Cobb.

The minutes from the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report stated that the council received grant money.

In old business, there were no updates on the Peace Pole. McCord-Rogers was going to contact tribal councils about language and permission.

In new business, Beck-Bookman Library would like to display work from a featured artist above the fireplace in the meeting room. The Arts Council passed around a sign-up sheet for available months. The artist will be responsible for setting up the display.

Artists with their respective months include:

- April – David Schock.
- May – Carol Totten.
- June – Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert.
- July – Katie Morris.
- August – Kathleen Cobb.
- September – Linda Brownlow.
- October – Gary Shupe.
- November – Marilyn Spiker.
- December – Mary Schock.

When the cutoff date arrived, Morris would send the information to be printed on the map.

Volunteers with their respective sides of the Square include:

- North – Carol Totten.
- East – Katie Morris and Linda Brownlow.
- South – Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert.
- West – David and Mary Schock.

The council will check to see if McCord-Rogers still wants to be in charge of advertising.

For the program, David Schock gave a presentation about flint art. His hobby is hunting for Native American artifacts in creek beds. He has collected thousands of pieces of flint, potsherds and even a bison tooth.

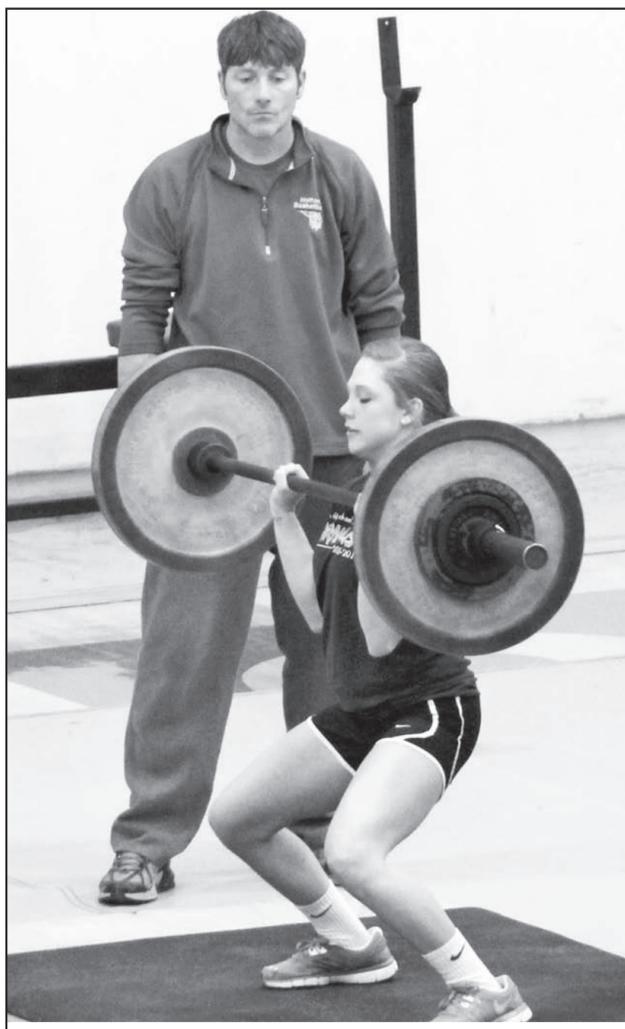
David covers canvas boards with material to use as a background for his flint art. He creates a stencil with his intended composition and then uses the stencil as a guide to lay out

the flint pieces, considering the qualities of each piece. He tries to keep the pieces in their natural state when possible.

He demonstrated the process of laying out the pieces and showed a few finished works, including a picture of a vulture and a silhouette of a man. The council also saw part of his artifact collection, some dating up to 10,000 years old.

For show and tell, Totten showed two paintings for the Storybook Art Walk – the title page and the last page. Studebaker-Gilbert, David Schock, Mary Schock, Brownlow and Morris also showed their paintings for the story. Cobb brought a photo of her painting to share.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 20. Morris will present the program on portraits.



Michaela Procter, a junior at Holton High School, shown above, was one of the many participants at the recent Lifathon held at the school. Darin Stous, cross country coach for HHS, is also shown in the photo. Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

Soldier council reports recent work

The Soldier City Council meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 by Mayor Penny Ludlow. Council members present were Jack Tannahill, Nina Reed, Brenda Holliday-Stanton, Aaron Jones and Brandi Fritz. Employees present were Ida Nadeau, Joe Denny and Anthony Brenner.

A motion was made by Fritz to approve the minutes of the Jan. 13 meeting as presented. Fritz seconded and the motion carried.

Ludlow had sent letters to eight residents regarding violation of the abandoned vehicle ordinance. Those receiving notices were given 10 days to request a hearing regarding this matter. Ludlow reported that one resident was in compliance and another had informed her that he was moving out of town and moving his vehicles. Jones stated that he would be moving his car soon.

Ted Moore appeared before the council to discuss what his plans were to abate the abandoned vehicles on his property. Tannahill made a motion to give Moore until June 9, 2015 to bring his property into compliance. The motion was seconded by Holliday-Stanton and carried.

Matt and Bev Sullivan appeared before the council to ask for additional time to get the vehicle on their property in compliance. Holliday-Stanton made a motion to also give the Sullivans until June 9 to comply with the abandoned vehicle ordinance. The motion was seconded by Reed and carried.

Resolutions will be prepared for the next council meeting regarding those residents who did not request a hearing or appear before the city council or who are still in violation of the ordinance.

City Clerk/Treasurer Ida Nadeau informed the city council that she will

resign from the position at the end of this term, on April 30. Applications have been reviewed and interviews held for a city clerk trainee and a city treasurer trainee.

Ludlow appointed Fritz to be the city clerk in training. Holliday-Stanton made and Reed seconded the motion to accept this appointment. The motion carried. At this time, Fritz resigned her position as council member to accept the new position. Tannahill made a motion to accept her resignation, and Jones seconded it. The motion carried.

Ludlow then appointed Desiree Compton to be the city treasurer in training. Reed made a motion to accept this appointment. The motion was seconded by Holliday-Stanton and then the motion carried.

Ludlow then appointed Luke Geist to fill the position on the council vacated by Fritz. Tannahill made a motion to accept the appointment. Holliday-Stanton seconded and the motion carried.

The council went into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel issues. Due to the city clerk/treasurer position being divided into two positions, at the end of the executive session, Holliday-Stanton made a motion to set the salary of the city clerk at \$225 per month with a \$25 per month increase at the end of six months. The motion was seconded by Jones and then carried.

Tannahill made a motion to set the salary of the city treasurer at \$325 per month with a \$25 per month increase at the end of six months. Geist seconded and the motion carried.

In the city employees' reports, Nadeau reported that the pilot light on the stove at the community hall was still not working. Jones thought it was probably the pillow assembly and would cost nearly as much

to repair as purchasing a new stove. There are some problems switching accounting software, but Custom Micro Works is working with council members to straighten them out.

Denny reported that he had talked to Westar about putting a light at the ball park. If the city purchases a pole from Westar, it will cost \$2.75 per month for the pole and \$15 per month for the light. Jones made a motion to install a dusk to dawn pole light at the ball park. Tannahill seconded and the motion carried.

In the treasurer's report, Nadeau presented the bills to be paid. Holliday-Stanton made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Tannahill seconded and the motion carried.

Nadeau gave the treasurer's report for the end of January. Holliday-Stanton made and Tannahill seconded the motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

The water loss report indicated that the city of Soldier had purchased 191,240 gallons for the month of January. A total of 186,090 gallons were sold, which was a gain of 5,150 gallons or 2.7 percent.

In old business, there was a discussion on insurance, and Holliday-Stanton made a motion to enter into a "fee for services" agreement with Jared Beam of Briar, Payne, Meade Insurance to be the agent for the city of Soldier. Reed seconded and the motion carried.

In new business, Jones made a motion to end the contract with Jim Ludlow to be the water/wastewater supervisor now that Denny has received certification. Tannahill seconded and the motion carried.

Jones made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting was to be held at 7 p.m. on March 10 at the city offices.

DOG REGISTRATION REMINDER

Registration deadline for certain dogs was April 1, 2015 in Jackson County. Because of some confusion, we are extending the registration deadline to May 1, 2015. The breeds commonly referred to as a pit bull dog or hybrid shall be registered at the Jackson County Sheriff's office. For a complete copy of Resolution 2015-09 go to the Jackson County web page at <http://ks-jackson.manatron.com>

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OPINION

We are on the grow!

Jackson County's population is on the rise, according to data recently released by the United States Census Bureau. And that, in itself, is reason enough to celebrate!

The new report shows that the county has reversed an earlier trend of decreasing population.

Since the April 1, 2010 census, data had shown that the county's population had been steadily decreasing, with 13,490 residents in 2010, 13,468 in 2011, 13,448 in 2012 and 13,373 in 2013.

In the new report, Census officials estimated that Jackson County grew by 166 people from 13,373 on July 1, 2013 to 13,539 on July 1, 2014.

Population growth means, among other things, that there are more people in the community to share the local tax burden.

While no one likes to pay taxes, the fact is that local taxes allow local units of government to provide the police, fire, street and utility services that we all depend on for a good quality of life.

No population growth in your county means that as the cost increases to local government to provide basic services, so does everyone's tax bill.

The 13,529 population estimate for 2014 is the highest population estimate this county has ever received, according to census data.

The census website, www.census.gov, includes a list of population estimates for all counties starting in 1970.

The fact that Jackson County is on the grow places the county in the elite group of only about 30 percent of the 105 Kansas counties with population growth.

As you might expect, most of the population growth in the state continues in the urban areas while the rural areas continue to lose popula-

tion. Jackson County seems to have the best of both urban and rural worlds.

In 1970, Jackson County's estimated population was 10,342 and grew to 11,644 in 1980. Throughout the 1980s and the early 1990s, the county's population hovered near 11,500.

From 1993 to 2000, census officials reported that the county grew by almost 1,000 people, from 11,708 to 12,657. The county reached 13,000 residents between 2003 and 2004.

The Census Bureau estimates are determined by using an equation that adds the population base, births and migration and subtracts deaths. With 175 births and 132 deaths noted in the county, the county had a natural increase of 43 people in 2014.

In addition, 132 people moved into the county between 2013 and 2014, including 126 new domestic residents and six international residents.

The county saw a residual decrease in population of nine, putting the county's overall population increase at 166. Residuals involve changes in population that can't be attributed to any specific demographic component, according to the Census Bureau.

Nearby, population estimates decreased by 168 in Shawnee County, 204 in Atchison County and 134 in Brown County. Population estimates rose by eight in Nemaha County and 227 in Pottawatomie County and 31 in Jefferson County.

Statewide, officials estimated that the population of Kansas increased by 8,220 residents this past year, from 2,895,801 to 2,904,021.

Growth in county population indicates that we continue to have a lot of positive things going for us.

David Powl

Local state rep favors SB 45

By Rep. Becky Hutchins
Kansas District 61
(R-Holton)

Senate Bill 45 would allow the concealed carry of a firearm without a concealed carry license issued by the state, as long as that individual was not prohibited from possessing a firearm under either federal or state law.

The bill would specify the carrying of a concealed handgun could not be prohibited in any building unless the building was posted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general.

Concealed carry licenses would still be issued by the state but the availability of those licenses could not be construed to prohibit the carrying of handguns without a license, whether carried openly or concealed, loaded or unloaded.

The bill would amend the definition of "criminal carrying of a weapon" to clarify that it is not legal for anyone under 21 years of age to carry any pistol, revolver or other firearm concealed on one's person, except when on such person's land or in such person's abode or fixed place of business.

The House passed SB 45 commonly referred to as a "constitutional carry." I supported SB 45 on a final vote of 85 yeas, 39 nays.

Current law allows Kansans to carry a gun openly without a license and concealed with a license. This bill would remove the license requirement for carrying a concealed gun. The bill eliminates tests, fees, paperwork and the requirement to

give their fingerprints to a government database.

The concealed carry license would still be available for Kansans in order to carry concealed in the 36 other states that recognize Kansas concealed carry licenses.

Senate Bill 95 would create the Kansas Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act. SB 95 would ban one particular procedure known as dismemberment abortion. The abortion procedure SB 95 would ban is currently being done on a living unborn child, usually on an unborn child from 13-22 weeks gestation.

According to KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment), 582 abortions were performed in 2013 using the dismemberment method.

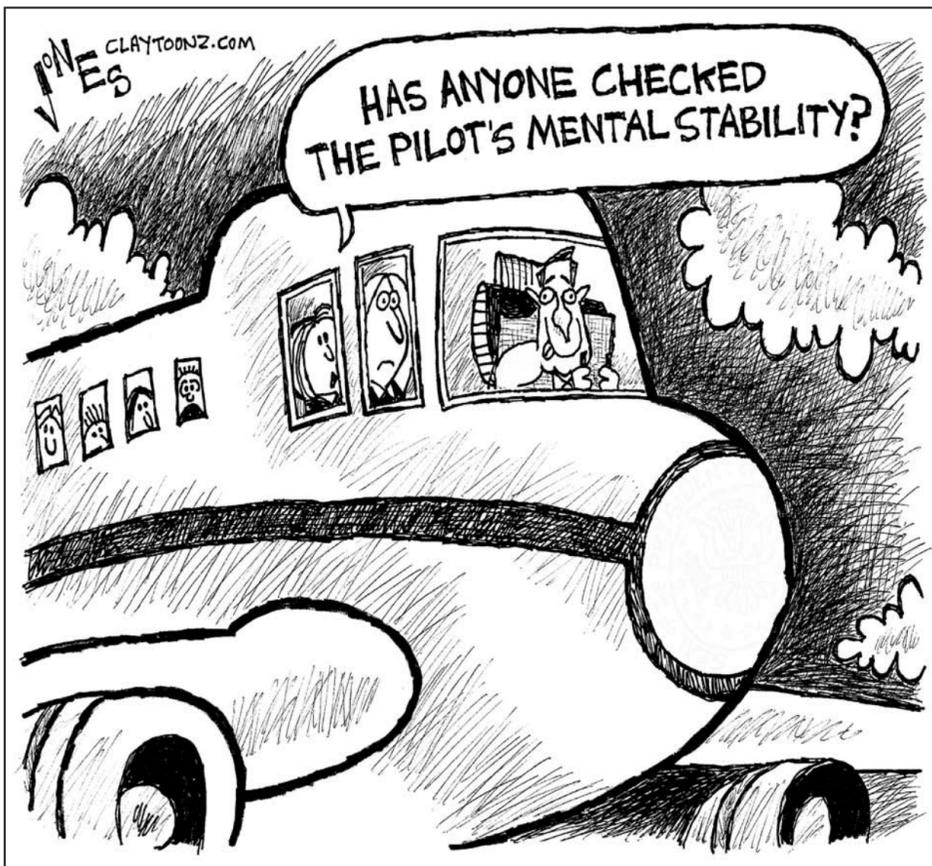
The United States Supreme Court ruled that a method of abortion could be banned if other methods are available. KDHE provided a chart showing seven other methods for second-trimester abortions.

George Flesh, a former abortion doctor, wrote, "Tearing a developed fetus apart limb by limb, is an act of 'depravity' that society should not permit. We cannot afford such a 'devaluation' of human life, nor the 'desensitization' of medical personnel it requires."

U.S. Chief Justice Anthony Kennedy, when writing for the majority of the court in *Gonzales v. Carhart* said, "The state may use its regulatory power to ban certain procedures and substitute others, at in furtherance of its legitimate interests in regulating the medical profession in order to promote respect for life, including life of the unborn."

