



Yesterday afternoon at The-Golden-Fleece, located on the west side of the Holton Town Square, business owner Paul Abell (center) watched a couple of local customers weave and knit at a table set up near the front window of the business. Marilyn Switzer, shown above at left, worked at weaving a tapestry bracelet while Rose Smith, shown above at right, worked at knitting a doll sweater. With the weather outside at about zero degrees, the weaving and knitting handiwork looked like a relaxing way to spend the afternoon.

Photo by David Powls

Flu cases on the rise here

By Brian Sanders

In recent days, the number of influenza cases has increased dramatically, and health and medical professionals are urging people to take precautions against the flu.

"Last year, it seemed to peak in February," said Angie Reith, nursing supervisor at the Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department of the number of reported flu cases. "This year, we're seeing it peak a little bit early — at least, we're seeing the spike up earlier in December instead of in January."

The most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) map tracking influenza activity shows "widespread" flu activity in all of the continental United States except for the District of Columbia. In northeast Kansas, however, the number of flu reports is starting to show a decline.

"Between the first two weeks of the year, we did see a very tiny decrease," Reith said. "I'll be curious to see the next set of data that comes out to find out whether we're going up or going down."

According to the CDC, the flu is characterized by a fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue. Some people may also experience vomiting and diarrhea, although this is more common in young children than in adults, it

was reported.

People of all ages can be susceptible to the flu virus, although some are at higher risk than others. Those include people age 65 and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions as asthma or diabetes, pregnant women and young children.

Local school officials said the number of students being out of school because of the flu tends to vary. Holton superintendent Bob Davies cited one day prior to the Christmas break in which 11 percent of students at Holton Elementary School were out, although, as he said, "we didn't ask if it was the flu."

Jackson Heights superintendent and elementary school principal Adrienne Walsh, on the other hand, said that illness-related absences "have not been abnormally high." And Royal Valley superintendent Aaric Walsh noted building administrators "really aren't seeing anything out of the ordinary" on illness-related absences.

Still, regional health and medical professionals are reminding Kansans to get vaccinated, even though concerns have been raised about the effectiveness of this year's flu vaccine against one particular strain of the influenza-A virus known as H3N2.

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Funds still sought for Mayetta spray park

By Ali Holcomb

While bitterly cold wind chills plague northeast Kansas, members of the Mayetta Spray Park committee are thinking of summertime as they prepare to construct a spray park this spring.

Since fall 2016, funds have been raised to install a spray park at Mayetta City Park, and Liz Long, committee member, said the first order for materials has been placed with hopes of opening the park in May.

"We've crossed another threshold. We're at the 90

percent mark of the original goal and have raised \$50,000 for the project," Long said. "The community has been very generous, and we've been amazed at the support from local businesses."

The idea for the spray park came from a group of residents wanting to add a new feature to the city's park.

Spray parks have no standing water, which makes them safer for younger children. Water from the park is also recirculated in order to reduce maintenance costs, Long said.

A variety of fund-raisers have been held for the project throughout the past year and a half.

Long said that several components have recently been purchased for the spray park, which will include a 40-foot by 50-foot concrete pad.

The spray park will include a timer box and activator button so it's not running when it's not being used, as well as a water filter. A holding tank was also ordered and some LED lighting.

"It's more than a semi-worth of materials," Long said.

The spray park will be built near the restrooms at the Mayetta park since a waterline is already located there. The spray park will include 50 in-ground spray nozzles, and so far, two above-ground features have been ordered.

"What we ordered so far has the capacity to support seven above-ground features, so we're hoping to be able to raise an additional \$25,000 to buy five more," Long said. "We'd like to purchase a ladybug feature with

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Possible scheduling changes at HMS discussed

By David Powls

A group of Holton Middle School staff members met with the school board here Monday evening to present some options regarding possible HMS scheduling improvements for next year.

The number of middle school students attending HMS next year is expected to increase by about 13 students over the number attending school there now. Currently, 83 sixth graders, 90

seventh graders and 83 eighth graders attend HMS.

The sixth grade class next year is expected to be 96, or more.

At earlier school board meetings, the idea of moving the entire sixth grade class out of HMS to the new elementary school campus "annex" building was discussed.

The HMS group at the school board meeting Monday evening favored keeping the sixth grade at the middle school.

Annette Marten (HMS school counselor) and Judy Ireland (HMS English teacher) joined Micheal Kimberlin (middle school principal) in reviewing five different options that the HMS group had developed regarding possible scheduling scenarios for next year.

Other members of the HMS staff helping to determine the options included Keri Miller, Audrey Baxter, Eunice Klahr, Randall Bond, Jayme Malsom,

John Deitrich, Lisa Baumgartner and Stacy Laswell.

The first option presented was making no scheduling changes. HMS staff said they could handle the influx of more students and have done that before in the past.

This option would, however, require adjustments to allow for more space/furniture for the extra students in some classrooms

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Extreme cold hits county

By Brian Sanders

Students at Jackson County-area schools saw their three-day weekend extended by a day on Tuesday as wind chills in negative double digits prompted school and government officials to encourage people to stay at home and warm.

According to the Banner Creek Science Center weather station, Tuesday morning's zero-degree low temperature combined with light winds to produce a wind chill of 20 degrees below zero. The weather station also reported a wind chill of 16 degrees below zero just before midnight Monday.

The National Weather Service in Topeka had issued a wind chill advisory effective until noon on Tuesday, predicting that wind chills would range from 15 to 25 degrees below zero and warning that "frostbite and hypothermia can occur if

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This photo of longhorn cattle standing on the front porch, and in front of, an old farmhouse about three miles west of Holton along Kansas Highway 16 on a sub-zero degree winter morning, was taken yesterday. A clever caption might be: "Honey, I'm home. Please open the front door!"

Photo by David Powls

Water issues continue at HES

By David Powls

More than a month after Holton USD 336 officially notified patrons about some elevated levels of copper and lead in water at the new elementary school, the problem continues with no fix in sight.

Bob Davies, superintendent of schools, told members of the school board here Monday night that bottled water, provided by the general contractor for the school building project, is still being used at the school.

Davies said he could not provide the school board with a timetable to resolve the water issue because no timetable has been established yet.

"Nabholz (the general contractor) is trying to hire another company to come in to determine whether the problem is with the water, the piping or the pipe fittings," Davies said.

Davies said that, in the meantime, he is seeking information from officials at other new schools that may be facing the

same, or similar, water issues.

Davies said that he had learned through a contact with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment that KDHE was aware of at least one other school with similar water issues.

An issue with the water quality at the new elementary school was first identified about a year ago.

Davies said school staff originally believed the water issue was the result of some "cross-connections" from maintenance adding some cleaning chemicals to water in the building.

After several months of efforts to eliminate any cross-connection issues, Davies said, the decision was made to have the city of Holton test the water.

When some water sample results came back with elevated lead and copper, Davies said, the next step was contacting the engineers and builders of the school.

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Court case filings up in county in 2017

By Brian Sanders

Jackson County District Court personnel were a little busier during 2017 than in the year before, although the total number of case filings has dropped in recent years, it was reported.

For the calendar year 2017, a total of 2,237 cases were filed, an increase of 91 over the 2016 total of 2,146 cases and a decrease of 174 from the total of 2,411 cases filed during 2015, according to annual court figures provided by District Court Clerk Colleen Reamer.

Part of the overall increase was attributed to a significant rise in the number of traffic tickets processed by court

staff over the year, mainly in the area of motorists being ticketed for driving while their licenses were cancelled, suspended or revoked (DWS).

In 2015, a total of 175 DWS tickets were issued; in 2016, 151 such tickets were issued; and in 2017, the number of DWS tickets jumped to 418.

Fewer tickets for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs (DUI) were issued and processed during 2017, it was noted, as 62 tickets were issued during the year, compared to 72 in 2016 and 111 in 2015.

And the number of regular traffic cases — including such

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 18

*9 a.m. FFA speech at Marysville for Jackson Heights students.

*10 a.m. Blood drive at Holton Community Hospital blood drive, held at 1110 Columbine Dr. in the conference room. For more information, contact Rachel Dean at 364-9649.

*4 p.m. HHS and WHS JV/V Scholars Bowl at Holton.

*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. Valley Falls at JH.

*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball at Jeff West.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS 8th grade boys basketball vs. Sabetha at RVMS.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS 7th grade boys basketball vs. Sabetha at RVES.

*WHS TVL basketball at Onaga, time TBA.

*6 p.m. WMS basketball vs. SPSS.

*Thrive! Jackson County introductory class, held at EUM Church in Holton. Dinner at 5:45 p.m., class from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Use the

south door.

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

Friday, Jan. 19

*HHS KSU Concert Band Clinic.

*WHS TVL basketball at Onaga, time TBA.

*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.

Saturday, Jan. 20

*HHS KSU Band Concert Clinic.

*WHS TVL basketball at Onaga, time TBA.

*4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mayetta Fire Department annual soup supper, held at the fire station, 200 E. Jones St., Mayetta. Free-will donations will be accepted. Burn permits for 2018 will be available.

*The Samuel Linscott DAR chapter will meet at the Denison State Bank conference room in Holton.

Sunday, Jan. 21

*Attend the church of your choice.

*HHS KSU Concert Band Clinic.

Monday, Jan. 22

*The Jackson County Commission meets at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at 9 a.m. at the Hoyt Community Building parking lot the fourth Monday of every month.

*9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Soil health workshop, held at Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 227 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton. For more information, call 364-3329 ext. 136.

*No school for Wetmore students.

*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball at Pleasant Ridge.

*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball at Riverside.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS 8th grade boys basketball at Hiawatha MS.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS 7th grade boys basketball at Hiawatha Armory.

*7:30 p.m. Royal Valley USD 337 Board of Education meeting.

*FBLA District II contest at JCN.

*Jackson County Arts will meet at Better Than Lemons on the east side of the Holton Square.

*NAMI Topeka two-family workshop classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Countryside U.M. Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Rd., Room #4, Topeka. For more information, contact Marilyn Rowland at (785) 806-3049.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

*6:30 p.m. WHS Honors Banquet.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

*HMS/HHS Washburn Youth Wind Ensemble.

*8:30 a.m. WHS KAY conference at Axtell.

*9:30 a.m. Late start for all Royal Valley students.

*WHS TVL Scholars Bowl at Centralia, time TBA.

*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.

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School Lunch Menus

Jackson Heights

Monday, Jan. 22: Breakfast – Sausage biscuit, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken tetrazzini, garlic breadsticks, peas, salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Breakfast – Western omelet, whole-wheat tortilla, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Vegetable beef soup, whole-wheat crackers, broccoli and cauliflower, fruit, cookie and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pulled pork sandwich, ranch fries, corn, coleslaw, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes, yogurt, strawberries, blueberries, sausage patty, juice and milk; Lunch – Taco salad, tortilla chips, tomato salsa, refried beans, lettuce salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 26: Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole-wheat roll (9-12), cucumber slices, fruit and milk.

Holton

Monday, Jan. 22: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on bun or fruit yogurt parfait, lettuce and tomato, oven fries, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chili or chicken nuggets, tortilla chips (9-12), cinnamon roll, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Breakfast – Homemade cinnamon roll or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets and roll or pizza, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Breakfast – Sausage biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Baked ham and biscuit or grilled chicken sand-

wich, green beans and carrots, fresh fruit, honey apple crisp (9-12) and milk.

Friday, Jan. 26: Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes and sausage or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Pizza or macaroni and cheese with meatballs, roll and jelly (6-12), baked beans, baby carrots, fresh fruit and milk.

Royal Valley

Monday, Jan. 22: Breakfast – Mini bagels, fruit and milk; Lunch – Burrito with salsa, refried beans, corn, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Breakfast – Sausage breakfast sandwich, fruit and milk; Lunch – Grilled chicken sandwich, potato wedges, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Breakfast – Late start, no breakfast served; Lunch – Italian dunkers, green beans, salad, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chili with fritos, cinnamon puffs, corn, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 26: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken leg, mashed potatoes with gravy, pepper strips, fruit and milk.

Wetmore

Monday, Jan. 22: No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Turkey tender, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned green beans, fruit cocktail, whole-grain roll and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Chili, rabbit food and pickle spears, apple smiles, whole-grain cinnamon roll and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Italian dunkers, spinach garden salad, steamed broccoli, strawberries and bananas and milk.

