



Holton High School senior Kortnee VanDonge (in hat) got a reaction from students in Colby Wilson's kindergarten class at Holton Elementary School after reading the Dr. Seuss book "The Cat In The Hat" to the children last Friday as part of the annual "Read Across America" celebration, in which VanDonge and other students in Debbie Harshaw's college English class at HHS visited HES and read to the younger students. The annual celebration commemorates the birthday of Dr. Seuss and encourages kids of all ages to develop a love of reading.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Heating, cooling gets green light

By David Powl

A heating and cooling system upgrade project at Holton High School has the green light now after the school board approved a plan at a special meeting here Monday night to spend up to \$975,000 to start the work.

That's good news for high school students and staff since there's been problems with the current heating and cooling system and controls at HHS for at least a couple of decades, school officials say.

Pneumatic controls with the current 1993 heating and cooling system no longer work, meaning classrooms become too hot, or too cold, not to mention the humidity problems in the school.

In addition, replacement parts for the current system's chiller and boiler units are difficult, if not virtually impossible, to locate for purchase.

The high school's current

heat/AC system was designed for three chillers but one broke down four years ago and has not been replaced. This year, a second chiller went down and the third "is spitting out metal shavings," it was reported.

Apparently it will take another \$3.5 million or so sometime in the near future to complete the full heating and cooling project that has been mapped out for the high school and middle school by the Trane company of Kansas City. The school board may be considering a bond issue to complete the project at its March 18 meeting, it was announced.

School officials said a bond issue for this project could be achieved without adding extra mills to the school district's overall budget, since a couple of lease-purchase projects in the district will be paid off in about four years.

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HCH informational meetings under way

By Brian Sanders

"We have no more space. We have to make sure that we can grow and maintain the quality of care that we've had all these years."

In a nutshell, that's why Holton Community Hospital is looking at a \$17.6-million expansion project, including construction of a new rural health clinic for services offered at its Family Practice Associates clinic, according to Ari Hunniford, fund-raising campaign director for the hospital's expansion project.

During the first of seven informational meetings on the expansion project, held over

the lunch hour Monday at the hospital, Hunniford laid out several reasons why the hospital is looking to build a new, 11,690-square-foot rural health clinic to provide more room for an ever-growing number of outpatient services at the hospital.

Hunniford also explained that in a time when hospitals across Kansas are closing or in danger of closing — endangered hospitals at Horton and Hiawatha cited as examples — the expansion project will enable Holton's hospital and the clinic to come out ahead in the long run.

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RV breezeway project moves forward

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley Board of Education took another step forward Monday night to construct a covered breezeway between the high school and elementary school in Hoyt.

The board approved final project specifications from HTK Architects of Topeka, which will be put out for bid later this week.

Maria Katina of HTK outlined the project, which would enclose the open breezeway between the schools that is used by kitchen and other staff to travel to and from the buildings.

The enclosed breezeway would have accessed controls to the doors and would provide

better security for the schools, it was reported.

In addition to the breezeway, the bid also includes four alternate projects:

- * Instead of sealed concrete, a resinous floor would be poured in the breezeway, as well as in some portions of the schools (\$8,000 estimate).

- * A seclusion room for the elementary school. An existing room at RVES would be remodeled to serve as a seclusion room (\$20,000).

Superintendent Aaric Davis said that RVES has seen an increase in the number of student seclusions needed, and the district does not have room set aside specifically for that purpose.

- * Removing a wall in a classroom at RVES, patching the area and adding new flooring to serve as the Maker Space room (\$3,000).

- * Construction of a new wall dividing the RVHS art room and the ag room to reduce noise between the two classrooms (\$3,360).

Davis said that all the additional projects are being put out to bid as alternates to the breezeway project. Since a contractor will already be on site for the breezeway project, Davis said the district could save money by completing these additional projects at the same time.

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Daylight Saving Time will begin at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Fire department personnel also encourage people to install new batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks for Daylight Saving Time.

Hoyt resident Johnson plans to appeal sentence

By Brian Sanders

A rural Hoyt resident placed on two years of supervised probation and ordered not to possess any horses during the probation period following a recent conviction on multiple charges of cruelty to animals in Jackson County District Court said he plans to appeal the sentence.

During a sentencing hearing on Monday, District Court Magistrate Judge Blaine Carter sentenced Frank L. Johnson to two concurrent one-year jail terms on two criminal cases that comprised 45 counts of cruelty to animals. Judge Carter then

suspended Johnson's sentence to probation, saying he did not "believe that the testimony warrants a jail term."

Carter also told Johnson that during the two-year probation period, Johnson "will not own any livestock, horses in particular" but added that if Johnson appeals the sentence, he would hold off on ordering that the horses that were being kept on Johnson's property be put up for adoption.

Carter also noted that Johnson and his attorney, Rhonda Levinson of Bonner Springs, could appeal the sentence within 14 days — and following

the sentencing hearing, Johnson and Levinson announced that they would appeal.

Johnson, who maintained that he was giving the 45 horses located on his property near Hoyt adequate care and food, continued to dispute the animal cruelty charges, saying that he "didn't spend \$70,000 on all these horses just to mistreat them."

Carter replied that while Johnson may not have intended to mistreat the horses — two of which died while they were in his possession, it was noted during Johnson's recent trial — the photographic

evidence presented at that trial was "sufficient" to merit his judgment in Monday's hearing.

Levinson contended that any court order to place the remaining horses up for adoption would be filed out of the court's jurisdiction, due to a civil case pending in district court in which a Montana woman who was listed as the co-owner of the horses involved in the case had not been charged with anything.

Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller told Carter that the two criminal cases filed last

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HMS KAYS receive grant to finish trail

By Brian Sanders

Holton Middle School's KAYS (Kansas Association for Youth) group has received a grant that will enable the organization to pay for the last piece of the Countryside Park fitness trail, the Holton City Commission learned on Monday.

During the commission's regular meeting, members of the KAYS group, led by KAYS sponsor Erika Allen, told commissioners that the KAYS had received an \$18,590 grant from the Topeka Community Foundation's Healthy Lifestyles Initiative for completion of the trail around the perimeter of Countryside Park, which is located at the southern edge of Holton.

With the trail complete, Allen and the KAYS — president Aaralyn Allen, vice president Grace Etzel and secretary Tuley Gilliland — said they would like to continue seeking donations for the placement of lights and "exercise stations" along



Members of the Holton Middle School KAYS (Kansas Association for Youth) organization — from left to right, president Aaralyn Allen, vice president Grace Etzel and secretary Tuley Gilliland — told the Holton City Commission on Monday that the organization had received a \$18,590 grant that will cover the cost of completing the fitness trail at Holton's Countryside Park.

Photo by Brian Sanders

the trail and around the park. Erika Allen also noted that signs will be placed to honor those who have made

donations to get the trail constructed.

The KAYS' efforts to raise funds for construction of

the trail drew applause from commissioners.

"This is a great, great thing for our community," Holton Mayor Robert Dieckmann said. "I for one am very proud of you girls."

The KAYS first approached the commission in January of 2018 with a proposal to build the fitness trail at the park, and at that time, the trail project received the commission's approval.

Construction of the six-foot wide concrete trail began in the spring of 2018, with members of Holton's street department handling the construction. Allen said at that time that the KAYS would eventually like to see the trail extended as far west as Banner Creek Reservoir.

In other business on Monday, commissioners learned from Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee that the city was once again not the winning bidder in an online auction for an asphalt paving machine.

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"Strong beer" law relaxed

By Brian Sanders

In the spring of 2017, the Kansas Legislature approved a bill that would allow grocery and convenience stores in Kansas to sell "strong beer" — cereal malt beverages containing up to six percent alcohol by volume — and the bill was signed into law by then-Gov. Sam Brownback.

As a result of that law, Kansas grocery and convenience stores may begin selling "strong beer" — but not wine and package liquor — on Monday, April 1.

On Monday, the Holton City Commission approved an ordinance adjusting the city's regulations on the sale of cereal malt beverages to bring it into

line with state law.

During the commission's meeting on Monday, Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee said the city's grocery and convenience stores were previously permitted to sell beer with up to 3.2 percent alcoholic content by volume until the new law went into effect.

Commissioner Dan Brenner, a former owner of a liquor store in Holton, suggested that the new law has potential to hurt "mom and pop" liquor stores financially, although at least one liquor store owner in Holton has told him that their store "would be OK."

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White to step down from city commission

By Brian Sanders

With the impending departure of Twila White from the Holton City Commission, other members of the commission agreed to look for someone to take over after White steps down.

During the commission's regular meeting on Monday, commissioners accepted White's resignation, effective Tuesday, April 30, and agreed to seek candidates that would fill out the remainder of White's unexpired three-year commission term, which expires at the end of 2020.

White, who was first elected

to the commission in 2014 and re-elected in 2017, said she was resigning from the city commission because she will be moving out of Jackson County.

As a result, Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee said the city will seek candidates to fill White's commission post — Position No. 5, it was reported — and will accept "resumes with a letter of interest" through Friday, March 29.

The remaining commissioners will review the resumes and interest letters at their Monday, April 1 meeting, McKee said.

McKee also said White currently serves on the Public Wholesale Water Supply District 18 board of directors as a representative of the city. Whether White will be able to finish her term on that board hinges on whether there is a "residential requirement" for service on the board, he added.



THURSDAY'S FORECAST
MOSTLY CLOUDY, HIGH OF 40

Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Civil

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

Filed
Jackson County Sheriff's Office vs. 2018 Dodge Challenger, VIN 2C3CDZBT3H172571, and \$11,176.80 U.S. currency, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Bruce L. Lutz and Betty Lutz vs. Tina Gail (Tesch) Cox Lutz and Benjamin Lutz, seeking judgment of 42,750 plus interest and court costs.

Limited Civil

Filed
Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Michael K. Wahwassuck, seeking judgment of \$2,389.32 plus interest and court costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. L.J. Rickel, seeking judgment of \$2,538.49 plus interest and court costs.