I supported SB 95, which passed on final action by a vote of 98-26.

You can reach me by phone at 785-296-7653 in Topeka, or e-mail me at becky.hutchins@house.ks.gov



U.S. deserves budget that is balanced

By Lynn Jenkins

U.S. House of Representatives
Americans deserve a budget that balances and helps reform our broken tax code.

Fifty-three of the last 63 U.S. budgets have failed to balance — that is simply an unacceptable statistic for hardworking Kansans struggling to find jobs in this difficult economy.



Recently, House Republicans passed a budget that balances within the budget window — and without raising taxes. The House budget will make sensible steps towards fixing our tax code and is based on the priorities of the American people rather than Washington-centric policies.

A Very Unhappy Fifth Birthday for Obamacare

The House budget also seeks to repeal the president's health care law in full. This past week, the president's health care law turned five years old. It is safe to say that the law isn't cute like a real 5-year-old — instead it is clumsy, way more expensive than we'd hoped and needs to be kept under close supervision or it's likely to cause a lot of destruction.

Americans need a health care law built on their priorities, not those dictated from Washington and on the whims of an executive who is inclined to overreach. Five years of increased costs and wasteful bureaucratic problems is simply far too long.

Repealing the Sustainable Growth Rate

Recently, the House of Representatives passed legislation with a strong bipartisan vote that was a long time coming. For years the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) that is used to compute provider payments through Medicare has encouraged quantity over quality service and caused doctors to face constant uncertainty.

The reforms passed by the House seek to strengthen Medicare and

provide much needed certainty to medical providers and Medicare beneficiaries by ending the "Doc Fix" once and for all. This certainty is especially important to medical providers, who ultimately protect access to quality care for our seniors in rural settings.

It was finally time to put the annual crisis over the SGR to bed. In its 18 years of existence, Congress has had to implement last-minute patches 17 different times to the tune of \$170 billion.

These reforms will save America many millions over the status quo of temporary patches and improve the structural framework to Medicare to ensure our seniors receive quality health care. I am proud to stand with the Kansas Medical Society and the Kansas Hospital Association and a dozen other Kansas provider associations in support of this solution.

Speaking at the National Association of State Treasurers

Recently, I had the opportunity to speak about 529 college savings plans to the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST). As a former state treasurer and president of NAST, it has been an honor to continue the organizations' work to encourage a savings society and expand and modernize 529 college savings in Congress.

It was also a privilege to see my good friend and current State Treasurer of Kansas, Ron Estes, who presented me with a Distinguished Service Award from the College Savings Plan Network to recognize the recent passage of my bill, HR 529.

Repealing the Death Tax

During a markup in the Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday, I supported legislation to eliminate the death tax once and for all. The death tax is an issue that, as long as it exists, will be seen as a provision by which politicians can pocket more and more of families' hard-earned legacies.

Most recently in the president's FY2016 budget he proposed another increase to the death tax, as well as a proposal to eliminate "step-up" basis, in order to tax folks who are inheriting family farms or businesses upon the death of their parents and then tax them a second time. One

family farmers in Kansas sent me a copy of LandOwner's January bulletin, which speaks to these proposed death tax increases and the havoc they could inflict on family farmers.

Now, I know that the president claims that there will be exemptions for family farmers in his death tax scheme, but the truth is the tax code is already riddled with such exemptions, which are typically very confusing and rarely used. As a CPA, I can vouch for this.

We need to stop treating death as a taxable event and the only solution to this problem is to take this tax temptation off the table and eliminate the death tax.

Fighting to End Child Hunger at the National Hunger Seder

I was honored to attend this year's National Hunger Seder as a co-sponsor and in my role as co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus.

This event brings together a diverse range of independent communities who can, together, make a difference in the fight to end child hunger.

During Passover, Jews back home in Kansas and across America will take time to celebrate freedom, and it is my hope we can use this time to also find solutions to make sure our children are free from hunger.

Friends from Leavenworth

I had a great meeting this week with the Mayor of Leavenworth and other city officials. We discussed some of the critical issues facing folks in Leavenworth and I look forward to continuing the ongoing dialogue in the future.

Meeting with Kansas Bankers Association

The Kansas Bankers Association came into town this week and we discussed a variety of issues currently cropping up on the main streets of Kansas and it was great to get to chat with the association about what more we can potentially do in

LETTER

Dear editor,
The very livelihood of a Kansas family is intricately connected to the Kansas economy. When the Kansas economy is growing, so too is the labor force and with it the worker's pocketbook.

But when the economy is struggling, as it is now, so too does the Kansas family. It is in these moments that we have a moral obligation to support our fellow citizens who have fallen on hard times, often at no fault of their own.

Kansas Democrats believe that everyone who works hard deserves the right to get ahead, which is why the Kansas House voting to approve SB 154 last week is so disappointing. The legislation decreases the employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and simultaneously limits the maximum weekly unemployment insurance benefit available to a Kansas worker.

In doing so, Republicans in the House of Representatives have prioritized the interests of big business over the needs of middle class and working families. For these reasons, I, and my Democratic colleagues, voted no on this unfair and damaging piece of legislation.

Democrats are committed to creating jobs, growing the economy and expanding opportunity for people who are willing to work for it. At the same time, Democrats remain committed to fighting for out-of-work Kansans, because we know how important it is for families to be able to pay the bills and put food on the table.

Rep. Tom Burroughs
(D-Kansas City)
House Minority Leader,
Kansas Legislature

Lollipop Lane to enroll new students

Lollipop Lane Preschool will be having an open house for new students for the 2015-2016 school year from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on April 9, it has been reported. The open house will take place at the south end of the First United Methodist Church (1401 W. Fourth St.).

Enrollment packets may be picked up at open house. If you are unable to attend, packets will also be available in the Lollipop Lane Preschool outside drop box, at Beck-Bookman Library or online from www.preschoolisfun.com. Enrolling students must be age three by Aug. 31, 2015. Enrollment packets are due no later than April 23. They may be mailed or returned to Lollipop Lane's outside drop box.

Currently, Lollipop Lane offers morning and afternoon sessions for both the pre-kindergarten and three-year-old classes. The morning sessions run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. while the afternoon sessions run from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays are currently reserved for enrolled students who wish to attend class for additional instruction. The class will include students age three to five.

If possible, every effort will be made to accommodate a parent's first choice. The first month's tuition and a non-refundable enrollment fee of \$20 must be paid when enrollment forms are returned to hold your child's spot for the 2015-2016 school year.

The class schedules and fees are listed below:

- Monday/Thursday: Pre-kindergarten class, \$50 per month.
- Wednesday: Three-year-old, \$25 per month.
- Tuesday: Additional instruction, \$25 per month.

To allow each child the opportunity to attend preschool, there may be a possibility of a combined class (three and four-year-olds) based on enrollment numbers.

If you have additional questions about enrollment or the curriculum, visit Lollipop Lane's website at www.preschoolisfun.com or call Becky Zibell at 364-3275 (school) or 364-3944 (home).

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OBITUARIES

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Services for Max L. Swartz, 85, veterinarian, cattleman, loyal Sulphur Bulldog and KSU Wildcat fan, were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 19 at St. Francis Xavier, Sulphur, Okla., with Father Billy Lewis officiating. Burial followed in Oaklawn Cemetery under the direction of DeArman's Clegg Funeral Home.

Max was born Sept. 28, 1929, in Soldier, to F.H. and Nola (Glasscock) Swartz. He married Kathleen Craig in Philadelphia, Pa., on July 2, 1955. He passed away at his home on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

He graduated from Soldier High School in 1947 and received his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in 1953.

Shortly after his military service overseas in the United States Air Force, he began his lifelong practice of veterinary medicine. For 50 years Max served the community of Sulphur, Okla., and surrounding areas, utilizing a helicopter to reach his rural clients in his mixed animal practice.

Dr. Swartz was a lifelong member of the AVMA and OVMA. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church since 1955.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Kathleen Swartz; children, Marinell Degenhardt and husband Gary of Kingwood, Texas, Kevin Swartz and wife Amy of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Andrew Swartz and wife Shaun, Sulphur, Okla., Claudia Johnson and husband Larry of Westfield, Ind., and Matt Swartz and wife Erin of Flower Mound, Texas; grandchildren Jessica Williams, Rachel Degenhardt, Deidre Goodhue, Drew Swartz, Eva Degenhardt, Alex Swartz, Logan Johnson, Zac Swartz, Shannon Swartz, Ben Swartz, Joe Johnson, Sloan Swartz and Dalton Swartz; and great-grandchildren Asten Goodhue, McCoy Williams and McKinley Williams.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Donald Swartz, and granddaughter Sarah Elizabeth Swartz.

Pallbearers were Drew Swartz, Alex Swartz, Zac Swartz, Ben Swartz, Logan Johnson, Joe Johnson, Sloan Swartz, Dalton Swartz and Colt Williams.

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Rieschick

Robert Lee "Bob" Rieschick, 81, Havensville, died Tuesday, March 26, 2015, at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka.

He was born Nov. 11, 1933, in Soldier, the son of Ernest and Margaret Hanna Rieschick. He graduated from Havensville High School and later received an associate's degree in agriculture business. He had lived in the Havensville, Valley Falls, Holton and Elsmore, Mo., communities.

Mr. Rieschick served in the U.S. Marines for more than 20 years during the Vietnam War. After retiring from military service, he was a cattle farmer in Missouri. He and his wife also operated a mobile library.

He married Nancy J. Sherman on Sept. 28, 1963, in Hardeeville, S.C. She died Feb. 10, 2015. He also was preceded in death by a sister, Evelyn "Lorene" Collins, on Sept. 25, 1996; and a nephew.

Survivors include a brother, William "Bill" Rieschick, Topeka; and many nieces and nephews.

Private family inurnment will be held in Buck's Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Buck's Grove United Methodist Church, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Holton Recorder 4/1/15



ROYAL VALLEY PANTHERS

Signs letter of intent

Royal Valley High School student Chance Ogden (front row, center) recently signed a letter of intent to wrestle at Bethany College. Shown at the letter of intent signing are, front row, from left: RVHS head wrestling coach Jason Puderbaugh, Mary Ogden, Chance Ogden, Justin Ogden and Tanner Ogden. Back row, from left: Paige Ogden, Diana Boyd, Coach Garcia, John Boyd and Maya Ogden.

Submitted photo

WHS to present 'Haphazardly Ever After'

By Keri Pfrang
WHS Student Correspondent

What happens when a frustrated king and queen can't control their unruly royal children? They try some homemade fairytale recipes of course! But what happens when these recipes turn disastrous? That's the scenario for the plot of "Haphazardly Ever After," a comedy written by Jeff Fluharty, which will be presented by Wetmore High School at 7 p.m. on April 9 and April 10.

Almost half the student body of Wetmore High School is involved in the production. Director Linda Boyd was attracted to this play for several reasons.

"I really loved the "fairytale gone wrong" aspect of this play," Boyd said. "I have several very talented

students who have embraced the silliness and the tongue-in-cheek nature of this piece."

Boyd said that there were some setbacks with the rehearsal schedule. Because the girls' basketball team qualified for the state tournament, several rehearsal days were lost. However, the cast has made up for lost time by scheduling extra rehearsals after the spring break.

The cast includes: Fairy One, Kayle Wamsley; Fairy Two, McKayla Henry; Reluctant Fairy, Austin Large; Narrator, Dez Fund; Servant One, Noah Klinger; Servant Two, Ethan Osterhaus; King Barnabas, Newt Smith; Queen Mildred, Alisha Heitz; Prince Hairgel, Layne Hodge; Prince Slacker, Austin Morris; Princess Peppermint, Keri Pfrang; Prin-

cess Cinnamon, Ryley Martin; Royal Therapist and Genie, Liz Hutfles; Duke of Cranberry, Chanler Morfitt; Princess Ambrosia, Bryanna Morfitt; Stage Crew One and Witch, Rachel Bloom; Fairy Godmother, Gerac Haverkamp;

Moe and Cranberry's Assistant, Jossie Shumaker; Poe and Magic Mirror, Jill Henry; Roe and Royal Teacher One, Alena Pfrang; Paige, Dakota McQueen; Royal Teacher Two, Mysterious Old Man and Sorcerer, Robbie Ballenger; Prince Chowder and Eddie, Kyle Bloom; and Glitterbell, Phone Operator and Stage Crew Two, Yamina Sauer.

Presale ticket prices are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are \$1 more at the door.

Rosario trial...

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provided by a Topeka nurse who specializes in treating women who have been sexually assaulted. Evans has not yet presented an opening statement in defense of Rosario, saying he preferred to wait until all evidence has been presented before doing so.

Rosario has been charged with attempted capital murder, two counts of aggravated criminal sodomy, two counts of rape, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated battery and criminal threat, all felonies, in the December 2013 incident, which according to testimony occurred in Holton.

Few if any details changed between the woman's taped interview on Dec. 23, 2013, and her in-person testimony on Tuesday, in which she said that on the evening of Dec. 19, 2013, Rosario "seemed angry and out of sorts," asking her whether she had been unfaithful to him. At that time, she said, they had been in a relationship for about three months.

She told jurors Rosario did not listen to her attempts to convince him that she was not cheating, saying instead that he was going to "find out the truth."

"He told me that he could smell somebody else on me," she told jurors. "He told me to lay down, told me he was going to 'check.'"

That "check" was the first of several indignities she said she suffered that evening, explaining each one in graphic detail and reminding jurors that when she told Rosario to stop because it was hurting her, he reportedly said, "I know, it's supposed to." She said it was the first time he had taken things this far in their relationship, saying that at times he had seemed somewhat "moody" but never to this degree.

At one point, she said she attempted to make up a romance between her and a co-worker in response to Rosario's pledge to stop hurting her if she did. Even though there was no truth to it, she said, it

made matters worse — he reportedly continued to sodomize her and asked "if this is the way it felt when I was with somebody else."

She said that during the course of the night, which reportedly lasted until the early morning hours of Dec. 20, 2013, she was forced to take a total of three showers. During one of the showers, she said, Rosario opened the shower curtain and urinated and spat on her.

Threats she said Rosario used against her ranged from burning to mutilation to death, with one such threat he reportedly made involved burning her "so that no one else would want me." At one point, she said she went to a screen door for a cigarette, and it was then that he dared her to try to contact a neighbor about what was going on.

"He told me that if I yelled, he'd make sure that was the last sound that ever came out of me," she said.

The woman was able to escape during the morning hours of Dec. 20, 2013, when she said Rosario forced her to drive them to Topeka. During a scuffle in the car on westbound Interstate Highway 70, the car went off the road, and she was able to get away, flagging down a passing motorist who took her to Topeka police headquarters. Rosario was arrested the next day.

During cross-examination on Tuesday, Evans attempted to minimize the woman's reported attempts to get away from Rosario, saying that she had ample opportunity to do so, including a pass by the Holton Public Safety Building, a stop at Fast Trax and driving well over the speed limit on U.S. Highway 75. The woman told Evans that she was "very exhausted" before she and Rosario arrived in Topeka.

Evans also chided the woman on being "damned generous" toward Rosario — particularly in giving him money — despite the short length of their relationship, his not having a car or a driver's license and her participation in his purchase of drugs.

He stopped the cross-examination in order to consult privately with Rosario before he had to be returned to the Jackson County Detention Center for the night.

Over the course of the night of the assault, she said Rosario bit, hit and bruised her, then later forced her to cut herself using a utility knife and burned her with the "cherry" of a lit cigarette. Evidence of these allegations was backed up by Joy Thomas, supervisor for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program at Stormont-Vail HealthCare in Topeka, who provided pictures of external damage done to the woman's body.

