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**February is Children's Dental Health Month!**  
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About 230 people were on hand at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Holton Thursday evening for the annual Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame banquet. In the top left photo, Paula Taylor was awarded her Hall of Fame plaque by her children (from left in the photo) Carson, Amanda and Ryan. In the top right photo, Dianna Wilson (at right) was awarded her Hall of Fame plaque by Ginger Lloyd. In the above left photo, Jan Hodge (at left) was awarded the Hall of Fame plaque for her and her late husband, Harold, by Ben Bauman. In the photo above at right, Dorothy Rogers was awarded the Hall of Fame plaque for her and her late husband, Joe, by children (left to right) Jean Goodwin and Jeff Rogers.

Photos by David Powls

## Lassey plans to offer DPC

Direct Primary Care ("DPC") is not a new medical concept in the United States.

In fact, it's a movement that returns the doctor-patient relationship to the way it used to be in this country.

Local Dr. Vance Lassey says he will have one of the first Direct Primary Care medical practices in a rural setting in Kansas.

About 100 people attended an informational meeting about DPC here on Tuesday evening, Feb. 2, at Penny's on the west side of the Holton Town Square that was hosted by Dr. Lassey.

Dr. Lassey has announced that he is leaving his family practice at Family Practice Associates in Holton after nine years there so he can start his own "Holton Direct Care" practice in the community, hopefully by March 1.

He said he will pattern his practice after the successful one established a year ago in Topeka by Dr. Jennifer Harader called Oasis Family Medicine. Dr. Harader was also on hand at the meeting to help explain the concept of DPC.

Dr. Lassey said that Dr. Harader will serve as his back-up physician and he will do the same for her.

DPC, Dr. Lassey said, means your doctor is there for you 24 hours per day, seven days a week, 365 days per year.

DPC does not take the place of your medical health insurance, it was explained at the meeting, but it does offer substantially lower estimated prices for medical services such as routine office exam visits, subscription medications utilizing generic drugs, urgent visits to the doctor and routine blood work and other medical lab work.

With DPC, Dr. Lassey said, he will contract with up to about 500 patients, who will each pay a monthly fee based on their age ranging from \$10 per month to \$100 per month.

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## Brenner seeking election to 61st District House seat

Holton City Commissioner and area businessman Dan Brenner (Republican, pictured) filed Thursday for the 61st District seat of the Kansas House of Representatives.



The seat is currently held by Republican Becky Hutchins of Holton, who has not yet filed for re-election. Hutchins was elected in 2014.

District 61 includes most of Jackson and Pottawatomie counties.

Brenner currently serves as a Holton City Commissioner and recently filed for re-election to that position in the spring election.

He has owned and operated Diamonds by Design of Topeka for 15 years.

Brenner sought election to the Kansas House earlier in 2012 but lost in the primary election.

Candidates have until noon on June 1 to file for the general election, which is set for Nov. 8. The primary is Aug. 2.

## Holton High to stage 'Mind Over Manor' this weekend

By Ali Holcomb

A group of eccentric characters living together under one roof is the perfect formula for comedy in Holton High School's upcoming production of "Mind Over Manor."

The two-act play by Loretta Wiloughby will be staged at 7 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday at the HHS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Director Audrey Baxter said the play centers around several offbeat characters who live together in a mansion.

"They each have their own quirks, and then the owner's estranged niece arrives with the intention of deeming the residents insane in order to take over the home for herself," Baxter said.

The niece is then kidnapped and more madness ensues.

"I struggled a little this year selecting a script, but when I found this, I knew it had potential to be really funny," Baxter said.

Some of the unconventional resi-

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## Purple Heart Stories

### Whiting's Ohlsen lost in sinking of weather ship

*Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of stories about past and present Jackson County residents who earned the Purple Heart Medal, which is awarded to military personnel wounded or killed in the line of duty.*



Ohlsen

to be built later this year in Holton's Linscott Park.

A Whiting native was one of 107 crew members on the only U.S. weather ship lost during World War II, it has been reported.

Francis W. Ohlsen had an ambition to go to sea shortly after grad-

uating from Whiting High School in 1940, according to family members, so his parents, Fred and Ruby Richelsen Ohlsen, gave their consent for him to join the U.S. Coast Guard. Ohlsen would find himself aboard a weather observation station ship, the ill-fated USS Muskeget, about two years later.

Ohlsen and his fellow crew members aboard the Muskeget disappeared while on weather patrol in the northern Atlantic Ocean in September of 1942. A year later, search efforts for the ship and her crew were terminated, with all aboard declared dead and awarded posthumous Purple Heart medals, according to military records.

Ohlsen's military journey began in November of 1940, when he enlisted in the Coast Guard in St. Louis, Mo. He went to Fort Townsend, Wash., for his early training, and in June of 1941, he was transferred to New York, where he served on the

USS Tulip, which was stationed at Staten Island.

In July of 1942, Ohlsen was transferred to the Muskeget, which conducted its first weather patrol in the northern Atlantic off the southern tip of Greenland and returned to its home port of Boston later that month. The Muskeget would leave Boston for her second weather patrol on Aug. 24, issuing the first report from that patrol four days later.

On Sept. 9, the Muskeget issued what would be its last weather patrol report before being sighted by a German Navy submarine, the U-755. It was later reported that the Germans, having sighted the Muskeget about 400 nautical miles east of Newfoundland, mistook the weather ship for an auxiliary merchant cruiser, fired two torpedoes and sank the Muskeget.

The Muskeget was due to be relieved on station by the Coast Guard weather ship USCGC Monomoy, which reported two days after the

Muskeget's sinking that it was unable to establish contact with the weather ship. Four days later, on Sept. 15, Allied ships and aircraft were ordered to search for the missing ship but could find no trace of the sunken ship or any of her crew, including Ohlsen.

A year later, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard officially declared all aboard the Muskeget to have been killed in action, awarding all but four on board the Purple Heart Medal. Those four — civilian U.S. Weather Bureau meteorologists — were eventually awarded posthumous Purple Hearts during a ceremony that took place this past November, it was reported.

Ohlsen's rank at the time of his death was Seaman First Class. The names of Ohlsen and his fellow crew members are memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing at the East Coast Memorial, located in New York City's Battery Park.

## Major parties' caucuses to be held in Atchison County

With the nation's two major political parties still deciding who will take center stage on the November general election ballot, Kansas Republicans and Democrats are looking ahead to presidential caucuses to be held on Saturday, March 5.

Jackson County residents registered as Republicans will join with Atchison County and Doniphan County Republicans in caucusing from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. that day at the Blue Building, located at 304 Main St. in Effingham. County Democrats will hold their caucus from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. that day at Atchison High School, located at 1500 W. Riley St.

in Atchison.

On the Republican side, eight presidential candidates filed prior to the Jan. 4 deadline for the Kansas caucus. They include include real estate mogul and current GOP front-runner Donald Trump, neurosurgeon Ben Carson, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina.

The registration deadline for the Kansas Democratic presidential caucus was Jan. 4. The party's presidential candidates include for-

mer U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, real estate developer Rocky de la Fuente and Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, who officially suspended his presidential campaign on Feb. 1.

Kansas is one of 10 states that still voices who it will support in presidential elections via party-funded caucuses, while the remaining states use primary elections, which are paid for by state governments, to determine who they will support. Kansas state law technically mandates a presidential primary election every four years, but the Legislature has voted since 1992 to cancel the pri-

mary election, mainly to save money, it was reported.

In the caucus system, voting is conducted at local party meetings and is done by raising hands or breaking up into groups, whereas primary elections involve secret ballots. In Kansas, only members registered with each political party can participate in their parties' respective caucuses, while the Democrat caucus allows those not registered with the party to do so at the caucus.

As for the candidates themselves, Republican candidates must pay a

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**TUESDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST:**  
 MAINLY SUNNY, HIGH OF 32  
 Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

# DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## Traffic

Jose L. Aguilar Castillo, no seat belt, \$10.  
 Jorge Esparza, no proof of insurance, \$408.  
 Wesley D. Fitzpatrick, speeding, \$171.  
 Marcus D. Harrison, no proof of insurance, \$428.  
 Katherine D. Jeanneret, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$178.  
 Kari L. Johnson, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, diversion.  
 Tyrone S. Marshall, driving un-

der the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, \$1,378.  
 Michelle K. Martin, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, refusal to submit to preliminary breath test, found guilty.  
 Drew A. Meyers, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, \$1,378.  
 Sara J. O'Brien, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$158.  
 Jennifer L. Quicke, no proof of insurance, \$408.  
 Ruth J. Roberts, driving while declared a habitual violator, \$228.  
 Kalena E. Tannahill, speeding, \$177.  
 Chad A. Tasker, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, found guilty.  
 Karen A. Tipton, speeding, \$195.  
 Bryce S. Wheeler, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, found guilty.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Cynthia R. Wheeler, defendant sought appeal of limited civil court judgment; dismissed.  
 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust vs. Kimberly K. Fuqua, Leonard A. Riley, unknown occupants, unknown spouse of Kimberly K. Fuqua and unknown spouse of Leonard A. Riley, sought judgment of \$108,265.26 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage; granted.

doza, Hoyt, domestic battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.  
 State of Kansas vs. Amy J. Kelley, Seneca, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.  
**Filed**  
 State of Kansas vs. Rafael A. Gaona, Holton, non-residential burglary, two counts of theft.  
 State of Kansas vs. Christopher S. Nelson, Topeka, theft.  
 State of Kansas vs. Sherri M. Lee, Holton, harassment by telecommunication device, violation of a protective order.  
 State of Kansas vs. Joshua J. Seibold, Topeka, domestic battery, disorderly conduct.  
 State of Kansas vs. Kylie D. Seibold, Topeka, domestic battery, disorderly conduct.  
 State of Kansas vs. James A. Fuqua, Mayetta, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol liquor/cereal malt beverage.  
 State of Kansas vs. Patricia M. Garrison, Topeka, aid or abet theft.

## Land Transfers

The following land ownership changes have been filed recently with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office.

\*Kansas Quit Claim Deed - James J. Henry and Jane A. Henry, husband and wife, grantors, to same as trustees, or their successor trustees of the same named Revocable Living Trust dated Jan. 19, 2016, the north half of Lot 41 and all of Lot 43, Montana Avenue, Park Addition to the city of Holton.

\*Quit Claim Deed - Wendell William Mercer, aka W. Bill Mercer, a married person acting in his own right, a resident of Madison County, Montana, as first party, and John C. Mercer and Tracy L. Mercer, of Jackson County, Kan., as second party, a tract of land in the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

\*Quit Claim Deed - Gary D. Wilson and Brenda K. Wilson, husband and wife, as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, to same as trustees of the Wilson Family Trust under date of March 28, 2015, Lots No. 35 and 37 on Montana Avenue, Park Addition to the city of Holton.

\*General Warranty Deed - Leroy E. Blocker, a single person, of Jackson County, Kan., and Joseph L. Pruett, a single person, of Jackson County, Kan., Lot 23 and the south 15 feet of Lot 25 on Colorado Avenue in Vetter's First Addition to the city of Holton.

\*Kansas Special Warranty Deed - The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington, D.C., acting by and through the Federal Housing Commissioner, as grantor, and Robert L. Wilson and Kaylee Wilson, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, as grantee, 409 Illinois Ave., in Holton, Lots 6 and 8 and the south five feet of Lot 10 on Illinois Ave., Drake and Fenn's Addition to the city of Holton, together with a portion of the west half of the vacated alley which adjoins the east line of the parcel.

\*Quit Claim Deed - Kenneth K. Miller and Marcella L. Miller, husband and wife, to Mark J. Heideman, a single person, about five acres beginning in the southeast corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

\*General Warranty Deed - Scott Bartlett and Carolyn Bartlett, husband and wife, to Homestead Affordable Housing, its heirs and assigns, all that part of Lot 49 and the north half of Lot 47, original town, on Eastern Avenue, now vacated, lying northwesterly of the westerly line of Lowell Avenue, in the city of Holton.

\*Kansas Quit Claim Deed - William D. Lloyd III and Rex R. Lloyd, as executors of the estate of William D. Lloyd, Jr., deceased, to Williams D. Lloyd III, a one-half interest, and to Rex R. Lloyd, a one-half interest, as tenants in common and not as joint tenants, (a) the east 37 acres of the northeast quarter of Section 14, Township 7, Range 15, Jackson County, (b) about 8.92 acres in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 7, Range 15, Jackson County and (c) the west 40 acres of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 7, Range 15, Jackson County.

\*Quit Claim Deed - Eric N. Featherston, a single person of Cook County, Illinois, grantor, to Opal K. Featherston, a single person, of Jackson County, Kan., the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 5, Range 16, in Jackson County.

\*Quit Claim Deed - Matthew Johnson and Deva Johnson, aka Deva Featherston, husband and wife, of Johnson County, Kan., to Opal K. Featherston, a single person of Jackson County, Kan., the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 5, Range 16, in Jackson County.

## Civil

**Dispositions**  
 Brandon Rinkes, Justin Rinkes, Lynn Rinkes and Bruce Rinkes, doing business as Rinkes Cattle Co., a partnership vs. John Doe et al. and Craigslist as a nominal defendant, sought judgment in excess of \$75,000 plus court costs; dismissed.

## Limited Civil

**Dispositions**  
 K&N Pizza Huts Inc., doing business as Pizza Hut 103 vs. Kalena E. Tannahill, sought judgment of \$616.16 plus interest and court costs; granted.

## Small Claims

**Filed**  
 Holton Lumber Company Inc. vs. Mary Tessorndorf, seeking judgment of \$264.90 plus interest and court costs.

## Criminal

**Dispositions**  
 State of Kansas vs. Ryan J. Men-

## Two injured in recent accidents

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents, including two that resulted in personal injuries:

■ At 7:57 p.m. on Jan. 16, Brian Alexander, 48, Wichita, was driving northbound in the left-hand lane on U.S. Highway 75 when his vehicle missed the exit onto 150<sup>th</sup> Road. Alexander allegedly swerved his vehicle into the right-hand lane to attempt to still make the exit when his 2013 Ford struck a 1998 Buick traveling in the right-hand lane. The Buick was driven by Marissa Blessingame, 19, Highland. Alexander's vehicle sustained

damage to its hood, front bumper and right side that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

Blessingame's Buick sustained damage to its front bumper and driver's side door that was listed at more than \$1,000.

A passenger in Blessingame's vehicle, Marissa Morrissey, 18, Oskaloosa, was transported by an ambulance to a Topeka hospital for treatment of injuries.

■ At 6:35 a.m. on Jan. 20, Christopher Shearer, 41, Delia, was traveling west on 142<sup>nd</sup> Road near B Road when he lost control of his vehicle

on the snow packed road, it was reported. The vehicle left the road, entered a ditch and rolled into a field on the north side of the road.