Guy Neiswender vs. Matthew Heideman and Patricia McKinney, seeking eviction of defendants from rental premises plus damages and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Tony D. Barber, seeking judgment of \$575.45 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare Sys-

tem Inc. vs. Crystal M. Correll, seeking judgment of \$2,203.81 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Heath E. Delany, seeking judgment of \$1,142.88 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. John Gallant, seeking judgment of \$308 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Gary D. Lytle and Melinda Lytle, seeking judgment of \$255.82 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Michael P. McClelland, seeking judgment of \$3,388.25 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Danyel M. Cameron, seeking judgment of \$1,288.20 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Bradley Smith and

Hope Smith, seeking judgment of \$503.61 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Benjamin Wade, seeking judgment of \$465.61 plus interest and court costs.

Stormont-Vail HealthCare Inc. vs. Jason M. Fritz, seeking judgment of \$22,650.79 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Dispositions
Stephanie Hurt vs. Trevor Leheney, sought judgment of \$3,996.40 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Domestic

Dispositions
In the matter of the marriage of Denise D. Visocsky and Joseph L. Visocsky, sought divorce; granted.

Holton police investigate recent burglaries, thefts

Recent incidents reported to the Holton Police Department in recent days included:

■ According to a police report, a Holton resident, Timothy L. Walker, reported that between April 15 of last year and Feb. 11, someone was able to gain access to his Denison State Bank account using a fraudulent online e-mail account and phone number, along with unauthorized use of his personal devices, in obtaining \$1,200 in money orders from the bank.

The theft was reported on Feb. 11 and remains under investigation.

■ At about 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 11, an embezzlement report was filed at the Holton Public Safety Building by Alyssa K. Jones of Camdenton, Mo., in which it was reported that \$1,150 in cash was stolen.

■ Sometime between 3 p.m. on Feb. 5 and 7 a.m. on Feb. 6, suspects illegally entered property belonging to Joseph

L. Crabbs of Holton in the 400 block of Montana Avenue and allegedly stole four KREG Brand C Clamps, it was reported. Loss was estimated at \$75.

■ It was reported that suspects damaged a sheetrock wall located on property belonging to Charmaine D. Staley of Holton in the 700 block of Idaho Avenue sometime between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Jan. 23. Damage was estimated at \$250.

■ Sometime between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Jan. 21, suspects reportedly stole a debit card issued by The Farmers State Bank, a driver's license, a birth certificate and \$80 to \$90 in U.S. currency belonging to Cynthia L. Smith of Holton at an undisclosed location in the city. Losses were estimated at \$125.

■ A theft by deception of about \$14,000 was reported by Holton resident Vera J. Hinnen at her home. The theft occurred sometime between 1 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. on Jan. 10.

Several arrests reported by Jackson County officers

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

■ On Feb. 21, Masen Spoonhunter, 18, Mayetta, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ On Feb. 21, Jolene Ogden, 42, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of theft.

■ On Feb. 21, James Burke, 51, Topeka, was arrested on charges of theft and criminal trespass.

■ On Feb. 21, Elizabeth Bruning, 37, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

■ On Feb. 22, Holly Taylor, 42, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 22, Brandon Pat-

terson, 26, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 22, Jacob Hosler, 26, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 22, Christian Gruber, 20, Topeka, as arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 24, William Levitt, 48, Hoyt, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended and on two Shawnee County warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 25, Rose Cashman-O'Neill, 52, Everest, was arrested on charges of possession of an opiate, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving under the influence.

■ On Feb. 26, Kayla Simmons, 28, Denison, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

■ On Feb. Shyanne Keyser-Akin, 21, Topeka, was arrested on charges of transporting an open container, possession of a hallucinogenic drug and possession of drug paraphernalia. Keyser-Akin was also arrested on a Shawnee County warrant.

■ On Feb. 26, Kaleb Horn, 22, Topeka, was arrested on a Russell County warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 26, Oscar Benitez, 27, Mayetta, was arrested on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Police Calls

The following calls have been handled in recent days by the Holton Police Department. These calls do not include area checks at the Holton Industrial Park or Prairie Lake.

■ 11:26 a.m. Feb. 14, funeral escort.

■ 4:39 p.m. Feb. 14, 800 block of Iowa Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 10:04 a.m. Feb. 15, 100 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.

■ 11:28 p.m. Feb. 15, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 4:35 a.m. Feb. 16, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 12:38 p.m. Feb. 16, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 2:44 p.m. Feb. 16, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 5:09 p.m. Feb. 16, 800 block of West Second Street, burglary.

■ 6:16 p.m. Feb. 16, 400 block of Hillcrest Drive, suspicious activity.

■ 9:57 p.m. Feb. 16, 400 block of Colorado Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 4:03 a.m. Feb. 17, U.S. Highway 75 at Columbine Drive, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

■ 4:13 a.m. Feb. 17, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, disturbance.

■ 8:57 a.m. Feb. 17, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 8:08 a.m. Feb. 18, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, found property.

■ 12:13 p.m. Feb. 18, 600 block of West Fifth Street, welfare check.

■ 6:32 a.m. Feb. 19, U.S. Highway 75 at Kansas Highway 16, traffic control.

■ 7:25 a.m. Feb. 19, U.S. Highway 75 at Columbine Drive, traffic control.

■ 8:18 a.m. Feb. 19, 800 block of West Third Street, EMS assist.

■ 10:49 a.m. Feb. 19, 500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, welfare check.

■ 10:46 p.m. Feb. 19, 400 block

of West Seventh Street, motorist assist.

■ 11 p.m. Feb. 19, 900 block of New York Avenue, motorist assist.

■ 10:26 a.m. Feb. 20, 500 block of Vermont Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 10:04 a.m. Feb. 21, 300 block of Wisconsin Avenue, animal control.

■ 12:43 p.m. Feb. 21, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

■ 9:11 p.m. Feb. 21, Third Street at Arizona Avenue, motorist assist.

■ 9:14 p.m. Feb. 21, 300 block of Topeka Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 12:17 a.m. Feb. 22, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, disturbance.

■ 11:50 a.m. Feb. 22, 200 block of Lincoln Avenue, welfare check.

■ 5:55 p.m. Feb. 22, 900 block of Forrest Drive, citizen assist.

■ 8:06 p.m. Feb. 22, 300 block of West Fifth Street, EMS assist.

■ 8:19 p.m. Feb. 22, Arizona Avenue at Banner Road, motorist assist.

■ 8:32 p.m. Feb. 22, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, welfare check.

■ 7:56 a.m. Feb. 23, 400 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 9:59 a.m. Feb. 23, 100 block of New Jersey Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 12:41 p.m. Feb. 23, 100 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.

■ 7:38 p.m. Feb. 23, 800 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.

■ 12:12 a.m. Feb. 24, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, alarm.

■ 10:09 a.m. Feb. 24, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, theft.

■ 9:22 p.m. Feb. 24, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, tag for tow.

■ 10:04 a.m. Feb. 25, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 4:54 p.m. Feb. 25, Arizona Avenue at Banner Road, non-injury accident.

■ 8:14 p.m. Feb. 25, 200 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.

MARKETS

STOCKS			GRAIN			
Description	Price at Close	Change	Description	Price at Close		
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Lowe's	103.01	-0.18	Milo	\$3.45		
Target	76.00	+3.33	Soybeans	\$8.27		
Hershey	111.75	+1.11	Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.			
Walmart	98.34	+0.49	FUEL PRICES			
Phillips 66	97.46	+0.18	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year	
US Bancorp	51.54	-0.13	Kansas Average	\$2.23	+\$0.282	-\$0.147
Pfizer	42.89	-0.18	National Average	\$2.43	+\$0.156	-\$0.091
Deere & Co.	161.45	-4.37	Holton Average	\$2.20		
United Parcel	109.97	-0.51	Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, March 3, 2019.			
Apple	175.53	-0.32				
Facebook	171.26	+3.89				
Goodyear	19.23	-0.48				

■ 11:15 p.m. Feb. 25, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 11:24 p.m. Feb. 25, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, noise complaint.

■ 1:41 p.m. Feb. 26, 300 block of West Fourth Street, lost or stolen license plate.

■ 7:16 p.m. Feb. 26, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 10:49 p.m. Feb. 27, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, hit-and-run accident.

■ 2:12 p.m. Feb. 27, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, gasoline drive-off.

■ 3:40 p.m. Feb. 27, Fourth Street at New York Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 5:50 p.m. Feb. 27, 100 block of Vermont Avenue, citizen assist.

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CALENDAR



During the first of 11 stops in the Body Venture exhibit at Royal Valley Elementary School last Thursday, students visited the Body Venture "lunchroom" where they learned from volunteer Regina Butts (center) what to eat to live a healthy lifestyle.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Fenceline: A whole lotta hoopla

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

So the participants of our Beef Issues Group suggested we have a session on confined beef cows and limit feeding. I made some contacts and was fortunate to get in touch with Jason Eickman and Rodney Parsons. They graciously agreed to let us come out and take some pictures and videos of their hoop barns. Will Boyer was going to bring his drone, and this was shaping up to be something really cool.



Did I say cool? Mother Nature did not play nice with us, and our scheduled days kept getting postponed, put off and

rescheduled. I got to the point that it had to be done in order to have something to show at the meeting. The days of filming were cold, in the 20s, but the wind chills I don't even want to know!

Both of these operations have cow/calves in hoop barns, different companies, different designs and different sizes. It was really quite interesting.

I'm always curious about animal behavior. Of course, both claim their animals are more docile. This makes sense, because of the daily interactions with humans and close up. The animals had plenty of room and they were doing quite well. They have to walk maybe 50 feet to feed and water, no mud, with nice bedding to lay down in. They did note that the calves will "rob" other mothers, so they might "jug" up the pair to get them to bond for a few days.

The cattle in the barns were sorted by age and body condition score. Age is important in limit feeding cows because of the younger cows typically are less aggressive than the older cows. When you sort by body condition score, it enables you to offer different diets based on the goal of increasing, decreasing or maintaining body condition score.

