



Members of the Topeka-based acoustic group Wood Valley Pickers — from left, mandolin player Patricia Gleue, bassist Dan McNeff, banjo player Shirley Wittebort and guitarist Russ Ostermann; not pictured is fiddle player Melanie Pritchard — rehearsed “Sea of Heartbreak” for their Thursday evening set at the 23rd-annual Prairie Lake Pickin’ Party. The Wood Valley Pickers were one of 15 old-time country, bluegrass and gospel groups slated to perform at this year’s festival.

Photo by Brian Sanders

15 miles of road to be chip-and-sealed

■ **Fritz: Work won’t begin for another month**

By Ali Holcomb
A total of 15 miles of Jackson County roads are expected to receive chip-and-seal treatment this summer, it has been reported.

No additional county roads are being chip-and-sealed this summer, as the 15 miles of chip and oil will only be applied to current chip-and-seal roads, it was reported.

Eric Fritz, road and bridge department co-supervisor, said that chip-and-seal work won’t begin for another month, as crew members are currently working on fixing potholes and cleaning ditches.

When a county gravel road is chipped for this first time, three layers of rock and oil are put down. The following year, one layer is put down, and then a fifth layer is put down the third year. The county currently maintains 46 miles of chip-and-seal roads.

Roads that are expected to receive chip-and-seal this summer include:

- * One mile of 302nd Road between Q and R Roads.
- * Half a mile of R4 Road between 302nd and 306th Roads.
- * Half a mile of W4 Road between

302nd and 308th Roads.
* Half a mile of 240th Road between P and P3 Roads. This road leads to the back of Holton Community Hospital.

* The parking lot at the new road and bridge shop north of Holton.

* Half a mile of Q Road between 158th and 162nd Roads.

* A quarter of a mile between 158th and 160th Roads, just south of the Mayetta city limits.

* An eighth of a mile near 158th and R Roads.

* A mile of Q Road between 162nd and 166th Roads.

* A mile of Q Road between 166th and 174th Roads.

* Half a mile of 94th Road between U and U4 Roads.

* A mile of 110th Road between S and T Roads.

* A mile of 110th Road between T and U Roads.

* Half a mile of 110th Road between U and U4 Roads.

* 200 feet of 110th Road between R and S Roads just east of Royal Valley High School in Hoyt.

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Hoyt police officers seek funds for body cameras

The Hoyt Police Department is seeking \$825 in financial assistance to purchase three body cameras for its three city police officers, it has been reported.

The police department recently registered on BodyCameraDonations.com in order to outfit three police officers with WOLFCOM Vision Police Body Cameras. The recently launched website helps law enforcement agencies register for publicly-funded donations to purchase the police body cameras.

Hoyt Chief Dan Wentling is coordinating his department’s body camera donation effort. Each body camera costs \$275, it was reported. The department serves the town of 600 with three officers.

“We are a part-time department, and we all work regular jobs,” Wentling said.

Wentling said body cameras are the future of law enforcement.

“Our state was considering requiring the use of body cameras, and small departments like ours really can’t afford it,” he said. “I think it would be good for all departments to use them both for the public’s protection and for our protection.”

The body cameras would benefit

the department in a variety of ways.

“They would help the department in cases and complaints,” he said. “We have car cameras, but they only capture the view from the patrol car. The body cameras would show more of what’s happening from the officers’ perspective of what’s happening outside the car. We sometimes get complaints about what an officer said or didn’t say, and a body camera would prove exactly what was said.”

Body camera footage could be used as video evidence in court, if needed, it was reported.

“We’ve never had any complaints about an officer physically abusing someone, but there have been complaints about verbal abuse, and it would have been nice to have a body camera to capture exactly what the officer said,” Wentling said. “Sometimes when the officer is away from the patrol car, the audio is hard to hear. We had one situation where an officer had to Tase a gentleman who was attacking another officer. We won the case in court but having a body camera would have left no room for doubt as to exactly what happened.”

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Fleshman bound over on murder charge

By Brian Sanders

“If I ever pass away, my husband did it.”

Before she died on Oct. 21, 2015, Elizabeth Fleshman of Holton reportedly wrote those words on a piece of paper that Jackson County Sheriff’s Detective Phil McManigal said was likely intended to be found by law enforcement officers and emergency medical technicians.

McManigal repeated those words on Wednesday morning during a preliminary hearing in Jackson County District Court for George E. Fleshman Jr., who is facing a second-degree murder charge in the death of Elizabeth Fleshman, his wife.

Fleshman, who was arrested and charged with the crime in March, is currently free on \$75,000 bond.

After hearing testimony from McManigal, former Holton police officer Terry Clark and Kansas City-based forensic pathology specialist Dr. Erik Mitchell, District Court Judge

Norbert Marek bound Fleshman over for trial. Fleshman is next scheduled to appear in court on Friday, July 15 for arraignment.

Clark, who was working as a patrol officer in Holton in October of last year, testified that he responded to Fleshman’s 911 call on Oct. 20 stating that his wife of 25 years was having a “medical emergency” and was unresponsive. Elizabeth Fleshman was taken first to Holton Community Hospital, then to St. Francis

Hospital in Topeka, where she died the next day.

At HCH, Clark said nursing staff “advised me of a domestic situation” between the Fleshmans — the two of them having been arrested in June following an altercation at their home, it was reported. After Elizabeth Fleshman was transferred to St. Francis, Clark said another nurse told him that her condition could have been

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United Way sets ‘Community Conversations’ for this month

Building a brighter future for Jackson County is on the agenda for three “Community Conversations” to be held later this month, it has been reported.

These conversations are part of United Way of Greater Topeka’s volunteer visioning process and will help guide future investments in the county, according to a news release.

Carrie Saia, CEO of Holton Community Hospital, serves on United

Way of Greater Topeka’s Jackson County Advisory Council. Saia knows the value of this work in the community.

“United Way’s investments in Jackson County ensure our money goes where the community needs it, whether it’s food, prescriptions or rent assistance, Christmas Bureau, or investing in our schools,” Saia said.

Saia and that she and the rest of the Advisory Council are inviting

all Jackson County residents to help address the issues most important to them.

United Way will be hosting three, separate two-hour facilitated conversations to help residents begin to craft a vision for the community.

Community Conversations will be held at three locations during the month of June:

- * 6 p.m. June 23 at Holton High School.
- * 6 p.m. June 27 at Royal Valley High School.
- * 6 p.m. June 30 at Jackson Heights High School.

While not required, RSVPs are appreciated. Please contact Katie Sullivan, director of Community Impact, United Way of Greater Topeka, at 785-228-5121 or ksullivan@united-waytopeka.org.

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Soldier UMC leaders mulling church closure

By Brian Sanders

One of the oldest churches in Jackson County has seen its attendance dwindling in recent years, and now church leaders are pondering whether to close the church for good.

“There are still some details to be worked out, but it’s probably the case that we’re going to close,” said Leroy Rieschick, a longtime member of Soldier United Methodist Church. “There’s been some discussion to that effect, but it hasn’t been officially confirmed.”

The church was first chartered and built in 1878, but its roots could be traced back to the early 1860s, even to the days before Kansas was granted statehood. More than 60 men — and at least two women — have been called upon to lead the church over its history, according to church records.

There are also records of the church having 100 members or more at a time over the years, but today, Rieschick says it’s not clear how many active members the church has. Many of the church’s previous members have likely gravitated to

other Methodist churches in the area, such as Circleville, Buck’s Grove or Goff, he added.

“We’re trying to find out. The records are not very good,” Rieschick said. “Due to inactivity in the church over the past several years, those records haven’t really been kept.”

According to church history, Joseph Hannum, a prominent settler in the Soldier area, made a list of all the Methodists he could find among the early settlers. Hannum was able to form a class of nine locals at the time — 1860, shortly before Kansas became a state. For the first few years, the congregation would hold weekly services at the home of one of its members.

The church was chartered in 1878; that October, construction began on a church building. It was completed the following June, according to church records, and was unharmed by a tornado that tore through Soldier in 1883. Four years later, in 1887, the church’s first parsonage was built; it would be replaced by a new structure in the late 1980s.

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Judy Jones (left) and Gayle Bartell, both of Holton, admired some of the quilts presented in the “Quilts of Valor” display, part of Saturday’s third-annual Quilts in the Courtyard event on Holton’s Town Square. It was reported that more than 200 quilts were included in Saturday’s event.

Photo by Ali Holcomb



TUESDAY’S WEATHER FORECAST:
PARTLY CLOUDY W/PM STORMS, HIGH OF 91
Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Lance M. Bailey, speeding, farm driving permit violation, \$463.
 Garrett M. Griffith-Couttee, speeding, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$253.
 Jamira S. Harness, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$418.
 Agnieszka K. Kowalski, speeding, \$318.
 Reina D. Rodriguez-Higgins, no seat belt, \$10.
 Megan E.L. Royer, registration violation, no proof of insurance, speeding, diversion.
 Arturo Sanchez-Martinez, no proof of insurance, \$408.
 William R. Simmons, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, \$183.
 Armondo Suy Pol, failure to obey traffic control device, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$233.
 Wes T. Talkington, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$352.
 Felicia N. Williams, transporting an open container, \$223.

Civil

Dispositions
 The Farmers State Bank vs. Prairie Trucking and Excavation L.L.C. and Jack B. Pittaway Jr., sought judgments of \$22,631.52, \$99,036.72, \$42,671.44 and \$34,690.77 plus interest, court costs and replevin of property; granted.

Filed
 U.S. Bank National Association vs. Adam R. LaCrone, Jane Doe, John Doe, Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles, Gary L. Pruitt (deceased), Mary J. Pruitt, unknown heirs of Gary L. Pruitt (deceased) and related estates, seeking quiet title to property and foreclosure of mortgage plus judgment of \$71,314.14 plus interest and court costs.

Robert T. Johnson Sr. vs. State of Kansas, seeking evidentiary hearing based on ineffective assistance of counsel.

Limited Civil

Dispositions
 Tracy L. Potts vs. Joseph V. Brown, sought judgment of \$17,254.14 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Denison State Bank vs. Jason D. Johnson, sought judgment of \$3,151.71 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Charly Keo, sought judgment of \$1,450.25 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Denison State Bank vs. Amy Bartholomew, sought judgment of \$580.29 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$133.19 plus interest and court costs.
 Denison State Bank vs. John P. Williams III and Kelsey R. Williams, sought judgment of \$325.62 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$75.73 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Donald A. Wing and Nikki D. Wing, sought judgment of \$947.77 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Letha Brown and Aaron Brown, sought judgment of \$427.94 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Catherine Jones, sought judgment of \$501.24 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$401.24 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Tricia J. Redmon, sought judgment of \$636.30 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$616.91 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Garrett P. Minner, sought judgment of \$209.63 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Cassandra Savage, sought judgment of \$301.89 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Darrell Kunkleman, sought judgment of \$944.50 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson

County vs. Amy J. Culver and Daniel Culver, sought judgment of \$184.29 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$108.61 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Wilbur Beecham and Kendle Beecham, sought judgment of \$1,087.50 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jessica K. Maple, sought judgment of \$2,728.45 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Curtis D. Kaler and Christina M. Kaler, sought judgment of \$714.14 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Tonya M. Knutsen, sought judgment of \$592.03 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Kimberly Sturgeon and Timothy Sturgeon, sought judgment of \$493.85 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$463.85 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Mark Cole, sought judgment of \$3,632.50 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Angela Evans, sought judgment of \$9,527.48 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed
 Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Phillip Norberg, seeking judgment of \$2,461.03 plus interest and court costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Gary Wabskie, seeking judgment of \$713.17 plus interest and court costs.

The Farmers State Bank vs. Patrick K. Burch, seeking judgment of \$371.79 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Filed
 Holton Lumber Company Inc. vs. Ken Bailey, doing business as KC Concrete, seeking judgment of \$526.74 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal

Dispositions
 State of Kansas vs. Patricia M. Garrison, Topeka, theft; sentenced to seven months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Nichole L. Leek, Lawrence, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Shanika S. Baker, Topeka, battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Brandt A. Nesbitt, Holton, disorderly conduct; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on 90 days probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Kenneth D. Swopes, Topeka, possession of mari-

juana; sentenced to 40 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Edward N. Simpson, Seneca, violation of a protection order; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.

Filed
 State of Kansas vs. Jennifer Torres, Mayetta, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty.

State of Kansas vs. Jamesha R. Stewart, Topeka, underage gambling.

State of Kansas vs. Alva B. McKinney, Mayetta, criminal restraint, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, domestic battery, assault.

Domestic

Dispositions
 In the matter of the marriage of Tammie L. Jacobs-Thimsen and James F. Thimsen, sought divorce; granted.

Filed
 State of Kansas, Secretary for Children and Families vs. Cassey N. McKinney, seeking support judgment.

In the matter of the marriage of Dezaree Harding and Paul Harding, seeking divorce.

State of Kansas, Secretary for Children and Families and Jase M. Russell, a minor child by and through Patricia A. Bahm, mother and natural guardian, and Patricia A. Bahm vs. Samuel D. Russell, seeking support judgment.

Land Transfers

The following land ownerships changes were filed recently with the Jackson County Register of Deeds office.