Thomas said she examined the woman after she was brought in during the afternoon of Dec. 20, 2013, noting that the woman had "several body injuries that were visible," while others were found in a closer examination. She also said she attempted to examine the woman's genital areas for signs of trauma, but found nothing, noting that only a small percentage of sexual assault victims show signs of genital trauma hours after they are assaulted.

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Royal Valley Senior of the Month



Royal Valley's Senior of the Month for April is Tristan Tessendorf, son of Jeffery and Sherri Clayton Tessendorf.

Tristan holds a 3.25 GPA and has been active in football, basketball, baseball, track and FFA. Following graduation, Tristan plans to pursue a career in architecture.

Tristan received a gift card on behalf of the Royal Valley Student Council for his continued leadership at RVHS.

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Sweepstakes scam noted

A sweepstakes scam is operating in the region and consumers are warned to be on their guard, according to the Better Business Bureau.

The South Dakota Attorney General's office suggested that a consumer contact Better Business Bureau's branch office in Sioux Falls about being selected as a winner of multiple sweepstakes.

A consumer reported that she has been called numerous times over the past two weeks by various people on behalf of American Sweepstakes Network (ASN) Claims Department, Publishers International, Publishers Clearinghouse and American Sweepstakes Lottery Company telling her she has won \$28,000; \$525,000; \$1 million plus \$400,000 in cash; and \$2 million.

The consumer told BBB that all of the callers had Spanish sounding accents, and they were calling her because she had not replied to their letters. The consumer acknowledged that she had been receiving lots of letters, but had, in fact, not responded to them.

BBB advises people to beware of any sweepstakes requiring a fee for entry and of any prize promotion requiring you to send in a payment or to purchase merchandise.



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NOTICE

All flowers will be removed April 6, 2015 for mowing season. One floral decoration per burial will be allowed during mowing season, except for May 23 to June 1, 2015 for Memorial Week. If more than one arrangement exists after June 1, all flowers will be removed. No wire, glass or rocks please, due to damages of mower tires and injuries to workers. No planting without permission.

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■ The Beck-Bookman Library book discussion group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9 to discuss "The Astronauts' Wives" by Lilly Loppel. Gail Schmitz will lead discussion. Sandee Morris will provide the "classic moment." Refreshments will be provided by Schmitz and Judy Robison.

■ The Annual Circleville Rec Club Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4 at the Circleville Ball Field. Ages 12 and under are invited to participate. Donations are welcome.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*



Wildcat Holly Karn (shown above) clears a hurdle about halfway through the 100m race at Holton's home track meet on Tuesday. Karn got the season started with a bang, setting personal records and taking first in both the 100m and 300m hurdles at the HHS Invitational.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch



Jackson Heights' Jason Parker (shown above) gets over the high jump bar in an early round of competition at the track meet in Holton on Tuesday. Parker was one of several young athletes to have strong debuts in the first meet of the season, leading to a solid showing for both the boys and girls.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

Holton track athletes make solid debuts in home meet

For the Holton track team, Tuesday's home meet was a very good start as the boys and girls both finished third overall led by some strong individual performances.

"As a team, where our numbers are at, I thought we competed real well," HHS coach Mark Middlemist said. "Our numbers probably aren't indicative of us winning too many meets this year, so you have to focus on other things in terms of looking at individual performances in the events that we are strong in and I think that showed Tuesday."

The boys jumps will certainly be one of those events with senior and previous state qualifier Indie Allen back this spring and he turned in a stellar performance right away.

In his first triple jump of the season, Allen cleared a total distance of 43' 8", which was good enough to break assistant coach Brian Meerpohl's school record (43' 2 1/2") that was set in 1991. On top of that, he took second in the long jump by a half inch.

Allen wasn't the only athlete to turn in some championship performances,

as Kimmie Snapp (100m dash), Holly Karn (100m, 300m hurdles) and the girls 4x100m relay team of Snapp, Ashley Cook, Tyler Prine and Ashlyn Weilert also claimed individual titles.

Karn in particular got off to a hot start this season, setting new personal records in both hurdle races in the first meet.

"I thought Holly stepping up and having the times that she did just proves that she's a little bit stronger, had a pretty good year in the weight room and exceeded that," Middlemist said.

Several other Wildcats came up just shy of first-place finishes, as Cook (100m dash), Prine (100m hurdles), Alex Myers (300m hurdles), Miles McClintock-Strozier (100m dash), Mason Strader (1600m run) and the 4x100 relay team of Will Wright, Mason Barta, Allen and McClintock-Strozier all came in second in their respective events.

Those, too, were impressive performances, according to Middlemist, and could bode well for the Wildcats over the long haul of the season.

"Posting those times for the first meet with the rest of the year to go makes it look

promising for us to be real competitive at the end of the year in those events that we're strong in," Middlemist said.

Some other athletes also made strong debuts, like the aforementioned Strader or senior Tristan Parks taking fourth in the 800m run and being part of the fifth-place 4x800m relay team.

If they continue to turn in performances like that, then Middlemist said the Wildcats should be in good position this spring and he noted there were a lot of contributing factors on Tuesday that allowed the team to get off to what he felt was a strong start.

"Our performances might have been a little surprising for this early in the year, but when you get a 78 degree day with no wind and some good competition with what we had yesterday, with Hiawatha, Atchison, Jackson Heights and Valley Falls, it was easy for our kids to go out and compete, so I was really pleased with the way things went," Middlemist said.

Holton will look to keep moving forward as the team next competes in a Big Seven quad hosted by Royal Valley and starting at 4:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

Cobras make good first impression

With a young group of athletes out for track this spring at Jackson Heights, the first meet was always going to be pretty interesting for the Cobras.

Head coach Lyle Alley noted he liked what he saw at the Holton Invitational on Tuesday as the Cobras compiled some solid results and had some pleasant surprises to start off the track season. In fact, any issues Alley saw are things he said can be chalked up to conditioning and weren't too much cause for concern.

"Everybody's in the same boat. It's March. Everybody's had a limited number of practices to get ready for that first meet, but everything's correctable that I saw and we just want to try to continue to get better," Alley said.

Lining up and actually competing can be quite a revelation for athletes, especially with the multiple freshmen Heights has on the team, and while Alley said he saw room for improvement in some areas, he also noted the Cobras put together some strong performances as well.

Anyone who has been to a football game at Jackson Heights knows the state of the track facilities at the high school there. Through the years, Alley has noted just how that hinders his athletes' preparation, yet the Cobras came ready to compete once again despite their limitations in practice.

"Are we at a disadvantage because of that? Absolutely we are, but you have to tip your hat off to these young people who are willing to go out and do these things without having any practice at it whatsoever," Alley said.

One athlete who has been limited for another reason entirely is Wyatt Roles, as an ankle injury prevented him from even going out for track his first two years of high school.

Just a week ago, he finally got his brace removed as well and while Alley noted that would have been enough to cause any recovering athlete to be tentative in competition, it didn't seem to bother Roles too much as he came in second in the boys shot put in his first high school track meet.

"It's going to take some time for him to get confidence that he's going to be able to do this event without that brace, so throwing over 42 feet for the first time in his life and finishing second in the meet, that was a real positive," Alley said.

While there were no individual champions for Heights at the meet on Tuesday, Roles was one of several individual runners-up along with Kaitlynn Little (800m, 1600m run), Abby Williams (long jump), Becca Gibson (shot put), Kay Andrews (javelin), Seth Holliday (800m run) and the boys 4x400m relay team of Holliday, Mason Hamilton, Westin Jacobsen and Wyatt Oberling.

Some of those performances were expected, especially from veterans like Little and Holliday, but Alley noted he was just as tickled to see young athletes like Williams make her mark in the jumping events (she was also third in the high jump) or Lexi Proffitt taking third in the 400m dash.

Before the boys 4x400m relay started, Alley said assistant coach Caleb Wick asked him what he expected from that group and he

noted he would be ecstatic if they ran the race in 3:45. Once they crossed the finish line, Wick told Alley to start feeling ecstatic because the runners bested the coach's expectations by one second.

Those types of performances were plentiful for the Cobras on Tuesday and one constant was effort. While it might have been a new experience for several athletes, they fought just as hard no matter the circumstances, like Hanna Davault finishing fourth in the 1,600m run. That finish, in Alley's eyes, typified the potential of this team.

"Is she going to get better? You bet she's going to get better. Why? Because she wants to get better. Her effort was good," Alley said. "If these young people will continue to practice with the effort I've seen up to this point and they continue to have the effort that I saw Tuesday night, we're going to be fine."

"Sometimes it takes a couple of weeks to find where they are going to fit in. What piece of the puzzle are they going to be in this track team? Sometimes kids will try this, they'll try that and then before long they'll find a home. They'll find their niche and they can continue to work on that," Alley added.

There may be some tinkering to be done yet, but Alley said he felt his athletes made a good first impression and they will keep sawing wood in practice in order to be even better the next time out, which will be at a meet in Oskaloosa next Tuesday starting at 4 p.m.

HHS Invitational track results

Holton Invitational Girls team results:

1. Abilene 143, 2. Atchison 118, 3. Holton 101, 4. Hiawatha 83, 5. Jackson Heights 78, 6. Valley Falls 29

Girls individual results:

100m dash: 1. Snapp (HHS) 12.87, 2. Cook (HHS) 13.27, 3. I. Bratton (Atch.), 4. Nottingham (VF), 11. Lierz (JH) 14.85, 12. Br. Williams (JH) 15.01, 16. Rodriguez (HHS) 16.4

200m dash: 1. Rawls (Atch.) 27.52, 2. Cook (HHS) 27.96, 3. J. Bratton (Atch.), 4. Hayes (Abil.), 10. Lierz (JH) 31.34, 16. Mellenbruch (HHS) 34.78, 17. Rodriguez (HHS) 35.28

400m dash: 1. J. Bratton (Atch.) 1:03.62, 2. Kiley (Abil.), 3. Proffitt (JH) 1:11.46, 4. Meuli (Abil.), 6. Bontrager (HHS) 1:13.96, 7. Rieschick (JH) 1:19.62, 9. Mellenbruch (HHS) 1:20.9, 10. Rodriguez (HHS) 1:30.83

800m run: 1. Kettler (Hiaw.) 2:35.91, 2. Little (JH) 2:36.59, 3. Frakes (VF), 4. Maciorowski (Atch.), 5. Mosier (HHS) 2:48.41, 8. White (JH) 2:55.34

1600m run: 1. S. Jaloma (Atch.) 5:48.14, 2. Little (JH) 6:06.5, 3. Shamburg (Hiaw.), 4. Davault (JH) 6:29.96, 5. Garcia (HHS) 6:34.56

3200m run: 1. S. Jaloma (Atch.), 12.32, 2. Maciorowski (Atch.), 3. Shamburg (Hiaw.), 4. Brockhoff (Hiaw.), 6. Davault (JH) 14:45.28

100m hurdles: 1. Karn (HHS) 16.43, 2. Prine (HHS) 18.59, 3. Myers (HHS) 19.09, 4. Robinson (HHS) 19.81, 6. Gilliland (HHS) 21.43

300m hurdles: 1. Karn (HHS) 51.21, 2. Myers (HHS) 51.65, 3. Boswell (HHS) 53.62, 4. Drinkard (VF), 7. Br. Williams (JH) 57.93, 8. Robinson (HHS) 1:02.31, 9. Prine (HHS) 1:03, 10. Gilliland (HHS) 1:04.09

4x100m relay: 1. Holton (Snapp, Cook, Prine and Weilert) 52.24, 2. Abilene, 3. Atchison, 4. Jackson Heights (Allen, Br. Williams, Wareham and Zule) 1:00.87

4x400m relay: 1. Atchison 4:30.39, 2. Hiawatha, 3. Abilene, 4. Holton (Prine, Boswell, Karn and Mosier) 4:52.81, 5. Jackson Heights (Little, Proffitt, Rieschick and A. Williams) 5:01.31

4x800m relay: 1. Hiawatha 10:44.08, 2. Atchison, 3. Abilene, 4. Jackson Heights (White, Rethman, Wareham and Allen) 11:48.21

High jump: 1. Drinkard (VF) 4' 10 1/4", 2. E. Jaloma (Atch.), 3. A. Williams (JH) 4' 6 1/4", 4. Hal. Warren (Abil.), 5. White (JH) 4' 4 1/4"

2. A. Williams (JH) 13' 10 1/2", 3. Kiley (Abil.), 4. Dalton (Abil.), 10. Zule (JH) 11' 11"

Triple jump: 1. Kiley (Abil.) 37' 7", 2. Meuli (Abil.), 3. Dalton (Abil.), 4. A. Williams (JH) 28' 4", 7. Zule (JH) 26' 8"

Shot put: 1. Gartner (Hiaw.) 35' 4", 2. Gibson (JH) 33' 1/2", 3. Myers (Abil.), 4. Anderson (Atch.), 5. Roles (JH) 26' 1", 7. Wittmer (HHS) 25' 1", 10. Raney (HHS) 24' 3 1/2"

Discus: 1. Gartner (Hiaw.) 118' 10", 2. Jones (Abil.), 3. Myers (Abil.), 4. Anderson (Atch.), 5. Bontrager (HHS) 73' 4", 6. Gibson (JH) 71' 7", 7. Blum (JH) 68' 10", 8. Raney (HHS) 66' 9"

Javelin: 1. Brooks (Abil.) 89' 4", 2. Andrews (JH) 86' 8", 3. Grant (Hiaw.), 4. Kunkel (Hiaw.), 5. Raney (HHS) 70' 9", 6. Blum (JH) 70' 7", 12. Wittmer (HHS) 59'

Boys team results: 1. Abilene 203, 2. Hiawatha 87, 3. Holton 86, 4. Atchison 79, 5. Jackson Heights 56, 6. Valley Falls 32

Boys individual results: 100m dash: 1. Bender (Abil.) 11.24, 2. McClintock-Strozier 11.65, 3. Hirsch (Abil.), 4. Butto (HHS) 12.02, 4. Myers (VF) 12.02, 16. Pool (HHS) 12.05, 8. Rupnicki (JH) 12.21, 9. Barta (HHS) 12.22, 12. Rhodd (HHS) 13.06, 13. Brey (JH) 13.08, 15. Vaughn (JH) 13.46, 17. Hartman (JH) 13.56

200m dash: 1. Bender (Abil.) 22.03, 2. Rawls (Atch.), 3. Baum (HHS) 24.19, 4. Pool (HHS) 24.66, 7. Rupnicki (JH) 25.35, 10. Parker (JH) 26.00, 14. Vaughn (JH) 27.81, 19. Chaney (HHS) 29.88, 21. Kilpatrick (JH) 30.62

400m dash: 1. Barnes (Abil.) 50.69, 2. Rawls (Atch.), 3. Wright (HHS) 52.37, 4. Steele (Hiaw.), 5. Hamilton (JH) 54.93, 9. Strube (JH) 57.9, 10. Parker (JH) 59.25, 12. VanDyke (HHS) 59.65, 14. Haefke (HHS) 1:00.78, 17. Scott (HHS) 1:07.9, 18. Chaney (HHS) 1:08.09, 19. Clark (HHS) 1:08.71

800m run: 1. Whitmer (Atch.) 2:06.61, 2. S. Holliday (JH) 2:10.14, 3. Smith (Hiaw.), 4. Parks (HHS) 2:16.68, 6. Jacobsen (JH) 2:18.8

1600m run: 1. Schwarting (Abil.) 5:00.91, 2. M. Strader (HHS) 5:05.31, 3. Houk (Hiaw.), 4. Sower (Atch.), 8. Hipple (HHS) 5:28.69

3200m run: 1. Sowers (Atch.) 11:09.65, 2. Houk (Hiaw.), 3. Quinn (Hiaw.), 4. Wright (Abil.), 5. R. Strader (HHS) 12:15.36, 6. Dohl (JH) 12:38

110m hurdles: 1. Bender (Abil.) 15.34, 2. Heckle (Atch.), 3. Lierz (Hiaw.), 4. Vance (JH) 20.94, 6. Marshall (JH) 23.38

300m hurdles: 1. Robinson (Abil.) 44.34, 2. Lierz (Hiaw.), 3. Heckle (Atch.), 4. Shelley (Hiaw.), 5. Vance (JH) 51.13, 6. Marshall (JH) 52.68, 7. Wells (JH) 53.33

4x100m relay: 1. Abilene 45.17, 2. Holton (Allen, Wright, Barta and McClintock-Strozier) 45.72, 3. Jackson Heights (Jacobsen, Strube, Rupnicki and Hamilton) 47.3, 4. Hiawatha

4x400m relay: 1. Abilene 3:38.52, 2. Jackson Heights (Hamilton, Jacobsen, Oberling and S. Holliday) 3:44, 3. Holton (Baum, Parks, Barta and Wright) 3:50.93, 4. Atchison

4x800m relay: 1. Abilene "A" 8:45.4, 2. Hiawatha, 3. Abilene "B", 4. Atchison, 5. Holton (Hipple, M. Strader, R. Strider and Parks) 9:22.72, 7. Jackson Heights (B. Holliday, Fritz, Chartier and Fox) 10:06.5

High jump: 1. O'Neal (Abil.) 6', 2. Lahr (Abil.), 3. Parker (JH) 5' 8 1/2", 3. Hoekman (Abil.) 5' 8 1/2", 5. Baum (HHS) 5' 6 1/2", 16. Meerpohl (HHS) 5' 6 1/2", 19. Dohl (JH) 5' 2", 19. Oberling (JH) 5' 2", 11. Hamilton (JH) 5'

Pole vault: 1. Smith (Abil.) 11' 6", 2. Gose (Abil.)