Shearer's 2006 Ford was completely damaged, with more than \$1,000 in damages, and it was towed from the scene. Shearer was transported by an ambulance to a Topeka hospital for treatment of injuries.

■ At 6:59 a.m. on Feb. 1, Bridget Davis, 43, Circleville, was driving east on 254<sup>th</sup> Road near J Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Davis' 2009 Dodge sustained damage to its front right bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

## County officers make several arrests

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

■ On Jan. 29, Lester Norberg, 71, Soldier, was arrested on charges of criminal threat and obstruction.

■ On Feb. 1, Sherri Lee, 28, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant.

■ On Feb. 2, Eric Bilby, 30, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on two charges of giving a worthless check.

■ On Feb. 3, Kylee Harrison, 34, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Feb. 3, Rahim Esquibel, 20, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of violation of a

protection order, stalking and violation of probation.

■ On Feb. 3, Lester Babcock, 63, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On Feb. 4, Virgil Ralph, 54, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 4, Randy Hyatt Jr., 24, Denison, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 4, Troy Hill, 37, Harveyville, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

## Long-term investments shouldn't be influenced by current markets

The first few weeks of 2016 brought a big drop in stock prices, but local investors should not allow short-term stock market fluctuations to derail their long-term investment decisions, says Shannon L. Wright, the Edward Jones financial advisor in Holton.

Current concerns in the market remain falling oil prices and slower economic growth in the rest of the world. Oil prices have dropped sharply and China's Shanghai stock exchange declined, putting it into bear market territory. Although stocks in China don't directly reflect prospects for its economy, the slowdown in China's growth remains the underlying worry. However, as stocks have dropped, bond prices have gained, helping buffer investor portfolios.

"We don't think this is the end of the bull market," Wright said. "Over time, stocks are supported by economic and earnings growth. We expect the economy to continue to grow modestly, and we think corporate profits will rebound as oil prices and the dollar stabilize over 2016. Don't let the shaky start to the year undermine your confidence in the longer-term outlook."

Edward Jones financial advisors believe this has the potential to present good opportunities for long-term investors to purchase quality investments at lower prices.

"Higher market volatility seems likely to continue, so be sure you're prepared and stay invested," Wright said. "The most important decision is your mix of stocks and bonds, based

on your risk tolerance and long-term financial goals. You may need to rebalance by adding fixed income - or stocks - to return to an appropriate mix."

Edward Jones financial advisors also say investors should consider improving the diversification of one's equity and fixed-income investments.

"As you review your portfolio, look for opportunities to upgrade the quality of your investments," Wright said. "These actions can help ensure you own a carefully constructed portfolio of quality investments that is well-positioned for volatile markets."

The sidelines are no place to be when it comes to one's long-term money, he said.

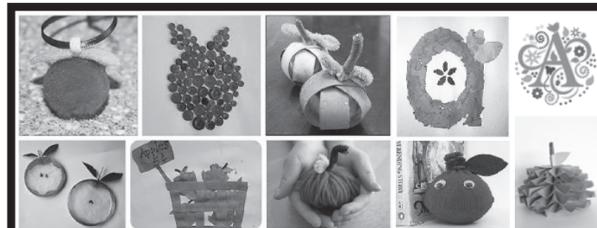
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**Topeka Presbyterian Manor** has issued a call for entries for the juried exhibit **art is ageless** to be held March 17, 2016.

Entries of artistic works will be accepted through March 11, from any area artist who is 65 years of age or older to exhibit and/or compete for an opportunity to be featured in the 2017 Art is Ageless calendar.

Entry forms and information can be picked up at **Topeka Presbyterian Manor** 4712 SW 6th St., Topeka, KS 66606 or by contacting **Jami Colson** at 785-272-6510, or [jcolson@pmma.org](mailto:jcolson@pmma.org).

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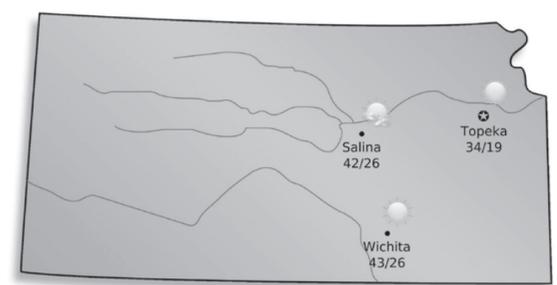
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## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 2/9	Wed 2/10	Thu 2/11	Fri 2/12	Sat 2/13
 <b>32/19</b> A mainly sunny sky. High 32F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph.Sunrise: 7:22 AM Sunset: 5:52 PM	 <b>38/23</b> Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s. Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:53 PM	 <b>41/26</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the mid 20s. Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:54 PM	 <b>40/17</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper teens. Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 5:55 PM	 <b>36/25</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid 20s. Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM

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**THE STRESS OF CAREGIVING**

The National Alliance for Caregiving reports that two-thirds of all caregivers are women, with the "typical" caregiver being a 49-year-old woman who takes care of a relative. Caregivers over the age of 75 tend to be the sole support systems for their loved ones, without any outside help, which places even greater responsibility and stress. In fact, nearly half of caregivers who provide 21 or more hours of care weekly report high emotional stress. Along with this comes the financial stress of paying out at least \$5,000 annually for prescriptions, supplies, and accommodations, in addition to lost wages that result from reduced work hours. Caregivers need support nearly as much as the loved ones for whom they care.

*P.S. Middle-aged and older women are six times more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety than women with no care-giving responsibilities.*

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# MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin

## 5 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 7-13, 2011

A Holton native is being hailed as a hero for his actions in getting his neighbors to safety after their garage caught fire on Saturday, Feb. 5. Edward Dunn III of Topeka, son of Gayle Dunn and the late Edward Dunn of Holton, noticed smoke coming from his neighbors' garage. He instructed his wife, Tiffany, to call 911 while he ran into the house and carried his neighbor outside upon finding him lying in a doorway between the garage and kitchen.

Jackson County residents can now access county parcel land maps and parcel tax information online, it has been announced. The county's Government Information System (GIS) contains three tabs: Parcel Mapping, Parcel Search and Tax Search.

Twelve years ago, an Ohio couple paid a visit to Holton and planted five trees, one for each member of their family, in Rafters Park. That couple has documented their visit - as well as similar visits to the other 49 states and the nation's capital - in a new book called "Trail Of Trees." Joyce and John Jackson, authors of the book, were pleased to learn this week that the five trees planted in Rafters Park have weathered 12 years and the December 2007 ice storm that ruined many of Holton's other trees.

## 10 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 7-13, 2006

Ed McClintock and Stacy Gignstad recently opened Bar S Tack and Farrier Supplies in western Jackson County. The shop contains ropes, blankets and other horse supplies, as well as cards and gifts. A passion for horses inspired the business, and the couple owns 17 horses.

Warmer winter temperatures last week enabled laborers to begin working on improvements at the Holton baseball field. In addition to the new dugout, the project calls for a 10-foot chain link fence to be installed down the field line to help protect spectators and concession stand patrons.

The family of Dr. Ross Moser recently put together a donation for the Holton Community Hospital Auxiliary in honor of Dr. Moser's wife, Betty Moser, to celebrate her 60-year tenure at Denison State Bank.

Clara Gibson of Holton won the quilt that was displayed by the Kansas Agri-Women at the recent Farm Show in Topeka, it was reported. The

Kansas Agri-Women is a group that is concerned about agriculture in Kansas. Materials for the quilt were from Quilting on the Square in Holton.

## 25 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 7-13, 1991

Kansas' Second Judicial District, which includes Jackson County, was recently commended for improved caseload management by Howard Schwartz, judicial administrator, Supreme Court of Kansas. Specifically, the number of criminal cases pending over 12 months has been reduced.

Holton residents Ray and Jean Applegarth recently returned from an extended winter vacation to Zambia, Africa. The Applegarths encountered "a different world" while there, where border crossings between countries were carefully monitored and where even the smallest bridges were guarded by machine gun-toting soldiers. A hand-carved wall plaque of mowka wood will serve as a visual reminder of the Applegarths' trip.

Holton native Russ Riederer accepted a coaching position with the Green Bay Packers on Monday evening, Feb. 4, it was reported. Riederer will be the new head strength and conditioning coach for the NFL team, which is based in Green Bay, Wis.

## 50 Years Ago

Week of Feb. 7-13, 1966

A trial installation of the hanging flower baskets to be provided for the Square by the women's chamber of commerce was made on Monday,

Feb. 7. The women's chamber plans to provide a basket for each white way pole, it was reported.

The possibility of constructing a rental housing project in Holton for senior citizens of low income was discussed at the city commission meeting on Wednesday night, Feb. 2.

Kansas Gov. Avery has called a special session of the Kansas Legislature to reapportion the legislative districts. The five northeast Kansas counties of Atchison, Doniphan, Jackson, Brown and Nemaha have approximately the population needed to create four representative districts.



Atchison County Community High School seniors Patrick Sullivan (left) and Madison Meeks reigned as king and queen of courts during Friday's winter courtwarming activities at ACCHS. The Tigers went up against Holton High School's Wildcat basketball teams during the evening's festivities; results from the evening's games may be found on today's sports pages.

Submitted photo

## Jerry Henry files for Kansas Senate race

Kansas Rep. Jerry Henry (D-Atchison, pictured) announced on Friday that he will file to run for the Kansas Senate First District seat currently occupied by Sen. Dennis Pyle (R-Hiawatha), it was reported.



Henry is currently serving his 12th term in the Kansas House of Representatives and is currently the ranking Minority Member of House Appropriations Committee.

"The decision to run for the Senate is not one I took lightly. People across the district, from Doniphan County to Pottawatomie County, have told me that Senator Pyle doesn't share their values," Henry said. "People of the First District want someone who values K-12 education, public safety and sound fiscal policies."

Seneca native Henry has lived and worked in the First District his entire life, it was reported. For the past 38 years, he has served as the Executive Director of Achievement Services for Northeast Kansas, a non-profit that provides programs and services for developmentally disabled citizens.

zens. "One of the largest reasons I serve in the legislature," Henry said, "is to ensure that impoverished, sick, disabled and elderly Kansas citizens have a voice in the law making process."

His public service career began in 1986, when he was first elected to serve on the Atchison City Commission and then as mayor.

Henry and his wife Linda were married nearly 35 years ago at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Purcell. Together they have three children, Sarah, Hank and Ted, and six grandchildren, Thomas, Fulton, Cate, Kolbe, Jack and Ella.

Today, Henry and his wife are actively involved in the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Atchison, where he is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

In his last election, Henry was endorsed by Kansans for Life, Kansas Farm Bureau, the Kansas Chapter of the National Education Association, Kansas Livestock Association, the AFL-CIO and Kansas Contractors Association.

Kansas' First Senate District includes Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson and Nemaha counties and parts of Pottawatomie and Marshall counties.

## Delia City Council meets

By Isabel Bogowith  
City Clerk

Mayor Don Trimble called the Delia City Council meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Jan. 4. Present were Mayor Don Trimble, council members Donna Knehan, Denise Meltz and John Nitsch, Attorney Scott Hesse, Treasurer Nikki Dohrman and City Clerk Isabel Bogowith. Not present was council member Molly Robb.

City Clerk Bogowith read October and November's minutes. Meltz moved to approve the minutes. Knehan seconded and the motion carried.

Evelyn Shiber was sworn in as a Delia council member.

Treasurer Nikki Dohrman present-

ed the financial report. Meltz moved to pay the bills and accept the financial report. Nitsch seconded and the motion carried.

City Clerk Bogowith read a letter from Brian Ford regarding the City of Delia's water line project.

City Clerk Bogowith spoke to the council about the need to replace the Delia Community Center's doors. An estimate was to be presented at February's meeting for consideration.

Nitsch moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Meltz seconded and the motion carried.

The next regular council meeting was to be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 8. Meetings are open to the public.

## Holton school board sets agenda

The Holton school board will meet at 6 p.m. today (Monday) for its regular monthly meeting.

The board is expected to take formal action on two new hires - Paul Nelson (high school custodian) and Jayce Holliday (SPED para at Jackson Heights Elementary) and one resignation - Sheriden Haverkamp (SPED para at Jackson Heights Elementary).

The board is also expected to receive an update on the construction progress at the new elementary school.

Other items on the meeting agenda include a legislative update, a community pre-school update and reports from building principals and directors.

The board is also expected to approve updates to the district's policy

handbook and KASB board policies and to hear a request to allow FFA representatives/students to take an agriculture tour.

Other new business on the agenda includes a report on E-Rate federal funding, recommendations from the school calendar committee, an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, administrative contracts for the next school year and an executive session to discuss teacher salary negotiations.

Special dates coming up in the Holton district include Feb. 24 (parent-teacher conferences), Feb. 25 (parent-teacher conferences, no classes) and Feb. 26 (no classes).

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## Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

THE FARMERS STATE BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CYNTHIA R. WHEELER, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, JOHN DOE as the unknown spouse, if any, of Defendant CYNTHIA R. WHEELER, any occupants of the premises, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE EXISTING, DISSOLVED OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE OR WERE PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE DECEASED,

Defendants.

Case No. 2016 CV 07

### NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO: CYNTHIA R. WHEELER, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, JOHN DOE as the unknown spouse, if any, of Defendant CYNTHIA R. WHEELER and any unknown occupants of the premises, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE EXISTING, DISSOLVED OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE OR WERE PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE DECEASED AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY BE CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Jackson County, KS, by Farmers State Bank pray-

ing for foreclosure of a mortgage executed by Cynthia R. Wheeler, covering the following-described real estate in Jackson County, KS, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., running thence East 30 rods; thence North 16 rods, thence West 30 rods; to the West line, thence South 16 rods to the place of beginning, commonly known and described as 16030 166th Road, Mayetta, KS 66509;

and for the sale of said premises to pay the debt secured by said mortgage in the sum of \$74,735.24 with interest thereon at the rate of 6.130% per annum from November 17, 2015 until paid and for all other amounts owed on the First Note and Mortgage together with interest, taxes and the costs of this action, and forever barring and foreclosing you and each of you from all right, title, interest, or equity of redemption in or to said premises, or any part thereof, and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before the 7th day of March, 2016, in the Court at Holton, KS. If you fail to plead, judgment and Decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

SCOTT, QUINLAN, WILLARD, BARNES & KEESHAN, L.L.C.

s/ James S. Willard  
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## Public Notice

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BEFORE THE JACKSON COUNTY APPEALS BOARD

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 8:00 p.m., 10th day of March, 2016 located at 312 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, Kansas in the Senior Citizen Building to consider the following application that was continued from February's meeting.

Application filed by, Thad Wende, requesting a Zoning variance for placement of a tower at the following described real estate:

Section 10, township 8, Range 15, BEG 1338.79 West NE/C SW/4 S886.03 W497.13 N868.49 E TO POB LESS RD ROW

Also known as: 13365 178th Rd Mayetta, Ks

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

Jason Claycamp  
Zoning Administrator  
Jackson County, Kansas

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# OPINION

## State Capitol visit is inspiring

If you have the opportunity to travel to Topeka during the current Legislative Session, visit the State Capitol Building and observe our state leaders at work.