*General warranty deed - Kenneth L. Richards and Susan M. Richards, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Kyle J. Reed, of Jackson County, a portion of Lots 44 and 46 on Highland Avenue in the city of Hoyt.

*Kansas warranty deed - Misty Harris, a single person, to Lisa Russell, Lot No. 15 and the south one half of Lot No. 17, Illinois Avenue, Drake and Fenn's Addition to the city of Holton.

*Quit claim deed - Rose Bottorff, a single woman, Castalia, Ohio, to Richard and Ann Snavelly, Whiting, 211 W. Second St., Whiting.

*Quit claim deed - Rose Bottorff, a single person, Castalia, Ohio, to Michael and Maureen Snavelly, Whiting, 217 Pratt St., Whiting.

*General warranty deed - Terri M. Eaton and Sherry Eaton, husband and wife, to Wendy G. Bell, Lots No. 100 and 102, Ohio Avenue, city of Holton.

*Quit claim deed - Larry J. Larkin, a single person, grantor, to L.J.L. Revocable Trust dated June 10, 2015, to Larry J. Larkin, as trustee, and as grantee, Lot No. 24, Central Avenue, Shumway's First Addition to the city of Mayetta, and the west one half of vacated Second Street lying adjacent to Lot No. 24.

*Quit claim deed - Larry J. Larkin, a single person, and grantor, to L.J.L. Revocable Trust dated June 10, 2015, to Larry J. Larkin, trustee, and grantee, Lot No. 13, Countrywide Estate, Lutz Subdivision, in Section 15, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed - Carrie A. Green, fka Carrie A. Scrivner, and Joe Green, wife and husband, to William T. Lisica and Michelle M. Lisica, Lots No. 36 and 38, Highland Avenue, city of Hoyt.

*Quit claim deed - Gerald W. Ansley and Tammy K. Ansley, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Shelby L. Cook and Wendy L. Cook, of Jackson County, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common, two tracts of land in Section 16, Township 8 South and Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Transfer on death deed - John M. Cokeley, a single person, to William H. Cokeley, land in Section 8, Township 9 South and Range 14, land in

Section 8, Township 9 South, Range 14, land in Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 14 East and land in Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Transfer on death deed - David P. Tenfelde and Charlotte A. Tenfelde, husband and wife, to Sarah R. Tenfelde-Dubois, Kevin J. Tenfelde and Alison N. Tenfelde, as tenants in common, land in Section 10, Township 6 South and Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed - Mark Wohlin and Cassandra Wohlin, husband and wife, to Benjamin Packard and Lynn Packard, Lot No. 78 except the south 15 feet thereof and the south one half of Lot No. 80 and the south six feet of the north 30 feet of Lot No. 80, Kansas Avenue, city of Holton.

*Transfer on death deed - Shelby L. Cook and Wendy L. Cook, husband and wife, to Tess L. Cloud, a tract of land in Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M. Jackson County.

*Transfer on death deed - Shelby L. Cook and Wendy L. Cook, husband and wife, to Olivia L. Cook, a tract of land in Section 16, Township 8 South and Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed - Neva N. Douglas, sole trustee of the Morris D. Douglas and Neva N. Douglas Trust under the date of Nov. 22, 2002, to James H. Renyer and Mary A. Renyer, husband and wife, as joint tenants, land described in part as a tract in Section 9, Township 5, Range 15 of the 6th P.M. Jackson County.

*Joint tenancy warranty deed - AK Farms, Inc., a Kansas Corporation, by Duane A. Klahr, president, to Greg W. Hermesch and Tisha M. Hermesch, husband and wife, as joint tenants, 17.71 acres in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M. Jackson County.

*General warranty deed - Greg W. Hermesch and Tisha M. Hermesch, husband and wife, to Westar Energy, Inc., its heirs and assigns, land in Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M. Jackson County.

*General warranty deed - Tracy E. Harris and Carrie D. Harris, husband and wife, to John A. Jenkins, Lots No. 5, 6 and 7, Interstate Addition, city of Holton.

*General warranty deed - Brenda I. Graner, a single person, to Jayson A. Prentice and Alyssa J. Prentice, as joint tenants, a tract of land in Section 12, Township 8 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M. Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - William F. Hurdle, a married person, of Richland County, Ohio, to Lloyd D. May and Mary K. Stafford, as joint tenants, parts of Farm Number 4-D and 5-D in Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Kansas Trustee Deed - David Shibley and Julie Shibley, as co-trustees of the Shibley Living Trust dated May 27, 2011, to Marvin J. Aubert and Betty J. Aubert, husband and wife, as joint tenants, land in Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M. Jackson County.

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Tue 6/14	Wed 6/15	Thu 6/16	Fri 6/17	Sat 6/18
91/68 Partly cloudy early with t-storms becoming likely during the afternoon. A few storms may be severe. High 91F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 80%.	100/72 Abundant sunshine. Highs 98 to 102F and lows in the low 70s.	99/73 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	96/71 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	95/71 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 5:55 AM Sunset: 8:51 PM	Sunrise: 5:55 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 5:55 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 5:55 AM Sunset: 8:52 PM	Sunrise: 5:55 AM Sunset: 8:53 PM

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MEMORIES

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The Topeka-based Peanut Butter Hamster music group, consisting of Melissa (left) and Terry Wright, kicked off Beck-Bookman Library's summer reading program with high energy songs promoting fun, good behavior, friendship and lifestyle choices. The reading program's next feature will be "Fitness Fun with Miss Julie" at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the library. Submitted photo

5 Years Ago

Week of June 12-18, 2011

One of the Heart of Jackson Humane Society's former denizens has made "the big time," according to humane society volunteer Betty Flemming. Nacho, a two-year-old purebred yellow Labrador, left his temporary home at the humane society's shelter on May 31 for his new Colorado home. Nacho has been accepted to enter a training program in Colorado to become a bomb/drug sniffing K-9 officer.

The 19th annual We Kan! awards were recently presented at the Kansas Sampler Festival to 10 people who help preserve and sustain rural culture. Among the winners was the community of Muscotah.

The search is on for a new home for the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. The pantry is currently located in the basement of the former First Presbyterian Church at 402 W. Fifth St. in Holton. However, the church has been sold, leaving the food pantry without a home, according to director Ken Waterman.

Fourth-grade students at Holton's Central Elementary School closed out their year with visit to several historic Holton buildings to declare that "This Place Matters" as part of National Preservation Month. Holton Main Street brought the National Trust for Historic Preservation program to the local level to promote awareness of the preservation of historic Holton sites and Main Street's work in the downtown area, according to Main Street executive director Bob Carlson.

10 Years Ago

Week of June 12-18, 2006

It was love at first sight for a 71-year-old retired couple from New Jersey when they found a homeless dog online at the Heart of Jackson Humane Society. Larry and Gretchen Link drove from New Jersey to Kansas to adopt Bandit, a young male Belgian Tervuren-Collie mix, from the shelter.

The Holton Recorder recently received the Honorary State FFA Degree at the Kansas FFA Convention in Manhattan, it was reported. Editor David Powls of Holton was nominated for the award by the Holton FFA Chapter for The Recorder's support and coverage of local FFA chapters and the agricultural industry in general.

Owners of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, located at 524 Pennsylvania Ave., have announced plans to build a new 1,000 square foot addition to the west side of their business and to enlarge the funeral home's parking area, it was announced.

Gary and Marian Schlaegel have announced that Mike Tanking has joined Schlaegel Popcorn and Tax Prep in Whiting as a partner.

The banner for the 16-75ers Square Dance Club has been retired, as the club held its last dance and disbanded on May 13. The club was formed in September 1980.

Construction of the new branch of The Farmers State Bank in Holton is complete, it has been announced. The branch is located at 209 Montana Ave.

The D&J Cafe in Goff has been sold to Gerald and Lisa Keehn. It will be renamed Keehn's Corner. Daryl and Julia Linnemann were the previous owners for the past 20 years.

The Kansas State Bank in Holton has expanded its holdings with the purchase of the Bank of Horton. John Morrissey, KSB senior vice president and member of the bank's board, will be branch manager at the Horton bank, in addition to his managerial duties at the Wetmore branch.

50 Years Ago

Week of June 12-18, 1966

Special tribute was paid on Friday, June 10, at the Holton Rotary Club to James Naylor, one of the two surviving charter members of the club, who will soon close out his business in Holton, Naylor Pharmacy, and move to California. When Naylor closes the pharmacy on the east side of the Square, it will mark the end of a 93-year period in which members of the Naylor family have served Holton in the drug store business.

The city of Holton is among the communities surrounding Topeka to send aid after the destructive tornado struck there last Wednesday, June 8.

Lillian Krewer, formerly of Wheatland, Wyo., has succeeded Steve Schenk as manager of the Arcadia Theatre in Holton, it has been announced.

A new sidewalk and curb and gutter are being installed on the west side of the Holton hospital, it was reported. When completed, the street will be widened to permit angle parking on the west side. A similar improvement will be made on the south side along Fifth Street when the west side is finished.

25 Years Ago

Week of June 12-18, 1991

Surveyors were at work on Tuesday, June 11, on the Holton High School track in preparation for the new surface that is to be applied in the next few weeks. The existing track is to be resurfaced, and new lanes added. All surrounding areas have also been reseeded, and extensive dirt work has been completed.

County officers report recent arrests

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

- On June 2, Ashley Mickens-Smith, 26, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.
- On June 2, Jeremaine Deshazer, 31, Topeka, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear.
- On June 3, Tara Wichman, 44,

Topeka, was arrested on two criminal warrants on charges of giving a worthless check.

- On June 3, Angela Masquat, 43, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.
- On June 3, Skyler Brook, 25, Coming, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On June 6, Martin Hull, 55, Coffeyville, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and transporting an open container.

■ On June 6, Vailaquese Coger, 34, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.

■ On June 7, Amy Johnson, 35, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On June 7, Troy Hill, 37, Harveyville, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear and on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On June 7, Kenneth Guenther, 34, Fairland, Okla. was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of distribution of illegal drugs, possession of marijuana, felony obstruction and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On June 7, Jason Gooch, 41, Denison, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On June 8, Nicole Twemlow, 32, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of theft and criminal use of a financial card.

■ On June 8, Vanessa Hernandez, 29, Topeka, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear.

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Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the Estate of Frank L. McCollum, deceased

Case No. 2016 PR 17

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of June, 2016 a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Shawn McCollum, an heir of Frank L. McCollum, deceased.

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

Shawn McCollum, Petitioner

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RV board sets agenda

The Royal Valley USD 337 Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. today at the district office in Mayetta.

At the start of the meeting, board members are expected to approve consent items and then receive an update on the Kansas Supreme Court ruling regarding fair funding for public schools. A special Legislative session has been scheduled for June 23.

Board members are expected to receive reports from building principals on site council meetings at the elementary and high schools. A draft of the 2016-2017 district calendar will be presented for approval.

Superintendent John Rundle will present a monthly budget report. The board is also expected to renew its contract with Greenbush Learning Services Consortium at a cost of \$9,782.63. Preliminary staff development points for 2015-2016 are expected to be approved.

Video surveillance equipment at both the middle and high schools need to be updated, it has been determined, and the board is expected to approve the purchase of the new equipment at a cost of \$12,677.62.

An executive session is being planned to discuss non-elected personnel and teacher salary negotiations.

The meeting is open to the public; interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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Jackson Heights board to meet

The Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today at the JHHS Library. All district patrons are invited to attend.

The meeting will open with a public forum, approval of the agenda and consent agenda, followed by discussions on workers compensation insurance with Jared Beam and the press box and concession stand project with Larry Amon.

Action will then be taken on the 2016-17 ACT class fee, the annual food program, which includes increasing adult lunch prices to \$3.50 per meal and establishing student meal prices for 2016-17, and revisions to the high school and middle school handbook for the upcoming year. Administration and board reports will follow.

The board will then meet in executive session to discuss teacher contract negotiations and non-elected personnel matters. On returning to open session, it is expected the board will take action on the personnel matters and consider ratification of the teacher contract agreement for 2016-17.

The meeting agenda is subject to change. For more information, or to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting, call the district office at 364-2194.

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OPINION

Why Legislature, Courts keep battling

There's a good reason why, over the past several years, the state of Kansas has constantly been involved in court battles about adequate and equitable state aid to all K-12 public schools in the state.

It's because the Republican Party-led State Legislature, directed by Republican Governor Sam Brownback, has constantly tried to side-step the state's responsibility as the primary source of public school funding.

Gov. Brownback's great experiment to eliminate income tax for the wealthiest Kansans has failed miserably, earning him the dubious reputation as the least-liked governor in America.

It was Brownback's tainted utopian vision that if the state eliminated income tax for the wealthy, then the wealthy would automatically – and naturally – use their profits to re-invest in their business and manufacturing interests, which in turn would help improve the state's economy. That has never happened, however.

Instead, tax revenue for the state has been decreasing every year under the Brownback Administration.

And now, here we are in 2016 and the Kansas Supreme Court has recently ruled again that the governor and State Legislature's new "block grant" school funding formula is unconstitutional and inequitable.

The last time the Legislature was ordered by the Supreme Court to increase state aid to schools was in 2014 when \$100 million was added.

This time around, the Supreme Court says the state needs to increase school funding by about \$38 million to provide "equitable" aid to schools. The court has given the State Legislature until June 30 to present a new state aid plan. Beyond that date, without equitable funding, the Supreme Court said Kansas schools could not operate.