Friday, Jan. 26: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Pulled pork tochos, corn, grapes, whole-grain muffin and milk.

Note: Menus subject to change.

Jackson Co. Senior Menus

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

Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made by 9:30 a.m. same day.

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

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 22 through Friday, Jan. 26 are

as follows:

Monday, Jan. 22: Goulash, Italian vegetables, strawberries and bananas, ice cream and French bread.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Baked chicken breast, rice, cooked cabbage, cherry/pineapple jello salad, cookie and roll and margarine.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Baked potato bar with baked potato, chili, broccoli, cheese cranberry salad and cake.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, Japanese vegetables, fruit pie and bread and margarine.

Friday, Jan. 26: Salmon patty, macaroni and cheese, California blend vegetables, mandarin oranges and bread and margarine.

MARKETS

STOCKS

Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	36.72	-0.18
CenturyLink	17.34	-0.02
Lowe's	100.97	+0.11
Target	74.96	-1.84
Hershey	108.29	-0.98
Walmart	100.69	-0.18
Phillips 66	103.50	-1.47
US Bancorp	57.17	+0.19
Pfizer	36.60	+0.06
Deere & Co.	167.54	-1.76
United Parcel	132.88	-1.21
Apple	176.19	-0.90
Facebook	178.39	-0.98
Westar Energy	50.84	+0.55
Goodyear	33.50	-0.41

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$3.55
Corn	\$3.12
Milo	\$3.53
Soybeans	\$8.89

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

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	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$2.34	+\$0.110	+\$0.149
National Average	\$2.52	+\$0.090	+\$0.187
Holton Average	\$2.37		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018.



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- 1st Place Winners in Poster and Bookmark Art Contest
- Election of Two Supervisors, Door Prizes and Giveaways
- The meal is provided compliments of The Farmers State Bank, Holton National Bank and Denison State Bank.

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Middle, high school honors noted at Heights

The following students have been named to the honor roll for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year at Jackson Heights High School and Jackson Heights Middle School, it has been reported.

Principal's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA)

12th Grade: Hanna Davault, Braden Dohl, Brady Holliday and Kate Lierz.

11th Grade: Faith Little, Trinity B. McMahon, Curtis Niehus and Sydney Raborn.

10th Grade: Abby Brey, Kylie Dohl, MaKenzie Kennedy, Jerilyn Nelson, Grace Roles and Jodi White.

Ninth Grade: Garrett N. Klahr.

Eighth Grade: Annalysse R. Allen, Shelby Rachel Fox, Silas

D. Holliday and McKenzie J. McMahon.

Seventh Grade: Heather B. Mandala, Mallori G. Mulroy and Kanyon R. Olberding.

Gold Honor Roll (3.67-3.99 GPA)

12th Grade: Evan Fox and Chase Gigstad.

11th Grade: Karley J. Dieckmann, Grace Elizabeth Linck, Caitlyn Morrissey and Kolby Rethman.

10th Grade: Erin N. Curtis, Blayne Gibson, Drew Holliday and Alyssa Teter.

Ninth Grade: Paige M. De-neault and Sarah E. Marshall.

Eighth Grade: Grant Amon, Ian D. Anderson, Daniel L. Little and Sadie A. Raborn.

Seventh Grade: Taegan K. Binkley, Alexander T. Brown-

ing, Josie A. Buck, Rebekah M. Hutfles and Jesse Ray Joiner.

Green Honor Roll (3.0-3.66 GPA)

12th Grade: Colt Hamner, Garrett Hartman, Alyssa Henry, Samantha Holst, Matthew Keating, Trevor M. Klahr, Charles Ely Ludlow, Tayla Manuel, Judd Nelson, Jason Parker, Alexcia Proffitt, Hope Roles, Tyler Wendorff and Shelby L. Zule.

11th Grade: Jaden E. Baker, Ty Binkley, Emilee R. Borders, Kolten C. Brenner, Brock A. Curtis, Rhett C. Kennedy, Edward C. Mandala, Tanner J. Reed and Lane Thomas.

10th Grade: Quinn Allen, Zachary Armstrong, Bailey L. Hamilton, Skyla F. Howe, Joel Kennedy, Tex Manuel, Kathleen M. Pino, Southern A. Raborn,

Alexander Dean Stirton, Mark Tessoroff, Riley J. Watkins, Andrew Wege and Carson W. Williams.

Ninth Grade: Colby M. Doyle, Alexander S. Edwards, Amaya G. Marlatt, Ben Ros-tetter, Abby Watkins, Jason White and Kati M. Woltje.

Eighth Grade: Allen Dakota Abel, Wyatt Bacon, Jason M. Bosley, Zachary Brucken, Kylee R. Dieckmann, Taihler M. Felps, Curtis D. Hundley, Corbin Jamison, Kylen Kilpatrick, Makayla J. Mock, Reece Williams and Adam Woltje.

Seventh Grade: Bailey A. Brucken, Julian Butto, Jaethen A. Carl, Haden S. Doyle, Makenna R. Rieschick, Kaylee A. Thompson, Gavin L. Will and Jude Williams.

Teens sentenced in WAC vandalism

By Brian Sanders
Two Netawaka teens convicted in December in connection with the vandalism at Wetmore Academic Center just before the start of the current school year will be placed on probation following a brief stay in jail, Nemaha County Attorney Brad Lippert said yesterday afternoon.

At a sentencing hearing held yesterday in Nemaha County District Court, Jayme Hodge and Jarred Kramer, both 18, were sentenced to 12 months in jail on individual charges of theft and six months on individual charges of criminal damage to property in connection with the early August vandalism of the Wetmore school.

"They were remanded to the Nemaha County Jail to serve 10 days, after which both Hodge and Kramer will be placed on 24 months probation," Lippert said.

Hodge and Kramer had been formally charged in Nemaha County District Court with burglary, felony criminal damage to property and theft in connection with the school vandalism, which occurred sometime between 10:30 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 7 a.m. on Aug. 3, according to a Nemaha County Sheriff's Department report.

At that time, it was re-

ported that someone broke into and vandalized the school and ball field concession stand, causing approximately \$65,000 in damages. Clean-up efforts after the incident delayed the start of the school year at WAC by a day, it was noted.

Hodge and Kramer were arrested and formally charged in September, it was reported. Both entered pleas of no contest on Dec. 12 and were found guilty on the theft and damage charges, with the remaining burglary charge dismissed without prejudice, to be refiled if either commits a new misdemeanor or felony during the probation period, it was reported.

"In addition to court costs and other fees, Hodge and Kramer were ordered to pay restitution totaling \$65,821.72," Lippert said, referring to the amount of damage done in the August incident. "They were also ordered to complete 200 hours of community work service and to refrain from entering any property owned by USD 113."

Wetmore Academic Center is part of the Prairie Hills USD 113 school district, which is based in Sabetha.

"I am relieved that it has been resolved," WAC Principal Rick Schnacker said this morning.

RVMS names second quarter's top students

Students named to Royal Valley Middle School's honor roll for the second nine weeks of the 2017-2018 school year include the following.

Purple & White Honor Roll (A's Only)

Eighth Grade: Karlie Albright, Breana Jewell, Jake Kelly, Samantha Neuner, Catrina Smith, Brett Wende and Emily Wurster-Lowe.

Seventh Grade: Kennedy Bryan, Andrea Clements, Daniel Coleman, Morgan Davis, Gracie Filbert, Olivia Flowers, Nevaeh Grubb, Cheyenne Hittle, Henry Mitchell, Kirsten Reicherter, Abigail Robinson, Brennan Smith, Jaemon Smith and Jase Wege.

Sixth Grade: Zachary Boyden, Joie Boyer, Callie Coleman, Deserae Diekhoff, Gishgo Hale, Savana Hess, Jackson King, Erika Linn, Devon Rodewald, Mackenzie Schmidt, Amanda Smith and Riddick Warton.

Fifth Grade: Hayden Berry, Robert Griffith, Thomas Holcomb, Alexandria Kester, Samantha Klotz, Ashlyn Long, Caliber Miller and Averie Stithem.

Honor Roll (A's and B's)

Eighth Grade: Ethan Boster, Alexandra Cannon, Cooper Daugherty, Megan Fenske, Elaina Heavner, Marissa Jackson, Brady Klotz, Lily Lefferd, Parker Long, Kyle Miller, Cal-

vin Ogden, Levi Parrett, Brianna Potts, Hannah Price, Autumn Wabaunsee and Kendon Wege.

Seventh Grade: Emma De-ghand, Signal Douglas, Abigail Everts, Gavin Flemming, Natalie Fox, Preston Golden, Aedon Hale, Garrett Hammer, Connor Hammes, Catherine Harvey, Tressa Jim, Benjamin Kneisler, Lexi Koch, Eric Koon, Pisi LeClerc, Sherena Penry, Alexa Ribelin, Ryan Russell, Eric Sandoval, Erica Schnacker, Emma Schuetz, Kristen Wahquahboshkuk and Richard Zeller.

Sixth Grade: Mason Ashley, James Bellew, Carson Blackwood, Joshua Boyden, Danielle Branson, Connor Broxterman,

Phoenix Cannon, Ethan Cavinness, Walker Coulter, Josie Hefer, Samantha Howard, Kaiya Hullaby, Logan Jewell, Killie Johnson, Tanaya Mahkuk, Aidan McKinsey, Tyson Parks, Vivian Reynolds, Odessa Schmidt, Alyssa Schuetz, Leilani Sims, Elijah Torres and Ian Torres.

Fifth Grade: Carson Beam, Athena Broadus, Kylie Diekhoff, Lucas Goltz, Jayden Gustafson, Jillian Hammer, Alexander Harman, Dakota Hittle, Reagan Holte, Trulee Jim, Wylie Johnson, Daniel Lewis, Molly Ogden, Elayna Smith, Nicholas Tracy, Aaron Wabskie, Tara Wabskie and Preston Wahquahboshkuk.

First semester honor rolls announced at RVHS

Royal Valley High School students named to the honor roll for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year include the following.

Principal Honor Roll (A's Only)

12th Grade: Garrett A. Hicks, Shannon Marie Nease, Dillon A. Smith and Danielle Kay Stithem.

11th Grade: Hanna Elizabeth Allen, Benjamin Joseph Neuner, Garrett Pruyser and Amanda Jean Sutton.

10th Grade: Hadley Gregory, Lejia Mahic, Holden Elias Mundy, Cassidy Rae Parks and Emma C. Poort.

Ninth Grade: Caleb Andrew Boyer, Josslyn Kelly Coulter, Hayley T. Harman, Morgan Harvey, Kaitlin Renee Humpert, Emma Rose McKinsey, Hannah Leigh Potts, Katie Reicherter, Lilly Ann Rooks, Jazzmyne Shields and Sydney D. Stithem.

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

12th Grade: Blake Joseph Chance, Kathryn Lyn Hanshaw, Paige Elizabeth Ogden, Ashley Dawn Olds, Page Nicole Simpson, Noah MacKenzie Spencer and Ty Marie Stephens.

11th Grade: Emily Albright, Mary Broxterman, Allison Irene

Clements, Eryn Lea Daugherty, Caroline Grace Hanson, Jase Preston, Megan C. Putnam and Charlotte Rooks.

10th Grade: Gavin Cumpston, Gregory Allen Koon, Christian Lee McAlister, McKenzie Ogden and Jaiden Wamego.

Ninth Grade: Luke Anthony Boyden, Alyssa Carlisle, Rhianon E. Conley, Teryn Jay Denzler, Ivy G. Fink, Haley S. Harding, Mae E. Joslin, Trevor Matthews and Stella Rector.

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

12th Grade: Ethan David Ashley, Josie Irene Davidson, Brian-

na Nicole Kesler, Dennis Jacob Kester, Meaghan Nicole Koon, Morgan Blake New, Zachary Wayne Schnacker and Annabella Diana Thompson.

11th Grade: Alyssa Gooderl, Devon James Hale, Skyla Knox-sah and Levi Taylor Wheeler.

