

Estimates sought for three projects

By Brian Sanders
 In recent discussions on how to spend the city's capital improvement funds, the Holton City Commission has included repairing the Prairie Lake spillway and making improvements at the city's water treatment plant in those discussions.

Now that repairing the rain-damaged spillway at Elkhorn Lake has become a priority for the city, the commission has decided to seek an engineer's estimate for all three projects.

During the commission's meeting on Tuesday — held a day later than normal due to the Independence Day holiday — commissioners approved a bid of \$16,500 from the Evans-Bierly-Hutchinson and Associates (EBH) engineering firm of Great Bend to get cost estimates on all three projects.

The estimate from EBH — which Water and Sewer Superintendent Dennis Ashcraft said has been working with the city on its sewer point repair project — was one of two estimates received from engineering firms. The other was from BG Consultants of Emporia, which submitted an estimate of \$12,850 for the work; Acting City Manager Kerwin McKee said seven engineering firms were contacted for proposals.

EBH's proposal included engineering estimates of \$7,500 for assessment of the water treatment plant, \$6,000 for the Prairie Lake spillway and \$3,000 for the Elkhorn Lake spillway. BG Consultants' proposal included estimates of \$9,850 for the water treatment plant and \$1,500 for each spillway at the two lakes.

Commissioner Tim Morris said that while the proposal from BG Consultants had a lower cost, he would prefer to work with EBH based on the city's familiarity with the firm, as well as the work EBH has done with Public Wholesale Water Supply 18.

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Mitch McPherson of Topeka's McPherson Wrecking firm, in the Caterpillar excavator at right, got to work demolishing the old Colorado Elementary School on Tuesday, digging out the remains of one of the classrooms after asbestos was removed from the building. Shannon McPherson Jr., who was joined by his father, Shannon McPherson Sr., and a demolition crew in taking down the old school, said work began that morning and is expected to continue into next week.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Saturday is Movie Night

Saturday, July 9, is "Family Movie Night" on the Holton Square.

The annual event will include food, activities and a free showing of the movie "Nanny McPhee."

The event is sponsored by the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and the fun kicks off at 6 p.m. with fire truck rides, a bounce house and an obstacle course by the Holton Fire Department.

The On Target For Christ group will be providing an archery range activity on the Courtyard as well, it was reported.

Members of Boy Scout Troop #64 will be selling hot dogs, popcorn and water for \$1 each that evening. Proceeds from the sales will be split between the troop and the Chamber.

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New state laws now in effect

As of last Friday, July 1, Kansas residents may carry concealed weapons without a permit — and state and municipal employees may take those weapons to work.

As one of more than 100 laws signed into law this year by Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback and taking effect on July 1, the law enabling state residents age 21 and older to carry concealed weapons without a permit makes Kansas one of just 10 states out of 50 in the country to allow its residents to do so.

Previously, Kansans had to get a permit to conceal-carry weapons and undergo safety training, with an estimated cost of about \$230. Even though those costs have been eliminated by the new law, the state will still continue to offer the formal permit for those who wish to carry in other states that recognize Kansas permits.

Another law taking effect on Friday in Kansas enables public employees working for city, county or state government entities to conceal and carry guns on the job. If those public employees do not wish their employees to do so, they must not have adequate posting, metal detectors and armed personnel at each

government office entrance, but apart from that, concealed carry is allowed on the job.

Prior to the new law, which does not apply to privately-owned companies, taking effect, the posting of signage prohibiting concealed-carry weapons inside municipal or state government buildings was enough to enforce such a ban. Those signs may still be posted at entrances to privately-owned company buildings.

Furthermore, K-12 schools are exempted from the definition of "public employer" under the new law, it was reported. Federal laws prohibit persons who are not licensed to conceal-carry weapons from possessing a loaded firearm within school zones, except on private property. This law will change on July 1, 2017, the effective date of Kansas Board of Regents-approved law permitting concealed-carry weapons on college and university campuses.

The state approved concealed-carry for Kansans age 21 and up without need for permit or training in 2015. Prior to that, the state approved open carrying of firearms for Kansans age 18 and up in 2014.

Other bills approved by the Kan-

sas Legislature that went into law on Friday included:

- **Elections:** The resetting of municipal government and school board elections from spring to fall. That means members of school boards and city councils and commissions will be elected at the same time as county, state and national leadership positions. Also, a new law giving the Kansas Secretary of State's office authority to prosecute allegations of voting fraud is in effect.

- **Criminal activity:** For those convicted of first-time marijuana possession, the maximum sentence, previously one year in jail, will now be six months. Also, a new law bans the placement of "revenge porn" — nude photos or videos of other people taken without their consent — on the internet, and anyone violating this law faces criminal prosecution.

Another new law allows victims of human trafficking to bring civil lawsuits against traffickers. Previously, traffickers could be put in jail, but their victims were not allowed to seek damage settlements.

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July Jubilee is Friday

Heavy rains over the Fourth of July holiday weekend prompted the rescheduling of this year's Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce July Jubilee to Friday, it has been reported.

July Jubilee — the annual Independence Day fireworks display and activities at Banner Creek Reservoir — has been rescheduled for 10 p.m. this Friday. The fireworks display will be provided by 2 Kirks Fireworks, it was reported.

Other activities that have been rescheduled for Friday include a Jackson County Community Band concert that was also part of last Saturday's planned activities. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. on the reservoir grounds, it was reported.

Also, a pre-fireworks event from 8:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot at 401 Cheyenne Drive. Refreshments will be served for a free-will donation to support the church's Vacation Bible School program.



Holton summer street crew members Jackson Danner (left) and Jesse Lynch spent Friday morning laying down street bricks in the 200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, only hours before the last bricks were laid and the street was opened to traffic again. Final touches on the south end of the street were finished on Tuesday, and concrete for driveway entrances that were torn out to facilitate the street work will be poured in the coming days, it was reported.

Photo by Brian Sanders

RV alumnus Houchell publishes fourth novel

By Ali Holcomb
 Royal Valley High School alumnus Alex Houchell hasn't stopped writing since middle school and recently self-published his fourth book "Running Out Of Time."

Houchell's fictional novels span several genres, including superheroes, science fiction, fantasy and absurdist.

"Running Out of Time" centers on the protagonist, Greg Anthony Warren, as he is actively fighting against time and space.

"It's an absurdist novel that incorporates time travel and other elements to tell a story full of non sequiturs," Houchell said.

His other published novels include "Descent To Darkness," "The Viral Rift" and "Lightning Bolt & Blazer."

"Descent To Darkness" was published December 2015 and is a fantasy novel. Dracula is resurrected from the pages of his novel, and he, in turn, resurrects other villains from their literary worlds. The story follows a young man, Dante, and

others as they try to take back their world from the villains.

"It seems to be everyone's favorite so far of the books I've written," he said.

"Lightning Bolt & Blazer" was completed during Houchell's senior year at Royal Valley and features two crime-fighting brothers. "The Viral Rift" is its sequel as it takes place six months after the conclusion of the first book, Houchell said.

"I want to write nine 'Lightning Bolt & Blazer' books," he said. "I'm actually working on typing up the third one."

Houchell's books are self-published through CreateSpace, a subsidiary of Amazon.com.

"I edit my own material and design my own covers usually," he said.

Houchell is headed into his fifth year at Washburn University as a "super senior," studying English with a writing emphasis. He also is on staff at the school newspaper, the Washburn Review.

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Electronic case filing is now available in all state courts in Kansas: Chief Justice

It's official. All state courts in Kansas — including Jackson County District Court — are now able to receive electronically filed court documents.

"This is a significant milestone in our plan to modernize court operations and we achieved it through careful planning, modest financial investment and the determination of court personnel statewide," Kansas Chief Justice Lawton Nuss said. "This accomplishment also comes on the heels of another milestone. In May, our district courts surpassed the one-million mark for documents processed that were filed electronically."

Jackson County District Court — part of Kansas Second Judicial District, which also includes Jefferson, Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties — has made e-filing mandatory, with all case filing in court done electronically starting earlier this year.

Currently, electronic filing is required in the appellate courts — the Kansas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals — as well as in 12 district courts composed of 45 counties. The remaining district courts accept electronic filing but currently do not require it. More are expected to make electronic filing manda-

tory in coming months.

Electronic filing is also required in Johnson County, using a system they developed in-house several years ago.

Attorneys in good standing who are licensed in Kansas may electronically file in any state court. Self-represented parties who are not attorneys must file paper documents in all courts.

Kansas district courts process more than 400,000 cases a year and the switch to electronic filing means court workers are no longer required to manage paper files. This reduces paper, mailing and file storage costs for both courts and lawyers. It also

reduces opportunities for error from misfiled documents or incorrect data entry.

Electronic filing is a necessary component for the judicial branch's eCourt project, which will bring all courts onto a common case management platform that will allow easier access to court records and enable cross-district information sharing, state court officials said.

An eCourt steering committee and its subcommittees are developing a list of requirements for document and case management systems that will be included in a request for proposals later this year, it was reported.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 7

*The JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 362-7021.

Friday, July 8

*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

*The Jackson County Historical Museum at Fourth Street and New York Avenue in Holton will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday through October.

For more information, call the museum on Fridays at 364-2087 or visit sites.google.com/site/jchskt.

Saturday, July 9

*The Jackson County Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on the east side of the Courthouse in Holton.

*Auditions for "The Stinky Cheese Man" musical will be held at Penny's on the west side of Holton's Town Square.

Sunday, July 10

*Attend the church of your choice.

*AA meeting in the basement of the Mayetta Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, July 11

*Jackson County Commission meeting, 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name place on a meeting agenda.

*Denison City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Denison City Hall.

*Whiting City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Whiting City Hall.

*Netawaka City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Netawaka City Hall. Note the change of date.

*Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m., JHHS library.

*Holton USD 336 Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m., district office.

*Royal Valley USD 337 Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m., district office in Mayetta.

Wednesday, July 13

*Holton Alateen, a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism, meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

*The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Soldier City Council meets at 7 p.m.

*Wetmore City Council meets at 7 p.m. at city hall.

Police Calls

The following calls were received in recent days by the Holton Police Department.

- 7:59 a.m. June 2, Rafters Park, tag for tow.
- 9:10 a.m. June 2, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, theft.
- 10:24 a.m. June 2, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 12:30 p.m. June 2, 500 block of Kansas Avenue, recovered stolen vehicle.
- 3:50 p.m. June 2, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 6:37 p.m. June 2, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.
- 11:37 p.m. June 2, 900 block of Kansas Avenue, EMS assist.
- 10:47 a.m. June 3, funeral escort.
- 1:02 p.m. June 3, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, civil standby.
- 8:06 p.m. June 3, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 9:03 a.m. June 4, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 9:10 a.m. June 4, 800 block of West Third Street, theft.
- 3:39 p.m. June 4, escorted tractor drive through city.
- 9:17 p.m. June 4, 500 block of Nebraska Avenue, animal control.
- 11:18 p.m. June 4, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, EMS assist.
- 12:17 a.m. June 5, 200 block of West Second Street, EMS assist.
- 11:02 a.m. June 6, U.S. Highway 75 at Banner Road, animal control.
- 12 p.m. June 6, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 2:11 p.m. June 6, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 3:40 p.m. June 6, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 3:53 p.m. June 6, 700 block of New Jersey Avenue, citizen assist.
- 4:37 p.m. June 6, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 5:41 p.m. June 6, 100 block of New York Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of violating the Kansas Offender Registration Act.
- 1:39 a.m. June 7, 700 block of Colorado Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 11 a.m. June 7, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 2:55 p.m. June 7, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 9:54 p.m. June 7, Fourth Street at New York Avenue, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office.
- 7:51 a.m. June 8, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, civil standby.
- 8:05 a.m. June 8, 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, alarm.
- 1:47 p.m. June 8, 200 block of Nebraska Avenue, disturbance.
- 3:13 p.m. June 8, 700 block of