If you are what they call "retired," and have some leisure time, you should definitely visit the State Capitol during the Legislative Session. It is very entertaining.

On Thursday of last week, I visited the State Capitol. It was Kansas Media Day there and more than 60 newspaper and other media people from all across the state converged for a day of visiting in person with state representative and state senators, in between their committee meetings.

In the morning, we watched from the balcony area in the beautiful and historic House Chamber as the House members voted on the controversial measure to "realign" (reduce) the number of school districts in the state by more than 50 percent. That

measure failed. We also heard testimony on the House floor about a measure to hold harmless any underage drinker in the state who calls for emergency services to help another person in need of emergency care due to alcohol or drug poisoning.

The media group provided a sandwich, brown-bag, type lunch for members of the House of Representatives, and I was happy to spend part of the lunchtime with Rep. Becky Hutchins, R-Holton.

All Kansans are welcome at the State Capitol to watch our state leaders at work. The State Capitol is the People's House but I was a little shocked to not see more Kansans there on Thursday.

Every Kansan should visit the State Capitol during the Legislative Session at least once in their life to see where and how our state laws are made.

David Powls

## GARBER: Efficiency is state goal

By Rep. Randy Garber  
R-Sabetha

Kansas is working towards becoming a more efficient state with efforts to reduce spending while maintaining services.



We have made great strides, yet more can be done. In case you weren't aware, an efficiency study has been completed by Alvarez & Marsal (A&M) to determine where Kansas lawmakers could maximize taxpayer dollars.

This report provided three objectives: budget analysis, efficiency and cost savings recommendations and a review of the budget process.

It is impossible to cover everything that is in this report, as it is well more than 250 pages. So we will look at the highlights of what the team found. For those wanting to view the full report, a web search will direct you to it.

The report makes 105 recommendations which would provide more than \$2 billion in benefits to the state over the next five years. There were a variety of recommendations made, from small to large, which would provide both immediate and long-term benefits.

A&M worked with the staff and leadership of the departments that the report focused on to create practical, achievable goals. With the implementation of the recommendations, those goals and benefits could become reality.

The largest benefit suggested is \$600 million in the education department. Education at the K-12 level is a large expense, so efficiency is a must. One way to cut down on the burden of the school districts is to bring them into the state's health

insurance and benefit plan. The coverage and benefits that the school districts provide is increasingly taking up space in their budgets. Joining the state's plan will decrease the cost and save taxpayers an estimated \$360 million over five years, it was noted.

The downside is employee deductibles would increase significantly. The higher cost of health care coverage could cause some of the state's best workers to seek employment elsewhere, which would be an undesirable consequence.

Recommendations in the area of purchasing goods and services by agencies and other state-funded entities could save more than \$100 million through five years, it was estimated.

The state currently has many overlapping contracts with different entities for the same products and services at varying prices. A strategic plan needs to be put in place to make this more efficient. The state has great buying power and should use that to get a better deal. I hope to see this improve soon.

The Kansas Correctional Industry, which employs inmates to manufacture products to be purchased by state agencies, is not being operated at full capacity and the facilities are being underutilized. The director of the KCI said that if the facilities were to operate at even 85 percent and expand its customer base to some non-state agencies, they could possibly increase revenues by 11 percent, or \$7.5 million over the next five years.

The Legislature will be considering these cost savings as well as others in the study.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at randy.garber@house.ks.gov, 785-296-7665 or 2424 Timberlane Terrace Sabetha, KS 66534.



## LETTER

### Don't drop the ball on TB

Dear editor, Tuberculosis is now killing more people every year than even HIV/AIDS, according to new data from the World Health Organization.

Last year, the disease claimed 1.5 million lives globally, and the threat of drug resistance continues to grow.

In light of this alarming new data, the Obama Administration should explain why it has proposed cuts in funding for global TB programs for the last four years.

Fortunately Congress has rejected those cuts every year.

In addition, the White House has yet to deliver on the promise it made earlier this year to deliver a national action plan on drug-resistant TB.

What is causing the delay? If we are going to stop this epidemic from becoming even more serious, we need to act now and urge Sens. Jerry Moran and Pat Roberts to support bilateral Tuberculosis control funding in the fiscal year 2017 foreign aid spending bill.

The U.S. has always played an important role when it comes to global health. We can't let the ball drop now when so many lives are at stake.

Garrett Wilkinson  
Manhattan

## LETTER

### Some positive things going on

Dear editor, Gasoline prices dropped to \$1.69 per gallon as of Jan. 31, 2016. That's a welcome relief at the pumps because gas used to cost \$3 to \$4 per gallon.

A \$20 bill goes a long way at the pump nowadays.

Also, there's a new Wal-Mart being built in Holton. I'm sure it'll have lots of useful products to sell inside the store. I am looking forward to shopping there.

Also, there is a new school being built in Holton. The school kids will enjoy going to a new school.

These are positive things going on in Holton that I'm sure most of you know about.

Paul Cappleman  
Muscotah

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## Indicators to watch for that signal real progress at Congress

By Lee H. Hamilton

There have been encouraging signs that the Republican leadership on Capitol Hill wants to make Congress function again.



They've talked about using conference committees more, allowing a more open process for rank-and-file members, enacting separate appropriation bills rather than using omnibus bills, and letting committees lead on legislation rather than hoarding all power in the leadership office.

Perhaps most important, they've acknowledged that Congress has many bad habits, and insist that they want to restore a healthy legislative process.

This has to be heartening to any American concerned about the level of dysfunction to which Congress had sunk. The question is, how can we tell if Congress is actually fixing itself? For as promising as the rhetoric might be, there's a long way to go before words and reality meet on Capitol Hill. Here's what you should keep your eye on:

First, differences in emphasis separate the leaders of the two houses, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan.

Ryan is intent on pressing forward with key policy proposals that would

anchor a bold Republican legislative agenda. But that's because the Republican majority in the House is not generally believed to be at risk.

Over in the Senate, things are different: control of that body next year is up for grabs, and McConnell seems to be focused on maintaining his party's majority. For his members, boldness is a risk. This difference could lead to slim production.

So look to see how many and which issues the two leaders really push forward. Will they advance the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal in some version, or let it slide until the elections are past? Will they tackle tax reform? How about authorizing support for the war against ISIS? Ryan has already removed one key matter - immigration reform - from the table. Will other pressing issues also bite the dust?

The second big indicator is whether Congress has the political will to fix itself. Most members say publicly that they don't want gridlock and are dedicated to making the institution function smoothly.

The key measure of whether they really mean it is the attitude they take toward their political adversaries. If what you hear on Capitol Hill is nothing but distrust, then they're not serious. If they're willing to negotiate and compromise with one another - as happened at the end of last year, with the passage of an omnibus spending package - then there's hope.

Third is what you might think of as the rolled-up-sleeves test. How hard are members of Congress willing to work at addressing the key issues facing the country?

## PLAINS FOLK: Massing of birds is fascinating

By Tom Isern

The massing of birds into magnificent flocks is a subject of continual fascination, especially when the phenomenon is tangled up with the doings of humankind.

2014 was the centennial of the extinction of the passenger pigeon. Countless millions of them once darkened the skies of the wooded Midwest, but since their demise, we have been unable to say just what caused it.

I'm pretty sure that direct shooting pressure was only a factor. Some say the great flocks were present when Europeans moved in only because in the years before, epidemic European disease had killed most of the American Indian population, thus eliminating human predation as a factor.



Still common on the Great Plains, of course, are vast gatherings of blackbirds. When you see a great flock wheeling and spiraling in concert, as if it were one organism, that's called a murmuration - fascinating thing to watch.

Seems to me such spectacles have decreased a bit as milo maize has given way to corn.

I'm willing to argue that there are greater flocks of waterfowl, ducks and geese, on the prairies today than ever before.

This despite the loss of wetland and grassland habitat. The abundant carbohydrates offered by feed grains are a key reason, while wetland management has concentrated the fowl into management areas.

Now I return to the subject of my previous column, the history of crow roosts on the plains. I'm pretty familiar with the literature of early exploration, and I don't believe great crow roosts were a feature of this part of the country prior to agricultural settlement.

Big crow roosts, comprising hundreds of thousands and even millions of birds, depend on the presence of concentrated foodstuffs - which means cultivated crops.

Newspaper reports of big crow roosts in Kansas commence in the 1890s. Kaffir corn drew the birds to a roost near Florence in that decade.

Over the next decade the papers reported large roosts near Huron and near Parsons. The numbers reported, however, were merely in the tens of thousands.

Something tipped over the next few years. In 1919, the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station published a bulletin entitled simply, *The Crow*.

At this time, several central counties - Garvin, Logan, and Payne - all reported crow roosts exceeding one million birds.

Melons, peanuts, kaffir corn, and pecans - especially pecans! - offered a regular buffet to the Oklahoma birds. The only comparable concentration reported in Kansas was just

across the line from Oklahoma, on Shoo Fly Creek near Hunnewell.

So how did the legendary concentrations of crows in the Medora-Hutchinson area come to be?

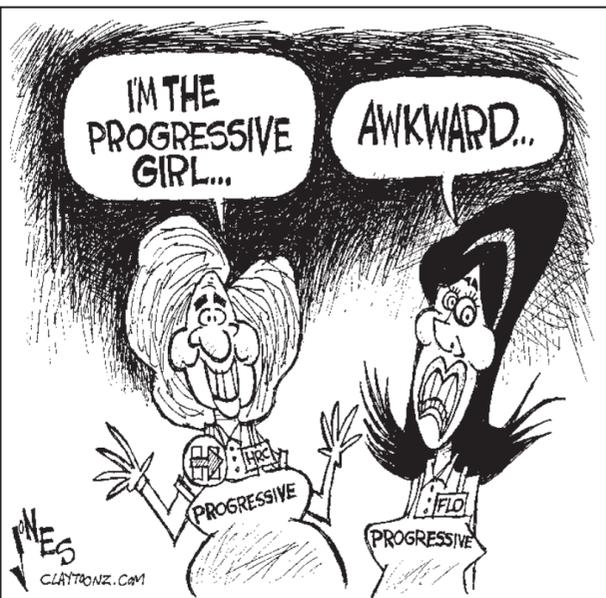
There is an element of randomness in such things, but it appears to have been a perfect storm of causes here. Feed grain crops were essential, and plentiful locally. The Oklahoma population source was nearby.

Then, on account of sandy, unstable soils, the Arkansas and Little Arkansas river valleys became target areas for federal, multi-row shelterbelt plantings in the 1930s.

This was like sending an invitation to crows, whose numbers built up to more than two million, possibly the largest concentration ever known.

Two million crows is perhaps not what Medora would have wished to have been famous for, but it's a historic benchmark.

Note: Tom Isern is a professor of history at North Dakota State University and co-author of the *Plains Folk* column.



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# OBITUARIES

**Darveaux**  
Norbert J. Darveaux, 78, Valley Falls, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, at his home.  
He was born Dec. 15, 1937, at Rulo, Neb., the son of Peter Joseph and Mary Majerus Darveaux. He graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic Grade School in Falls City, Neb., and from high school in Reserve.

Mr. Darveaux served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1956 to 1962. He was a cabinet maker and owned Norbert's Cabinet Shop in Valley Falls, which he operated from 1963 until retirement. He had worked at Frontier Mobile Homes and Falls City Millworks, both at Falls City, Neb.

He was a member of American Handyman Professionals, Arbor Lodge State Historical Park Association, Nebraska City, Neb., Elks Lodge 963, Falls City, Neb., Moose Lodge 555, Topeka, Fraternal Order of Eagles 309, Lawrence, American Legion Bicentennial Post 225, Ozawkie, National Rifle Association, Kansas Prairie Pickers Association, Heart of America Antique Steam Engine and Model Association at McLouth, Meriden Antique Engine and Threshers Association and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Rulo, Neb.

He married Roxanne Kirkendall in 1958, at Rulo, Neb. They divorced. He married Barbara Bright on Aug. 18, 1995, at Oskaloosa. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Ronda Jeffries and fiancée Chuck Gully, Valley Falls, and Melody Conser and husband Colt, Oskaloosa; two stepsons, Kevin Bledsoe, Topeka, and Jason Bledsoe, Tonganoxie; five brothers, Bernard J. Darveaux, Holton, Gerard J. Darveaux, Carter Lake, Iowa, Peter J. Darveaux, Independence, Mo., Michael J. Darveaux, Oswego, Ill., and Raphael J. Darveaux, Falls City, Neb.; three sisters, Mary G. Terry, Meriden, Barbara A. Schuetz, Falls City, Neb., and Joyce A. Hoefker, Fort Collins, Colo.; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a son, Steven Eugene "Buff" Darveaux, a brother, Raymond J. Darveaux and a sister, Rita Marie Metzner.

A rosary will be prayed at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Valley Falls. Visitation will follow at the church. Inurnment will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Valley Falls Cemetery with military honors by Graham-Herbers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3084.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Norbert J. Darveaux Memorial Fund, to be designated later and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088.

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## JH board sets tonight's agenda

The Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Jackson Heights High School Library. The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda items include approval of the meeting's consent agenda, which includes minutes from the board's Jan. 11 meeting, monthly bills and activity account reports, a bond payment of \$52,017.50 and a Custom Energy payment of \$34,165.58; discussion on the Ground Source heating and cooling system with Keith Watkins, commercial HVAC service manager for McElroy's of Topeka; a presentation by Gary Keehn and wildlife students; discussion of the 7-12 eligibility policy; and consideration of appointing two board members for teacher contract negotiations.

An executive session to discuss personnel matters also is scheduled for the meeting, followed by open-session action on items discussed in executive session and consideration of administrative contracts.

The meeting's agenda is subject to change. To be placed on the agenda of an upcoming board meeting or for more information, contact the district office at 364-2194.

**Pittenger**  
Opal Audrey Pittenger, 99, Holton, died Friday, Feb. 5, 2016.  
She was born Aug. 11, 1916, in Goff, the daughter of Chester George and Grace Belle Porter Sourk. She attended Fairview Grade School and graduated from Goff High School in 1934.

Mrs. Pittenger worked as a switchboard operator for JBN Telephone Company in Soldier beginning in 1956. She then worked for United Telephone in Holton from 1958 to 1980 and from 1980 to 1985 in Athens, Texas, before retiring after 29 years as an operator.

She attended First United Methodist Church in Holton and was also a member of the "Elite" Soldier Wednesday Night Club.

She married Charlie Louis Pittenger on Oct. 31, 1935, in Hiawatha. He died May 1, 1990. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Pat Moulden; a son, Rex Pittenger; a sister, Jessie McConaughy; two brothers, Clyde and Wayne Sourk; and two grandchildren, Randy and Tammy Scott.