Limit feeding makes bunk management easier, because all feed is consumed daily, eliminating the need to clean out bunks. Another benefit is that with less feed consumed and greater feed efficiency, cows produce less manure, which reduces feed and manure handling costs. Lower feed intake also means cows produce less heat, which helps minimize heat stress.

Some disadvantages are weather fluctuations, machine

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Thursday, March 7

- *RVMS Jump Day #3.
- *Wetmore third grade to Lied Center.
- *7:30 a.m. Wetmore Cardinal Kiddos.
- *3:30 p.m. All RVHS spring sports pictures.
- *6:30 p.m. RVHS Spring Fling.
- *7 p.m. Wetmore play rehearsal.

- *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, March 8

- *No school for Jackson Heights students.

- *RVMS STEAM Day.
- *5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lenten dinner at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

- *7 p.m. Elmont Opry, held at Elmont United Methodist Church, 6635 NW Church Lane, Topeka. For more information and to reserve tickets, call John at (785) 246-0156.

Saturday, March 9

- *10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Heart To Home fifth anniversary celebration, 105 W. Fourth St., Holton. Adult beverages will be served

from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- *1 p.m. Elmont Opry, held at Elmont United Methodist Church, 6635 NW Church Lane, Topeka. For more information and to reserve tickets, call John at (785) 246-0156.

- *4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Live performance by Music Therapy at The Gossip, 118 E. Fifth St., Holton. Shamrock drinks will be served. Patrons wearing green will receive gold coin coupons. For more information, call (785) 305-0605.

Sunday, March 10

- *Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, March 11

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

- *Spring break begins for all area students.

- *6 p.m. Prairie Hills USD 113 Board of Education meeting at Sabetha.

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

- *7 p.m. The Four Seasons Garden Club meets at the home of Sharon Arnold. For more information and to RSVP, call 364-2293.

- *7:30 p.m. Whiting City Council

meets at Whiting City Hall.

Tuesday, March 12

- *7 p.m. Soldier City Council meets at Soldier City Hall.

- *7 p.m. Cancer Companions meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 401 Cheyenne Ave., Holton. For more information, call Marcia Coufal at (785) 851-6023.

Wednesday, March 13

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

- *7 p.m. Wetmore City Council meets at Wetmore City Hall.

Thursday, March 14

- *The Holton Rotary Club will meet for a noon luncheon at Trails Café's "The Station." Those interested in joining the club should call David at 364-3141 for more information.

- *The Beck-Bookman Library Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the library to discuss "Gold Of Kings" by T. Davis Bunn. Cindy Meyer will lead discussion; Sharon Beaman and Gail Schmitz will provide refreshments.

- *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.

Auction Calendar



Auctions advertised in *The Holton Recorder* qualify to be included in this free auction calendar. Call Errin at 364-3141, email holtonrecorder@giant-comm.net or stop by 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton for details.

- Saturday, March 9. Starting at 9:30 a.m. Hoffman Auction Service spring consignment. 6587 U.S. Highway 159, Effingham. For more information, call (913) 370-0747.

- Saturday, March 9. Starting at 11 a.m. Roger Ruhnke estate farm equipment auction. 1245 Trece Rd., Wathena. For more information, contact Harris Auction Service at 364-7137.

- Saturday, March 9. Starting at noon (lunch served at 11

a.m.) Barnett Angus Ranch annual bull sale. 2540 Barton Rd., Holton. For more information, contact Bryce Barnett at (913) 370-0333.

- Saturday, March 9. Starting at 5:30 p.m. Eighth annual angus bull and female sale. 576 E. 1260 Rd., Baldwin City. For more information, contact May-Way Farms at (785) 979-2183 or (785) 840-7357.

- Sunday, March 10. Starting at 10 a.m. Two-party auction (one party is Willard and Ruby Royer estate). Blue Building, Effingham. For more information, contact Chew Auction Service at (913) 370-2265 or (913) 874-5053.

- Friday, March 15. Starting

at 10:30 a.m. Farmland auction (159 more or less tax acres and 154 more or less tillable acres). Fairview Community Building, 511 W. Front St., Fairview. For more information, contact Barnes Realty at (785) 742-4580.

- Saturday, March 23. Starting at noon (viewing from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.) 25544 Q4 Rd., Holton. Rinkes Cattle Company and Angus Genetic Alliance bull and female sale. For more information, contact Bruce Rinkes at 364-3517.

- Saturday, March 30. Annual Harris spring consignment auction, held at Holton Livestock Exchange. For more information, call Dan Harris at 364-7137 or the sale barn at 364-4114.

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OPINION

Go Panthers! Go Cobras!

It's an exciting time for the Jackson Heights Lady Cobras basketball team and the Royal Valley Lady Panthers basketball team, and all of their parents, fans and schoolmates, as they participate this week in the 3A girls state tournament (for RV) at Hutchinson and 2A girls state tournament (for JH) at Hays.

The entire community is rooting for these two teams to continue their successful and winning ways, just as it did recently with the Holton wrestling team at the 4A state tourney. Everyone knows that these kinds of special athletic opportunities don't come along for all of prep teams, but when they do they positively impact the entire school spirit and school pride.

Athletics continue to be an important extracurricular activity for today's youth! Certainly it took a lot of practice, repetition, commitment and dedication to basketball to make it to state. In my view, there's not a better team-building activity than sports to help keep our young people moving in the right direction for bright futures as adults.

David Powlis

PLAINS FOLK:

Learning from the Lindis

By Tom Isern

About the time you read this, Suzanne and I will be jetting to New Zealand once again. We have scheduled our spring break in the Hocken Library, at the University of Otago, the southernmost university in the world.



From there we will range into the field, the grassy basins of Central Otago, for fieldwork in the regional history of distant grasslands. This itinerary puts into practice the advice I give my college history students: first, butts in the archives; and then, boots on the ground. Go get the history where it is.

Where it is in this case is 8,000 eight miles away from home. Which raises the question my late mother used to ask me, as a prairie historian: Why do you have to go so far away to do your work?

I gave her, more than once, an answer I knew would make sense to her, as a prairie woman. A Kansas farm woman who relished the meetings of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League because they talked about fascinating places on distant continents.

A woman who, once retired from the farm, traveled the world to see all those places she had heard and read about. I said, "Mom, because I can, I go to far reaches of the world in my work because I can."

Now, you may be a more rigorous inquisitor than my mother, although I doubt it, but if you are, then you may point to the expense of trans-Pacific flights. You may note the difficult logistics of offshore research and the heavy demands on time made by such enterprises.

So my partner in crime and I have been thinking about these things and put together a paper

entitled, Learning from the Lindis.

The Lindis is the region of Central Otago the history of which has occupied a slice of our time continually for the past two decades. It is a high basin of semiarid grassland, historically a land of sheep stations and gold mines, now incorporating heady admixtures of viticulture and tourism.

We love the Lindis, course. We have our old friends and our watering holes there. But now, back to the accountability question. What's the deal with this distant and difficult, albeit pleasurable, research agenda?

More than 30 years ago, as a young historian of the Great Plains, I realized that although my interests focus here, I needed to develop interests elsewhere, too.

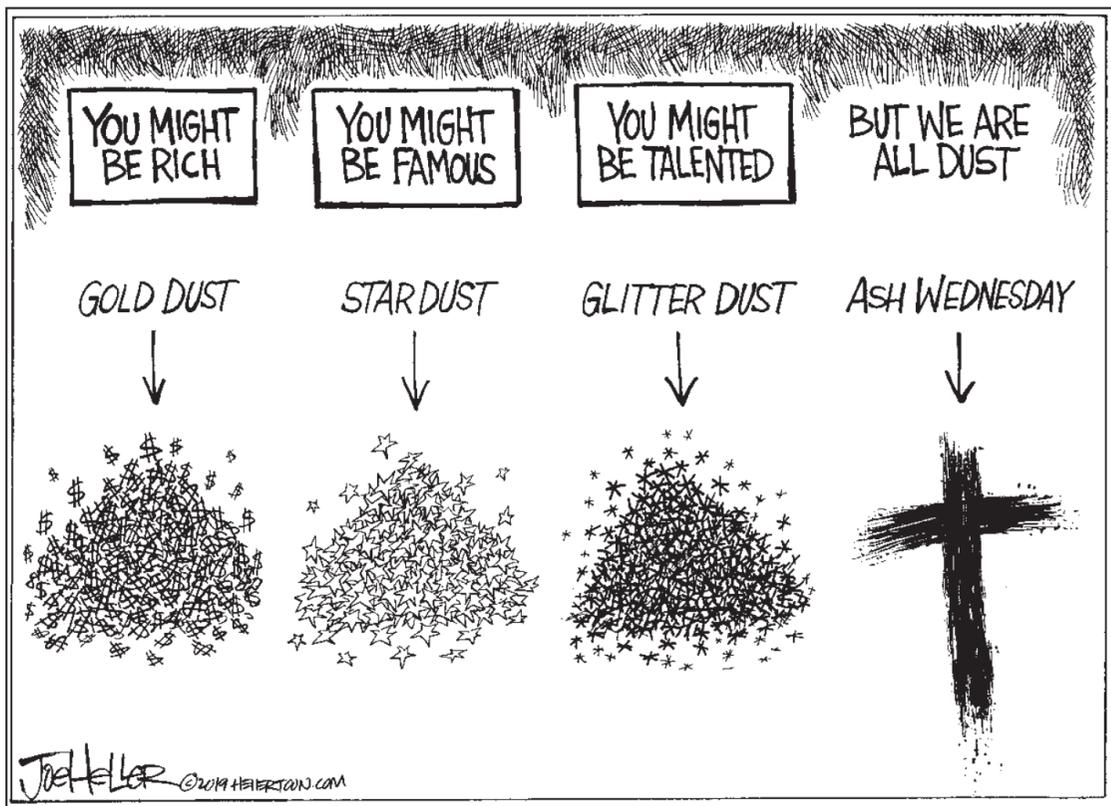
This had to do with establishing credibility. In the academic world, if you only work on things in your own backyard, there are people who will always dismiss you as parochial, for never having proven yourself in a larger arena. Just the way the world works.