- Idaho Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 7:29 p.m. June 8, 400 block of Navaho Drive, animal control.
- 8:52 p.m. June 8, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 9:49 p.m. June 8, 500 block of Keller Avenue, EMS assist.
- 10:41 p.m. June 8, 700 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 9:52 a.m. June 9, funeral escort.
- 11:01 a.m. June 9, funeral escort.
- 11:12 a.m. June 9, 600 block of West Third Street, EMS assist.
- 2:37 p.m. June 9, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, welfare check.
- 7:55 p.m. June 9, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 10:32 a.m. June 10, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 4:53 p.m. June 10, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 5:26 p.m. June 10, 900 block of Vermont Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- 5:30 p.m. June 10, 900 block of Vermont Avenue, suspect arrested on a Pottawatomie County warrant.
- 9:22 p.m. June 10, 700 block of West Seventh Street, suspicious activity.
- 10:24 p.m. June 10, 900 block of New York Avenue, citizen assist.
- 3:36 a.m. June 11, Town Square, open door located during an area check.
- 8:45 a.m. June 11, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of pedestrian under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- 11:06 a.m. June 11, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 3:11 p.m. June 11, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 12:11 a.m. June 12, Town Square, area check.
- 9:53 a.m. June 12, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 2:21 p.m. June 12, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 4:45 p.m. June 12, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 5:50 p.m. June 12, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, civil standby.
- 7:18 a.m. June 13, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, alarm.
- 4:07 p.m. June 13, 100 block of New York Avenue, welfare check.
- 4:44 p.m. June 13, 600 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 10:13 p.m. June 13, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 3:01 p.m. June 14, 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, theft.
- 7:09 p.m. June 14, Prairie

- Lake, area check.
- 11:33 p.m. June 14, 500 block of Wisconsin Avenue, animal control.
- 12:39 p.m. June 15, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 8:26 a.m. June 16, 500 block of New York Avenue, assisted staff with a resident.
- 10:25 a.m. June 16, 200 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, criminal damage to property.
- 12:10 p.m. June 16, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 3:03 p.m. June 16, 100 block of South Topeka Avenue, suspect arrested on a City of Holton warrant.
- 3:28 p.m. June 16, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, lost property.
- 3:57 p.m. June 16, 700 block of New York Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and probation violation.
- 8:06 p.m. June 16, 600 block of Nebraska Avenue, recovered a stolen trailer.
- 11:44 p.m. June 16, 500 block of Nebraska Avenue, citizen assist.
- 12:37 a.m. June 17, Second Street at Topeka Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 1:01 p.m. June 17, 100 block of Parkview Court, theft.
- 6 p.m. June 17, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, alarm.
- 10:08 p.m. June 17, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, EMS assist.
- 2:21 p.m. June 18, 100 block of South New Jersey Avenue, unattended death.
- 4:09 p.m. June 18, 300 block of Wisconsin Avenue, citizen assist.
- 7:18 p.m. June 18, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 7:45 p.m. June 18, 300 block of East Ninth Street, EMS assist.
- 8:58 p.m. June 18, 500 block

- of Kansas Avenue, citizen assist.
- 1:40 a.m. June 20, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 6:28 a.m. June 20, 400 block of West Fourth Street, suspicious activity.
- 8:45 a.m. June 20, 300 block of Dakota Avenue, EMS assist.
- 11:11 a.m. June 20, suspect arrested on multiple traffic violation charges.
- 4:40 p.m. June 20, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 8:39 a.m. June 21, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 10:07 a.m. June 21, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 12:01 p.m. June 21, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 4:09 p.m. June 21, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 6:11 p.m. June 21, 600 block of West Fourth Street, suspicious activity.
- 11:02 p.m. June 21, Town Square, area check.
- 1:58 a.m. June 22, 1000 block of New Jersey Avenue, citizen assist.
- 2:54 p.m. June 22, 500 block of Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

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Target	69.74	-0.31	Soybeans	\$10.38		
Hershey	110.55	-1.40	Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op. Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.			
Walmart	73.14	+0.33	FUEL PRICES			
Phillips 66	77.93	-1.85	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year	
US Bancorp	39.06	-1.00	Kansas Average	\$2.11	-\$0.051	-\$0.467
Pfizer	35.81	+0.24	National Average	\$2.26	-\$0.100	-\$0.507
Deere & Co.	79.17	-1.73	Holton Average	\$2.08		
United Parcel	108.45	+0.09	Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, July 3, 2016.			
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Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. A stray shower or storm is possible. High 97F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	Morning t-storms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	Scattered t-storms. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 70s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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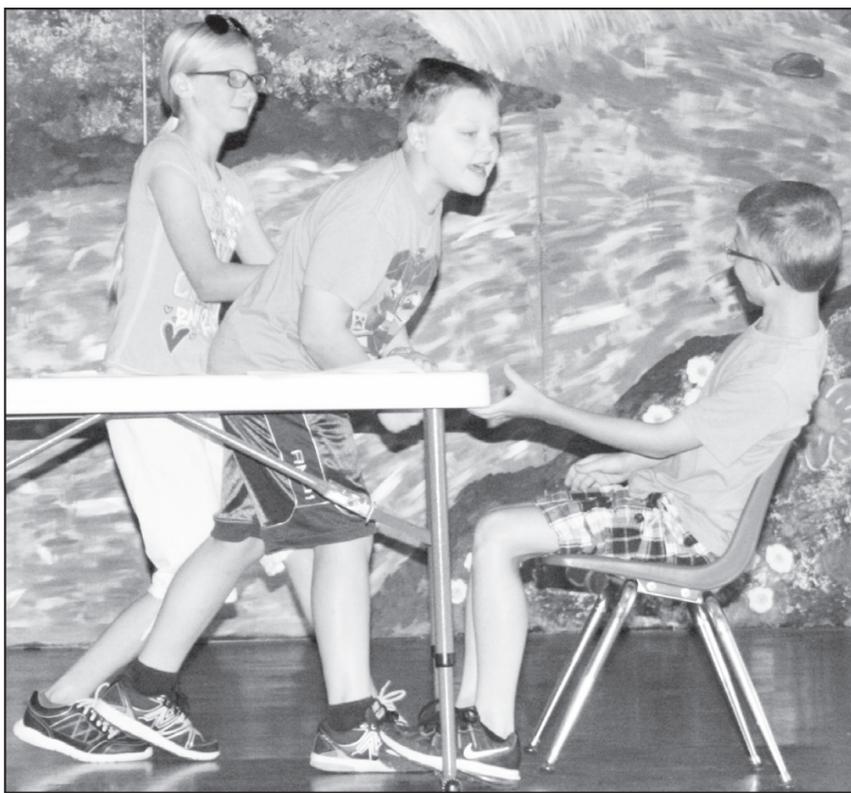
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One of the mini-productions included in the recent Drama Camp put on by Holton Community Theatre and Beck-Bookman Library was "The Jig is Up!" and featured (from left) Makaela Wilson, Jesse Joiner and Dalton Ent. The camp was held to train young actors for an upcoming children's musical, "The Stinky Cheese Man," to be presented Saturday, Aug. 6. Auditions for the musical will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. this Saturday at Penny's on the west side of Holton's Town Square. Photo by Brian Sanders

Fenceline: Leading a pretty simple life

By Jody G. Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Livestock-Natural Resources



I was recently selling something off the farm. It's a bit scary this day and age to invite strangers onto your property. Luckily there was only one family that came, and fortunately it was close to dark.

I say that because they came from Kansas City and they were enthralled with the farm. They had two small children and they wanted to see the ponies, horses and goats. They played with our kittens as well. I'm afraid if it would have been daytime, they would have stayed awhile longer. They just kept going on about how peaceful it was.

I guess as rural folks, we take for granted what we have. I've always thought I have a pretty simple life compared to others. I'm grateful for it.

There is nothing simple about

agriculture these days.

Average net farm income in Kansas plummeted to \$4,568 in 2015 or less than five percent of the previous year's average of \$128,731, according to annual Kansas Farm Management Association member data. The 2015 level was the lowest average level of nominal net farm income since 1985.

The average net farm income – recorded on an accrual basis – had been slipping, but until 2015 had been more than \$120,000 for several years. In 2015, however, the drop was more akin to falling off a cliff.

Average net farm income across the state was \$159,352 in 2012 before dipping to \$140,356 in 2013 and \$128,731 in 2014 before falling to \$4,568 in 2015. Net farm income represents the amount a farm has available to use for debt repayment, family living and expansion.

Across all farms, the gross crop value per acre in 2015 was \$315.92, down from \$339.36 in 2014, \$407.27 in 2013 and \$421.44 in 2012.

Generally, across the state, farms that primarily focused on dairy production, cow herds and

irrigated crop farms fared better than dryland farming, livestock backgrounding and farms that both grew crops and had livestock backgrounding operations, said Kevin Herbel, KFMA program administrator.

U.S. beef cattle prices dropped from an average \$166 per hundredweight (cwt) in January 2015 to \$132 by January 2016 – the largest one-year drop on record, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

"As we come out of a period of strong profitability in the agriculture sector and enter this current downturn, it is important for producers and their advisors to know and understand the financial position and financial performance on each operation," Herbel said, noting that not all Kansas farmers are KFMA members.

The annual report can be viewed as a reflection of financial conditions for farmers across the state, especially when comparing one year to the next. The data presented in the 2015 analysis came from 1,159 KFMA member farms and ranches.

Family Life

Simple changes for home safety

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Six out of every 10 falls happen at home, where we spend much of our time and tend to move around without thinking about our safety. Many falls could be prevented by making simple changes in your living areas, as well as personal and lifestyle changes.



Take steps to "fall proof" your home, both inside and outdoors using these suggestions from the National Institute of Health Senior Health. To make your home safer, you can remove or avoid safety hazards, improve lighting, install handrails and grab bars and move items to make them easier to reach.

An important step toward preventing falls at home is to remove anything that could cause you to trip or slip while walking. Tripping on clutter, small furniture, pet bowls, electrical or phone cords or other things can cause you to fall. Slipping on rugs or slick floors can also cause falls.

Arrange furniture to give you plenty of room to walk freely. Also remove items from stairs, hallways and pathways.

Be sure that carpets are secured to the floor and stairs. Remove throw rugs, use non-slip rugs or attach rugs to the floor with double-sided tape.

Put non-slip strips on floors and steps. Put non-slip strips or a rubber mat on the floor of your bathtub or shower as well. You can buy these items at a home center or hardware store.

At home and elsewhere, try to avoid wet floors and clean up spills right away. Use only non-skid wax on waxed floors at home.

During the winter, ask someone to spread sand or salt on icy surfaces. Be sure to wear boots with good traction if you must go out when it snows. Better yet, don't take chances walking on icy or slippery surfaces.

Former Recorder editor visits area

By Floye M. Knouft
Arnold Lytle of Tacoma, Wash., visited in the Holton area on June 27.

Arnold lived in Holton and worked for *The Holton Recorder* during the 1970s.

After 35 years of newspaper work, he has retired. He and his wife live in Tacoma, Wash.

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Poor lighting – inside and outdoors – can increase your risk of falls. Make sure you have enough lighting in each room, at entrances and on outdoor walkways. Use light bulbs that have the highest wattage recommended for the fixture. Good lighting on stairways is especially important. Light switches at both the top and bottom of stairs can help.

Place a lamp within easy reach of your bed. Put night lights in the bathroom, hallways, bedroom and kitchen. Also keep a flashlight by your bed in case the power is out and you need to get up.

Have handrails installed on both sides of stairs and walkways. If you must carry something while walking up or down stairs, hold the item in one hand and use the handrail with the other. When you're carrying something, be sure you can see

where your feet are stepping.

Properly placed grab bars in your tub and shower, and next to the toilet, can help you avoid falls, too. Have grab bars installed, and use them every time you get in and out of the tub or shower. Be sure the grab bars are securely attached to the wall.

You might find it helpful to rearrange often-used items in your home to make them more accessible. Store food boxes, cans, dishes, clothing and other everyday items within easy reach. This simple change could prevent a fall that might come from standing on a stool to get to an item.

If you have fallen, your doctor might suggest that an occupational therapist, physical therapist or nurse visit your home. These health care providers can assess your home's safety and advise you about making changes to prevent falls.

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- 5:55 p.m. June 22, 200 block of Dakota Avenue, welfare check.
- 8:02 p.m. June 22, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 8:31 p.m. June 22, 600 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 7:05 p.m. June 23, 200 block of West Fifth Street, found property.
- 8:40 p.m. June 23, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, disturbance.
- 9:20 a.m. June 24, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 1:59 p.m. June 24, 600 block of Vermont Avenue, disturbance.
- 5:09 p.m. June 24, 500 block of Nebraska Avenue, medical call.
- 12:28 a.m. June 25, Fourth Street at New Jersey Avenue, disturbance.
- 7:06 a.m. June 25, 900 block of West Fourth Street, theft.
- 9:28 a.m. June 25, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 12:45 p.m. June 25, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 6:20 a.m. June 26, 100 block of New York Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 11:40 a.m. June 26, 500 block of Indiana Avenue, EMS assist.
- 1:21 p.m. June 26, 600 block of New York Avenue, suspect arrested on a Shawnee County warrant.
- 3:56 p.m. June 26, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 4:59 p.m. June 26, 300 block of Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.
- 5:23 p.m. June 26, 100 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.
- 5:55 p.m. June 26, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 6:19 p.m. June 26, 200 block of East Second Street, animal control.
- 11 p.m. June 26, 700 block of West Fifth Street, EMS assist.
- 10:24 a.m. June 27, funeral escort.
- 10:34 a.m. June 27, funeral escort.
- 10:35 p.m. June 27, 1000 block of New Jersey Avenue, citizen assist.
- 10:43 a.m. June 28, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 9:18 p.m. June 28, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 11:34 p.m. June 28, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 12:37 a.m. June 29, 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 3:09 a.m. June 29, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, citizen assist.
- 9:44 a.m. June 29, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, assault.
- 2:30 p.m. June 29, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, lost or stolen property.
- 9:17 p.m. June 29, 100 block of Sin-Del Drive, disturbance.