Survivors include two daughters, Ina Grace Bryan and husband Richard, Kansas City, and Phyllis J. Scott and husband Bob, Holton; a son, Steve Pittenger and wife Barb, Shawnee; nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this morning (Monday) at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial followed in Olive Hill Cemetery west of Holton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beck-Bookman Library or Heart of Jackson Humane Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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**Blanton**  
Sammie Joe Blanton Jr., 45, Everest, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016.  
He was born March 31, 1970, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of Sam and Mary LaLond Blanton.

Mr. Blanton owned and operated S&S Towing. Prior to that he worked for Horton USD 430 at the elementary school's head custodian.

He married Teresa Meyer on Sept. 16, 1988, in Hiawatha. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter Katie Blanton and fiancé Eric Purvis, Whiting; two sons, Timothy Blanton and wife Marissa, Horton, and Lukas Blanton, of the home; three grandchildren, Raelynn and Tucker Blanton and Joseph Purvis; his parents, Sam and Mary Blanton, Horton; three brothers, Louis Blanton and Chris Long, both of Horton, and Bill Long, Cameron, Mo.; a sister, Pebble Hare, in North Dakota; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Haverkamp.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton, where family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Burial will be held in Horton City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sammie Blanton Jr. memorial fund, to be designated later and sent in care of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary, 909 Central Ave., Horton, KS 66439.

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## Crops and Soils

# The economics of soybean fertility explained

By David G. Hallauer  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent  
Crops & Soils/Horticulture



KSU Nutrient Management Specialist Dr. Dorivar Ruiz-Diaz was a presenter at the KSU soybean schools held two weeks ago. In his presentation, he noted the effect of crop prices on purchasing power of crop nutrients.

In 2012, a bushel of soybeans purchased 19 pounds of phosphate. In 2013, it purchased 20 pounds, before dropping back to 19 pounds again in 2014. For 2015, the number dropped all the way down to 16 pounds – a 20 percent drop from just two years earlier.

How can we make up for the lost

purchasing power? Know what you need!

For example, most soybean crops don't require any nitrogen unless you are in very high yield environments. If you are applying nitrogen to boost yield, make sure you are focusing their use in the highest yield environments.

Phosphorous removal in soybeans is eight tenths of a pound per bushel. Potassium removal is one and four tenths of a pound per bushel.

When soil test levels are above 15-20 ppm P and 130 ppm K, you may get by a year without applying nutrients, but only with careful attention to the future.

First, understand that skipping an application will reduce soil test levels and is only a short-term economic solution. At low soil test levels, you must apply fertilizer.

Second, if you don't have a good soil testing program in place, now is the time to start one! The economic

returns to soil test information is actually higher when commodity prices are low than they are when commodity prices are high.

Don't overlook lime. If pH drops below 6.0, you may see reductions in nutrient availability and use efficiency that can hinder fertilizer effectiveness.

What about micronutrient fertility applications? KSU work has shown variable responses to micronutrient fertility (work continues...) based on soils. If you are growing soybeans in low organic matter or high sand content soils, your likelihood of response to micronutrients is much greater than if you have higher organic matters and more clay/loam soil types.

With any luck, a bushel of soybeans will regain some purchasing power in 2016. If not, our understanding of optimum soil fertility levels will be integral to helping make good economic decisions for

our soybean production acres.

### Peach Leaf Curl Control

By the time you notice emerging peach leaves that are puckered, swollen, distorted and reddish-green color, you are already too late to control peach leaf curl. Uncontrolled, this disease can severely weaken trees due to untimely leaf drop as leaves unfurl in the spring.

Fortunately, peach leaf curl is not difficult to control, but fungicides must be applied before bud swell. There are several fungicides available, including numerous chlorothalonil containing products that will work. Always read and follow label directions.

Coverage is essential, so make sure to thoroughly cover the entire tree during application. Coverage will be enhanced if you prune prior to spray applications. Don't spray when temperatures are below 40 degrees or will fall below freezing before the spray dries. Usually we can wait until March to spray but an extended warm period in February that encourages early bud swell may require spraying in late February.

## The best time to start saving? Now

By Cindy Williams  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent  
Food & Nutrition, FNP



Do you remember when you started your first savings account? I know I must have been pretty young when I first deposited money because I didn't quite understand how a savings account worked. I was a lucky child to have a savings account early in life.

Research by William Elliott from the University of Kansas has found that a child with even a small amount of money (less than \$500) in a savings account is almost two and half times more likely to graduate from college than a child with no savings.

While more research is needed on this topic, one possibility is that a child who identifies as a "college-saver" from an early age may be more engaged in school, and thus more likely to enroll in and graduate from college.

Knowing that money in a savings account will be used for college – rather than money to be used in another way – is a form of mental accounting. Mental accounting in-

volves categorizing money. I like to visualize it as placing money into different boxes. We know from research that adults use mental accounting with money in many ways. It's why many people treat money received from gifts, bonuses and also tax refunds differently than we use money from our wages.

In this situation, money is often spent on items that the spender would normally consider frivolous, but because the money has been put into a different box in their minds, it feels OK.

We can, and do, use mental accounting to help us manage our money wisely too. A good example of this is Christmas savings accounts. Many people have a savings account just to help save for the holidays; they deposit money year-round and then withdraw it to buy gifts. Because this money has been categorized, it's easier for people to not spend it on other things.

In fact, all types of saving accounts help us. They allow us to place money that we don't want to spend on daily needs in a separate account (both mentally and physically). This is a wonderful tool! And yet, too many people do not have enough savings.

As reported in "What Resources Do Families Have for Financial Emergencies?" by Pew Charitable Trusts, more than 40 percent of households do not have enough easy accessible savings to pay for the \$2,000 cost of

the typical household's most expensive financial shock such as a major car or home repair or a loss of income. In fact, one in three American families report having no savings at all, including one in 10 of those with incomes of more than \$100,000 a year.

Now is the time to make a commitment to start to save in a savings account and/or help younger family members to start to save too. Saving small amounts over time will add up; the first step is to start.

Tax refunds can be used to jumpstart savings. In fact, you can use Form 8888 when filing your tax statements to split your tax refund and have it direct deposited into two or three accounts. This way you start your savings account and still receive some refund for spending now.

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- Lang (country singer)
- Blue Hen school
- Decaliter
- Point midway between S and E
- 12th Greek letter
- One point S of SE
- Pools
- Notes of hand
- Algerian dinar
- Metal cooking vessel
- Short poking stroke
- Mountain Standard Time
- Dark hairs mixed with light
- Hosts film festival
- Frost
- Former moneys of Brazil
- Bodily perceptions
- Baseball great Ty \_\_\_
- Before
- Caesar, comedian
- Containerful
- Expression of uncertainty
- Tells on
- Bones
- As fast as can be done (abbr.)
- Singer Jolson
- Atomic #73
- Pigeon sound
- Jr.'s father
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- Debt settled (abbr.)
- Contrary
- Chinese tennis star Na
- 44th First Lady
- Methyl phenol
- Avid applause

**CLUES DOWN**

- Started growth
- Biblical Sumerian city
- Where Alexander defeated Darius III
- Something to be borne or conveyed
- Removed earth
- Traveled by water
- Hirobumi \_\_, Japan
- Antelopes
- Japanese emigrant's offspring
- For instance
- T cell glands
- Acorn trees
- Burdened
- Wound deformity
- Has faith in
- Title of honor
- Someone
- Pouch
- Comprehensive
- Separates with an instrument
- Noble
- US, Latin America, Canada
- Snoot
- About heraldry
- Angel
- Female sibling
- Former OSS
- Stressed-unstressed-unstressed
- An imperfectly broken mustang
- Call out
- A long scarf
- Coconut fiber
- Scene of sports & events
- Bodily suffering
- Cloths
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# SPORTS Monday



## Jackson Heights boys roll over Maur Hill

### Cobras travel to Pleasant Ridge on Tuesday

By David Powlis

The Jackson Heights Cobra basketball teams will travel to Pleasant Ridge for varsity league basketball games on Tuesday evening.

In Friday's matchups played at Maur Hill, the Cobras split games.

The Jackson Heights boys team downed Maur Hill 66-28 to improve to 10-0 in the Northeast Kansas League and 12-2 overall.

The Cobras opened the game with a 17-9 scoring edge in the first quarter and never looked back. The Cobras scored 20 points in each of the second and third quarters and led 57-24 after three quarters.

Two Cobras scored in double figures - Zane Richter with 21 and Wyatt Olberding with 14 - and eight Cobras overall scored in the game.

Jackson Heights 66, Maur Hill 28  
Jackson Heights 17-20-20-9 - 66  
Maur Hill 9-9-6-4 - 28

Jackson Heights - Richter 7 (2) 3-3 21, Olberding 5 (3) 1-2 14, Jacobsen 4 0-0 8, Brey 2 0-0 4, Thomas 1 (1) 0-0 3, Hamilton 1 0-0 2, Dohl 1 0-0 2, Holliday 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 (6) 4-5 66.

Maur Hill - Mt. Academy - Majed 3 (1) 0-0 7, Ervin 2 1-3 5, Olberding 2 0-0 4, Lykins 2 0-0 4, Kocour 1 0-0 2, Baniewicz 1 0-0 2, Dulac 1 0-2 2, Vowels 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 (1) 1-5 28.

The Jackson Heights girls trailed by just two points, 12-10, after the first quarter in their game against Maur Hill Friday night and were still within striking distance at halftime, 25-18.

In the second half, however, Maur Hill kept its lead and extended it, outscoring the visiting Cobras 23-14 in the second half.

The loss moved the JH girls' record to 3-7 in the Northeast Kansas League and 4-9 overall.

A bright spot for the Cobra girls was the return to the lineup of senior Katelyn Strube who had missed some games due to an injury.

Senior Becca Gibson scored 14 points in the game to lead the Lady Cobras in scoring. Junior Hannah Williams pitched in 7, junior Alexis Rieschick had 5, Strube 5 and senior Taylor Abel 1.

Maur Hill 12-13-11-12 - 48  
Jackson Heights 10-8-9-5 - 32.

Maur Hill - Siebert 0 2-3 2, He. Ronnebaum 1 2-2 4, Lenman 4 (2) 6-12 20, Ha. Ronnebaum 2 1-2 5, Weber 1 2-2 4, Taylor 2 1-4 5, Corwell 1 0-0 2, Griffin 2 0-0 6. Totals 14 (2) 14-25 48.

Jackson Heights - Rieschick 1 (1) 0-0 5, Abel 0 1-2 1, Williams 3 1-2 7, Strube 0 5-6 5, Gibson 4 (1) 3-5 14. Totals 8 (2) 10-15 32.



(Top photo) Jackson Heights junior Wyatt Olberding (No. 11 in white jersey) drives the baseline en route to the basket in a recent game against Immaculata. Sophomore Braden Dohl (No. 42) is also shown in the photo. (Above photo) JH senior Zane Richter (No. 24 in white jersey) is off to the races against Immaculata along with teammate Mason Thomas (No. 5) Photos by David Powlis

## Holton's Lady Wildcats too much to handle for host ACCHS Tigers

By Brian Sanders

Holton High School's Lady Cats basketball team proved too much for the Atchison County Community High School Tiger girls team to handle on Friday night, getting a blow-out 59-28 win on the road.

Head Coach Jon Holliday said the Lady Cats were prepared to take on the Tigers, coming out firing on all cylinders and taking a 10-2 lead after the first quarter.

"When you shoot the ball well, everything looks good," Holliday said. "That was especially the case in the second quarter, where we got on a pretty good run."

The Lady Cats went on a 23-15 run in the second quarter, led by nine points from senior Sarah Sweet.

"Sarah was shooting the ball extremely well, and that got us going," Holliday said.

Other key players in Friday's

match-up were sophomore Shay Tanking, who overcame foul trouble early in the game to lead the Lady Cats in scoring with 12 points, followed by senior Hayley Thompson with 10. Holliday also credited junior Courtney Boswell for her work as a team leader during the game.

"We had a few people in foul trouble, and Courtney kind of took over the game's force," he said.

The Lady Cats (8-3 in the Big Seven League, 9-6 overall) will next head to Riverside on Friday to take on the Cyclones (0-11 BSL, 2-12 overall).

"This week, we'll go back to basics and get ready for the home stretch," Holliday said. "We'll take a little time off, regenerate our batteries and then hit it hard in practice, starting Tuesday... We're going to shore some things up on the offensive end, especially in our halfcourt play."

Scoring

Holton 10-23-17-9 - 59  
Atchison Co. 2-15-5-6 - 28  
Holton: Tanking 6 0-0 12, Thompson 5 0-0 10, Sweet 4 (1) 0-0 9, Boswell 3 2-2 8, Riley 1 3-4 5, Weiler 1 2-2 4, Moore 1 2-4 4, Lierz 1 1-4 3, Karn 1 0-0 2, Price 1 0-1 2. Totals 24 (1) 10-19 59.

Atchison Co.: Eckert 2 5-7 9, Erzen 3 3-4 9, Scherer 2 0-0 4, Meeks 1 (1) 1-2 4, Beien 1 0-0 2. Totals 9 (1) 9-14 28.

## RV Panthers split with Red Hawks

Riverside comes to town Tuesday

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley boys basketball team kept its momentum going with a 52-42 league win at Hiawatha on Friday.

The Panthers are now 10-1 in Big 7 league standings.

"It was one of our better starts," said Coach Keith Pelton. "We moved the ball really well, and we were able to spread the ball around."

Royal Valley opened the game with 17 points in the first quarter, and the Panther defense held the Red Hawks to just 4 points.

"The kids are playing really hard," Pelton said. "They're focused on what we do well and sticking to our game plans. We're not concentrating so much on figuring out every team's plan as much as we are on perfecting ours."

By half, the boys led 29-14.

"Our defense continues to be what we pride ourselves upon this season," he said.

Pelton said the team, which includes six seniors, has remained healthy throughout the season so far, which has provided consistency.

"The kids are really focused and have some goals they still want to accomplish this season," he said.

RV 17-12-10-13 - 52

HiAW: 4-10-10-18 - 42

Individual statistics:

RV: Barger 12, K. Spoonhunter 12, M. Spoonhunter 11, Rottinghaus 9, Roy 6, Ehrhart 2.

HiAW: Lierz 17, Pierce 7, May 6, Kunkel 5, Tollefson 3, Elffner 2, Bigham 1, Nolte 1.

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The Royal Valley girls basketball team fell 61-52 to Hiawatha Friday, but RV girls coach Corey Katzer said Friday's game against the Red

Hawks was a "tale of two games."

"It was the slow start out of the gate followed by us coming out after halftime and turning a 10-point deficit into a six-point lead," Katzer said.

After trailing 30-20 at halftime, the Panthers scored 23 points in the third quarter.

