



In the top photo, from left to right, Jill Rowland, Kendra White, Rebecca Gann and Laura Stauffer, all employees at GNBank (formerly Holton National Bank in Holton), dished out pulled pork sandwiches and baked beans during the bank's community appreciation dinner, held as part of last Friday's "Cruise Night" on the Jackson County Courtyard. The bank has hosted the free dinner since 2003, it was reported. In the photo above, classic cars filled the courtyard during the annual event.

Photos by Brian Sanders

Colyer concedes GOP governor's race to Kobach

By Ali Holcomb

Kris Kobach has officially won the Republican Party nomination for governor after current governor Dr. Jeff Colyer conceded the tight race a week after the primary election.

As of 5 p.m. Tuesday, the secretary of state's website reported that Kobach was leading with 128,543 votes over Colyer's 128,198 votes — a 345 vote difference. According to the website, 3,519 of 3,539 precincts had reported their provisional ballots.

Colyer conceded the race last night, and Kobach will face Democrat Laura Kelly in the Nov. 6 general election.

Both Colyer and Kobach each received 11 additional votes in Jackson County after the Jackson County Commissioners canvassed the results from the primary election on Monday.

With 11 provisional votes each, Kobach, who is currently Secretary of State, received 847 total votes, and Colyer, who has served as governor since Jan. 31, received 711 votes here.

Final canvassed results in all races in Jackson County

include:

U.S. Representative 2nd District — Republicans Steve Watkins (707 votes including 6 provisional votes), Dennis Pyle (594 — 12 provisionals), Caryn Tyson (264 — 3 provisionals), Steve Fitzgerald (144 — 3 provisionals), Kevin Jones (133 — 0 provisionals), Doug Mays (101 — 0 provisionals) and Vernon Fields (13 — 0 provisionals) and Democrat Paul Davis (510 votes — 8 provisionals).

Governor — Republicans Kobach (847 votes including 11 provisionals), Colyer (711 — 11 provisionals), Ken Selzer (199 — 2 provisionals), Jim Barnett (188 — 1 provisional), Patrick Kucera (13 — 0 provisionals), Joseph Tutera Jr. (5 — 0 provisionals) and Tyler Ruzich (4 — 0 provisionals). Democrats Laura Kelly (410 votes — 5 provisionals) Joshua Svaty (121 — 2 provisionals), Carl Brewer (57 — 1 provisional), Jack Bergeson (15 — 1 provisional) and Arden Andersen (13 — 0 provisionals).

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McKee part of Mars project design team

By Brian Sanders

Imagination and opportunities are two key ingredients in the recipe for success — just ask Tyler McKee, who says his upbringing in Holton and the people he's met over the course of his life have given him what it takes to succeed.

"Where I lived, out in the country, I had opportunities to think outside the box," said McKee, a 2005 graduate of Holton High School. "Growing up, my friends and my sister and I would spend a lot of time playing in the creek near our house, and we'd be imagining different worlds, building things out of sticks and making forts. I think that gave me a kind of creative pursuit that would lead me into the computer world that I work in now."

McKee, who works as a digital media producer for St. Luke's Health System in Kansas City, daily draws upon that "creative pursuit" to create commercials and educational materials. It's a job that he truly enjoys, he said.

But recently, he's also used that "creative pursuit" to help design an animated presentation as part of a team tasked with designing digital housing structures for manned missions to Mars — and that presentation helped his team to win a NASA competition in which teams



Tyler McKee

develop technologies to be used in space missions.

"One thing that I don't ever forget is that sometimes opportunities just present themselves," says McKee, who lives in Overland Park with wife Megan, a Horton native, and their three children. "This really could have been anybody. But because of hard work and what I've applied myself to, and also meeting the right people, it's given me the ability to do what I do now."

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Raises approved for Holton teaching staff

By Brian Sanders

Teaching staff in the Holton school district were granted a sizable raise on Monday with the Holton USD 336 Board of Education's approval of an updated teacher's salary for the 2018-19 school year.

During the board's regular meeting on Monday, board members unanimously approved the new teacher salary contract for 2018-19, which included an addition of \$2,100 to the base salary for beginning teachers, raising it from last year's base of \$35,500 to \$37,600. "Steps" of \$720, unchanged from last year, have been incorporated into the salary schedule according to each teacher's level of education and

years of service

The contract, accepted by representatives of the board and the Holton Education Association earlier this month prior to ratification on Monday, also increased the health insurance monthly premium cap for each teacher by \$30 per month, from \$405 to \$435 for certified employees and their spouses and from \$610 to \$640 for employees with children or other dependents.

It was reported that the school district pays about two-thirds of each teacher's individual health care insurance monthly premium, with the remainder to be paid by each teacher enrolled in the district's health insurance plan.

The contract also includes an additional \$1,000 for special education teachers in the 2018-19 school year and an additional \$1,750 in the 2019-20 school year. The district also agrees to pay teachers \$90 for each personal leave day not used at the end of the school year.

Also in the contract are two new supplemental positions that will add 1.5 percent of a teacher's salary — an assistant middle school KAYS position, once the number of students in the KAYS program exceeds 50, and an assistant high school musical position.

The contract also amends the Career Pathways-Graphic Arts supplemental position to 5 percent

and allows the high school drama and plays supplemental position to be split for two people at 2 percent each, it was noted.

Concerning reimbursement for tuition, the contract states that district teachers will be paid up to \$1,000 for taking specific additional college hours or receiving specific additional training at the request of the superintendent.

The district will also pay teachers up to \$200 per credit hour to assist dual credit teachers in meeting new dual credit requirements, provided certain requirements are met, according to the contract.

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Transportation topics discussed at B.O.E. meeting

By David Powlis

With classes starting up again in Holton USD 336 this week, transportation topics were part of the focus of Monday evening's school board meeting.

Ginger Binkley, district transportation director, met with the board and reported that school buses are scheduled to pick up 109 children in town at 13 bus stops in the mornings and drop-off 148 children at the 13 bus-stops in the afternoon.

Holton district officials have maintained an interest in trans-

porting children to school who may otherwise be required to walk across Kansas Highway 16 or U.S. Highway 75 to get to school, it has been reported.

The district does not receive any state funds for the in-town bus service but does receive state funds to transport children to school who live 2.5 miles or more from the school.

In addition to the regular in-town bus riders, Binkley reported there are an estimated 29 other children in town that are scheduled to be picked up in the mornings occasionally and an

estimated 42 children in town that are scheduled to be dropped off in the afternoons occasionally.

Included in the in-town bus pick-ups are pre-school children and the district picks up those children at their homes and at daycare centers. The district also transports siblings of those pre-school children by bus.

Binkley's question to the board was whether it would be ok for buses to pick up other children at daycare business locations in town, if asked to do so.

"I'm all about picking the kids up," Binkley said.

Binkley also qualified her question, stating that she didn't know if the 10 buses scheduled

for these pick-ups and drop-offs had enough seats for all the children that are already planned for.

"We are bursting at the seams," she said. "Bus pick-ups in town are up tremendously."

It was also reported that about 209 children who live in rural areas of the district ride school buses to school and back home each school day.

School board members said that, at this time, they would not recommend changing existing bus policy.

Another transportation topic discussed involved the new dismissal policy at the Holton Elementary School.

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Enrollment projections presented at RV meeting

By Ali Holcomb

Early enrollment projections at Royal Valley remain steady for most grade levels as the district prepares for the first day of school on Thursday.

USD 337 Superintendent Aaric Davis presented preliminary enrollment numbers to the board of education during the board's meeting Monday evening.

As of Monday, 25 students have enrolled in the district's new pre-school program. Students must be four years old to be enrolled in the program.

Of those students, Davis

said that 18 of them have been identified as at-risk and qualify as nine full-time equivalency, which will generate an estimated \$40,000 in state funding for the program, Davis said.

Kindergarten enrollment numbers, however, are down, as only 46 students have been enrolled prior to school starting. Last year's kindergarten class had 53 students.

"We probably haven't had a kindergarten class that small for 20 years or more," Davis said.

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Saturday 18	Mostly sunny	High: 87 Low: 67
Sunday 19	Showers, T-storms likely	High: 84 Low: 66 Precip: 80%
Monday 20	Partly sunny w/chance of rain	High: 83 Low: 62 Precip: 30%

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Civil

Dispositions
Discover Bank vs. Devon J. Adam, Holton, sought judgment of \$1,741.73 plus interest and court costs; venue transferred to Saline County.

Filed
Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Carla Leadean Jackson, Cullen B. Jackson, John Doe (unknown occupant) and State of Kansas, Department of Revenue, sought judgment of \$147,440.29 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage; dismissed.

Filed
U.S. Bank National Association vs. Chance T. Caudle and unknown spouse of Chance T. Caudle if any, seeking judgment of \$68,929.82 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage.

Limited Civil

Filed
Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Sherry Rial, seeking judgment of \$672.21 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Matthew D. Woltje and Mary E. Woltje, seeking judgment of \$2,462.94 plus interest and court costs.

Pioneer Services, a division of MidCountry Bank vs. Chet VanSickle, seeking judgment of \$4,890.25 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Sarah Lewis, seeking judgment of \$610.75 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. L.J. Rickel, seeking judgment of \$2,804.66 plus interest and

court costs.

Small Claims

Dispositions
Complete Chiropractic Care Center vs. Megan L. Anderson, sought judgment of \$932.25 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$1,075.26 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic

Dispositions
State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. William Honig, sought support judgment; granted.

Filed
In the matter of the marriage of Ruth J. Novinger and James G. Novinger, seeking divorce. State of Kansas, Department

for Children and Families vs. Angelica L. Courter, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Jesse A. Hayes, seeking support judgment.

Marriage

Licenses
Kevin B. Campbell, 55, Onaga Carmella K. Shupe, 46, Onaga

Jacob S. Gillie, 18, Holton Ashley R. Nioce, 21, Holton

Eric I. Corn, 35, Whiting Shaina D. Olberding, 31, Whiting

Justin R. Abel, 24, Nortonville Holly A. Davis, 21, Emporia

Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office, located on the second floor of the Courthouse.

*General warranty deed – Jared B. Morris and Catharine J. Morris, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Jennifer L. Shaw, trustee of the Jennifer L. Shaw Living Trust, dated Aug. 12, 2015, Lot 4, Block 2, Rosser's Addition to the city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Administrator's deed – Joyce L. Devader, administrator of the estate of Edward N. Barton, deceased, to Steven W. Richardson and Mary R. Richardson, husband and wife, and Shawn Richardson and Trudi Richardson, husband and wife, the west 84 feet of Lots 27 and 25 and the west 84 feet of the north 15 feet of Lot 23, Illinois Avenue, Drake and Fenn's Addition, to the city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Joint tenancy trustee's deed – Richard E. Rees, co-trustee, and Michael L. Rees, successor co-trustee, of the Rees Family Revocable Trust, dated April 6, 1995, to Steven P. Spreer and Wendy M. Spreer, land in the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Joseph L. Snavey and Sandra M. Snavey, husband and wife, to Daniel Gragg and Olivia Anderson, the west 90 feet of the north 44 feet of Lot 54 and the west 90 feet of Lot 56, Kansas Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Thomas L. Wilson and Sally L. Wilson, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Katherine Flores, a single person, the west 69 feet of Lot 16, New York Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Gary Clouse, a single person, to Amanda K. Schulte and Levi K. Henery, as joint tenants, Lot 26, except the west 78 feet thereof, McKeage's 2nd Addition, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Travis M. McKinley and Jaime M. McKinley, husband and wife, to Melvin T. Hansford and Lori A. Hansford, as joint tenants, a tract of land in the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Sheriff's deed – Sheriff of Jackson County to Trifera, LLC, Lot 17, Ohio Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – Casey Patterson and Kisha M. Patterson, to Nathan Francis Boeckman and Shannon D. Boeckman, a parcel of land in the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Transfer on death deed – Glen D. Curtis Jr., aka Glen D. Curtis II, and Linda Mae Curtis, aka Linda M. Curtis, husband and wife, to Justin Anthony Coffelt Jr., a single person, land in the west 56 feet of Lot 5, McKeage's First Addition, city of Hoyt, in Section 23, Township 9, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Washburn announces Dean's List

Washburn University has announced its spring 2018 Dean's List honorees, it has been reported.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 3.4 to 3.99.

Area students named to the honor roll include the following, listed by hometown.

Holton: Liberty Beecham, Nicnole Darveaux, Hannah Dee-

gan, Madeline Draper, Mallory Fate, Daniel Goombi, Jennifer Hamlin, Danica Haverkamp, Cole Herring, Samantha Herring, Nicole Kathrens, Joshua Shields and Michael Watkins.

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Ramirez-Garcia receives prison time on conviction

By Brian Sanders
A resident of southern Mexico convicted on a charge of aggravated sexual battery stemming from an alleged February incident was sentenced to more than two and a half years in prison during a hearing last Friday in Jackson County District Court.

Antonio Ramirez-Garcia, 37, of Oaxaca, Mexico, was given a sentence of 32 months (two years and eight months) by District Court Judge Norbert Marek and reminded by the judge that after serving his sentence, he will likely face deportation and will have to register as a sexual offender for 25 years.