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OPINION

Court saves public schools

Gov. Sam Brownback signs Substitute for House Bill 2001 ensuring Kansas schools remain open"

That was the headline provided on the news release from the governor's office recently after the special session of the Kansas State Legislature added \$38 million to the state's education fund and the governor signed the legislation.

Gov. Brownback and his staff worked overtime to paint the flattering impression to the public that the governor and the Legislature had worked together to save the day from the big, bad, State Supreme Court.

But the truth was really just the opposite. The Supreme Court saved the schools (mostly the smaller, rural schools like ours here in Jackson County) from the governor and the Legislature.

The Supreme Court saw the inequity of the state's new "block grant" funding plan for public schools and demanded the governor and Legislature fix it.

The Court, knowing how defiant the governor has been over previous court cases in-

volving state aid to schools, saw no choice but to rule that schools couldn't continue to operate under the block grant plan, as it stood, after June 30 because it was unfair.

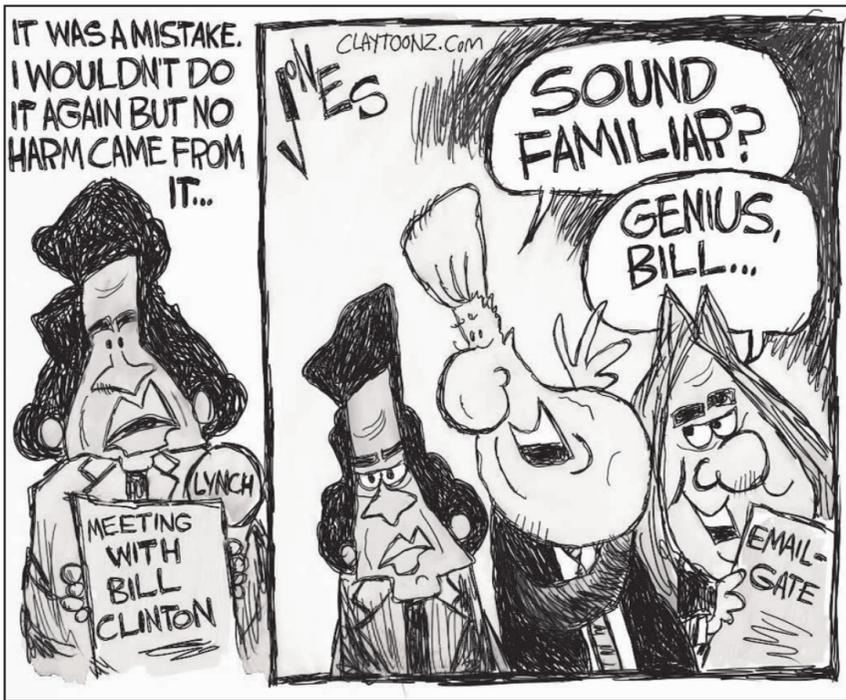
Here's the governor's spin on the situation in his news release:

"I am pleased to sign this bill ensuring that Kansas schools remain open," the governor wrote. "As I said when I called the special session, our focus was on making sure the Kansas Supreme Court did not close schools over 1 percent of the \$4 billion spent on education in Kansas... I thank all the legislators who worked hard to protect our schools from the threat of closure..."

In this case, what mattered to the Court was how fairly the state's education funds were being allocated.

In the next case, the Court will take up the question of how much the state is spending overall on public education. At that time, we will learn how much money Kansas spends in the K-12 classrooms and how much the state now considers "school funding" that wasn't in the past.

David Powls



PLAINS FOLK: Concerns about rabid skunks peaked 100 yrs. ago

By Tom Isern

Every morning I take our two dogs for a two-mile ramble down the section roads.

Lately our jaunts have been complicated by a proliferation of wildlife — deer the girls want to chase, badgers they think they can dig out — and worst of all, skunks.



The olfactory consequences are bad enough, but the striped kitties are so thick that I worry about a local outbreak of rabies.

The KSU Vet Diagnostic Lab reported 75 positive cases of rabies last year; the majority were skunks. Central Kansas, specifically Reno and Rice counties, had a regular outbreak. There were 13 cases of cattle with rabies, and skunks were blamed for infecting most of them.

Our concerns about rabid skunks today are slight in comparison with those a century ago.

In 1912, the state press reported the alarm sounded by the KU School of Medicine that rabies had become a serious public

health threat.

The university hospital had treated 44 persons bitten by rabid animals that year, with many others, to the dismay of medical professionals, resorting to treatment by madstone instead of coming in for the Pasteur course of shots (free at the university hospital). (A madstone was a smooth stone that, placed upon the bite of a rabid animal, was believed to draw out the poison.)

Rabid skunks were a particular threat in western parts of the state. "To eastern people," one reporter wrote in 1896, "the idea of a skunk's bite being venomous may seem preposterous, but in the early history of the settlements, these animals were more seriously dreaded than either Indians or rattlesnakes."

"During many years' residence in western Kansas, the writer personally knew of 10 deaths from skunk bites to one from rattlesnake bite. In the year 1868, four United States soldiers were killed in one night by skunk bite while camped in the vicinity of Fort Hays."

"The records of old Fort Dodge show a number of deaths from the same cause, and any earlier western Kansas settler can relate scores of incidents of a similar nature."

Charles Valentine Riley, the federal entomologist, investigated the alarming frequency of skunk-borne rabies cases in western Kansas, but could come up with no explanation.

So there were many sad notices such as the one that appeared in the Wakeeney Western Kansas World in 1911, relating that Mrs. Harlan Lewis, a farm woman from near Belleville, had died of rabies caused by skunk bite. She had gone to Chicago to get the Pasteur treatment, but too late.

The case of Glenn Lesslie, of Frankfort, in 1914, came out more satisfactorily. Bitten by a skunk, he promptly sent the carcass to the medical school, which pronounced the critter's condition "the worst case of rabies ever seen at the hospital." Lesslie did as he was told and took the shots.

I guess if I ever get bit by a skunk, I'll get the shots. I've studied madstones, and found them interesting, but the only stone that I would use in the case of a rabid skunk would be a big throwing rock.

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

LETTER

Here's some things about candidates that we'd like to know

Dear editor, As you know, the upcoming state primary and general elections are one of the most critical in our state's history.

Since one of the newspaper's primary functions is to provide information to the public so that we have a well informed electorate, we are requesting that your newspaper publish a voters' guide just prior to the primary and general election.

Listed below are the questions that we would like every state representative and state senator candidate in all the Senate and Representative districts to answer.

1. Would you vote to eliminate the LLC income tax exemption?
 2. Would your vote favor the pro-life or pro-choice agenda?
 3. Would you vote to eliminate or reduce the state sales tax on food?
 4. Would you vote to implement a flat state income tax on all state citizens?
 5. Would you vote to expand Medicaid?
 6. Would you favor using KDOT funds to build safer roads and create jobs rather than to prop up the state general fund?
- The answers should be very brief and to the point. We are not interested in the candidates' personal, philosophical views on these topics.

If elected, we want to know how he or she will vote on these issues! Also, every candidate who is an incumbent should be identified as such. A map showing the district boundaries would also be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Richard and Jane Elliott
Delia

Congresswoman Jenkins reports on activities

By Lynn Jenkins
U.S. House of Representatives
R-Kansas

Recently, I wrote a letter to the editor of the Kansas City Star newspaper about the story of two young adults who were recently fired over the issue of talking about their compensation with each other.

Jensen Walcott and Jake Reed had the same experience and qualifications for the same job, but Jake told Jensen he was being paid 25 cents more an hour than she was. When Jensen asked her boss about her salary, she and Jake were fired from their jobs.

These two individuals, who are the same age and have the same experience, should not have been fired for simply discussing their compensation with each other.

That's why I introduced a bill, H.R. 5237 — the Workplace Advancement Act, which would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to allow employees to discuss their salaries with each other without the fear of being fired.

Jensen and Jake did the right thing and I encourage them to keep fighting for what is right. They deserve a workforce that promotes merit, not gender.

Thanks to Freedoms Frontier

for inviting me to tour the Watkins Museum of History with their campers from the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. It was such a fun time meeting all the boys and girls!

I had a great time touring the Frito-Lay plant in Topeka recently! It's lucky I don't work there or I'd eat everything being made!

As a proponent of mental health first aid training, it was special to tour the Valeo Behavioral Healthcare and Intake facility in Topeka. Their work on mental health is huge benefit to the community, and this visit was an important addition to the ongoing conversation about mental health we are having across the nation.

This year, I will once again be hosting my annual Jobs Fair in Topeka. In the past, this event has helped match hundreds of employers and job seekers together, to the benefit of all. For job seekers, there's no need to register — just show up the day of the Fair ready to meet employers looking to hire!

My 2016 Jobs Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 at the Kansas Expocentre Ag Hall in Topeka.

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OBITUARIES



Jones

William F. Jones, known to his friends as "Bill," passed away Monday, July 4, 2016.

The majority of Bill Jones' life was lived in Missouri. He was born in McFall, Mo., on July 30, 1939 to Jerald and Wynne Jones. In 1957, he graduated from King City High School, King City, Mo.

Bill was a hard worker and retired in 2001 from Danisco Ingredients, St. Joseph, Mo. That same year, he married Judy Smith and relocated to Holton, where he became a school bus driver for the Holton School District.

Bill was actively involved in his church and community. In early 2016, he returned to St. Joseph, Mo., where he spent the remainder of his days surrounded by his loving family.

Bill enjoyed Kansas City Royals baseball, sitting alongside bodies of water with a fishing pole, traveling our beautiful country, bird watching and eating ice cream, but what brought him most enjoyment were his two grandsons.

Bill is survived by a daughter, Jody Stufflebean (Andy); two grandsons, Christopher Rhoden (Kensi) and Boston Rhoden; two brothers, Gerald Jones (Connie) and Lester Jones (Pam); and numerous friends.

Farewell Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 9 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory in St. Joseph, Mo. Interment will be held in Memorial Park Cemetery. The family will gather with friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, July 8 at Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory. Online guest book and obituary at www.meierhoffer.com

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Denton

Susan Ann Denton, 62, Holton, died Monday, July 4, 2016, at her home.

She was born Oct. 6, 1953, in Holton, the daughter of Gilbert L. and Lucile Brown Denton. She graduated from Holton High School in 1972 and later graduated from Brown Mackie School of Business in Salina. She had lived most of her life in the Holton community and also in Topeka and Carbondale.

Miss Denton worked for the State of Kansas Department of Revenue for more than 27 years.

She attended Evangel United Methodist Church and was a past member of First Presbyterian Church, both in Holton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Dennis and Lyle Denton. Survivors include nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the charity of the donor's choice, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Kupfersmith

Frederick A. "Fred" Kupfersmith, 87, Home, died Sunday, July 3, 2016, at his daughter's home in Manhattan.

He was born Feb. 9, 1929, on the family farm near Home City, the son of Frank and Louise Wullschlegler Kupfersmith. He attended Midway country school and graduated in 1946 from Marysville High School.

Mr. Kupfersmith took over the family farm after graduation and continued farming until retirement in 2004.

He was a lifetime member of Friedens Lutheran Church in Home City until it closed in 2010. He was later a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Axtell.

He married Betty Moody Ray on Feb. 7, 1976. She died Aug. 1, 2010. He also was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Lois Holm; and a brother, Frank Kupfersmith.

Survivors include a son, Doug Ray, Chapman; four daughters, Debbie Miller and husband Ed, Marysville, Dorothy Watson and husband Jerome, Victorville, Calif., Diana Shropshire and husband Steve, Cartersville, Ga., and Dodie Ray and husband Wayne, Manhattan; a brother, Donald Kupfersmith, Aurora, Neb.; two sisters, Carol Gurtler, Glenrock, Wyo., and Mary Simpson, Montecarlo, Wash.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 11 in Holton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Frederick Arthur Kupfersmith Memorial Fund, to be designated later and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

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Mitchell

Vernon C. Mitchell, 98, Holton, died Monday, July 4, 2016 at the Pines in Holton.