Long jump: 1. Steele (Hiaw.) 20' 1/2", 2. Allen (HHS) 20', 3. Heckle (Atch.), 4. Hoekman (Abil.), 6. Oberling (JH) 18' 9", 12. Strube (JH) 16' 5 1/2", 13. Rhodd (HHS) 16' 2", 14. Cannon (HHS) 15' 11", 15. Wells (JH) 15' 8 1/2", 16. Hartman (JH) 14' 11", 17. Chaney (HHS) 13' 6 1/2"

Triple jump: 1. Allen (HHS) 43' 8", 2. Hoekman (Abil.), 3. Rawls (Atch.), 4. Oberling (JH) 39' 4 1/2", 7. Haefke (HHS) 37' 3", 9. Vance (JH) 37", 11. Dohl (JH) 30' 9"

Shot put: 1. Bunde (VF) 44' 4", 2. Roles (JH) 42' 5 1/2", 3. Burt (Abil.), 4. Lehnerr (HHS) 40' 10", 5. Wittmer (HHS) 35' 9", 8. Coe (JH) 33', 9. Gakle (HHS) 32' 9", 12. Andrews (JH) 31' 10", 13. Sauvage (JH) 31' 6", 14. Harrison (HHS) 30' 7 1/2", 15. Lovell (HHS) 29' 9 1/2"

Discus: 1. Burt (Abil.) 122', 2. Cliff (VF), 3. Bundel (VF), 4. Anguiano (Abil.), 6. Thomas (JH) 101' 9", 7. Harrison (HHS) 101' 3 1/2", 8. Coe (JH) 100' 9", 10. Lehnerr (HHS) 94' 4 1/2", 12. Keehn (JH) 90' 1", 13. Lovell (HHS) 81', 17. Sauvage (JH) 75' 8"

Javelin: 1. Steele (Hiaw.) 145' 9", 2. Rickeman (Abil.), 3. Lahr (Abil.), 4. Boyd (Abil.), 5. Andrews (JH) 116' 1", 8. Lehnerr (HHS) 109' 1", 9. Kabaudan (HHS) 107', 11. Keehn (JH) 95' 11", 13. Scott (HHS) 83' 10", 16. Kilpatrick (JH) 77' 10", 19. Wendorff (JH) 59' 9"

Wildcats can't fly past Eagles

There was little easing into the baseball season for Holton, as the Wildcats' second doubleheader of 2015 was a match-up Monday against perennial 3A contender Silver Lake on the road.

For most of the night, the Wildcats and Eagles looked like equals on the field, but a couple bad innings in the two games doomed HHS and allowed Silver Lake to sweep the series by run rule in both contests.

"We played 10 innings of decent baseball and were right there, right with them with a chance to be in the game. We just have to eliminate mental errors," HHS coach Joe Purcell said. "You can't do those things against good teams."

Holton squandered a pair of early hits from Justin Rieschick and Luis Butto before the Eagles broke the game open in the bottom of the second inning.

Despite getting two quick outs, HHS starting pitcher Derek Haverkamp gave up a walk and hit two batters to load the bases. Still, it looked like the pitcher could get out of the jam, getting a 2-2 count on the next batter.

That fifth pitch was one that Purcell believed should have ended the inning as a called third strike, but instead it loaded up the count and the next pitch led to another walk, allowing the first Silver Lake run to come in and score.

Two RBI singles and an error that allowed another run to score followed, leaving Holton looking up at a 5-0 deficit after the completion

of two innings.

After two more hits, singles by Mulroy and Haverkamp, led to nothing again for Holton, all was quiet until the fifth inning.

"We just couldn't string any hits together. We'd get a guy on and then...pop fly," Purcell said.

Holton once again got a chance to make something happen, as Jacob Coufal led off with a single and Rieschick drew a walk after him. Justin Pool then singled to load up the bases with one out, but a double play ended the Wildcats' threat.

Silver Lake mirrored that progression in the bottom half of the inning, loading up the bases with no outs, and were able to take advantage with an RBI single and double in back-to-back plate appearances.

The Eagles then loaded up the bases again and got a walk-off RBI single to end the game in a 10-0 run-rule victory.

Game 1
HHS: 0-0-0-0-0-x-x-0
SL: 0-5-0-0-5-x-x-10

Statistics:
P: HHS- Haverkamp and Pool; SL- Adams and Freeman.
2B: SL- Marlow.
SB: HHS- Mulroy; SL- McMillan and Renfro.

Save for an RBI double in the bottom of the second, things were pretty even once again in the second game of the doubleheader.

While the Wildcats got a single from Haverkamp and Indie Allen followed that up by drawing a walk, the team couldn't knot it up in the

fourth inning after getting runners on second and third with one out.

The floodgates then opened for Silver Lake in the bottom of the fifth as errors started to take their toll on Holton, allowing four more runs to come in and the Eagles to take a 5-0 lead.

"In both games, it seems like there were just some little things that helped them with big innings and little things that really killed us with ours," Purcell said.

Holton then went down in order in the top of the sixth before the Eagles capped off another 10-0 run-rule victory with a five-run outburst in the bottom of the sixth. The Eagles got a pair of RBI singles and also took advantage of a pair of errors to cap off the win and sweep the series.

"They just do things that don't hurt themselves," Purcell said of the Eagles, "and I think if a couple things go a different way, I think those are two completely different outcomes."

Following that tough series, the Wildcats (1-3) will look to rebound when the team opens league play next Thursday, April 9, with a doubleheader at Nemaha Central. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

Game 2
HHS: 0-0-0-0-0-0-x-0
SL: 0-1-0-0-4-5-x-10

Statistics:
P: HHS- Rieschick, King, Pool and Mulroy; SL- Dultmeier, Renfro and Freeman.

2B: SL- McMillan.
SB: HHS- Coufal; SL- Renfro, Freeman and Matzke.

All-County boys roster reflects strengths of HHS, JH and RV

The Jackson County boys basketball teams had a pretty stellar season all around, with Holton, Jackson Heights and Royal Valley all contending for league titles and state berths recently.

Heights ended up reaching the pinnacle of both of those goals, as the team claimed a share of the Northeast Kansas League title and earned its first trip to the state tournament since 2007.

Just behind them was Holton, which finished second in the Big Seven League behind a Sabetha team that went undefeated in League play and wound up taking third at state in Class 3A. The Wildcats also just narrowly missed out on a return trip to the 4A-DII state tournament, falling to Atchison in the sub-state finals.

Royal Valley had some highlights as well, including knocking off perennial league challenger Nemaha Central and placing fourth in the Big Seven, while the Panthers season also came to an end at the hands of Atchison in sub-state competition.

All three teams had multiple players earn All-League honors, with several more being highlighted on this year's All-County team. The full roster for *The Holton Recorder's* 2015 All-County boys basketball team includes:

Zane Richter, jr., JHHS— With a lot of unknowns surrounding a Jackson Heights team that had to replace not only five starters, but a head coach as well, Richter helped to fill the void right away.

After opening the season with 25 points and seven rebounds against Immaculata, Richter's stock continued to soar from there. In just one game this season did Richter fail to amass 20 points, scoring 18 in a road win at JCN. He ended up leading the county with a scoring average of 27.2 points per game to go along with an average of 7.8 rebounds and three steals per contest.

Richter also set some history this season, breaking the tournament scoring record at the Nemaha Central Invitational by tallying 101 points in three games. He was named first team All-League and All-Class 2A and is making his first appearance on the All-County roster.

Garett Beecher, sr., HHS— One of the best pure shooters in the league this season, Beecher certainly ended his high school career with quite a bang.

Beecher finished second in the league in scoring with 17.8 points per game and led the Big Seven by shooting an impressive 50 percent from three-point range, making 62 of 123 attempts from beyond the arc. He also led the Big Seven in free throw percentage (85%) and averaged 3.7 rebounds and three assists per game.

All of this led to the senior guard surpassing the 1,000-point milestone for his high school career, getting 23 points in the sub-state final to push his three-year varsity scoring total to 1,004 points. He was also named

first team All-League and second team All-Class 4A-DII by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association. This is his third straight appearance on the All-County basketball team.

Trey Tanking, sr., HHS— Beecher's partner in crime didn't have a shabby final season for Holton High School, either, as Tanking proved to be an all-around threat who was tough for opposing team's to corral.

Tanking was able to attack from anywhere on the court, but he was equally adept at getting his teammates involved, making him a dynamic force on the court as he finished the season averaging 15 points per game (fourth in the league), 5.2 assists per game (first in the league) and 3.3 rebounds per game.

The senior guard was recognized as a first team All-League selection and also earned honorable mention honors with the All-Class 4A team, while earning a spot on the All-County team for the second time.

Wyatt Olberding, so., JHHS— After Richter, Olberding asserted himself as a solid second option on offense for the Cobras. The sophomore eased into the role over the course of the season, which set him up to make some big shots when the stakes were highest (i.e. sub-state and state).

Not only did he finish with averages of 10.5 ppg, 4.8 rpg and 2.4 apg, but Olberding also routinely made an impact on defense. Despite standing just over six-feet tall, he led the Cobras with 19 blocks (nearly one per game) this season.

Olberding earned second team All-League honors in the NEKL this winter and this marks his first selection to the All-County roster.

Joe Cullen, sr., RVHS— The Panthers' post enforcer may have been the player to progress the most in the county this basketball season as Cullen was playing some of his best basketball for RVHS in the team's final games.

Cullen showed his potential as a shot-blocker last year and continued that trend this season, leading the Big Seven with 3.43 blocks per game. He also grabbed 5.19 rebounds per game, but his greatest strides may have come on the offensive end as he averaged 6.1 points per game this season and led the Panthers in scoring in some of their later contests.

RVHS coach Keith Pelton said Cullen's teammates were already lamenting his loss to graduation before the season was even over, which speaks to the impact the All-League pick made this season. This is Cullen's first time being selected to the All-County team.

Noah Rottinghaus, jr., RVHS— Royal Valley's jack-of-all-trades, Rottinghaus routinely filled up the stat sheet for the Panthers and led the team with 9.6 points, 5.62 rebounds and 1.38 steals per game this season.

There is still potential there, too, and Rottinghaus will likely be

counted on even more going into his senior season for RVHS. This is his first appearance on the All-County roster.

Lane Slocum, sr., JHHS— Jackson Heights' big man was quite versatile on the floor for the Cobras this winter, presenting some match-up problems with his athleticism in the pressure defense the team used time and time again to wear down its opponents.

In addition, Slocum held his own on the offensive end and poured in 6.7 points per game to go with four rebounds a contest. He also had 1.3 steals per game to highlight his defensive worth. Slocum is a first-time member of the All-County team.

Jarrett Roy, jr., RVHS— While maybe not the biggest forward on Royal Valley's roster, Roy never let that become a hindrance as he routinely played bigger than his size and turned himself into one of the team's most effective weapons in the post this season.

Roy's unrelenting style led to him finishing third on the team in scoring with 8.3 points per game, while he also averaged 4.05 rebounds per game. His efforts didn't go unnoticed, either, as he was selected to the Big Seven All-League team and the All-County team for the first time.

Korby Strube, sr., JHHS— After new head coach Chris Brown implemented a new tempo style of play with the JHHS boys team this season, it took a steady hand to help facilitate that style of play.

Guard Korby Strube was that steady hand and his veteran presence was a boon to Jackson Heights this season as he pushed the pace on both ends of the floor and averaged 6.4 points, 2.1 rebounds, 1.8 steals and a team high 3.3 assists this season.

That effort earned Strube honorable mention to the All-League team and a spot on the All-County squad for the first time.

Bryson Patch, so., HHS— While Holton came into the season with its dynamic duo pretty well established, the pairing of Beecher and Tanking nearly become a trio by season's end with the emergence of fellow guard Bryson Patch.

After some solid efforts off the bench early in the season, Patch was upgraded to starter late in the season and didn't disappoint with some crucial performances that helped the Wildcats secure some key victories to lock up a runner-up finish in the Big Seven League.

Patch ended up averaging nine points per game this season to go with 2.8 rebounds and is a first-time selection to the All-County roster this season.

Honorable mention picks for the All-County team include Tristan Tessendorf (RVHS), Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS), Nils Bergsten (HHS), Indie Allen (HHS) and Seth Holliday (JHHS).



Members of *The Holton Recorder's* 2014-2015 All-County girls basketball team are pictured above and include (front row, left to right) Tamo Thomas, Jaycee Worrell, Ashlyn Weilert, Courtney Boswell, (back row, left to right) Kate Hanson, Jessica Keehn, Jordan Wells, Becca Gibson and Mackenzie Moore. Not pictured- Hayley Thompson. Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Cobras, Panthers and Wildcats well-represented on AC girls team

For the Jackson County girls basketball teams, the 2014-2015 season was a bit of a rollercoaster ride, with the Cobras, Panthers and Wildcats all experiencing some highs and lows through the course of competition.

Holton and Jackson Heights both finished in the top half of the league standings this season, while the Cobras in particular had a strong run to close out the season by winning eight of their last 12 games.

Royal Valley couldn't match that as the team worked to adjust to a coaching change this season. Late injuries didn't help the team, but the Panthers still showed a lot of fight in the sub-state semifinals.

The Wildcats were the only team to be playing with a state berth on the line this season, falling just short in the championship game against Jeff West. Below is the list of players from those teams who made *The Holton Recorder's* All-County basketball team in 2014-2015, including:

Jessica Keehn, sr., JHHS— In her fourth year of varsity action, Keehn didn't seem to be lacking for confidence. She routinely took charge of the Cobra offense and was just as tenacious on the defensive end.