10th Grade: Isaac Matthias Burnworth, Courtney Jean Carreno, Janine Gustafson, Courtney Hanshaw, Judson Mathis, Kyle Patterson, Chloe AnnMarie Richter, Samantha Riley, Madison Lee Saia and Hannah Smith.

Ninth Grade: Ellie Jean Coleman, Hayli Renay French, Elizabeth Fern Sutton and Ivan Nicholas Torkelson.

Auction Calendar

Auctions advertised in *The Holton Recorder* qualify to be included in this free auction calendar. Contact Errin or Shannon at 364-3141, email us at holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net or stop by our office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton for details.

• Friday, Jan. 19. Starting at 6 p.m. Special cow and bull auction. Holton Livestock Exchange, 13788 Kansas Highway 16, Holton. For more information, call the sale barn at 364-4114 or Dan Harris at 364-7137.

• Saturday, Jan. 20. Starting at 12 p.m. R & R Suther Farms retirement farm machinery auction. 11415 Davis Rd., Blaine. For more information, contact Cline Realty and Auction at (785) 889-4775 or (785) 532-8381.

• Tuesday, Jan. 30. Starting at 11 a.m. Evelyn L. (Mellenbruch) Lewis estate auction. 13788 K-16 Highway, Holton. For more information, contact Harris Real Estate and Auction Service at 364-7137.

Send school news

All academic achievements and recognitions are news worth publishing. A published account of such honors can be a cherished scrapbook entry. Send *The Holton Recorder* the information about your student's achievements.

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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, Jan. 22 through Friday, Jan. 26 are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 22: Chicago dogs, tater tots, salad

and fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 23: Beef pot pie, beets, yogurt and fruit.

Wednesday, Jan. 24: Baked chicken, asparagus, ranch potatoes and fruit.

Thursday, Jan. 25: Pancakes, sausage, eggs and fruit.

Friday, Jan. 26: Tuna salad sandwich, chips, ambrosia salad and fruit.

Police Calls

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

■ 2:27 a.m. Jan. 4, 600 block of Ohio Avenue, disturbance.

■ 11:17 a.m. Jan. 4, 600 block of Idaho Avenue, animal control.

■ 9:31 a.m. Jan. 5, 800 block of West Second Street, EMS assist.

■ 5:16 p.m. Jan. 5, 500 block of Lowell Drive, alarm.

■ 11:05 p.m. Jan. 5, 500 block of Keller Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 11 a.m. Jan. 6, 900 block of Iowa Avenue, dog bite.

■ 11:26 a.m. Jan. 6, funeral escort.

■ 12:45 p.m. Jan. 6, Elkhorn Lake, kids playing on ice.

■ 8 p.m. Jan. 6, 800 block of West Third Street, citizen assist.

■ 1:06 a.m. Jan. 7, U.S. High-

way 75 at 214th Road, EMS assist.

■ 3:14 p.m. Jan. 7, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, traffic problem.

■ 6:44 p.m. Jan. 7, 700 block of Nebraska Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 7:24 p.m. Jan. 7, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 7:58 p.m. Jan. 7, 100 block of Parkview Court, disturbance.

■ 9:41 p.m. Jan. 7, 700 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 9:10 a.m. Jan. 8, Prairie Lake, area check.

■ 10:50 a.m. Jan. 8, 600 block of West Fifth Street, EMS assist.

■ 11:48 a.m. Jan. 8, 600 block of West Fifth Street, animal control.

■ 1:33 p.m. Jan. 8, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious

activity.

■ 7:19 p.m. Jan. 8, Seventh Street at New Jersey Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 10:03 p.m. Jan. 8, 600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 11:36 a.m. Jan. 9, 600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 3:08 p.m. Jan. 9, 700 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a Jackson County warrant.

■ 8:12 a.m. Jan. 10, Prairie Lake, area check.

■ 11:25 a.m. Jan. 10, funeral escort.

■ 12:02 p.m. Jan. 10, 700 block of Kansas Avenue, tag for tow.

■ 2:38 p.m. Jan. 10, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 8:33 p.m. Jan. 10, Prairie Lake, area check.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

What we have now learned from Hawaii

By William J. Perry

"This is not a drill," announced the emergency alert, and for 37 minutes hundreds of thousands of Hawaiians and tourists were left to contemplate the possibility that an incoming missile might soon end their lives.

Now that we know the "ballistic missile threat inbound" warning was in error, there are urgent lessons to review.

As a former secretary of defense, my advice is we treat the Hawaii incident not as a false alarm but a real one.

It highlighted an emphatically genuine risk that human error or technological failure - or some fatal combination of the two - could result in a horrific nuclear catastrophe.

From what we have learned about Hawaii - a single person clicked the wrong item on a computer drop-down menu - it is clear that the state's alert system is in need of some basic improvements.

Most obviously it should require a two-person instead of a one-person decision system.

A two-person system, long established in comparable military systems, would significantly reduce (but not eliminate) the probability of such a mistake happening again.

But if that is the only change made we would be learning the wrong lesson from this wake-up call. Such a false alert can happen for other reasons than one person's honest error:

*It could result from a deliberate act on the part of an operator who was mentally disturbed or malevolent;

*It could result from a machine (computer) malfunction;

*It could result from hacking by a malevolent individual;

*It could result from hacking from an unfriendly government.

The two-person fix would solve the "honest error" problem but not the others.

What happened in Hawaii is a new manifestation of an old problem.

For decades, Cold War policymakers worried that a false report of missiles flying might prompt a leader to launch real missiles in retaliation.

As a Pentagon official in 1979, I was awakened in the middle of the night by an Air Force watch officer who reported that his screen showed hundreds of Soviet missiles on the way.

For a terrible moment, I thought a nuclear Armageddon was at hand. He quickly reassured me that it was an unexplained technological error. But that incident shaped my thinking for decades.

What if exactly that same error had happened in October 1962, when, as an intelligence consultant during the Cuban Missile Crisis, I returned to my Washington hotel room each night convinced that nuclear war was imminent? We survived multiple Cold War close calls through a combination of good management and - to a troubling degree - plain good luck.

We can't always count on that good luck. While we can take actions to reduce the probability of a false alert, we cannot eliminate the possibility altogether. Therefore we should consider actions that can lower the consequences of another alert.

The consequences in Hawaii were that people were terrified. They were terrified not only because they thought that they and their families were going to die, but because they had no idea of "what to do." That could have led to heart attacks or to automobile accidents, but such results, happily, have not been

reported so far.

That they didn't know what to do is fundamental to a nuclear attack, especially if the missile is carrying a hydrogen bomb.

One hydrogen bomb could kill essentially everyone in a city like Honolulu or Hilo, even if the residents took cover.

So the "what to do" has to happen before the missile is fired. The way to save yourself and your family from being killed in a nuclear war is to keep such a war from happening.

Once the missiles are launched, it is too late. And that is one important lesson we could learn from the Hawaii false alert.

But there is also a second lesson. If the attack alert came from our military warning system, the President would be faced immediately with an existential decision. He would have five to 10 minutes to decide whether to launch our ICBMs before they were destroyed in their silos.

If he decides to launch them, and it is a false alert (that could be caused by any of the reasons given above), there will be no way to call them back or abort them in flight. He will have mistakenly started World War III, a war likely to destroy our civilization.

The U.S. military has been aware of this existential problem for many decades, and it has taken heroic actions to lower the probability of a false alert.

Still, there have been three false alerts, one of which looked very real and could very well have led to a launch decision.

It is to the great credit of our military leaders and the system they have put in place that we have never had a mistaken launch order.

But the danger is actually greater now than during the Cold War, with the emergence of malicious hackers and government-directed hackers.

So the primary lesson from the Hawaii false alert is that even with the highly capable system our military now has in place, we are still vulnerable to such an alert.

And the consequence of a mistaken launch order is no less than the end of our civilization as we know it. That is the problem we face, and no "duck and cover" drills can solve it, or even mitigate it.

Instead we need to get serious about reengaging the Russians on ways of reducing nuclear dangers to both of us; we need to give up our "launch on warning" policy; and we need to reconsider our deterrent forces, putting them in ground and sea forces that do not require launch on warning.

All of these actions will be hard to execute, but the possible consequences of failure are so great that we have a responsibility to give them our highest priority.

Note: William J. Perry is a former U.S. Secretary of Defense.

PLAINS FOLK: More on the topic of homesteading

By Tom Isern

This new book by three scholars from Nebraska - Homesteading the Plains: Toward a New History - is making quite a splash.

Or, to get my metaphor acclimated to the prairies, it breaks new ground.

As explained in my last column, the authors - Richard Edwards, Jacob K. Friefeld, and Rebecca S. Wingo - dispute everything I learned in college about homesteading.



Marshalling new and better evidence, they argue that the Homestead Act was important to the formation of farms throughout the West; that most homesteaders were successful; and that the process operated with minimal fraud.

Homesteading the Plains

thus affirms the positive collective memory of homesteading shared by the descendants of homesteaders: it was hard, but it worked.

One of the things that made homesteading work, and kept fraud to a minimum, was that homesteaders formed self-policing frontier communities.

The guys at the land office were far away, but homesteaders kept one another honest. In fact, Congress encouraged them to combat fraud.

If a settler observed a neighboring claimant committing fraud in the homestead process, and reported it, then he had the right to contest, and possibly earn title to, the claim.

On the other hand, those who made false allegations of fraud were themselves subject to muscular discipline by their neighbors.

As recounted by Edwards et al, a landmark case testing

the self-policing aspect of the homestead process came from Larned, Kan.

The citations for the matter in Homesteading the Plains are sketchy, but I have tracked down some additional details.

It seems one John B. Brown entered a homestead claim in the land office at Larned in 1880.

Two years later a woman named Annie M. Moses (or Annie J., or Annie E., variously reported) contested Brown's claim.

Whereupon another fellow named Brown, Sylvester Brown, also filed a contest.

The acting secretary of the interior had to sort this out on appeal. He ruled that both contests were to be considered, and certainly not only that of Sylvester Brown - who he suspected was a relative of the homestead claimant, filing a contest just to confuse the situation.

The secretary enjoined land

office officials to investigate carefully, to support honest members of the community, because Congress has in various ways invited and encouraged persons to inform against those who are endeavoring to acquire title to the public land fraudulently or illegally.

Two further things draw my interest to this homestead case. First, I don't see why Annie Moses was allowed to contest, because she was a married woman. Her husband, Edward M. Moses, is buried alongside her in Great Bend.

Second, whatever her situation, Annie Moses lived, probably at the time of her homestead contest, in my old home town of Ellinwood!

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

MOLLETTE: Drug companies pillaging U.S.

By Glenn Mollette

President Donald Trump and Congress must end the pharmaceutical robbing of America.

Every day Pfizer, Johnson and Johnson, Roche, Novartis, Merck, Sanofi and others are driving America's indebtedness toward another trillion dollars in drug money debt.



Americans obviously need drugs. I'm talking about the legal kind. These are the medicines, pills, injections, drips and liquids dispensed to you at your local drug store such as CVS, Walgreens, Walmart and your small town independent pharmacist.

Of course there are the mega number of drugs that you may receive if admitted to the hospital. Those are never reasonable.

President George W. Bush trying everything under the sun to be re-elected in 2003 set up a deal with Congress to enact Medicare Part D that covers the cost of prescriptions - Medicare Modernization Act.

The federal government was barred from negotiating cheaper prices for such medicines. Why would the government actually pass a law saying that you can't negotiate drug prices? Simple answer - The drug company lobbyists have funneled about 2

billion dollars into the nation's capital since the beginning of 2003.

In just 2015 and 2016 alone, drug companies spent the equivalent of more than \$500,000 per member of Congress. Congressmen and Congresswomen care most about being re-elected.

A paper released by Harvard Medical School researchers cited the size of Medicare part D program and its lack of government negotiating clout as among the reasons why Americans pay the highest prices in the world for prescription drugs. A co-author of that paper, Ameet Sarpatwari, estimates that Part D accounts for nearly 30 percent of the nation's spending on prescription drugs.

Unbelievable as well, Part D pays far more for drugs than do Medicaid or the Veterans Health Administration.

Both of these mandate government measures to hold down prices. Reports cite Medicare Part D pays between 70 - 80 percent more than Medicaid and VHA.