Private funeral services will be held in Sunset Cemetery in El Dorado. Mercer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. A full obituary will appear in Monday's Holton Recorder.

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June sales taxes down

Across Kansas, municipal and county sales tax revenues in June showed a minor decline from the previous June, while in Jackson County, the year-to-year decline was more substantial, according to data released in recent days by the Kansas Department of Revenue.

Statewide, municipal and county sales taxes generated \$73,140,970.49 in June, an amount 1.1 percent below the June 2015 sales tax tally of \$73,948,629.68. However, the state finished fiscal year 2016 — from July 1, 2015, through June 30 — with a 1.8 percent increase in year-over-year revenues, collecting \$893,618,015.93 in FY 2015 and \$909,991,649.41 in FY 2016.

No such increases were reported in Jackson County for June or fiscal year 2016, according to the Department of Revenue. The county's 1.4-percent sales tax generated \$121,517.16 in June, an amount 9 percent less than the June 2015 collection of \$133,490.72, and for FY 2016, the collection of \$1,562,956.14 was 6.2 percent less than the FY 2015 total of \$1,665,530.50.

Holton's 0.75-percent sales tax, effective since April 2014, brought in \$46,147.60 in June, which was 5.8 percent less than the June 2015 total of \$48,999.26. The city's fiscal year 2016 total of \$565,351.18 marked a 2.2-percent decline from the city's FY 2015 collection of \$578,185.61.

And in Mayetta, where a 1-percent sales tax has been in effect since July 2011, the June 2016 collection of \$1,302.76 was down 4.2 percent from the June 2015 collection of \$1,360.31. The city ended down for the fiscal year, with the FY 2016 total of \$16,638.16 marking a 12.1-percent drop from the FY 2015 total of \$18,919.12.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

Independence Day in the United States of America celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from Great Britain and the birthday of the United States as a sovereign nation.

Christians live in two kingdoms or realms simultaneously. We are, at once, subjects of an earthly government, and, at the same time, members of the heavenly kingdom. Loyalty to both is required (Mark 12:17). It is only when the earthly government requires any denial of the heavenly kingdom that the Christian is constrained to "to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

A celebration of Independence Day takes great pride in our country in distinction from all other national loyalties. A Christian celebration likewise takes pride in our country all the while mindful of our spiritual family that transcends all national loyalties.

Pre-service music for the patriotic service held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 3, played by Joyce Peterson included "To God Be The Glory" and "Simple Gifts." After the welcome, the congregation gave the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America, The Beautiful."

Following the opening sentences, Tex Manuel II read from Proverbs chapter 8 and Romans chapter 13. Pastor Jeffrey Geske

read the Holy Gospel for the day from Mark 12:13-17. The congregation read together The Ten Commandments and The Apostles' Creed.

Pastor Geske dedicated the new green altar cloths being used for the first time during these Sundays after Pentecost, giving all glory to God for the gifted paraments.

In the children's message, Pastor Geske asked the children what they were excited about on the Fourth of July. Most answered, "Fireworks." He talked about the connection of fireworks with the celebration of Independence Day, the origin of "Star Spangled Banner" and celebrating living in a free nation with freedom to worship. He closed the message with singing of "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know."

The sermon hymn was "Eternal Father, Strong To Save." Pastor Geske's sermon title was "For God And Country." Pastor Geske quoted from the Declaration of Independence reminding us of holding these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It was 240 years ago that the Declaration was written.

As Christians, we worship God for how He is the Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. We hold onto that inheritance as Peter wrote, "Praise be to the

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade — kept in heaven for you."

This nation has in the First Amendment of the Constitution these words: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

As long as we are here, our nation needs our service, it needs our taxes, but most importantly of all, it needs our prayers and our faithful witness to our God. For God and country, we serve until Christ welcomes us home.

Following the gathering of the offering by Topher Dohl and Tex Manuel II, the prayers of the church were offered. Thanksgiving was offered for the nation and its people, its just laws and God's gift of liberty; for the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain and the marvels of medicine and science.

Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvest. Guard us from calamities of nature, terrorism and warfare, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

By Your Spirit, lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility and children to show respect.

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Holton and Pastor Stark were remembered as a church of our circuit. Remembered were those who are ill and for Jacob Geske having surgery this week, as well as the LWML road trip. The congregation joined in the Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper followed with Elders Topher Dohl and Tex Manuel II assisting with the distribution. The distribution hymns were "Battle Hymn Of The Republic" and "O God, Our Help In Ages Past."

Following the prayer of thanksgiving and the benediction, the service closed with "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee" and "God Bless America."

Serving Sunday were Mike Keehn, elder; Garrett Klahr, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Deanna McAllister and Jackie Amon.

We were happy to welcome Tricia Geske's parents, Marvin and Peggy Kelm of Walburg, Texas, to the service.

Adult Bible class was led by Pastor Geske following the service. Immanuel Church Council will meet on July 10 after the worship service at 11 a.m. in preparation for the quarterly business meeting on July 17.

Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

Thank you, Lord, for the rain and cooler temperatures we had this past week and weekend. What a blessing! Missionaries Les and Margaret Clevenger will be visiting Denison Bible Church on July 17 and Don and Nancy Rempel on July 31.

July 3 at Denison Bible Church was Lord's Supper Sunday. Partaking in the Lord's Supper is an important part of worship. Communion participants should be born-again believers walking in fellowship with Jesus Christ. Before partaking of communion, each believer should personally examine their hearts and motives.

If they find themselves lacking, they should seek forgiveness. There would be no forgiveness had Jesus not shed his blood for us on the cross. None of us are truly worthy to commune with God; it is only by virtue

of the shed blood of Christ that makes us worthy.

Pastor Tom's message was titled "Liberating the Church!" based on Galatians 4:8-12. Why talk about the church on Fourth of July weekend? The Lord has blessed us for His sake. Every one benefits from the will of God if they would just let Him bless them. That's called collateral blessings. It's always been God's will to bless someone and others would be blessed through that person. The world will someday realize the blessing for the church — but it will be too late.

The church is the "security blanket" for the United States of America! What are we, as a nation, most proud of today? Sodom and Gomorrah was destroyed for the same things that the United States is so proud of. We should not put our faith in D.C.; put it in J.C.! We, as born-again believers, are supposed to

stand up and defend Christ, then He will heal our country. It all starts in the church, not in the political arena.

Our nation's leaders need to be motivated by unlocking the Spirit of our Almighty God through the local churches. When you're hindering the church, you're serving on Satan's team, not on God's team.

Early on the ministry was praise-worthy, but now the leaders feel that we're being too pushy in our faith. When we start talking correctly, they find us politically incorrect and they begin shutting us down — they don't want to hear it.

Some followers calling themselves born-again believers only attend church on special holidays — Easter and Christmas. They want to be "free." But are they really "free?" The only people free are those who are saved. We have the capacity and potential

to get saved. Knowing that we're doing the right thing is freedom.

Are you really free? Do you feel joy in serving Christ? If your answer is "Yes" then you're free. If you don't feel joy, what's restricting you? We restrict ourselves when we're not walking hand-in-hand with Christ. And if you're not walking with the Lord, you may be holding someone else back too.

If you're not growing in your faith, then you can't possibly help someone else in their faith. It's supposed to be a joyful time to spend time with God. It's scandalous to keep other people from the love of Christ. But if we're not trying to help them, that's exactly what we're doing — depriving them of knowing the love of Jesus Christ.

Jesus didn't die just for us to get saved. But He did, and our job is to help get others saved.

Circleville Methodist Church

By Sue Wichman

Sunday, July 3, was cool and cloudy as the congregation gathered at Circleville Methodist Church. All were grateful for the much-needed rain and cooler temperatures.

Joyce Immenschuh, lay speaker, extended the welcome and led the call to worship and the opening prayer.

The hymns were "Christ For The World We Sing," "Rescue The Perishing" and "Here I Am, Lord." Dawn Duryea served as song leader, using the recorded accompaniment.

Sue Wichman read the scripture, 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Galatians 6:7-16. Ginger Johnson played "Hymn Of Promise" on her harmonica for the special.

Joyce's sermon, "Preparing For The Harvest," was based on the Gospel, Luke 10:1-20. In addition to the 12 disciples, Jesus sent out 72 men to tell of His coming and of the things He would be doing.

In our ministry today, we're to go "ahead of Jesus," bringing His message wherever we go. "Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet

but ours. Our eyes should look out on the world, with the compassion of Christ in them."

The service closed with "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

Worship assistants for the month are Helen Farley on July 10, the Dibbrens on July 17 and the Fernkopfs on July 24. July 31 is a fifth Sunday, with services at Circleville.

Next Sunday, July 10, an administrative board meeting will be held at 9 a.m.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*



Holton coaches shown above at left, left to right, Brad Weilert and Mark Middlemist, encourage several Junior Wildcats as they fire off and push against blocking dummies at the recent football camp here.



Jake Zeller, shown above, hits the tackling dummy with everything he's got at the recent Junior Wildcat football camp.



Dillon Ashcraft, shown above in the middle of the photo, takes a hand-off from Addison Hundley at the recent Junior Wildcat football camp held here. Also shown in the photo are, left to right, Cameron Smith, Taygen Fletcher, Lucas Adcock and Connor Tannahill.



Shown above, left to right, Matt Lierz, Kyle Bohnenkemper and Jake Zeller woked on some ball-handling and ball toss drills at the recent Wildcat football camp.



Tucker Gilliland, shown above with football, navigates over some obstacles after receiving a hand-off from Keegan Purcell. Shown left to right in the upper left hand corner of the photo, Matt Watkins and Asher Larson are shown waiting for their turn at the ball-carrying drill.

Photos on this page by Michael Powls

Summer volleyball season for high school teams will end Wednesday with tourney

By Michael Powls
The HHS Alumni 2 team is still undefeated in varsity league play at 10-0 after week 5 of the Holton summer volleyball league.

The second place spot is a tie between Nemaha Central and Sabetha. The third place spot is also a tie between Holton 1 and Alumni 1 at 7-3.

On the junior varsity side, first place is a tie between Nemaha Central 1 and ACCHS at 8-2. The second place spot is also tied between Nemaha Central 2 and Royal Valley at 7-3. Holton A is in third place at 6-4.

On Wednesday, July 6, the high school volleyball league has a tournament starting at 5 p.m. to end the season.

Here are the week 5 results.

Junior Varsity
Nemaha Central 1 defeated Jackson Heights 25-16 and 25-10.

Nemaha Central 1 defeated Heritage Christian 25-6 and 25-15.

ACCCHS defeated Heritage Christian 25-10 and 25-14.

ACCCHS defeated Holton A 25-6 and 25-20.

Sabetha 9th defeated Sabetha JV 24-26, 25-23 and 16-14.

Holton A defeated Nemaha Central 2 26-24 and 25-16.

Wetmore defeated Holton B 25-17 and 25-12.

Nemaha Central 2 defeated Wetmore 25-22, 22-25 and 15-10.

Sabetha JV defeated Jackson Heights 25-16, 20-25 and 15-12.

Holton B defeated Royal Valley 26-24 and 25-22.

Sabetha 9th defeated Royal Valley 11-25, 27-25 and 15-13.

Junior Varsity Team Records
Nemaha Central 1 – 8-2

ACCCHS – 8-2

Nemaha Central 2 – 7-3

Royal Valley – 7-3

Holton A – 6-4

Sabetha 9th – 5-5

Sabetha JV – 4-6

Holton B – 4-6

Wetmore – 3-7

Jackson Heights – 3-7

Heritage Christian – 0-10

Varsity
Jackson Heights defeated

Royal Valley 25-21 and 25-23.

Alumni 1 defeated Holton 2 25-19 and 25-21.

Alumni 2 defeated Jackson Heights 25-14 and 25-14.

Alumni 2 defeated Sabetha 29-27 and 25-14.

Sabetha defeated Heritage Christian 25-18 and 25-19.

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

Nemaha Central defeated Holton 2 25-13 and 25-15.

Holton 1 defeated ACCCHS 25-9 and 25-11.

Nemaha Central defeated Holton 1 19-25, 27-25 and 15-9.

Heritage Christian defeated ACCCHS 25-15, 17-25 and 15-3.