Keehn was a key cog who never came off the court for too long, as she led the team with 12 points per game and also pitched in 2.5 steals and 2.7 rebounds on average, filling up the stat sheet and covering a lot of ground in the process.

For her efforts, Keehn was selected as a member of the NEKL All-League first team and is appearing on the All-County roster for the third time.

Kate Hanson, jr., RVHS— After showing flashes of her offensive potential last year, Hanson had a breakthrough 2014-2015 campaign.

With her size and athleticism, RVHS coach Corey Katzer noted Hanson was a weapon the Panthers wanted to utilize early and often in the season and they did just that as the new rotation of guards found their groove early.

Those guards helped carry the load late, but Hanson was a rock throughout the season as she finished with 10.5 points per game and 7.7 rebounds per game for Royal Valley. That effort earned her a spot on the All-League first team, honorable mention for the All-Class 4A team and her first selection to the All-County team.

Ashlyn Weilert, so., HHS— A sparkplug for the Wildcats on both offense and defense, Weilert was a key to Holton's success this season.

When HHS was getting out in transition and scoring with ease, Weilert was at the forefront and doing a lot of damage as she finished the season with seven points per game, 2.1 rebounds per game and 2.2 steals per game.

Weilert is appearing on the All-County roster for the second straight year.

Hayley Thompson, jr., HHS— Thompson suffered through some of the same ups and downs that the whole Holton team struggled through, but with her ability to hit jumpers at the top of the key, HHS coach Jon Holliday said she continued to be a focal point of the offense through the course of the season.

When Thompson was on, she was on, too, as the forward finished the season averaging 6.1 points and a team-

high six rebounds per game, though Holliday always pushed for even more aggressive play from his forwards, most of whom will be returning next season.

This is Thompson's second straight appearance on the All-County squad.

Becca Gibson, jr., JHHS— When Gibson was called upon this season, she elevated her game for the Lady Cobras more often than not.

Gibson started the season coming off the bench as an extra post player for the Cobras. When an injury ended Taylor Abel's season around the midway point, Gibson not only had to shift into a starting role, but JH coach Dan Shupe also slotted her in as a guard for the rest of the winter.

It seemed to be no water off Gibson's back as the junior adjusted offensively, but continued to be active in the post defensively finishing with six rebounds and seven points per game this season. She was recognized as an honorable mention pick for the NEKL All-League team and is making her debut on the All-County roster this year.

Jaycee Worrell, sr., RVHS— Leaders do what is necessary for the good of the team and Worrell epitomized that in her final year of high school basketball with Royal Valley.

Worrell shifted roles multiple times this season, first with Katzer implementing a new offense and moving her to shooting guard before moving back to point guard after a late injury limited point guard Tamo Thomas in the final stretch.

No matter where she was playing, though, Worrell could score with the best of them. She finished the season with 11.5 points per game and came up with some of her best performances after Thomas suffered that injury. She also finished the year with an average of three steals per game.

The senior guard earned All-League honors once again and earned a spot on the All-County team for the third time in her career.

Jordan Wells, sr., JHHS— Wells may very well have been the heart and soul of this Jackson Heights team as she routinely drew the toughest post match-ups on defense, but continued to give it her all no matter the odds.

The senior especially seemed to step up her game in the second half of the season, turning in some stellar performances against top league foes (with one in particular against Pleasant Ridge) and finishing with 5.1 points

and six rebounds per game to help Heights finish 12-10 this season.

For Wells, this is her first selection to an All-County roster.

Courtney Boswell, so., HHS— In just her second year of varsity basketball, Boswell already seemed more at home on the court and leading the charge for Holton from the point guard position.

Not only did Boswell embrace her role as facilitator on the offensive end, but she could hit some key shots when needed herself. She also proved to be the best free throw shooter (75%) for HHS this season while amassing 7.7 ppg, 2.8 rpg and team-highs of 2.4 apg and 2.6 spg.

Boswell was the only Wildcat named to the All-League team and is a repeat pick for All-County this season.

Tamo Thomas, fr., RVHS— Katzer may have put some high expectations on this freshman point guard who was given the keys to the Panther offense right away, but that never seemed to bring Thomas down on the court.

In fact, the only thing that could slow Thomas down was a concussion that sidelined her for a time late in the season. If not for that, she may very well have averaged double digits in scoring like Worrell and Hanson.

What Thomas ended up doing was no less impressive, though, as she averaged 8.3 points, 3.3 rebounds and two assists per contest this season to make for one strong debut. That earned her a spot on the All-County squad for the first time this season.

Mackenzie Moore, jr., HHS— One player who consistently embodied the effort Holliday wanted from the Wildcat forwards was Moore, who seemed to have an endless motor and a knack for coming up with some hard-fought rebounds.

That effort was on display in the sub-state championship game against Jeff West, a game in which Moore helped to keep Holton in it with her offensive and defensive contributions. Overall, she finished the season averaging 4.6 points and 4.3 rebounds for the Wildcats and made the All-County roster for the first time.

Honorable mention selections for the All-County team include Shay Tanking (HHS), Payton Thomas (JHHS), Kassadey Dahl (RVHS), Levanna Biggoose (RVHS) and Kimmie Sneepp (HHS).



The *Holton Recorder's* 2014-2015 All-County boys basketball team is pictured above and includes (front row, left to right) Wyatt Olberding, Korby Strube, Trey Tanking, Garett Beecher, Bryson Patch, (back row, left to right) Lane Slocum, Zane Richter, Jarrett Roy, Noah Rottinghaus and Joe Cullen. Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

2015 WETMORE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

2015 Wetmore High School track schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Apr. 14	Nem. Central Invit.	Seneca	4 p.m.
Apr. 17	Rock Creek Invit.	St. George	3 p.m.
Apr. 21	Don. West Invit.	Highland	4 p.m.
Apr. 30	V. Heights Invit.	Blue Rapids	3 p.m.
May 7	Sabetha Invitational	Sabetha	3 p.m.
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2015 Royal Valley Middle School track schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
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Apr. 9	Silver Lake Invit.	Silver Lake	3 p.m.
Apr. 20	Perry-Lecomp. Invit.	Perry	3 p.m.
Apr. 23	Royal Valley Quad	Hoyt	4 p.m.
Apr. 28	P. Ridge Invit.	Easton	3:45 p.m.
May 5	Eudora Invitational	Eudora	3:45 p.m.
May 12	Big Seven meet	Holton	2 p.m.

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2015 HOLTON MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

2015 Holton Middle School track schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Apr. 9	Silver Lake Invit.	Silver Lake	3 p.m.
Apr. 16	Jeff West Invit.	Meriden	4 p.m.
Apr. 23	RV Invitational	Hoyt	4 p.m.
Apr. 24	Seaman Invit.	Topeka	4 p.m.
Apr. 27	Holton Invitational	Holton	2 p.m.
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May 12	Big Seven meet	Holton	2 p.m.

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2015 Jackson Heights Middle School track schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Apr. 7	Everest Invit.	Everest	3:30 p.m.
Apr. 16	St. Marys Invit.	St. Marys	2 p.m.
Apr. 21	P. Ridge Invit.	Easton	3:45 p.m.
Apr. 23	Sabetha Invit.	Sabetha	1 p.m.
Apr. 27	Nem. Central Invit.	Seneca	3 p.m.
Apr. 30	Rossville Invit.	Rossville	12:30 p.m.
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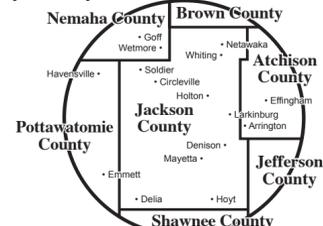
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Election...

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Mayetta: Damian Brackenbury and Rudy Schmidt for three available positions on the council.

Netawaka: Bruce Meininger for mayor and Kevin Schmitz, Jarred Rethman, Doug Amon, Bob Lamberson and Daryl Wilson for five available positions on the council.

Soldier: Luke Geist and Paula Keating for mayor and Jackie Tannahill, Nina Reed, Brenda Holliday-Stanton, Dakota Keating, Ida Nadeau and Penny Ludlow for five available positions on the council.

Whiting: Larry Eubanks, Richard Archer and Matthew Honas for five available positions on the council. No one filed for mayor.

There are also two positions on the Meadowlark Extension District #7 council that will be included in the spring election. Henriette Area

and Jeri Albright have filed for those positions, it was reported.

Poll locations include:
Adrian Township: Delia Community Center.

Banner Township: Courthouse.

Cedar Township and City of Mayetta: St. Francis Xavier Church.

Douglas Township and City of Hoyt: Hoyt Community Building.

Franklin Township: Courthouse.

Garfield Township and City of Denison: Denison Community Building.

Grant Township: Soldier City Hall-Community Center.

Jefferson Township and City of Circleville: Circleville Christian Church.

Liberty Township: Courthouse.

Lincoln Township: St. Francis

Xavier Church.

Netawaka Township and City of Netawaka: Netawaka Community Building.

Soldier Township and City of Soldier: Soldier City Hall-Community Center.

St. Creek Township: Whiting Community Center.

Washington Township and City of Delia: Delia Community Center.

Whiting Township and City of Whiting: Whiting Community Center.

Holton Ward 1, 2 and 3: Jackson County Fair Building.

For more information about the election, call the county clerk's office at 364-5200.

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Becker...

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"The school board was all ready for it," Becker said.

Raising the funds for the first Honor Flight, however, posed more of a challenge than Becker thought it would. After taking his proposal for the program to the district's communities and promoting the program to others in the area, he said that in February of 2009, the program had only raised about \$3,000 for the first flight — about one-fifth of the cost of a trip at the time — and he decided to put it in greater hands.

"I just said, 'Lord, it's all yours. I'm not going to think about it anymore. If you want us to take three or four vets, we'll take three or four vets. If you want us to take 33 vets, we'll take 33 vets,'" he said. "I never asked, and the money came pouring in over the next 30 days like you wouldn't believe. We had just the right amount to take 33 vets on our first Honor Flight."

On Wednesday, April 29, 2009, those 33 veterans, along with 14 JHHS students acting as "guardians" to the veterans, medical support personnel and other Heights staffers, flew to the nation's capital. They visited the national World War II Memorial and other historic sites in Washington, participating in a 21-hour round trip that was tiring but memorable.

One of those students acting as a "guardian" on that first flight was Kasey Strube, then a junior at JHHS, whom Becker — now Strube's father-in-law — said had to look after two of the most "high-maintenance" veterans on the trip. Strube, Becker added, did an admirable job of taking care of his veteran charges.

The experience of the trip has also resonated with Strube, who talked about his experience with those present on Saturday.

"It was something that's had a lasting impact on me," Strube said. "I got a lot more out of it than I would ever be able to know."

For the veterans, Becker said the experience they had with the JHHS students only came second to the reception they received upon landing in Washington. Each time, USO volunteers from the Washington area greeted the veterans and other Honor Flight participants, thanking the veterans for their service, while others waiting at the airport gate waved flags, applauded and

cheered.

"This was definitely the highlight," Becker said of the veterans' arrival and greeting in Washington, playing a video of the first Honor Flight's arrival at Dulles International Airport as proof.

More promotion and fund-raising guaranteed that another four Honor Flights would happen, said Becker, who oversaw three more trips after that first one. Becker left the district in 2011 to take a similar position in Hesston, but he reminded those present that Jackson Heights continues to occupy "a special place in the Becker family's heart."

The other order of the day, Becker reminded the audience, was the memories of his trip last year to Normandy on the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landing. He and his younger brother were part of a group of five who visited historic sites in England and France on that trip, stopping at such places as Omaha Beach, Pegasus Bridge and the Suffolk House in Portsmouth, England.

The latter place, Becker said, was where Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower stayed in the run-up to the D-Day invasion. He noted that Eisenhower had a difficult decision to make about the invasion because of a storm that was coming that way on that day, but the next window of opportunity for an invasion wouldn't come for another couple of weeks. Despite the weather, Becker said, Eisenhower made the decision to go ahead with the landing.

Becker took along one of his Honor Flight T-shirts and, upon encountering WWII veterans who were in Normandy for the 70th anniversary celebration, asked them to autograph the shirt. The first such veteran to sign the shirt was Warren Wilt, a paratrooper from Abbyville — only about 40 miles away from Hesston — whom Becker said was "quite the gentleman."

Another one he met was Jack Schlegel, a paratrooper whom Becker said was one of several in a unit who had streets in a French village named after them after the unit liberated the village from German soldiers. Becker said the encounter with Schlegel was fun, but also bittersweet, as Schlegel would die only a few days later.

Becker also visited the American cemetery near Omaha Beach, noting how well its graves of Allied

soldiers who died in the D-Day invasion are maintained in contrast with graves at a nearby cemetery of German soldiers who died in the same invasion. He said there is a "waiting list" of people who want to help in the American cemetery's upkeep, while the other cemetery does not and is rather humble in comparison.

The citizens of Normandy also continue to celebrate the Allied liberation of their city, even to this day, Becker said. But what's most important, he added, is the spirit and the strength of the young men who fought and died to liberate France in the turning-point battle of World War II.

"Being involved with Honor Flight, I've really come to appreciate the courage of the World War II veteran. It was a necessary war," Becker said. "Honor Flight is just our way of saying to these men, thank you for your service."

For more information on the Honor Flight program at Jackson Heights, or to make a donation, contact the district office at 364-2194.

World Tour...

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All performers on the tour, as well as staff members, are volunteers, and they raise their own financial support through friends, families and local churches.

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Lassey...

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in human biology in 1998 and a bachelor of science in organismal biology in 1999 before going on to earn his medical doctorate at the KU School of Medicine in 2004.

He served a three-year residency with the Smoky Hill Family Medicine Residency Program in Salina, where he served as chief resident, before joining the Family Practice Associates staff. Today, he practices full-spectrum family medicine with obstetrics.

When it comes to Holton, Lassey most enjoys the neighborly attitude and friendliness of its residents, whom he says exemplify "people helping each other."

"It's a beautiful city that people take pride in and come together to maintain and improve," he said. "The Square is full of personality and is a trademark of the town."

The Square is also where his wife, Erin, works as the proprietor of Penny's on the west side. The Lasseys remodeled the former J.C. Penney building into a coffee shop and event venue, opening it last fall.

The Lasseys have two children, seven-year-old Luke and six-year-old Rebekah, both students at Colorado Elementary School in Holton. They also have a Brittany Spaniel, two ducks and three cats "at last count," Lassey said.

Lassey also serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Holton. In his spare time, he enjoys building and remodeling, basketball, exercise, playing banjo, working on his computer and, most of all, spending time with his family.

And, of course, incorporating a sense of humor into the things he does.

"I dress comfortably and wear comfortable shoes, like Gilda Radner, who said, 'I base most of my fashion taste on what doesn't itch,'" he said.

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(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, April 1, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM D. LLOYD, JR. deceased.

Case No. 15 PR 11

NOTICE

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on 26th day of March, 2015, a Petition was filed in this court by William D. Lloyd, III, and Rex Roy Lloyd, executors of the Estate of William D. Lloyd, Jr, deceased, requesting the Will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioners be appointed as executors, without bond, and that they be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 23rd day of April, 2015, at 8:45 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, at which time

and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if their identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

/s/ William D. Lloyd, III
William D. Lloyd, III

/s/ Rex Roy Lloyd
Rex Roy Lloyd

Submitted and Approved:

/s/ J. Richard Lake
J. Richard Lake, #06661
Attorney at Law
110 West 5th Street
Holton KS 66436
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Attorney for Petitioner

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(Political adv. paid for by John Morrissey.)