Next year when the state aid "adequacy" question is considered by the Supreme Court, that increase suggested could be anywhere from \$500 million to \$1 billion, experts say.

Sadly, the state is failing behind other Midwestern states at a rapid clip when it comes to healthy, strong economies.

So what is Gov. Brownback and the Republican-led Legislature's new plan to remedy the Supreme Court ruling?

They plan to lobby for a state constitutional amendment that would block the Supreme Court from ever blocking funding to schools again.

Any constitutional amendment endorsed by the judiciary committees would need support from two-thirds of state lawmakers in the House of Representatives and the State Senate before going to a statewide vote.

Even if voters approved a constitutional amendment in a November vote, it would come too late to affect the Legislature's current dispute with the Supreme Court ruling.

But it could have an effect when the Supreme Court rules later that Kansas schools are adequately funded.

The governor and the Legislature are showing no respect for the rule of law in this case, but instead are trying multiple ways to intimidate the judicial branch of our government by threatening their jobs, threatening their authority and threatening their funding.

Rep. Steve Becker, a Republican from Buhler, said it best when he acknowledged that there is room for the governor and Legislature (the executive branch of state government) to criticize the courts (the judicial branch of state government) but it has turned into a blatant attack on the courts.

It doesn't take a rocket science degree to understand why smaller, rural school districts have different and unique levels of ability to generate enough local tax funds to operate than schools located in highly-populated and industrialized urban areas. That is why the state just can't determine equitable and adequate state aid to schools based on the number of students in the schools.

Serving as a state governor, I'm sure, is a stressful job with an immense amount of pressure and responsibility. And I'm sure that Gov. Brownback and his advisors had all the right intentions when they convinced the Legislature to pass all those income tax cuts.

Soon there will be no state funding left to cut except the expenses on Cedar Crest – the governor's mansion.

He'll never do it, but Gov. Brownback should admit to Kansans that he was wrong about his great experiment tax plan. *David Powls*



Democracy depends on effective citizenship

By Lee H. Hamilton

It's so easy in a presidential election year to forget that our system is not about a single person.



This year especially, when the dynamics of the presidential contest have dominated news coverage so thoroughly that even the Senate and House races have largely disappeared from view, the crucial role that citizens play – apart from serving as voters in the presidential drama – isn't even an afterthought.

Yet effective citizenship is the base on which our representative democracy rests. Our vitality as a country depends on the involvement of millions of people in their neighborhoods and communities, in interest groups and civic organizations, in groups agitating for change and groups defending the status quo.

So just what constitutes effective citizenship? I believe it's made up of several elements.

First, a confident belief that change is possible – that the country can indeed make progress over time thanks to the efforts both of ordinary people and of political leaders.

In his recent speech at Howard University, President Barack Obama noted that by almost every measure, in his opinion, the country has moved forward over the last three decades.

The poverty rate is down, as are the rates for crime and for teenage pregnancy. More Americans are getting college degrees, more women are working and earning more mon-

ey and many cities are far healthier than they were in the 1980s.

Yes, we've got miles to go on many fronts, but on the whole, I'll take where we stand today over where we stood in the 1980s. Our system is working better for more people than it did then.

The people who helped make this happen understood two things: that progress was possible, and that it required their efforts. This might seem too obvious even to say, but those who were most effective had an impact because they had the skills to make a difference.

I'm talking here about the fundamental ability we should all have as citizens to solve problems in a representative democracy that's filled with people who have different beliefs, perspectives, and experiences.

This means knowing how to work together with all kinds of people, being able to find common ground, being forthright about aims and methods, forging connections to key officials and other players who can help advance a cause, building consensus and communicating ideas effectively.

I use the word – skills – but in the end, good citizenship is as much about temperament as it is about ability.

Mutual respect, tolerance, empathy, civility, humility, honesty, resolve – these are the simple virtues that our nation depends on in its citizens, not because they're nice to see, but because in a vibrant and diverse democracy they're crucial for making progress.

So is a willingness to step up to challenges. The people who make a difference in our system are the ones who not only identify a problem, but then plunge into fixing it.

I frequently hear from people who are exasperated by the obstacles they

have to overcome in order to make a difference: fellow citizens who are ignorant of the system, politicians who are too obtuse or self-interested to see the light, incompetence in the bureaucracy, officials protecting turf....

But here's the thing: those obstacles will always be there. You just have to keep plugging away at overcoming them, whether by casting an informed ballot, sitting down with – or protesting against – political leaders, or finding the myriad ways you can improve the quality of life for your neighbors and fellow Americans.

You may already have picked up on the final quality that makes for effective citizenship, and it's a tough one.

For the most part, we're not going to solve our challenges in a single generation. So we have to educate our children and those who come after us in the same skill sets I've been talking about.

That's because, as I said at the start, our representative democracy is not all about the presidency. We – you, me, and our fellow citizens – are responsible for the future of our neighborhoods and our nation.

Unless we all shoulder the obligation to learn the skills we need to shepherd it into the future, and then teach those skills to others, our country and our system will struggle.

Note: Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a distinguished scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a professor of practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

New government plan slashes physician reimbursements for Medicare Part B meds

By Sally C. Pipes

Imagine being denied treatment for cancer because Washington bureaucrats decided that a cutting-edge new therapy that could cure you just wasn't "cost effective."

That's already happening in Britain under its government-run health-care system, the National Health Service. And Medicare officials are poised to bring similar policies here.

The NHS's "Cancer Drugs Fund" restricts physicians' ability to prescribe half of all oncology medicines. If a medicine doesn't extend the average cancer patient's lifespan by a set length of time, which varies according to the medicine's price, doctors can't prescribe it for general use – even if it would be the most effective treatment option.

In February, the NHS announced it would review existing general-use drugs to tighten prescribing restrictions. After the review, the number of off-limits drugs will rise. Patient groups predict the move will deny treatment to 22,000 cancer sufferers and "set cancer treatment back by a generation."

A new proposal from the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation could similarly tie American doctors' hands.

CMMI plans to slash physician reimbursements for medications administered in a doctor's office under Medicare Part B. Doctors buy these medications up-front and receive reimbursement from Medicare.

The proposed scheme will prevent many doctors from breaking even on the most advanced, most expensive treatments.

Essentially, CMMI will cut Medicare spending by forcing doctors to resort to cheaper drugs and second-tier treatments – or run the risk of having to close their practices.

Currently, Medicare reimburses physicians for chemotherapy and certain other medications at the drug's average sales price (ASP) plus 6 percent. That add-on accounts for the fact that some doctors pay more than the average price. It also covers expenses associated with handling, storing and administering the drugs.

Often, that 6 percent makes the difference between a viable medical practice and one drowning in red ink.

Under CMMI's proposal, Medicare would reduce reimbursements

to ASP plus 2.5 percent, along with a flat fee of \$16.80 per day.

The formula makes generic drugs more economical to administer compared to pricier, cutting-edge treatments.

Most doctors already don't receive ASP plus 6 percent. In 2013, "sequestration" budget cuts effectively lowered reimbursements to ASP plus 4.3 percent.

Those cuts crippled many doctors' ability to care for Medicare patients. Eighty percent of oncologists at community cancer clinics reported that their practices were affected by the cuts. Fifty percent had to send Medicare patients elsewhere – often to distant hospitals – for chemotherapy.

Now, analysts predict CMMI's proposal will bring the effective reimbursement rate down to ASP plus 0.86 percent and a daily flat fee of \$16.53.

If sequestration cuts forced doctors to turn away cancer patients, the new CMMI cuts could outright bankrupt many clinics.

At minimum, many doctors will feel pressure to stock and prescribe cheaper treatments, even if they're less-effective.

Keeping Medicare spending under control is important. But reforms should incentivize providers to do so while improving care – which sometimes means paying more for higher quality treatments.

CMMI's proposal relies on the mindless bureaucratic logic that Britain's NHS and other socialized medical systems use: good care is expensive – let's ban it.

Medicare might be ailing. But CMMI's reimbursement scheme isn't what the doctor ordered. It will tie the hands of physicians and make them choose between running a profitable practice and providing the best care for their patients.

Note: Sally C. Pipes has been president and CEO of the San Francisco-based Pacific Research Institute since 1991. Its mission statement says it champions freedom, opportunity and personal responsibility by advancing free-market ideas. Pipes was also one of four health care advisors in 2008 for Rudy Giuliani's Republican presidential nomination bid.



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LETTER

What has happened with this country?

Dear editor,
Has America become the land of the special interest and home of the double standard?

Let's see.
If we lie to Congress, it's a felony, but if Congress lies to us, it's just politics.

If we dislike a black person, we're racist, but if a black dislikes whites, it's their First Amendment right.

The government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals but they do almost nothing for the victims.

In public schools, you can teach that homosexuality is okay, but you better not use the word God in the process.

You can kill an unborn child, but it's wrong to execute a convicted mass murderer.

We don't burn books in America. We now rewrite them.

We got rid of the communist and socialist threat by renaming them progressives.

We are unable to close our border with Mexico, but have no problem protecting the 38th parallel in Korea.

If you protest against President Barack Obama's policies, you're a terrorist, but if you burn an American flag or photo of George Bush in effigy, it was your First Amendment right.

You can have pornography on TV or the Internet, but you better not put a nativity scene in a public park during Christmas.

We have eliminated all criminals in America. They are now called sick people.

We can use a human fetus for medical research, but it's wrong to use an animal.

We take money from those who work hard for it and then give it to those who don't want to work.

We support the Constitution, but only when it supports our political ideology.

We have freedom of speech, but only if we are being politically correct.

Parenting has been replaced with Ritalin and video games.

The land of opportunity is now the land of handouts.

The similarity between Hurricane Katrina and the gulf oil spill is that neither president did anything to help.

How do we handle a major crisis today? The government appoints a committee to determine who's at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises our taxes and then tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their re-election campaign.

What has happened to the land of the free and home of the brave?

Ken Huber
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OBITUARIES

Kansas tobacco settlement receipts exceed \$1 billion



Starkson

Katherine L. "Kaye" Starkson, 66, of Waterville, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at the Good Shepherd Hospice House in Manhattan after a short battle with cancer.

Kaye was born Feb. 7, 1950, to the late Edward J. and Ida K. (Henderson) Hammer. She married Wayne L. Starkson at Manhattan on March 20, 1982. She graduated from Topeka High School in 1968.

Kaye had worked for Twin Valley in Waterville. Then after moving to Holton she worked for the Capper Foundation and later worked several years as the Director for the Jackson County Training Center. She enjoyed helping those with disabilities and felt that she was at her best when those helping her were in the limelight and getting the credit.

Survivors include her husband, Wayne L. Starkson of Waterville; her two sons, Shawn Hammer of Waterville and Jeremy Hammer and wife Rikki of Griffin, Ga.; her three grandchildren; two sisters, Jeannie McGaha and Kim Hammer of South Carolina; and very good friend Brandi Anderson of Netawaka.

Funeral services were held Monday morning, June 13, at the United Methodist Church in Waterville with Pastor Debby Dick officiating. Music was to include pre-recorded selections of "Endless Love," "Power in the Blood," "Humble and Kind" and "Bless the Broken Road." Beverly Hedke was the organist. Casket bearers included Colt Hammer, Gage Hammer, Harold Lamberson, William Smith, Michael Vermetten and Greg Christensen. Burial was held at Riverside Cemetery in Waterville.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Katherine Starkson Memorial to help with funeral expenses and may be sent in care of Terry-Christie Funeral Home at P.O. Box 61, Waterville, KS 66548.

Services arranged by Terry-Christie Funeral Home, Waterville. Condolences may be left online at www.terrychristiefuneralhome.com

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With the receipt in April of the 2016 Master Settlement Agreement annual payment, Kansas has now received more than \$1 billion in total tobacco settlement payments, Attorney General Derek Schmidt announced recently.

Since the first payment was made in 1999, Kansas has received \$1,013,566,691.35 from the participating tobacco manufacturers.

The settlement payments are intended to offset the costs of tobacco-related illness and disease that are borne by Kansas taxpayers through government-paid medical benefits.

The payments are made each year pursuant to a legal settlement that resolved claims made by 46 states, including Kansas, against the tobacco companies in the late 1990s.

"The Master Settlement Agreement has allowed Kansas to recover a significant portion of the cost Kansas taxpayers bear to deal with the health-related costs of tobacco use in our state," Schmidt said. "These payments offset what otherwise would be a taxpayer subsidy of the tobacco industry."

Schmidt noted that in order for payments to continue, Kansas must continually meet the obligations it undertook as part of the Master Settlement Agreement. The principal obligation that has been a point of dispute is for the state to "diligently enforce" its tobacco-related statute, including a requirement that the state account for all tobacco sales in the state and require tobacco companies that were not part of the MSA to pay funds into escrow accounts that may later be used to offset tobacco-related health care costs borne by state taxpayers.

When Schmidt assumed office in 2011, the tobacco companies had accused many states, including Kansas, of failing to live up to their end of the MSA bargain since 2003 and were demanding repayment of billions of dollars in past payments to the states. If the companies' claims had succeeded, Kansas could have been required to repay hundreds of millions of dollars previously received.

In 2012, Schmidt and 18 other state attorneys general reached an agreement with the tobacco companies to eliminate that potential liability for the state.