Ramirez-Garcia had originally been charged with rape, aggravated criminal sodomy and aggravated sexual battery in connection with an alleged Feb. 10 incident. The rape and sodomy cases were dismissed in a plea deal accepted by the court in July.

During a preliminary hearing

held earlier this year in district court, a Holton woman identified Ramirez-Garcia as a former co-worker and said that he forcible had "intercourse" with her following a party. The woman reported the incident on the advice of a friend, it was noted.

Ramirez-Garcia, who is believed to be in this county illegally, was arrested a few days later and was taken to the Jackson County Detention Center, where he has been held for a total of 176 days. Marek said the time spent in jail would be counted against the sentence, reducing it to about 26 months (two years and two months).

Prior to sentencing, Marek told Ramirez-Garcia through an interpreter that presumptive probation for the prison sentence was "a possibility," but as part of the plea deal, Ramirez-Garcia would not seek either probation or a reduction in the length of his sentence, Holton defense attorney Jason Belveal said.

Grant writing workshop scheduled here Sept. 21

Do you know how that playground equipment at the park down the street was purchased? Or the new sign leading visitors to a local landmark? How about initial money for a festival?

In any community, chances are that someone, or a group of individuals, wrote a grant proposal and received funding to help with the project.

Individuals and community groups can learn more about writing successful grant proposals at a workshop planned in Holton on Friday, Sept. 21. The workshop is presented by Nancy Daniels, a community vitality specialist with K-State Research and Extension and the author of many grant proposals.

The training will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. that day at the Jackson County Courthouse Meeting Room at 400 New York Ave., Holton, and lunch is included in the training. A registration fee of \$5 per person will be charged to help defray the cost of lunch.

"This workshop is for everyone, whether they've never written a proposal before and have no idea where to start, to those who have experience but are looking for ways to improve their approach," Daniels said. "The magic that happens in a local community when people find out they don't have to wait to get something done, that they can do it themselves, is incredible."

Participants also learn from each other, Daniels said, adding that even experienced grant writers pick up tips and are re-energized after coming together with peers in their communities. Participants are encouraged to

bring their grants or grant ideas to share.

Workshop topics include:
• Sources of data for community needs (where do you find the numbers to back up your request?).

• Where to find grants.
• The five common elements of a great grant proposal.
• Practicing the grant writing elements.

More information and registration is available by contacting David Key, Meadowlark Extension District Agent, at (785) 336-2184 or by email at dkey@ksu.edu. Registration for the workshop can be completed in by email or phone to the Seneca office by Monday, Sept. 17, with payment expected by Sept. 21.

Clarification

Gary D. Wilson of 601 Montana Ave. in Holton, wishes to make it known that he is not the Gary D. Wilson of Holton listed under criminal filings in Monday's court news.

MARKETS

STOCKS		
Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	32.24	+0.03
CenturyLink	22.36	+0.48
Lowe's	98.40	+1.31
Target	82.68	+1.26
Hershey	98.61	+0.55
Walmart	90.85	+1.21
Phillips 66	120.94	-0.63
US Bancorp	53.17	+0.80
Pfizer	40.71	-0.10
Deere & Co.	138.65	+1.74
United Parcel	118.98	+0.82
Apple	209.75	+0.88
Facebook	181.11	+1.06
Goodyear	23.56	+0.01

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018.

GRAIN	
Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$5.08
Corn	\$3.36
Milo	\$2.82
Soybeans	\$7.90

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES		
	Current	Last Mo. Last Year
Kansas Average	\$2.64	-\$0.023 +\$0.435
National Average	\$2.85	-\$0.036 +\$0.503
Holton Average	\$2.69	

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Aug. 16

*8 a.m. Holton Municipal Court at Holton City Hall.
 *First day of school for all area students (Holton grades Pre-K-9 only).
 *6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jackson County Fair carnival, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.
 *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, Aug. 17

*First day of school for Holton students (grades 10-12).
 *Preschool classes begin for Jackson Heights students.
 *6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Jackson County Fair carnival, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.
 *7 p.m. RVMS PRO Back to School Dance/Fun Night.
 *The Jackson County Historical Museum, located at 327 New York Ave. in Holton, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday through October. For more information, call the museum at 364-4991.
 *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, Aug. 18

*The Jackson County Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on the east side of the Courthouse in Holton.
 *9 a.m. Royal Valley FFA fifth annual Farmer Dash, held at Hoyt City Park. To register or for more information, contact Kim Clark at clarkki@rv337.org
 *9 a.m. to 11 a.m. K-16 Quail Forever youth wingshooting clinic (for ages 16 and under), held at Banner Creek Reservoir Boy Scout area, 10975 K-16 Highway, Holton. For more information, call Jerry Valdez at (785) 577-6127 or Greg Tanking at (785) 305-1417.
 *10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Train show at Beck-Bookman Library, 420 W. Fourth St., Holton. For more information, call the library at 364-3532.
 *Noon to 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Jackson County Fair carnival, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.

Sunday, Aug. 19

*Attend the church of your

choice.

*Gottlieb and John Wenger family reunion, held at Fisher Center, 201 E. Iowa, Hiawatha. A potluck dinner will begin at noon.

Monday, Aug. 20

*The Jackson County Commission meets at 9 a.m. every 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.
 *First day of ACE for Holton students.
 *The Circleville Senior Executives will meet at noon at Circleville Masonic Hall. Chicken will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish. Guests are welcome.
 *7 p.m. USD 335 Jackson Heights Board of Education meeting.
 *7 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall.
 *The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka, on every third Monday of the month.

Tuesday, Aug. 21

*8:30 a.m. RVHS bus evacuation drills.
 *5:30 p.m. Holton Elementary School Watch DOG information night.
 *6 p.m. Beck-Bookman Library Board of Directors meeting at Beck-Bookman Library.
 *6 p.m. Jackson Heights fifth grade Band Night.
 *The Caregivers Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) will meet every third Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holton Community Hospital care room. For more information, contact Zennie McClintock at 364-9696 or Amy Spiker at 364-3164.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

*8:30 a.m. RVMS bus evacuation drills.
 *2 p.m. Jackson Heights Honor Flight Meet and Greet.
 *3:40 p.m. RVMS cross country and cheer pictures.
 *6:30 p.m. Wetmore TVL meeting at Valley Heights.
 *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.



The recent Holton High School band camp concluded with a special performance of tunes and routines that band members learned during the week-long camp. In the photo above, Ethan Stark (left) held the music stand for drummers Hannah Ent (center) and Riley Althaus as they played with the HHS drumline during the performance. Photo by Brian Sanders

Auction Calendar

Auctions advertised in *The Holton Recorder* qualify to be included in this free auction calendar. Contact Errin at 364-3141, email us at holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net or stop by our office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton for details.
 • Saturday, Aug. 18. Starting at 10 a.m. Tony and Pat Brox farm retirement auction. 12313 Jewell Rd., Lancaster. For more information, contact Chew Auction Service at (913) 874-5053 or (913) 370-2265.

• Saturday, Aug. 18. Starting at 9:30 a.m. L.L. (Barney) and Debbie Barnett public auction. 9207 Nemaha Rd., Oskaloosa. For more information, contact Harris Auction Service at 364-7137.
 • Saturday, Aug. 25. Starting at 10 a.m. (real estate to sell at 11 a.m.) Jaroslav Sedlacek real estate and personal property auction. 18856 286th Rd., Whiting. For more information, contact Harris Real Estate and Auction Service at 364-4114, 364-7137 or (785) 851-7426.

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Arnold family holds 2018 reunion

The descendants of John and Anna Maria (Hunker) Arnold held their annual reunion on Sunday, Aug. 5 at Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton. The prayer was given by Victor Eubanks, followed by a basket dinner.
 After a short business meeting led by President Richard Arnold, the same officers were retained for next year, including Richard Arnold, president; Patrick Arnold, vice president; and Barbara Arnold Mattox, secretary.
 The following members were present: Barbara Mattox, Richard and Linda Arnold,

Helen Jean Harms, Merlin and Judy Arnold, Colin and Aubrey Crowson, Maxine Lewis, Bob and Jeannie Arnold, Eric and Kathy Frostestad, Margaret and Henry Pagel, Sawyer and Lorelei Tanking, Vic, Jennifer, Jenna and Tori Eubanks, Noel and Megan Montgomery, Madeline, Blade and Zane, John and Hailey Mattox, Colt, Case and Cinch.
 We had one death this year, Dan McGinnis on May 21, 2018.
 Births included a boy, Weston Ross, born on Nov. 23, 2017, to Ryan Falk and Molly Foltz; and a boy, Casen Michael, born on

June 21, 2018, to Trent and Susan Rash.
 There were no marriages that the family was aware of. The family received a nice letter from Barbara McGinnis, who thanked everyone for remembering her family at the time of Dan's passing.
 Kathy invited everyone to the 90th birthday party of her mother, Helen Jean, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2 at John Knox Village.
 Cards may be mailed to Helen Harms, sent in care of Kathy Frostestad, 626 N.E. Country Lane, Lee's Summit, MO 64086.

Public Notice

(Published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018.)

Notice of Vote – Northeast Kansas Library System

In adopting the 2019 budget, the governing body voted to increase property taxes in an amount greater than the amount levied for the 2018 budget, adjusted by the 2017 CPI for all urban consumers. 68 members voted in favor of the budget and 0 members voted against the budget.

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OPINION

Trump's press bashing counterproductive, but some of it is warranted

Representatives of *The Boston Globe* newspaper recently reached out to other U.S. newspaper editors of papers big and small across the country to propose that a coordinated response be taken this week on the dangers of President Donald Trump's blanket assault on the press.

The logic of the coordinated response was that we newspaper editors could make a powerful statement by standing together in the common defense of our profession and the vital role that news journalism plays in a government for the people and by the people.

A free and independent press is one of the most sacred principles enshrined in the Constitution, *The Globe* statement said.

In his generalized condemnation that all forms of news media (newspaper, radio, television and internet) all broadcast only "fake news," President Trump incites citizens against the First Amendment — the very principle that our country was founded on.

The Globe editorialized that labeling all journalists the "enemy of the American people" and "dangerous and sick" is just wrong and that "this dirty war on the free press must end."

So, yes, I am interested in standing with all other U.S. journalists who implore the president to please refrain from condemning all journalists when it is really just a small percentage of journalists that he is really mad at.

In my view, television news stations have always been more interested in entertainment than hard, straight news reporting. Most of my criticism of the journalism profession is aimed at what I see on TV.

Hard, straight news reporting is laser-focused on reporting just the facts that are known, giving both sides of a story when there are two sides, and not injecting any hint of a reporter's personal opinions.

It used to be that TV news stations at least tried to give the hard, straight news. Now, it seems, every TV anchor feels it's their right and their duty to respond to the news somewhat by laughing, joking, or acting shocked — assuming that is what the viewer wants them to do.

TV news reporters are definitely not the only news journalists guilty of injecting their personal opinions into their news reports. The term for this poor form of journalism used to be "yellow journalism."

If you've ever watched the "Daily Briefing" at the White House on TV, you know what I mean.

The purported top print and TV news journalists in the country routinely ask "trap questions" they phrase in such a way that they are sure to get the answer that fits the narrative of how they personally want a story to develop.

Real news journalism is based on the premise of a free, unbiased, objective reporting of the news with no intent harbored by the reporter other than to inform citizens and to let them make up their own minds.

So many of the big newspapers and national TV cable news stations these days are owned by rich non-journalists — investors — and when I read or see news reporting that is shoddy and self-serving from these sources, I often find myself wondering about the possible ulterior motives of that particular paper or TV station owners.

I call on newspaper and TV station owners again to clearly separate your news reporting from your editorializing. The page that this piece is written on, for example, is clearly identified as the "opinion" page.

While I join other newspaper

editors in imploring the president to stop disrespecting journalists with his blanket name-calling tactics, I also understand the frustration he must feel daily when untruths are written and spoken about him by some of the so-called top news organizations in the country.

Trump is not the kind of president that can be easily influenced by the rich and wealthy people (some of them media owners), like presidents before him and I suspect that's part of this overall situation. That's why Trump is so popular with a lot of citizens.

I can tell by the slant of the news reporting and the opinions of the talk show hosts that CNN's owners, for example, favor everything from the Democrat Party and hate everything from the Republican Party.

When Walter Cronkite read the TV news so many years ago, no one ever knew his personal politics in his news reporting and rarely did Cronkite use up air time to share his personal views. But when he gave his opinion, everybody knew he was giving his opinion.

In summary, I suppose, I'm just as frustrated with, and ashamed of, some of the national news organizations as I am with the president.

The mission of news journalists should continue to be to report the news, as opposed to being actively involved in making the news.

John Bremner, the legendary journalism professor at The University of Kansas in the 1970s, was famously quoted as saying "If your mother says she loves you, check it out!"

What Bremner meant was that journalists must never assume anything and always have a healthy skepticism about the news they are reporting, so as not to be used by anyone and to never take anything for granted.

If President Trump has a problem with how something is reported, his problem is with the specific news gathering organizations — not the entire journalism profession — and he should state his concerns that way.

News journalists must earn credibility and respect but they can't get it unless they are fair and objective. When the opinions of the TV station owners, for example, end up in their news reporting, that hurts their credibility. When readers and watchers can't tell the difference between news reporting and editorials, there is a big problem.