That may sound superficial, but here is a more concrete benefit. Becoming a first-rate historian, or any kind of scholar, requires imagination, being able to envision possibilities.

What in History we call "contingency." If your experience is only in one place, then your range of contingency is limited. You think that the way things worked out here in Kansas is the way they must work out everywhere. Then, you explore other scenarios, and you recognize the amazing possibilities of contingency.

There are a lot of other benefits that precipitate when a prairie person ventures into unfamiliar places. I talk with my students about them, whenever they will sit still for advice from an old coot. I'll talk some more with you about them, when we come home from our current episode of Learning from the Lindis.

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



LETTER: The issue of abortion

Dear editor,

Once you start down a slippery slope, it's almost impossible to stop, and so you continue to the bottom. And so, the bottom of the moral slippery slope of abortion has been reached, and yet, incredibly, the descent continues.

Recently, every Democrat in the Virginia State Legislature voted for a bill that would allow an abortion even if the mother was dilating. Thankfully, Republicans defeated the bill, but then the Democrat governor said

that even after birth, a conversation could be had about what to do with the infant.

In New York, the Democrat governor and abortionists celebrated the passing of a bill that would allow abortions right up until the due date.

Infanticide, i.e. murder, is the endgame of abortion and the Democrats, who even voted down a Republican amendment in Congress to save a baby who survives an abortion.

The killing of babies is an American holocaust far greater in numbers than what happened

to the Jews in Nazi Germany.

And hear this – abortion is easily America's greatest sin, not slavery. Slavery in America is long gone – abortion is now.

Also, I am weary of the media and Democrats harping about racism, which most of the time is about hurt feelings, while saying nothing about abortion, which kills minorities in huge numbers.

African-Americans make up 14 percent of the population, but are victims of 35 percent of abortions.

Could you kill a baby? Do

people realize when they vote Democrat, they are aiding and empowering those who commit murder? Are you glad your mother chose to birth you? Are people who support abortion ignorant or evil? You can go to jail for two years for intentionally killing an animal.

Babies are more precious than animals.

Steve Cappleman Holton

LETTER: The issue of shared parenting

Dear editor,

Kansas appears poised to join the growing list of states with laws supporting shared parenting (equal physical time with two fit parents after divorce/separation).

New polling shows that Kansans support the pending change by an amazing factor of 40 to 1. The bill has widespread support among men and women, Republicans and Democrats and across every age and racial group.

SB 157 was filed in February with a stunning 17 bipartisan sponsors. It would create a presumption favoring shared parenting time for temporary child custody order if both parents are considered capable.

A new Kansas statewide survey on shared parenting by Researchscape International shows 80 percent support the new law while just 2 percent oppose. Eighteen percent were not sure. Recent Ohio, Missouri, Mich-

igan and Kentucky surveys show that Kansans' massive 40 to 1 shared parenting support is part of a rapidly growing national trend.

I am state chair of the National Parents Organization in Kansas.

The shared parenting bill is the most popular legislation in the state. A total of 87 percent of Kansans say they believe it is in the best interests of the child to have as much time as possible with both fit parents. It is nearly unprecedented to see these kind of numbers in major lawmaking.

Sen. Richard Hilderbrand of Galena introduced SB 157. "We knew the shared parenting bill was popular, but this is beyond what we expected," Sen. Hilderbrand said.

Assuming the bill's likely passage, Kansas is expected to join neighboring Missouri, also poised to pass shared parenting

soon.

Several other states have recently passed overwhelmingly popular shared parenting laws, including Kentucky and Virginia last year. Further, Kentucky's election results appear to show that it was the most important issue to voters (https://www.dailyindependent.com/opinion/opinion-shared-parenting-law-has-fantastic-election-day/article_c1dd38fa-f34f-11e8-ae41-af219fbd686f.html).

This year more than 20 states have introduced similar legislation.

Many of these states are doing much more than considering these bills. Over the last couple of weeks, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Minnesota legislative committees have all passed shared parenting laws.

Every year more states are passing these bills. It shows how much people want these laws for our children. Our amaz-

ing lawmakers are listening to the people and the research, which shows shared parenting produces the best outcomes for children.

Research shows kids are less likely to become addicted to opioids, less likely to commit suicide, and less likely to become victims of sex trafficking if they have continuing, meaningful relationships with both parents.

Senate President Susan Waggle sponsored the bill and when reached for comment said, "Children deserve consistent love and care from both parents, but all too often our judicial system does not treat fathers fairly in custody decisions. Senate Bill 157 encourages a much-needed shared parenting arrangement, allowing children to benefit fully from having an involved mother and father in their life."

Will Mitchell Holton

LETTER: The issue of abortion

Dear editor,

When I was in high school, I was given the task of writing editorials for the school newspaper. Although you won't find me preaching on some street corner, I have occasionally voiced my opinion in the local news.

Something that has laid heavily on my heart is this issue of abortion. For 46 years now, it has been legal, I have been told, to kill our unborn babies by such horrific means as dismemberment, chemically burning them to death and partial birth abortion, by which a baby's head is extracted and the child killed before the birth of the baby.

I'm sure this sounds very graphic, but these are facts the abortion industry does not want the public to be aware of. And then there's the issue of women having the "choice" to do what they want with their own bod-

ies.

They're absolutely right. We were all given a free will to choose good or evil when we were created. The question is: who created us and who is to say what we do with what God has created?

When a woman is pregnant, the individual growing inside of them is not a part of their body, but a separate individual created by two separate individuals, a man and a woman.

I believe that life begins at conception and a woman's placenta is formed to facilitate nourishments and growth the first nine months of life.

It is not a part of the mother's body and is expelled as part of the birthing process. And what about the choices fathers make when it comes to life and death? They are equally a part of this child.

When Moses was given the 10 Commandments, the world was rampant with immorality. Just look around you. The world is full of violence and disregard for human life. The Fifth Commandment is "Thou shalt not kill."

I recently read that aborted fetal tissue is being used for research, and that it is possibly being used for flavoring in our food. Have we become cannibals to the point of eating our children and grandchildren?

During this Lenten season, it is a good time to contemplate, meditate and pray for a change of heart when it comes to preserving our nation "under God" and remember the price Jesus paid for us. Lord, have mercy!

Alice Zeller Mayetta



Shown in the photo above are, left to right, Ryan O'Neil, Will Mitchell, Zach Reed, Kansas Senate president Susan Waggle, Karen Skillman and Chris Batchler. Photo submitted by Will Mitchell.

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OBITUARIES



Gaston

Rodney William Gaston, 33, Topeka, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019.

Rodney was born in Topeka on Feb. 23, 1986, to Rodney W. Gaston and Annette Eakes.

Rodney is survived by parents Annette Eakes, Thomas Kelly and Trina Gaston; siblings Hillary, Pamela, Bryan, Kaitlyn and Mackenzie; and his grandparents Joseph Eakes, William and Geraldine Gaston and Hal and Karen Dunn.

Rodney is preceded in death by his father, Rodney

Gaston, and a grandmother, Marian Eakes.

Rodney's Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at 1200 S.W. Executive Dr., Topeka, KS 66615.

Memorial donations can be made at <https://www.go-fundme.com/rodney-gaston-memorial-fund> or checks can be made out to Hillary Lolley, sent in care of Rodney Gaston to P.O. Box 8537, Topeka KS, 66608.

For Rodney's life story, please go to www.midwest-cremationsociety.com

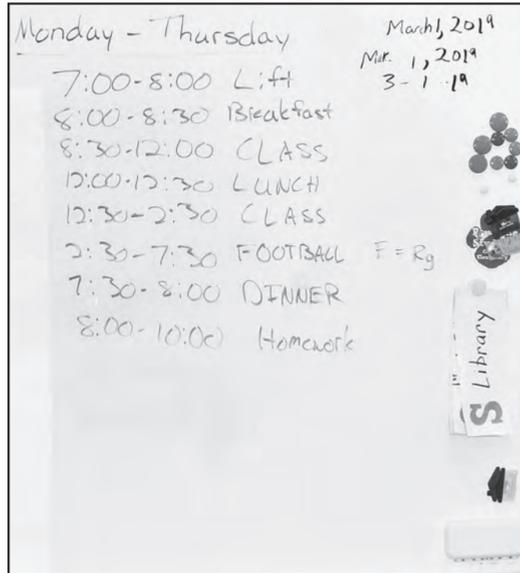
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Holton High School alumnus Trent Tanking (at upper right in the photo above) visited Holton Elementary School last Friday to participate in the school's "Read Across America" activities, sharing the book "Take It From Me," written by Tanking's football coach at Kansas State University, Bill Snyder, with fifth-grade students. In the book, Snyder shares his "16 goals for success" that Tanking said Wildcat football players have to memorize.

In the photo at right, Tanking shared a summary of his daily schedule as a K-State football player with fifth-graders at HES. Tanking also talked about his experiences as a Wildcat football player and shared photos of his childhood days as a Holton athlete.

Photos by Brian Sanders



Junod

Walter Amos "Bubba" Junod, 67, of Soldier, passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019, at Stormont-Vail Hospital.

He was born July 13, 1951, in Onaga, the son of Christian T. Junod and Elizabeth H. (Baker) Nolte.

Bubba graduated from Jackson Heights High School in 1970; his class was the first class to graduate. He worked for Jackson County Road and Bridge for 36 years, retiring in 2006. He umpired for Soldier and Corning softball and baseball for more than 41 years. After retirement, Bubba owned and operated the Soldier Grill with his wife Rosemary.

He was a member of Soldier Volunteer Fire Department, Soldier Lions Club and Soldier Jaycees.

Bubba married Rosemary G. Farley on Sept. 6, 1975 in Soldier. They celebrated more than 43 years of marriage.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary, of the home; three children, Christian T. Junod of Mayetta, Rhonda S. Senn of Denison and Dana R. Patterson of Horton; a sister, Patricia James of Topeka; and 10 grandchildren, Gabe, Draven, Noah, Shilah, Shelby, Chandler, Trenton, Makenna, Mariah and Ellie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Marilyn Junod.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Soldier Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Walter Junod Memorial Fund (to be designated to the Corning Ballfield), sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Schafer

Richard F. Schafer, 68, Soldier, died Monday, March 4, 2019, at Community Hospital Onaga.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Vermillion Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Circleville Christian Church Summer Scholarship Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. A full obituary will be printed in Monday's Holton Recorder.