Why has this continued? Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, who recently retired, received over \$1,303,157 between 2003 and 2016 to his election committee and leadership PAC. Sen. Orin Hatch of Utah has received over \$1,182,560. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, \$995,350. Rep. James E. Clyburn of South Carolina, \$834,508 and Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. of New Jersey

\$731,078. This is only a few of them who have rolled in the drug cash.

Sixty-five year old Americans and up can elect to have D which is a no brainer if you need prescriptions which most senior Americans need. The average cost of Medicare D prescription drug coverage in 2016 was \$41.46 per month. To senior adults on fixed incomes any additional expense is an expense. However, the cost of Medicare D is cheap in comparison to what a trip to the drug store can cost. A hospital stay requiring an expensive treatment can push a medical bill up by thousands. In this day and time it only takes a couple of nights in the hospital to rack up a \$25,000 hospital bill or much more.

Here is the problem, Medicare D allows the Pharmaceutical companies to submit whatever bill they want to Medicare and Medicare is obligated to pay for it. Anything. Any cost. There is no Board of Supervisors negotiating the cost of the medicine that Medicare pays for. Do you think your \$41.46 per month (your cost is probably more now) is actually covering the cost of all of your prescriptions? No, it is not, the American taxpayers are being stuck with the bill. Billions and billions of more debt is being heaped on the American people to cover the real cost of Medicare Part D. From 2003 to 2012 part D added \$318 billion dollars to

the national debt. A report in the 2013 Medicare Trustees reports projects Medicare Part D will add \$852 billion to our debt over the next 10 years pushing it over one trillion dollars.

Conservatives Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah, Mitch McConnell of Kentucky and Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania all voted for this. John Boehner of Ohio, Eric Cantor of Virginia and Paul Ryan of Wisconsin voted for Medicare Part D or the Medicare Modernization Act.

While most Americans on Part D greatly appreciate that our government is eating most of the bill. Americans will be asked to pay more eventually. Our leadership (?) has to fix the problem. Sadly our leadership is being bought so don't expect them to fix it as long as the cash is pouring into their pockets.

President George W. Bush did achieve his goal through the Medical Modernization Act. According to exit polls he increased his share of the over 65 vote to 52 percent in 2004.

President Trump has a lot to do, but he must lead the way to change how we are doing business with the drug companies and Medicare Part D.

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American syndicated columnist and author. He is the author of 11 books and read in all 50 states.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,
Who was the donkey who decided no school on Thursday, Jan. 11?

If there was no school, why did you send the high school wrestling team out on the roads?

Are we more concerned for sports than our future (the

kids)?
Lucky no one was hurt in the accident...

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United Way seeks proposals for basic needs investments in Jackson County

United Way of Greater Topeka is releasing the 2018 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Basic Needs Assistance to provide investment for assistance in the basic needs categories of food assistance, rent and utilities assistance and access to health care and prescription assistance, it has been reported.

A public meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, at Holton Community Hospital, 1110 Columbine Dr., Holton, KS 66436.

The RFP process is open to eligible charitable organizations as designated by IRS Code 170 that provide services in Jackson County. Questions about charitable eligibility should be directed to Brett Martin at (785) 581-0231.

• **Online Proposal Process:** Requests for proposals will be available to organizations via the e-CImpact online community investment management system at noon on Friday, Jan. 19.

• **New Applicants:** New applicants must sign up for an account in the e-CImpact online community investment system. Go to www.unitedwaytopeka.org/work/e-cimpact/ and click on "Agencies - Log in Here." Once on the e-CImpact site, click on "Click here to create a new account" and follow the instructions.

• Existing/Previous Appli-

cants: The launch page for e-CImpact is www.unitedwaytopeka.org/work/e-cimpact/. Click on the link for the agency login and save that link in favorites.

• **Training:** New applicants interested in being trained or agencies needing to train new staff in the e-CImpact online community investment system should contact Joyce Katzer at (785) 228-5127.

Agency representatives should check contact information and update the staff contacts in the profile. Agencies are responsible for keeping this information up to date. UWGT will use this system to alert agencies to community investment grant details and timelines (when reporting opens, deadlines, etc.).

Please delete accounts for staff who have left the organization and add new accounts for those who need access to reporting. Please confirm that the appropriate staff person is identified as the primary contact.

For questions about the 2018 Basic Needs RFP or application process, please contact: Brett Martin, Vice President of Community Impact, at (785) 581-0231.

United Way of Greater Topeka brings together donors, volunteers, companies and non-profits in Shawnee, Jackson and Jefferson counties to create positive sustainable change in

the community. Working with impact partners, United Way increases school readiness, supports on-grade achievement, promotes financial literacy and job readiness and collaborates and advocates for a healthier community.

United Way of Greater Topeka also invests in Basic Needs, the foundation that helps reach impact goals in education, financial stability and health.

In 2012, Jackson County officially became part of United Way of Greater Topeka.

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD N. BARTON, deceased.

Case No. 2018 PR 02

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 8th day of January, 2018, a Petition was filed in this court by Joyce N. DeVader, who has an interest in decedent's estate, asking that she be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Edward N. Barton, and that she be granted Letters of Administration by this Court.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 6th day of February, 2018, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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

/s/ Joyce DeVader
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Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

On Sunday, Jan. 14 at Denison Bible Church, Pastor Tom preached on "Pro-Life At Home Too," based on Judges 11:34-38 — why the normal seemed so horrible. Jephthah, a man of faith, came home from the war and what he met became horrific.

Jephthah was at war when he prayed for God to help him win the battle against the Ammonites. He promised God that if he won the battle, he'd give the Lord a burnt offering of the first thing that came out of his house to meet him when he returned home the victor.

His only child, a daughter, was the first one to come out to meet him. When Jephthah saw her, he realized what he had promised the Lord. Sorrowfully, he told her that he had made a promise to the Lord and could not break it.

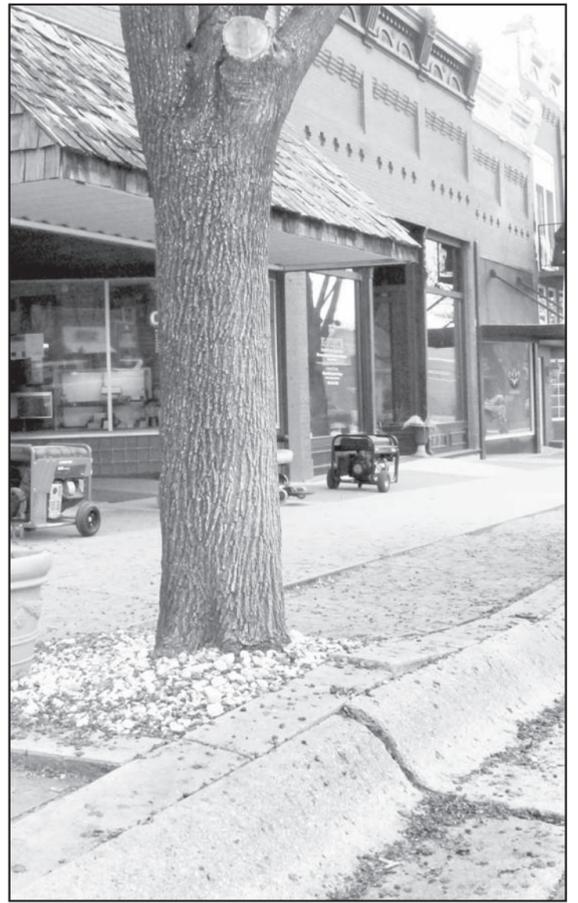
His daughter told him, "Father, you made a promise to the Lord. So do to me just what you promised." She then asked him to allow her two months to walk the hills with her girlfriends to mourn her virginity and the children she would never have.

Jephthah honored her request. He was a tender, loving father, but he had made the vow to the Lord, and he had to keep his promise. He could have easily ignored it — after all, he'd made the promise in the heat of battle. But he was an honorable man and had to keep his word.

His daughter was just as brave as he was honorable. She could have ranted at him for making a vow that sealed her fate, but she loved him and her faith made her strong enough to let her father keep his vow to the Lord. His vow was binding, but her faith was greater.

Jan. 21 is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, a day for recognizing biblical values, such as pro-life ethics, that are under attack in the U.S. and around the world. We are to do everything we can to keep children alive in the womb rather than aborting them.

Every life has value, and we're to help raise them up to be good, productive stewards in life. We have the opportunity and the responsibility to reach out to others with the Word of God. Life matters!



On the north side of Holton's Town Square, tree roots are causing the concrete curbs to heave and expand. The Holton City Commission is looking into repairing the curbs without taking trees off the Square entirely, it has been reported. Photo by Brian Sanders

HHS Student News

Eighth-graders learn about career options

By Madi Kennedy
Freshman Correspondent
Holton High School

The eighth grade students at Holton Middle School got the opportunity to participate in a career unit during the second nine weeks.



Students were able to take a survey to help them start looking for a career in which they were interested. The career unit is designed to inform students with information that will help them plan for their future and what they will do when they get out of high school. There were classroom lessons, teacher presentations, and many more things for the students to learn about.

One of the opportunities eighth graders experienced was job shadowing. Each student was supposed to find a person that they wanted to job shadow. There were kids shadowing all over town.

Middle school counselor Annette Marten said, "It was an awesome opportunity for students to experience a day of work."

Taylor Moore, an eighth grade student, wants to go into the medical field.

"I am leaning toward becoming a nurse practitioner when I grow up," Moore said.

She shadowed Erin Locke at

the Holton Community Hospital. Moore got to experience patients ranging anywhere from treating the common cold to pregnancy care.

Some discovered new careers they had never encountered before.

"I want to be a vet but then I job-shadowed Denny Ashcraft," Amariah Allen said. Allen got to learn about how the Holton water system works and how they speed up the process of recycling. Allen said it was a neat experience.

In January, Marten said hopefully the students will use the information that they learned to help them enroll for their freshman year at the high school and look at completing their four-year plan.

The students' lessons were about the changing world of work. They learned about where to go after high school how to fill out a job application, how to create a resume, how to keep a job, workplace skills and more. There were many high school teachers who presented to the eighth graders.

There were also speakers from Highland Community College and people from the community. This coming spring, students will be attending the Washburn Technical College open house.

The state-mandated that all students have an Individual Plan of Study. This career unit is just one step. The purpose is for students to take what they learned during this unit and make decisions regarding their futures.

OBITUARIES

Christian

Michael "Mike" Allen Christian, 64, Mayetta, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at his home.

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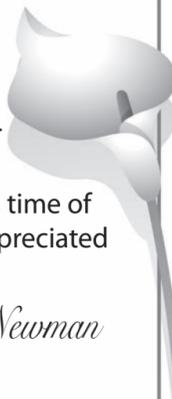
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SPORTS *Wednesday*

Four Wildcat wrestlers medal at 55th Newton Invitational

By Michael Powls

The Holton varsity wrestling team finished in 15th place out of 29 teams at last week's 55th Annual Newton Invitational Tournament of Champions.



Team scores were as follows: Valley Center 184.5, Arkansas City 169.5, Derby 142, Washburn Rural 139, Blue Valley Southwest 135, Maize 128, Manhattan 121.5, Newton 105, Dodge City 102.5, Wichita South 92.5, Andover Central 92, Emporia 89, Olathe South 78, Hutchinson 75.5, Holton 71.5. Winfield 69, McPherson 67.5, Bishop Carroll 67, Wichita Northwest 64, Norton 51.5, Junction City 48, Wichita Heights 47, Riley County 44.5, Andover 40, Maize South 36.5, Marion 23, Wichita East 11. Gardner Edgerton WD, Leavenworth WD.

Four HHS wrestlers placed in the top eight of their weight classes and were awarded medals.

*Senior Lawson Henry placed fifth in the 138-pound class.

*Sophomore Taygen Fletcher placed sixth in the 120-pound class.

*Senior Kyler Tannahill placed seventh in the 285-pound class.

*Sophomore Kolby Roush placed eighth in the 126-pound class.

"The Newton tourney is one of the oldest and largest wrestling tournaments in the state," said HHS Head Coach Cullen Jackson. "As a team, I didn't think we wrestled up to our normal level of intensity, but Lawson, Kolby and Taygen wrestled really well individually and had some good performances."