Subsequently, five other states joined this settlement. The provisions of that settlement agreement are reflected in a term sheet that has governed annual payments for the past three-and-a-half years. The final details of that settlement agreement are still being worked out among Kansas, the other settling states and the tobacco companies.

To minimize the risk the companies may again accuse the states of failing to live up to their obligations under the MSA, the attorney general's office has taken several steps, including:

* Worked closely with the Department of Revenue to strengthen enforcement efforts against illicit cigarette sales.

* Obtained permission from the Legislature to add an investigator at the attorney general's office who will focus specifically on non-compliant

sales.

* Entered into negotiations with the four resident Indian Tribes in Kansas to improve accounting for tobacco sales on tribal lands. Compacts with two of the tribes were approved by the Legislature earlier this year; negotiations with the other two tribes remain ongoing.

* Worked closely with the Legislature to strengthen the state's escrow statutes to improve MSA compliance.

"Protecting these annual payments to the fullest extent possible is a priority for our office," Schmidt said. "We are determined to continue making these funds available to ease the burden tobacco use can impose on Kansas taxpayers."

Schmidt noted that because the MSA, which was reached in 1998, is now almost 20 years old, Kansas tobacco payments are expected to naturally decline starting in April 2018. This is because certain provisions of the original MSA were designed to expire after payment year 2017.

With those provisions expiring, there will be a change in the amount

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Members of the Pinella's Doll Artists group of Overbrook were featured at Saturday's third-annual Quilts in the Courtyard event, showing "Alice in Wonderland" and other characters inside the Jackson County Courthouse. Group members included, from left, Betty Dobelbower (seated), Susan Graber, Molly Ledebauer and Valerie Napue.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On May 29, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Be Glorified."

The announcements were: Lite Bite will be held at 5:15 p.m. on June 8, and Vacation Bible School will be held July 25 through July 29. Volunteers are needed to help with Vacation Bible School. You may sign up in the foyer or contact Debbie Watson.

The joys were: Brady Law and Jamie Linstrom are engaged; Marc Serrano is going on a trip to Germany; Bryce Cochran's cousin was baptized; Zach and Annika Wilson are sponsoring an all-church swim at Garfield Pool on July 1; and a new family, Brent, Rebecca, Jack, Grace and Joe Unruh, transferred their membership to Pleasant Hill U.M.C.

The concerns were prayers for Dee Deppe, who is in the hospital, and the family of Jesse Nelson.

The birthdays for May 29 through June 4: Joyce Mannell, May 29; Sharon Miller and Cortney Nelson,

May 31; Debra Billingsly, June 3; and John Rea, June 4.

The anniversaries for the week were Bruce and Linda Lanning, May 29; Larry and Patricia Wilson, May 30; Jim and Sharon Miller, June 1; Matt and Debra Billingsly and Daryl and Joy Jepson, June 2; and Todd and Marilyn Domer, June 4.

Greg Baldwin and Marc Serrano played "Misty" for special music. The children's story was given by Debbie Watson. She showed the children her key ring, which had several keys on it.

She told them a story about a Roman officer's servant being ill. The servant wanted Jesus to come and heal him. The Roman officer told the servant, "You do not need Jesus here to heal you. You must have faith that Jesus will heal you."

Jesus marveled at such faith that the officer had. The servant was

healed because of the officer's faith. There is no key for faith. Faith is in your heart.

Pastor Jin blessed the "Prayer Shawls" as the children and the congregation touched the shawls.

The sermon "Slowly But Surely" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. He read the scripture Exodus 5:22-6:9. Moses was always slow to answer God's call.

Pastor Jin told a story about his dad's tuberculosis diagnosis and his struggle on his walk to recovery. His pastor led him to trust God and he was finally cured.

We are slow to put our trust in God. Let us seek God's direction and He will make it happen, slowly but surely.

Carrie Law sang "Remember Me" for special music. The communion elements were served by Janet Baldwin, Gladys Law, Marguerite Pond,

Camille Schoettlin, Barbara Slimmer and Pastor Jin Cho.

The congregation sang "Soar" and "Salvation's Tide."

Those assisting with the service were Greg Baldwin, organist; Deb and Matt Mannell, sound system; Alex Adame, Kevin Fealey, Carrie Law and Kelly Neiman, singers; Marc Serrano on guitar; Greg Baldwin on piano; and Sam, Lauren and Madison Fealey and Jonah and Hayleigh Watson, usher team.

On May 27, Chris and Mike Farmer and Beverly, Dick and Rusty Newell traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, to spend the Memorial Day weekend with Jill, Brian, Logan and Dylan Dierking. They all attended Logan's high school graduation. There were more than 600 seniors that graduated. Logan plans to attend Nebraska University in Lincoln, Neb. Everyone had a great time.

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Caren Loper Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA Rev. Charlene Banes, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Class Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday</p> <p>Our Lady of the Snows Church Fr. Marianand Mendem 166 and "I" Road, Mayetta, Kan. • 597-5656 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m.</p> <p>Potawatomi Pentecostal Church 4.5 miles west on 134th Rd., Mayetta Rev. Marcia Potts Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Worship service</p> <p>Pottawatomie United Methodist Rev. Howard Sudduth Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>St. Dominic Catholic Church Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem 416 Ohio, Holton, 364-3262 Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass Confessions 30 minutes before mass. www.jacocatholics.org</p>	<p>St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Pastor: Fr. 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Caren Loper Sunday: 10 a.m. Education • 11 a.m. Worship</p> <p>New Hope Family Church 515 Iowa, Holton Pastor: Sterling Hudgins Wednesday Meal: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service: 7:15 p.m. Saturday Worship: 6 p.m.</p>
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Wamego post office to host rural business expo Wednesday

The Postal Service is extending an invitation to all rural northeast Kansas business owners to meet with USPS Business Development Specialist Nan Raymond this week, it has been reported.

Raymond will host the Rural Business Expo at the Wamego Post Office at 807 Fifth St., from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 15 to offer solutions to help local business customers grow their business with the Postal Service, as well as partnership opportunities. Light refreshments will be served.

"The Postal Service has long been a champion of small businesses, and we're excited to host this rural business expo to share information on our exciting new products and services," Raymond said. "Whether you're a large or small business, shipping solutions at USPS are crafted to help you grow."

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SPORTS Monday



21 high school volleyball teams competing in summer league

By Michael Powls

The Holton High School summer volleyball league is under way on Wednesday evenings.

There are 10 teams competing in the varsity league and 11 teams competing in the junior varsity league this summer, it has been reported.

Teams in the varsity division include two alumni teams, two Holton teams and one team each from Jackson Heights, Royal Valley, Sabetha, ACCHS, Nemaha Central and Heritage Christian.

Teams in the junior varsity division include two from Holton, two from Nemaha Central, one Sabetha JV team, one Sabetha ninth grade team and one team each from ACCHS, Royal Valley, Heritage Christian, Jackson Heights and Wetmore.

Here are the results from the first week of the summer league, from Janelle Noel, HHS volleyball coach, who is also in charge of the summer league.

June 1 match results were as follows:

Varsity
Alumni 2 defeated Alumni 1 23-25, 25-23 and 15-8.

Alumni 2 defeated Jackson Heights 25-16 and 25-5.

Alumni 1 defeated Royal Valley 25-15 and 25-23.

Holton 1 defeated ACCHS 25-20 and 25-21.

Holton 1 defeated Holton 2 25-21 and 25-22.

Sabetha defeated ACCHS 25-16 and 25-14.

Nemaha Central defeated Holton 2 25-9 and 25-10.

Nemaha Central defeated Royal Valley 25-15 and 25-21.

Jackson Heights defeated Heritage Christian 25-15 and 25-17.

Sabetha defeated Heritage Christian 25-9 and 25-10.

Junior Varsity
Nemaha Central 2 defeated Holton B 25-10 and 25-14.

ACCHS defeated Sabetha JV 26-24 and 25-16.

Nemaha Central 1 defeated Sabetha JV 25-14 and 25-12.

Nemaha Central 1 defeated Holton A 28-26 and 25-17.

Holton B defeated Holton A 8-25, 25-12 and 15-10.

Royal Valley defeated ACCHS 10-25, 25-16 and 15-9.

Royal Valley defeated Heritage Christian 22-25, 25-17 and 15-8.

Jackson Heights defeated Heritage Christian 25-22 and 25-23.

Jackson Heights defeated Wetmore 25-16 and 25-23.

Wetmore defeated Sabetha 9th 25-23, 20-25 and 15-10.

Nemaha Central defeated Sabetha 9th 25-17 and 25-11.

Varsity
After the first week of matches, Alumni 2, Holton 1, Sabetha and Nemaha Central were 2-0.

Jackson Heights was 1-1.

Royal Valley, ACCHS, Holton 2 and Heritage Christian were still looking for their first wins.

Junior Varsity
Nemaha Central 1, Royal Valley, Jackson Heights and Nemaha Central 2 were 2-0.

ACCHS, Holton B and Wetmore were 1-1.

Holton A, Sabetha JV, Heritage Christian and Sabetha 9th were still looking for their first wins.

Week two results will be published in the Wednesday edition of The Recorder.

Holton Jr. Legion to host Sabetha Wednesday

By Michael Powls

Sabetha's Junior Legion baseball team is coming to Holton for a doubleheader starting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15.

In three of its first four games, the Holton Junior Legion showed the ability to score lots of runs.

Holton Junior Legion team was in action on June 3 at Hiawatha and on June 5 at Holton against Hiawatha.

Holton won the double header in Hiawatha. Game one's score Holton 13, Hiawatha 4.

"The games played in Hiawatha, we had a very strong start with the bats," said coach Jake Spalding. "I was pleased with how the kids came with a focus and intensity that we have worked on in practices prior."

"With Blaine Lester on the mound in the first game we felt confident," coach Spalding said. "If we could jump on top early, we would be able to maintain a lead to success. We were able to accomplish all of that."

Game two's score was Holton 21, Hiawatha 11.

"We kept our focus and intensity going into the second game," said Spalding. "With Zane Moylan on the bump, we remained confident that we would be able to maintain a lead."

Holton scored 13 runs on five hits and 12 walks in game one at Hiawatha.

Lester started on the mound for Holton. He pitched four innings, allowing two hits, one walk, one home run, three runs scored and had six strikeouts.

Eli Prine came in and pitched the last two innings. Prine allowed no hits, no walks and had three strikeouts.

In the second game at Hiawatha, Holton had 21 runs on 12 hits, 11 walks and two hit by pitches.

Moylan started on the mound for Holton. He went three and one third innings and gave up 11 runs, two walks and struck out four.

Prine came in to close out the game on the hill. He pitched two-thirds inning and had no walks or runs and had one strikeout.

Holton and Hiawatha split the double header at Holton.

Holton won game one, 14-6, and Hiawatha won game two, 12-5.

In the first game at Holton, Holton scored 14 runs on 13 hits and four walks.

Parker Gilliland started on the mound for Holton. He pitched the complete game and had three strikeouts, one walk and six runs scored.

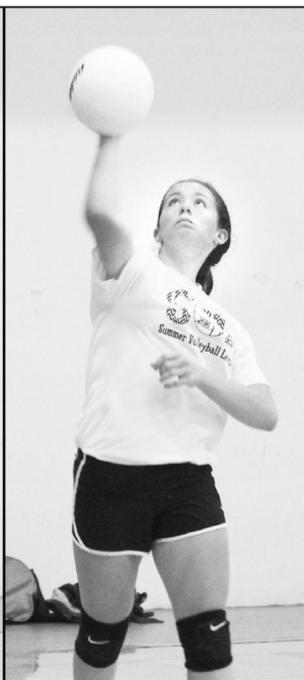
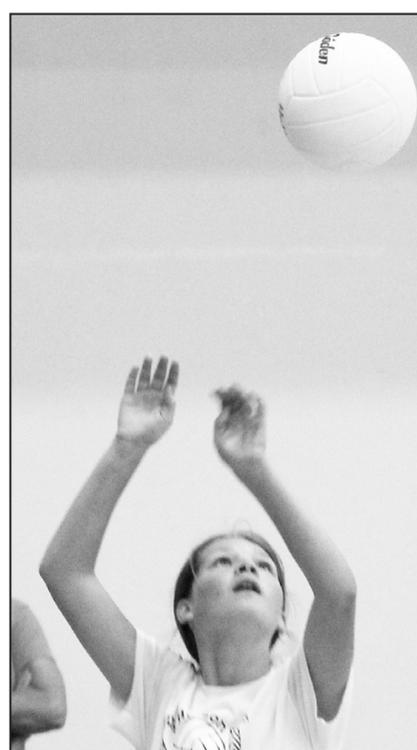
In the second game at Holton, Holton had five runs on four hits, two walks and three hit by pitches.

Tracer Fox started on the hill for Holton. He went two innings and gave up seven hits, three walks, had one strikeout and gave up six runs.

Kenny Smith came in to pitch after Fox. He pitched one and two thirds innings and gave up two hits, two walks, three runs and had three strikeouts.

Lester came in to close the game out on the mound. He pitched one and one third innings and gave up six hits, one walk, three runs and had two strikeouts.

*Note: Results from the Holton's Junior Legion game on Saturday, June 11, at Doniphan County were not available at presstime.