B Community News



Mellenbruch - Fischer



Green Thumb

Construction of the Royal Valley High School greenhouse (shown above) was recently completed at the school in Hoyt. A portion of the project was paid for by a \$10,000 grant from America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, which is sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The greenhouse was full of activity on Friday during the school's FFA Elementary Agriculture Day. In the photo at left, FFA member Jenna Thurman, a RVHS junior, poured water into some new soil and seed given to Skyler Cramer (right), a second-grade student in Tammy Conley's class. The event, which featured different "stations" for elementary students, was sponsored by a grant the FFA club received from the Kansas Farm Bureau and the Kansas FFA Foundation. The club received the funds at last year's Kansas FFA State event.

Photos by Ali Holcomb

Loy and Karen Mellenbruch of Holton are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jobi Mellenbruch, to Kurt Fischer of Salisbury, Mo., son of Steve and Karen Fischer of Wein, Mo. Grandmother of the bride is Evelyn Lewis of Holton. The bride-to-be is a 2006 graduate of Holton High School. She received an associate of applied science degree from Fort Scott Community College in 2008 and a bachelor of science degree

from Kansas State University in feed science and management in 2011. She is currently employed by General Mills in Hannibal, Mo. The future groom is a 2005 high school graduate of Salisbury, Mo., and a 2007 graduate of Allen County Community College. He is currently employed by Ricketts Farm Service. A May 2, 2015 wedding at Renner's Coach House in Wetmore is planned. Chris Dodson will officiate.

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April 7, 2015

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Marriage of FELISITAS VARGAS

and
RAUL VARGAS-BAUTISTA

Case No. 2015 DM 31
NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO RAUL VARGAS-BAUTISTA, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED.

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Divorce has been filed in the above District Court by Felisitas Vargas. You have until on or before April 28, 2015 to file your answer with the Court in Holton, Jackson County, Kansas. If you fail to file an answer, judgment and decree will be entered against you based upon the Petition filed with the Court.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

C.W., a minor child, by and through his natural guardian and mother, MANDI BOHNENKEMPER,

Petitioner,
vs.
JULIUS O. WHITE SR.,

Respondent
Case No. 2015 DM 32

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO JULIUS O. WHITE SR., AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED.

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Paternity, Custody, Parenting Time, and Child Support has been filed in the above District Court by Mandi Bohnenkemper. You have until on or before April 28, 2015 to file your answer with the Court in Holton, Jackson County, Kansas. If you fail to file an answer, judgment and decree will be entered against you based upon the Petition filed with the Court.

Mandi Bohnenkemper,
PETITIONER
Megan Massey #25133
Kansas Legal Services
203 North 8th Street
Seneca, Kansas 66538
(785) 336-6016
Attorney for Petitioner



Holton senior Garrett Beecher (shown above, second from right in front) recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball at the University of Saint Mary next winter. Joining him at the signing were HHS basketball coach Ryan Noel (front left), father Greg Beecher (second from front left), mother Rhonda Beecher (front right), Saint Mary head basketball coach Troy Brown (back left) and KC Legacy West AAU basketball coach Mike Martin (back right). Submitted photo

Immanuel Lutheran Church By Esther L. Ideker

Midweek Lenten service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on March 25, 2015, following Pastor Geske's return to the pulpit. The theme of this year's Lenten services from the Book of Galatians continued.

A hymn sing was held at the beginning of the service. Following the invocation, opening sentences, confession and absolution and reading of Psalm 130 and Galatians chapter 4, the hymn "Father Welcomes" was sang.

The sermon theme was "Heirs of Christ." As heirs we are God's own, and have been welcomed to His family. From Galatians 4, "Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out 'Abba, Father. So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.'"

In Jesus, God was doing the impossible and the unbelievable so that we could have a new relationship and the certainty that heaven is our home for eternity. How true are the words of the Apostle John, when he wrote: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth," (1 John 1:14). Share your Savior and tell the world that you are an heir of God and He has a home for you.

In the prayers of the church, those prayed for were all people in their various needs, for clergy and laity, for the nations, for the poor and down-trodden, for those who tend the sick and injured and for those in spiritual distress. The congregation joined in Luther's evening prayer. Following the benediction, the service closed with the hymn "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night."

The Sunday of Passion worship service on March 29 at Immanuel Lutheran Church began with procession of the children of the church with palm branches while the congregation sang "All Glory Laud and Honor." The greeting and doxology, confession and forgiveness and collect preceded the reading of the Gospel from Mark 11:1-10 (The Triumphal Entry). Tex Manuel II read the Old Testament

lesson from Zechariah Chapter 9, led the responsive Psalm and the Epistle reading from Philippians chapter 2.

In the children's message, Pastor Jeffrey Geske reminded the children that this is the day we celebrate remembering the event of many, many years ago when Jesus rode into Jerusalem with the people wanting to honor Him as a king. He came for a greater purpose and that was to bear the sins of the whole world on the cross. This event led to the passion week of our Lord.

The sermon hymn was "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna." Pastor Geske's sermon theme was "The King That Would Die For Us," with the Epistle lesson as text. Ascribed to our Jesus, our Christ, our Savior, are the titles of King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Throughout this Lenten tide, we have heard of other kings, some from the Old Testament - David, Saul, Solomon, Ahab, Zedediah - and one New Testament king who reigned at the time of Jesus' birth, Herod the Great. The glory of the days of King David had long disappeared from Israel's history; yet the people pinned their hopes on a restoration of those days. They thought the restoration would come through Jesus. They welcomed Him to Jerusalem as their king.

But what kind of king is Jesus? The King came into Jerusalem riding on the symbol of humility, and before the week was complete, Jesus our King would humble Himself and die on a cross for us. Do we have the courage to care and the courage to share the saving message of our King Jesus? We are called to be intentional in sharing the love, joy and forgiveness that we have received. The answer to why we do this is as simple as those words of the Apostle John, "We love because He first loved us," (1 John 4:19). We bring a changeless Christ to an ever-changing and troubled world.

In the prayers of the church, with hosannas we come before you, O Lord of hosts, inadequately expressing our appreciation for our redemption, and acknowledge our unfaithfulness and neglected prayer, listening to your Word and ask forgiveness. Blessings were asked on those who are sick or grieving, for the armed forces, the world and community and mission-

aries and pastors. The congregation sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Elders Mike Keehn and Tex Manuel II assisted Pastor Geske with the distribution of Holy Communion. The distribution hymns were "I Come O Savior, To Thy Table" and "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord."

Following the doxology and benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty."

Assisting at the service were Tex Manuel II, elder; Trey Manuel, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Jennifer McMahon and Teri Manuel.

Gaylen and Karen Baumann and Rich Heitzman were welcomed to the service. Bible class and confirmation class and a time of fellowship followed.

Holy Week services will be held at Immanuel with Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. on April 2 with communion, Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. on April 3 and Easter Sunday service at 9 a.m. on April 5. The children will have an egg hunt in the park after services.

Immanuel Ladies met at the church on Friday, March 27, with Lavon Keehn leading the devotion and topic from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly, "Seedy Characters." Lavon also served as hostess. Installation of officers was led by Pastor Geske.

An announcement of the LWML Spring Rally at Hiawatha on April 18 was made. Reminders of registration for National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, from June 25-28 and donation to Malaria Nets for Africa composed the business meeting.



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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name Hope Roxanne Bratcher

DOB xx/xx/1998 A female

Case No. 2015-JC-000017

and

Name Faith Lynn Bratcher

DOB xx/xx/1999 A female

Case No. 2015-JC-000018

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Jamie M. Bratcher and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child(ren) named above is a Child in Need

of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parents should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child(ren).

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the Thursday, May 07, 2015, at 09:30 AM. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child(ren). The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child(ren).

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or

any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian *ad litem* for the child: **Alexandria S. Morrissey, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 366, Holton, KS 66436; Phone: 785-364-0158.** You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: **Randy M. Barker, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1012, Holton, KS 66436; Phone: 785-304-1078.**

Date and time of hearing: Thursday, May 07, 2015, at 09:30 AM

Place of hearing: Jackson County District Court, Courthouse, 3rd floor, Holton, KS 66436

/s/ Dennis Reiling
Judge of the District Court

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Circleville By Jeannie Arnold

Sympathy goes out to the family of Loren Mitchell, who died at his home on March 25, after a long fought battle with cancer. Loren graduated from Circleville High School in 1965. Loren and his wife, Beth, lived in Circleville for many years, raising their family, and he also worked at The Farmers State Bank in Circleville for a short time with Beth after his retirement from Goodyear.

Local survivors include a brother, David Mitchell, and his wife, Linda, of Circleville. Many from the community attended the visitation on Sunday, March 29, and the funeral service on Monday, March 30, at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial was in Circleville Cemetery. Barbara Hutchinson attended the Netawaka Senior Citizens' meeting

on Thursday, March 26, and enjoyed a ham dinner, with side dishes furnished by those attending. After the meal, the group enjoyed playing pitch.

Barbara Hutchinson and Helen Farley went to the Hiawatha Baptist Center to attend the "Our Gang" spring luncheon on Friday, March 27. The "Our Gang" travel group is sponsored by the Holton, Hiawatha, Wetmore and Horton National Bank branches. GNB music entertainment was provided by a group from Hiawatha High School.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson and Kenny Wykert were among those attending the fund-raiser for the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. that was held on Saturday, March 28, at the Circleville Christian Church.

Paul Becker, former superintendent of schools, was the guest speaker. Becker and his brother and brother's family had been in France last summer and attended the 70th anniversary of Normandy Invasion and D-Day.

He presented a Powerpoint of various places they visited and also showed clips from scenes from the movie "Longest Day." They interviewed a veteran who was in the battle at Omaha Beach. Casey Strube, one of the students who was a guardian the first year they went on the Honor Flight, was there and told of his thoughts on the opportunity.

The Circleville Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the ball park for kids ages 12 and under.

Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards

March 29 was a cold, windy morning. It is nice to see green grass again. Steve Banaka was candlelighter and offertory usher at Netawaka United Methodist Church. Palm leaves were given to each person for Palm Sunday. Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements and invited the sharing of joys and concerns. The signs of spring are welcomed - the green grass, early flowers and the birds singing.

Marcia told about going to the soccer games of her little grandsons, Michael and Luke. Janet Banaka is at St. Francis, finally able to eat and talk after 65 days. She is improving. There is still a long list of those needing prayer.

Pastor Caren Loper led the call to worship from Psalm 118 and the Palm Sunday litany. The hymn of praise was "All Glory, Laud and Honor." "The Master Needs Your Donkey" was the unison prayer of confession. Congregational hymns were "Jesus, Remember Me" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Pastor Caren read Mark 11:1-11, Jesus' triumphal entry. Her sermon was "Hosanna In The Highest." Pastor Caren encouraged everyone to wave their palm leaf at the word "Hosanna."

There is a certain amount of excitement during Holy Week. Services celebrating Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday leading up to Easter our held in the communities. Christians share in the seriousness and the joys of the week. They also share in the struggles of those in the community and others of the world who endure hardship, grief and loss of loved ones.

We pray for the lonely and the guilty ones who need redemption. God calls us to be disciples. It is time to stand up for Jesus.

Netawaka Senior Citizens met Thursday, March 26, for a pre-Easter dinner. They had a good meal, as usual, and played cards afterward.

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Gardener's Corner

Frosty weather may not be the end of apricots

By Sandra M. Siebert

Spring, such a fickle season, especially in March.

However, I can't really complain about March this year. The weather has been absolutely beautiful, although it's ridden that line between t-shirt weather and got-to-wear-a-jacket weather.

I walked through the garden just two days after the spring equinox, looking for green signs. I found them readily enough. Tiny new leaves hidden beneath the dead, brown growth of last year. Calamint, oregano, peppermint, slender mountain mint and so on, fragrant herbs testing the air, getting ready for the big push toward summer. The elderberries shove sprouts from the soil and leaf buds from the branches.

Seeds planted early in the month make green lines in the gardens. Even the spinach has seen fit to germinate prolifically for a change. It's going to be a good year. Elm trees flower and fat, swollen buds can be seen on many other trees, including our fruit trees.

The apricot tree began blooming last week, making the honey bees happy with sweet diversion from the elm flowers. And, as usual, the forecast called for freezing temps a few nights after the blooming began.

Of course. That's the way it is with apricots here in Kansas. It's why growing information about apricot trees claims we get actual apricots only once every five to seven years here.

Even so, our apricot blooms may still produce fruit, barring any colder temperatures.



Fruit trees that bloom early in the season generally have a certain amount of tolerance for freezing temperatures. According to K-State Research and Extension, even in full bloom, apricots experience 10 percent kill at 27 degrees Fahrenheit. My thermometer read just 29 degrees on Thursday morning, the first of the forecast freezes.

At full bloom, it takes a temperature of 22 degrees for apricots to experience 90 percent kill. Since I am writing this with a couple of nearly-freezing nights yet to go - which could drop lower than predicted - I can't yet say we are guaranteed apricots. However, I am hopeful.

The little green fruit of the apricot tree is slightly less cold tolerant than the blooms, experiencing 10 percent kill at 28 degrees - certainly not unheard of in April - and 90 percent kill at 25 degrees.

Other fruit trees, apples, pears, plums, peaches and tart cherries, have about the same hardiness when in full bloom and beginning to set fruit. However, they tend to bloom later than apricot trees, the eager beavers of tree fruit.

Peach trees tend to be the next in line to bloom, which means peaches aren't necessarily an annual crop here. Last year, the peach tree planted with the majority of apple trees was loaded with fruit, in spite of some late-season cold weather. However, I harvested only a handful of peaches, due to my stupidity. But that's another story.

The threat of low temperatures can panic those who make a living growing tree fruit. Vulnerable blossoms and green fruit can be protected by various methods. Perhaps we've all seen stories about orange growers setting up smudge pots in their groves when unusual cold threatens.

The smudge pots contain some

kind of material that burns with lots of smoke. The smoke helps hold a few degrees of heat in the air, preventing loss of blooms and fruit. However, that means a sleepless night keeping the pots smoking.

Some growers might wet their trees with fine mist. The water will freeze, but it supposedly gets no colder than 32 degrees. So ice-coated fruit blossoms should survive.

Anything that holds a few degrees of heat will help protect fruit blossoms and other susceptible plants. When the temperature drops below freezing, a few degrees make a big difference. Early last week, the forecast called for a low of 24 on Friday night, which had me worried about my broccoli, kale, lettuce and radish babies. A day later, the forecast was raised to 27 degrees, much to my relief. Then the forecast temperature increased again.

Twenty-seven is not unusual for late March, but that typically occurs when the weather has been pretty cool, slowing growth and preparing the green things that are growing for any frostiness. After a few weeks of no freezing weather, the hardiness of even cold-tolerant plants is not guaranteed, especially young ones.

Old blankets and sheets remain piled in a wheelbarrow in our garage, ready to throw over the more valuable and vulnerable plants if lower temperatures threaten. If you have just one or two small fruit trees, tossing sheets or even ordinary row cover over blossoming trees will give them just enough protection to save them from freezing.

Last year, my sister also strung Christmas tree lights in her peach tree when frostiness was forecast. I also strung lights along my tomato plants, when frost was forecast in mid-May, just two days after I planted them. My sister had

peaches. I had tomatoes. Yay for Christmas tree lights.

The temperature fell only to 32 degrees here that night, so even unprotected tomatoes might have survived. But the insurance of the lights afforded me a better night's sleep.