Editorialists must earn respect, too, by learning to agree to disagree with others without making it personal and taking it personally.

I especially believe it's up to all newspaper editors across the country to encourage citizens to continue to focus on the important issues of our times.

No one gets a free pass to disrespect the office of president of the United States, in my opinion. We can agree to disagree about how we feel about current President Trump, but we must always respect the office that he/she holds.

The biggest threat to a free press, these days, is the continued Wild West culture of the internet, where it seems anyone can write or say anything about anyone — including the president — without legal consequence. Slander and libel laws must be applied to the internet and wealthy owners of the popular social media sites need to be controlled and regulated like all other media. If so many national newspapers and TV stations weren't owned by the same rich and powerful people, these things would have already happened. That's the reality of national media, these days.

David Powlis

MOLLETTE: Find things to do that inspire you!

By Glenn Mollette
I started out thumping on a mandolin and then a guitar when I was child.

My brother had a mandolin and so I learned a few chords and then eventually learned a few chords on a guitar.

My first cousin James Webb, who lived across the road from where I was raised in Stidham, Ky., taught me G, C and D, E and A chords and I was on my way.

I played music and basketball as a kid and not always in that order.

Music was something I could do regardless of the weather and basketball was just great exercise and fun.

I only had one television channel and watched plenty of TV but my hobbies of music

and ball were clean and entertaining.

My father found things for me to do like mowing lots of grass with a push mower and cutting bushes on hillsides. Life was good.

I had some friends I played music with growing up. We weren't that great but we played music together for hours and had a lot of fun.

Music or playing ball never got us in trouble. Our energy was focused on being creative and having good fun.

I put my guitar down when I was about 16. I had played for about eight years and was getting better. I had a cheap electric guitar that came from G.C. Murphy's and James; an instrument craftsman today, that eventually made me one.

By the time I was 18, I had given up music and traded that guitar to my brother Clyde for an eight-track tape player. Yes, really stupid.

I started speaking in church when I was 16. Yes, I was too young but youth always excels

and is greatly sought after.

Churches and organizations are starved for youth who stand up and demonstrate leadership. By the time I was 17, I had an old car and was driving everywhere preaching sermons and speaking to church groups.

Several small churches called me to serve as their pastor and they all came back to life. I enjoyed it. I still enjoy it today. After 40 years, I still am thrilled to talk about God's grace and love in most any pulpit in America.

I have not found any place today that is not starved for grace and love. For 15 years, I have been privileged to work with men and women around the planet who are training for Christian service and ministry. I have a great privilege.

However, as I said many years ago, I had laid down my guitar. Most of the church people were glad about that because I didn't play traditional church songs.

Over the years, I totally lost my ability to sing in front of people. I actually tried a few times and I was a nervous wreck.

I had lost it. The old saying is true if you don't use it, you will lose it.

The way to get better is to keep trying. Over the last five years or so, I've sung in front of several groups and messed up plenty. However, in the process of trying I've regained my confidence, which is the coolest part of it all. It's been like climbing a mountain in a way.

I may never sing in front of a group again and we never know. However, I don't worry that much about messing up. I just have fun. Doing something we enjoy is what it's all about.

Find something to do that inspires and motivates you. It may be writing, golf or gardening. You need a meaningful hobby and an outlet of your energy. Have some fun; it's good for you.

Note: Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of 12 books. His syndicated column is read in all 50 states.

Every generation must live up to the Preamble

By Lee Hamilton
You know these words, but how often do you stop to think about them?

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..."

They belong, of course, to the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution. That remarkable document is not just the blueprint for our political system.

Its Preamble is also a profoundly aspirational call to arms. Because when you read it, it's hard not to ask yourself how we're doing — at establishing justice, promoting the general welfare, securing the blessings of liberty, and, in sum, creating a more perfect union.

It's especially hard to avoid asking this question now, when the warnings of democracy in retreat are all around us. For many, the creeping authoritarianism that has taken hold in any number of countries

— Russia, China, Bolivia, Turkey, the Philippines, and Hungary, among others — seems alarmingly on the ascendant.

You can also look around and find developments that make you wonder whether the world's democracies have much cause for complacency.

Worrisome environmental trends, population growth, climate change, the ills that go along with rising consumption — like mountains of trash and depletion of natural resources — all suggest a world unable to rein in its appetites.

Yet it's undeniable that we've come a long way in this country and in other democracies, expanding women's rights and the rights of minorities, ending child labor, banning nuclear testing, improving literacy, building strong economies.

The world's most vibrant economies and most nimble military forces remain mostly in the hands of democratic nations: the U.S., France, Great Britain, Germany, Japan, and Australia.

I don't believe that people around the world favor authoritarianism. They prefer a voice in government. But most of all, they want decent lives for themselves and their children.

They are not so wedded to a democratic system that if they see no improvement in their lives, they'll reject authoritarianism. So democratic governments have to perform. They have to

meet the expectations of their people and improve the quality of their citizens' lives.

In the U.S., many Americans, worried about the direction of their country, wonder whether it is making progress toward the ideals of the Preamble. We seem to advance, fall back, and then move forward again, all in incremental steps.

What do we mean when we talk about "a more perfect Union"?

I suppose we think of material progress. But more fundamentally, I hope, we think about the expansion of human freedom and progress toward the goals set out simply and eloquently in the Preamble. There's a sense that we're all in this American experience together: it brings us together and connects us with our past, present and future.

The American experiment in representative democracy is always a work in progress. The results are always in doubt. Lincoln's words at Gettysburg — "whether a nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure" — will probably resonate for as long as we're a nation.

We face immense systemic problems at the moment: racial discrimination, wage stagnation, staggering income inequality, political polarization, the pernicious effects of too much money washing around in the

system, the degradation of civil discourse.

It is not a given that we'll be able to resolve them, and we always have to be alert to the fact that our freedoms and rights can be eroded. Which means that to prevent this erosion we have to step up to the task of responsible citizenship.

This is a challenge for every generation. We've stepped up to it in the past, through world wars, the Civil War, economic recessions and depressions.

As Americans we believe in a set of democratic ideals, basic rights, fundamental freedoms, and the notion that all people are created equal and all are entitled to dignity. These are ideas that give us cohesiveness and identify us.

But we cannot take our ability to deliver on them for granted. Without a renewal of energy and commitment to the democratic values of the Constitution, without acting on the call issued by the Preamble, we could lose them.

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



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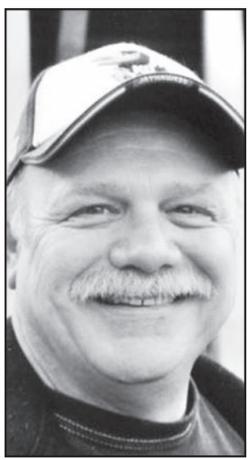
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Mark Ancil Perry, 66, of Soldier, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at his home.

He was born May 14, 1952, in Great Bend, the son of Ancil C. and Marvella A. (Krukenberg) Perry.

Mark graduated from Great Bend High School in 1971. He had lived in the Soldier community since 1978. Mark worked for Jeffery Energy Center as a Control Room Operator, retiring after 36 years.

Mark was an avid sports fan and especially loved watching his grandchildren compete and all things involving KU Jayhawks. He enjoyed playing games, he was a "Jokester" and was notorious for calling his friends and loved ones on their birthday to make them feel special.

He married Charlotte "Shari" Gilliland on Sept. 16, 1972 in Great Bend. She was the love of his life and they shared more than 45 years of a wonderful and adventurous marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Shari Perry, of the home; three daughters, Misti Lundin (Steve) of Rossville, Paige Brown (Jesse) of Maple Hill and Ember Perry of Phoenix, Ariz.; a sister, Diana Amon of Lewis; and five grandchildren, Kinlyn and Kyser Lundin and Calvan, Adalynn and Trexton Mark Brown.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ancil and Marvella Perry; a son, Trenton Mark Perry, in 1979; and a brother, E. Dale Perry.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mark Perry Memorial Fund (to be designated at a later date), sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Casual attire is welcome. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Fenceline

Grazing schools are coming up

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

We've been having a grazing school through some mini tailgate talks. We will be having our third and final of the season on Aug. 21. This is graciously hosted by Charles and Paul Kennedy with Luke Kennedy as our main wrangler.



The evening will start at 5:30 p.m. with a light meal sponsored by the Jackson County Conservation District. Because of the meal, we ask that you let us know you are coming by calling 785-364-4125 or email me at jholthau@ksu.edu. There is no charge to attend.

This last session applies to

everyone: who grazes livestock without fence and water? Rod Schaub, Frontier Extension District livestock agent, will be discussing fencing options with a showcase of all the latest gadgets for electric fencing.

He will be followed by Will Boyer, water quality specialist, who will discuss watering options for the grazer. We will be demonstrating his solar water pump.

And if that's not enough for you, the Eastern Kansas grazing school will be held on Sept. 5 and Sept. 6 in Douglas County. Two days packed with presentations, hands-on workshops and farm visits. The main speakers are Doug Spencer and Dustin Schwandt of the NRCS Range conservation team.

We also have invited back the experts from Missouri, Mark Green, Missouri NRCS, and Wesley Tucker, MSU ag economist. Dr. Walt Fick, KSU range management specialist, will talk

about weed and brush control.

Registration is \$60 for the first person from a farm, and \$30 a person for additional participants from that farm. Let me know if you'd like to register.

The Farmer's Almanac is calling for a lot of rain this October. Could this be correct? I guess it would only make sense to make the harvest of anything salvageable to be miserable like this miserable drought has been!

With the high price of hay, preg checking beef cows this fall will make more sense than ever. Be sure to get them checked as soon as possible.

I'm hearing a lot of cull cows are hitting the market, as producers are "thinning the herd" to save their pastures, as well as selling off the calves early. Supplementing with protein will help reduce the stress on the pastures as well.

2018 will be a year that hopefully we can learn from and plan for such in the future.

Crops and Soils: Spider mite control

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

Because spider mites like hot and dry weather, populations continue to wreak havoc on our garden crops. Tomatoes, in particular, seem to be bearing the brunt of spider mite pressure this year.



From a distance, damage shows up as leaves that turn from green to off green to brown. A closer look will reveal stippling on the upper surface of the leaves as well as some fine webbing on the underside of the leaves. Because of their very small size, they are difficult to see, particularly due to their habit of feeding on the underside of leaves.

If mites are suspected, hold a sheet of white paper beneath a leaf and tap the leaf. Mites will be dislodged and can be seen as tiny specks on the paper that move about.

Spider mites are arthropods not insects, so challenge is sometimes more difficult than with other garden insects. A high pressure directed spray of water can help, but it will definitely take a strong jet of water to dislodge them.

Any sprays that are used need to be directed at the underside of the leaves, meaning it needs to originate from below the plant in most cases. You may want to consider use of a specialized spray wand or other device to help get good coverage of the underside of the leaves.

A single application will not be enough. Spray three times spaced three to four days apart. Horticultural oils and insecticidal soaps (Safer's, for example)

can also be helpful. Spray early in the morning when temperatures are cooler and plants have rehydrated.

Potawatomi UMC

By Ilene Dick

Sunday, Aug. 12, was another warm day, with a lack of bright sky due to the smoke from California, Washington and Oregon fires drifting. Prayers are with the many homes and several lives lost in those areas.

Pastor Howard opened the service at Potawatomi United Methodist Church followed by announcements. Oct. 20 is the date set to celebrate 115 years of Potawatomi United Methodist Church. A letter from the conference was reported concerning insurance. A decision is due by Dec. 24.

Prayer concerns are for Ann Wilkening in regards to her decisions of future care, transportation, etc.

Tina Pugh provided the music. Laura Schreiber was acolyte. Marjean Shenk was liturgist, reading from I Corinthians 3:14.

Hymns were "Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling," "Grace Greater Than Our Sins" and "Where He Leads Me."

Judy Thoman gave the special, sharing about angels, "Surely, Goodness And Mercy" and also a chuckle of the day, "Shirley Goodnest And Marcy."

Offertory ushers were Jim Shenk and Keith Bell.

Pastor Howard's message was titled "A Way Of Life," with the

text coming from Luke 12:32-40.

Jesus continues to teach us to not be afraid and to follow Him. God tells us to be ready. The hour He asks Jesus to come is unknown. What do you do to give God pleasure? Be faithful and alert.

Next Sunday's sermon will be "Exercising Our Spiritual Gifts."

Steven, Christina, Sarah and Hannah Wilder spent a week visiting Kansas relatives, the Wilders in Topeka, and Keith and Dortha Bell. Time was short, but was lovely. Sarah Wilder is attending Berkley College.

Sympathy is with the family of Betty Flynn in her death.

Shirley Swartz of Topeka stopped by for a short visit with Betty Bowser on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 11.

On Monday, Aug. 6, Martha Roush and family celebrated the 17th birthday of her great-grandsons, Chris and Kolby Roush.

Ronald and I enjoyed having Lori Gillis bring an evening meal in to eat with us.

Sorry about two errors on my news last week. Laura Schreiber was communion steward rather than Pam Daugherty. Also, Laura attended the 25th annual Potawatomi gathering at Prairie People's Park rather than Prairie Lake.