Middle school summer volleyball action

Holton is hosting a 12-team summer volleyball league for middle school teams on Thursday mornings.

The top photo at left shows Emily Shupe of Holton serving the volleyball, while the top photo at right shows Grace Utz of Holton serving.

The middle photo at left shows Paige Viscosky returning a serve. The middle photo at right shows Abby Martin of Holton serving.

The sequence photo at left shows Cassidy Fisher of Holton serving.

Photos by Michael Powls

Holton Ball Association enrolls 359 kids this summer

A total of 359 kids signed up for summer ball through the Holton Ball Association this year, it was reported.

Here is a breakdown of the enrollment - pre-kindergarten T-Ball (57), kindergarten T-all (43), 8-U softball (47), 8-U boys Pinto (47), third and fourth grade softball (27), fifth and sixth grade softball (20), high school softball (12), age 9-11 boys baseball (68) and age to 14 boys baseball (38).

Team rosters for Holton Pre-K (age 3-5 years) and Kindergarten T-Ball teams, the eight years and under teams, third & fourth grade, fifth & sixth grade, and high school softball teams are all listed below.

Grass Roots Pre-K team, coached by Tonya Raaf, Brittany DeBarge and Tyler Raaf; Paul Cody Wilcox, Kane Cochren, Janie DeBarge, Bentley Arketz, Harper Mitchell, Joslynn Hundley, Braiden Moulden and Blake Morris.

Banner Creek Animal Hospital Pre-K team, coached by Eryn Coverdale, Terry Karn and Corrin Tanking; Carson Rinkes, Jordan Kennedy, Charlee VanDonge, Addison Zeller, Maddyn Degenhardt, Duncan Degenhardt, Westin Tanking, Kiefer Coverdale and Mason Karn.

Holton National Bank Pre-K team, coached by Tayley Dick, Chris Ireland and Dave Snyder; Tyler Dick, Scarlet Ireland, Avery Cashier, Rowan Patterson, Elsie Brown, Xander Eisenbarth, Bryson York and Kreighton Roush.

State Farm Insurance Pre-K team, coached by Annie Brock and Jo Bowe; Bodhi Brock, Avery Dunn, Aaliyah Hale, McKinley Bowe, Leighton Stous, Dawson Hamer, Tanner Hamer and Liam Kelly.

Giant Communications Pre-K team, coached by Dakotah Watkins, Kendyl Lemon and Andrew Lemon; Ava Rose Watkins, Makayla Wheeler, Etta Jo Bourdon, Julie Wellman, Tucker Massey, Juan Hall, Patrick

Lemon, Johnathan Hall and Miah Lynn Stewart.

Country Mart Pre-K team, coached by Jason Larison and John Stous; Austin Sowers, Greysen Correll, Cooper Wilson, Nolan Schuetz, Sarah Robinson, Clara Larison, Brenna Bontrager, Lucy Stous and Isabel Tinney.

Holton Farm & Home Kindergarten team, coached by Dustin Rodvelt, Mark Summers and Nathan Hawthorne; Rylan Rodvelt, Coraline Rodvelt, Trey Cochran, Xoe Clark, Dominick Wahquahboshkuk, Mickenzie Schlodder, Breckon Schlodder, Zandler Shroud, Evangeline Decker and Madi Hawthorne.

Burger King Kindergarten team, coached by Bryan Shupe and Zach Lancaster; Joely Shupe, Stephanie Crawford, Joshua Pennington, Mathew Pennington, Jace Carter, Tarynn Grollmes, Olyvia Kimberlin, Brayden Schmilte, Dominic Lancaster, Maliah Rodriguez and Zoe Schuetz.

Thunder Hill Speedway Kindergarten team, coached by Jennifer Baker and Justin Becker; Bud Kathrens, Micah Becker, Tisha McCrory, Paisley Askren, Tristan Schlodder, Conner Becker, Owen Nelson, Sophie Nelson, Lola Snavelly, Ellis Larson and Gabe Stark.

Your Place or Mine Kindergarten team, coached by Tyler Warner, Dustin King and Coltara Segenhagen; Grant Warner, Luke Warner, Brodyn King, Jaxon Carlsson, Leighton Mick, Bryar King, Kannon Segenhagen, Kinsley Ingels, Brooklyne Cunningham and Lilly Stous.

Schlaegel & Tanking Tax Preparation 8U softball team, coached by Mike Tanking, Justin Fluke and Alex Bartel; Lili Tanking, Bailey Kathrens, Juliet Brackenbury, Emily Ditzler, Elisa Bartel, Taylor Kivitter, Jacey Willard, Lexi Wilson, Addison Bontrager, Julieann Bontrager and Kinley Fluke.

Suther Seeds 8U softball team, coached by Brooke Olberding and

Justin Olberding; Alexa Warner, Faith Olberding, Madyson Nelson, Rebekah Lassey, Ashdan Lee, Kylie Snyder, Elizabeth Thompson, Haviiah Myers, Skye McCrory, Makenzi Wellman and MacKenna Mitchell.

Holton Laundry 8U softball team, coached by Coltara Segenhagen and Becky Segenhagen; Kaylin Segenhagen, Taylor Segenhagen, Sophie Whitebird, Jayde Cobler, Liliana Avendano, Danika Decker, Tess Austin, Rylie Doran, Sarah Immenschuh, Hannah Watkins, Madeline Heinek and Tinsley Bradley.

Denison State Bank 8U softball team, coached by Matt Taylor; Emma Sides, Kennedy Smith, Norah Kelly, Kolbie Noel, Amanda Taylor, Caillee Hallauer, Addyson Harris, Cammee Mellenbruch, Katie Purcell, Mya Marten, Breann Barrow and Alyssa Stich.

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Rosters listed for Holton Pinto, Pee-Wee and Little League

Team rosters for Holton's Pinto teams (8 years and under), Pee-Wee teams (9-11 years), and Little League teams (12-14 years) are listed below.

Subway Pinto team, coached by Jason Murphy, Tim Schlotter and Bill Wray: Rhyel Murphy, Ryan Barrow, Ean Winsor, Cleve Wray, Pierson Cyphers, August Cyphers, Camden White, Tucker Wilkerson, Alex Sweeten, Zane Montgomery and Noah Van Donge.

Lasting Impressions Pinto team, coached by Katie Cochran, Bryan Chalfant and Travis Peek: Kane Johnson, Ryker Johnson, Colden Peek, Landen Capps, Lane Prutt, Eli Hines, Kallen Heinz, Jude Chalfant, Monte Mitchell, Camryn Wheeler, John Frederick and Harry "Tres" Coker III.

Holton Community Hospital and Sawyer Custom Building & Remodeling Pinto team, coached by Josh Moulin, Clint Colberg and Micheal Sawyer: Korban Wilson, JR Ireland, Cade Colberg, Easton Moulin, Jamison Huyett, Landon Sawyer, Paden Askren, Andre Suico, Maddex Honas, Tucker Terry and Aaden Morgan.

Chris Gross Construction Pinto team, coached by Rex Frazier, Wyatt Althof, Chris Etzel and Keith Dedonder: Kason Dedonder, Kerrick DeDonder, Brady Althof, Jack Etzel,

Cael Frazier, Alec Frazier, Thayne Gross, Ethan Noel, Landon Hernandez, Kolton Hernandez, William Beauchamp and Korban Fox.

Wildcats Little League team, coached by Josh Zeller, Frank Cornelison and Ben Peven: Austin Zeller, Carter McCauley, Kyler Kathrens, Dalton Roush, Parker Crouch, Rylan Pittaway, Gavin Fox, Talon Fox, Braden Peven, Micheal Cornelison, Landon Kennedy and Eric Gerhardt.

Holton Livestock Association's Mean Green Pee Wee team, coached by Charles Elliott, Brian Nelson and Noel Montgomery: Kadyn Elliott, Tristen McCammon, Blade Montgomery, Eli Hopkins, Kamryn Rodriguez, Taven Dick, Braiden Geisen, Jack Segenhagen, Brian Dorris and Jayden Spurlock.

Denison State Bank Pee Wee team, coached by Jeremiah Huyett: Edan Adams, Ethan Lauder, Jace Huyett, Jacob Huyett, Kit Jackson, Kyler Jackson, Logan Altenburg, Reece Burns, Kadyn Wheeler, Cooper Wheeler and Garyson Booth.

The Computer Doctors Pee Wee team, coached by Matt Clayton, Devan Will, Adam Schafer and Travis Peek: Noah Bartel, Trenton McCoy, Colbee Wing, Andy Kimberlin, Grayden Peek, Ethan Will, Hunter Schafer, Owen Clayton, Logan Heineken and Luke Lassey.

Holton Dental Pee Wee team, coached by Jay Watkins and Jeff Warner: Preston Utz, Morrison Walker, Cooper Baxter, Cale Hein, Adam Watkins, Mathew Watkins, Jackson Bear, Jeffrey Warner, Cole Kucan and Malakai Trout.

Medical Pharmacy Pee Wee team, coached by Justin Fluke, Cory Larson and Luke Dillon: Logan Peterson, Ethan Peterson, Trace Dillon, Bodie Dillon, Asher Larson, Tucker Gilliland, Caleb Hernandez, Brayden Binkley, Rylon Amon and Timmity Smith.

Holton #1 Little League team, coached by Joe Purcell: Rees Robinson, Jaden Marsh, Canon Karn, Mavrick Uhl, Kale Purcell, Keegan Purcell, Kyle Bohnenkemper, Seth Peterson, Ethan Stark, Ian Watkins, Kolby Roush, Christopher Roush, Aaron McCallister and Trey Wright.

Holton #2 Chapel Oak Funeral Home Little League team, coached by Rob Snavely: Jaxson Snavely, Cayden Jackson, Reese Holaday, Richard Leiker, Tyler Harris, John Heinen, Riley Mulroy, Gavin McCrory, Anthony McCrory, Lee Wellman, Jackson O'Byrne, Marcus Prutt and Taylor Harder.

Holton #3 Wildcats Little League team, coached by Jack Pittaway and Chad Adcock: Dallas Pittaway, Slater Skaggs, Jake McGrath, Carsen

Adkins, Henry Katz, Lucas Adcock, Jace Hallauer, Andrew Perez, Joe Kathrens, Trevor Bowser and Tucker Dodd.

Ball team photos sought for publication

The Holton Recorder is now accepting summer baseball and softball team photos of local teams and coaches for publication in the newspaper.

Coaches, please e-mail a photograph of your team (or teams) as soon as possible to holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net and also please identify the players and coaches by row, left to right. Thank you.

If you need additional information, contact David Powls or Michael Powls at the Recorder office 364-3141.

Holton Ball Association story

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Sullivan Construction third & fourth grade softball team, coached by Rachel Gross, Addie Larson and Lindsay Alley: Emberlee Allen, Aaralynn Allen, Kaiya Taylor, Katie Etzel, Madeline Bontrager, Taryn Anderson, Sadey Gross, Tiah Gross, Lexie Larson, Adalie Alley, Abri Alley and Jaelyn Gaston.

Willcott Brewery third & fourth grade softball team, coached by Jennifer Willcott, Garrett Rake, Christi Shuemaker and David Tinney: Emily Horr, Reese Purling, Brooke Willcott, Jacy Cook, Addy Schumaker, Madison Schumaker, Presley Rake, Natalie Willcott, Rachel Swendsen, Zoey Tinney, Faith Jenner and Mariah Woltje.

Wilson's Direct Motors & Tires fifth & sixth grade girls softball team, coached by Alex Bartel, Matt Clayton and Shari Bartel: Katina Bartel, Alayna Clayton, Jalee DeVader, Grace Etzel, Macey Gross, Darby Ireland, Lilly Kimberlin, Tymber Klahr, Madeline Montgomery and Makaela Wilson.

The Farmers State Bank fifth & sixth grade girls softball team, coached by Shawn Doran, David Ashcraft and Jayme Doran: Tara Arnold, Darcee Ashcraft, Whitney Benjamin, Emma Bontrager, Taytum Doran, Jadyann Doyle, Jaymee Howe, Kailei Mitchell, Courtnee Wing and Makyna Jacobsen.

High school girls softball team, coached by Stacey Gouge, Jon Gouge and Kat Johnson: Kimberly Lotts, Katelyn Meggison, Barbara Holmes, Jeri Wells, Alyssa Teter, Tayla Manuel, Hanna Strader, Gabby Giebler, Gracie Fischer, Breanna Gouge, Caitlin Gouge and Samantha Thuringer.



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High school summer league features 21 teams

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Some of the 2016 high school summer volleyball rosters have been announced for the league teams. The Holton freshman teams listed change rosters each week.

HHS Coach Janelle Noel with varsity players Regan Baum, Lauryn Moore, Casi VanAusdall, Courtney Boswell, Emma Wittmer, Maleah Price, Sarah Lierz, Shay Tanking, Lauren Leavendusky, Sydney Prine, Lexi Davis and Abbie Lamme.

HHS Coach Kristel Bontrager with JV players Tabor Barta, Gracie Frakes, Emma Reith, Gladys Heitzman, Marissa Twombly, Emma Gilliland, Britney Mick, Kaitlyn Pe-

ven, Josie Marriott, Janae Skaggs and Annalys Phillips.

Coaches Carlene McManigal and Kerri Tanking with freshman players Savanna Booth, Faith Haussler, Adalee Degenhardt, Calin Parks, Isabell Watkins, Shaye Leavendusky, Olivia Yingst and Danika Hickman.