"I felt like the girls competed as well as they can in the second through fourth quarters," Katzer said. "It was fantastic to watch, and the best we've played on both ends of the floor."

The team was facing foul trouble at the start of the fourth quarter, Katzer said.

"We had to play a little more conservatively to protect ourselves," he said. "It makes it tough when two of your three top scorers are dealing with four fouls and then your top two ball handlers are also in foul trouble. I won't say we were tentative, but we had to kind of get away from what gave us the lead."

Despite the loss, the Panthers had three players, Tamo Thomas, Lexi Baker and Kate Hanson, score double figures. The team is now 4-7 in league play.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win," he said. "We competed at the highest level. We fought through adversity, but unfortunately that did not turn into a win."

RV: 6-14-23-9 - 52  
HiAW: 17-13-15-16 - 61

Individual statistics:  
RV: Baker 15, T. Thomas 15, Hanson 12, K. Thomas 5, Jordan 3, Schuetz 2.

HiAW: Gartner 22, Kunkel 16, Kettler 13, Barbary 4, Campbell 3, Overdick 3.

Royal Valley will host Riverside on Tuesday in Hoyt, with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

## Patch erupts for 38 to pace HHS

Road trip to Riverside set for Friday

By Brian Sanders

Holton High School junior Bryson Patch scored a season-high 38 points to lead the Wildcats in a Friday night 60-48 road victory against the Atchison County Community High School Tigers in what Head Coach Ryan Noel described as a "dogfight" from start to finish.

"We struggled early," Noel said of Friday's game. "We got down 5-0 at the start... They came out and really came after us and hit some shots early."

But with the help of Patch - who hit four of the team's six three-pointers on the night and went eight for 12 from the foul line - the Wildcats bounced back, took a 13-10 lead by the end of the first quarter and never relinquished the lead, putting a damper on ACCHS' winter courtwarming activities.

"That would be a career high, to my knowledge," Noel said of Patch's 38 points. "He was able to play real well, hit some shots from the perimeter and also got to the basket and made some free throws. He had a great evening."

Noel also credited the work of the rest of the team, including top-notch defensive work from senior Kaden Brandt, in helping to maintain the lead.

"Kaden is coming along nicely," Noel said. "I thought he played well defensively, and he did some good things on the defensive end."

Other top scorers for the Wildcats

were sophomore Mason Strader with six points, along with Brandt and sophomore AJ Haussler, who picked up five points each.

The Wildcat boys will attempt to improve on their record (5-6 in Big Seven League, 6-9 overall) with a Friday night road match against Riverside (7-3 BSL, 9-5 overall). The Wildcats lost a close 52-50 match earlier this season to the Cyclones, and Noel expects that Riverside will "present us some problems" again.

"Defensive awareness will be very important. But we are confident that we'll be prepared, and we know this is going to be a game that we want, that we need," he said.

After that, Noel added, it will be time to play "the role of spoiler" and shore up as many wins as possible in the last four games of the regular season.

"We continue to get better," he said. "We're going to try to put some things together and make a run at it."

Scoring

Holton 13-12-13-22 - 60  
Atchison Co. 10-10-14-14 - 48

Holton: Patch 13 (4) 8-12 38, Strader 1 (1) 3-4 6, Brandt 1 3-4 5, Haussler 1 3-4 5, Bain 0 3-4 3, Maleska 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals 17 (6) 20-30 60.

Atchison Co.: Boos 7 (1) 0-0 15, Smith 5 3-3 13, McAlexander 3 (1) 3-5 10, Smith 2 (2) 2-2 8, Coder 0 2-4 2. Totals 17 (4) 10-14 48.

## RV's Todd, Kester fare well at Wyandotte tourney

Royal Valley High School wrestler Charles Todd placed second at the Wyandotte County Invitational on Saturday while DJ Kester placed fifth.

Todd, who competes in the 285-pound class, won by fall over Lake Barnes (Harmon) in his first round.

In the semifinal round, Todd won by fall over Arnez Dowdy (Turner).

In the first-place match, Todd lost in a tiebreaker over Tylen Wallace

(Schlagle).

In his first round of competition, Kester, who competes in the 120-pound class, lost by fall over Urian Roach (Washington).

In his first consolation round, Kester had a bye.

In the consolation semifinal round, Kester lost by decision over Mike King (Piper).

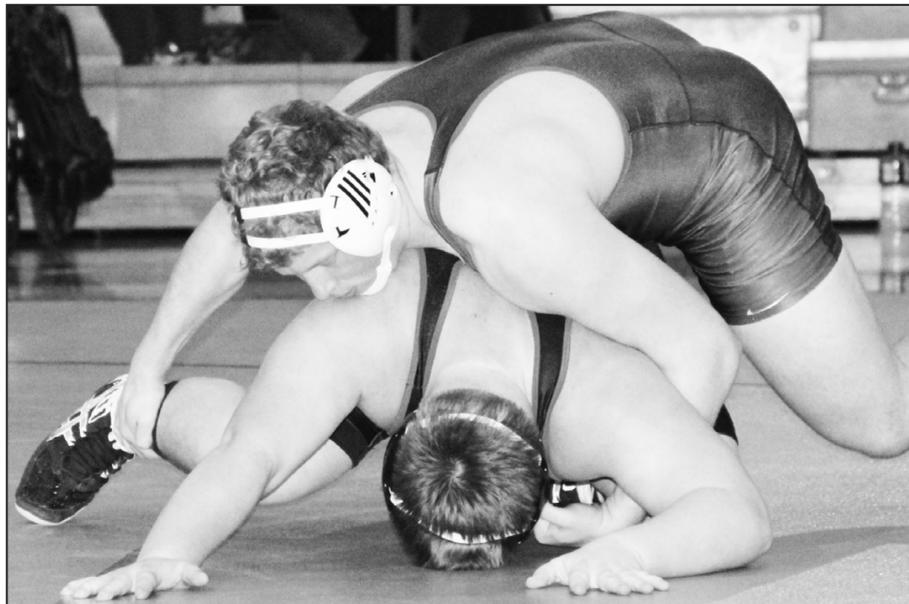
In the fifth-place match, Kester won by major decision (12-3) over

Jacob Fritz (Bonner Springs).

A total of 10 teams competed at the tournament.

Team results:

1. Turner 261, 2. Bonner Springs 188, 3. Schlagle 165, 4. Piper 102, 5. Wyandotte 76, 6. Sumner Academy 61, 7. Washington 51, 8. Bishop Ward 26, 9. J.C. Harmon 13, 10. Royal Valley 0.



Holton High School junior Tel Wittmer (top) brought Atchison County sophomore Ryan Hanshaw down by fall during the recent dual wrestling match between the two schools. Photo by Brian Sanders



Royal Valley senior Macy Putnam, shown above in the white jersey, applies defensive pressure in a recent game for the Lady Panthers while senior Anna Johnson, shown below, takes the basketball to the hoop in a recent game.  
Photos by Michael Powls



## HOLTON RECORDER SPORTS

### Big 7 Boys Basketball Stat Leaders

*By Michael Powls*  
As of Jan. 18, these were the local stats leaders for the Big 7 League boys basketball teams.

**Scoring**  
#2 - Bryson Patch (HHS) AVG - 17.3 points per game.  
#10 - Trever Smith (ACCHS) AVG - 10.8 points per game.  
#11 - Jarrett Roy (RVHS) AVG - 10.5 points per game.  
#15 - Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS) AVG 9.8 points per game.

**Free Throw %**  
#2 - AJ Haussler (HHS) (21-28) FT% - 75%.  
#4 - Bryson Patch (HHS) (52-74) FT% - 70%.  
#12 - Derrick Barger (RVHS) (35-58) FT% - 60%.  
#13 - Jarrett Roy (RVHS) (42-71) FT% - 59%.  
#14 - Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS) (30-51) FT% - 59%.

**Steals**  
#7 - Lane Bowen (ACCHS) AVG - 1.7 steals per game.  
#10 - Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS) AVG - 1.4 steals per game.  
#11 - Bryson Patch (HHS) AVG - 1.4 steals per game.

#15 - Derrick Barger (RVHS) AVG - 1.3 steals per game.  
2 Point Field Goals %  
#1 - Masen Spoonhunter (RVHS) (29-44) 2FG% - 66%.  
#8 - Noah Rottinghaus (RVHS) (28-53) 2FG% - 53%.  
#12 - Bryson Patch (HHS) (55-116) 2FG% - 47%.  
#15 - Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS) (33-74) 45%.

**Offensive Rebounds**  
#5 - Trever Smith (ACCHS) AVG - 2.4 OFFREB per game.  
#7 - Noah Rottinghaus (RVHS) AVG - 2.3 OFFREB per game.  
#9 - Luke Miller (ACCHS) AVG - 2.0 OFFREB per game.  
#13 - Jarrett Roy (RVHS) AVG - 1.5 OFFREB per game.  
#14 - Bryson Patch (HHS) AVG - 1.46 OFFREB per game.  
#15 - Aaron Bain (HHS) AVG - 1.38 OFFREB per game.

**Assists**  
#4 - Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS) AVG - 2.8 assists per game.  
#5 - Derrick Barger (RVHS) AVG - 2.8 assists per game.  
3 Point Field Goal %  
#4 - Ryder McAlexander

(ACCHS) (7-17) 3FG% - 41%.  
#6 - Bryson Patch (HHS) (21-53) 3FG% - 40%.  
#15 - AJ Haussler (HHS) (15-49) 3FG% - 31%.

**Defensive Rebounds**  
#2 - Noah Rottinghaus (RVHS) AVG - 4.8 DEFREB per game.  
#10 - Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS) AVG - 3.7 DEFREB per game.  
#11 - Jarrett Roy (RVHS) AVG - 3.7 DEFREB per game.  
#13 - Trever Smith (ACCHS) AVG - 3.6 DEFREB per game.  
#14 - Ryder McAlexander (ACCHS) AVG - 0.9 DEFREB per game.

**Blocks**  
#3 - Noah Rottinghaus (RVHS) AVG - 1.4 blocks per game.  
#5 - Masen Spoonhunter (RVHS) AVG - 1.3 blocks per game.  
#9 - Trever Smith (ACCHS) AVG - 0.9 blocks per game.  
#10 - Ryder McAlexander (ACCHS) AVG - 0.9 blocks per game.

Note: Scott Burger of Sabetha High School provides the statistics.



Royal Valley defenders, shown above in the white jerseys are, left to right, Kiihto Thomas, Lexi Baker, Marliisa Jordan, Kate Hanson and Bella Thompson.  
Photo by Michael Powls

## RV wrestlers take Onaga, Sabetha in double dual

*By Michael Powls*  
On Thursday, Feb. 4, in the final meet of the regular season, the Royal Valley Panther wrestling team was on the road in Sabetha for a double dual with the Sabetha Blue Jays and the Onaga Buffalos.

The Panthers took over the competition by beating Onaga 60-13, and then beating Sabetha 49-28, to end the season with a record of 28-7.

**RVHS vs. Onaga**  
(106) Dalton Ware (RVHS) won his match.  
(113) Garrett Pruyser (RVHS) won his match.  
(120) DJ Kester (RVHS) won his match.  
(126) Ethan Ashley (RVHS) over Lara Brannan-Cole (Onaga) (Fall 0:17).  
(132) Trenton Ross (Onaga) over Brett House (RVHS) (MD 13-1).  
(138) Double Forfeit  
(145) Caleb Burnworth (RVHS) over Brandon Merriman (Onaga) (Fall 3:09).  
(152) Noah Hart (RVHS) won his match.  
(160) Karsen Smith (RVHS) won his match.  
(170) Garrett Ames (Onaga) over Marshall Stewart (RVHS) (Fall 1:10).  
(182) Jacob Box (RVHS) won his match.  
(195) Blake Garrison (RVHS) won his match.  
(220) Quentin Lara (Onaga) over

Brian Shane (RVHS) (Dec 7-3) (285) Charles Todd (RVHS) won his match.

**Sabetha vs. RVHS**  
(106) Dalton Ware (RVHS) won his match.  
(113) Garrett Pruyser won his match.  
(120) Ethan Ashley (RVHS) over Ryley Wisdom (Sabetha) (Dec. 6-4).  
(126) Seth Harrell (Sabetha) over DJ Kester (RVHS) (Fall 4:38).  
(132) Brandon Brownlee (Sabetha) over Brett House (RVHS) (MD 14-3).  
(138) Zack Lux (RVHS) over Trei Harrell (Sabetha) (MD 11-0).  
(145) Nate Neihues (Sabetha) over Caleb Burnworth (RVHS) (fall 0:40).  
(152) Noah Hart (RVHS) over Matthew Burdick (Sabetha) (Fall 3:27).  
(160) Tanner Ukele (Sabetha) over Karsen Smith (RVHS) (Fall 3:28).  
(170) Cauy Rokey (Sabetha) over Marshall Stewart (RVHS) (Fall 0:59).  
(182) Jacob Box (RVHS) over Grant Meyer (Sabetha) (Fall 1:41).  
(195) Blake Garrison (RVHS) over Payton Strahm (Sabetha) (Fall 2:59).  
(220) Brian Shane (RVHS) won his match.  
(285) Charles Todd (RVHS) over Elliot Strahm (Sabetha) (Fall 2:33).

## Big 7 Girls Basketball Statistics

*By Michael Powls*  
As of Jan., 31, here are the local high school girls basketball statistic leaders in several categories for the Big 7 League.

**Scoring**  
#2 - Tamo Thomas (RVHS) AVG - 13.58 points per game.  
#4 - Shay Tanking (HHS) AVG - 12.46 points per game.  
#6 - Mallory Eckert (ACCHS) AVG - 11.08 points per game.  
#12 - Courtney Boswell (HHS) AVG - 9.42 points per game.  
#13 - Ashlyn Weilert (HHS) AVG - 9.31 points per game.

**Free Throw %**  
#3 - Shari Riley (HHS) (14-18) FT% - 77.8%.  
#8 - Hayley Thompson (HHS) (18-25) FT% - 72.0%.

**Steals**  
#4 - Tamo Thomas (RVHS) AVG - 3.00 steals per game.  
#8 - Ashlyn Weilert (HHS) AVG - 2.46 steals per game.  
#10 - Courtney Boswell (HHS) 2.33 steals per game.  
2 Point Field Goal %  
#5 - Ashlyn Weilert (HHS) (38-70) 2FG% - 54.3%.  
#15 - Hayley Thompson (HHS) (44-101) 2FG% - 43.6%.

**Offensive Rebounds**  
#3 - Hayley Thompson (HHS) AVG - 2.92 OFFREB per game.  
#10 - Kate Hanson (RVHS) AVG - 2.33 OFFREB per game.