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Snow delays Holton vocal concert

The high number of snow days in the Holton district has postponed a Holton High School vocal music concert originally scheduled for Tuesday evening, according to vocal music director Tim Smale.

The HHS vocal concert, featuring the school's chamber choir and Notables concert choir, will now be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 in the HHS auditorium.

"They will be singing their contest pieces to prepare for KSHSAA district solo and ensemble competitions in April," Smale said. "The concert should last about 30 to 40 minutes."

The public is invited to attend this free concert. For more information, call HHS at 364-2181.

Fenceline...

Continued from Page 3 malfunctions and thin cows. Limit fed cows produce less heat, so consider increasing feed by 10 percent during the winter to provide enough feed. Of course, if you have feeding equipment breakdown, you need to have a plan B to have feed delivered in a timely manner.

Hoop barns may be a way to retain cows when pasture is depleted, increase feed efficiency and reduce production costs. It still takes considerable land resources to raise the feeds and provide the bedding.

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Cecil K's Hometown Market receives National Grocers Association Outstanding Marketer award

Cecil K's Hometown Market of Holton was recently named the "Outstanding Marketer" by the National Grocers Association (NGA) as part of the Creative Choice Awards contest at the annual NGA show in San Diego, Calif., it was reported.

Several awards were given during the show, and Cecil K's won the "Outstanding Marketer" honor for its "First Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest" video, which showcased the store's support of the community and raised charitable donations in a friendly competition.

Four Christmas trees were decorated in the center aisle of Cecil K's by four local Jackson County businesses, each choosing a local Jackson County charity to benefit in the contest.

The trees were voted upon by the public from Nov. 25 - Dec.

24 using customer receipts from Cecil K's and other businesses.

Prizes were sponsored for first through fourth place in the contest by Cecil K's and other local Jackson County businesses.

"Independent grocers are implementing amazing campaigns and initiatives each and every day in their stores that set them apart from their competition. Congratulations to Cecil K's for their innovative ideas and the excellent work they do for their communities," said Peter Larkin, president and CEO of NGA.

The Creative Choice Awards honors the best merchandising and marketing programs in the grocery industry that have increased and positively impacted overall store sales or provided a unique benefit to the community.

More than 500 entries were submitted from supermarket op-

erators throughout the country. Entries were judged on the criteria of creativity and effectiveness by a panel of 28 industry experts.

The contest, sponsored by Kellogg's and Unilever, featured 10 different categories with two winners for each, one entry from a one to 15 store operator and one entry from a store operator

with 15 or more supermarkets. The marketing campaigns and merchandising events or promotions were held between Dec. 1, 2017, and Dec. 1, 2018.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*

Lady Panthers tangle with Tornadoes today at state

By David Powls

In the final Kansas Basketball Coaches Association's girls basketball poll, the Eureka Tornadoes were the 10th ranked team in Class 3A this season.

The Royal Valley girls (17-5) will play the Tornadoes in the first round of the state tournament today (Wednesday) at Hutchinson. Last season, the Lady Panthers finished second at the 3A state tournament behind Garden Plain, after beating Nemaha Central and Hays-TMP, with a 17-7 overall record.

The Lady Panthers went 10-5 in the Big Seven League this season, finishing in fourth place, beat Jeff West in their sub-state title game, and now have their sights on the state tourney again.

The Tornadoes went 9-0 in the Tri-Valley League this season and are 17-2 overall. Last year, they went 18-3. Also last season, Wellsville beat Eureka in the sub-state finals.

The Tri-Valley League consists of the following teams - Eureka, Cherryvale, Leon-Bluestem, Caney Valley, Humboldt, Neodesha, Erie and Fredonia-Elk Valley.

The Tornadoes have not lost a game since Jan. 17 when they lost to Hesston - the No. 4 ranked 3A girls basketball team in the final KBCA poll. Since then, the Tornadoes have won 10 straight.

They also lost on Dec. 18, 2018, 50-38, to Leon-Bluestem.

The Tornadoes and the Panthers both played and defeated Burlington this season. The Tornadoes beat Burlington 52-49 in their sub-state title game to qualify for state. The Panthers beat Burlington 61-53 in their 10th game of the season.



"We're just trying to get better every day," said Eureka head coach Shelly Hoyt yesterday over the telephone.

This is coach Hoyt's second season of coaching the Eureka Tornadoes, and in those two years her teams have put together back-to-back Tri-Valley League basketball titles and compiled a record so far of 35-5.

Before coach Hoyt arrived, the Tornadoes had not won a TVL title in girls basketball for more than 20 years.

And prior to coaching at Eureka, coach Hoyt coached at Hoxie High School for about 15 years, she said.

The Hoxie Indians girls basketball team won four consecutive girls basketball Class 1A-DII state basketball championships - 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Coach Hoyt said that like the Royal Valley girls, the Tornadoes like to get up and down the court and rack up as many transition baskets as possible.

They also like to start defending their opponents at the in-bounds line and exert full-court pressure defense.

"We try to full-court press as much as we can," the coach said.

The Tornadoes start two seniors - (No. 23) B. Milton, a guard/forward, and (No. 30) Tara Witham, a post player who is the team's top rebounder; a junior, (No. 1) Emilee Escavento, a guard; and two sophomores, (No. 51) Madelyne Koop, a guard/forward who is the team's top scorer averaging 14 points per game and (No. 14) Chazni Ptacek, who also averages about 10 points per game.

Four other players see action for the Tornadoes - (No. 20) senior Kylie Vinson, (No. 3) freshman London Hilton, (No. 25) junior Bailey Harrison and (No. 21) freshman Brooklyn Ptacek.

"We're pretty balanced and we're pretty young," coach

Hoyt said. The team plays eight or nine players on a regular basis, she said.

"We're not deep, but we play eight or nine," she said.

Coach Hoyt said the Tornadoes graduated four seniors off last year's 18-3 team.

"I think our team strength is our youth," she said. "The players are learning and they're growing with my expectations for them."

The Tornadoes score on the average 56 points per game and hold their opponents to an average of 36 points per game.

Here's the Eureka game scores from this season:

- *52-49, beat Burlington.
- *73-43 beat Erie.
- *63-44 beat West Elk.
- *52-37 beat Erie.
- *60-50 beat Leon-Bluestem.
- *63-28 beat Madison/Hamilton.
- *66-36 beat Neodesha.
- *46-37-beat Humboldt.
- *69-32 beat Fredonia/Elk Valley.
- *48-40 beat Caney Valley.
- *36-24 lost to Hesston.
- *64-35 beat Erie.
- *52-22 beat Fredonia/Elk Valley.
- *50-38 lost to Leon-Bluestem.
- *67-31 beat Flinthills.
- *47-42 beat Berean Academy.
- *64-52 beat Wichita Home-school.
- *48-16 beat Marion.
- *53-33 beat Humboldt.

Lady Panthers head coach Kyle Porter said yesterday that he liked his team's first-round matchup and he hopes that last year's state tourney experience will give his team a little edge.

Overall, the Lady Tornadoes are a young team that has not been to the state tournament before.

"We hope the lights shine bright on them and they come out a little hesitant," coach Porter said. "Offensively, they run a unique offense that looks to overload the defense and get



low block touches and kickouts to their shooters....We will pick them up full court and force them to work the ball up the court."

Coach Porter said the Tornadoes "play extremely hard and want to run in transition."

"We want to make sure and defend well in transition, attack the paint through dribble penetration and post entries, and we need to rebound both offensively and defensively consistently the entire game," he said.

Senior Mary Broxterman, shown in the accompanying photo, No. 24 in the dark jersey, leads the Lady Panthers in scoring with 13.5 points per game on average. Broxterman is also the team's lead-

ing rebounder, averaging 9 rebounds per game.

Sophomore Mahpiya Irving averages 9.8 points per game and 2.7 rebounds per game for the Lady Panthers.

Senior Kiihto Thomas averages 9.3 points per game and 4.2 rebounds per game.

Wakiyan Irving averages 4.7 points per game and about 2 rebounds per game.

*The Lady Panthers are scoring on the average of 48.5 points per game this season while holding opponents to 36.9 points per game.

Here's the Royal Valley game scores this season, so far:

- *68-47, beat Perry-Lecompton.
- *71-52, lost to Nemaha Cen-

tral.

*61-59 (2OT), lost to Holton.

*50-17, beat Hiawatha.

*46-34, beat Jeff-West.

*48-43, beat Sabetha.

*59-30, beat Perry-Lecompton.

*49-29, beat Santa Fe Trail.

*53-45, beat Wabunsee.

*61-53, beat Burlington.

*42-29, beat Holton.

*42-39, beat Nemaha Central.

*55-19, beat Riverside.

*39-31, lost to Jeff West.

*57-25, beat Hiawatha.

*47-33, beat Riverside.

*36-27, lost to Sabetha.

*55-48, beat Silver Lake.

*64-34, beat Perry-Lecompton.

*61-48, beat Wellsville.

*44-29, beat Jeff West.



(Top photo) The Royal Valley Lady Panthers had a big crowd of supporters on hand at Perry-Lecompton for the Class 3A sub-state title game against Jeff West last Saturday night. For the second season in a row, the Lady Panthers have qualified for the 3A state tourney.

The photo above, at left, shows senior Panther Emily Albright, No. 1 in the dark jersey, controlling the basketball for her team against Jeff West in the big game. The photo above at right shows sophomore Mahpiya Irving, No. 4 in the dark jersey, driving to the basket against the Lady Tigers.

Photos by Michael Powls

Pairings for 3A, 2A girls

KSHSAA (Kansas High School Activities Association) has released the 2018-2019 State Basketball Tournaments Brackets for Class 3A Girls and Class 2A Girls held on March 6-9.

The Class 3A State Basketball Tournament is held at HCC-Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson.