We eagerly look forward to a bountiful year of fruit, maybe even apricots. If you've never eaten a tree-ripened fruit of any kind, you don't know fruit's full potential of tastiness. Whatever your favorite fruit from the grocery store, when allowed to fully ripen on the tree, it tastes so much better.

Tree-ripened apricots are like candy. Tree-ripened apples possess a sweeter, more complex flavor. Tree-ripened peaches have no equal.

If you balk at the higher price of locally grown, tree-ripened fruit at the farmers market this summer, just take a taste. You might deem the extra cost worth it. And the grower who fretted, and tossed and turned through potentially fruit-killing nights will thank you.

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Don and Renae Askren served as greeters at the door for the combined 10:30 a.m. service on March 29 at Circleville Christian Church. Amanda Mellenbruch provided a piano prelude prior to the service. The praise team opened the service by singing "There is a God." The praise team was made up of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz, Sandra Hurt, Paul and Sue Davault and Randy Wickham.

Gary Bell gave the opening prayer. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events, and David Allen gave the prayer for concerns and praises. Lori Mellenbruch joined the praise team for a beautiful special as they sang "On My Father's Side."

Randy Wickham used text from Matthew 21:9-11, Zechariah 9:9 and Matthew 7:21-23 as he gave the morning sermon titled "Hosanna in the Highest!" His message reflected the events of Palm Sunday, with Jesus fulfilling prophecy. Jesus came to set us free from sin. That's why He lived and that's why He died. Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! If Jesus is your savior, praise God!

David Allen gave the communion meditation, speaking on the "Power of the Cross." Communion servers were Don Askren, Donnie Askren, Larry Self Jr., Mark Fenton, Aaron Allen and Matt Haufler. Amanda Mellenbruch provided wonderful piano music as communion was served. The prayer for the offering was given by Paul Davault, and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You." A fellowship carry-in dinner followed the fifth Sunday service.

Next Sunday, there will be an Easter sunrise service at the church at 6:45 a.m. There will be the normal three services on Easter with cinnamon rolls and fruit and drinks provided for each service that day. You are invited to join us at 9 a.m. for traditional worship, 9:15 a.m. for Cowboy Church or 10:45 a.m. for the modern worship service.



Hundleys to note 60th anniversary

Duane and Marjorie Hundley of Holton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 25, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church of Holton. All family and friends are invited to attend. They request no gifts, please.

Hosts are their children, Rosanna (Keith) Wilson, Laura Ladusch,

all of Circleville, Randy (Kristie) Hundley and Larry Hundley and companion Marsha Taylor, all of Holton.

Duane and Marjorie Dowd were married April 2, 1955 in St. Joseph, Mo., and have lived in Holton for 60 years. They have nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, with another due in July, and seven step-great-grandchildren.

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Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
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(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF:
Name Josiah (Joe) A. Blake

DOB xx/xx/2007 A male
Case No. 2013-JC-000027

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Jason Lee and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child(ren) named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change

in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parents should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child(ren).

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the Friday, May 8, 2015, at 9:00 AM. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child(ren). The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child(ren).

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and

entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Randy M. Barker, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1012, Holton, KS 66436; Phone: 785-304-1078. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: J. Richard Lake, Attorney at Law, 110 West 5th, Holton, KS; Phone: 785-364-4161.

Date and time of hearing: Friday, May 8, 2015, at 9:00 AM

Place of hearing: Jackson County District Court, Courthouse, 3rd floor, Holton, KS 66436

/s/ Dennis Reiling
Judge of the District Court

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In the photo above, Royal Valley FFA members Patrick Broxterman (left) and Anna Johnson (right) taught second-grade students about the FFA organization and helped them build a giant plush hamburger as part of the FFA Elementary Agriculture Day. FFA members taught students in kindergarten through second grade about different aspects of agriculture through hands-on activities such as planting their own seeds. At right, FFA member Janelle Marney explained what each plant was to (from left) Justin Hainline, Alexandria Kester and Lauren Smith (right), who are all second-grade students in Tammy Conley's class. Photos by Ali Holcomb

RV FFA spotlight member of the month: Karl Wilhelm

By Janelle Marney
Karl Wilhelm, a senior at Holton High School, is in this month's FFA member spotlight.

Karl has been an FFA member since his freshman year, and he has advanced in his chapter to become its current vice president. His supervised agricultural experience (SAE) is agricultural sales.

He works at the local Pizza Hut and is involved in selling food products. This helps him understand food safety and food processing at a much higher level.

Karl is very active in FFA and attends most of the career devel-

opment events, or CDEs. He said his favorite FFA accomplishment is being ranked as a national gold medalist in forestry.

Karl's favorite part about being in FFA is the team bonding that he and others experience. His favorite CDEs include poultry, in which he placed first in district competition; parliamentary procedure; and public speaking. He plans to run for state FFA office this spring.

Editor's note: Janelle Marney, a junior at Royal Valley High School, writes the monthly FFA and 4-H member spotlights as part of her SAE in agriculture communications.



Kansas Cold Weather Rule no longer in effect

The Kansas Cold Weather Rule ended on March 31, and Kansans who are delinquent on electric and natural gas utility bills will be subject to disconnection of service now, it has been reported.

The rule, in effect Nov. 1 through March 31 each year, provides protection to residential customers who cannot fully pay winter utility bills from companies under the Kansas Corporation Commission's (KCC) jurisdiction. That protection ended Tuesday.

The KCC would like to remind Kansas customers there is still time, however, to contact your utility company to set up a payment plan, but cautions that failure to make arrangements or failure to adhere to an already established payment plan could result in service disconnection. Reconnection may require payment in full.

The Cold Weather Rule requires utilities to set up 12-month payment

plans for customers who cannot afford to pay their full bill. As part of this arrangement, the customer must make an initial payment of 1/12 of the overdue amount, 1/12 of the bill for current service and the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fees, plus any applicable deposit owed to the utility. The balance will be billed in equal payments over the next 11 months in addition to the regular monthly bill.

The KCC adopted the Cold Weather Rule to protect customers during cold winter weather by providing a reasonable and organized method of paying past due and current bills. The Cold Weather Rule applies only to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the KCC's jurisdiction.

For a complete list of utilities regulated by the KCC visit kcc.ks.gov/pi/jurisdictional_utilities.htm.

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Card Shower



Bob Baum
Bob Baum of Holton will celebrate his 80th birthday on Tuesday, April 7.
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Sally Ingels
Sally Ingels of Nortonville will celebrate her 60th birthday on Friday, April 3.
Cards may be sent to her at PO Box 173, Nortonville, KS 66060.

Holton First Baptist

By Shirley M. Cameron
The procession of approximately 40 children with palm leaves, followed with a song, was enjoyed on Palm Sunday, March 29, at Holton First Baptist Church. Karol Bell led them in singing, along with other ladies.
"Here Today, Gone Tomorrow" was Pastor Tim's sermon from Luke 23:39-43 and Psalm 23:1-3. A problem today is we have too many distractions in our lives. He asked the congregation, "Are we too distracted that we don't hear God's voice? What are they? Are we running so much that we are missing out on God's great plan for us?"
One thief on the cross mocked Jesus. He felt he didn't need a Savior, desiring to live his own way. Many people all over the world believe as this thief.

The other thief believed and received Jesus, saying he deserved his punishment. He humbled himself before God. Jesus replied, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus died for both men.
Jesus died for all men, but some reject Him. It's our choice to accept or reject; Jesus won't force Himself on anyone.

Sincere sympathy to Gary and Allea Stone in the loss of a baby boy, Garrett Stone. A memorial service

will be held at the church. Easter sunrise service will be held at 7 a.m. at the Germans' with breakfast to follow. Sunday school and worship services are at the normal times. Rita Ent or Jennifer Berges can let anyone know what foods are needed for the breakfast.

Remember Ben O'Byrne as he and a team go to Sicily to minister to Libyan refugees. Other prayers needed are listed in the bulletin, as usual, to lift up in prayer.
The junior high youth went to the movie "Do You Believe?" in Topeka Sunday evening.

The evening events will soon be coming to Jackson County! Persons performing and the whole team will be at the church at 7 a.m. on Monday, April 13, all in preparation for the events at Jackson Heights at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14; 7 p.m. at Royal Valley; and 7 p.m. at Holton High School on April 17 and 18. Admission is free at all events, which are open to families in the county and surrounding area.

Let us know!

Send your baby's name, birth date and place, weight and height, and names of parents, siblings and grandparents. A photo will be published for a fee. Bring the news into the office at 109 West Fourth Street in Holton; mail to *The Holton Recorder*, P.O. Box 311, Holton, Kansas, 66436; fax the news to 364-3422; call 364-3141; or e-mail the news to holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com. Please include name and telephone number with news.

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AG WEEK: Cash futures race higher again

By Matt Hines

Cattle futures raced higher again Friday with cash feedlot trade higher to end the week.

Kansas trade was reported at \$163 which is \$2 higher than a week ago. In Nebraska, cash feedlot trade took place at \$165 live and \$263 on a dressed basis, \$2 to \$4 higher than a week ago. The trend remains bullish with continued tight supplies and the upcoming grilling season knocking on our door.

The Quarterly Hogs & Pigs Report from Friday afternoon showed United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2015 was 65.9 million head. This was up 7 percent from March 1, 2014, but down slightly from December 1, 2014.

Breeding inventory, at 5.98 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.0 million head, was up 8 percent from last year, but down slightly from last quarter.

The December 2014-February 2015 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up 9 percent from 2014. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.83 million head, up 2 percent from 2014. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd.

The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.17 for the December-February period, compared to 9.53 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.90 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the March-May 2015 quarter, up 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, and up 2 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for June-August 2015, at 2.93 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2014, but up 1 percent from 2013.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, down from 48 percent last year.

Revisions All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2014 through December 2014 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data.

An upward revision of 0.1 percent was made to the December 2014 all hogs and pigs inventory. The net revision to the September 2014 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.9 percent. A net revision of 2.9 percent was made to the June-August 2014 pig crop.

Overall this should be friendly to deferred months based on farrowings and intentions all coming in below the estimates. Larger than expected market hog numbers should keep front end gains in check compared to the back months.

For the week, Friday to Friday, April Live Cattle up \$4.27, June up \$2.50, April Feeder Cattle up \$3.07, August up \$3.15, April Lean Hogs up \$2.67, June up \$1.15. CME Feeder Cattle Index up \$2.13, Lean Hog Index down \$2.33. Boxed Beef, Choice

up \$6.29, Select up \$3.43. Pork Carcass Cutout down \$2.68.

Cattle slaughter from Friday estimated at 98,000 head up 15,000 from a week ago but down 12,000 from a year ago. For the week, 534,000 head, up 16,000 from the week previous but down 54,000 from a year ago. The year to date difference is now at 7.1% less.

Hog slaughter from Friday estimated at 422,000 head, up 7,000 from a week ago and up 61,000 from a year ago. For the week, 2,270,000 head, up 33,000 from a week ago and up 239,000 compared to a year ago. The year to date difference is now up to 4.2% more.

A bit of a quiet market is the best way to explain the start this week's trade. Lean hog futures did bounce around quite a bit in the morning but by midday things calmed down with live cattle a little weaker, feeders steady and lean hogs holding steady nearby and higher on deferred contracts. Sales barns were reporting steady cash sales as well on feeders and calves.

Grain finished mixed Friday and for the week. Wheat has been getting beat up this past week with Russia lifting its export tax and weather getting much better but prices took a break Friday to bounce higher.

Corn was back and forth Friday and higher for the week with not much news and most just waiting now for the Quarterly Stocks and Planting Intentions Report this Tuesday.

Soybeans were under pressure Friday and most of the week as demand continues to shift from the US to

South America and traders still feel US soybean acres will be higher than a year ago.

For the week, Friday to Friday, May Corn up \$.06, December up \$.05 1/2, May Soybeans down \$.06 1/2, November down \$.07 1/2, May KC Wheat down \$.16 1/2, July down \$.17 1/4, May Chicago Wheat down \$.22 1/4, July down \$.21 3/4 and May Soybean Meal down \$.260/T.

State condition reports were released Monday afternoon with the following states reporting at this time.

Corn planting delays continue across the delta with Louisiana at 16% vs 67% last year and 81% the past five years averaged. Mississippi and Arkansas both still below 5% compared to 39% and 28% respectively as a five year average.

USDA will publish the first national recap on corn planting next week. US hard wheat conditions ---Kan off 2% at 39% good to excellent with Nebraska and Oklahoma unchanged from a week ago at 44% & 34% good to excellent respectively.

Note: Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Hines works for Loewen and Associates of Manhattan. Matt and his family live west of Holton.

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Potawatomi Methodist

By Ilene Dick

Sunday, March 29, was a nice day to celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday and prepare for Easter. Good Friday service will be held at Potawatomi United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on April 3. Everyone is welcome. On Easter Sunday, breakfast will be held at 6:45 a.m. and worship service will follow at 7:40 a.m. All are welcome.

Pastor Howard opened the service by greeting the congregation and sharing information about Palm/Passion Sunday, followed by prayer. Prayers are for the family of Lester Arnold, who died last Monday, the day after his 82nd birthday. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Prayers are also needed for Ann W., who was to have surgery Tuesday afternoon, and for Pam Daugherty, now at Holton Community Hospital following surgery and bone grafting for her broken arm at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Judy Thoman was acolyte. Music was provided by Tina Pugh and Ann W. Hymns were "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" and "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna." LeAnna Meeks was liturgist, reading from Acts 2:22.

For the special, Judy Thoman briefly discussed awards presented to United Methodist Women, then passed out awards received by Potawatomi women and unit for 2014. Offertory ushers were Jim Meeks and Jim Shenk.

The sermon text was from Matthew 21:1-11. Pastor Howard's message was "Shattered Hope."

When Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey's colt, the people shouted with joy, waved palm branches and shouted, "Praise Son of David." The crowd recognized Jesus as King, but they missed the point.

Jesus had been teaching for three years and hoped they would be a serving people. The journey was important. Even the disciples didn't get it. Jesus spoke more of what was ahead. He was arrested and journeyed alone - only one disciple remained.

We enter the sanctuary singing and praising the Lord. This is good. Luke says it is our duty. The same King humbled Himself for us. We have a call to live a life now that is shaped by the cross. Jesus knew the will He had to do on this earth. God's Son was obedient to Him. "Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Next Sunday's sermon will be "Celebrate Our Lord, the Good News."

Judy Thoman attended the soccer games of her grandsons, Kayden Swain and Brian Dorris, on Saturday, March 28 in Holton.

Laura Schreiber reported having a nice time Sunday, March 22, at the home of Rick and Libby Dreasler celebrating the 82nd birthday of their dad, Lester Arnold. What a blessing Lester could be with family on his birthday.

Marjean and Jim Shenk enjoyed having Jeff Shenk and family for dinner Sunday evening, March 22, for an early birthday celebration for Jeff.

Martha Roush attended the state wrestling tournament at the ExpoCentre in Topeka on Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, to watch her grandsons, Kolby and Dalton Roush, wrestle. Congratulations to the 10 wrestlers from Holton who qualified to go to state and to Dalton Roush, who placed fifth.