**Assists**  
#4 - Courtney Boswell (HHS) AVG - 3.25 assists per game.  
#8 - Shay Tanking (HHS) AVG - 2.54 assists per game.  
#10 - Tamo Thomas (RVHS) AVG - 2.33 assists per game.  
3 Point Field Goal %  
#1 - Courtney Boswell (HHS) (19-48) 3FG% - 39.6%.  
#5 - Shay Tanking (HHS) (23-66) 3FG% - 34.8%.  
#9 - Kiihto Thomas (RVHS) (4-13) 3FG% - 30.8%.  
#11 - Tamo Thomas (RVHS) (18-62) 3FG% - 29.0%.  
#12 - Marliisa Jordan (RVHS) (10-35) 3FG% - 28.6%.  
#14 - Lucy Kearney (ACCHS) (14-54) 3FG% - 25.9%.

**Defensive Rebounds**  
#5 - Kate Hanson (RVHS) AVG - 4.83 DEFREB per game.  
#10 - Hayley Thompson (HHS) AVG - 4.23 DEFREB per game.

**Blocks**  
#5 - Tamo Thomas (RVHS) AVGBS - 0.83 blocks per game.

Note: Scott Burger of Sabetha High School provides the stats.

### UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

**TUESDAY, FEB. 9:** RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Riverside - 4:30 p.m.  
@ Hoyt; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Riverside - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt;  
JHHS Boys Basketball vs. Pleasant Ridge - 5 p.m. @ Easton;  
JHHS Girls Basketball vs. Pleasant Ridge - 5 p.m. @ Easton

**FRIDAY, FEB. 12:** JHHS Boys Basketball vs. Oskaloosa - 5 p.m. @ Jackson Heights; JHHS Girls Basketball vs. Oskaloosa - 5 p.m. @ Jackson Heights; HHS Boys Basketball vs. Riverside - 4:30 p.m. @ Elwood; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Riverside - 4:30 p.m. @ Elwood

**SATURDAY, FEB. 13:** RVHS Wrestling - Big Seven Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Elwood; RVHS JV Boys Basketball - JV Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS JV Girls Basketball - JV Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Hoyt; HHS Wrestling - Big Seven Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Elwood; HHS Wrestling - Burlington Tournament - 8:30 a.m. @ Burlington

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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jackson Heights senior Zane Richter scored 32 points in back-to-back games recently for the Northeast Kansas league-leading Cobras.

Holton senior Hayley Thompson scored 13 points, including six of nine at the free-throw line in the recent Big Seven League win over Perry-Lecompton. Thompson leads the league in defensive rebounds, averaging 4.23 per game.

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# County discusses renovations to new shop, purchases new baler for recycling

Preparations are still being made to renovate the new county shop building before moving day next month.

During a recent Jackson County Commission meeting, the commissioners heard an update on the renovations from Earl Bahret and Eric Fritz, road and bridge department co-supervisors.

The supervisors said they would like to sheetrock the west lobby wall from the countertops to the ceiling, with the inserted windows.

The commissioners agreed to purchase two three-foot by three-foot windows and two steel doors for the parts room. The price quote for windows from Sutherlands of Topeka was \$90 per window and \$250 per door.

Chairman Janet Zwonitzer discussed constructing something to protect the county's machinery that will be parked outside.

The supervisors and commissioners had contacted the Kansas Department of Transportation requesting permission to install a lower drive at the building.

It was reported that KDOT does not allow driveways leading to a highway to have less than 900-foot of clearance. Currently, the two driveways leading to highway are only 600-foot apart.

Bahret also discussed purchasing a two-post vehicle lift for 10,000-pound vehicles or less for the shop.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners discussed bids for the purchase of a new baler at the recycling center with Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager.

The commissioners accepted the bid from MAX-PAK of Alabama at a total cost of \$83,718. The price includes delivery, installation and

training.

Other bids included \$70,843 from CRAM-A-LOT of Arkansas and \$86,000 from Maren of Illinois.

The dimensions of the baler from CRAM-A-LOT are much larger than what the county building is currently equipped for, it was reported.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Jan. 25, the commission:

\* Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session with Fritz and Bahret for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Approved a motion to support the "Be Ready" entrepreneurship competition sponsored by Washburn University. The commissioners agreed to allocate \$500 in county funds for each finalist chosen from the county.

\* Approved a motion to donate \$1,000 in county funds to the Jackson Heights post prom.

\* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Kennedy reported that he has completed an e-grant application for the reimbursement of funds for the storm damage that occurred May 4 - June 21.

\* Learned that Kennedy will be attending the annual Kansas Recreation and Parks Conference in Dodge City.

Kennedy also reported that a new group of AmeriCorps volunteers are in the community working at the reservoir.

\* Learned that the reservoir is eligible to be reimbursed \$21,522 by the Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency.

\* Met with Anna Wilhelm from the Jackson County Tourism Board and Elise McLeod, Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Director.

Wilhelm asked if McLeod could drive a county van to the Kansas Sampler Festival at Winfield this summer as she represents tourism on behalf of the county. The commissioners agreed.

\* Discussed McLeod's role with the tourism council. McLeod said she's learned that 85 percent of her role as chamber director has been tourism. She said there is no job description for her role with the tourism council.

McLeod said that she "wears many hats" as the chamber director, noting that she also fields calls regarding economic development.

McLeod said she would like the expectations of her role in tourism and economic development to be clearly defined for her.

Currently, the county pays the Chamber, not McLeod directly, \$10,000 a year for tourism assistance.

\* Met with Bret Bauer, Holton city manager, to discuss P Road, north of Kansas Highway 116. Bauer also noted that the city is looking into replacing the curb and gutters on the east side of the Courthouse courtyard this spring.

\* Left their chamber to view the condition of the plank bridge at D and 286th Roads.

\* Approved a motion to rescind the motion made Jan. 19 to donate \$250 to St. Marys post prom.

\* Signed payroll increases for Kristie Richter and Kasie Robbins with the county clerk's office.

\* Adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

## Baby News

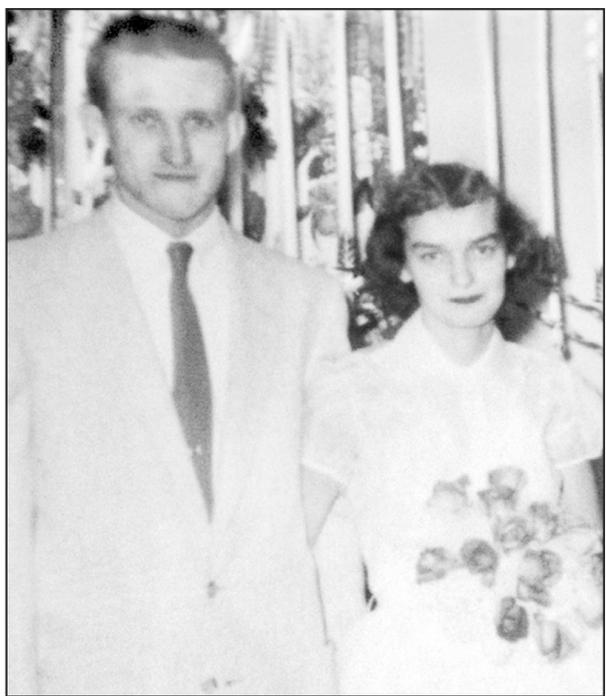


**Adley Rose Lassiter**

Tanner and Sara Lassiter of Holton are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Adley Rose Lassiter, born at 6:57 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2015, at Stormont-Vail Regional Health-Care Center in Topeka. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. She is welcomed home by two big sisters, Addison, age four, and Alannah, age three.

Maternal grandparents are Melissa Fialkowski of Ozawkie and Kim and Rich Fialkowski of Valley Falls. Paternal grandparents are Dick and Theresa Lassiter of Denison and Mike Area and Cindy Renyer of Mayetta.

Maternal great-grandparents are Don and Carolyn Bohannon of Lyndon, Karen Fialkowski in Illinois and Mazie Gehring of Topeka. Paternal great-grandparents are Rosalie and Richard Lassiter of Holton and Beverly McLaury of Ellis.



## Morgans to celebrate 60th anniversary

Darrel and Marge (Billman) Morgan of Denison will be honored with a celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Holton.

The celebration will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. No gifts please. Family and friends are invited to write down a shared memory with the couple and to bring it to the celebration.

The couple was married on Feb. 14, 1956, in Holton, at the home

of Marge's parents, Carl and Madeline Billman, and accompanied by Darrel's parents, Harold and Gladys Morgan.

They have three children, one daughter, Cindy Morgan, and her husband, Larry Mueller, of Denison, Texas, two sons, Rodney Morgan of Denison, Texas, and the late Mark Morgan. The couple also has six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

# County signs contract for inmate counseling services

The Jackson County Commissioners have signed a contract with Advanced Correctional HealthCare of Peoria, Ill., to provide drug and alcohol abuse counseling for Jackson County inmates three hours every week.

The commissioners had been discussing the proposed contract for several weeks and agreed to the terms at a special meeting on Friday, Jan. 29.

According to the contract, the company will provide a qualified alcohol/substance abuse mental health professional with a master's degree to meet with local inmates three hours a week at an annual cost of \$7,709.12.

The county still has a contract with KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center to evaluate and treat inmates. KANZA, however, does not employ a drug abuse counselor.

In other business, the commission:

\* Discussed a stop sign located near Jackson Heights schools and

whether it's the county's responsibility to replace and maintain it. The commissioners discussed the issue with Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller.

\* Met in executive session with Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisor, for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session with Bahret and Eric Fritz, the other road and bridge department co-supervisor, for 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Signed payroll change notices Hannah Schroeller, who is a new hire for the county attorney's office, and Tyler Caudle, who is now just working part-time patrol for the sheriff's office. The commissioners also noted the resignation of Brittany Clarke from the sheriff's office.

\* Adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

## Bridges discussed

Two county bridges were the topic of discussion at a recent Jackson County Commission meeting.

During the commission's special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26, Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager, reported that the bridge at G and 205th Roads was given to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in 2004.

Mick said that the tribe is expected to request the county's assistance with renovating a part of the bridge in the near future.

Mick then asked the commissioners if they had decided what to do with the plank bridge at D and 286th Roads.

Commissioner Bill Elmer said the commissioners want to repair the bridge and reopen the road. Mick offered to strengthen the stringers with metal.

In other business, according to the approved minutes, the commission:

\* Met with Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager, who reported that the recycling center received \$47,238.36 for recycled materials in 2015, compared to \$43,623.85 in 2014.

\* Met in executive session for an hour to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Heard a report from Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors, who said that sheetrock is ready to be installed at the new county shop building. It was also noted that new door locks and handles have been installed.

\* Met in executive session for 35 minutes with Bahret and Fritz to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session for 50 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Commissioner Rob Ladner left the meeting at 2 p.m.

## Public Notice

(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016.)

BEFORE THE JACKSON COUNTY APPEALS BOARD

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 8:00 pm, 10th day of March, 2016 located at 312 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, Kansas in the Senior Citizen Building to consider the following application that was continued from February's meeting.

The board will be conducting a one year review of the following application filed by, Mark & Angela Chalmers, requesting a Special Use Permit for operation of an Auto Repair Shop at the following described real estate:

Beginning at a point 285.61 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas; thence East 361.50 feet; thence South 361.50 feet; thence West 361.50 feet; thence North 361.50 feet to the point of beginning.

Also known as: 13569 166th Rd Mayetta, Ks 66509

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

Jason Claycamp  
Zoning Administrator  
Jackson County, Kansas

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## Card Shower



**Elizabeth Mansfield**

Elizabeth Mansfield of Holton will celebrate her 90th birthday on Monday, Feb. 15.

Happy birthday greetings may be sent to her at 419 W. Second St., Holton, KS 66436.

## Public Notice

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CITY OF HOYT  
ORDINANCE NO. 303

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO SANITARY SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 292 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. SEWER RATES. The minimum monthly charge and base volume (gallons) shall be:

\$25.30 for the first 1,000 gallons

In addition, each contributor shall pay a user charge of \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons in excess of the monthly minimum charge/usage.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall serve as a revocation of all prior ordinances not in conformity herewith. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 2nd day of February, 2016.

/s/ Debra L. Dreasher  
DEBRA L. DREASHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shawna Blackwood  
City Clerk

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JACKSON COUNTY  
Market Study Analysis for Jackson County, Kansas  
Assessment date  
January 1, 2016

Real Estate Market Value Trend:

The Jackson County Appraiser's office uses two geographically based models for the valuation residential property. The analysis of valid residential sales in Model #1 (Holton and surrounding area) indicates no definitive upward or downward trend of market values. Model #2 (rural and small towns) indicated a slight upward trend for homes built after 1945. Homes built before 1945 showed no upward or downward trend.

A study of the vacant lot and small acreage real estate market indicates the market is stable with no general upward or downward trend. A study of the Commercial/Industrial real estate market indicates no general upward or downward trend. These studies are based on an overall analysis of real estate market conditions by assessment class in Jackson County. Appraised values on a specific or individual property may not follow a published trend due to changes in the property, a correction of descriptive information or an adjustment of values based on recent sales of similar properties.

Agricultural Land:  
In accordance with the provisions in K.S.A. 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to provide the county Agricultural Use Value per acre prices by soil type and use. Changes in agricultural use values are the result of several factors including cropping practices, commodity prices and production costs. Dry crop per acre values continued to increase for 2016 an average of 17%, while grass values increased an average of 7%. For additional information about Agricultural Use Value in Kansas visit the Kansas Department of Revenue / Property Valuation Division web site at <http://www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/agqanda.pdf>

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## Public Notice

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CITY OF HOYT  
ORDINANCE NO. 305

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SCHOOL ZONES AND THE SPEED LIMIT WITHIN THEM IN THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. § 8-1560 (a)(4), Article 7 relating to and titled "Speed Regulations" of the Standard Traffic Ordinance, as adopted, is hereby amended and enlarged to include a new subsection (a)(6) to Section 33, as follows:

Sec. 33 (a)

(6) Twenty miles per hour in the following designated school zones during the school crossing hours of 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.; and 2:45 P.M. to 4:15 P.M. on school days:

(i) On 1st Street beginning at a point 605 feet west of the intersection of 1st Street and Highland Street extending east to a point 50 feet east of the intersection of 1st Street and Annetta Avenue.

(ii) On Highland Avenue beginning at the intersection of 1st Street and Highland Avenue extending northward to a point 369 feet north of said intersection.

(iii) On Annetta Avenue beginning at the intersection of 1st Street and Annetta Avenue extending northward to a point 369 feet north of said intersection.

SECTION 2. A fine for violation of this ordinance shall be identified in the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas cities, the most current adopted by the City of Hoyt and also any fine schedule that may be adopted by the city and supplemental thereto.

SECTION 3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE Council and APPROVED BY the mayor on this 2nd day of February, 2016.

/s/ Debra L. Dreasher  
DEBRA L. DREASHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shawna Blackwood  
SHAWNA BLACKWOOD,  
City Clerk

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## Public Notice

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CITY OF HOYT  
ORDINANCE NO. 304

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LANDLORD LIABILITY FOR UTILITY SERVICES IN THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. LANDLORD LIABILITY.