Coaches Carlene McManigal and Kerri Tanking with freshman players Kinleigh Rodd, Jewel Lutz, Megan Lierz, Paige Crouch, Calina VanAusdall, Olivia Heitzman, Amy Watkins, Sidney Bohenkemper, Alexys Campbell and Bailey Flewelling.

Jackson Heights teams are coached by Denise Viscosky and assistant coach Robin Sides.

JH varsity - Karley Diecckman, Kate Lierz, Abby Williams, Hannah Williams, Grace Bowhay, Jenna McAllister, Maggie Rostetter.

JH JV - Erin Curtis, Southern Ruborn, Kassidi Strathman, Abby Brey, Mackenzie Kennedy, Kylie Dohl and Monika Raye.

Royal Valley teams are coached by Gary Armstrong.

RV varsity - Josie Matsapo, Ali Bryan, Grace Harvey, Mary Broxterman, Danielle Stithem, Alyssa Gooderl and Lexi Baker.

RV JV - Charlotte Rooks, Madison Boswell, Maddie Saia, Kenzie Ogdan, Emily Albright, Cassidy Parks and Kenzie Hegemann.

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Royal Valley High School announces 2nd semester honor rolls

The following students have been named to the Royal Valley High School honor roll for the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

Principal Honor Roll (All A's)

Twelfth Grade: Nicholas John Ehrhart, Kathryn Anne Hanson, Macy Claire Putnam and Jenna Rose Thurman.

Eleventh Grade: Claudia Barreiro Castro, Sarah A. Beam, Lucas W. Broxterman, Alize' Danielle Bryan, Jordan D. Cox, Noah J. McAlister, Karlie J. Miller, Samantha J. Rupnick and Aubrey Rose Willis.

Tenth Grade: Shannon M. Nease, Dillon Arthur Smith and Danielle K. Stithem.

Ninth Grade: Emily Albright, Hanna Elizabeth Allen, Benjamin

Joseph Neuner, Jase Preston, Garrett Pruyser, Charlotte Rooks and Amanda Jean Sutton.

Staff Honor Roll (All A's & B's)

Twelfth Grade: Skylor Hawk Criqui, Brittany Michelle Lake, Derek Brett Linn, Adrianna McDonald, Jacob John Rottinghaus, Noah Louis Rottinghaus and Garrett Lee Schultz.

Eleventh Grade: Sara E. Dunn, Alexzandra Elise Greene, Taylor Justine Holte and Hanna Nicole Neuner.

Tenth Grade: Blake Chance, Garrett A. Hicks, Page Simpson and Noah McKenzie Spencer.

Ninth Grade: Mary Broxterman, Allison Irene Clements, Daniela Fabila, Devon James Hale, Caroline Grace Hanson, Tanner James Holte and Kiikto (Madison) Thomas.

Panther Honor Roll (All A's, B's, & C's)

Twelfth Grade: Annabelle Lee Anderson, Derrick Wayne Barger, Johnathan Edward Beckerman, Kaytlyn Nicole Gooderl, Brooks Wolfgang McClane, Shelby Renae Moore, Jarrett Logan Roy and Carley Jo Shane.

Eleventh Grade: Saige Christine Bussen, Eldon Grinnell, Maggie Schuetz, Hannah M. Sutton and Lannette B. Zeller.

Tenth Grade: Caleb Seth Burnworth, Josie Davidson, Breanna Sue Hainline, Kathryn Hanshaw and Sheldon Hess.

Ninth Grade: Alyssa Gooderl, McKenzie Hegemann, Skyla Knox-sah, Lucy Josephine Mundy, Megan C. Putnam and Karsen James Smith.

Royal Valley Middle School announces 4th nine weeks honors

The following students have been named to Royal Valley Middle School's honor roll for the fourth nine weeks of the 2015-16 school year.

Purple & White Honor Roll (A's Only)

Eighth Grade: Gavin Cump-ton, Hadley Gregory, Peyton Link, Christian McAlister, Isaac Neuner, Cassidy Parks, Emma Poort, Hannah Smith, Logan Stumbaugh, Wednesday Vaughan and Jaiden Wamego.

Seventh Grade: Luke Boyden, Josslyn Coulter, Ivy Fink, Hayley Harman, Morgan Harvey, Kaitlin Humpert, Mae Joslin, Laurel Lundin-Burger, Emma McKinsey, Hannah Potts, Lilly Rooks and Sydney Stithem.

Sixth Grade: Karlie Albright, Donte' Bell, Megan Fenske, Elaina Heavner, Jake Kelly, Parker Long, Sondra Owings-Priest, Catrina Smith and Emily Wurster-Lowe.

Fifth Grade: Kennedy Bryan, Abigail Everts, Olivia Flowers, Con-

nor Hammes, Noah Matya, Kirsten Reichert, Ryan Russell, Brennan Smith, Jaemon Smith and Jase Wege.

Honor Roll (A's & B's)

Eighth Grade: Zachery Burger, Courtney Hanshaw, Abbigail Harding, Reagan Koon, Joseph Lemke, William Lisica, Holden Mundy, McKenzie Ogdan, Kyle Patterson, Chloe Richter, Madison Saia and Hannah Schnacker.

Seventh Grade: Caleb Boyer, Alyssa Carlisle, Colin Caviness, Ellie Coleman, Teryn Denzler, Colin Everts, Isaac Hale, Starlene Hale, Haley Harding, Trevor Matthews, Skylar Mechley, Alek Mitchell, Maya Ogdan, Amiya Patterson, Stella Rector, Katie Reichert, Linda Sowers, Aña Vaughan and Halina Williamson.

Sixth Grade: Alexandra Cannon, Lily Cannon, Colby Carreno, Conner Collins, David Daubon, Chase Emery, Antonio Greemore-Hopkins, Fallon Greene, Marissa Jack-

son, Joshua Klobnak, Brady Klotz, Jessica Marney, Samantha Neuner, Levi Parrett, MaKaleb Parrett, Briana Potts, Hannah Price, Hannah Robinson, Skyley Strickler, Autumn Wabaunsee, Sunny Wahquah-boshkuk, Kendon Wege and Brett Wende.

Fifth Grade: Morgyn Baker, Andrea Clements, Daniel Coleman, Emma Deghand, Signal Douglas, Gracie Filbert, Gavin Flemming, Natalie Fox, Lucas Franks, Preston Golden, Nevaeh Grub, Garrett Hammer, Catherine Harvey, Cheyenne Hittle, Mary Howley, Tressa Jim, Brooklyn Jones, Benjamin Kneiser, Eric Koon, Parker McClane, Jordan Miller, Henry Mitchell, Treyson Murata, Quinton Nelson, Ethan Neuner, Victor Organista, Sherena Penry, Alexa Ribelin, Abigail Robinson, Erica Schnacker, Emma Schuetz, Kloe Street, Alexa Vinson, Gabriel Wah-wassuck, Michael Wamego, Natalie Woods and Richard Zeller.



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Dancin' To The Beat

Studio 1 Dance Center of Holton recently held its annual recital, which was themed "Dance Is Awesome!"

In the top photo at left, dancers who performed "Cruisin' For A Bruisin'" were (from left) Abbygail Martin, Danielle Adcock, Annika Bergsten and Ashlyn Carlson.

In the top photo at right, "I Enjoy Being A Girl!" showcased (from left) Norah Kelly, Amanda Taylor, Rylie Doran and Marley Gilliland.

The bottom photo at left included dancers Bobbi Horr (left) and Sondra Priest (right) performing "A Different Beat."

In the bottom photo at right, "September" featured dancers (from left) Savy Booth, Kinsley Watkins and Chloe Amon.

Photos by Ali Holcomb



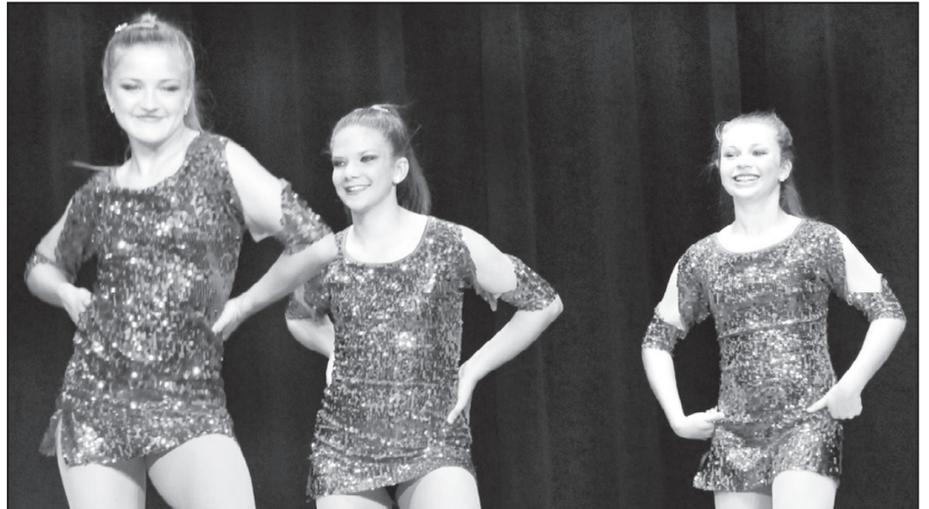
Slimmer reunion

By Wanola Buss

The descendants of Floyd and Marie Slimmer met at the Hoyt Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 30, for a potluck dinner hosted by Bill and Shirley Slimmer.

The Rev. Larry Buss gave the blessing for the meal. There were 35 people there to enjoy the meal and spend time visiting.

Those present were Gary and Barbara Slimmer; Jenna and Mark Cloud, Matthew and Jon Michael; Devin and Jennifer Slimmer and Katie; Bill and Shirley Slimmer; Greg and Kathy Andler; Trent and Kay Andler and Raegan; June Jepson; Daryl and Joy Jepson; Travis and Sarah Jepson, Avery, Greer and Brighan; Wanola Buss; the Rev. Larry and Jeannie Buss; Josh and Hayley Buss, Asher and Elias; and Cory and Bryn Stous, Celia and Lucy.



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Members of the Holton High School Class of 1946 (70-year class) gathered for a recent reunion. Those present included (from left) Velma (Bach) Osborn, Will Hill, Helen (Kopp) Harms and Mary (Robison) Meiers. Not pictured is Jim Meyers. Submitted photo

Van Wagoner running for Kansas House

Democrat Lauren Van Wagoner of Hoyt has filed as a candidate for the District 61st seat on the Kansas House of Representatives, it has been reported.

Van Wagoner previously filed for the Kansas Senate District 1 seat but dropped out of that race to pursue the House seat.

"I felt that given the political climate in our state, now was not the time for a primary," Van Wagoner said. "Instead of debating someone who



Van Wagoner

shares many of my beliefs (Democrat Jerry Henry of Atchison), I chose to step down and support that person. You see, this election is not about me. I'm not a politician. I am simply a mother to four beautiful children. As a mother, I want to leave the next generation a state to be proud of. As a mother, I will fight for my child, your child and your grandchild. They are what my candidacy is about."

In March 2015, she walked 60 miles in support of, and to draw attention to, fair funding for public schools.

"I am also standing up to say that it is time we fix the economic disaster in our state. We need to stand by the average Joe, not the millionaires," she said. "Kansas has one of the high-

est food sales tax in the nation. Our middle and lower classes are footing the bill for this state. Let's fix it."

Republicans Dan Brenner of Holton and Francis Haverkamp of St. Marys have also filed for the seat, which is currently held by Republican Becky Hutchins of Holton.

Van Wagoner, 27, is a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband, Colby, have been married for nine years, and they have four children. She graduated from Central High School in Coosa County, Ala. She has completed some college work.

"I am inviting District 61 to 'stand with the mom,'" she said. "Stand with me, and help me fight for our district and our state."

Plant nutrient analysis in corn

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

An economical and environmentally sound corn nutrient program often lies with the efficient use of nutrients in that system. In many cases, the base of that program is a soil test, but another useful tool that can be especially helpful as we fine tune our nutrient management system is plant analysis. This is typically done from two different angles.

Diagnostic sampling can be done at any time and is particularly valuable early in the season when corrective measures can be taken to "fix" problems. The key: collecting representative samples from both normal and problem areas of the field for comparison purposes.

If plants are less than a foot tall, sub-



mit the whole plant cut off at ground level. For taller plants and up until reproductive growth begins, collect the top, fully developed leaves. A soil sample from normal and problem areas can be helpful as well.

For general monitoring or quality control purposes (or for diagnostic sampling of plants in the reproductive stage), plant leaves should be collected as the plant enters reproductive growth. Collect 15 to 20 ear leaves (the first leaf below and opposite the ear), which should be randomly collected at silk emergence, before pollination and before the silks turn brown. Avoid sampling under stress conditions (drought, etc.) to reduce the potential for misleading results.

Allow the collected leaves to wilt overnight (to remove excess moisture), then place in a paper bag or mailing envelope to ship to the lab. Avoid the use of plastic bags or tightly sealed containers that induce rot and decomposition during transport. Label clearly.

What nutrients should you be testing for? We'll discuss that more next week!

Mulching Tomatoes

With daily high temperatures now more often in the 80's than not, it's time to mulch tomatoes!