Coach Jackson said that the Newton tourney provided several of Holton wrestlers with five or six quality matches with great competition.

"I told our wrestlers that even though we did not perform, as a team, at our normal level, we still finished 15 out of 29 teams and only two 4A teams (ranked one and two) finished ahead of us," Jackson said.

This Saturday, Holton High will host the Sadowski Invitational, which will also be a loaded field of good wrestlers for local wrestling fans to watch.

Here's a rundown of how the Wildcats did at the tourney.

106: Freshman Jake Barnes (Holton) - DNP.

Champ. Round 1 - Junior Camacho (Maize) over Barnes (Holton) (Dec 6-2).

Cons. Round 1 - Barnes (Holton) received a bye.

Cons. Round 2 - Ezekiel Rizo (Wichita-Northwest) over Barnes (Holton) (Dec 12-9).

120: Taygen Fletcher (Holton) - sixth place.

Champ. Round 1 - Fletcher (Holton) received a bye.

Champ. Round 2 - Fletcher (Holton) over Ivan Nunez (Wichita-South) (MD 9-0).

Quarterfinals - Gabe Buckbee (Arkansas City) over Fletcher (Holton) (MD 11-2).

Cons. Round 4 - Fletcher (Holton) over Gavin Collins (Topeka-Washburn Rural) (Dec 4-3).

Cons. Round 5 - Fletcher (Holton) over Daniel Rojas (Dodge City) (Dec 7-1).

Cons. Semis - Josh Patch (Andover Central) over Fletcher (Holton) (Dec 3-1).

5th Place Match - Dallas Koelzer (Olathe South) over Fletcher

(Holton) (SV-1 (sudden victory in the first overtime) 3-1).

126: Kolby Roush (Holton) - eighth place.

Trig Tennant (Arkansas City) over Roush (Holton) (Dec 8-7).

Champ. Round 1 - Roush (Holton) received a bye.

Champ. Round 2 - Roush (Holton) over Xavier Sisco (Derby) (Dec 8-2).

Quarterfinals - Jake Patch (Andover Central) over Roush (Holton) (Fall 3:09).

Cons. Round 4 - Roush (Holton) over EJ Kretzer (McPherson) (Fall 2:20).

Cons. Round 5 - Trig Tennant (Arkansas City) over Roush (Holton) (Dec 8-5).

7th Place Match - Izaiah Delvalle (Hutchinson) over Roush (Holton) (Fall 2:21).

138: Lawson Henry (Holton) - fifth place.

Luke Richard (Riley County) over Henry (Holton) (MD 15-6).

Champ. Round 1 - Henry (Holton) received a bye.

Champ. Round 2 - Henry (Holton) over Bobby Thomas (Olathe South) (Fall 5:34).

Quarterfinals - Asiel Flores (Wichita-South) over Henry (Holton) (Dec 8-2).

Cons. Round 4 - Henry (Holton) over Josh Edson (Newton) (Fall 2:54).

Cons. Round 5 - Henry (Holton) over Bryce Wells (Derby) (Dec 8-1).

Cons. Semis - Luke Richard (Riley County) over Henry (Holton) (MD 15-6).

5th Place Match - Henry (Holton) over Seth Nitzel (Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest) (MD 11-2).

152: Junior Cael Jackson (Holton) - DNP.

Champ. Round 1 - Jackson (Holton) received a bye.

Champ. Round 2 - Braydon Hoover (Wichita-Northwest) over Jackson (Holton) (SV-1 13-11).

Cons. Round 2 - Jackson (Holton) received a bye.

Cons. Round 3 - Jackson (Holton) over Brandon Stowe (Olathe South) (Dec 9-6).

Cons. Round 4 - Matthew Stack (Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest) over Jackson (Holton) (Dec 3-1).

160: Senior Ace Eisenbarth (Holton) - DNP.

Nicholas Bahm (Arkansas City) over Eisenbarth (Holton) (Fall 3:50).

Champ. Round 1 - Eisenbarth (Holton) received a bye.

Champ. Round 2 - Triston Wills (Derby) over Eisenbarth (Holton) (Fall 1:22).

Cons. Round 2 - Eisenbarth (Holton) received a bye.

Cons. Round 3 - Eisenbarth (Holton) over Jason Taylor (Dodge City) (TF 15-0 3:32).

Cons. Round 4 - Nicholas Bahm (Arkansas City) over Eisenbarth (Holton) (Fall 2:33).

170: Senior Dylan Aeschliman, DNP.

Champ. Round 1 - Zane Geye, (Riley Co.), over Aeschliman (Holton) (Fall 3:00).

Cons. Round 1 - R. Murphy, (Bishop Carroll), over Aeschliman (Holton) (MD 12-2).

Cons. Round 2 - R.T. Bethea, (Andover Central), over Aeschliman (Holton) (Fall 3:50).

Cons. Round 3 - Britt McGlaughlin, (Ark City), over Aeschliman (Fall 3:56).

182: Freshman Konnor Tannahill (Holton) - DNP.

Brady Bockover (Wichita-Bishop Carroll) over Konnor Tannahill (Holton) (Fall 2:16).

Champ. Round 1 - Konnor

Tannahill (Holton) over Curtis Robinson (Wichita-Northwest) (Fall 1:53).

Champ. Round 2 - Riley Smith (Hutchinson) over Konnor Tannahill (Holton) (Dec 10-9).

Cons. Round 2 - Konnor Tannahill (Holton) over Kell Wood (Andover Central) (UTB 2-1).

Cons. Round 3 - Konnor Tannahill (Holton) over Brayden Miller (Newton) (Fall 2:50).

Cons. Round 4 - Brady Bockover (Wichita-Bishop Carroll) over Konnor Tannahill (Holton) (Fall 1:16).

220: Senior Austin Rollett (Holton) - DNP.

Champ. Round 1 - Tyler Wilson (Andover) over Rollett (Holton) (Dec 2-0).

Cons. Round 1 - Rollett (Holton) received a bye.

Cons. Round 2 - Rollett (Holton) over Tristin Geddes (Hutchinson) (Fall 2:13.)

Cons. Round 3 - Jose Ultrimes (Emporia) over Rollett (Holton) (Fall 1:16).

285: Kyler Tannahill (Holton) - seventh place.

Champ. Round 1 - Kyler Tannahill (Holton) over Brecken Wedel (Newton) (Fall 1:28).

Champ. Round 2 - Kyler Tannahill (Holton) over Austin Records (Andover) (Fall 0:10).

Quarterfinals - Jacob Glendinning (Topeka-Washburn Rural) over Kyler Tannahill (Holton) (Fall 5:51).

Cons. Round 4 - Kyler Tannahill (Holton) over Steehle Limon (Hutchinson) (Fall 0:30).

Cons. Round 5 - Tony Caldwell (Valley Center) over Kyler Tannahill (Holton) (Fall 3:45).

7th Place Match - Kyler Tannahill (Holton) over Hunter Christensen (Manhattan) (Dec 7-0).

Note: Two HHS wrestlers are state-ranked this week in Class 4A. Senior Kyler Tannahill is ranked fourth in the 285-pound class while senior Lawson Henry is ranked fifth in Class the 138-pound class.



RV wrestler Brian Shane, shown above in the top position, went 9-0 in matches last weekend at the St. Marys duals. Shane also recorded six pins in the duals.

Photo courtesy of Kenzie Hegemann

Sadowski tourney here on Saturday

Holton will host the 21st annual Gerald Sadowski wrestling tournament on Saturday.

Besides the host team, other teams competing will include Andover Central, Basehor-Linwood, Bryan High, Central Heights, Chapman, Doniphan West, El Dorado, Gardner-Edgerton, Maur Hill, Olathe South, Oskaloosa, Ottawa, Perry-Lecompton, Riverbend International, Rossville, Royal Valley, Sabetha, Shawnee Heights, Shawnee Mission East, Topeka West and Wichita East.

The tournament will be held on four mats at the Holton High School gym. Weigh-in will begin at 6:30 a.m. that day.

Weight classes will include 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 171, 182, 195, 220 and 285 pounds.

The first round will start at 9:30 a.m. and rounds one, two, three and four will be wrestled on the first available mats.

Rounds five and six and the final round will all be wrestled on three mats.

Medals will be awarded to the top four placers. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams and the "Outstanding Wrestler."

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for students.

JH Cobra boys play tonight in tourney

School closings postponed the start of the Nemaha Central Thunder Classic boys basketball tournament in Seneca, where the Jackson Heights High School boys basketball team was to have opened play on Tuesday afternoon.

Instead, the Cobras are scheduled to play their first game in the tournament against Falls City (Neb.), starting at 5 p.m. today (Wednesday), according to NCHS Athletic Director Warren Seitz.

All games scheduled for Tuesday will be played today, while games scheduled for Thursday and Saturday will be played at their originally scheduled times, Seitz said.

The school closings did not affect the JHHS Lady Cobras' basketball schedule for this week, as their sole game of the week is a home game against St. Marys, starting at 5 p.m. Friday.

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RV Panthers 2nd at St. Marys duals

By Michael Powls

The Royal Valley varsity wrestling team took second place at the St. Marys dual tournament this past Saturday.



The Panthers were victorious in eight duals and only lost one. The dual team scores were as follows:

- *RV 54 - Pleasant Ridge 26
- *RV 51 - Seaman JV 20
- *RV 39 - Atwood 33
- *RV 58 - Atchison 16
- *RV 54 - Mission Valley 23
- *RV 51 - Jeff West 21
- *RV 33 - BVSJW 37
- *RV 66 - Hayden 10
- *RV 60 - St. Marys 18

"Blue Valley Southwest was a great test for our young team," said Royal Valley head coach Doug Spencer. "We matched up fairly evenly, both teams had two seniors, three juniors and then filled the rest of the line up with young wrestlers."

Quo-Jon Tye started Royal Valley off versus BVSJW with a close loss, followed by another tough match for Judson Mathis at 113.

There was a default to Dalton Ware before Caleb McEntire pulled off a much-needed win to put Royal Valley in the lead.

Then Royal Valley's youth showed in the middle weights and BVSJW would rattle off three straight pins.

"Karsen Smith, Bryce Garrison and Nathaniel Howerton bounced us back with three wins, putting us back in the lead," Spencer said.

Zach Burger suffered a defeat to a senior that would be varsity at most schools.

"The deciding match on the dual came down to Nate Buchtel," said coach Spencer. "The match was back and forth. They scored then we scored. They were tied at four a piece. Buchtel took a shot that usually ends with him getting the takedown, but his opponent pulled out some funk and caught us on our back."

Brian Shane received a default at 220.

"Had we done a few things differently, we could have

pulled out the victory and taken first place," coach Spencer said. "Lots to learn from in that dual moving forward."

Royal Valley's individual records at the tournament were as follows:

- *106 - Quo-Jon Tye 4-5.
- *113 - Judson Mathis 8-1.
- *120 - Bryar Barnett 3-1.
- *120 - Dalton Ware 5-0 (0-1 at 126).
- *126 - Caleb McEntire 4-5.
- *132 - Stiles Travis 7-2.
- *138 - Skylar Mechtle 4-5.
- *145 - Joe Lemke 5-4.
- *152 - Karsen Smith 7-2.
- *160 - Bryce Garrison 9-0.
- *170 - Nathaniel Howerton 5-4.
- *182 - Zach Burger 3-6.
- *195 - Nate Buchtel 6-3.
- *220 - Brian Shane 9-0.

"Garrison and Shane led the team going 9-0 and doing a good job leading the team," coach Spencer said. "Shane led the team with six pins. Both wrestlers have been huge contributors in helping develop our younger kids."

The match of the tournament came in the final dual against St. Marys, coach Spencer said.

Dalton Ware ranked fourth in Class 3-2-1A faced off against second ranked Anthony King, in the only match of the tourney to pit two state-ranked kids against each other.

Ware dominated the first period getting three takedowns and a set of nearfalls to lead 9-5.

The second period was more of the same as Ware got another takedown and nearfall, before getting in a scramble and giving up a reversal.

Having dominated on our feet, we chose neutral in the third period. King made a run and gained back two takedowns of his own before Ware would put the match away.

"As King took an arrant shot," coach Spencer said, "Ware caught him in a front head, snap it down and hit an inside cradle that would lead to a third-period pin."