Class 3A Girls at Hutchinson Round 1 March 6.

1. Cheney (21-2) vs. 8. Columbus (16-7) at 6:30 p.m.

4. Nemaha Central (20-3) vs. 5. Clay Center (18-4) at 8:15 p.m.

2. Norton Community (21-2) vs. 7. Scott Community (17-6) at 3 p.m.

3. Eureka (20-3) vs. 6. Royal Valley (18-5) at 4:45 p.m.

The Class 2A State Basketball Tournament is held at Fort Hays State University-Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays.

Class 2A Girls at Hays Round 1 March 7.

1. Wabunsee (20-3) vs. 8. Olathe-Heritage (9-12) at 3 p.m.

4. Garden Plain (18-4) vs. 5. West Elk (18-4) at 4:45 p.m.

2. Trego Community (19-3) vs. 7. Stanton County (17-6) at 6:30 p.m.

3. Sterling (19-4) vs. 6. Jackson Heights (17-5) at 8:15 p.m.

Lady Cobras to play Sterling tomorrow at 2A state

By David Powl

The opponent for the Jackson Heights Lady Cobras in tomorrow's first round game of the Kansas Class 2A girls state basketball tournament at Hays will be the Sterling Lady Bears. Tip-off at Fort Hays State University's Gross Memorial Coliseum is 8:15 p.m.



The Lady Bears are 19-4 so far and went 11-0 in the Heart of America League that includes Sterling, Inman, Berean Academy, Moundridge, Trinity, Bennington, Sedgwick, Remington, Marion and Ell-Saline.

Sterling beat Inman 54-27 to win the 2A sub-state tourney that the Sterling school hosted.

Sterling, the No. 2 seed in the sub-state behind Inman, also beat Canton-Galva 58-34 in the sub-state semi-final round and Ellsworth 52-37 in the first sub-state round.

Dan Shupe, head coach of the Lady Cobras, said he expected Sterling to be a tough opponent.

"They are deep, athletic and very experienced. We will have to play well and play to our strengths," coach Shupe said.

While the Lady Cobras have not played in the state tournament since 1999, the Lady Bears took fourth place in 2A at state in 2016.

According to reports in The Sterling Bulletin newspaper, Sterling started off strong against Inman in their sub-state title game, hitting three from beyond the arc and going 8-of-14 while forcing five turnovers in the opening quarter to jump out to a 19-7 lead.

The Lady Bears continued to pressure and dominate offensively, creating an additional six turnovers and stretching their lead to 34-14 at the half.

Sterling hit only 1-of-11 in the third quarter as Inman added nine points, cutting the Lady Bear lead to 38-23 heading into the final eight minutes.

Sterling got back on track out-scoring Inman 16-4 in the fourth as coach Jill Rowland was able to clear her bench and cruise to the 54-27 win over the Teutons.

Sterling outrebounded Inman 36-17 led by junior Kinzie Comley (No. 35) with six, followed by Bennie (Elizabeth) Horsch and sophomore Kayla Morris (No. 5) with five each.

Sterling freshman Makenna Linden (No. 12) led all scorers with 19 followed by Comley with 10.

Linden also grabbed a team-high four steals. Freshman Kali Briar (No. 32) led Sterling with four assists.

Sterling dominated the Canton-Galva Eagles from the start in the sub-state semi-final round, taking an easy 58-34 win.

The Lady Bears took a solid 19-6 lead in the first quarter as Canton-Galva struggled from the floor shooting only 20 percent in the opening frame.

Sterling outrebounded the Eagles 12-4 in the second quarter and continued to score, carrying a 36-11 lead into the half.

Canton Galva doubled their score in the third quarter, but Sterling held strong taking a 47-22 advantage into the final frame.

Sterling stretched the lead to as many as 27 in the fourth quarter, and went on to take the 58-34 win.

The Lady Bears were led in scoring Horsch with 16, followed by Morris with 10.

Morris led Sterling in rebounding with eight, followed by Comley with seven.

Horsch grabbed a team-high three steals and Briar led Sterling with six assists.

The Sterling team is averaging 52.2 points per game while

holding their opponents to 36.7 points per game. The game scores for this season so far as follows:

*47-34, beat Berean Academy.

*55-37, lost to Sunrise Christian Academy.

*40-26, beat Kingman.

*58-40, lost to Conway Springs.

*56-48, lost to Garden Plain.

*57-34, beat Lacrosse.

*52-22, beat Bennington.

*69-34, lost to Central Plains.

*54-42, beat Berean Academy.

*59-21, beat Lyons.

*65-41, beat Southeast of Saline.

*61-45, beat Trinity.

*58-28, beat Hillsboro.

*55-40, beat Moundridge.

*67-18, beat Marion.

*62-25, beat El-Saline.

*64-34, beat Remington.

*37-30, beat Inman.

*50-42, beat Trinity.

*51-26, beat Sedgwick.

*52-37, beat Ellsworth.

*58-34, beat Canton-Galva.

*54-27, beat Inman.

The Jackson Heights Lady Cobras, 17-5 overall, are led by junior Kylie Dohl, shown in the accompanying photo at right in the dark jersey, who averages 17.2 points per game, 8.1 rebounds per game and 5 assists per game.

Junior Abby Brey averages 8.5 points per game and 4.6 rebounds per game. Junior Jodi White averages 3.5 steals per game.

The Lady Cobras went 11-5 in the Northeast Kansas League, tying with ACCHS for third place.

The Lady Cobras are averaging 46 points per game while holding their opponents to 44.9. Here's the game scores for the JH girls, so far:

*51-49, beat JCN.

*54-24, beat Horton.

*42-29, beat ACCHS.

*45-15, beat Maur Hill.

*47-38, lost to Pleasant Ridge.

*70-42, beat Oskaloos.

*55-39, beat Valley Falls.

*60-30, beat McLouth.

*61-25, beat Horton.

*39-32, beat Falls City, Neb.

*53-27, beat Marysville.

*47-44, lost to JCN (OT).

*53-23, beat Horton.

*41-45, lost to ACCHS.

*43-41, lost to Pleasant Ridge.

*68-43, beat Oskaloosa.

*56-46, lost to McLouth.

*45-44, beat Republic County.

*52-44, beat Valley Heights.

*56-39, beat ACCHS.



In the photo at above left, Jackson Heights sophomore Amaya Marlatt (No. 14 in dark jersey) goes up for two against ACCHS in last Saturday's sub-state championship game, while Heights senior Trinity McMahon (No. 20, at right) prepares for a possible rebound. In the photo at above right, Jackson Heights junior Abby Brey (No. 11 in dark jersey) keeps the ball away from a Tiger defender during a drive to the basket in the Lady Cobras' 56-39 win at Valley Heights. Jackson Heights will now take on Sterling in the first round of Class 2A state girls playoffs Thursday night at Hays.

Photos on this page by Brian Sanders

Bechard to receive award

Brent Bechard of Holton High School, shown in the accompanying photo, has been selected as the recipient of the Art Newcomer Promising Athletic Director Award by the Kansas Inter-scholastic Athletic Administrators Association, it has been reported.

This award is given to an athletic director who shows promise as an athletic administrator in their first few years in that role.

Bechard will receive the award on March 30, 2019, at the annual KIAAA Spring Conference awards banquet in Manhattan at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

Bechard is in his eighth year in education and has served as assistant high school principal and athletic director at Holton High School for two years.

Bechard graduated from Holton High School in 2006, Baker University in 2010 and Emporia State University with a master's degree in 2016.

He was a physical education teacher at Rolling Ridge Elementary in Olathe and head sophomore boys basketball coach and assistant coach at Olathe East High School.



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My sincere thanks for the 90th birthday cards, calls, personal and media greetings! Jackson County and Northeast Kansas... What a great place in which to become old!

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According to a motion approved by the board, after returning to open session after a 15-minute private talk with three Trane representatives, the board approved an "energy performance contract" with Trane for the "Option 1A" for selected scope of work, pending legal review, in accordance with KSA 75-37, 125 for up to \$931,000.

Trane was contracted to perform the investment grade audit as part of the performance contract component of the contract at a cost of \$6,960, it was reported. Trane is also the general contractor for the entire project and will oversee the work planned for this summer.

According to a handout distributed by the Trane reps, "Option 1A" includes the following - one new chiller for the high school, the start of a new four-pipe unit vents loop (new pipes, new pumps), the replacement of third floor UVs (unit ventilators), new controls for new boilers and chillers, other new equipment and the design plans for the entire project.

This project would start in the central plant and include a second set of pipes to allow heat-AC to work at the same time, it was reported. The work will be performed over the summer.

The Trane reps also presented three other scope-of-work and pricing options to the board Monday night.

They were as follows: "Option 1" - \$4.4 million for the high school four-pipe unit vents full project, lighting retrofits and new controls at the high school and middle school, replacing the 2007 controls. This scope of work would affect the entire building, including roof-top units.

Lighting retrofits - replacing fluorescent lights with LEDs throughout the high school and middle school - is included in

the full project of heating and cooling upgrades because the electric savings that the district will realize from the new more energy efficient lights is considered crucial to help pay for the overall project. Trane reps estimated the cost of the lighting retrofits at the high school at about \$140,000.

"Option 2" - \$4.7 million for high school VRF (variable refrigerant flow) full project, lighting retrofits and new controls at the middle school.

School board members did not express a lot of interest in Option 2 and Trane reps said all technical support for VRFs is located in Asia.

"Option 2A" - \$1.04 million for one new chiller for the high school, third floor VRF system, DOAS (dedicated outdoor air system), and new controls on all new equipment.

The Trane reps - Adam Johnson, Kevin Ward and Craig Grosser - said the new heating and cooling system would have a life expectancy of 25 to 40 years.

Last fall, the Holton school board authorized Trane to perform an industrial grade audit of the high school and middle school.

Since then, Trane reps sought the best prices for the different kinds of work to be performed. Monday night's scope of project and pricing for the four options that was presented was the culmination of that work, piecing together the best prices for the work needed.