Circleville United Methodist

By Sue Wichman

"The Church In The Wildwood" was Leesa Harshaw's enjoyable, lively prelude at Circleville United Methodist Church on Sunday, Aug. 12. Barbara Hutchinson and Verlin Wichman lighted the altar candles.

Lay Pastor Charlotte Milroy asked for announcements before leading the opening prayer and the psalter.

Mary Jo Fernkopf read the Scripture lesson, 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 and Ephesians 4:25-5:2.

The hymns were "This Is The

Day," "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" and "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." David Allen was song leader and Leesa provided the accompaniment.

The title of Charlotte's sermon was "Stinky Diaper." Being clothed in anger, bitterness and hostility does not make us happy any more than wearing a soiled diaper makes an infant happy and content. When you put on fresh clothing of kindness, tenderness and forgiveness, your heart begins to sing with happiness.

"Be renewed in your mind and

spirit, then strip off the old, crumpled stuff of your life."

Leesa provided the special during the service, playing "He Touched Me."

The offertory hymn was "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Verlin Wichman and Dennis Hutchinson received the offering.

Theresa Wade assisted Charlotte in offering Holy Communion. Leesa played "The Beautiful Garden Of Prayer" during the time of meditation. The service closed with "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

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North Jackson Jets 4-H meets

By Teagen Bowhay

The North Jackson Jets 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Aug. 12. President Kolby Rethman called the meeting to order. Rethman led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Roll call was done by asking each member their favorite subject in school. There were nine members and six parents present.

Club leader Phyllis Slipke asked if any individuals or the club were interested in doing community service or a fundraiser at the Tractor Supply Co. annual adopt a pet event on Saturday, Aug. 25. Brooke Slipke will be making her dog toys that she did for her 4-H demonstration.

Treasurer Olivia Yingst reported the club's balance and added that the club made \$2,336.05 on the beef raffle held last month.

Phyllis Slipke reported that the club banner got reserve champion honors, the club hay bale got a purple ribbon and Teagen Bowhay's reporter notebook got reserve champion honors at the fair. Club members also talked about the fair feedback that will be shared at the next council meeting.

State fair registrations were due Aug. 15 and discount tickets for state fair tickets are available to 4-H families at the Extension office. Phyllis Slipke reminded club members to get their record books done and turned in to her by Aug. 26.

Rethman adjourned the meeting and announced the next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 9, at which time new officers will be elected for the new 4-H year.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*

TEAM PREVIEW

Lady Cobras looking for more victories

By Brian Sanders

Last year was a year of marked improvement for the Jackson Heights High School varsity volleyball team, and head coach Denise Visocky is working toward even further improvement in 2018.

"We're hoping to continue building on what we did last year and reach the top of the league this year, then hopefully, a push on to the state tournament," said Visocky, who is in her third year of coaching volleyball at JHHS.

In 2016, Visocky's first year of coaching volleyball at Jackson Heights, the Cobras finished the season at next to last in the Northeast Kansas League with a league record of 3-13 and an overall record of 10-26.

Last year, under Visocky's guidance, the Cobra girls finished third in the league with an 8-6 league record and an overall 20-17 record.

Visocky attributed much of last year's success to a young Cobra team that is coming back for more in the 2018 season.

"We lost some good seniors after last year, and the biggest loss would be Abby Williams, who was all-league and made a big impact," she said. "But we've got a strong base to build on with seven returning players from last year's team."

That base, she said, starts with junior Kylie Dohl and senior Karley Dieckmann, both of whom were named to last year's all-county team. Dohl was also named to the all-league team in the NEK League; Dieckmann was named all-league honorable mention.

"They will help lead our team this year," Visocky said of Dohl and Dieckmann. "We also have some younger kids that will step in to fill some missing spots."

Visocky said this year's defense, led by Dieckmann and featuring junior and 2017 all-county honorable mention Abby Brey, senior Sydney Raborn and sophomore Jodi White, will be "really strong," while Dieckmann and Dohl will be augmented on offense by sophomores Amaya Marlatt and Sarah Marshall.

Assisting Visocky, who has an overall volleyball coaching record of 240-268 over 14 years, will be Robin Sides.

"Coach Sides brings a lot of experience in volleyball and she sees different possibilities in the plays and the kids," Visocky said.

She added that when it comes to league play, the Cobras are expecting some tough competition from Valley Falls and Jefferson County North, who finished first and second in the NEK league last year.

"They've been finishing in the top two for several years," Visocky said. "But we're going to fight to get up there this year."

The Cobra volleyball team will open its 2018 season on Tuesday, Aug. 28 with a home triangular against ACCHS and Horton, starting at 5 p.m.



RV football returns several starters from last year

The Royal Valley Panthers are getting ready for their first football game that is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 31.

In the top photo, coach Russell Hodison watches over players moving the blocking sled farther down the line.

In the photo at right, coach David Boucher demonstrates how he wants the next drills to be performed and coach Kyle Porter can also be seen in the background.

The Panthers return several key players from last year's team.

Photos by Barb Williamson



By David Powl

Royal Valley High School head football coach Jake Lott is entering his fifth season leading the Class 3A, District 4 Panthers and says he is excited about the upcoming season with seven returning starting players on offense and six returning starting players on defense.

Overall, the Panthers have 15 letterwinners back for the team, coach Lott said. A total of 42 players have reported for the team.



The Panthers finished 4-5 overall last season and 3-4 in the Big Seven League.

The team lost eight letterwinners to graduation last season, including Blake Chance (honorable mention all-league defensive end and outside linebacker) and Dillon Smith (honorable mention all-league running back).

"Our losses came against quality competition in Nemaha Central, Sabetha, Holton, Perry-Lecompton and Silver Lake," coach Lott said. "Last year, we started five sophomores with several other sophomores seeing varsity playing time. There was a learning curve at times, but the team found ways to win the games that it was supposed

to win. At times, our youth and inexperience was exposed against quality competition."

Coach Lott says the Big Seven football league continues to be tough top to bottom, year in, year out.

"We return a lot of players who work hard and will give good effort," coach Lott said. "We have a small but reliable senior class this year and a big junior class behind them. We will need to find some depth at the skill positions and will need the junior class to step up and be a big part of the team. The schedule will again be extremely tough and staying healthy will be key to having a successful season."

Key returning starters for the Panthers this season include:

*Senior Brandon Rodewald, two-year starter, 6-2-, 215 pounds, running back and linebacker.

*Senior Bryce Garrison, 6-0, 190-pounds, tight end and linebacker.

*Senior Kobe Mills, 6-0, 160-pounds, wide receiver and defensive back.

*Junior Jaiden Wamego, 6-3, 235-pounds, tackle and defensive end.

*Junior Komesh Spoonhunter, 6-4, 270-pounds, offensive and defensive tackle.

*Junior Gavin Cumpston, 5-11, 160-pounds, quarterback and defensive back.

*Junior Chance Lyming, 5-9,

165-pounds, running back and defensive back.

*Junior Greg Koon, 5-11, 250-pounds, guard and defensive tackle.

Other key returners and key underclassmen listed by Lott are as follows:

*Senior Karsen Smith, 5-8, 170-pounds, center and defensive end.

*Junior Zach Burger, 5-9, 185-pounds, guard and defensive end.

*Junior Edgar Higinie, 5-8, 220-pounds, guard and defensive end.

*Junior Anthony Zeller, 5-11, 165-pounds, wide receiver and defensive back.

*Junior AJ Hastings, 5-11, 190-pounds, offensive and defensive tackle.

*Junior Nathaniel Howerton, 6-0, 170-pounds, running back and linebacker.

*Sophomore Noah Schnacker, 6-0, 210-pounds, tackle and defensive end.

*Sophomore Skylar Mechtley, 5-10, 160-pounds, running back and defensive back.

QB Cumpston returns and was an All-County honorable mention pick last season, passing for 363 yards, including four passing TDs. He also rushed for a team high 582 yards and scored four TDs.

"We are looking for Gavin to have a breakout year as a junior," the coach said. "We need him to continue to improve this

season."

Rodewald had 3.7 yards per carry last season for the Panthers for 398 yards (fourth best on the team). He was an All-County honorable mention offense pick.

Lyming rushed for 472 yards last season (third best on the team) and also had three interceptions and 45 tackles and was an All-County honorable mention pick on both offense and defense.

Coach Lott also said Mechtley could contribute at the running back position, also, this season, as he has had a good off-season.

Coach Lott mentioned that Mills and Garrison both saw action at tight end last season.

"We need to improve our passing game to keep the big, physical Big Seven teams honest," the coach said.

The offensive line is expected to be one of the team's strengths this season with Spoonhunter, Wamego, Coon, K. Smith and Burger all back with a lot of experience, the coach said. The linemen will average about 219 pounds per position with those five.

"There will be a lot of competition at every position as there are a bunch of underclassmen with the ability to step up," Lott said. "We're looking for Hastings, Higinie and Schnacker to all challenge for playing time."

Defensive line will be one

of the deepest positions on the team, the coach said with Wamego back at defensive end and Spoonhunter moving inside.

"Koon, Burger and K. Smith saw playing time along the line of scrimmage and we will also look for several more players to challenge for playing time," Lott said.

Rodewald and Garrison return to the inside linebacker positions and several juniors and sophomores are being looked at to fill the outside linebacker spots.

Cumpston and Lyming return as defensive backs and several players are battling for the other spots.

Coach Lott said Sabetha looks to be the top team to beat in the league, followed by Holton, Perry-Lecompton, Nemaha Central and the Panthers.

Other teams in the league are Hiawatha, Riverside and Jeff-West.

Coach Lott also picked Sabetha and Holton one and two in the district, followed by Marysville, RV, Wamego and Hiawatha.

Royal Valley's first game is Friday, Aug. 31, with a home game versus Perry-Lecompton.

Coach Lott is 15-21 coaching at RVHS and 19-26 overall.

Thunder Hill Speedway racing results given

By Michael Powl

Here are the week 12 results at Thunder Hill Speedway from Saturday, Aug. 11.

In the Stock Car A-Feature with 20 racers, Lance Dixon from Topeka took first place, Matt Haid from Ozawkie took second place, Marvin Griffith Jr. from Holton took third place, Greg Deters from Centralia took fourth place and Brian Labonte from Lawrence took fifth place.

In the Northern Sport Modified A-feature with 25 racers, Sturgis Streeter from Topeka took first place, Curtis Dreasher from Hoyt took second place, Luke Stallbaumer from Tecumseh took third place, Austin Charles from Basehor took fourth place and Matthew Crowell from Goddard took fifth place.

In the Modified A feature with 17 racers, Steven Bowers Jr. from Topeka took first place, Darron Fuqua from Mayetta took second place, Dan Nelson from Holmesville, Neb. took third place, Brandon Spanjer from Crete, Neb. took fourth place and Brandon Williams from Platte City, Mo. took fifth place.

In the Hobby stock A feature with nine racers, Nicholas Ronnebaum from Onaga took first place, Brian Stich from Topeka took second place, Tyler Hinrichs from Americus took third place, Larry Bouton Jr. from

Topeka took fourth place and Koby Minnis from Topeka took fifth place.

Here are the week 11 results at Thunder Hill Speedway from Saturday, Aug. 4.

In the Stock Car A-Feature with 24 racers, Troy Burkhart from Hays took first place, Marvin Griffith Jr. from Holton took second place, Brandon Conkwright from Wamego took third place, Kyle Clough from Wallace, Neb. took fourth place and David Holcomb from Kansas City took fifth place.

In the Northern Sport Modified A-feature with 21 racers, Curtis Dreasher from Hoyt took first place, Sturgis Streeter from Topeka took second place, Luke Stallbaumer from Tecumseh took third place, Brian Murphy from Carbondale took fourth place and Josh Everhart from Burlingame took fifth place.

In the Modified A feature with 13 racers, Steven Bowers Jr. from Topeka took first place, Brandon M. Conkwright from Wamego took second place, Allen Halderman from Hoyt took third place, Brandon Clough from Wallace, Neb. took fourth place and Richard Spriggs from Savannah, Mo. took fifth place.

In the Hobby stock A feature with 11 racers, Tyler Hinrichs from Americus took first place, Nicholas Ronnebaum from

Onaga took second place, Koby Minnis from Topeka took third place, Troy Baumgartner from Auburn took fourth place and Ricky Tanner from Topeka took fifth place.