Because tomatoes prefer even soil moisture levels, mulch is a must for preventing excessive evaporation, plus the side benefits of weed suppression, moderating soil temperatures and preventing soil crusting (crusted soils restrict air movement and slow water infiltration).

Hay, straw and grass mulches are very popular, but have to be used with care! Avoid hay/straw mulches with lots of weed or volunteer grain seeds or you may be creating a larger weed issue than you are providing suppression!

When using grass clippings, apply in thin, dry layers two to three inches thick. Wet clippings can mold and become hard, limiting water infiltration. Grass clippings from lawns treated with a weed killer should also be avoided to prevent herbicide damage.

Students named to ESU Dean's List, honor roll

Emporia State University has released its honor roll and Dean's List for the spring 2016 semester.

Local students named to the dean's lists include:

- Tara Lierz of Holton, music and business administration major, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- Jeffrey Heitzman of Holton, psychology major, The Teachers College.
- Kyrstie Miller of Holton, physical education major, The Teachers College.

Students who qualified for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List earned a semester grade point average that puts them in the top 10 percent of all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate work within the college and have a cumulative 3.5 GPA for all Emporia State courses.

Local students named to the honor roll include Jeffrey Heitzman, Alex Lierz, Tara Lierz and Kyrstie Miller, all of Holton.

To qualify for the semester honor roll, students must earn a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Submitted photos

Submitted photos will be accepted for community news items and social news. A fee is charged for photos used with birth announcements and obituaries, and when a second photo is requested for use with an anniversary notice.

Public Notice

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CITY OF HOYT

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 9

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF HOYT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF L. 2015, CHAPTER 88, SECTION 71, RELATING TO THE FILLING OF GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES.

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

Section 1. The City of Hoyt, by virtue of the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it L. 2015, Chapter 88, Section 71, relating to the filling of governing body vacancies, which enactment applies to this city, but does not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. This charter ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 3. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and a referendum held on the ordinance as provided in Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case the ordinance shall become effective if approved by the majority of the electors thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members-elect voting in favor thereof, this 7th day of June, 2016.

/s/ Debra L. Dreasher
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CITY OF HOYT

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 8

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 15-201, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, THE FILLING OF GOVERNING BODY VACANCIES, AND NOMINATING PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1.

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

Section 1. The City of Hoyt, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 15-201, which applies to this city, but is part of an enactment which does not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2. The governing body shall consist of a mayor and five council members to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The mayor and council members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Hoyt, Kansas.

Section 3. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city officials elected in the November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 election take office.

Section 4. General elections shall take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. A mayor and two council members shall be elected at one election, and the remaining three council members shall be elected at the succeeding election. The mayor and all council members shall have four year terms.

Section 5. All elections for the City of Hoyt Kansas shall be non-

partisan.

Section 6. In case of a vacancy in the council occurring by reason of resignation, death, or removal from office or from the city, the mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the remaining council members, shall appoint an elector to fill the vacancy until the next election for that office. In case any person elected as a council member neglects or refuses to qualify within 30 days after election, the council member shall be deemed to have refused to accept the office and a vacancy shall exist. The mayor may, with the consent of the remaining council members, appoint a suitable elector to fill the vacancy.

Section 7. In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the president of the council shall become mayor until the next regular election for that office and a vacancy shall occur in the office of the council member becoming mayor.

Section 8. In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having had filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by five of the qualified electors of the City of Hoyt.

Section 9. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 10. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 7th day of June, 2016.

/s/ Debra L. Dreasher
MAYOR

[SEAL]

Attest:

/s/ Shawna Blackwood
CITY CLERK

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Safety tips to beat the summer sun and heat

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Summertime is here! Most people enjoy outdoor activities when the weather is warm, but the sun, heat and outdoor insects can create health hazards. Be prepared so you can take full advantage of summer fun.

Your bodies have built-in cooling systems that help you adjust to warm temperatures. Remember that any activity will increase your body temperature, and your natural cooling system can fail if exposed to high temperatures for too long. Humidity also causes sweat to "stick" to your skin and not evaporate as quickly, which allows body temperature to go up even more.

Make sure you stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water, and cool off with fruits and vegetables that are rich in water. An easy way to know if you are hydrated is to check the color of your urine. Pale yellow (like lemonade) means you are well hydrated. Darker yellow (like apple juice) means you need to drink more water. As a guide, drink eight to 10 ounces of water for every 20 minutes of outdoor activity.

Listen to your body when you are active outside in the heat. If you experience weakness, dizziness, muscle cramps, nausea, headache, are feeling light headed or your heartbeat is rapid, find a place to cool down immediately.

If you plan to be out in the sun, remember this catchphrase that prompts you to protect yourself - Slip! Slop! Slap! Wrap!

Slip on a shirt or some type of



clothing cover. Keep in mind that a typical T-shirt will only provide an SPF rating of 15 or lower, and when it is wet the protection is even less.

Slop on sunscreen. Make sure it is a broad spectrum product with an SPF of 15 or higher. Some health professionals recommend an SPF of 30. Apply sunscreen at least 15 minutes before you will be in the sun and use one ounce - enough to fill a shot glass - to cover your entire body. Don't rely on make-up that contains sunscreen. Reapply sunscreen about every two hours.

Check the expiration date to make sure your sunscreen is still effective. When you buy sunscreen and it doesn't have an expiration date, write the year on the tube with a permanent marker. Sunscreen products are good for two to three years; if they have been exposed to heat for long periods, they will be less effective.

Slap on a hat and wrap on sunglasses. Choose a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays.

Avoid bug bites. While most bug bites are harmless, some mosquitoes and ticks can spread diseases (including Zika, dengue fever, West Nile virus and Lyme disease), and some of these cannot be prevented or treated. Reduce your risk by preventing bug bites.

Apply insect repellent when you are going to be outdoors and are at risk for getting bitten by ticks or mosquitoes. Use EPA-registered insect repellents that contain at least 20 percent DEET and apply a thin layer to the surface of all exposed skin. Follow the directions on the product to determine how frequently it needs to be applied. If humidity is high, you are perspiring or get wet, you may need to reapply repellent more frequently.

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, June 13, 2016.)

CITY OF HOYT

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 7

A CHARTER ORDINANCE TO CORRECT INCORRECTLY NUMBERED CHARTER ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY PASSED BY THE CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS.

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

Section 1. The City of Hoyt, Kansas, has recognized that the two previously passed Charter Ordinances were incorrectly numbered and thus not listed in chronological order.

Section 2. The governing body further recognizes that in order to amend a Charter Ordinance the City must do so by Charter Ordinance.

Section 3. As such the following Charter Ordinances are amended only so far as to change the number of the Charter Ordinance to correctly present them in chronological order:

Charter Ordinance 04-01, passed on September 7, 2004 is hereby amended to Charter Ordinance 5.

Charter Ordinance 2013-1, passed on August 22, 2013 is hereby amended to Charter Ordinance 6.

Section 4. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 5. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

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Commissioners agree to remove two stop signs on county roads

By Ali Holcomb

Two stop signs have been removed from Jackson County roads after the Jackson County Commissioners recently deemed them unnecessary.

After viewing the roads upon recommendation from the road and bridge department co-supervisors, the commissioners agreed to remove the stop sign located at the intersection of N and 218th Roads, south of Banner Creek Reservoir, and the stop sign at the intersection of 134th and Y Roads, northeast of Hoyt on the

county line.

The intersection at N and 218th Roads has been altered into a curve, and the older portion of the T-intersection is no longer in use, making the stop sign, which stops traffic from the east, irrelevant, according to the commissioners.

The stop sign at 134th and Y Roads is a T-intersection, and since vehicles on the through road have the right-of-way by law, a stop sign isn't needed there, it was reported.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from May 31, the

commission:

* Heard a weekly report from Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors, Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager, and Bryson Bain, shop foreman.

Mick reported that a tube between D and E Roads on 142nd Road had washed out. A bridge used to be at that location until it was replaced with a tube in 1988, it was reported.

Mick said he would like to conduct an engineering study on the area to determine if the tube should be re-

placed with another tube or a small bridge.

* Met in executive session with Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick, Fritz and Bahret for 45 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Held a hearing with Philip Dean of Northeast Kansas Environmental Services and county resident Joe Gilliland.

It is Dean's opinion, based on the Jackson County sanitary code, that Gilliland needs to replace his entire septic tank because of a crack on the

top of the tank, which is sealed onto the rest of the tank.

Gilliland said he would like to replace just the top of the tank.

The commissioners said they would do further research before making a ruling.

* Met with Terry Mick and and Moni El-Aasar from BG Consultants to discuss a contract for replacing the bridge and Q.4 and 275th Roads.

El-Aasar reported that off-system bridge grant funds will be available again next year from the Kansas Department of Transportation.

He said he would like to apply for the funds on behalf of the county for replacing factory critical bridges.

The grant would require the county to pay 20 percent of all project costs, including the construction and inspection of the bridge. Since the grant is federally funded, El-Aasar said the bridge at Q.4 and 275th Road would need to be designed to federal bridge specifications and standards.

* Received a request from Sharon Zibell to repair the road at 198th and S Roads. Zibell reported that there is a large patch of chip-and-seal falling apart at that location and that asphalt is going into the ditch.

Members of the road and bridge crew were expected to repair the road soon.

* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. The revenues for the week of May 22-28 were \$9,316.

Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer asked about a pile of recently cut trees at Cedar Cove. She wanted to make sure they were not pushed off

into the water due to recent rains.

* Met in executive session with Kennedy for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met in executive session for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter with Bahret over the phone. No action was taken back in open session.

* Approved the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Malibu for the youth services department at a cost of \$18,200. The vehicle is being paid for with state grant funds.

* Left their chamber to view Banner Creek Reservoir to discuss where to place the kayak and paddleboat rental building. The commissioners also viewed others areas in the county where requests for county services have been made.

* Approved a zoning change for B&P Propane for property located south of Holton near 214th and Q Roads. The property is being changed from A1 (general agriculture district) to A2 (commercial agriculture district).

* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Signed a payroll change notice for Linda Kirkham, who has been hired for the summer at Banner Creek Reservoir.

* Signed a purchase order to Tri-State Binders for repair work to some of the books in the Register of Deeds office at a cost of \$9,125.

* Adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

Foods and Nutrition

Questions about raw milk, norovirus answered

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



With June being Dairy Month, here is a question I get from time to time concerning raw milk. Since the 1920s, milk has been pasteurized to kill disease-causing bacteria. But many consumers choose to consume raw milk.

Illnesses from raw milk are 2.2 times higher in states that legally sell raw milk. In Kansas, it is legal to sell raw milk directly from the farm. From 2007 to 2012, outbreaks have increased nationwide.

- 81 outbreaks resulted in 979 illnesses, 73 hospitalizations, no deaths.
- Most infections were from cattle that appeared healthy.
- Eighty-one percent of outbreaks were in states that legally sell raw milk.
- Fifty-nine percent of illnesses from raw milk were in children aged

less than five years old.

• For every outbreak reported, many go unreported.

Norovirus Is #1

This past week, I attend training on food safety in Wichita. While being ranked at the top is typically a good position, being the leading cause of foodborne illness is daunting. Norovirus is now in that top spot.

About 20 million people get sick from norovirus each year, most from close contact with infected people or by eating contaminated food. Infect-

ed food workers cause about 70 percent of reported norovirus outbreaks from contaminated food.

Norovirus often gets attention for outbreaks on cruise ships, but those account for only about one percent of all reported norovirus outbreaks. Norovirus is very contagious, and outbreaks can occur anywhere people gather or food is served.

People with norovirus usually vomit and have diarrhea. Some may need to be hospitalized and can even die. Infected people can spread no-

rovirus to others through close contact or by contaminating food and surfaces.

You may hear norovirus called "food poisoning" or "stomach flu." It is true that food poisoning can be caused by noroviruses. But other germs and chemicals can also cause food poisoning.

Norovirus illness is not related to the flu, which is a respiratory illness caused by influenza virus. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/norovirus/index.html

Kansas Gas Service announces new rebate program for CNG use as transportation fuel

Kansas Gas Service, a division of ONE Gas, Inc., announced recently that it started a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Rebate Program for its customers.

The program will promote the use of CNG as a transportation fuel in Kansas, it was reported.

Through the new program, Kansas Gas Service customers can receive a \$1,000 rebate for the cost of converting or purchasing a dedicated or bi-fuel natural gas vehicle. This pilot program will be supported through a limited fund of \$167,000, made possible by the Kansas City Regional Clean Cities Coalition.

"This rebate program is a great

way to help our customers who want to take advantage of an environmentally friendly and cost-effective transportation fuel alternative," said Greg Phillips, ONE Gas vice president of commercial activities. "We are pleased to partner with the Kansas City Regional Clean Cities Coalition in this important program."

The CNG Rebate Program will go into effect for vehicle purchases or conversions made on or after Feb. 2,

2016. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, until program funds are exhausted.

Visit www.kansasgasservice.com for a rebate application and complete program terms and conditions.

Kansas Gas Service provides safe, clean and reliable natural gas to more than 635,000 customers in 360 communities in Kansas. They are the largest natural gas distributor in the state, in terms of customers.

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Land Transfers

The following land ownership changes were filed recently with the Jackson County Register of Deeds office.