(a) Owners of premises served by utility service under this article shall be liable for payment of the costs of any utility service account delinquency arising from service provided to such premises, regardless of whether the utility service was furnished upon the application and request of the owner or lessee of the premises. This provision shall also apply when the premises are leased by or through an agent or other representative of the owner.

(b) In the event that a delinquency arises involving leased premises, in addition to the tenant, the owner or owner's agent shall be notified in writing of the delinquency of the lessee by first class regular mail within ten (10) days after the billing to the lessee become delinquent. Notice shall be sufficient if mailed to the last known address of the owner or owner's agent known to city personnel responsible for said mailing, after reasonable inquiry.

(c) If utility service is furnished to a leased premises on the application or request of the lessor of the premises, then all billings for utilities furnished to such leased premises shall be made directly to the lessor, and the lessor shall be fully liable for the cost of service furnished.

(d) The city may collect the amount of the unpaid bill for utility services by any lawful means. Provided, however, that in no event may the city place a lien on real estate of the lessor.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall serve as a revocation of all prior ordinances not in conformity herewith. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 2nd day of February, 2016.

/s/ Debra L. Dreasher  
DEBRA L. DREASHER, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Shawna Blackwood  
City Clerk

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## “Mind Over Manor”

Holton High School will present the play “Mind Over Manor” this weekend. In the photo above, Emma Wittmer (left) plays Mavis Johns, a character who is prone to fainting; and Anne Bowser (right) portrays Presley Von Schtuck, a woman obsessed with facts and statistics. At right, Gladys Heitzman (left) and Ashlynn Robinson (right) portray two other women living in a mansion with several offbeat characters. Submitted photos



## Hoyt Council discusses sewer rates

By Shawna Blackwood  
City Clerk

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Jan. 5, 2016. Present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher and council members Lana Dillner, Leonard Allen, Farrell Holthaus and Nathan McAlister. Council member Ed Ryan was absent. Also present were City Attorney Lee Hendricks, Samantha Hancock, City Accountant Matt Deutsch, Sharon Gabriel, Bud Ramage, Richard Smith, Patrick Murphy, Larry Valdez and Chief of Police Dan Wentling. Mayor Dreasher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The council was previously provided minutes to review from the Dec. 1, 2015 regular meeting. Holthaus made a motion to approve the minutes from Dec. 1, 2015. Allen seconded and the motion carried. Deutsch presented an accounting update for the city. The main topic of discussion was related to the sewer fund. In 2018, the payment amount on one of the sewer loans will increase significantly. Deutsch strongly recommended looking at ways now to increase revenue for that fund to help prepare for the increase. Smith and Murphy, on behalf of American Legion Post 423, discussed with the council their interest in having a gun show at the Hoyt Community Building from April 15-17, 2016. They would also like access to the city park the same weekend to host a barbecue contest, which will be sponsored by the KC BBQ Society. Allen made a motion to allow American Legion Post 423 use of the community building and park from April 15-17, 2016 contingent on council following up on details related to the event and acquiring necessary proof of insurance. Holthaus seconded and the motion carried. Valdez discussed with the council the option of using the excess dirt from the new health clinic for the property at Fifth Street and Kansas Highway 214. The dirt is not available. Valdez also asked if there was any decision relating to use of the storage garage. No decisions have

been made at this time. Gabriel met with the council and said “thank you” to Kenny Bryan for his work in getting the Christmas decorations up on Fourth Street. Ed Kester had no bulk water invoices for the month. He did inquire as to the status of the burn resolution. Hendricks stated it is not done at this time and in the meantime, Kester will need to continue contacting the county with any violations. Hendricks provided a status update on the code. He anticipated having it ready for the next meeting. Hendricks also reiterated the accountant’s recommendation of looking into options for increasing revenue for the sewer fund. This led to further discussion of the sewer loans and funding for same. The council would like to compare sewer rates from similar sized cities. Holthaus made a motion to raise the sewer rate 10 percent. The motion failed for lack of a second. The council will hold on passing a motion raising sewer rates until the next meeting when an ordinance regarding same is presented. McAlister said he has contacted McManigal Electric for estimates for electrical work at the pump stations. He has had no response at this time. McAlister also discussed the status of repainting the parking lines in front of the new business on Fourth Street. The council discussed the process for updating the zoning maps. City Clerk Shawna Blackwood presented a list of delinquent utility accounts for tenants who moved out and have yet to pay the remaining amount due. The council agreed to waive the charges on these accounts but will look to change this moving forward. Blackwood discussed the spring cleanup day. The council agreed to have the event on April 30, 2016. Dillner will check with Jackson County Recycling Center to see if a household hazardous waste trailer can be available that day as well. Blackwood discussed an interest in having pictures of the inside of

the community building on the city website. She also inquired as to when the council would like to have their regular meeting at the community building. The April 5, 2016 meeting will be held at the building. Dillner discussed the need to have a council member assigned to the community building. This was to be discussed further at the next meeting when all council members were present. Chief of Police Wentling gave the monthly police report. The status of the school zone signs was discussed. Holthaus provided an update on streets. Repairs on Eastern, Annetta and Third Street are on hold until warmer weather. McAlister discussed checking into other companies that may be interested in doing electrical maintenance on the pump stations. Dillner stated the dumpster by the park restrooms is still there. Blackwood will again contact Waste Management to pick up the dumpster. Dillner discussed wanting to install a parent/baby swing at the park. The cost of the swing is \$699. Allen made a motion to purchase the parent/baby swing for the park. Dillner seconded and the motion carried. Dillner will look into what is needed to install the swing. At 8:40 p.m., Holthaus made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters to include the mayor, city attorney and city clerk. Allen seconded and the motion carried. At 8:55 p.m., the council returned to open session. Holthaus made a motion to pay bills. Allen seconded and the motion carried. McAlister made a motion to eliminate and consolidate the position of part time maintenance into the full time maintenance position effective Feb. 1, 2016. Holthaus seconded and the motion carried. Allen made a motion to adjourn. McAlister seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

## Kientz Corner By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Jan. 31, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing “Just Be Held” and “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.” The announcements were: Lite Bite will be held at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9; Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10; and the youth are going to Eureka Spring, Ark. on a mission trip June 26 through July 1. The youth will be doing a hands-on mission this time: building, painting, cleaning, yard work and more. The birthdays from Jan. 31 through Feb. 6: Madison Feleay and Kim Smerchek, Jan. 31; Autumn Neblett, Feb. 1; Michelle Gonzales, Feb. 2; and Michael Farmer, Feb. 6. The children’s story was given by Kevin McDowell and Madison Feleay. Kevin asked Madison if she played sports. She said she played soccer. In soccer, you kick the ball to your teammate so someone on your team will score a goal. You have to work together to achieve a goal. Let us love one another and be faithful to God. The chancel choir sang “Sing Now To God.” Those singing were Janet Baldwin, Jenny Christman, Betty Domer, Linda Griffiths, Kay Jones-Ray, Annie McDowell, Christine Saunders, Gayle Smith, Gary Domer, Ron Griffiths, Clifford Hurst, Bruce Lanning, Dave Link, Bruce Tomlinson and John Wilson. They were directed by Greg Baldwin while Mary Smith accompanied

them on the piano. A joy was Madison Feleay was eight years old on Jan. 31. The concerns were prayers for Chuck Hoffmeister, who had surgery on Feb. 1; Beverly Ray, who had a stroke; Laurene Pittman, who is in rehab at St. Francis Hospital; Brian Smith’s aunt’s family, as she died; the family of Deborah Patrick; the family of Joel Ryan; Kay Jones-Ray’s sister, who fell and broke her arm; Alfred Mannell, who was hit by a car when he was walking home from school (he only received a few scratches); and Hayleigh Watson, who had her tonsils and adenoid removed on Feb. 2. The adult bell choir played “Hymn To Joy.” Those playing bells were Betty Domer, Kyle Marakas, Danette Martin, Annie McDowell, Kelly Neiman, Anna Risinger, Kylee Risinger, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine. Greg Baldwin directed them. Pastor Jin gave a presentation to all those who served on committees in 2015. Those present received a certificate for their service. Alfred Mannell read the scripture Ephesians 2:1-5, 10. The sermon “Increasing Your Joy: Be A Servant” was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. Let us build a healthy relationship with God so we may serve Him and others. Ephesians 2:10 says, “For we are what He has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” The communion elements were

served by Pastor Jin, Leanna Knight, Bri Saunders and three other youth. The closing hymn was “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love.” Those assisting with the service were Alfred Mannell, liturgist; Greg Baldwin, organist; Matt Mannell, sound system; Alex Adame, Kevin Feleay, Carrie Law and Kelly Neiman, singers; Marc Serrano on guitar; Bruce Tomlinson on guitar; and Sam Feleay, D.J. Knight and Andrew Patton, usher team. On Jan. 26, Judy Glasgow, Barbara Hanson, Sharon Miller, Beverly Newell, Marty Ransdell, Jan Safarik and Debbie Taylor met at the church and worked on making blankets for the children who live on the streets in Kansas City. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship as they worked. On Jan. 31, Dick and Beverly Newell, Rusty, Monica and Brent Newell and Jessica Heinen ate lunch at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Topeka. They were celebrating Rusty’s birthday, which was Feb. 2, and Jessica’s birthday, which was Feb. 3.

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# Choose healthy meals as you get older

By Nancy C. Nelson  
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Family Life

Making healthy food choices is a smart thing to do – no matter how old you are. Your body changes through your 60s, 70s, 80s and beyond. Food provides nutrients you need as you age. Use these tips to choose foods for better health at each stage of life.



With age, you may lose some of your sense of thirst. Drink water often. Low-fat or fat-free milk or 100 percent juice also helps you stay hydrated. Limit

beverages that have lots of added sugars or salt.

Meals are more enjoyable when you eat with others. Invite a friend to join you or take part in a potluck at least twice a week. A senior center or church may offer meals that are shared with others.

Learn to recognize how much to eat so you can control portion size. When eating out, pack part of your meal to eat later. One restaurant dish might be enough for two meals or more.

Include a variety of different colored vegetables and fruits to brighten your plate. Most are a low-calorie source of nutrients. Vegetables and fruits are also a good source of fiber.

If favorite dishes taste different, it may not be the cook. Foods may seem to lose their flavor as you age. Maybe your sense of smell, sense of

taste or both have changed. Medicines may also change how foods taste. Add flavor to your meals with herbs and spices.

A food-related illness can be life threatening for an older person. Throw out food that might not be safe. Avoid certain foods that are always risky for an older person, such as unpasteurized dairy foods. Other foods can be harmful to you when they are raw or undercooked, such as eggs, sprouts, fish, shellfish, meat or poultry.

Ask your doctor about vitamins or supplements. Food is the best way to get nutrients you need. Should you take dietary supplements? Your doctor will know if you need them. More may not be better. Some can interfere with your medicines or affect your medical condition.



Candidates for 2016 King and Queen of Mats at Atchison County Community High School are shown in the photo above. Queen candidates are, front row, from left, Caitlin Fuller, Baylee Pitts and Emily Henderson. King candidates are, back row, from left, Gyluss Hutchens, Brennen Bosch, Nicholas Hager. Crowning will take place Thursday in the ACCJSHS gym prior to the last match of the home wrestling triangular with Marsyville and Prairie Hills.  
Photo courtesy of Steve Caplinger

## Presidential Caucus...

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filings fee of \$15,000 to register for the Kansas caucus, while the filing fee for Democrat candidates is \$4,500.

The caucus system was reportedly the original way in which political parties chose candidates. However, people began to feel that the secret ballot was a fairer, more democratic system, and so states began to move to the primary election system in the early years of the 20th century, it was reported.

Both parties will hold caucuses on March 5. Democrats will host "local unit conventions," or first-tier caucuses, to elect delegates to Congressional district caucuses by presidential preference, it was reported.

Thirty-seven delegates will be chosen to attend and vote at the Democratic National Convention, set for July in Philadelphia, Pa. Four of the delegates will be pledged party

leaders and elected officials; the remaining 33 will include 22 district delegates chosen based on caucus votes in the state's four congressional districts and 11 to be chosen based on the statewide caucus vote.

On the Republican side, 40 delegates to the Republican National Convention, set for July in Cleveland, Ohio, will be chosen based on voting results in the March caucus. Each of the state's congressional districts will be assigned three national delegates; the rest will include 25 statewide delegates and three party delegates, including the national committeeman, the national committeewoman, and the chair of the Kansas Republican Party.

In Kansas, the Republican presidential candidate chosen in the past two caucuses – Mike Huckabee in 2008 and Rick Santorum in 2012 – did not go on to win the party's national presidential nomination, won

by John McCain in 2008 and Mitt Romney in 2012. On the Democrat side, Barack Obama received Kansas' support in 2008 over Clinton and was supported for re-election in 2012.

Voters participating in both party caucuses will be registered on the federal voter registration forms if they are new or have moved. If they are not yet registered and want to vote in state elections, the state voter registration forms will have to be filled out at the county clerk's office since the state's first-time voter ID laws are more stringent for the state form.

The filing deadline for presidential candidates is June 1. The voter registration deadline is July 12 to vote in the August primary, set for Aug. 2.

For more information on the Republican caucus, visit [www.ksgop.org](http://www.ksgop.org). For more information on the Democratic caucus, visit [www.ksdsp.org](http://www.ksdsp.org).

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## Focus on dental hygiene this year

Of all the plans people make at the dawn of a new year, getting healthier is often at the top of the list. Although many individuals are concerned about shedding a few pounds, there are many other ways to focus on health in the upcoming months, including paying more attention to dental hygiene. Proper dental care can not only keep a smile bright, it can affect other areas of the body.

One of the keys to oral health is the use of fluoride to prevent dental caries. In fact, many health professionals will say that exposure to fluoride, whether through use of toothpaste or fluoridated water supplies, is probably the most effective cavity-prevention treatment available. Fluoride helps the teeth in a number of ways.

Fluoride can promote tooth remineralization. This means it attracts other minerals, particularly calcium, to the areas of the teeth where tooth decay can form, helping to strengthen teeth. Fluoride also helps to make teeth more resistant to decay. New tooth mineral created when fluoride is present helps to make teeth harder, making it more difficult for acids and bacteria to penetrate the enamel of the teeth and cause damage.

Another advantage is that fluoride helps to inhibit acid creation. Dental researchers have found that fluoride can inhibit bacteria living in the mouth. That's an important finding, as such bacteria can contribute to the formation of damage-causing acids that are notorious for wearing down tooth enamel, causing spots for more bacteria to congregate and form cavities.

According to the American Dental Association, individuals who

find themselves prone to cavities or whose dentists have deemed them at elevated risk for developing cavities may benefit from fluoride application beyond the norm. This may include prescription fluoride applied directly to the teeth at home or procedures where dentists apply the fluoride in their offices.