2018 Royal Valley HS Football

VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 31	Perry-Lecompton	RVHS	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Jeff West	Meriden	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Riverside	RVHS	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Wamego	Wamego	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Holton	Holton	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Marysville	RVHS	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	Sabetha	RVHS	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	Bi-Dist. Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Nov. 3	Regionals	TBA	TBA
Nov. 9	Sectionals	TBA	TBA
Nov. 16	Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Nov. 24	State Championship	TBA	TBA

JUNIOR VARSITY

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 4	Perry-Lecompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Jeff West	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Riverside	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Wamego	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Holton	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Marysville	Marysville	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	Hiawatha	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 28	V/JV Tri.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Aug. 30	V/JV Tri.	Rossville	5 p.m.
Sept. 4	V/JV Tri.	Maur Hill	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	V Quad	Maur Hill	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	V Tourn.	Frankfort	9 a.m.
Sept. 11	V/JV Tri.	Valley Falls	5 p.m.
Sept. 17	JV Quad	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	V/JV Tri.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	V/JV Tri.	Effingham	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	V Tourn.	Valley Falls	9 a.m.
Sept. 29	JV Tourn.	Jeff North	9 a.m.
Oct. 2	V/JV Tri.	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.
Oct. 4	V Quad	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	JV Quad	Onaga	5 p.m.
Oct. 9	V/JV Tri.	Jackson Hts.	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	V Quad	Maur Hill	5 p.m.
Oct. 13	JV Tourn.	Wabaunsee	9 a.m.
Oct. 16	V/JV Tri.	Pleasant Rdg	5 p.m.
Oct. 20	Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Oct. 26-27	State	TBA	TBA

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During the Jackson County Sheriff's Day Camp held last week at Banner Creek Reservoir, several area emergency agencies provided demonstrations. In the top photo, Tyler Vaughn (center) and Brian Rhodd of Holton (right), both deputies with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, explained how a police shield is used in an emergency situation. Also shown at left is Luke Gallagher of Holton who put on several pieces of the men's gear earlier in the demonstration.

In the photo above, Laquita Peters, 10, is shown taking her turn behind the wheel of the Hoyt Fire Department's parked fire truck during day camp. Photos by Ali Holcomb

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker
"The Lord Jesus feeds us with His Flesh; in order to strengthen us with His own Life" was the theme of the worship service at Immanuel Lutheran Church on the 12th Sunday after Pentecost on Aug. 12.

The opening hymn was "How Sweet The Sound Of Jesus Sounds." Worship Service 1 was followed with Psalm 34:1-8 spoken responsively.

Elder Travis Amon read the Old Testament lesson from 1 Kings chapter 19 and the epistle lesson from Ephesians chapter 4. Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the Holy Gospel from John 6:35-51. The sermon hymn was "Amazing Grace."

Pastor Van Velzer pointed out two verses to focus attention on: From Ephesians - "And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God," and from our Gospel lesson - "And the bread which I given for the life of the world is my flesh."

He then shared the story from the book by Shel Silvestein, "The Giving Tree." The story is a good illustration of how Jesus, as the bread of life, gave and gave of Himself to feed the people with His body and blood from the tree of the cross so that all would be nourished.

The apple tree gave and gave, and Jesus gave Himself up for us as a fragrant suffering and sacrifice to God. Jesus - this living bread from Heaven - gave of Himself, from the cross, in a sense from another giving tree, but instead of apples, He gave bread, living bread from Heaven.

We come here Sunday after Sunday to be renewed, to hear the promise of God's grace to eat of the bread of life and drink the blood of Christ so that we might be assured again and again.

The congregation joined in professing the Apostles' Creed. Pastor Van Velzer invited Trevor Klahr and Braden Dohl to the altar where he offered a prayer our young people going off to college this week, including Tayla Manuel and Gladys Heitzmann.

In the prayers of the church, asked was that all baptized may become imitators of God as beloved children and walk in love; for our congregation to remain faithful; for all pastors and church workers that they fulfill the tasks God has given them to do; for leaders of our country, that they be strengthened and upheld in every good deed; for those who walk through difficult and dark times, the sick, the lonely, the grieving, the injured and the persecuted. The congregation joined in the Lord's Prayer.

School Menus

Jackson Heights
Monday, Aug. 20: Breakfast - Blueberry muffin, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Pork rib sandwich, sweet potato fries, lettuce salad, sliced tomato, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Aug. 21: Breakfast - Cheese omelet, oatmeal square, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Corn dog, tater tots, green beans, fruit, chocolate chip cookie and milk.
Wednesday, Aug. 22: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Taco salad, tortilla chips, tomato salad, refried beans, lettuce salad, fruit and milk.
Thursday, Aug. 23: Breakfast - Pancakes, patty sausage, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Barbecue beef sandwich, ranch fries, sliced cucumbers, fruit and milk.
Friday, Aug. 24: Breakfast - Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Baked chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, whole-wheat roll (9-12), lettuce salad, fruit and milk.

Holton
Monday, Aug. 20: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch - Grilled ham and cheese or barbecue pork rib on a bun, potato wedges, broccoli florets, fresh fruit and vegetables and milk.
Tuesday, Aug. 21: Breakfast - Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch - Fresh baked pizza or corn dog, celery sticks, fresh tomatoes, fresh fruit and vegetables and milk.
Wednesday, Aug. 22: Breakfast - Homemade cinnamon roll or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch - Hamburger on a bun or chicken tenders, tortilla chips (6-12), baked beans, fresh fruit and vegetables and milk.
Thursday, Aug. 23: Breakfast - Biscuit sandwich or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch - Spaghetti and meat sauce or turkey and cheese sub, garden salad, fresh baby carrots, fresh fruit, chocolate chip cookie and milk.
Friday, Aug. 24: Breakfast - Biscuit and gravy or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch - Chicken patty or fish nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, fresh fruit and vegetables and milk.

Royal Valley
Monday, Aug. 20: Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch - Pig in a blanket, potato wedges, steamed broccoli, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Aug. 21: Breakfast - Star spangled pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, fresh carrots, garlic breadstick, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Aug. 22: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast sandwich, fruit and milk; Lunch - Chicken wrap, lettuce and tomato slice, corn, cookie (9-12), fruit and milk.
Thursday, Aug. 23: Breakfast - Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, salad, roll, fruit and milk.
Friday, Aug. 24: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch - Soft taco, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, rice krispy treat (9-12), fruit and milk.

Wetmore
Monday, Aug. 20: Breakfast - Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch - Cheesy French bread pizza, seasoned green beans, celery and cucumbers, apple smiles, rice krispie treat and milk.
Tuesday, Aug. 21: Breakfast - Biscuits and gravy; Lunch - "Fried" chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, peaches, whole-grain roll and milk.
Wednesday, Aug. 22: Breakfast - Syrup Day; Lunch - Corn dog, french fries, barbecue baked beans, pears, frozen juice cup and milk.
Thursday, Aug. 23: Breakfast - Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch - Chicken quesadilla, corn, carrots and cucumbers, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie and milk.
Friday, Aug. 24: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza; Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, spinach garden salad, steamed broccoli, banana and milk.

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CITY OF DENISON

ORDINANCE NO. 8-13-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODES OF THE CITY OF DENISON, KANSAS, REGARDING THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF ANIMAL CONTROL AND REGULATION REGULATED BY THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH HEREIN.

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

Section 1: The municipal judge shall have the authority to order any animal determined to be in violation of any part of this chapter of the Code of the City of Denison, Kansas, to be confined, destroyed or removed from the city.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Denison on this 13th day of August, 2018.

/s/ Bruce Sweany
Bruce Sweany,
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Yvonne Hamer
Yvonne Hamer,
City Clerk

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CITY OF DENISON

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DENISON, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 1-8-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-201 OF THE CODES OF THE CITY OF DENISON, KANSAS REGARDING THE DATE DOG TAGS ARE DUE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DENISON, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

In the City of Denison City Code 2-201, "(e) The fee shall be payable before April 15th of each year without penalty" shall be removed and replaced with the following:

(e) The registration year shall be from January 1st through December 31st of each year. The fee shall be payable before February 1st of each year without penalty.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after its publication in the official city newspaper.

/s/ Bruce Sweany
Bruce Sweany,
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ATTEST:

/s/ Yvonne Hamer
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Gardener's Corner Tomato talk and water wariness

By Sandra M. Siebert

When the tomatoes first started turning color, I thought it was going to be a bad year for tomatoes. Many of them came off the vine mottled and pucky, which is no good.



I blamed the stink bugs, which pierce tomato skins to suck up nourishing juices. This leaves behind a hard yellow spot under the skin. You can still use the tomato, although numerous piercings can leave it quite unappealing and likely to rot early.

I cursed the stink bugs, although the number of tomatoes affected seemed far more than the few stink bugs I'd seen could have fed on. And some of the damage didn't quite look like that inflicted by stink bugs. A disease of some kind? But the damage didn't match the pictures of diseased tomato fruit.

One day I heard someone talking about how her tomatoes had first come off the vine looking weird and unappetizing. After some online search, she said, she learned that was what tomatoes looked like when they'd been exposed to extreme heat. Extreme heat — like several days of 100-degree weather in June.

Even though I didn't hear her explanation of what the tomatoes looked like, I figured that was as good of an explanation as any for my weird tomatoes. Whatever it was had mainly affected my small-fruited tomatoes, the ones that formed early, when it was really hot.

Since then the tomatoes have outgrown that weirdness and display only the usual weirdness that I can attribute to stink bugs and other culprits. Tomato production has outpaced their ability to ruin the fruit and my kitchen counter is constantly

crowded with tomatoes in various stages of ripeness. At least every other day I'm roasting a batch of Black Plum tomatoes to stick in the freezer or slicing some of the large Amish Paste tomatoes to dehydrate. I give away boxes full of Sun Gold tomatoes and dehydrate them as well. (Dehydrated Sun Gold tomatoes are a tasty snack.)

Even the Brandywine tomatoes have been producing a number of larger, nearly perfect and oh-so-delicious fruits. Brandywine production varies greatly from year to year. It's not a highly productive variety to start with — which is just fine, I don't need that many big slicers. Last year I got almost no truly edible ones. Most of them cracked badly and started to rot before they were fully ripe. This year has been a good year for the Brandywines.

While they are somewhat unreliable, Brandywines have such a good flavor that I'm willing to put up with their variability.

The Black Plum tomatoes, on the other hand, have been quite reliable. They start ripening on the early side and set on hundreds of small, pear-shaped fruits for maybe a couple of months. They reliably succumb to a wilt or whatever tomato disease far sooner than any of the other varieties. Early last week most of the leaves on some

of the Black Plum plants had turned brown and some of the vines were dying.

As usual, I'm not too torn up about it. This variety is so prolific that by the time the plants are too pathetic looking to leave standing, I'm almost glad to see them go. During their lives they give me lots of tomatoes... lots of them. I don't know if I can squeeze any more of the roasted tomatoes in the freezer I'm running out of the wide mouth pint jars in which I freeze the roasted tomatoes and other wet stuff. I might have to actually can the remaining Black Plum tomatoes so I can use regular mouth jars and stop filling the freezer space with tomatoes. I'll need the remaining freezer space for summer squash.

This week I started cutting up and discarding the most pathetic looking Black Plum plants, carefully collecting the tomatoes. The fully green ones will be fermented, like pickles, and the rest ripened and roasted. I'd already decided last week to stop watering most of the Black Plum plants because they looked so bad. Only two that are still relatively green will be saved — until they aren't mostly green anymore.

When rain is scarce, you start looking for ways to save water. The water in my rain-catchment tanks was getting low and my

water bill was climbing. Why water plants that are obviously dying? I'd already reduced my watering by taking out one patch of summer squash. I've also started putting in the fall garden, which increases the time spent watering. So I'll be looking for more ways to reduce what needs attention.

Mother Nature provided me with a couple of nice rains last week, which put more water in the rain tanks and saved me a little time watering. But that won't save the Black Plums. I don't think any amount of water would revive them, anyway. I'm better off focusing on the Amish Paste tomatoes, which have not yet reached their peak production.

The fall garden will need to get the most attention, though, as the young plants can dry quickly in the heat. This week I planted kale seed, and soon I'll set out baby cabbage plants (holding my breath and hoping something doesn't eat them before they have a chance to grow; I've had to replant the rutabagas because something — flea beetles? — chewed them up).

You have to set priorities and make tough decisions, especially when rain is scarce.

So, sorry, Black Plums; it's been nice, you've given me a lot, but now it's time for you to go.

Holton Senior Menu

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, Aug. 20

through Friday, Aug. 24 are as follows:

Monday, Aug. 20: Chef salad with ham and cheese, cottage cheese with peppers and tomatoes, fresh fruit, sherbet and crackers.

Tuesday, Aug. 21: Swiss steak, baked potato, Japanese vegetables, diced pears and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, Aug. 22: Goulash, green beans, mandarin oranges and pineapple and French bread.

Thursday, Aug. 23: Hamloaf, scalloped potatoes, winter mix vegetable, peaches in jello and bread and margarine.

Friday, Aug. 24: Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots, tropical fruit, cookie and hot roll and margarine.

Public Notice

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INVITATION TO BID

2018 CFP HVAC Modernizations for the Holton Housing Authority

Bid Due Date: September 6th, 2018
Bid Due Time: 1:00 PM
Bid Opening Place: **Atchison Housing Authority Office**
103 S 7th St Atchison KS 66002-2842

Pre-Bid Meeting (attendance mandatory) Date: August 22nd, 2018
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: **Holton Housing Authority Office**
100 Southern Heights Holton, KS 66436

The Holton Housing Authority will receive sealed bids until the date and time stated above for the HVAC Modernization project referenced above. The work includes replacement of split system, residential HVAC equipment, ductwork cleaning, and other items indicated, for selected apartment units at the Holton HA. Bids are to include all necessary labor, materials and equipment.

For all construction and equipment contracts over \$25,000, the bidder shall be required to submit with the bid a negotiable bid guarantee not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid.