*Joint tenancy warranty deed - Christopher M. Stillie and Sheila Elizabeth Ann Stillie, husband and wife, to Mary Chris Myers and Ronald E. Myers, Jr., as joint tenants, the north 42.8 feet of Lot No. 24 and the south 51.4 feet of Lot No. 25, Long's Second Addition, city of Hoyt.

*Executor's deed - Theresa L. Barr, executrix of the estate of Jimmie Lee Kern, deceased, as grantor, and Michael W. Cochran, as grantee, Lots No. 46 and 48 of Jones Street, Lunge's First Addition to the city of Mayetta.

*Quit claim deeds (6) - Spring Creek Development Company, LLC to Mike and Lisa Engler Family Trust of Topeka, 34.52 acres of land in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, 10.18 acres in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, 10.18 acres in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, another 10.18 acres in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 15 East, 10.16 acres in Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 15 East and another 10.16 acres in Section 22, Township 9 South and Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Transfer on death deed - Michael T. Sextro and Jane E. Sextro, husband and wife, to Jamie L. Truett, land in Section 1, Township 7 South and Range 12 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed - Haug Construc-

tion Company, Inc., by Steve Haug, president, to Adam Johnson and Andrea Johnson, of Jackson County, as joint tenants, land in Section 19, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed - Austin F. Taylor and Jennifer T. Taylor, husband and wife, and Yvonne Celeste Ehrhart, a single person, to Breanna M. Hase, Lot No. 109, Ohio Avenue, city of Holton.

*General warranty deed - Joseph L. Buchtel, a single person, conveys and warrants to Jacquelyn Manson and Anthony Scott, as joint tenants, two tracts of land in Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed - Joseph L. Buchtel, a single person, conveys and warrants to Jamie L. Buchtel, as joint tenant, two tracts of land in Section 10, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Transfer on death deed - Helen G. Brock, a single person, to Mary Colleen Parker, Margaret Kathleen Lutz, Timothy Brock, Barbara Ann Hum, Sheila Rose Stueve, Daniel Kevin Brock, Daniel Sean Brock, Gregory Joseph Brock, Deborah Jo Ann Brock and Terence Aloysius Brock, as joint tenants, land in Section 21, Township 9 South and Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Transfer on death deed, Laurie P. Fitz, a single person, to Melissa R. Dibbern, the north 20 feet of Lot No. 87 and the south 50 feet of Lot No. 89, all on Iowa Avenue, city of Holton.

Tobacco Settlement...

Continued from Page 5 of money Kansas receives each year. Because the state's annual payment amount is based on numerous variables, it is difficult at this time to predict how much the annual payment will decline, but the attorney general's office has informed the state's revenue estimators it could be significant.

The Legislature in 1999 decided most of Kansas' receipts from the MSA would be used to finance children's programs in the state.

The annual amounts received by the State of Kansas each year pursuant to the MSA are as follows:

- 2000: \$47.9 million.
- 2001: \$50.6 million.
- 2002: \$57.7 million.
- 2003: \$48.3 million.
- 2004: \$52.4 million.
- 2005: \$53.1 million.
- 2006: \$48.6 million.
- 2007: \$50.6 million.
- 2008: \$66.3 million.
- 2009: \$72.0 million.
- 2010: \$60.4 million.
- 2011: \$56.8 million.
- 2012: \$57.9 million.
- 2013: \$68.1 million.
- 2014: \$62.2 million.
- 2015: \$62.4 million.
- 2016: \$59.1 million.
- Total: \$1,013 billion.

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Full Time Maintenance Mechanic \$25.05/hr Plus Shift Differential & Sign-On Bonus

Frito-Lay Topeka is currently hiring for the FULL TIME MAINTENANCE MECHANIC role starting at \$25.05/hour plus shift differential. This position is responsible for performing general mechanical and electrical maintenance work for various types of manufacturing and warehousing equipment. Additional process quality and machine safety checks are required to help maintain a clean and safe work environment. This position works a minimum of 37.5 hours per week with weekend and holiday work required.

Successful applicants will need to possess knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- Trouble shooting/repair of single phase and 3 phase motors and control circuits up to 480v
- Machine Shop skills and Welding
- Trouble shoot both AC and DC control circuits
- Basic knowledge and understanding of PLC's for line control
- Understanding of motor VFD's installation, operation and programming
- Pneumatic transfer systems
- Pneumatic valves, cylinders, and controls
- Trouble shoot and repair of drive systems such as motors, gear reducers, chains, sprockets, belts, etc.
- Pump trouble shooting, repair, and installation
- Steam and condensate system knowledge, including steam heat exchangers and controls
- Knowledge of gas combustion systems, controls and operational safeties
- Operation and maintenance of automated packaging machinery
- Knowledge of case palletizing equipment, including various types of powered conveyors
- Experience with preventative maintenance to include both running and static PM's
- Knowledge of safety programs and working requirements for LOTO, confined space, electrical safety, etc.
- Must be self-motivated and able to work individually and as a part of a team without direct supervision
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The Soldier United Methodist Church, chartered in 1878, is located at 204 Second St. in Soldier. Photo by Brian Sanders

Soldier UMC...

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Three notable additions have been made to the original church building. The first addition was made in 1898, when extra space was added to the church sanctuary on the south side of the building.

Then, in 1920, the building was raised off its foundation so that a basement, complete with a kitchen and a furnace room, could be dug out and constructed below the sanctuary floor. The third addition, built in 1959, added indoor restrooms to the church building.

In 1946, the Soldier church was

added to a "charge" of three that also included Havensville and Buck's Grove. The Soldier Group Ministry was formed in the early 1990s, when the Circleville Methodist Church was added to that "charge."

A directory of the Soldier Group Ministry published in 1991 showed the church having about 100 members of all ages, but over time, that number has dwindled. Rieschick said the church's attendance of late "has been so low that we've not had a full-time minister, only a part-time lay minister."

Ultimately, Rieschick said, the

fate of the church will have to go through the Great Plains Methodist Conference, which oversees all of the Methodist churches in Kansas and Nebraska. But, he added, it's hoped that while the church building may no longer be a Methodist church in the end, it could be utilized by another church group.

"We're hoping that if and when we report that the church is going to close, it's really not going to close," Rieschick said. "It's not going to be a formal Methodist church, but it's still going to be a place of worship. At least, that's what we're hoping."

Community Conversations...

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United Way brings together people, companies and nonprofits to create positive sustainable change in our community, according to the news release.

By focusing on education, income and health, the organizations helps more children graduate and get stable jobs, helps families become financially stable and improves the

overall health of our community.

United Way remains dedicated to basic needs including food, shelter, rent and utilities, health and prescription access and safety from domestic violence.

For more than 80 years United Way of Greater Topeka has been improving and changing lives. Since 1980, United Way has invested more than \$110 million into the Greater

Topeka community.

In 2012, Jackson County officially became part of United Way of Greater Topeka. A year later, two Jackson County residents joined the United Way Board of Directors and a Jackson County Advisory Council was established.

Residents of Holton, Hoyt, Mayetta and Netawaka currently serve on the Advisory Council.

USD 336 board announces tonight's agenda

The Holton USD 336 Board of Education has announced the agenda for its regular monthly meeting, set for 6 p.m. today at the district office at 515 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton. The meeting is open to the public.

Following adoption of the agenda, the board will take action on the meeting's consent agenda, which includes approval of minutes from the board's May 9 meeting, June bills and payroll, new hires, staff resignations, non-renewals, transfers and donations of \$11.15 from Target Support of Education and \$1,000 from Walmart for preschool program scholarships.

New hires include Amy Hausler, Holton Special Education Co-operative director; Jeff Price, special education co-op assistant director; Christie Fearing, SPED behavior specialist/SW; Jason Curley, SPED teacher IRC, Jackson Heights Middle/High School; Diane Butler, SPED para, Royal Valley; and Ronald Kuglin and Tracy Hill, bus drivers.

Staff resignations include Dennis Tegethoff, assistant boys golf coach; Hunter Price, assistant high school wrestling coach; Kristina Corvin, Central Elementary School para; Kenneth Gibson, assistant director of the ACE program; Nancy Mann, SPED teacher for the visually impaired; and Scott Moore, SPED teacher IRC at Royal Valley High School.

Non-renewals include Alecia Hug,

elementary SPED para; and Keith Eubanks, elementary custodian. Under transfers, action will be taken on a transfer by Randee Balocca from Central School para to elementary preschool program para.

The board will hear from David Lassiter of Nabholz Construction, who will give updates on construction of the new Holton Elementary School, then take action on a Nabholz change order amounting to \$60,009.69 in the positive for the district. Updates also are scheduled on Central School, public comments, building principal comments and Mike Porter, followed by discussion on the possible closing of schools.

Under new business, the board plans to discuss and approve technology updates for Holton Elementary, followed by an executive

session for discussion of non-elected personnel. Upon returning to open session, the board plans to take action on contracts for classified staff, a sports medicine services agreement with Holton Community Hospital, renewal of the American Fidelity contract, approval of all coaching positions for 2016-17 and discussion of an Office of Civil Rights complaint.

Upcoming dates of importance include Monday, June 6, first day of summer school; Monday, June 27, next board meeting; and Sunday, Sept. 18, when a grand opening will be held for Holton Elementary at 2 p.m.

The agenda is subject to change. For more information, or to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming board meeting, call the district office at 364-3650.

Orlando club shooting on Sunday kills 50, wounds 53

ORLANDO, Fla. - Fifty people were killed and 53 others were injured in the early morning hours on Sunday when a gunman with an AR-15 opened fire on party-goers at a gay nightclub here.

The mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub is being called the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history.

Law enforcement officials at Orlando said Omar Mateen, the shooter, who was gunned down by police responding to the scene, had pledged allegiance to the Islamic State in a call to 911 before opening fire on the people at the nightclub.



Hoyt police officers are seeking donations for the purchase of body cameras similar to the one shown in the photo above. Donations may be made online at BodyCameraDonations.com

Submitted photo

Body Cameras...

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Once the body cameras are purchased, Wentling said a body camera policy would be developed for the department.

"We have been studying policies and looking at the Topeka body camera policy and will likely mirror that policy and that of surrounding departments," he said. "We're still researching, but we want to make sure we can get the cameras first before we put a body camera policy in place."

The police department is seeking donations from the public through the Web site BodyCameraDonations.com. The direct link is <http://www.bodycameradonations.com/registered-agency-profile-hoyt-kansas-pd/>

Hoyt is the third law enforcement agency in Kansas to register for

fund-raising on the Web site. There are currently more than 80 agencies registered nationwide.

It was reported that 100 percent of each donation goes towards providing the law enforcement agency with body cameras. Each body camera costs \$275. The cameras are an all-in-one, self-contained digital video recorder with a rotating camera head, built-in rechargeable battery and 32GBs of internal memory.

The unit weighs only 2.2 ounces with a dimension of 2.9 inches high by 1.5 inches wide by 0.6 inches thick, making it one of the smallest and lightest police body worn cameras in the world, it was reported.

The camera can record and store more than 18 hours of video, can take more than 28,000 digital photos and can record more than 180 hours of audio.

Roads...

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* Three miles of W Road between 172nd and 198th Roads.

* One and a half miles of K Road between 218th and 230th Roads.

* Two miles of E Road between 118th and 134th Roads.

In April, the Jackson County Commissioners accepted the low bid for chip-and-seal oil submitted by Vance Brothers of Kansas City, Mo. at a cost of \$1.45 per gallon.

Two and a half miles of the 15 miles, including E Road near Delia and the road leading to the back of Holton Community Hospital, will be paid for using funds from the county's special .04 percent sales tax, it was reported.

Fleshman...

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caused by "a blow."

McManigal was called in to assist Clark with the investigation into Elizabeth Fleshman's death after Clark noted that George Fleshman's behavior following the death of his wife "seemed suspicious."

According to McManigal, Fleshman told him and Clark that his wife's injury was likely caused by a fall, since she was on "lots of medications" and "took ibuprofen by the handful."

But the more Clark and McManigal investigated the Fleshmans' home, they said, the more it became clear to them that the injury that caused Elizabeth Fleshman's death was not caused by a fall.

McManigal added that he was able to obtain her medical records, which indicated "no significant history of falling."

Furthermore, McManigal said he spoke with the Fleshmans' family members and friends about the couple and was told that "people liked Elizabeth," that George's behavior was opposite to hers "especially when drinking," and that they told

him that they suspected that Elizabeth was "a victim of abuse."

McManigal said he was present at the autopsy conducted by Mitchell, who discovered the cause of Elizabeth Fleshman's death — a ruptured spleen. It was later determined to be due to a "physical assault."

On the witness stand Wednesday, Mitchell also noted that the spleen rupturing due to a fall was unlikely, while "a punch could do it" if one was thrown hard enough.

Later, when law enforcement officers searched the Fleshmans' home for "anything to support, or not, that

she died at his hands," McManigal said he had found the letter that Elizabeth had reportedly written at some point in 2015, stating that if she were to die, it would be her husband's fault.

McManigal testified that he called George Fleshman in for an interview prior to his March arrest, and at the time, he said, Fleshman agreed that the injury to his wife's spleen could not have been caused by a fall or dogs jumping on her. Later in the interview, McManigal testified that Fleshman "came short of taking responsibility" for his wife's death.

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