Bob Davies, superintendent of schools, said the district has the capital outlay funds to cover the cost of Option 1A, but will need a lease-purchase plan with performance contracting or a bond issue, or both, to complete the full project.

"If we were to do a new bond issue, we would keep the mill

levy the same as it currently is so there would be no increase in taxes," Davies said. "We could do new lease purchases but our current lease purchases are strapping us for cash in our capital outlay fund as it is. Currently, we have four years left on one and three years on the other."

Capital outlay funds in the district are also used for school bus purchases, new technology and other facility needs.

The board met in executive session with Davies, maintenance director Mike Porter and the three Trane reps for 15 minutes to discuss "topics pursuant to the exception for matters that could influence present agreements with business partners."

The board also met in executive session for 13 minutes with Davies and Holton Special Education Cooperative Director Amy Haussler to discuss non-elected personnel.

The decision to approve Option 1A as presented came back in open session at the end of the meeting.

Beer Sales...

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The new law does not allow grocery and convenience stores to sell package liquor and wine, although Brenner expressed concern that could change in the future.

It was reported that the new law would also allow liquor stores to sell products other than alcohol - ice, shot glasses and mixers, for example - so long as the sale of those products constituted no more than 20 percent of their total sales.

The drive to allow the sale of "strong beer" in grocery and convenience stores was spearheaded by Uncork Kansas, a lobbying group that has described itself as "a movement to modernize antiquated Kansas liquor laws by allowing you, the consumer, to decide where you buy alcoholic beverages."

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"At the end of this project, we're actually going to be in a better situation than we're in right now," she said. "You cannot stand still in medicine. If you are not consistently moving forward and creating space to grow, you're going to find yourself in trouble. We're seeing that in some of these areas."

Hunniford's presentation also included a tour of the current Family Practice Associates facility, currently housed in a building that is adjacent to the hospital and also houses Holton Dental and Medical Pharmacy - a facility that she said Family Practice Associates has outgrown.

"When you look at the new construction that's being added onto the building, the clinic is what made the most sense for that," she said. "It's where we see the most patients, it's one of the things that gets the most action. And it was not doing what it needed to do in this space that we're in right now."

Part of the facility tour included a stop in the office of Dr. Josh Moulin - a space approximately eight feet by 10 feet, and lacking a phone, Hunniford said.

Space - as well as privacy - is also needed in the emergency room and other areas of the hospital, she added. First, there's the space and privacy that patients in the hospital's ER need for adequate care, and with two "bays" separated by a curtain in the hospital's surgery area, the lack of privacy may drive patients to other hospitals in the area.

"We want to make sure that we are taking care of that, because patient satisfaction is a huge part of medicine now," Hunniford said. "This is a small step we could take to create patient satisfaction."

The expansion plans also include more space at the hospital for patient rooms, Hunniford said, noting that five new patient rooms will be added, mainly to accommodate patients who need privacy during their hospital stay.

"When you have someone who comes in and they have an infectious disease, you have to make sure that you're keeping them separate from other people," she said. "There have been stories of people having to move up to three times in one night because of the amount of people coming in and because this person can't be with that person, whether because they're male and female,

or they have an illness that can't be transmitted."

The hospital expansion will also allow space for storage of equipment that has either been purchased by or donated to the hospital, Hunniford noted. However, she added, part of the space that's been found for some of the hospital's existing equipment came at the risk of moving certain offices at the hospital around - or out.

"Home Health and Hospice moved downtown," she said. "Office space moved all over."

The main reason for the expansion, Hunniford said, involves the clinic, which will move into a newly-constructed, two-story building with all the necessary patient services on the ground level and business offices upstairs. Having the current clinic in a two-story space, she noted, results in a lot of time being wasted on running between floors.

"We have some things on the top floor and some things on the bottom floor," she said. "That might not seem like a big deal, but all of those seconds add up to minutes, and those add up to hours as the day goes on. So to create more efficiency, we'll have a more centrally located area where the nurses can go get the things they need."

The top floor of the new clinic will be dedicated to office and meeting spaces, she added.

The new clinic will also create space for an expanding staff, Hunniford said. When the current clinic space was built, she said, there was room for "four to seven providers," but at the present time, the clinic houses 11 providers.

Efforts to purchase the space that Family Practice Associates was occupying came up short, and with the possibility of new construction to alleviate a shortage of available space for doctors and services, a USDA Rural Development loan for that construction - Hunniford said USDA requires at least 50

percent of the loan cover new construction - looked more and more like a sensible choice.

The USDA loan, however, won't cover all of the costs of the expansion project - only about \$14.6 million of it, Hunniford said - so the hospital is looking at other fund-raising efforts. The hospital is trying to raise \$1 million to \$3 million toward the project, she noted, because "we have to have \$1 million in the bank to break ground."

That groundbreaking, Hunniford said, could occur as soon as this summer, but if adequate funds are not raised by that time and groundbreaking is delayed, "don't feel like we failed," she added.

Monday's informational meeting attracted an audience of less than 10, it was noted. Two other informational meetings were held yesterday evening, with 14 in attendance, and early this morning, with five present.

The remaining informational meetings are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 18 and noon on Sunday, March 24 at the hospital's lower-level meeting room in the clinic area. An evening social has been scheduled from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 22 in the Hearth Room at The Hot Spot on the north side of Holton's Town Square.

Bus trip plan to benefit local humane society

A day trip to Overland Park's New Theatre to see the production of "The Buddy Holly Story" is being planned for Wednesday, May 15 and a portion of the \$89 ticket costs will benefit The Heart of Jackson Humane Society, it has been reported.

Connie Stewart, of Hoyt, an organizer for the day trip, said the ticket price will include bus transportation by Trailways Bus Service of Maryville, Mo., the matinee theatrical production, a meal at the New Theatre and a donation of about \$20 to the humane society.

Stewart said there are about 53 seats available on the bus for the day trip. Those interested

should make checks payable to The Heart of Jackson Humane Society, list bus trip fund-raiser on the memo line and mail them to the humane society at P.O. Box 126, Holton, KS. 66436. The deadline to reserve tickets is mid-April, she said.

Stewart said that more day trips by bus are also being planned and will also benefit the humane society. The bus trips will be called Dawg Gone Tours, she said.

For those who would like to suggest future day trip destinations, send your suggestions to Stewart at dawggonetours@gmail.com

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This group of seven-year-old girls from Holton Elementary School, shown above, enjoyed a recent three-week volleyball camp at the Netawaka Family Fitness Center. Those pictured are (front row, from left) Brooklyn Hinman, McKinley Bowe, Avery Cashier, Carlin Hilliard, Clara Larison, Tyler Dick, Brenna Bontrager, (back row, from left) coach Breann Hinman, Makayla Wheeler, Elsie Harris, Janie DeBarge, Eva Shaw and coach Kristel Bontrager. Photo courtesy of NFFC

Volleyball camp held at NFFC

A volleyball camp was held at Netawaka Family Fitness Center this winter.

"Teaching youngsters to play volleyball is actually about a lot more than teaching volleyball," says Kristel Bontrager of Holton. "It all started when I planned to have my seven-year-old daughter invite some of her friends to the gym to learn more about the sport, but I didn't want to leave anyone out."

Bontrager decided to start a volleyball camp and sent a flier to her daughter's school, Holton Elementary.

"I was thrilled with the re-

sponse — parents contacted me and 11 girls quickly signed up for the camp," she said.

The girls have been attending the three-week camp sessions ever since at the Netawaka Family Fitness Center.

"They love it. They're finding it a lot of fun," Bontrager said. "They're getting a lot of exercise, making good friends and learning basic skills of the game that can be perfected later in their volleyball careers."

The experience has been so rewarding that Bontrager is eager to offer this opportunity to other students. So much so that

she asked Scott Steffes, the director of NFFC, to offer use of the gym in the Center for other camps.

"We're glad to do this," Steffes said. "Our 30,000 square-foot non-profit center is becoming the community gathering place, and this is another opportunity for us to let people from this area to enjoy this incredible facility."

If other groups are interested in holding small camps for boys or girls of any age, they can learn more details by contacting the center at 785-933-2616.



The photo above was taken at the February meeting of the Soldier Boosters 4-H Club while 4-H club members worked on their record books. Submitted photo

Soldier Boosters reports on activities

By MaKenzie Kennedy
senior reporter

The Soldier Boosters' monthly 4-H meeting was held on Feb. 10 at Soldier Hall.

The meeting came to order at 6 p.m. Club members said the flag salute and then the 4-H pledge. Roll call was "What is your favorite Valentine's candy?"

Last month's minutes were

read, as well as the treasurer's report. Next, the reporter's report was given.

During the leader's report, the club read thank you cards, discussed county club days, when the next 4-H council meeting would be, the beef weigh-in and information about a countywide record book meeting.

Next, new business was shared. The club was recog-

nized for receiving its purple seal. Members also talked about planning a canned food drive.

Then project talks were given by Jennifer, Josie, Jill and Jessica Buck.

Next month's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on March 10 at Soldier Hall. Two new members were recognized, and the meeting was then adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Royal Valley FFA members complete service learning project at Helping Hands

By Kenzie Ogden
RVHS student correspondent

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, the Royal Valley High School FFA chapter completed a National FFA Week service learning project by going to the Helping Hands Humane Shelter in Topeka.

With a \$400 grant, chapter members prepared 38 animal beds for the shelter. They also took 30 students to provide enrichment for the animals.

This service project was funded by a National FFA Living to

Serve grant, which was written by Holly Mitchell with the assistance of Kim Clark, FFA sponsor.

The FFA chapter would like to thank Ms. Strassburg and Barb Harter for taking the students on this experience.

"I was able to see the animals and was able to play with them," said freshman Connor Baxter.

"It was really fun, and I think that the humane shelter enjoyed having us there," said junior Hadley Gregory.