For information, contact Zingre and Associates, PA, 1015 Scott, Fort Scott, KS 66701, 620-223-6030. Plans and specifications are available as follows: To receive a printed set of plans and specs, send a deposit check for \$50.00 made out to the Holton Housing Authority, to the Office of Zingre and Associates. The deposit for the first set of plans is refundable, additional plan sets may be purchased for \$50.00 per set. Electronic versions of the plans and specs are available by email for free.

The competency and responsibility of bidders will be considered in awarding the contract, and the Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive irregularity in bidding.

Workers on this project must be paid the prevailing wages indicated in the published wage decision. The Holton HA is an EOE.

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Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold

Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for the Cowboy/Traditional Service at the Circleville Christian Church on Aug. 12. Brody Bliss gave the welcome and announcements and introduced Tim Boswell and friends.

They talked about "Encounter The Cross" which is a ministry across Kansas and other states. They also hold retreats for men and women who want to get more involved and know more about Christian living and how it changes lives.

Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, David Allen, Max Lierz, Johnny Lynch, David Spencer, Paul and Sue Davault, and Kay Hallauer. Brody Bliss gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Paul Davault referenced several scripture texts about service to others and he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donald Askren, Elmer Ent, Jeremy Kennedy, and Paul Davault. The prayer for the offering was given by David Allen. Kay Hallauer provided a piano medley of hymns as communion was served and the offering received.

Brody Bliss used text from Ecclesiastes 4:7-16 as he continued with his sermon titled "Finding Companionship." His message brought out the importance of friends and companionship in our daily life.

Without it, we can find ourselves in pointless toil and excessive materialism, it also leads to great risks and unfulfilled hopes. Lack of companionship can be a great detriment in our life. We are failing when we are not strengthening one another. We need to be committed in our relationships, there is strength in numbers when we live to lift each other up.

The service closed by singing "I'll Fly Away."



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RETIRE KANSAS

Burglary suspect arrested

A Mayetta woman was arrested recently on theft and drug charges after she was found in possession of a stolen vehicle, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Saleena Rae Masquat, 33, was arrested Aug. 9 after a Jackson County deputy stopped to assist with a silver 2008 Dodge Caravan that was disabled on P Road near 254th Road.

The deputy determined that the vehicle had been stolen from the Sac and Fox Casino earlier in the day, Morse reported.

Masquat was arrested and found to be allegedly in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia. She has also allegedly been tied to three Jackson County burglaries that occurred Aug. 9.

Jackson County deputies and detectives investigated a burglary at an occupied residence located at 16400 326th Rd. where items including a television had been

taken.

Deputies and detectives also worked a burglary at an unoccupied dwelling located at 16621 326th Rd. in rural Whiting and a burglary to a shed near 254th and P Road close to where Masquat was arrested.

Morse said that deputies had recovered a "considerable amount" of the missing property that had been in Masquat's possession.

She was booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of felony possession of stolen property, possession of stolen property, theft, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, burglary of a dwelling, burglary of a non-dwelling and driving while suspended. Further charges against Masquat may also be filed, it was reported.

Masquat remains in the Jackson County Jail with bond set at \$16,000.



During the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Day Camp last week, members of the Holton Fire Department held a Jaws of Life demonstration to help children understand what happens when someone is trapped in a vehicle during an emergency. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

Jack Bernitter rang the bell on this beautiful Sunday morning Aug. 12, 2018, at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church.

The preludes "How Great Thou Art" and "Great Is Thou Faithfulness" were played by Leesa Harshaw.

The beautiful voice of Claude Rieschick could be heard coming from his pew as Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles.

Lay Pastor Charlotte Milroy welcomed everyone and after announcements led the call to worship, opening prayer and psalter, Psalm 130. Pastor Charlotte also read scripture from 2 Samuel 5-9, 15, 31-33 and Ephesians 4:25-5:2.

Donna Ashcraft, as song leader, led the congregation in singing hymns: "This Is The Day," "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," and "Precious Lord Take My Hand" accompanied by Leesa.

Pastor Charlotte chose "Stinky Diapers" for the title of her message. Paul tell us in John 6:35-41-51 that our hearts and minds must be made completely new and we must put on the new self, which is created in God's likeness.

Spiritually, when you put on the new clothing of kindness,

tenderness, forgiveness, being imitators of God's love and being filled with the Holy Spirit, your heart then begins to sing with happiness, giving thanks to God for all God's goodness.

So how often does a person need to strip off the old wet dirty clothing and put on new? Ask a baby who messes quite often. If a baby's diapers was changed once a day or once a week, it will be quite a stinking mess, and so it is with us.

Paul says, "Be renewed in your mind and spirit, then strip off the old crummy stuff of your life. Strip it off. Then put on the new clothing of Christ, the clothing of kindness and forgiveness and especially that bright coat of the love of Christ."

You will feel so much better. Remember don't be the stinky diaper!

Pastor Charlotte, with Donna's assistance, offered Holy Communion to all congregants.

The offertory prayer was recited and Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick collected the offerings. The closing hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" was sung as Mary carried out the Light of Christ.

Bible study was held immediately after the worship service.

Safety tips for walkers, bikers

By John Merchant

Brown County Sheriff
Within the last few weeks I have been approached by several citizens with suggestions and concerns about walkers and bikers on the roadways, especially at night.

There have been concerns about walkers and bikers wearing dark colored clothing at night, walking or biking in the middle of the roadway or weaving from one side to the other, and even concerns about people walking animals on long leashes and having some close calls as walkers are not able to control their animals when cars pass them by. I have compiled a list of hints and tips for everyone to review and hopefully stay a little bit safer.

For Pedestrians

- Walk facing traffic when walking on the side of the road. If there is no sidewalk and you must walk on the side of the road, choose the side where you are facing oncoming traffic. In North America, this is the left side of the road. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action when needed. This may be confusing because the opposite rule is true for cyclists, who cycle in the same direction as the traffic flow.
- Be visible. Wear bright colors when walking in daytime. When walking at night, wear light-colored clothing and reflective clothing or a reflective vest to be visible. Carry a flashlight. Drivers are often not expecting walkers to be out after dark, and you need to give them every chance to see you, even at street crossings that have crossing signals. Be just as cautious at dawn or twilight, as drivers still have limited visibility or may even have the setting or rising sun directly in their eyes.
- Cross streets at a corner, using traffic signals, where available, and crosswalks.
- Always look left, right and left again before crossing a street, and keep watching as you cross. Be aware that drivers have differing levels of eyesight and skill in operating motor vehicles.
- Be predictable. Make a practice of staying on one side of the path while walking rather than weaving randomly from side to side. Watch your arm motions, or you may end up giving a black eye to a passing walker, runner or biker.
- Hang up and eyes up. Distracted walking due to chatting, texting, or playing games like Pokemon Go on a mobile device while you walk is as dangerous as doing those things while driving. You are distracted and not as aware of your environment. You

are less likely to recognize traffic danger, tripping hazards, or passing joggers and bikers. Potential criminals see you as an easy target.

Adopt habits that can keep your phone in your pocket, or at least make it a practice to stop in a safe place to complete your phone tasks before moving on.

- Walk dogs on short leashes. It is terrifying and tragic to witness dogs running out in to traffic or getting into a fatal dog fight, whether on leash or off leash. But when walking your dog on a long leash, there is also a danger that you will trip other walkers or bikers. You will keep your dog safer as well as those who pass by you if you use proper leash walking etiquette.
- Walk defensively and be ready for unexpected events. Know what's going on around you and don't allow your vision to be blocked by clothing, hats, or items that you are carrying.
- Watch the pedestrian signals, not the traffic signal, and follow the "Walk/Don't Walk" lights (they're set up to help you cross safely). Look for pedestrian push buttons for crossing protection at signalized intersections.
- Watch out for parked vehicles. Parking lots can be as dangerous as streets.

For Bicycle Riders

- Make yourself visible. Wear reflective materials and/or bright-colored attire (a high visibility helmet, jacket, socks/shoes, and gloves are pieces you can obtain at a local bike shop). Reflective tape on your gloves helps others see hand signaling movement.

Reflective tape or stickers for your bicycle or gear are also a great investment.

- Illuminate. Use a white headlight and a rear reflector (or better yet, a red tail light) when riding in the dark. Try rechargeable batteries and keep your bike lights charged. Sick of dealing with batteries? Maybe a generator hub and light set is a better option for you. Your reflector and lights should be visible for 500 feet. Take a friend and check each other from a distance to see just how visible you truly are.
- Assume drivers don't see you. Err on the side of caution and never assume that the driver sees you, even when you have the right of way.
- Give traffic an extra look before crossing at intersections.

Drivers' Responsibilities

- Streets are used by people driving everything from 18-wheelers to bicycles, and by pedestrians crossing streets. Children, seniors and people with disabilities are at the most risk.
- Pedestrians who use guide dogs or white canes are either blind or seriously visually impaired; they cannot see vehicles, look a driver in the eye or notice a silent hybrid or electric car.
- Pedestrians who are deaf or hard of hearing may use a white cane with a second strip of red at the bottom; they cannot hear a driver's approach, horn or verbal warning.
- Pedestrians with mobility impairments may use walkers, canes or service dogs, or just walk slowly.
- Pedestrians may also have

hidden disabilities or medical conditions that are not obvious but can exhibit when under stress, such as crossing streets. Many more pedestrians are using service dogs. These dogs do not relieve drivers of their responsibilities. Service dogs and their handlers are considered one being, and injuring or killing a service dog carries heavy penalties under the law.

- Pedestrians can also be children. Young children do not understand what a car could do to them. They are also often focused on what they are doing rather than a car.
- Slow down. The faster a person drives, the more likely they are to be involved in a wreck, and the more likely injuries to a pedestrian will be serious or fatal. Even going 20 miles per hour can result in fatalities.
- Be focused. Talking, texting, listening to loud music or speech, putting on make-up, reading, turning around or reaching down in your seat, driving while emotional or under the influence of medications causing drowsiness, street drugs or alcohol are all serious distractions.
- Stay at the scene if you are involved in an accident. If the pedestrian or vehicle occupant is injured, call 911. Leaving the scene can result in death for critically injured pedestrians. Leaving the scene can also result in felony charges for hit-and-run drivers.

The roads are out there for all of us to use, whether by car, by foot, or other mobility options. Be mindful, be safe and be courteous to your fellow humans!

Netawaka U.M.C.

By Mary E. Edwards

Aug. 12 was a nice cool morning with plenty of traffic on U.S. Highway 75 as the congregation drove to Netawaka for church at the Netawaka United Methodist Church.

Neva Douglas was the greeter. Steve Banaka lighted the candles and took up the offering. Worship leader Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. Joys and concerns were shared.

Bob Williamson has returned to his home after several months in the hospital and nursing home. We rejoice with him and pray he will stay healthy. Marcia Robertson anticipates a day of fun today with her grandchildren Michael, Luke, and Julia.

We add Nadine Wheeler to our prayer list as she is in the hospital. We continue to pray for those who are sick or hurting.

Marilyn led the responsive call to worship. The hymn of praise was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Other songs were "Surely The Presence Of The Lord," "Cares Chorus" and "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

Pastor Young Won led the reading of the congregational prayer. Everyone participated and Pastor Young led the congregation in the blessing of the backpacks and the school year. As no children were present, several adults went to the front on behalf of grand-

children. The blessing was also for teachers, school workers, and all who support our schools.

So-Jin Won played a beautiful arrangement of "I Surrender All" on the piano. We thank her for sharing her talent.

Marilyn read the scripture lesson, Ephesians 4:25-32, new rules to live by. The sermon was "The Imitation Of Christ."

Pastor Young shared about studying very hard and struggling with learning the English language and its confusing pronunciations. Children of fellow seminarians easily learned English, and spoke like natives as well as speaking Korean. They learned by imitation.

People learn many things by imitation and repetition such as music and everyday tasks, etc. Classes may be boring, learning by doing seems better.

The scripture tells us to put off all falsehood, speak truthfully, do not sin, and do not give the devil a foothold. Get rid of all evil, anger, bitterness, and malice. Be kind and compassionate, forgiving one another, forgiving each other as Christ forgave us.

God gave us truth and also freedom. God encourages us to imitate Jesus. We are weak and easily tempted, so we should leave no room for the devil. A good rule to remember is this: Do no harm, do good and stay in love with God.

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Photos by Brian Sanders

Ag Week Recap: Beef, pork production forecasts raised for '19

By Matt Hines
Slaughter cattle trade last week in Nebraska on a live and dressed basis traded mostly \$3 lower, at \$111 live and \$175 dressed. Trade in the Southern Plains was \$3 lower as well as \$111 live.

USDA updated supply and demand estimates last Friday. The forecast for total meat production in 2018 is raised from last month as increases in broiler production more than offset declines in beef, pork and turkey production.

For 2019, the pork production forecast is raised from the previous month on higher expected hog slaughter in the first part of the year and heavier carcass weights. The beef production forecast is raised on heavier carcass weights in 2019.

Cattle slaughter last week was

estimated at 645,000 head, up 19,000 from the previous week and up 9,000 compared to a year ago. Hog slaughter for the week is estimated at 2,333,000 head, up 13,000 from the week previous and up 49,000 from last year.

Compared to last week, calves and yearlings sold fully steady to \$5 higher. Last week's higher fed cattle market and continued good demand for calves and yearlings with active bidding have helped to keep the uptrend intact.