Varsity Team Records
Alumni 2 – 10-0

Nemaha Central – 8-2

Sabetha – 8-2

Holton 1 – 7-3

Alumni 1 – 7-3

Jackson Heights – 4-6

Royal Valley – 3-7

Holton 2 – 2-8

ACCCHS – 1-9

Heritage Christian – 1-9

Coach Noel reports on busy basketball summer

By Michael Powls
Participation in summer basketball opportunities by local youth has been very good, says Holton High School coach Ryan Noel, and as mid-July approaches, there is a transition to more of an individual emphasis, as KSHSAA limits the team contact to a certain period of time that ends soon.

The middle school players from Holton were able to compete in a league hosted at HHS, by HHS athletic director Jason Schroeder. Three local teams competed against teams from Topeka/Jeff West, and two teams from Sabetha.

"This was a great opportunity and will really help these teams grow in the offseason!" coach Noel said.

The incoming HHS freshmen competed in the Nemaha Central summer league. They played eight games in four weeks and showed significant improvement throughout the month of June.

"This group gives up some size, but they are scrappy competitors that work hard. Their attitudes were great and they really enjoy competing with their classmates," Noel said.

Two groups of older players competed in the St. Marys/Rossville summer league. They competed in two different divisions, and many players were able to gain experience at the junior varsity and varsity levels. They will have played a minimum of 14 games once these leagues end. They all have one more week of games left, and they continue to advance their skills and teamwork.

Once all of the leagues are finished, coaches will continue to work with all players entering grades 6-12 by appointment, which really gives them a chance to spend quality time with their coaches and get specific instruction that will help them, coach Noel said.

"The Holton basketball program has had a productive summer, and we continue to feel excited about where we are headed," he said.

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15 are as follows:

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Wednesday, July 13: Barbecue pork on a bun, scalloped corn, spinach salad and fruit pizza.

Thursday, July 14: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, apricots, cookie and hot roll and margarine.

Friday, July 15: Chicken salad, croissant roll, pasta salad, pea salad and baked apples.



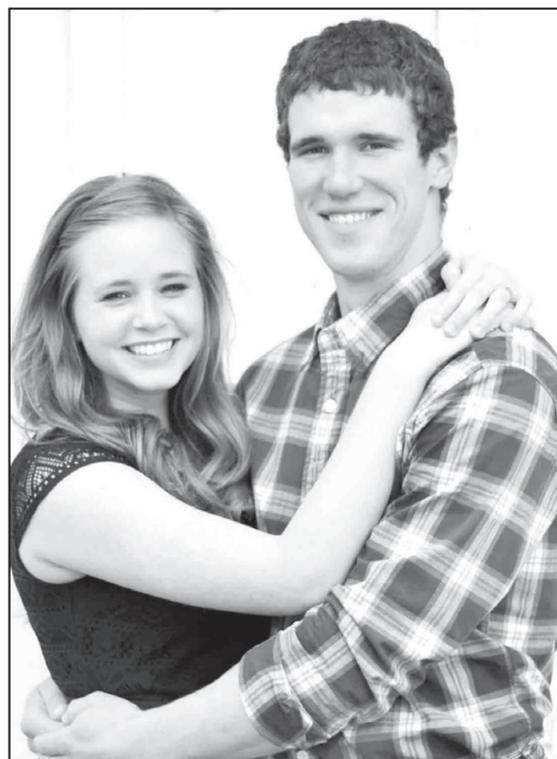
Kellers to celebrate 50th anniversary

Harold and Lois Keller of Hoyt will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, at 7341 NW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66618. Hosts will be Brian Keller, Shannon Keller Roberts and Terry Roberts.

The couple was married on July 24, 1966, in Lebanon,

Neb., by George and Pinky Taylor. They have six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Harold worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber for 32 years. Both he and Lois are members of Elmont United Methodist Church. They enjoy the company of their grandkids and great-grandkids along with fishing and farming.



Haverkamp-Meyer

Kevin and Ellie Haverkamp of Wetmore, along with Richard and Joni Meyer of Sabetha, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Corinne Noelle Haverkamp and Cameron Joseph Meyer.

The future bride is the granddaughter of Orville and Shirley Hutfles of Holton and Linus and Anita Haverkamp of Wetmore.

The future groom is the grandson of Marvin and Jane Leman of Princeville, Ill., and the late

Eli Jr. and Lois Meyer. Corinne is a 2015 graduate of Wetmore High School and is currently employed by Edelman's Home Center in Sabetha. Cameron is a 2013 Sabetha High School graduate and is currently employed by Morrill Elevator and engaged in farming.

The couple will be married on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2016, at St. James Catholic Church in Wetmore, with a reception, dinner and dance to follow at the hall.

Thank You

The family of Camber would like to thank everyone involved in the search for finding our Camber and her dog on June 27th. Those include the Jackson Co. Sheriff, Kansas Highway Patrol, Kansas Search & Rescue Group, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, Holton Police & Fire, Fire Departments from Delia, Hoyt, Mayetta, Netawaka, Soldier & the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Potawatomi Tribal Police, Jackson County EMS, and sheriff officers from Atchison, Brown, Pottawatomie and Riley County and the Wamego Police departments. Many thanks also to family, neighbors, friends and community volunteers, along with anyone that came to help.



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Photos by Ali Holcomb

Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards
July 3 was a nice, cool morning after a good rain. Those attending services at Netawaka United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 3, had to walk in mud, as the dirt in front of the church had been disturbed by the waterline construction.

Mary Edwards was greeter, and Steve Banaka was candle lighter and offering usher. District Superintendent Kay Scarbrough was with the congregation and introduced the church's new minister, Youngwan Won, or Young as he is called. It should be easy to remember his name because we are mostly old, and he is young.

Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements and invited the sharing of joys and concerns. Marcia and Arnold Robertson are going to Basehor to hear their granddaughter, Mackenzie, sing at

the evening service at their church. We pray for Pastor Caren Loper, who had some surgery.

Pastor Kay led the children's message for Hannah, Alyssa and Abigail. The topic was names. We enjoyed having children here.

Hymns were "Morning Has Broken," "Jesus Loves Me," "Children Of The Heavenly Father," "Surely The Presence Of The Lord" and "We Are The Church."

Pastor Kay led the congregational prayer, pastoral prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Young read the scripture, Exodus 4:10-12. His sermon was "Is It Not I, Lord?" He began by telling a little of his background and of his parents taking him to church when he was a child in Korea.

Like most kids, he wondered why he had to go to church. As he grew older, he realized that God works through people, parents, friends and others bringing people to His kingdom.

Exodus 4 tells about Moses not wanting to take on the job of getting Pharaoh to free the Israelites, saying, "I am not eloquent, I am slow of speech." The Lord promised to give Moses the right words and teach him how to speak.

We (the children) are to be the hands and feet of Christ, helping others as God calls them through us. God works anywhere and everywhere. Trust God to work through us.

The Rev. Kay served Holy Communion with Pastor Young and Marcia Robertson assisting.

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

Jim Armstrong rang the bell at Buck's Grove Methodist Church on the beautiful, rainy Sunday, July 3.

As the recorded prelude was playing, Mary Ringle lighted the altar candles.

After the call to worship and the opening prayer, Lay Minister Charlotte Milroy read scripture from 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Galatians 6:7-16.

Psalms 30 was recited as well as the Mission Statement.

Donna Ashcraft led the members in singing hymns "Christ For The World We Sing," "Rescue The Perishing" and "Here I Am, Lord."

Charlotte gave an inspirational prayer for those veterans who gave their lives to keep us free as well as the living veterans.

Charlotte's sermon was titled "Shells Like Turtles." In Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, Jesus has appointed 70 people and sent them two by two into places where He Himself is about to go.

These 70 are not trained religious leaders. They are not perfect, but they are the ones who can reach the fallen and witness to God's reign. They seek the ones that have shells like turtles and help them to see God's love and grace.

We are all called to proclaim the word of God. The sharing of God's peace, curing of the sick, comforting and giving hope require the trust in God's reign.

Don Boling and Jack Bernitter collected the offering and the service closed by singing "America" and "America the Beautiful."

Bible study followed as the congregation continues to learn about Isaiah.

Soldier

By Sondra Hill

The cousins met on June 1 at Taco Bell. Those present were Rosie Boling, Joyce DeVader, Mary DeVader, Noah and me. We were to meet at Burger King on July 6.

Rex and Cheryl Hill, Lorri and Brad Trimble and Sarra Ann Mahoney took me out to celebrate my birthday on June 5 at the Texas Roadhouse. We had a great time.

I then spent the night with Lorri and Brad Trimble, as I was to have surgery the next day. I got my new knee on June 6. I got home on June 8. I have been doing physical therapy three times a week. My new knee seems to be working just fine.

Elaine Stephenson has been taking me to therapy when Lorri doesn't. Cheryl Hill came and got me and we went to the Quilts of Valor. Noah played in the band. The supper was really good. Cheryl's mother, Ellen Lacey, was also with us for the evening.

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Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold
 Congratulations to the Circleville Pee Wee Lady Bombers on their undefeated season. They are league champions and tournament champions.

Connie Richter went with Pat and Kristie Richter and Jim Dodson of Holton to Salina on June 25 to attend the KBCA All Star game for 2016. The game was held at Kansas Wesleyan University, and Zane Richter was one of the 24 players invited to play.

Joe and Keri Brucken and kids left recently for a family vacation to Galveston, Texas. They went to the beach and played in the water (and were surprised to see crabs in the water), rode The Ducks, went to Pleasure Pier, toured a submarine and ship and rode the ferry out to see dolphins. Then, we were also able to see them from their condo's balcony! They all had a great time and enjoyed their vacation trip, returning home on July 1.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson watched the Bee Wee and Pee Wee boys baseball games that were held in Circleville on

Friday evening, July 1. This is the last of the boys' games until tournament play that starts on July 5 at Soldier.

A birthday party was held on the deck of Glenn Moore Meadows for Charlie Richter's 76th birthday. It was a perfect night for a deck party, and Charlie enjoyed spending time with the kids and grandkids and eating cake and ice cream. Guests present were Gena and Terry Smith, Gera and Lucas Cochren, Dawson, Chesnea and Kane, Jordan and Lindsey Smith, Keaten and Kinsley, Pat and Kristie Richter, Phoenix and Kayden, Cassidy Fisher, Zane Richter, Bailey Williams, Jaimon Richter and Macey Howe.

The second Strauss reunion was held at Red Rock Inn on July 2 and 3. Many family members arrived on Saturday and left on Monday. Although it was a dreary weekend, everyone had a good time visiting with family. The Strauss reunion was started two years ago and was formed by two grandsons that live in California to keep the family together. It all started with Charles Strauss as

the father of Hilda Richter, Minnie Harper, Roy, Harry and Ralph Strauss.

The reunion consisted of the siblings of these five brothers and sisters. Those attending this year came from Gardner, Wellsville, Riley, Manhattan, Blue Rapids, Wichita, Salina, Topeka, Holton and as far away as Chula Vista, Calif. Those attending and representing the Hilda Richter family were Connie Richter of Circleville, Pat and Kristie Richter, Phoenix and Kayden and Cassidy Fisher, all of Holton. Plans to hold a reunion every two years were made.

Don and Deloris Beam spent their Fourth of July celebration at Thelma Dick's pond on July 2. There was quite a group, and they had a good time in spite of a rain shower, which was definitely needed.

On Sunday, July 3, Don and Deloris Beam spent the afternoon at St. George at Mike and Lesa Beam's home. Deloris attended a baby shower for their soon-to-be new great-grandson. The parents-to-be are Garin and Ashley Beam,

son of Mike and Lesa Beam. The men all went to Garin's for the afternoon.

Lori, Bailey and Afton Burdick came to our house on Sunday evening, July 3, and we had our Fourth of July celebration a little early. We grilled hamburgers for supper and then enjoyed watching Afton set off the fireworks later in the evening.

Ken Wykert, Sharon Cochren, Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson and Helen Farley all attended the Soldier Senior Citizens meeting on the Fourth of July at the Soldier Community Building and had a wonderful fried chicken dinner, with others bringing side dishes. The program was Nina Reed asking the audience to tell about their Fourth of July experiences when they were youngsters...various traditions and patriotic things that were done. It was interesting and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

A book is being written about Soldier and its history, and Nina encouraged people to send photos and information. It is a "work in progress." There were about 40 in attendance.



Andrea Gomez Cervantes (left) and Natalie Jansen (right) are sociology students at The University of Kansas and were recently in Holton conducting a survey on the rural economy. Some of the questions they are seeking answers to are: What is the state of the local economy? What are the driving forces of the economy here? What are the economy's strengths and weaknesses? The survey is part of the women's graduate coursework, and they said they will be back in Holton several times this summer conducting research, it was reported.