Recent clinical recommendations from a multi-disciplinary expert panel convened by the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs suggest that topical fluoride, used in conjunction with drinking optimally fluoridated water and using toothpaste with fluoride, can prevent tooth decay. These clinical recommendations cover professionally applied and prescription-strength, home-use topical fluoride for cavity prevention.

The panel concluded that additional research is needed, but recommended the following products for patients at elevated risk of developing cavities.

- Professionally-applied 2.26 percent fluoride varnish or a 1.23 percent fluoride gel every 3-6 months.

- Home-use prescription-strength 0.5 percent fluoride gel or paste or 0.09 percent fluoride mouth rinse (for patients six years old or older).

- A 2.26 percent professionally-applied fluoride varnish every three to six months for children younger than six years old.

Application of additional fluoride should not replace daily oral hygiene habits. It is still vital to brush twice a day, floss daily, eat a balanced diet, and visit the dentist regularly for checkups.

The millions of bacteria that proliferate inside of the mouth and contribute to dental caries also can affect

other areas of the body. Evidence suggests the same bacteria that can cause plaque and gum disease may lead to cardiovascular problems.

According to information from Harvard Medical School, several species of bacteria that cause periodontitis have been found in the atherosclerotic plaque in arteries in the heart and elsewhere. This plaque can lead to heart attack.

Although research is ongoing, there is reason to believe that oral bacteria could also harm blood vessels or cause blood clots by releasing toxins that resemble proteins found in artery walls or the bloodstream.

When the body's immune system responds to these toxins, blood clots may form more easily. Some evidence also points to a correlation between inflammation in the mouth and inflammation in the body.

There is always no time like the present as the ideal time for men and women to take inventory of their personal health. Schedule a physical examination with a doctor, visit an optometrist or ophthalmologist for an eye exam and remember to visit the dentist for a cleaning, checkup and a possible fluoride treatment to protect the mouth and body.

## Make a child's dentist visit more pleasant

Routine dental examinations and cleanings are an important component of oral healthcare for both children and adults.

However, many children do not visit the dentist until well after the time recommended by medical and dental professionals. Parents may be unaware of the dental health timeline, or they could be reluctant to bring their children for fear of how their kids will behave — especially if parents are harboring their own apprehensions about the dentist.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child go to the dentist by age 1, or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. Yet, according to a survey commissioned by Delta Dental Plans, the average age of a child's first dental visit is 2.6 years.

Parents worried about how their kids will respond to the dentist can take the following steps to acclimate kids to dental visits to make them more comfortable during their appointments now and down the road.

- Be a positive role model. Children frequently learn by example. If they see their parents being diligent about dental care, they're more likely to embrace proper oral hygiene. Bring children to your own dental appointments so they understand the process and become familiar with the type of equipment used.

- Stick to the first-tooth milestone. Take your child to the dentist on or about when his or her first tooth erupts. Early dental visits will get kids used to going to the dentist and prevent minor problems that may lead to more complex dental issues.

- Read books about the dentist and role play. Information can allay kids' fears about the dentist. Read books together about dental visits and act out possible scenarios with your kids. Give kids toy dental health tools and have them practice exams on you and vice-versa.

- Be supportive and instill trust. Avoid telling your child that everything will be okay. If a procedure is needed, this could affect his or

her trust in you and make the dental office an even greater source of anxiety. Simply be supportive and offer a hand to squeeze or a hug if your child needs you.

- Consider using your dentist. Some parents like to take their children to a pediatric dentist, but it may not always be necessary. Many family practices cater to patients of all ages, and the familiarity of the office may help make children feel more comfortable. Speak with your dentist about the ages they see.

- Steer clear of negative words. Michael J. Hanna, DMD, a national spokesperson for the AAPD, suggests using positive phrases like "clean, strong, healthy teeth" to make the visit seem fun and positive rather than scary and alarming. Let the office staff come up with their own words to describe processes that won't seem too frightening.

By employing these techniques, kids' dental visits can be more pleasant for all involved, paving the way for a lifetime of healthy teeth.

## Nail-biting a common habit — but a hazardous one, too

Nail biting, also known as onychophagia, is a common habit that affects people of all ages. Biting your nails usually stems from stress or forms as a nervous habit. Most research says that children and teenagers make up the greatest number of regular nail biters.

On the surface, nail biting may seem like a trivial thing in terms of affecting your health. Although it can seem like biting your nails does nothing more than make the hands look less attractive, there are actually other dangers to repeated nail biting that people prone to the habit should consider.

Firstly, biting your nails can be an unsanitary behavior. The fingers can pick up all measures of contaminants, and the nails can be an ideal location for bacteria to thrive since nails are more difficult to keep clean than the surface of the hands.

According to the American Academy of Dermatology, bacteria like E. coli can live beneath the tips of your nails. When you bite your nails, those bacteria end up in your gastrointestinal system and can lead to infection. The nails also can harbor fecal matter and many other unsavory microscopic particles, even parasites. Biting your nails gives these tiny invaders

easy access to your body.

Nail biting also may lead to infections on the fingers around the nail bed. The infection, called paronychia, causes redness, swelling and pain around the nail. Microorganisms can get into the skin through tiny tears and abrasions that occur while biting the nails and cuticles, says the Mayo Clinic.

If the infection damages the nail bed, you can end up affecting nail growth. Also, if you should have warts on your hands or fingers, they easily can be transferred to your lips and mouth through nail biting.

Nail biting also can cause problems to your teeth. Prolonged nail biting may affect how the teeth form in children. It can interfere with dental occlusion, or the manner in which the upper and lower teeth come together to bite. Eventually teeth can shift out of position. The Academy of General Dentistry estimates that nail biting can result in thousands of dollars of extra dental work.

While biting your nails may seem like a harmless habit, it actually can affect personal health in a number of ways. Explore the different ways to keep from biting your nails to improve the health of your fingers, your teeth and the rest of your body.



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From left to right, Holton High School students Danielle Adcock, Sonora Sheldon and Ashlynn Robinson rehearse a scene from "Mind Over Manor," to be presented this weekend on the HHS auditorium stage. Submitted photo

## Mind Over Manor...

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dents living in the mansion include a television addict, a former gangster who can no longer stomach violence and a character will multiple personalities.

"There's one woman who has a milk fetish and another that is accident prone," she said.

This year's production is a sharp contrast to last year's play "Decision Height," which was a drama about six women training to be air force pilots during World War II.

"It's hard to do a drama year after year, and the upperclassmen told me last year that they wanted to do something funny," she said. "With this play, they can just be silly."

Rehearsals for "Mind Over Manor" began during Christmas break, and ongoing renovations to the HHS auditorium weren't an issue this winter. Baxter said that new chairs and ductwork were installed in the fall.

"A new curtain is supposed to be installed this week," she said. "The auditorium also has an all new light-

ing system."

Cast members for "Mind Over Manor" include Alexis Twombly (Jasmine Winters), Walker Sheldon (Chester Banks), Ashlyn Robinson (Opal Summers), Gladys Heitzman (Donna Summers Weatherby), Sonora Sheldon (Tawnee Patterson), Anne Bowser (Presley Von Schtuk), Emma Wittmer (Mavis Johns), Taylor Stevens (Amanda Biggs), Hanah Strader (Lerlene Charleston) and Draven Wahwassuck (Vince Macchio).

## Fenceline

# Super Bowl: An excuse to indulge?

By Jody G. Holthaus  
Meadowlark Extension  
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Some say Super Bowl parties are just an excuse to indulge. This came through from the Dairy Herd Online magazine:

One cowhide makes 20 pigskins, aka footballs. The term pigskin comes from the 1800s when animal bladders, most typically pig, were inflated to be used as a ball since they had a round shape. A total of 120 game balls are used during the Super Bowl, including 12 kicker balls, meaning six cowhides were tossed around the stadium Sunday.

2. 1.25 billion chicken wings were consumed on Sunday by Super Bowl fans - enough to circle the Grand Canyon 120 times. The first chicken wings were fried up at Anchor Bar, Buffalo, N.Y., in 1964 and have been a tradition ever since the first Super Bowl on Jan. 15, 1967.

3. 325.5 million gallons of beer were thought to be drunk on Super Bowl Sunday. One bushel of barley produces approximately 565 12-ounce beers. A little bar stool math tells us that 6,145,132.74 bu of barley are used to make the brews for the game, and that barley farmers are the real MVP.

4. 139 million pounds of avocados (about 278 million avocados) were expected to be eaten during the game - most likely to be smashed up into that sweet, sweet guac. To get a visual, this is enough avocados to fill a football field end zone to end zone in a pile 53 feet high. This is a 15 percent surge from 2015, says

Hass Avocado Board, and has even lead to Avocados from Mexico to buy a 30-second commercial spot on game day.

5. 10 million pounds of ribs are sold during Super Bowl week, say our friends at the National Pork Board. Since Farm Journal Media has an office location in the Kansas City metro area, we recommend cooking those baby backs up with a Kansas City-style barbecue sauce. Put extra napkins on your shopping list because things might get messy.

6. 12.5 million pounds of bacon were also consumed, adds the National Pork Board. The editors at PorkNetwork recommend "Bacon Explosion: The Barbecue Sausage Recipe of all Recipes." This bacon wrapped sausage roll will make you a believer in a higher power.

7. 11.2 million pounds of potato chips were predicted to be snacked on. It takes four pounds of raw potatoes to make one pound of chips,

meaning potato farmers would be feeding the country 44.8 million pounds of spuds in one day.

8. 14 billion hamburgers were estimated to be served in 2015. Keeping up with that total and estimating each patty is a quarter of a pound, 3.5 billion pounds of ground beef were going to be put on buns this past Sunday.

9. 4 million pizzas are expected to be delivered by Domino's, Pizza Hut and Papa John's. Estimating that each pizza has 8 ounces of cheese, that is 2 million pounds of cheese or 200,000 pounds of whole milk. But since cheese is a gift from the heavens, we won't judge if you loaded up your pizza pie with 32 ounces of dairy goodness. Go big or go home.

10. 3.8 million pounds of popcorn were expected to be served on Sunday. While we're on snacks, fans were also expected to consume 8.2 million pounds of tortilla chips and 3 million pounds of nuts.

## Direct Primary Care...

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for unlimited access to him for routine medical services.

In addition to finding more time to spend with his patients and with his family, Dr. Lassey said he wants to start his own DPC to escape from the mountains of medical paperwork that are taking up too much of his work time. A lot of that paperwork is driven by insurance companies, he said.

With DPC, Dr. Lassey said, he will not be working with insurance companies or Medicare any more. Instead, his medical practice will be cash only. That, he said, is the primary reason he will be able to charge

his patients as little as 10 percent of what they currently pay now for most routine medical services and prescriptions.

"Medical care has become way too expensive. It is absurd," Dr. Lassey said. "The current system is broken. It is driven by money, government bureaucrats and insurance companies."

The lab prices that he will charge, he said, will be about 90 percent less than what his patients have been paying with insurance, one test, for example, down from about \$60 to about \$1.60. Generic medication available through his wholesale pharmacy will

be priced equally low, he said. X-rays, he said, will also cost up to 90 percent less. In-office procedures also will be priced much lower. Many will be covered by the monthly fee.

Patients will be allowed more time to visit with their doctor when they have an appointment, Dr. Lassey said. Same day or next day appointments will be scheduled for 30 minutes or 60 minutes instead of the 10 or 15 you might get with a family physician now.

Also, he said, he will keep his patients' medical records private.

"The government has access to all of your medical records now, but it will be private with me," he said.

If you have a health insurance policy with a lot of out of pocket expenses, Dr. Lassey said, DPC could save you a lot of money.

Dr. Lassey said his patients will only be sent to the hospital emergency rooms for true emergencies.

"If you cut yourself and need some stitches, I can do that at my office anytime, and for a lot less," he said.

Dr. Lassey said he is working with Holton Community Hospital officials, and hopes to obtain privileges at the hospital so he can care for his patients there and in the emergency room. He said he would also like to continue delivering babies.

If the details can be worked out, he hopes that he could care for his

patients at the hospital, then his patients or their insurance would be charged facility fees for care at the hospital, but no physician fees, since that care is covered in members' monthly fee.

He said that patients who require the care of a medical specialist would continue to be billed for that care through their medical insurance, although some specialty care has been negotiated to offer low cash rates when needed.

He stressed that DPC does not take the place of your medical insurance. But if you have DPC, you should be able to seek out insurance policies that have higher deductibles than you currently have and in turn much lower monthly premiums than you currently have.

Through DPC, Dr. Lassey said, his goal will also be to help his patients become smarter health care consumers, always seeking the best value for health care services they need.

"The way you handle your car insurance is a good way to describe how you will use DPC," Dr. Lassey said. "There's some minor things that you don't need to turn into your car insurance to cover. DPC takes care of the minor things... Our goal is for you to have zero claims with your insurance."

For additional information about DPC, visit his Web site at www.holtondirectcare.com, or contact Dr. Lassey at holtondoctor@gmail.com.

## Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards

Feb. 7, Transfiguration Sunday, was a pleasant morning at the Netawaka United Methodist Church 8:15 a.m. worship time. The temperature was almost 40 degrees with calm winds, and the traffic was light.

The Rev. Caren Loper played a beautiful piano prelude, and Marcia Robertson lighted the altar candles. Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. Roger Bontrager was added to the prayer list. Condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Opal Pittenger, who died on Friday.

It was a joy to have a group of four young people representing Campus Ministry from Emporia State University leading the service.

Hymns were "When Morning Gilds The Skies," "Alleluia" and "Be Thou My Vision." It was nice to have live piano music by Pastor Caren. The responsive reading was Psalm 99.

The congregational prayer, led by one of the young women, reminded the congregation that the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday being this week (Netawaka UMC will have services at 7 p.m. at Whiting UMC). Zeke, one of the students and assistant to the campus minister, shared about his experiences with Campus Ministry at ESU.

The morning prayer was offered by Campus Minister Kurt Cooper, and all joined together saying the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Caren gave the offertory prayer and then played the offertory as Marcia R. and Jack Grannell passed the offering plates. A special offering was taken for Campus Ministry.

Zeke read Luke 9:28-36, the Transfiguration. Kurt Cooper's message was "I've Been To The Mountaintop, But It's Time To Come Down."

In Luke 9, we hear about the joy and excitement of seeing Jesus taking on a bright, shiny appearance and the famous Moses and Elijah also appearing and talking with Jesus. God's voice from a cloud proclaimed Jesus as His son, saying, "This is my son whom I have chosen. Listen to Him."

Peter said, "Let us make three shelters, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah." He would have liked to stay there on the mountaintop. Who wouldn't?

It is not meant for us to keep our good feelings to ourselves, but we are to go into the world and share the good news of Jesus with others, wherever God leads.

Marcia assisted Pastor Caren serving Holy Communion.

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