Royal Valley will be back on the mat on Saturday at Holton for the Sadowski tournament.



Royal Valley's Dalton Ware is shown above at right wrestling at St. Mary's last weekend. Ware won five matches that day and is currently ranked fourth in the state in Class 3-2-1A in the 120-pound weight class.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Smith



RVHS Head Wrestling Coach Doug Spencer is shown above visiting with Panther wrestler Nathaniel Howerton at the St. Marys dual last weekend.

Photo courtesy of Lisa Smith



The Wetmore Middle School boys basketball team includes, front row, from left: Weston Schulte, Kyle Wommack, Dierk Hanzlicek, Kurt Shumaker and Brayden McQueen; second row, from left: Kean Haverkamp, Jacob Carls, Grant Fulkerson, Eric Bloom and Colby Hanzlicek; back row, from left: Braden Henry, Alex Rowland, Carter Montgomery and Storm Hackler. Submitted photo



Wetmore Middle School's girls basketball team includes, front row, from left: Faith Bloom, Rachel Vandiver, Karis Larson, Rylie Nichols and Kaylee Footer (manager); back row, from left: Kaitlyn Claycamp, Shyann Moore, Kenzie Strathman, Taylor Fillmore and Campbell Brown. Submitted photo

Twin Valley tourney in progress

The Twin Valley League is in the middle of its league tournament at Onaga this week.

In the first round of girls games on Saturday:

#9 Axtell defeated #8 Washington County 62-61.

#4 Clifton-Clyde defeated #13 Onaga 49-23.

#5 Valley Heights defeated #12 Linn 66-32.

#6 Doniphan West defeated #11 Troy 59-34.

#10 Blue Valley defeated #7 Wetmore 58-44.

In the second round of girls games held on Monday:

#1 Frankfort defeated #9 Axtell 52-35.

#5 Valley Heights defeated #4 Clifton-Clyde 58-37.

#2 Centralia defeated #10 Blue Valley 72-32.

#3 Hanover defeated #6 Doniphan West 72-33.

The consolation girls games on Wednesday are:

#13 Onaga vs. #8 Washington County.

#11 Troy vs. #7 Wetmore.

The upcoming girls games on Thursday are:

#5 Valley Heights vs. #1 Frankfort.

#3 Hanover vs. #2 Centralia.

#9 Axtell vs. #4 Clifton-Clyde.

The consolation girls game on Thursday is:

#13 Onaga vs. #12 Linn.

The upcoming consolation girls games on Saturday are:

#8 Washington County vs. #7 Wetmore.

#12 Linn vs. #11 Troy.

In the first round of boys games:

#8 Axtell defeated #9 Blue Valley 72-50.

#4 Centralia defeated #13 Troy 64-35.

#12 Washington County defeated #5 Linn 45-43.

#6 Valley Heights defeated #11 Frankfort 53-51.

#7 Wetmore defeated #10 Onaga 58-31.

In the second round of boys games:

#1 Doniphan West defeated #8 Axtell 82-57.

#4 Centralia defeated #12 Washington County 55-27.

#2 Hanover defeated #7 Wetmore 67-32.

#3 Clifton-Clyde defeated #6 Valley Heights 67-42.

Consolation games on Wednesday are:

#13 Troy vs. #9 Blue Valley.

#11 Frankfort vs. #10 Onaga.

The upcoming boys games on Friday are:

#4 Centralia vs. #1 Doniphan West.

#3 Clifton-Clyde vs. #2 Hanover.

Consolation games on Friday:

#12 Washington County vs. #8 Axtell.

#7 Wetmore vs. #6 Valley Heights.

#13 Troy vs. #5 Linn.

Consolation games on Saturday are:

#10 Onaga vs. #9 Blue Valley.

#11 Frankfort vs. #5 Linn.



Wetmore High School's winter cheer squad includes, front row, from left: Abby Shumaker and Sophie Amon; back row, from left: Lauryn Scott, Ally Davis and Ashley Flowers. Submitted photo

Lady Panthers rout Red Hawks

By Ali Holcomb

After scoring 32 points in the first quarter, the Royal Valley girls basketball team claimed a decisive win against Hiawatha Monday in a Big Seven League matchup.

The Panthers won 66-17 at home as they prepare to host the Panther Classic tournament Thursday through Saturday.

In the Big Seven League, the Lady Panthers are now 6-3, and Hiawatha drops to 1-8.

The Lady Panthers came out strong against the Lady Red Hawks, with a 45-5 lead at the

half.

In the second half, the Panthers had 21 points and kept Hiawatha to 12 points.

Junior Mary Broxterman led the Panthers with 20 points followed by 16 points from senior Marlyssa Jordan.

The Panthers had three three-pointers, two from Tamo Thomas and one from Jordan. The team was 7-13 at the free throw line. Hiawatha was 3-6 at the free throw line.

This is the second meeting of the teams, as the Panthers and Red Hawks faced off in the season opener with RV winning 41-10.

The Panthers will open this week's Panther Classic tournament at home on Thursday with a game against Chapman at 6:30 p.m. The Panther boys will face Chapman at 8 p.m.



MID-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

Holton boys fall by three, Holton girls win by four

By David Powls

The Holton varsity boys lost by three points to De Soto, 37-34, in its first game at the Tonganoxie Invitational Tournament on Monday.

Senior AJ Haussler led the team with 16 points. Mason Strader had six rebounds and Mason Chanay had five.

De Soto led 8-7 after the first quarter but Holton held their opponents to just two points in the second quarter and took a 16-10 halftime lead.

De Soto went on to outscore Holton 15-10 in the third quarter and 12-8 in the fourth.

The Wildcats made 10 of 33 field goals, 3 of 17 three-pointers and 11 of 14 free throws in the game.

The Wildcats also had 27 rebounds and 14 turnovers.

De Soto made 9 of 38 field goals, 2 of 14 three-pointers, 17 of 29 free throws, had 24 rebounds and seven turnovers.

The Holton boys are scheduled to play next at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday against Tonganoxie and then again on Saturday.

Holton - 7-9-10-8-34

De Soto - 8-2-15-12-37

Holton - Haussler 5 (2) 4-4 16,

Chanay 0 7-10-7, Moylan 3 0-0 6, Wright 1 (1) 0-0 3, Strader 1 0-0 2. Totals 10 (3) 11-14 34.

De Soto - Baruth 2 7-8 11, Barkemeyer 2 3-4 7, Hansen 2 2-2 6, Bell 2 (2) 0-0 6, Jackson 1 3-8 5, Noll 0 2-7 2. Totals 9 (2) 17-29 37.

In the first round of the Basehor-Linwood tourney, the Holton girls beat Park City, Mo. 45-41.

Holton led 15-7 after the first quarter, 23-19 at halftime and 38-28 after three quarters.

Nine Wildcats scored in the game with Shay Tanking's 12 topping the list.

Holton made 12 of 27 field goals and 1-5 three-pointers for 40.6 percent and 18 of 30 free throws for 60 percent.

The Wildcats had 27 rebounds, 11 deflections, 10 steals, 18 turnovers and six assists.

Park City made 13 of 33 field goals and 1 of 8 three-pointers for 34.1 percent. The team made 10 of 20 free throws for 50 percent, had 23 rebounds, eight steals and 18 turnovers.

The Holton girls are scheduled to play Topeka-Hayden at 6 p.m. on Friday. Tourney games continue on Saturday.

Holton girls 15-8-15-7-45

Park Hill girls - 7-12-9-13-41

Holton - Shay Tanking 3 (1) 3-3 12, Barta 2 1-2 5, Lierz 0 1-4 1, Haussler 0 3-4 3, Hickman 0 1-3 1, Saydee Tanking 2 4-5

"This is a nice test for us; a precursor to sub-state," said RV head coach Kyle Porter said of the team's first tournament of the season. "For us, it'll be a test for us to see how we do playing back to back nights. Can we have the stamina and the focus to play hard three straight nights? It's beneficial to know at this part of the season."

RV: 32-13-15-6 - 66

HIA: 3-2-9-3 - 17

Individual statistics:

RV: Broxterman 8 6-4 20, Jordan 7 (1) 1-1 16, T. Thomas 4 (2) 0-2 10, Thompson 2 2-2 6, K. Ogden 3 0-0 6, Shopteese 2 0-0 4, Stithem 1 0-2 2, P. Ogden 1 0-0 2. Totals 28 (3) 7-13 66.

HIA: Hrencher 2 1-2 5, Leupold 2 (1) 0-0 5, Kettler 1 1-2 3, Gilbert 1 (1) 0-0 3, Madsen 0 1-2 1. Totals 6 (2) 3-6 17.

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Members of Royal Valley FFA Parliamentary Procedure team include (from left) Emily Albright, Lindsey Bowden, Cassidy Parks, Holly Mitchell, Alyssa Gooderl, Mary Broxterman and Blake Chance. Submitted photo



The RV FFA Greenhand Parliamentary Procedure team include (from left) Hayli French, Ellie Coleman, Hayley Harman, Ivan Torkelson, Skylar Mechtley, Jack Wiedmann and Nathan DeCoteau. Submitted photo

RV FFA excels at Northeast District Leadership School

By Eryn Daugherty
Royal Valley FFA Member

On Nov. 21, the Royal Valley FFA Chapter participated in the Northeast District Leadership School in Holton.

The purpose of leadership school is to test the leadership abilities of the chapter. Students have the opportunity to show off their skills and leadership qualities.

The purpose of the Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event is to encourage students to learn to effectively participate in a business meeting and

Holton school van involved in minor accident

A Holton USD 336 school van transporting members of the Holton High School wrestling team to a weekend wrestling tournament at Newton on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 11, reportedly "hit a patch of slush" near Salina and slid off the road and into a ditch, according to a report from Bob Davies, superintendent of schools.

Davies said no one was injured in the accident, and the Newton school district provided transportation for the Holton wrestling team the rest of the way to the tournament.

Davies said the Holton school van (an Uplander) sustained two flat tires in the accident. He said he did not know the extent of any other damage to the vehicle, as of yesterday, had not yet been returned to Holton.

Holton USD 336 sent two school vans to the Newton wrestling tourney, Davies said. A total of 10 wrestlers and two coaches went to the tourney. No other details about the accident were provided.

to assist in the development of their leadership, research, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

In the Greenhand division, for the FFA information test, Hayley Harman placed fifth, and the team placed seventh. For Greenhand FFA Rituals, which is the opening and closing ceremonies for FFA meetings, Hayley Harman, Hayli French, Ellie Coleman, Nathan DeCoteau, Ivan Torkelson and Jack Wiedmann placed sixth.

The Greenhand Parliamentary Procedure team placed fifth with members Hayley Harman, Hayli French, Ellie Coleman, Nathan DeCoteau, Skylar Mechtley and Jack Wiedmann.

Members also competed in the chapter division. For the FFA information test, the team placed fourth overall.

The team placed second in Parliamentary Procedure with members Emily Albright, Holly Mitchell, Alyssa Gooderl, Mary Broxterman, Blake Chance and Lindsey Bowden.

In the Parliamentary Procedure exam, Emily Albright placed sixth, and Mary Broxterman placed eighth. In FFA rituals with members Blake Chance, president; Emily Albright, vice president; Alyssa Gooderl, secretary; Mary Broxterman, treasurer; Holly Mitchell, reporter; and Cassidy Parks, sentinel, the team placed eighth.

Overall, in the chapter division, the team placed third at Leadership School, which is the highest Royal Valley has placed since being re-established as a chapter.

Public Notice

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BEFORE THE JACKSON PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 8th day of February 2018 at the Jackson County Courthouse located at 400 New York Ave., Holton, Kansas. The following application will be discussed.

Application filed by Dan Rickel, requesting a vacation

of a Subdivision Plat named Prairie Winds Estates, which is located on the following described Property:

Prairie Winds Estates, a subdivision located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 9, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas, containing 36 lots and including any shown easements, building set-back lines or restrictions.

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

Jason Claycamp
Zoning Administrator
Jackson County, Kansas

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Soil Health Workshop

Monday, January 22, 2018; 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Family Life Center - Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, KS



Kris Nichols is a world-renowned leader in the movement to regenerate soils for healthy food, people and a planet by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural production, sequestering carbon in soil, and providing abundant and nutritious food.