Several auctions, especially in Missouri, noted that many calves that normally come to town in the fall are finding their way to the auction earlier as pasture conditions are deteriorating due to drought conditions.

The market continues to be very active on loads of year-

lings especially in desirable flesh conditions that every cattle feeder loves to buy.

For the week, Friday, Aug. 3 to Friday, Aug. 10, August live cattle were down \$2.42, October was down \$2.75, August feeders were down \$2.95, September was down \$3.50, August lean hogs were down \$3.70 and October was up \$0.40.

The overall lack of support in the entire cattle market is following the expectation that firm seasonal support will continue to develop through the remainder of the year.

But pressure in outside markets and the overall uncertainty of how trade activity will affect the overall beef industry in the long term has traders quickly backing away from recent market gains.

Livestock Futures Settlements

Monday, Aug. 13

- August live cattle down \$1.05 at \$107.20, October down \$1.10 at \$108.15.
- August feeder cattle down \$1.25 at \$148.65, September down \$1.07 at \$148.45.
- August lean hogs up \$72 at \$55.52, October up \$47 at \$51.65.

August live cattle are now testing support from the higher trend line that has been in place since mid-May. The next areas of support are down near \$106 and \$104 with resistance up at \$111.

August feeders have been consolidating or coiling the past four sessions, which tends to lead to a blowout, but direction is anyone's guess right now. We have been in lower trend since mid-July that took out the higher trend line back from mid-May. The first line of support is at \$147 with resistance at \$150.

October lean hogs become the front contract this week and have bounced sharply higher from the \$47.82 low last week. That will be the next key support level with resistance from \$54 to \$56.

Over in the grains, the first yield adjustment for the fall crops by USDA was very bearish, with U.S. soybean production increased by 276 million bushels (MBU) from a month ago on a yield of 51.6 bushels per acre. If realized, this will be the largest soybean crop in U.S. history and result in a very burdensome 785 MBU ending stocks.

U.S. corn yield was above expectations as well at 178.4 bushels per acre, which in-

creased production 356 MBU to 14.586 billion bushels (BBU), but ending stocks are still friendly at 1.684 BBU.

USDA seemed to ignore the spring wheat quality tour results and still have a record crop forecasted. Harvest is progressing up north with better than expected yields so far. That, along with EU wheat futures breaking lower in the past couple days, has provided the pressure on all U.S. wheat markets.

For the week, Friday, Aug. 3 to Friday, Aug. 10, December corn was down \$.12½, November soybeans were down \$.40½, September Kansas City wheat was down \$.07½, September Chicago wheat was down \$.09½, September Minneapolis wheat was down \$.04 and December soybean meal down \$.85 per ton.

Grain Futures Settlements

Monday, Aug. 13

- September corn down \$.01¼ at \$3.56½, December down \$.01¼ at \$3.70½.
- September soybeans up \$.06½ at \$8.57¼, November up \$.07 at \$8.68¾.
- September Kansas City wheat down \$.19 at \$5.40¾, December down \$.18 at \$5.67.
- September Chicago wheat down \$.13¼ at \$5.33½, September soybean meal up \$.580 at \$327.50 per ton.

Export inspections for the week ending Aug. 9 were not supportive to prices. Wheat inspections were above expectations at 17 MBU but still consistently below the 20 MBU or more needed. Corn was at expectations at 49.7 MBU, while soybeans were below at

21.3 MBU. Grain sorghum totaled only 26,455 bushels.

Crop conditions released after the close on Monday were in line with corn and soybeans, down 1 point to 70 percent and 66 percent good to excellent, respectively. Crop progress is still way ahead of last year and the average pace, with corn denoted at 26 percent and soybeans setting pods at 84 percent.

Grain sorghum conditions were unchanged at 49 percent good to excellent, and 21 percent of the crop is mature. Spring wheat harvest is 35 percent complete, compared to the 27-percent average pace.

December corn is pulling back after nearly a month-long higher trend, with support at \$3.50 and resistance up at \$3.88. November soybeans tested resistance levels before the crop report last Friday but came crashing back to \$8.50, with lows down at \$8.26. September Kansas City wheat is down nearly \$.60 from its top last week, now testing support levels.

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.

Holton's VanDonge, RV's Albright represent county at FFA meeting

Kortnee VanDonge of the Holton FFA chapter and Emily Albright of the Royal Valley FFA chapter participated in the Kansas FFA District Officer's Conference (DOC), held this past weekend at the Marriott Convention Center in Junction City.

VanDonge serves as the Northeast District Secretary; Albright serves as the district's reporter.

The theme of "Fantastic Members and How to Serve Them" encompassed the key elements of identifying the officer's StrengthsFinder themes, building a community in their districts, understanding their reason for service, and pinpointing how their personality is used in a team setting.

Just as each of these ideas is necessary in any business or organization, district officers are expected to serve with these key themes in mind as they use their strengths to impact the lives of FFA members.

Starting with an executive committee meeting, officers were able to discuss current issues facing Kansas FFA and Kansas agricultural education. Students are able to bring per-

spectives from around the state which will be put into action by the Kansas FFA Association.

Officers participated in workshops led by Kansas FFA officers for 2018-19, and Elizabeth Meyer of Marion-Florence, who is serving as the 2018 Kansas FFA National Officer Candidate. Leaders of the Kansas State University College of Agriculture welcomed officers at a banquet and gave words of wisdom about their year of service.

As the conference drew to a close, district officers reported on the ideas that they chose to pursue before heading home to implement the skills that they learned.

VanDonge will serve on a team of six FFA members from the Northeast District, who have responsibilities such as serving on the state executive meeting, planning and facilitating a district Greenhand Conference for first year members, volunteering at the State Fair, and presenting a district banquet.

Other members of the Northeast team include: Eva Hinrichson and Hannah Fouts of Rock Creek, Wesley Denton of Valley Heights and Tess Fairbanks of Onaga.

The Kansas FFA District Officers Conference is facilitated and organized by the officers of the Kansas FFA Association, the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University and the Kansas State Board of Education.

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Royal Valley...

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Preliminary enrollment numbers are up or are expected to remain the same for all other grade levels as students move up a grade level. Last spring, the district graduated 53 seniors.

Davis is projecting the district's overall FTE to increase from 793.7 students in 2017-18 to an estimated 807 FTE this year.

Also during the meeting, the board held a budget hearing and approved the 2018-19 budget as presented.

The budget is funded by 44.684 mills, which is down .481 mill from the 45.165 mills used to fund last year's budget.

The budget includes levying 20 mills for the general fund, 16.684 mills for the Local Option Budget (LOB) and 8 mills for capital outlay.

Also during the meeting, the board:

- * Approved consent items, including resignations from Gary Mesler and Keith Kelly, both as bus drivers. The board also accepted a \$400 donation from Advisor's Excel and a \$408.63 donation from RVMS PRO to purchase a nine-square game for the middle school gymnasium.

- * Was introduced to several new staff members, including Mallory Diederich, Heather Hundley, Suzanne Conger, Katrenia Luthi, Doreen Seely-Francis, Ashley Wick, Carrie Kahle, Danelle Hermes, Haleigh Bradley and Aimee Stadel.

- * Heard a report from Heather Hundley, new RVMS principal, on some changes at the middle school this year.

A technology class with

Brenda Hailey was added back into the fifth and sixth grade rotation.

"We thought that would be a good benefit for the students," Hundley said.

In the past, students were deemed "compliant" in library and art at the middle school as opposed to receiving a letter grade. Hundley said the school will no longer include the compliant status and focus more on giving feedback to students on their projects and helping them with goalsetting.

- * Received an audit report from Jim Long of Karlin and Long LLC. Long said the audit showed no discrepancies.

- * Heard a spring and summer maintenance reported from Davis. Prior to the school board meeting, board members were invited to tour all three RV school sites to see maintenance work completed this past summer.

At the elementary school, a new light was added to the exterior, and the molding under the trophy case was replaced. The athletic benches were stained and received new tops. A classroom for the new pre-school program has also been set up on the west side of the building.

The remaining analog security cameras at the middle school are being replaced with digital cameras, it was reported. New efficient light was also added to the building.

At the high school, the gym doors have been painted, and some sheetrock has been repaired. A new epoxy floor was added to kitchen, and construction of the new concession stand is nearing completion.

A new phone system at all three schools was also installed this summer.

Next summer, Davis said the district will need to consider repainting the physical education lockers and locker rooms, as well as repair some of the locker handles.

Davis said that bathroom dividers at some of the school sites will need to be replaced next summer as well.

- * Learned from Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction, that enrollment last week "went well."

- * Received Kansas Association of School Board recommended board policy updates.

- * Set substitute pay for the 2018-19 school year at \$90 per day and \$48 per half day, which is the same as the previous year. The long-term substitute pay is \$404 a day.

In addition, retired Royal Valley teachers will be paid at the daily rate that matches their final education and experience with the district.

- * Approved the propane bid from Prairie Band Propane at an initial fill price of \$1.10 a gallon and a bid cap price of \$1.25 a gallon.

Nemaha County Coop of St. Marys submitted a bid that included an initial fill at \$1.159 per gallon and a bid cap price of \$1.159 per gallon.

Only the high school and elementary school buildings use propane.

- * Approved a bus driver contract for Glen Everhart.

- * Adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. No executive sessions were needed. Jim O'Toole was absent from the meeting.

KANZA update given at meeting

By Ali Holcomb

Additional renovations to the former Moser building in Holton, which houses KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center and the county juvenile intake department, are moving forward, the Jackson County Commissioners learned recently.

In addition to the renovation update, the commissioners were introduced to David Jasper, who was recently hired as the new CEO of the organization.

Jasper previously worked for Mosaic in Garden City. He replaces longtime CEO David Elsbury, who resigned in March.

In 2015, KANZA purchased the Moser Building, the former Holton Community Hospital, at 510 Kansas Ave.

KANZA began occupying the north portion of the building in 2012 and has shared the space with the county juvenile intake department as unused portions of the building are renovated in stages. The county leases the office space for juvenile intake.

Virginia Freese, KANZA director of business operations, said they will be opening bids later this month for the planned renovation to the southeast portion of the building.

The renovated space would become the offices for the juvenile intake department, and the KANZA offices on Idaho Avenue would move into the current juvenile intake space leased in the Moser building.

KANZA's Holton office is currently open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and once they have more staff, Freese said KANZA is interested in having the office open on Wednesdays.

KANZA board member Karen Stous reported that the board is looking into hosting Mental Health First Aid classes in Holton.

Freese said they are also seeking assistance to

purchase security cameras for the Moser Building.

The commissioners suggested they consult with Jackson Sheriff Tim Morse and Brooke Smith, juvenile intake director, to get a better idea of what type of surveillance is needed. KANZA also plans to apply for grant funding through the Sunflower Foundation.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Aug. 6, the commission:

- * Accepted the low fuel bid of \$20,178 submitted by Haag Oil Company. Knotty Pine submitted a \$20,520 bid.

- * Learned from Dan Barnett, road and bridge supervisor, that the new entrance at Jackson Heights has been complete. Crews will now begin patching roads in Denison.

Chip-and-sealing is under way at the sheriff's office and Banner Creek Reservoir.

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

- * Approved a contract between Banner Creek Reservoir and B&P Propane for 400 gallons at a rate of \$1.39 per gallon (\$556 total).

- * Met with Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp to discuss the procedure for cleaning up residential properties.

Claycamp said the county will need an order from a judge, and County Counselor Alex Morrissey said she would look into the statute.

The commissioners also requested maps from the appraiser's office of property held in trust by the federal government.

- * Learned from Chad Phillips, Courthouse custodian, that McElroy's has been called to repair a leak.

- * Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer reported that the city of Holton officials gave her a \$3,500 estimate for materials to install new

curbs on the south side of the courtyard. The city would provide the labor.

Once the curbs are complete, Phillips said he would seek bids to finish the final section of sidewalk in early 2019.

- * Met in executive session for 30 minutes with Morrissey to discuss a matter of attorney client privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Met in executive session with Sheriff Tim Morse and Morrissey for 15 minutes to discuss a matter of attorney client privilege. The meeting extended for 15 minutes. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Learned that Sheriff Morse is interested in creating a shooting range on county property for his employees to use.

- * Met in executive session for five minutes with Sheriff Morse and Morrissey to discuss a matter of attorney/client privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Received a letter of resignation from Jeanie Elder, road and bridge employee.

- * Signed a request and petition to allow Jackson County RWD #3 to occupy a county right-of-way to set a new meter near 326th and U Roads.

- * Adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

Salaries...

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The board also granted a pay raise of 50 cents per hour for all classified staff members, it was reported.

Board members also approved salary increases for district administrators, including:

- Mike Adkins, food service director, from \$46,885 to \$50,065.

- Mike Porter, district maintenance director, from \$48,385 to \$51,565.

- Tom Sextro, technology director, from \$69,688.50 to \$72,868.

- Carolyn Cochren, Fresh Start director, from \$64,685 to \$67,865.

- Brent Bechard, assistant high school principal and athletic director, from \$67,500 to \$70,680.

- Michael Kimberlin, middle school principal, from \$75,385 to \$76,975.

- Rod Wittmer, high school principal, from \$84,145 to \$87,325.

- Jeff Price, assistant director of special education, from \$70,750 to \$73,930.