Photo by David Powlis

PBP Elder Center Menu

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

The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through

Friday.

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

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

Menus listed for the week of Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15 are as follows:

Monday, July 11: Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread and fresh fruit.

Tuesday, July 12: Pork tender sandwich, tater tots, corn on the cob and fresh fruit.

Wednesday, July 13: Roasted chicken, wild rice, broccoli Normandy and fresh fruit.

Thursday, July 14: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas and dinner roll.

Friday, July 15: Pulled pork, baked beans, potato salad and fruit salad.

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold
 Ellsworth and Sandra Hewitt, along with granddaughters, Cheyenne and Lakota Hewitt, served as greeters at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on July 3. Gary Bell gave the welcome and opening prayer.

Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz and Paul and Sue Davault. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events, and Brody Bliss gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Blair Wagner brought the morning sermon titled "Freedom." He began by leading the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. He used 1 Peter 2:13-17 as his sermon text. His message was about celebrating our freedom as we live on earth but have an eternal destiny.

We must submit to authority, but we also need to pray for truth and justice. God commands civil obedience. We cannot change God's eternal plan, but we can pray for our leaders to fight evil and to know what that is. We live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil. God's will is that we would do good in all that we do.

Paul Davault use text from Galatians 5:13 as he gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Matt McCauley, John Ray and Kyle Claycamp. Kay Hallauer provided the piano background music as communion was served.

The prayer for the offering was given by David Allen and then the praise team led us in singing "God Bless America." The service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

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Ag Week Recap

Cattle futures higher; grains mixed

By Matt Hines
Cattle futures closed the week out on a lower undertone. Gains for the week still held, though. Calves and feeders were \$3 to \$7 higher at most locations, and cash feedlot trade was \$4 to \$6 higher at \$120 to \$122 live in the South and \$196 to \$200 dressed in the North.

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold mostly \$2 to \$7 higher, with some spots being \$8 to \$10 higher. A nice bounce in the cattle complex this week got feeder cattle buyers back in the saddle again as analysts and feed yard operators believed that the futures markets appeared to be oversold and needed a correction.

Last week's Cattle on Feed Report was a non-event this week, as all major points of interest were all reported very close to industry expectations and all major packers were active and paid up for this week's showlists. Live sales traded from \$122 to \$123 in the 5 Area, while dressed sales sold from \$195 to \$200, \$5 to \$6 higher live and \$9 to \$10 higher dressed than the previous week.

Packers have been willing to run plants at optimum levels in recent months as margins have been running at record wide levels. They have not shown any signs of slowing the chain speed, even with Choice boxed beef losing more than \$5 this week.

For the week, Friday, June 24, to Friday, July 1, August live cattle were up \$2.10, October was up \$2.40, August feeders were up \$3, September was up \$3.42, July lean hogs were down \$1.37 and August was down \$1.02. Boxed Beef, Choice was down \$5.13 at \$208.73, Select was down \$4.10 at \$193.73 and Pork Carcass Cut-out was down \$0.06 at \$89.21.

Cattle slaughter from Friday was estimated at 112,000 head, even with a week ago. Weekly totals were estimated at 598,000

head, down 13,000 from the week previous.

Hog slaughter from Friday was estimated at 395,000 head, down 2,000 from a week ago. Weekly totals were estimated at 2,115,000 head, up 17,000 from the week previous.

Livestock Futures Settlements Friday, July 1

- August live cattle down \$1.85 at \$112.97, October down \$1.37 at \$113.27.
- August feeder cattle down \$1.85 at \$142.45, September down \$1.80 at \$141.70.
- July lean hogs down \$1.17 at \$82.67, August up \$.67 at \$83.95.

August live cattle hit a new contract low two weeks ago at \$109.57 and then proceeded to rally back to the 50-day moving average at \$115.70 for a high last week. August feeders continue the downtrending channel back from this past August with \$150 on the topside and \$130 on the bottom. July lean hogs just moved past the 62-percent retracement level, going back to the low at \$78.80 in May to the high in June of \$88.90.

Lower prices were seen throughout all the grains ahead of the three-day holiday weekend with the nearby forecast looking good. Traders seem to be OK with entering the weekend without adding any weather premium, so look for wild trading next week if the models show hot and dry. Soybeans still finished the week sharply higher while corn and wheat were sharply lower.

Last Thursday's USDA acreage and stocks report was overall bearish, but soybeans raced \$0.30 to \$0.40 higher as the acreage increase was not as much as expected. The 2016 soybean planted area is estimated at a record high 83.7 million acres, up 1 percent from last year.

Compared with last year, planted acreage is up or unchanged

in 18 of the 31 major producing states. Increases of 200,000 acres or more are anticipated in Kansas, Minnesota and Missouri.

For the week, Friday, June 24, to Friday, July 1, July corn was down \$.31½, December was down \$.27¼, July soybeans were up \$.65¼, November was up \$.59, July KC wheat was down \$.28½, September was down \$.29½, July Chicago wheat was down \$.38½ and September was down \$.34¼.

Grain Futures Settlements Friday, July 1

- July corn down \$.05¼ at \$3.53, N/C December down \$.04¼ at \$3.67.
- July soybeans down \$.06¼ at \$11.68¾, N/C November down \$.15¼ at \$11.37½.
- July KC wheat down \$.10 at \$3.94¼, September down \$.11 at \$4.11½.
- July Chicago wheat down \$.15 at \$4.16¼, September down \$.15¼ at \$4.30¼.

July corn broke lower for a new contract low last week. It took 2½ months for corn to rally \$88 but only 10 days to come back down. The December contract has been able to hold just above the contract low of \$3.64 from April 1.

July soybeans have traded in essence in the \$11 to \$12 window during the month of June. November futures have traded from \$10.75 to \$11.75 last month as well, now back in the upper half of that range. Wheat contracts are still chopping lower with new contract lows, basis levels still getting wider and protein discounts now for anything below 12 percent protein.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Hines can be reached at 785-289-0036. Matt and his family live west of Holton.

Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer
On Sunday, July 3, the seventh Sunday of Pentecost, services at Mayetta Methodist Church began with Sharon Gabriel playing patriotic songs and Pastor Howard giving a reading about the beginnings of the United States and their Declaration of Independence.

Prayer concerns included Karen's brother-in-law in the hospital; Rodney Rickel for comfort; safe travel for Liz's aunt and uncle; and Laura Habig. Joys expressed were Mary's trip to see her new great-grandson and for Pastor Howard's hearing improving. Prayers also for Bryan Stauffer, who is on an eight-day hiking trip in the Sierra Nevadas in California. His brother-in-law is with him.

Cory Smith was the acolyte and Cody Smith rang the bell. Karen Burns read The Living Word Of God from 1 Corinthians 3:16.

Hymns were "There's Something About That Name," "We Gather Together" and "Spirit Of The Living God." The special was "God Bless America."

Birthdays recognized were Pastor Howard, Bud Stauffer and Cory Smith. The children's message was titled "God Sends The Rain." The sermon was titled "Old Men, Dreams And The Spirit," based on the word of God from Acts 2:14-21. Mary Anderson assisted with the Holy Communion serving. Services closed with the circle of friendship.

Pray for the healing of Laura Habig, who fell and had several injuries.

It was a joy for June and Floyd Schlotter to have their grandson, Mitchell, and Kristen Brown of Mesa, Ariz., visiting family

members the week of June 19. On Tuesday, lunch was enjoyed with friends at Whistle Stop in Mayetta. Others besides the Schlotters and Browns attending were Karen Burns, Rosalie Lassiter and Ted and Elaine Hubach.

On Wednesday, June 22, a baby shower was held in the home of Margaret Blevins of Mayetta. Margaret is Mitchell's aunt. Many family members enjoyed the potluck meal, shower games and watching Kristen and Mitchell open baby gifts. Aunts Kathleen Ramirez and Margy Brown from Topeka joined grandmother June Schlotter in the festivities. There will be a great-granddaughter arriving in October.

Sharon Gabriel and Floyd and June Schlotter enjoyed being part of the beautiful wedding festivities for Leanna Just and Brady Strecker, which was held outdoors

at the Burns farm on June 25. Mary Anderson went to Pea Ridge, Alaska, on Thursday, May 23 to meet her first great-grandchild. Zadek was born on June 3. Of course, he is a cutie. On Saturday, Mary's sister, Bonita, and her husband, John Watts, from Tulsa, Okla., came over for lunch. Mary returned home on Sunday.

The Stauffer family held a get-together at the Kevin Stauffer home on Sunday evening, July 3. They were celebrating the June and July birthdays. The entire family except for Bryan and Cindy were present. A good time was had by all the cousins, and all of the little ones.

Reminder: There will be no services at Mayetta on July 10. We will join our sister church for 10:30 a.m. services, followed by a potluck meal in honor of Pastor Howard's birthday.

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Crops and Soils

Middle of summer hard on trees

By David G. Hallauer
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Crops & Soils/Horticulture

Mid-summer can be a tough time for our trees. It's hot. It's dry. And they have to adapt to it! Fortunately, they are actually pretty good at doing so. Unfortunately, when they don't adapt, we typically lose an integral – and sometimes expensive – part of our landscape!



Leaf loss in the summer can be due to multiple factors. Herbicide damage is generally the first thing we look to, and while certainly an issue, there are lots of other leaf loss causes that need to be considered.

When you see leaf loss well distributed throughout the tree canopy that causes a general thinning, the problem usually isn't serious. It's not uncommon for trees to set more leaves in spring than they can support in summer. Along comes heat and drought stress and the tree drops leaves it can't support based on the moisture we receive.

Falling leaves are characterized by a yellow color with no disease spots. There may be some "perfectly healthy" green leaves dropped as well. Because the thin-

ning is gradual and spread across the tree, the tree should persist just fine. Just be sure to keep it watered during dry periods (more on that later!).

What really starts to concern us is when we see most of all the leaves drop! Hackberry, for example, is a species that will often drop all of its leaves as it enters summer dormancy. If we get good rains, we may delay dormancy. If not, leaves drop and trees look bad! Watch for this phenomenon if summer weather continues the hot/dry pattern that June exhibited.

If leaves do drop, check twigs and buds. Trees should have supple twigs and healthy buds, not dead tissue usually associated with other problems. Healthy trees usually sustain this stress fairly well as long as they have enough stored energy reserves to make it through to next spring. If buds/twigs become brittle and die, at least part of the tree is dead.

One of the more curious issues occurs when a tree has leaves die (sometimes overnight!), but they remain attached to the tree! In these cases, the tree died quickly when it couldn't keep up with moisture demands. Excessive spring rains can damage root systems, limiting their ability to handle summer stress and moisture needs. Again, check the buds/twigs. If they are alive and well, let the tree remain!

As stated before, other causes – physical damage, herbicide drift,

etc. – are always a possibility. In many cases, trees can handle a little bit of damage and still live. Healthy trees tend to have a great ability to handle defoliation or damage to trunk or other parts so long as they are well watered and monitored for further decline.

Bottom line: your trees can look a little tough but it isn't necessarily need for panic! Knowing how the tree lost its leaves and whether buds and twigs are still alive can tell you a lot about what the tree is experiencing.

In addition to giving the trees some time, ample water is a good practice, too. Watering isn't as "simple" as it might sound, though. For further information on watering, check out "Watering Established Trees and Shrubs" available from your local K-State Research and Extension Office or online at www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/mf2801.pdf

Highland lists local graduates

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NATIONAL NEWS: Democrats demand stricter gun laws in U.S.

WASHINGTON — Rebellious Democrats staged an extraordinary all-day sit-in on the House floor last Wednesday to demand votes on gun-control bills, shouting down Speaker Paul Ryan when he attempted to restore order as their protest stretched into the night.

The stunning and unruly scene was broadcast live to the world from Democrats' cell phones, feeds picked up by C-SPAN after Republicans shut down the network's cameras.

The sit-in was well into its 10th hour, with Democrats camped out on the floor stopping legislative business in the House, when Ryan stepped to the podium to gavel the House into session and hold votes on routine business. Angry Democrats chanted "No bill, no break!" and waved pieces of paper with the names of gun victims, continuing their protest in the well of the House even as lawmakers voted on a previously scheduled and unrelated measure to overturn a veto by President Barack Obama.

Ryan attempted to ignore the

outbursts and announce the business of the day, pounding down his gavel over shouting. "Shame! Shame! Shame!" Democrats yelled, but Ryan left the lectern and the voting continued. Then Democrats began singing "We Shall Overcome," still holding up the names of gun victims.