Her current focus is to address current and future agricultural needs by exploring the similarities between the soil and gut microbiomes.

At the workshop she will be discussing farm management impacts on soil biology for soil regeneration to build resilience and improve nutrient density.



Lance Gunderson, is the Director of Soil Health and New Test Development at Ward Laboratories in Kearney, NE.

Lance will explain what the Haney test is and what we can learn from it. He will introduce the different components of the test along with how producers can use some of these measures to help make impactful management decisions of their farms.



Jimmy Emmons is from Leedey, Oklahoma. He and his wife, Ginger, operate a third-generation family farm. They have a 2,000 acre diverse operation that includes wheat, soybeans, cover crops, irrigated dairy alfalfa hay, wheat-corn rotation and a cow-calf operation. They started no-till about 15 years ago and are doing on farm research of cover crops. He serves on the Dewey County Conservation Dist. Board since 2007 and serves on the board of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts.

Agenda:
9:00 a.m. Doors Open - Coffee and Refreshments
9:30 a.m. Kris Nichols "Soil Biology Regenerates Soil to Improve Resilience and Human Health"
10:30 a.m. Jimmy Emmons - No-till, Cover Crops, and Companion Systems.
11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Free—Need to make meal reservation by January 17, 2018.)
12:15 p.m. - Lance Gunderson - The Haney Test: What is it and what can we learn?
1:15 p.m. - Kris Nichols - Continued
2:15 p.m. - Jimmy Emmons - Grazing and why we need animals in the system.
In order to know how much food to prepare, please call for your seating and meal reservation (785)364-3329, ext. 136. by January 17, 2018.
Sponsors include: Jackson County Conservation District, SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education), Arbor Seeding - Shane New, KDA-DCC. "Funding provided by the KDA-DCC through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan."
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Gardener's Corner

Some reading for a cold day

By Sandra M. Siebert

It's tough gardening today.

Ice pellets rattle against the roof as a bitter wind blows. We hit the high of 30 degrees Fahrenheit early this morning. By breakfast time, it had dropped into the low 20s.

I have no complaints, though. I have nowhere to go, and I am relieved that we are having winter weather. Winter time should look and feel like winter. Even during the recent warm weather, I didn't get into the garden much. My psyche and my body need a reprieve.

The garden is never far from my mind, however. Today will be a good day to get online and order seeds. I've already made my list.

Once the seeds are ordered, I might want to curl up with a good book. Currently I'm more drawn to novels and subjects other than gardening. I am now rereading "Jackalope," by Denise Low, which is just as mesmerizing the second time through as it was the first.

I thought that most all of my books on gardening were references rather than sit-down-and-read-through types. My favorite reference book is "The Organic Gardener's Handbook of Natural Insect and Disease Control."

I refer to it frequently, particularly for insect control, as it has color photos of many common insect pests, as well as beneficial insects. When I went searching for it, I discovered that I have quite a few books about gardening, such as "Grandmother's Critter Ridder," which I have not yet given a good perusal. Its subject matter is obvious by the title.

Two more of my favorite references aren't about gardening, but they are about plants. I frequently pull out old copies of "Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines in Kansas" and



"Kansas Prairie Wildflowers" when I'm curious about the identity of wild plants that I encounter.

Not all of my garden-oriented books are how-to in nature, however.

I loved "People with Dirty Hands" in which author Robin Chotzinoff wrote essays about various real gardeners, such as a guy who grows hundreds of tomato plants, up to 100 varieties, in Colorado. One of my favorite accounts is of a woman with mental illness who tends a tiny garden at a women's shelter in Washington, D.C., who said, "Gardening is all there is, while you're doing it." Chotzinoff covered private and public gardens, as well as her own experiences.

I'd almost forgotten about "Buffalo Bird Woman's Garden," which was first published in the early 20th century. The author transcribed ancient indigenous American methods of cultivating and storing food, as well as some traditional recipes, as told to him by Buffalo Bird Woman, a member of the Hidatsa tribe.

Next I rediscovered "Sunflower Houses" and "Hollyhock Days," both by Sharon Lovejoy, which capture a child's view of gardens. She recalled making dolls with hollyhock flowers and described how to make child-friendly retreats with sunflowers and morning glories - sunflower houses - as well as many other child-focused garden ideas. Those bear reading again, I believe. The grandkids won't be young forever. Even I would love to have a sunflower house retreat.

A slim book simply titled "Seeds" delves into the mysteries and science of how seeds function and become plants. An even slimmer volume titled "Soils" provides an in-depth look at the soil your plants grow in, including a discussion of the living organisms that make up healthy soil, as well as soil chemistry.

"Holy Shit" evangelizes on the many benefits of animal manures in the garden, as well as

how to properly collect, compost and age the material. Author Gene Logsdon exhibits a sense of humor that makes this an enjoyable read.

Douglas Tallamy's "Bringing Nature Home" discusses the benefits of, and even need for, growing native plants in the garden. "The Apple Grower" and the "Holistic Orchard," both by Michael Phillips, provide great information on growing fruit trees.

Moving away from plant-focused books that I still consider garden related are those I have on honeybees, my favorite of which is "Sweetness and Light," by Hattie Ellis. Or is it "Letters from the Hive," by Stephen Buchmann and Banning Repplier?

Perhaps it's "The Hive" by Bee Wilson. Far from how-to books on beekeeping, these discuss beekeeping history, honey collection in other cultures, legend and lore and many other honeybee related topics. They almost read like novels.

The rest of my garden-related books fit most neatly into the reference category. While I find them infinitely useful, they aren't the sort for curling up with next to the fire. However, I must mention at least one of them to complete this list.

"The Seed Garden," published by the Seed Savers Exchange, provides a wealth of information on saving seed from your garden. Not only does it tell you how to collect, process and store seeds, it gives such pertinent information as how far apart to separate plant varieties in order to prevent cross pollination.

For example, because they are solely pollinated by insects, different cucumber varieties must be separated by 800 feet to a half mile in order to prevent cross pollination. On the other hand, tomatoes mostly self-pollinate, with some pollination by insects. They require separation of just 10 to 50 feet between varieties.

I think I'll keep that one next to my comfy chair by the fire, to read when I finish with the magical world of the jackalope.

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Flu...

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CDC officials said it was too early to estimate the effectiveness of this year's vaccine, which has been formulated to fight influenza-A viruses such as H1N1 and H3N2, as well as influenza-B viruses such as Victoria and Yamagata.

Reith recommended that anyone who hasn't been vaccinated get their shot as soon as they can.

"In the past, we've continued to recommend vaccinations, as we know that through cold and flu season, especially with flu, there can be multiple strains," she

said. "The people who create the vaccines do their very best to try and estimate what strains are going to be prevalent in our world, and they do the best they can, but ultimately, it's an educated estimation."

Vaccination, in addition to "everyday precautions" such as handwashing and staying at home if you are ill, goes a long way toward knocking out the flu, which reportedly persists in the body for five to seven days, Reith said.

"Avoid close contact with sick

people," she said. "And if you're sick, please stay home from work and school to help limit contact with others and to stop the spread."

Frequent hand washing and/or use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers is also recommended for staving off the flu, as is the use of antiviral medicines, such as Tamiflu, that Reith said have been shown to help reduce some of the symptoms and shorten the flu's duration.

Visit www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm for more information.

AG WEEK: Trades mixed this past week

By Matt Hines



Negotiated cash feedlot trade kicked off on Monday last week and continued through Wednesday at the same money. Totals of \$120 live and \$192 dressed caught most of it, and that's \$2 to \$3 lower than the week previous. Friday saw some light sales down at \$119 in Texas and as low as \$117 to \$119.50 live and \$190 dressed in Nebraska.

The WASDE Report or USDA supply and demand updates from last Friday showed sizable increases in all meat production for 2018. Total pork production is projected to increase 1.4 billion pounds above 2017, poultry production to increase 875 million pounds and beef production is expected to be up another 1.585 billion pounds.

2018 per capita domestic beef consumption was expected to be 59.4 pounds, compared to 55.6 pounds in 2016 and 56.8 pounds in 2017. This does not seem fundamentally possible with higher pork and poultry production, along with current beef prices.

Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were mostly \$5 to \$10 lower, with instances reported \$15 lower while steer and heifer calves under 550 pounds sold steady to \$5 lower. Demand was moderate for most longtime weaned and preconditioned cattle. Some locations noted a few loads and packages still coming off the cow but selling with little or no discount.

Auction receipts on this report totaled 372,300 this week, the largest auction volume reported since 2010. Total receipts this week totaled 530,300, almost 25,000 head short of the week ending July 17, 2015. However, during that week in July 2015, 65 percent of the volume was attributed to video and internet sales.

This week, more than 70 percent was attributed to the auction receipts. A lackluster futures market late last week followed through into this week and contributed to the sharp losses occurring in the sale rings throughout the country.

Livestock Futures Settlements

Friday, Jan. 12
 • February live cattle up \$.30 at \$117.37, April up \$.57 at \$119.45.
 • January feeder cattle up \$.52 at \$144.35, March up \$1.27 at \$142.65.
 • February lean hogs up \$.60 at \$71.57, April up \$.50 at \$74.32.

For the week, Friday, Jan. 5 through Friday, Jan. 12, February live cattle were down \$1.87, April was down \$1.40, January feeder cattle were down \$2.27, March was up \$.67, February lean hogs were up \$.15 and April was down \$1.75. Boxed Beef-Choice was down \$1.28 at \$208.23, Select was down \$.68 at \$201.64 and Pork Carcass Cutout was up \$.74 at \$79.81.

Cattle slaughter from Friday was estimated at 116,000 head, down 2,000 compared to the week previous but matching a year ago. For the week, the total was 611,000 head, up 70,000 from the week previous and up 2,000 from last year.

Hog slaughter from Friday was estimated at 454,000 head, up 15,000 compared to the week previous and up 34,000 compared to a year ago. For the week, the total was 2,450,000 head, up 320,000 from the holiday shortened week previous and up 68,000 from last year.

February live cattle saw a new four-month low last week at \$116.25. The next areas of support are down near \$114, then \$110, with lots of resistance stacking up right around the \$120 area.

January feeders hit a low at \$141 back in December, and we look to test that again here this week. The next level of support is down near \$136, with resistance up at \$145.50 to \$146.50. February lean hogs, on the other hand, continue to trend higher with a new contract high last week at \$73.67.

It was report day for the grains as well last Friday with the USDA Annual Summary for 2017, the Dec. 1 Quarterly Stocks Report and Winter Wheat Planted Acres. There were no bullish numbers but the decrease in U.S. and Argentine soybean production estimates washed out the increase in Brazil estimates.

Ending stocks for U.S. beans are higher than a month ago with exports down 65 million bushels (MBU) but still under the dreadful 500 MBU mark. Corn was neutral with a slight

increase production and ending stocks.

Wheat carried the bearish news with acres down only 1 percent from a year ago vs. the expected 4 percent, still the lowest winter wheat acreage in more than a century. U.S. ending stocks were also increased by 29 MBU with most not looking for any change.

Grain Futures Settlements Friday, Jan. 12
 • March corn down \$.02½ at \$3.46¼, May down \$.02¼ at \$3.54¼.
 • March soybeans up \$.10½ at \$9.60½, May up \$.11 at \$9.72.
 • March Kansas City wheat down \$.14 at \$4.26¼, N/C July down \$.14 at \$4.55¼.
 • March Chicago wheat down \$.12¾ at \$4.20½, N/C July down \$.12¼ at \$4.46½.
 • March Minneapolis wheat down \$.16¼ at \$6.12¾.
 • March soybean meal up \$3.90 at \$317 per ton.

For the week, Friday, Jan. 5 through Friday, Jan. 12, March corn was down \$.05, May was down \$.04½, March soybeans were down \$.10¼, May was down \$.09½, March Kansas City Wheat was down \$.11¼, July was down \$.11¼, March Chicago wheat was down \$.10¼, July was down \$.09¼, March Minneapolis wheat was down \$.14, May was down \$.11¼ and March soybean meal was down \$.490 per ton.

March corn saw a new contract low at \$3.45½, with resistance still up at \$3.55, \$3.60 and \$3.65. March soybeans had a key reversal higher on Friday after getting within \$.07 of the mid-August low. The first line of resistance is up at \$9.65, then at \$9.77.