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Relay for Life seeks survivor, caregiver information

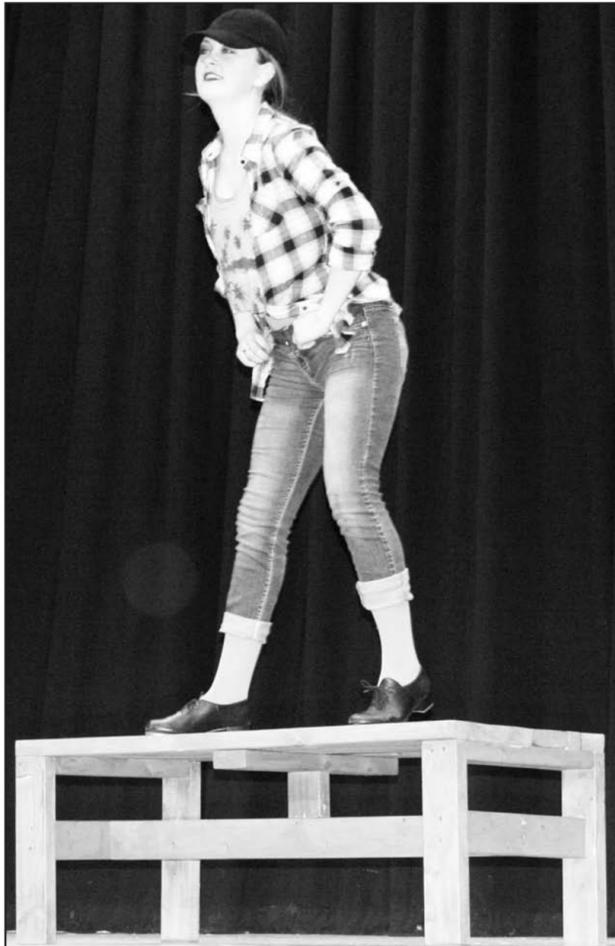
By Crystal Douglas

The Jackson County Relay for Life Committee is seeking the names of survivors and/or caregivers. This type of information is important so that the committee can invite the survivors and caregivers to festivities, such as the survivor dinner and the Relay for Life, which will be held at 7 p.m. on June 26, 2015.

The annual survivor dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on May 31. The event will be held at the First Baptist Church in Holton. The event will include a catered meal, therefore, we will need to have a RSVP completed by May 1. If you have received a letter and would like to participate in the survivor dinner, please contact Janice Schweigen at (785) 986-6653 or by email at jan_cie@yahoo.com, or by contacting Cecilia Sanders at (785) 364-7673 or by email at crs.1990@yahoo.com.

The annual Relay For Life of Jackson County will be held on Friday, June 26, with the survivor lap beginning at 7 p.m. We would like to invite all survivors and/or caregivers to come join us in our celebration of surviving cancer and remembering those we have lost.

Everyone in the community is welcome to participate in the annual Relay for Life event and also to purchase luminaries in honor or memory of loved ones. Luminaries can be purchased from any team member for \$10 and will be displayed along the track on the night of relay. The names of the luminaries will be read at 10 p.m. Come help us celebrate, remember and fight back!



Maddie Foster of Holton's Studio 1 Dancers and a student at Holton High School, shown above, danced to Brad Paisley's "River Bank" during Saturday's USO Tribute Concert. Photo by Brian Sanders

Senior Center

Reservations for Jackson Counties 60 years and older and their spouses wishing to eat lunches under the Title III-C Nutrition program may be made daily Monday through Friday.

Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made by 9:30 a.m. same day.

Reservations and cancellations may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 are as follows:

Monday, April 6: Chicken dressing casserole, winter mix vegetables, cranberry sauce, peaches and bread and margarine.

Tuesday, April 7: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges and breadsticks and margarine.

Wednesday, April 8: Barbecue pork, parsnip potatoes, chuckwagon corn, pineapple and bun and margarine.

Thursday, April 9: Berry good chicken, baked potato, Japanese vegetables, lime jello with pears and bread and margarine.

Friday, April 10: Baked tilapia, macaroni and cheese, country blend vegetables, apple and bread and margarine.

PBP Elder Center

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.

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Enrolled tribal members age 50 and older may eat for free. Non-member seniors or non-seniors will be charged a fee for meals.

Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158th Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-0040.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, April 6 through Friday, April 10 are as follows:

Monday, April 6: Beef and bean burritos, Spanish rice, tomato salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday, April 7: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic and fruit cup.

Wednesday, April 8: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, corn and fresh fruit.

Thursday, April 9: Pork chops, mashed potato, corn and dinner rolls.

Friday, April 10: Fish sandwich, corn on the cob, coleslaw and din-

Meals planned for area schools

Jackson Heights

Monday, April 6: Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Chicken tetrazzini, tossed salad, steamed carrots, garlic bread, peaches and milk.

Tuesday, April 7: Breakfast - Whole-grain cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Hamburger with bun, lettuce and tomato, tater tots, bell pepper strips, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

Wednesday, April 8: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, blueberry oat muffin, fresh grapes and milk.

Thursday, April 9: Breakfast - Whole-grain cereal, long john, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Baked chicken drumstick, savory rice, fresh cauliflower and broccoli, wheat bread (5-12), pineapple tidbits and milk.

Friday, April 10: Breakfast - Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Sloppy joe with bun, sweet potato fries, seasoned peas, pears and milk.

Holton

Monday, April 6: Breakfast - Biscuit and gravy, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch - Ham and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, broccoli florets, rosy applesauce, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.

Tuesday, April 7: Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, sliced pears, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch - Pizza, tossed salad, cherry tomatoes, banana, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Wednesday, April 8: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, sliced peaches, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch - Taco burger on a bun, tortilla chips (6-12), tomato salsa, leaf lettuce and tomato, refried beans, apple wedges, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Thursday, April 9: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast sandwich, mandarin oranges, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread with marinara, garden salad, banana, chocolate chip cookie, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Friday, April 10: No school, staff development day.

Royal Valley

Monday, April 6: Breakfast - Cereal, fruit and milk; Lunch - Mac and cheese, smokies, baked beans, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, April 7: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, fruit and milk; Lunch - Italian dunkers with marinara sauce, green beans, fresh broccoli, chocolate pudding (9-12), fruit and milk.

Wednesday, April 8: Breakfast - Bagel with cream cheese, fruit and milk; Lunch - Frito chili pie, corn, celery, cinnamon puff, fruit and

milk.

Thursday, April 9: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch - Chicken strip salad, breadstick, carrots, pepper strips, cookie (9-12), fruit and milk.

Friday, April 10: Breakfast - Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

Wetmore

Monday, April 6: Breakfast - Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch - Nachos supreme with shredded romaine and salsa, mighty mini trees, corn, pineapple and milk.

Tuesday, April 7: Breakfast - Biscuits and gravy; Lunch - Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed brown sugar carrots, apple smiles, whole-grain roll and milk.

Wednesday, April 8: Breakfast - Syrup Day; Lunch - Spaghetti and meat sauce, spinach garden salad, celery and cucumbers, peaches, whole-grain Italian bread and milk.

Thursday, April 9: Breakfast - Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch - Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, garlic green beans, sliced pears, whole-grain oatmeal cookie and milk.

Friday, April 10: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza; Lunch - Taco salad with salsa, refried beans, clementines and kiwi, whole-grain breadstick and milk.



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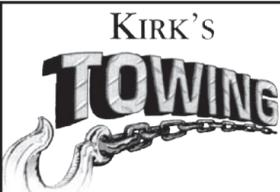
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INSIGHT The best spokesperson for agriculture is the Kansas farmer

By John Schlageck
Kansas Farm Bureau

Each day, farmers and ranchers pull on their boots, roll up their sleeves and go to work outside rural communities across Kansas.

They perform a litany of chores - feeding and doctoring livestock, cultivating their crops, pulling maintenance on machinery, paying bills - you name it and farmers and ranchers do it.

While all of these activities are necessary, agricultural advocacy has become a farmer and rancher's most important chore. Farmers and ranchers have an obligation to provide the public with an understanding of their profession.

Never has it become more important to help consumers understand how important agriculture is to the well-being of our economic future. Without continuing success in the farming and ranching sector, consumers will be in danger of losing the high-quality, affordable food so many expect and take for granted.

How do farmers help consumers understand their profession?

It begins with the commitment of farmers and ranchers to tell their side of the story whenever and wherever the opportunity presents itself. Whether you talk to grade-schoolers, service clubs or state legislators, remember to practice the art of relationship building between rural and urban, between agricultural producers and consumers of agricultural products.

When you have an opportunity to talk about production agriculture, do just that - talk about agriculture. Leave the other so-called - hot topics of the day - alone. Let someone else talk about them.

With less than 2 percent of our population engaged in food production, do not miss an opportunity to tell your story. If you are asked to comment about a recent election, talk about it with an agricultural flavor.

Talk about how you believe your elected official will be able to work with you to make sure our state and nation makes energy development, rural transportation and finding new markets agriculture, a top priority.

Give people a glimpse into your profession - a subject that affects your bottom line and one that affects the well-being of your family, their families - everyone. It's easier than you might think to initiate a conversation about farming with your urban cousins.

Begin with a common denominator when talking to city folks. Start by discussing with them the fertilizer they buy for their gardens is no different from what you, as a farmer, put on your crops. The rose dust, herbicide or insecticide used to control scab, crabgrass or mosquitoes is similar to the plant protection chemicals you use.

Sometimes common ground revolves around nutrition. A good analogy could be the parallel between a person's need for healthful food and a plant's need for a well-balanced diet.

It's easy to move from nutrition to some of the more difficult challenges facing agriculture. Topics on everyone's minds today include safe drinking water, availability of credit and fiscal responsibility.

Today, many people are concerned about chemical run-off into rivers, lakes and streams. As a farmer you cannot afford to overuse these expensive chemical products. Tell them that. Let them know you, more than anyone else, are concerned about the land where your family lives and works.

Public understanding of how a modern farmer runs his/her operation is only half the challenge. Perhaps equally important is the need to be sensitive to the concerns of the community.

Remember that people, most of them living in towns or cities, are the ones who call for regulations and new laws. It is this public that will enforce them.

In the end, ironically, it is the public who will suffer if the laws have a negative effect on our food production and consumption system.

Tell your story - the story of agriculture. No one else is going to.

Let consumers know the value of food. Tell them how you go about producing the healthiest, best tasting food anywhere in the world. It's a story only you can tell and tell well.

This is your livelihood. You are food producing specialists. You must tell your story.

Note: John Schlageck is a commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.



Licensed clinical psychologist and Holton High School alumna Jessica Snyder (right) returned to HHS last Thursday for FFA Career Day, speaking to students about different aspects of her job.

Are broccoli leaves the new food trend?

By Cynthia S. Williams
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

Food & Nutrition, FNP

Could broccoli leaves be the new "it" food? Fresh broccoli sold in grocery stores is without the leaves, as consumers just want the florets. Growers chop the leaves into mulch.

Broccoli leaves are edible. It is best to use them when young and tender. Older, tough leaves tend to be bitter in taste. They look similar to collard greens.

If you grow broccoli, save the leaves. Store unwashed in plastic bags in the crisper drawer up to two weeks. Use evenly colored leaves with no holes.

Add broccoli leaves to soup and stew. Roast into chips, use as a wrap, add to stir-fries, sauté with garlic for pasta or grind into pesto.

Broccoli leaves pair well with citrus flavors, making them a great addition to fruit smoothies. They also work well with smoky flavors and Asian meals.

Broccoli leaves are a rich source of vitamin A. They are also a good source of calcium.

Eat Your Greens!

St. Patrick's Day is not the only day to be green! There are many ways to eat green at every meal. For instance for breakfast, add green peppers and green onions to omelets. A side of green grapes brightens any morning.

For lunch, fresh lettuce and spinach can perk up any sandwich. Dip some broccoli and celery in a zesty dip for some extra crunch for lunch.

For dinner, consider tender asparagus, which adds a punch of green to spring meals. For a dessert, try a fruit cup with green apples and kiwi fruit. It can be easy to eat green!



Holton veterinarian Tim Parks, shown above, shared with Holton FFA students at the recent career fair the positive side of his chosen profession, as well as what it would cost them to become veterinarians in terms of their college education. Photos by Brian Sanders

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Holton

Wednesday, April 8: FFA District Spring CDE Day.

Friday, April 10: Staff Development Day, no school; Kindergarten Round-Up.

Saturday, April 10: Prom; regional music solos and small ensembles.

Royal Valley

Wednesday, April 8: 6:15 p.m. Booster Club meeting @ RVHS; 7 p.m. After Prom meeting @ RVHS;

7:30 p.m. RVMS grades 5-8 instrumental music concert @ RVHS gym.

Saturday, April 11: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. Prom @ Topeka Expo Centre; regional solo and small ensemble contest.

Wetmore

Monday, April 6: 6:30 p.m. SMS site council meeting.

Saturday, April 11: FCCLA recycle.

Mayetta Methodist

By Shirley Stauffer

It was a beautiful Palm Sunday morning on March 29. Church services at Mayetta Methodist Church were opened with greetings. Prayer concerns were for the Arnold family, Marilyn Chrisman and Tim Smith. The candlelighter was Cory Smith, and Robert Smith rang the bell. Karen Burns read scripture from Acts 2:22. Bud and Todd Stauffer took up the offering. Sunday's hymns were "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates," "Tell Me The Stories of Jesus" and "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna."

Lisa Smith and Mary Anderson went to Wichita Saturday to attend the awards ceremony program for the Kansas State Science and Engineering Fair. MaRyka had her science project entered. She won first place in her division. Congrats to her.

Delaina and Karlie Miller enjoyed the CPRBAEO class offered by the FCCLA and given by Jamie Burger.

Caliber and Karlie Miller attended the school carnival for Royal Valley Elementary.

Irene White celebrated her 90th birthday on March 24, and Tim Shields celebrated his 11th birthday on March 29 with a barbecue.

Karen Snyder and Wanda White traveled to Glenport, Okla. to visit with Karen's son, daughter-in-law and two grandsons.

Wanda White attended a baby shower for Amber and Jeremy White.

Karen Burns went to the retirement party for Frank White at the Mayetta Fire Department on Sunday afternoon. The city is grateful to have dedicated people who care for and serve our community in the manner of our volunteer fire fighters. May God bless them and keep them safe.

Also on Sunday, Karen visited her sister-in-law, Janice Brenner, of Hot Springs, Ark., who was in Topeka visiting her own sister, Marilyn Chrisman, who is very ill.

Prayers are for successful back treatment for Floyd Schlotter, as he was to see his doctor in the pain center on Monday, March 30.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer hosted a pizza get-together on Friday evening. Roy and Bev Kranz, Floyd and June Schlotter and Darell and Marge Morgan were guests.

Floyd and June Schlotter joined family members at Puffy's in Maple Hill on Saturday to help celebrate the birthday of their nephew, Randy Hallauer. Also present were Deb Hallauer, Parkville, Mo.; Jennifer Hallauer, Merriam; Gene and Brenda Hallauer, Manhattan; Virgil and Anna Jo Hallauer, Robinson; Lee Knudson, Horton; and Darrell and Margy Brown, Topeka.

Don't forget Good Friday services at 7 a.m. at Potawatomi United Methodist Church and Easter breakfast at Mayetta on Sunday at 8 a.m.



Reagan Tinney of Holton's Studio 1 Dancers and a student at Holton High School, shown above, danced to "Big Spender" from the musical "Sweet Charity" during Saturday's USO Tribute Concert.

Justin Briner, shown at left, performed an original piano composition at Saturday's USO Tribute Concert in the Holton High School auditorium.



The All Four One gospel quartet from Topeka's Wanamaker Woods Church of the Nazarene, shown at left, returned to the Holton High School stage for Saturday's USO Tribute Concert. Group members are, left to right, Robert Brooks, Jerry Sorrell, Randall Bond and Todd Staerkel. The annual USO-affiliated concert has been organized by Bond, vocal music teacher at Holton's middle and high school, since 2009.

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