- Amy Haussler, director of special education, from \$88,750 to \$91,930.

- Bob Davies, superintendent, from \$110,000 to \$113,180.

Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

David and Evelyn Allen hosted a trip for grandchildren Quinn, Annie and Amariah to Washington D.C. They left on Aug. 4 and returned home on Aug. 8. They saw the sights and visited memorials. They rode the metro, experienced their first Uber ride and enjoyed the Tom Cruise movie "Mission Impossible: Fallout." Though the weather was hot and humid, they reported having a great time.

On Aug. 8 at 9:30 a.m., the Circleville United Methodist Women met at the Methodist church with Dawn Duryea as hostess. Members answered to the roll call of "most awesome experience with nature." The responses were interesting. It was discussed that the group is participating in "Tools for School," which provides supplies for students. There is no Bishop's Roundup this year. They are in charge on Aug. 12, 19, and 26 for the church service at Medicalodges. The

next meeting will be held on Sept. 12 at the home of Barbara Hutchinson with Helen Farley as co-hostess.

Several area kids attended the Sheriff's Day Camp on Aug. 10-11 at Banner Lake. What a wonderful outreach this is for the county and thanks to everyone who gives their time and talents to sponsor this activity.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson were in Topeka having lunch at the Texas Roadhouse with Denise Morarity, and daughters, Shelby Moore and Kylie Moore, and Doug Hutchinson to celebrate Dennis' birthday on Saturday, Aug. 11. Then Dennis and Barbara went to the Dinner Bell on Sunday to have lunch there to continue the celebration.

The Circleville Senior Executives will meet on Monday, Aug. 20, at noon at the lodge hall. Chicken will be furnished by the group, with others bringing side dishes. A music group, the Kevin Halbleib family, will be providing entertainment.

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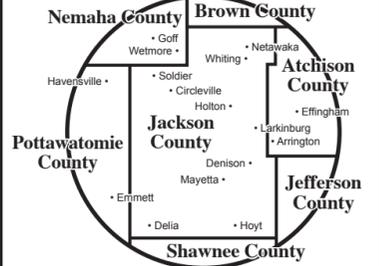
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McKee...

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McKee first took an interest in technology as a student at HHS, where he got involved with video production and technology classes. He would stay after school, learning more and more about the software and hardware used in making video presentations.

"I always had an interest in doing that for as long as I can remember," he said.

After graduating from HHS, he went on to The University of Kansas, along with his high school sweetheart, Megan — the two married halfway through their college years — and graduated in 2009 with a bachelor of arts degree in theater and film. Not long after his graduation, he went to work for KCTV, the CBS affiliate in Kansas City, working in local news.

Tyler and Megan welcomed their first child — Adelaide, or Addie, as McKee refers to her — seven years ago, but not without some hardship: their daughter was born without part of one arm.

"We found that out when Megan was about 20 weeks pregnant," he said. "We took a couple of days to swallow that pill and what that might mean."

Through his work at KCTV, McKee became familiar with 3-D printing, and the McKees were able to "crowd-fund" the purchase of a 3-D printer to make prosthetic limbs for their daughter.

"Addie never expressed an extreme interest in wanting to try any prosthetics, but we showed her a couple videos of these 3-D printed arms and asked her if she'd like to try it," he said. "She said yes, and we tried a few arms.

I'm hoping to build another one soon."

One of those prosthetic arms was put together with the help of a friend, Trey Lane, who McKee met as part of a church group. McKee and Lane found out they shared common interests and formed a friendship that was interrupted about a year and a half later, when Lane moved to Rogers, Ark., to take an architectural job.

A year after that, McKee said, he got a call from Lane with an interesting opportunity: NASA's 3D-Printed Habitat Centennial Challenge competition.

"He knew that I did video work, and this contest needed about a five-minute video," McKee said of Lane. "He found out about it through an architectural conference in Dallas, and a couple of weeks after that, just out of the blue, he gave me a call. And he said, 'Hey, I have this other architect friend who's interested in helping me out with this project,' and he just asked me... I did some research on it, and I got more excited about the project the more I researched it."

The NASA challenge's aim, it was reported, is furthering the progression of sustainable shelters that could someday occupy the Moon, Mars or beyond through encouraging citizen inventors to develop new technologies capable of manufacturing a habitat using indigenous resources, with or without recyclable materials.

Teams were sought to submit architectural renderings, and with the help of Lane, as team leader, and Tyler, Texas-based architect Corey Guidry, McKee set about forming a concept for

a habitat and producing a video presentation.

Christened "Team Zopherus," named for a class of beetles that have a thick exoskeleton, the team came up with a robotic lander that would travel to Mars carrying a 3-D printer to make structures that could withstand the Red Planet's atmosphere. The lander would utilize materials native to the planet, such as ice, calcium oxide and Martian aggregate, in construction of the habitat, it was reported.

McKee said he, Lane and Guidry worked on the project for about four months, submitting their final product to NASA in July. Not long afterward, he got a call from Lane with news he couldn't believe: Team Zopherus had won the challenge, along with a cash prize of more than \$20,000.

"I thought Trey was joking," he said. "We had already found out that we were in the top 10, and we watched our competitors and it was like, who knows who's going to win this thing? I wasn't expecting it. So when Trey called me and told me, I thought he was just kidding around, and then he showed me the link. I was super excited and kind of in disbelief for a little bit. It's such a strange topic to win."

Up next for Team Zopherus is the next level of the NASA habitat challenge, involving "more physical samples."

"We're going to be building something that can be printed to one-third scale," McKee said. "We're going to develop a more refined model where we can work more in plumbing, electrical and anything else that might be needed to support life besides the pieces that would be brought by NASA. That one's going to be due in January of

2019. We're adding a few more team members, we want to upgrade our abilities to tell the story that we need to tell for this."

In the meantime, the McKees and their three children — 7-year-old Addie, 5-year-old Ephraim and 3-year-old Ruth — are preparing for a new school year. And McKee is enjoying his job with St. Luke's Health System, which he took on about a year and a half ago after seven years at KCTV.

"When you work for local news, the hours can be erratic, and at times it can be a little chaotic," he said. "So I was looking for something I could excel at and have a little bit more time on the projects I was working on, to kind of perfect them a little more. This job just happened to open up. There was a co-worker of mine from KCTV who came over to St. Luke's, and she told me about the job. It sounded like a really great switch, so I made it."

So whether he's creating promotional materials for St. Luke's or helping design living quarters for manned expeditions to Mars, McKee credits what he learned in his youthful days in Holton — a community that he says "always had my back" — in bringing him to this point in life.

"It gave me the freedom to think outside the box. The support of the community was just really great in bringing me up," he said. "I always think how grateful I am to be able to have the opportunity to do something that I love to do, so I couldn't say thanks enough to the people in my life, whether it's my family, the people of Holton or all of the friends that I've met along the way who have given me the opportunities I've had."

Canvassed Results...

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Secretary of State — Republicans Dennis Taylor (1,012 votes including 10 provisionals), Scott Schwab (342 — 8 provisionals), Craig McCullah (243 — 3 provisionals), Randy Duncan (162 — 0 provisionals) and Keith Esau (55 — 0 provisionals) and Democrat Brian McClendon (529 votes — 8 provisionals).

Attorney General — Republican Derek Schmidt (1,595 votes including 17 provisional votes) and Democrat Sarah Swain (545 — 8 provisionals).

State Treasurer — Republican Jake LaTurner (1,584 votes including 20 provisional votes) and Democrat Marci Francisco (526 — 9 provisionals).

Commissioner of Insurance — Republicans Vicki Schmidt (1,210 votes including 15 additional votes) and Clark Shultz (660 — 8 provisionals) and Democrat Nathaniel McLaughlin (516 — 7 votes).

State Representative 61st District — Republican Francis Awerkamp (1,472 votes including 21 provisional votes).

State Representative 62nd District — Republican Randy Garber (78 votes — 0 provisionals) and Democrat Melvin Baker (22 — 0 provisionals).

County Commission 1st District — Republicans Ed Kathrens (440 votes including 8 provisional votes) and Rob Ladner (314 — 5 provisionals).

Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick reported that Republican Terry Bernatis received five write-in votes for Soldier Township Clerk. Bernatis only needed three votes to be nominated.

Bernatis' name will now appear on the ballot for those voting in Soldier Township in the general election in November, it was reported.

During the primary, two Democrats sought the committeeman position in Douglas Township.

Matthew Ensley won the position with 57 votes

over Dustin Brinkman, who received 49 votes.

Committeeman and committeewoman positions are elected during the primary, and the Douglas Township committeeman position was the only position that had two candidates running.

Committeewomen elected include:

Republicans: Erin Lassey (Banner Township — 58 votes), Janette Harris (Cedar — 155 votes), Cindy Bottle (Garfield — 93 votes), Ethel King (Jefferson — 121 votes), Ilah Rose Askren (Liberty — 90 votes), Melinda Wareham (Straight Creek — 22 votes), Eudora McQueen (Washington — 73 votes), Kerry Wright (Whiting — 29 votes), and Becky Hutchins (Ward 3 — 103 votes).

Democrats: Lauren Van Wagoner (Cedar Township — 48 votes), Lana Dillner (Douglas — 96 votes), Judith May (Garfield — 20 votes), Jane Coverdale (Jefferson — 31 votes), Victoria Pruett (Liberty — 28 votes), Ida Nadeau (Soldier -14 votes), Janet Bair-Carpenter (Ward 1 — 34 votes), Anna Wilhelm (Ward 2 — 68 votes) and Christina Murphy (Ward 3 — 46 votes).

Committeemen elected include:

Republicans: Alton Cochran (Adrian Township — 10 votes), Dr. Vance Lassey (Banner — 60 votes), Les Roediger (Cedar — 144 votes),

Oren Long (Douglas — 254 votes), Rick Bottle (Garfield — 93 votes), Charles King (Jefferson — 123 votes), Dale Askren (Liberty — 96 votes), Robert Wareham (Straight Creek — 25 votes) Robert Reynolds (Washington — 69 votes), John (Rick) Wright (Whiting — 34 votes) and Dr. Joel Hutchins (Ward 3 — 102 votes).

Democrats: Matthew Ensley (Douglas — 57 votes), Kirk W. Miller (Grant — 13 votes), Add Coverdale (Jefferson — 28 votes), Mark Pruett (Liberty — 29 votes), Michael Carpenter (Ward 1 — 33 votes) and Virgil Wilhelm (Ward 2 — 66 votes).

Transportation...

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Under the new policy, there will be two lanes to travel as parents and family members pull into the school parking lot.

When exiting, the west lane of traffic will turn right (west) onto Fifth Street and the east lane of traffic will turn left (east) onto Fifth Street.

The school is providing blue dashboard signs with each child's assigned number on it. Those picking up children after school must have the blue dashboard signs onboard.

Students will be escorted to the pick-up vehicles and helped into the vehicles.

Two other school topics discussed at the meeting included Sheriff Tim Morse's new safety plan for schools and the future of the old Central school.

Superintendent Bob Davies said he and the other two school superintendents in the county met recently with Sheriff Morse about his ideas about how to increase school security.

Davies said the meeting was very positive and that more regular meetings with the sheriff will likely occur as a result of the meeting.

Davies said all increased police presence at the schools is always welcomed. He added, however, that the part of the plan that involved the sheriff's department training and arming school personnel at the school buildings, would not be moving forward at this time.

Regarding the fate of the old Central school, after some discussion board members by consensus decided to seek more detailed cost estimates on fixing water leaks and other issues at the old school.

In other business, the school board:

*Met and welcomed new teachers to the district.

*Paid bills totaling \$286,819.58.

*Approved a motion to purchase a new 53-passenger school bus for \$81,963 from Midwest Transit.

*Approved Kari Miller as the

mentor teacher for Brooke Stallbaumer, Jayme Malsom as the mentor teacher for Tim Smale and Angela Strube as the mentor teacher for Rebecca Anderson.

*Approved a new insurance consultant contract with Kellerman Insurance for \$9,000, the same as last year. This contract is in lieu of any commission that could be charged on most insurance policies, except for worker's compensation, it was reported.

*Heard the following enrollment estimates from school principals — about 313 at the high school so far, about 265 at the middle school and about 527 at the elementary school.

*Approved a motion to allow high school students to charge up to \$35 in school meals. After that limit is met, then the high school student must pay the balanced due before more meals can be obtained.

*Reviewed maintenance director Mike Porter's list of work projects that were completed over the summer. The list included:

*At the high school — new LED lights installed in the commons, kitchen and old gym; a new walk-in freezer installed in the kitchen; tuckpointed and sealed exterior of building; and removal of the old scoreboards in the main gym.

*At the middle school — kitchen demolition completed, epoxy installed on walls by dish area, grease trap installed, moved double oven, installed all new stainless steel legs for cabinets, replaced AC coil in gym unit, installed a new garbage disposal and remodeled the new computer room.

*At the elementary school — completed the meandering path and installed a new sensor in the walk-in freezer.

*Other maintenance work noted included power washing 20 percent of the high school roof, cleaning all of the schools, cleaning all of the AC coils, repaired boards at football bleachers, repaired east walk at middle school and resurfaced gym floors.

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Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spent time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids danger.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

Be seen

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

Look for traffic

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

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