The scene presented a radical, almost shocking departure from the normal orderly conduct of the House. It was uncertain what would happen as the night stretched on. Republicans planned to attempt to adjourn the House, and hoped to present themselves as soberly attending to business and Democrats as disruptive. Democrats said they would stay until Republicans yielded to their demands to hold votes on bills to strengthen background checks and prevent people on the no fly list from getting guns in the wake of last week's massacre in Orlando, Florida.

"Are they more afraid than the children at Sandy Hook?" asked Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif.,

referring to the 2012 shooting that killed 26 people, including 20 elementary school children, in Newtown, Connecticut. "What is so scary about having a vote?"

Rep. John Lewis, a veteran civil rights leader, asked what Congress has done, then answered his own question: "Nothing. We have turned a deaf ear to the blood of innocents. We are blind to a crisis. Where is our courage?"

Ryan dismissed the protest as "nothing more than a publicity stunt," and in an interview with CNN, made clear there would be no vote.

"We're not going to take away a citizen's constitutional rights without due process," he said.

The protest began around 11:30 a.m., interrupted briefly when Rep. Ted Poe, R-Texas, tried to start the House's work at noon. The customary prayer and Pledge of Allegiance went ahead, but Poe was forced to recess the House when dozens of Democrats refused to leave the

well.

By evening, 168 House Democrats — out of 188 — and 34 Senate Democrats joined the protest, according to the House minority leader's office. One after another, they spoke of the need for gun control and talked of constituents who had been killed.

Scattered around the House floor were signs reading "Disarm Hate." Visitors watched from the galleries. A crowd of several hundred gun control advocates gathered outside the Capitol and cheered as Democrats addressed them.

Congress remains gridlocked over gun control, a divide even more pronounced in a presidential election year. The sit-in had the feel of a 1960s-style protest, as some lawmakers sat on the floor, others in their seats.

Republicans had staged a similar protest in 2008. Democrats controlling the House at the time turned off the cameras amid a GOP push for a vote to expand oil and gas drilling. Republicans occupied the floor, deliver-

Supreme Court strikes down Texas abortion law

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday, June 27, declared unconstitutional a Texas law similar to restrictions adopted in Kansas and other states requiring abortion clinics to operate as ambulatory surgical centers and to employ doctors with admitting privileges at nearby hospitals.

The nation's highest court found the Texas mandates on doctors and clinics violated the U.S. Constitution by posing an undue burden without sufficient medical justification on a woman's right to an abortion.

Kansas lawmakers approved requirements in 2011 to compel abortion physicians to secure hospital privileges and for abortion clinics to be outfitted as surgical units. However, those reforms have been blocked pending outcome of legal challenges in Shawnee County.

Gov. Sam Brownback, who backed both changes to abortion

law in Kansas, registered disappointment, through a spokeswoman, in the ruling.

"The governor will continue to fight to make Kansas a pro-life state," said Brownback aide Eileen Hawley.

Laura McQuade, president of Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri, said it was unclear what legal steps would be necessary in Kansas to extend a court injunction to permanently prevent implementation of "these unconstitutional and medically unnecessary laws."

"PPKM will now look closely at our local laws and swiftly form a legal plan to work to overturn both restrictions in the state of Missouri and to ensure they never go into effect in Kansas," McQuade said.

She described the Supreme Court's ruling as the most significant abortion decision in more than two decades. Julie Burkhardt, founder and chief

executive officer of the Trust Women foundation — which operates an abortion clinic in Wichita and plans to open a clinic this summer in Oklahoma City — said courts in Kansas and Oklahoma should set aside laws in those states undercut by the Supreme Court decision.

"This is a great day for women's rights and equality," Burkhardt said. "This decision has a direct impact on the lives of women and their families."

Mary Kay Culp, executive director of Kansas for Life, said the decision by the Supreme Court didn't comply with legal logic relied upon by justices in the past.

"No one should applaud today's decision," she said. "It shows in the starkest terms the so-called 'safe and legal' fantasy for what it always has been: a cover for abortion at all costs."

Kansans for Life's lobbyists were among leading proponents

of Senate Bill 36, which contained sections outlining new staff and equipment standards for abortion facilities and creating the requirement abortion doctors hold privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion clinic. The bill passed the House 97-26 and the Senate 24-15 before being signed by Brownback.

U.S. Rep. Tim Huelskamp, a Kansas Republican running for re-election in the 1st District, said the Supreme Court dispatched a reasonable health law in Texas intended to protect women's health.

He said the Supreme Court majority's decision was indicative of "a systematic hatred of the unborn and their mothers."

"It is unconscionable that the court today protected big abortion profits, not women's safety," the congressman said.

MORE LOCAL SPORTS

Middle school summer volleyball wrapping up

Holton's summer volleyball league for middle school teams ends tomorrow morning (Thursday) with a tournament. The public is invited to watch the matches.

No. 1, 2 and 3 seeded teams will play on one court, seeds 4, 5, and 6 will play on another, etc., said Stacy Lasswell, HMS volleyball coach and organizer of the summer league.

After five weeks of play, the Royal Valley team leads the league with an undefeated 10-0 record. Five teams are 7-3. Those five are Wetmore, Holton Boswell/Tanking, Valley Falls, Hiawatha Lindstrom and Sabetha.

Hiawatha Saunders is 6-4, Jackson Heights is 5-5 AC-CMS is 3-7, Holton Allen/Moore is 2-8 and Hiawatha and Holton Prine/Wittmer are both 0-10.

Thursday, June 30 results were as follows:

Court 1
Royal Valley defeated Holton Allen/Moore 25-7 and 25-7.

Sabetha defeated Hiawatha Lindstrom 23-25, 25-15, 15-1.

Royal Valley defeated Hiawatha Lindstrom 25-6 and 25-11.

Court 2
Holton Boswell/Tanking defeated Hiawatha Saunders 25-20 and 25-14.

Hiawatha Saunders defeated Holton Wittmer/Prine 25-17 and 25-12.

Holton Allen/Moore defeated Holton Wittmer/Prine 25-12 and 25-22.

Court 3
Wetmore defeated Sabetha 19-25, 25-19 and 15-9.

Wetmore defeated Jackson Heights 25-18, 16-25 and 15-6.

Holton Boswell/Tanking defeated Jackson Heights 25-6 and 25-16.

HMS Court
ACCMS defeated Hiawatha 25-22 and 25-11.

Valley Falls defeated Hiawatha 25-9 and 25-11.

Valley Falls defeated AC-CMS 25-13 and 25-8.

Washburn University announces spring grads

Washburn University in Topeka has announced members of its spring 2016 graduating class.

"At Washburn University, we focus on helping each student become their best self," said Dr. Jerry Farley, Washburn University president. "I am confident each of these graduates is prepared for the next step in their life and I am very proud of all the accomplishments represented in this graduating class."

Local graduates are as follows, listed by hometown:

• Circleville: Sarah Robbins, bachelor of applied science.

• Delia: Kelsey Manuel, bachelor of education; and Kelly Shobney, bachelor of education.

• Holton: Chatley Lovvorn, bachelor of arts; Carlene McManigal, bachelor of education;

Kyle Mick, associate of arts; Tyler Mick, associate of arts; Whitney Moore, stand alone parent program; and Kennedy White, bachelor of business administration.

• Hoyt: Rachel Luthi, master of science in nursing; and Nicholas Tuck, bachelor of science.

• Mayetta: Stacy Harvey, stand alone parent program; Cassandra Jim, bachelor of education; Matthew Mick, bachelor of arts; and Jenna Naumann, bachelor of science in nursing.

• Soldier: Christopher Mauldin, juris doctor; and Taylor Smith, associate of science and bachelor of arts.

• Wetmore: Jordan Evans, associate of science; Brian Roush, associate of arts; and Sharon Spiker, associate of applied science.

No charges against Clinton for email security breaches

On the same day that President Barack Obama flew on the Air Force One plane with Democrat presumptive presidential nominee Hillary Clinton to a campaign rally, and just a week after former President Bill Clinton (Hillary's husband) met privately for 30 minutes with U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch on her plane at an airport runway, the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced it won't recommend criminal charges against Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email server while secretary of state.

FBI Director James Comey made the announcement on Tuesday.

Comey called Clinton's actions "extremely careless" and faulted the agency she led for a lackadaisical approach to handling classified material.

Last week, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said she would accept the recommendations of the FBI and of career prosecutors.

Also, last week, Hillary Clinton said that, if elected, she would re-appoint Loretta Lynch as U.S. Attorney General.

Shortly before she was sworn in as secretary of state in 2009, Hillary Clinton reportedly set up an email server at her home in Chappaqua, New York, it was reported.

She then relied on this server, home to the email address hdr22@clintonemail.com, for all her electronic correspondence - both work-related and personal - during her four years in office.

She also reportedly set up email addresses on the server for her long-time aide, Huma Abedin, and State Department Chief of Staff Cheryl Mills.

She did not use, or even activate, a state.gov email account, which would have been hosted on servers owned and managed by the U.S. government, it was reported.

Clinton's email system became a national story the first week of March 2015, when The New York Times ran a story on the subject. The article said that the system "may have violated federal requirements" and was "alarming" to current and former government archive officials.

According to Clinton, the primary reason she set up her own email was for "convenience." During a press conference at the United Nations, she said that she preferred to carry only one smartphone with one email ad-

dress, rather than have two devices - one for work and one for personal affairs.

At the time, according to reports, government-issued BlackBerry phones were unable to access multiple email accounts.

Sceptics have countered that the real reason Clinton established her own email system was because it gave her total control over her correspondence and preserved her emails for possible use later for a biography.

With her email setup, she became the sole decider of what should and shouldn't be provided to the government, made public via freedom of information requests or turned over to interested parties, such as the congressional committee investigating the 2012 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi.

Clinton's email system existed in a grey area of the law - and one that has been changed several times since she left office.

Ten months after she took office, a new regulation allowed the use of private emails only if federal records were "preserved in the appropriate agency recordkeeping system."

Clinton maintains that this requirement was satisfied because most of her emails from her personal account went to, or were forwarded to, people with government accounts, so they were automatically archived.

She said it is the responsibility of the government employee "to determine what's personal and what's work-related" and that she's gone "above and beyond" what she was asked to do.

In November 2014, President Obama signed the Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments, which requires government officials to forward any official correspondence to the government within 20 days.

Even under this new law, however, the penalties are only administrative, not criminal.

The State Department inspector general report, released in May 2016, found that Clinton's email system violated government policy and that she did not receive permission prior to instituting it - approval that would not have been granted had she asked. Such transgressions, however, do not constitute criminal conduct.

FBI director Comey announced the results of a separate FBI investigation and concluded that that while "there is evidence of potential violations" of criminal statutes covering the mishandling of classified infor-

mation, "our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case."

It referred the matter to the Justice Department, which will make a final determination on whether to indict Clinton or her aides.

According to Clinton, she sent or received 62,320 emails during her time as secretary of state. She, or her lawyers, have determined about half of those - 30,490, roughly 55,000 pages, were official and have been turned over to the State Department.

In early August, Clinton signed an affidavit swearing she had turned over all copies of government records from her time in office.

The FBI found "several thousand" work-related emails that were not turned over to the State Department, although it concluded that the emails were deleted prior to 2014 and were not intentionally removed "in an effort to conceal them."

Clinton has said there "were no security breaches" of her server and that robust protections put in place "proved to be effective and secure."

Independent cybersecurity analysts have said that expert hackers can break into email servers without leaving any evidence, however. And commercially available security systems are no match for government-protected systems - but even those aren't invulnerable, as a November 2014 intrusion into the State Department's email system proved.

She has repeatedly said that no classified material was transmitted via her email account and that she sent only one email to a foreign official - in the UK.

But in July 2015, the inspector general of the US intelligence community, Charles McCullough, told Congress she

had sent at least four messages that contained information derived from classified material.

A month later, McCullough revealed that two of the emails contained information deemed "top secret" - the highest classification level.

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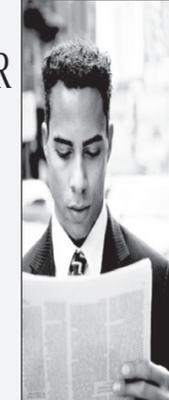


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Quinton featured artist at More Than Lemons

John E. Quinton Jr., a Holton High School alumnus, will be the featured artist at More Than Lemons during this weekend's Second Saturday event, it has been announced.

The art opening with Quinton at More Than Lemons will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 9. More Than Lemons is located on the east side of the Holton Square. Refreshments will be served.