March Kansas City wheat had a key reversal lower on Friday after the bearish USDA reports. This breaks the month-long higher trend and could mean we test the contract low at \$4.10½.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker for Loewen and Associates, Inc. of Manhattan, specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Matt is also a board member of Jackson County Farm Bureau, Market Structures Committee Chairman for American Farm Bureau and on the Agricultural Advisory Committee with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. He can be reached at (785) 289-0036.

HES Water Issue...

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Last month, the school district informed parents and patrons that while the water issue was being addressed, and monitored, extra precautions were also being taken.

Bottled water is being used at the new school for consumption and for cooking, for example, according to the Dec. 11 letter from the school district following water tests on tap water recently that indicated the presence of lead and copper beyond what is recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Tap water is being flushed each morning, Davies said, to eliminate any build-up of lead or copper in the water lines, which is said to occur when the water lines are not used for significant time periods.

Davies also stated the city of Holton routinely tests for elevated copper and lead in the community's drinking water and it is safe.

The elevated lead and copper in some of the water at HES, which Davies stressed was found only in the school's mechanical room, which is always off-limits to students, was a topic of discussion by the Holton school board Monday evening.

Water fountains at the school have filters, Davies said, and do not contain elevated levels of lead or copper, according to test results, but nonetheless they won't be used until after the water quality issue at other water faucets in the school are fixed.

At last month's school board meeting, board members directed Davies to require the architects for the two-year-old school (Hollis and Miller) and builder (Nabholz), to research and determine the "root cause" of the water problem and fix it.

"Even if it means tearing up water lines buried in concrete," as one school board member said.

School board members said that while installing filtering systems – or reverse osmosis systems – at all the faucets and other water sources (such as bathroom stools) would effectively control the water problem, the filters wouldn't ever fix the root cause of the problem.

Some plumbers say the copper water lines in the school – if found to be corrosive – may need to be replaced with plastic water lines.

According to the EPA, lead can enter drinking water when ser-

vice pipes containing lead corrode, especially where the water has high acidity or low mineral content that corrodes pipes and fixtures. The most common problem is with brass or chrome-plated brass faucets and fixtures with lead solder, from which significant amounts of lead can enter into the water.

When present in drinking water, copper can be a sign of low pH and corrosion and can cause the water to have a blue tint, according to the EPA, such as has been the case at HES at certain faucets for at least a year, it was reported.

When water stands in plumbing for an extended time, the presence of copper can cause some leaching. The reaction between the pipe and water causes the blue or blue-green stains on porcelain fixtures.

The copper water pipes in newly constructed homes (and schools) commonly have discoloration issues, it was reported. Copper levels are said to decrease over time as pipes form protective coatings, as long as the water is not corrosive. The coating insulates the pipes and prevents leaching. The process can take up to five years.

Spray Park...

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nozzles, a water umbrella and two cannons that shoot water – something for big kids and something for little kids so the entire family can enjoy it."

A sidewalk will be built around the spray park edge to help keep dirt out, she said. Blueprints for the spray park are available at city hall.

"Anyone who is curious can stop by and take a peek," she said. "There will probably still be a few more adjustments as we finalize everything."

The spray park committee is working with an electrician and pipe fitters who have volunteered their time to help with the project, Long said. The committee is also working with Westar Energy, who will have to inspect the project.

"We're learning what is going to be needed to make this work and be safe," she said.

Spray park committee members are also reaching out to local building supply stores and construction companies, seeking in-kind donations of materials, such as concrete and plumbing and electrical equipment, allowing the committee to use raised funds to purchase more above-ground features.

"We're getting really close," Long said of donations. "We just need help to get over that last big

hurdle."

Those who give financially will be recognized on a sign by the completed spray park, and sponsorship levels include:

- * Bronze - \$250 to \$499.
- * Silver - \$500 to \$999.
- * Gold - \$1,000 to \$4,999.
- * Platinum - \$5,000 or more.

The spray park committee is a non-profit 501(c) organization through the Jackson County Community Foundation.

Long said that residents can also pledge to donate a certain

amount to the project if they can't donate right now.

The goal is to have the spray park completed in May, with a grand opening tentatively scheduled for May 19.

For more information, contact Long at 785-554-8411 or visit www.mayetta.org/mayetta-splash-park

Donations can also be made through the Jackson County Community Foundation by contacting Jeremiah Huyett at Denison State Bank.

Thank You!

The family of Lee Moege would like to express its deepest appreciation and thanks to our friends and community for your words of support and love during the last several weeks.

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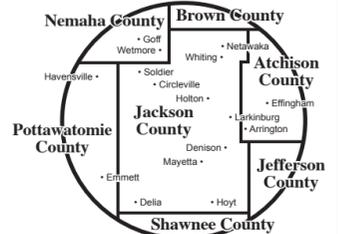
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Holton Middle School...

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and there may be a need for more technology in the classrooms.

The second option presented was adding one more full-time staff position, which in turn would enhance elective options and allow for more "tutor" time with students who need it.

Adding one more full-time staff member would impact the current middle school staff schedule, leading to the third option presented — major schedule realignment.

Included in option three, according to the information presented, could include:

- *Separating 6th and 7th/8th bell schedules.

- *Mixing 7th/8th grade band and mixing 7th/8th grade vocal classes.

- *Creating two sections of 6th grade band.

- *Creating new elective classes for 6th through 8th grade exploration.

- *Realigning focus time with detailed purpose and reasoning.

- *Splitting classes with shared teachers.

- *Dedicating computer and technology teachers to specific grade levels.

- *Blending schedule of longer core times with shorter elective times.

- *Altering teaming time.

- *Relieving middle school band teacher of current assignment with 5th grade band and instead having elementary music teacher also handle 5th grade band.

The fourth option presented involved adding either a mobile unit to the middle school campus or building a new addition there which would add classroom space north of the current building with a walkway to the existing school.

This extra space could possibly be used for band and vocal classes, freeing up classroom space in HMS for art, Spanish, industrial arts or FACS.

The fifth option presented involved moving the sixth grade class out of HMS to the elementary school annex.

The HMS group listed "basic needs (and logistics issues) for sixth grade in a stand alone setting" which included;

- *Five core classrooms (science, social studies, math, English and another one for seminar or extra study time).

- *SPEC-IRC classroom/services.

- *Computer/technology needs for classroom settings.

- *Access to vocal, band, physical education, lunchroom, library, nurse, administration, secretary and counselor.

- *Facility/furniture upgrades to middle school standards.

- *Reduction or loss of clubs and interscholastic activities.

- *Reduction in access to reading and math specialists.

- *Transportation issues.

Other issues with this option identified by the HMS group included:

- *Sixth grade falling back to elementary standing.

- *Reduced administrative presence and supervision.

- *Possible reduced flexibility of class rotation and content offerings.

- *Possible reduction in special services such as reading specialists, math specialists, seminar para, PE, computer/technology, band, vocal and SPED split.

School board members said they appreciated the HMS group's work on the presentation and would study the options presented.

It was also stated at the meeting by a board member that one of the reasons the idea of moving the sixth grade out of HMS to the annex building had been discussed was that there is a significant amount of new school bond issue funds leftover that can only be used at the elementary school campus for enhancements.

Court Filings...

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infractions as speeding, registration and seat belt violations — increased by one, from 413 in 2016 to 414 in 2017; the 2015 total was 447.

Overall, the total number of traffic tickets issued and processed during 2017 was 894, compared to 636 in 2016 and 733 in 2015, according to court records.

The county's criminal court saw a small reduction in the number of total criminal cases filed during 2017, when a total of 461 cases — including 260 misdemeanors and 201 felonies — was filed.

In 2016, the total was 493, including 232 misdemeanors and 261 felonies, and in 2015, the total was 505, including 262 misdemeanors and 243 felonies.

On the civil side, the number of limited action civil court cases — mainly involving debt collections and rental property disputes — continued to decline after several years of being one of the largest court case categories.

Ten years ago, in 2007, a total

of 778 limited action civil cases were filed in Jackson County. The 2017 total was less than half, at 345 cases, up from the 2016 total of 311 and down from the 2015 total of 408.

Significant declines continued to be noted in other types of civil cases. The county's regular civil court saw its total caseload declining from 93 cases in 2015 to 90 in 2016 to 61 in 2017.

And in small claims court filings, the total caseload bounced from 23 cases in 2015 to 31 cases in 2016, then fell to 19 cases in 2017.

Domestic court filings in Jackson County also fell, with the 2017 total of 116 cases down from the 2016 total of 138 and the 2015 total of 154.

The 2017 total included 13 protection from abuse cases and 11 protection from stalking cases, whereas in 2016, the total involved 21 protection from abuse cases and eight protection from stalking cases.

Other court totals for 2017 and

comparisons with previous years included:

- Adoptions: eight in 2017, 17 in 2016 and 12 in 2015.

- Marriage licenses: 58 in 2017, 82 in 2016 and 69 in 2015.

- Personal property tax: 39 in 2017, 23 in 2016 and 29 in 2015.

- Probate filings: 36 in 2017, 40 in 2016 and 41 in 2015.

- Statutory bonds: one in 2017, six in 2016 and three in 2015.

- State tax warrants: 83 in 2017, 62 in 2016 and 52 in 2015.

- Juvenile: 23 in 2017, 42 in 2016 and 64 in 2015.

- Child in need of care: 47 in 2017, 51 in 2016 and 68 in 2015.

The 2017 total also included 16 criminal extradition cases, 12 criminal inquisition cases, seven CSO "transfer in" cases, eight care and treatment cases, one "miscellaneous civil" case and three statutory liens.

Jackson County District Court is part of Kansas' Second Judicial District, which also includes Jefferson, Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties.

Moran reappointed to committees

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) has been reappointed and confirmed by his colleagues to serve on the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Development, it has been reported.

"The Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee plays a critical role in setting policy that will continue to strengthen our economy and make certain small businesses can succeed, Americans can buy or sell a home and U.S. producers can export our goods to foreign markets," Sen. Moran said. "The appointment will also give me a greater opportunity to continue to be an advocate for access to community-based financial services and ensure Kansans can continue to call rural America home. I am proud to rejoin the committee and look forward to working with Chairman Crapo and my colleagues to oversee and strengthen our financial system that millions of American consumers rely on."

"As a former Committee member, Sen. Moran has a deep understanding of the issues under the Banking Committee's jurisdiction, and I welcome his experience and expertise back to the Committee," Chairman Crapo said. "He has a proven track record of advocating for policies that will strengthen the economy, create jobs and increase America's global competitiveness."

Sen. Moran serves on the fol-

lowing committees for the 115th Congress:

- U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

- U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations.

- U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Development.

- U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

- U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

- U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Sen. Moran previously served on the Banking Committee in the 112th, 113th and 114th Congresses.

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precautions are not taken."

The wind chill warning prompted officials at Holton, Jackson Heights and Royal Valley on Monday evening to announce that schools would be closed on Tuesday, extending a three-day weekend made possible for students by teacher in services on Monday to four days. Wetmore students were in class on Tuesday after a two-hour delay, it was noted.

The closing marked the second time in a week that students were given the day off from school, as a two-inch snowfall on Thursday, Jan. 11 resulted in the closing of not only the schools, but also the Jackson County Courthouse and several businesses around Holton. The Courthouse and most businesses were open Tuesday.

Over the next few days, however, Jackson County-area residents can look forward to some relief from the arctic temperatures and winds that have pushed the wind chills well into double digits below zero. High temperatures are expected to climb into the mid-to-upper 40s on Thursday and remain there through the weekend; see the weather forecast on Page 2 of today's Recorder for more details.

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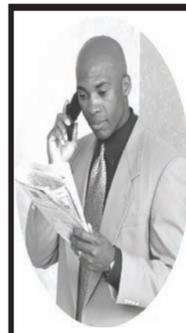


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The 2018 Hall of Fame Class



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Where: EUM Family Life Center

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Time: Social - begins 5:30 p.m. • Dinner - begins 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for the dinner and can be purchased at the Chamber office, 118 E. 5th St., Suite 1, Holton, KS chamber@exploreholton.com

(Tickets also available at all three main bank locations.)

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