Quinton is an architect and artist with a passion for architectural photography, contemporary design and philanthropy.

Born in Brockton, Mass. in 1966, Quinton spent his childhood in northeast Kansas and graduated from Holton High School in 1985. From there, he attended Kansas State University and received his bachelor's degree in architecture in 1990.

After graduating from KSU, Quinton moved to Kansas City and began his architectural career with Franklin Frieze Boice. During his 25 years with the firm, now known as BRR Architecture, the staff of six has grown to more than 230 employees with 10 offices across the country and has been named by Architectural Record magazine as the top retail architectural firm in the United States.

Quinton's appreciation for beauty in the built environ-



John E. Quinton Jr.

ment has been enhanced through his education and professional experience, he says. The current focus of his work is to capture and convey this beauty in urban landscapes.

While architectural photography remains his primary medium, Quinton is exploring other creative outlets such as art, architecture and graphic design.

Studio Q, LLC. was established in 2014 with the purpose of positively impacting others through design. Quinton's passion for philanthropy is exhibited in the company's vision - 10 percent of the profits are donated to charities.

Movie Night..

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The public is invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets for the movie, which will be shown on the east side of the Jackson County Courthouse at dusk.

In "Nanny McPhee," widower Cedric Brown (Colin Firth) hires Nanny McPhee (Emma Thompson) to care for his seven rambunctious children, who have chased away all previous nannies.

Nanny McPhee uses mystical

powers to instill discipline. When the children's great-aunt and benefactor, Lady Adelaide Stitch (Angela Lansbury), threatens to separate the kids, the family pulls together under the guidance of Nanny McPhee.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for a future date.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 364-3963.

Pleasant Valley Rustlers meet

By Marcus Pruett
Reporter

The June meeting of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club was held on June 12, 2016. Joel called the meeting to order. The pledge and song were led by Lora and Josh. Jerilyn announced roll call with, "What is your favorite brand of athletic wear?" Then, Jerilyn read the minutes of the last meeting.

The treasurer's report was given by Judd. JoAnn read the leader's report. She gave club members fair packets. Pre-entries were due by July 1. Pre-fair judging is July 19. The club is signed up for the concession stands.

Jerry gave a 4-H council update. Jerilyn and Lora were in charge of the program.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 10.

City Commission..

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"I don't think you can make a bad choice here," Morris said. "But I tend to lean toward the one the city has worked with on previous water projects... Familiarity's the only reason that I'm leaning this way."

Ashcraft reminded commissioners that when engineering firms were contacted for estimates on the city's projects, the requests only involved the water treatment plant and the Prairie Lake spillway. But with the heavy rains the city received near the end of May, he said, estimates for repair of the Elkhorn Lake spillway was added to the requests.

The city closed the road across the Elkhorn spillway in early June, with city officials noting that runoff from rain into the lake had caused a "potential safety issue" at the spillway. Both roads leading to the spillway — Forrest Avenue and Oak Avenue — remain open to residences along the lake, and Oak remains open for access to the Elkhorn water pump station.

Commissioner Dan Brenner said the situation has not improved at the Elkhorn spillway, adding that the "pilings" at the spillway would need to be built back up before the road on the north side of the lake could be opened to traffic again.

McKee also asked commissioners to consider inviting representatives from both EBH and BG Consultants to the commission's Monday, Aug. 1 meeting to make presentations on their engineering proposals. But Morris, noting that the representatives "are going to say the same thing," suggested the city go ahead and accept the proposal from EBH.

"You've got to go with who you're comfortable with," Morris said.

New Laws..

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It is also now illegal to use drones to stalk or harass people, as new laws have gone into effect that redefine harassment in the state's Protection from Stalking Act to include "flying a drone over or near any dwelling, occupied vehicle or other place where one many reasonably expect to be safe from uninvited intrusion or surveillance."

Government transparency: A new law empowers the state attorney general to take action enforcing local government open-meetings and open-records laws. Another makes private e-mails from public officials pertaining to public business subject to the Kansas Open Records Act.

Liquor: Kansas residents may bring their own bottles of wine or other alcoholic beverages to any business that will let them, thanks to expansion of a law that originally allowed BYOB classes at art studios but now includes all businesses. Another new law bans the sale of "powdered alcohol," but loosens laws on drinking on public property and handing out samples of alcoholic beverages.

Another new law, known as "Mija's Law," sets harsher sentences for drunken and drugged drivers who crash and cause disabling injuries to others. The new law is named for Mija Stockman, a McPherson teacher who suffered disabling injuries in a 2013 accident. Still another new law makes it more difficult to expunge a DUI conviction or breathalyzer refusal from a person's criminal record.

Cigarettes: Smokers will now be charged an extra 50 cents per pack in tobacco taxes, bringing the total tax to \$1.29 per pack, as a means of helping the state clear its budget shortfall.

Welfare: Kansans will only be able to receive cash assistance from the state for two years over

the course of their lifetimes. That cash assistance had previously been limited to 36 months, or three years.

Religious freedom: Religious-based campus groups at public colleges and universities may now restrict group membership to those who share their particular beliefs. This new law does not affect private universities.

Gambling: As of Friday, Kansans are now allowed to bet on daily "fantasy league" contests without breaking the state's gambling laws. Another new law legalizes the practice of selling chance tickets for prizes to raise money for non-profit groups, a practice that has been widespread but technically illegal for several years.

Wildlife: A new law that applies to ranch owners who raise "cervids" — any member of the deer, elk or moose family of animals — requiring them to identify animals that are transferred off their ranches to the state, unless the cervid is bound for the slaughterhouse. Previously, domestic cervids had to be identified with tags, tattoos or ear notches.

Tanning beds: Anyone under the age of 18 is prohibited from using tanning beds, according to a new law. The law's supporters contend that it will reduce the risk of skin cancer for young Kansans, while its critics say whether minors should be allowed to "fake bake" should be decided on by their parents.

Restraints: A new law prohibits the restraint and seclusion of students in schools, except in cases where those students present an immediate danger of harm to themselves or others.

Parking for veterans: Disabled military veterans are now allowed to park in publicly-owned parking facilities without charge.

Approved minutes from their June 20 meeting and budget appropriations made since that meeting.

Approved the appointment of Nadine Fisher to the Beck-Bookman Library board of directors, replacing Sean Kelly.

Approved the appointment of Amy Haussler to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board, replacing Vicki Vossler.

Heard a report from Commissioner Mike Meerpohl on demolition work on a residential structure at the John Zibell property at 1003 Kansas Ave., which is "coming along well." The city declared the structure a public nuisance earlier this year and gave Zibell an Aug. 16 deadline for demolition of the structure.

Noted that the city's new street sweeper has been received and is in service.

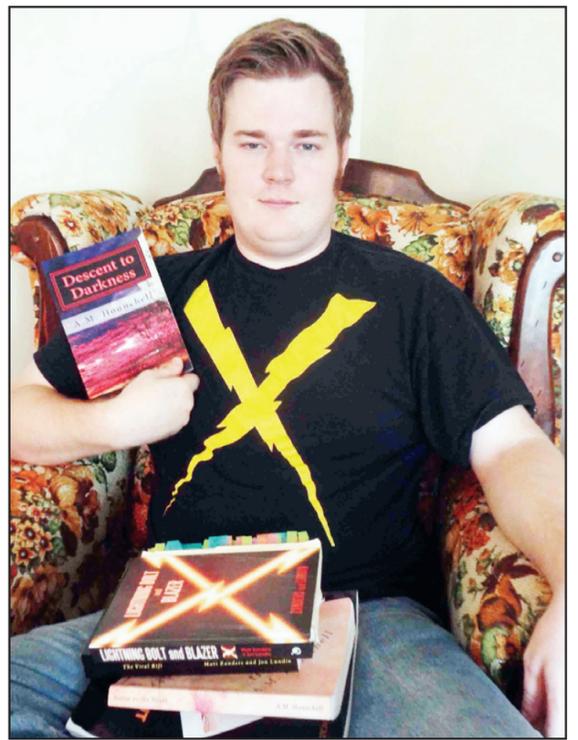
Heard a comment from Meerpohl about water shut-off valves sticking up through the street on Comanche Drive.

Heard a request from Brenner to have signs placed at the tennis courts at Linscott Park stating that "nothing with wheels" is allowed on the courts.

Heard a comment from Brenner that the Kansas Department of Transportation has received the joint letter from the city, Jackson County and Holton Community Hospital leaders requesting safety modifications along U.S. Highway 75 near the entrance to HCH north of Holton.

Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters with McKee and Riley present.

Adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m. All commissioners were present.



Hoyt native Alex Houchell is shown above with his published novels. Houchell recently published his fourth novel, "Running Out Of Time." He is a student at Washburn University. Submitted photo

Houchell..

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"Washburn is a great school to go to if you want to study English," he said. "I've really learned not to let small things bother me when I write because you can always change them. It's less about getting it perfect the first time and more about just getting it out there."

In his years of writing and studying, Houchell said he's grown as a writer.

"I am definitely not afraid of making mistakes," he said. "If someone doesn't like something that I write, that's okay. It's something I like to do even though it may be different. I try not to let conventions pull me down."

Between school and a job at Zales, Houchell said when

writes, it's like a sprint. "I try to do quick spurts when I can a few hours every week," he said.

Houchell works alongside former RV classmate Jon Lundin to produce the "Lighting Bolt & Blazer" series, which is written under the pen name Matt Zanders.

His other novels are written solo and are written under the name AM Houchell. All of the books can be found online on Amazon.com.

"I am actually quite surprised how many things I've finished in a few years," he said.

Houchell graduated from Royal Valley High School in 2012. He is the grandson of Roberta and Bill Elmer of rural Hoyt.

Potawatomi Methodist

By Ilene Dick

Sunday, July 3, was a cool day, a surprise for July in Kansas. The rains this weekend were a blessing for the area. Our rain gauge had 3 1/2 inches, which were similar reports in this area.

Pastor Howard opened the service at Potawatomi United Methodist Church and asked for announcements, joys and concerns. An invitation to the bridal shower for Anna Pugh and Darby Comer was announced and is posted on the bulletin board for the church family.

Prayer concerns were raised for Kevin and Angie Rawlings, as Angie has been hospitalized with cellulitis; Sandra Williams having a setback with therapy; the family of Lily Hall's co-worker, whose mother-in-law died; and for Jessie Thoman beginning her new job in Massachusetts. We wish her well with her work, and that she will quickly adjust in a new location and new friends. Prayers are with Tina Pugh for a fast recovery from a cold.

Acolyte was Laura Schreiber. Martha Roush led the scripture from I Corinthians 3:16. Hymns were "There's Something About That Name," "America" and "Spirit Of The Living God." Music was provided by Ilene and Ann.

Laura Schreiber gave the special, sharing a beautiful poem titled "May These Be Your Blessings" by Barbara Burrow.

The birthday song was sung to Leetha Smith and Pastor Howard Sudduth.

Jim Shenk was the offertory usher.

The scripture text was from Acts 2:14-21, with the title of Pastor Howard's sermon being "Old Men, Dreams And The Spirit." The question was asked, "When we grow old, how can we be better, not bitter?"

Peter was telling the people they should be listening to the believers. Joel had seen that Israel was not fulfilling the instructions of the Lord. Peter began quoting his scripture passage to the people.

It was hard for the old people to dream more, but if the Holy Spirit is present, they will. James 2:26 says the body without the Spirit is dead.

How to live when old needs four ways: 1. Pondering, 2. Prayer - nurtures our souls, 3. Passion - regain passion through power of the Spirit, 4. Perseverance - search for God - life changing through faithful service.

Dreams and visions come to men, but only through God.

Pastor Howard served Holy Communion, assisted by Betty Bowser.

Kaden Swain spent Thursday, June 30, with Judy and Donnie Thoman. They enjoyed an afternoon of fishing at their pond. On Friday, July 1, Judy attended Brian Dorris' ball game in Holton.

Cecil and Betty Bowser attended a cookout on Saturday evening, July 2, at the home of Daren and Elizabeth Holaday and family celebrating Garrett Holaday's July 3 birthday.

Marjean and Jim Shenk enjoyed having Marilee Bernard-Shenk's family visiting with them and other family members for two weeks. They also went to Tonganoxie this week to see a brand new great-grandson, Llewyn Daniel.

Lily Hall and family enjoyed a cookout on Sunday, July 3. Her son, Joe, came to do the grilling.

Congratulations to the Holton wrestling team that placed first in the Topeka City Wrestling tournament. Kolby Roush is a member of the Holton wrestling team and is the great-grandson of Loren and Martha Roush.

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