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2/10	36	30	Trace	0
2/11	32	26	.80"	0
2/12	36	19	0	0
2/13	50	25	0	0
2/14	48	11	0	0
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2/16	22	8	0	.25"
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THE FARMERS STATE BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARION L. HOWERTON, SR., Deceased and SAUNDRA L. HOWERTON, Deceased, husband and wife, ROSETTA L. STAUFFER, MISTY D. MATHIS, MARION L. HOWERTON, JR., MARK L. HOWERTON, ANDREW HOWERTON, LOGAN JOHNSON, GRACE JOHNSON, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT,

and any occupants of the premises, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR ARE UN-

DER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE DECEASED,

Defendants.

Case No. 2019-CV-000016

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Jackson County, KS, by THE FARMERS STATE BANK praying for foreclosure of a mortgage executed by MAR-

ION L. HOWERTON, SR., Deceased and SAUNDRA L. HOWERTON, Deceased, covering the following-described real estate in Jackson County, KS, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 5, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., thence North 89°50'00" West 435.60 feet, thence North 0°10'00" West 300.00 feet, thence South 89°50'00" East 435.60 feet; thence South 00°10'00" East 300.00 feet to the point of beginning, Jackson County, Kansas, commonly known and described as 14001 P Road, Mayetta, Jackson County, Kansas;

and for the sale of said premises to pay the debt secured by said mortgage in the sum of Forty Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars and Fifty Two Cents (\$48,160.52 as of December 17, 2018) together with interest, and taxes and the costs of this action, and forever barring and foreclosing you and each of you from all right, title, interest, or equity of redemption in or to said premises, or any part thereof, and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before the 17th day of April, 2019, in the Court at Holton, KS. If you fail to plead, judgment and Decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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s/ James S. Willard
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In the photo above, volunteer Michelle Decker explains to Royal Valley Elementary School students how to have healthy lungs, and in the photo at left, volunteer Kimberly Smith outlines the role of the small intestine during the recent Body Exhibit at the school. The exhibit, developed by the Child Nutrition & Wellness division of the Kansas State Department of Education, features 11 stops on the tour of the body.

Photos by Ali Holcomb

Tourism grant requests OK'd

By Ali Holcomb
Several requests for tourism funds were approved recently during a Jackson County Commission meeting. Anna Wilhelm of the Jackson County Tourism Council presented the requests, which were approved and included Kansas Archaeological Society (\$500), Delia Days (\$200), Kansas Prairie Pickers Association (\$1,000), Jackson County Arts (\$1,000), Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society (\$1,000) and Quilts In The Courtyard (\$1,500).

The commissioners denied a \$750 request for tourism funds for the Mayetta Spray Park fund-raiser. Wilhelm said that tourism board agreed to increase the number of board members from seven to nine and to remove term limits.

The commissioners approved a motion to change the tourism council's by-laws to reflect those changes.

Members of the tourism council include Wilhelm, Mary Pfeiler, Dhiren Chatterji, Sawan Patidar, John Chiles, Suzette McCord-Rogers, Lori Banks and Mike Ford. The Banner Creek Reservoir director also serves on the council, and the commissioners are currently

advertising to hire someone to fill that role.

The commissioners also agreed to Wilhelm's request to allow three tourism board members to attend the Big Rural Brainstorm in Lindsborg on March 19.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Feb. 19, the commission:

* Approved the purchase of a used recycling trailer from Pro-Trainer at a cost of \$8,225, including delivery.

* Met with Scott Kieffaber, noxious weed and environmental services director, to discuss the purchase of chemicals to be sold to the public this year.

Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer asked that Kieffaber purchase chemicals in a large quantity to start the season so the department does not run out.

Kieffaber said that he used the sales from 2017 and 2018 to determine the amounts to order for this season.

* Discussed with Dan Barnett, road and bridge supervisor, the costs associated when a resident asks the county to assist with rocking an entrance to their land from a minimum maintenance road.

Barnett said he didn't have the exact figures, but said he would want it to be built to county standards and be paid for by the resident.

* Learned from Commissioner Bill Elmer that he has received a complaint

about the condition of 118th and H Roads. Barnett said that with this year's winter weather, his department will need more funds to purchase rock because there is so much damage.

* Met in executive session with Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, Undersheriff Darrel Chapman and County Counselor Alex Morrissey for 15 minutes to discuss a matter of attorney client privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met with Chad Phillips, Courthouse custodian, to discuss the plan for installing surveillance cameras in the building.

* Discussed the job description and advertisement for the Banner Creek Reservoir director position. The commissioners then left the Courthouse to take inventory at the reservoir facilities.

* Received a maintenance and repairs list from Amanda Spalding, senior services director, for the Holton Senior Center.

* Signed requests and petitions to allow Giant Communications to occupy county right-of-ways at 198th Road and Q Road to bore new fiber lines.

* Signed a payroll change notice for Guy Gardner, a new resource office with the sheriff's office.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. All commissioners were present.

Circleville

By Jeannie Arnold
Mark and Connie Hanson from Cambridge, Minn. met Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson at Trails Cafe on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26, for dinner. They were on their way to travel back home from spending several weeks in Florida. Mark will be back in April with other men to hunt turkeys.

Kenny Wykert was in Topeka on Thursday, Feb. 28, and had lunch with his brother, Bob, and spent the afternoon with him.

Lori Burdick joined us on Thursday, Feb. 28, as we went to visit Maxine Lewis at Vintage Park. It was a very busy place that morning as students from Royal Valley were there, handing out homemade flowers and interviewing the residents.

Congratulations to the Lady Cobras in their sub-state win over ACCHS at Blue Rapids on Saturday, March 2. Wishing them good luck, as they will play against Sterling on Thursday, March 7, at Fort Hays in the state tournament.

Cards

Carol Bickford is recovering from surgery for a broken shoulder in Topeka. She will be there a few weeks and would enjoy hearing from friends. Cards and letters can be sent to her at 1010 N.W. 52nd Terrace, Topeka, KS 66618.

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold
Beverly Kranz served as greeter at the door on the very cold and snowy morning of March 3 for the cowboy/traditional service at Circleville Christian Church. Brody Bliss gave the welcome, scripture reading and opening prayer. Music was provided by David Allen with his guitar and Johnny Lynch. Brody Bliss gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

David Allen used text from Ephesians 2:1-10 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donald Askren, Allan Simmons, Mark Knouft and Johnny Lynch. The prayer for the offering was given by Ron Parrett. David Allen provided the guitar music as communion was served and the offering received.

Brody Bliss used text from Matthew 3:1-17 as he gave his morning sermon titled "The Baptism of Christ." He presented a very interesting message on the importance of baptism. He told how the baptism of Christ affirms John the Baptist's message and purpose.

It affirms the message and purpose of Jesus being the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world. It affirms the importance of baptism as the starting point of discipleship and righteousness in Christian obedience. It affirms the trinity as the heavens opened, the spirit of God descended and the voice from heaven declared that Jesus is the Son of God. John's mission was verified by Jesus, as John was the forerunner to Christ.

Following the message, the Dustin and Andrea King family came forward to place membership with the church. They were baptized into Christ at last week's services. The service closed by singing "I'll Fly Away."

Exhibit helps students make healthy choices

Learning healthy lifestyles is the primary focus of Body Venture, a traveling exhibit that is set up at elementary schools throughout Kansas.

On Thursday, more than 300 children from Royal Valley Elementary School received a firsthand look at how to make healthy choices and remain healthy throughout their lives.

"Body Venture is a wonderful way for students to have fun learning about health, nutrition and physical activity," said Amy Mosier, BSN, RN and Royal Valley district nurse.

Body Venture, developed by Child Nutrition & Wellness,

Kansas State Department of Education, features an 11-stop tour of the body from brain to mouth, stomach, small intestine, heart, lungs, bones, muscles and skin.

"What's great is that the kids are actively involved in learning about good nutrition and making healthy lifestyle choices," Mosier said. "We appreciate the support of our school volunteers and community organizations who assisted with the exhibit and made Body Venture possible."

Mosier said that a total of 51 volunteers helped set up, man the stations and tear the exhibit back down.

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Ministerial Alliance reports on activities

By Joyce Immenschuh
The Jackson County Ministerial Alliance met Feb. 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. at the First UMC, Holton, with Pastor Kathy Williams, chair, presiding.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Pastor Charlotte moved to approve the minutes. Pastor Brian Stark second the motion. The motion was approved.

Gayle Moulden presented the treasurer's report and said no gas vouchers were issued for the past two months. There was discussion about how gas vouchers would be handled in the future.

Brett Martin, United Way of Greater Topeka, advised that there are several places in Holton that offer services to those in need. Pastor Charlotte suggested getting the groups together to visit with us so we would have a better idea of what is available. Brett said he would do that.

Cecil K's still has its Christmas tree up for the food pantry.

Pastor Kathy and Gayle met with Jennifer of the Washburn Law Clinic regarding the paperwork needed for our 501(c)(3).

Brett Martin told us all dollars that are donated in Jackson County, and those made by people working outside of Jackson County, but designated for Jackson County, are used just for Jackson County. Local dollars given, stay local.

For the months of January, 124 households were served, consisting of 139 adults, 106 children and 71 elderly. JCMA wants to send a huge Thank You to Kennedy Smith, who spear-headed the food drive at the Elementary School, and to Tyler Dick for assisting her.

All of the remaining months of the year are covered for Sunday services at Medicalodges, however, there are still opportunities for a mission project as there are some months available for churches to help fill the food pantry. Hoyt UMC has volunteered to take care of the fifth Sunday of the month services for Medicalodges, for any month with five Sundays.

Reminder: March - Mayetta UMC/Pottawatomie has Sunday Services at Medicalodges and First Baptist Church will help fill the food pantry.

Coming events: The Hoyt UMC is having a hymn sing on March 31 and it is a community wide event. Bring a hymn or two that you would like to share. Norma Jean Miller has been appointed to the Hoyt UMC.

The March meeting of JCMA will be on March 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., at Holton First UMC.

Pastor Charlotte moved to adjourn the meeting. Lawrence Clark seconded. The motion was approved.

Robocalls topic for AG

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is urging the U.S. Senate to enact the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act, legislation to curb illegal robocalls and caller-ID spoofing, it has been reported.

Schmidt, along with the attorneys general from all 49 other states, the District of Columbia and three U.S. territories, sent a letter to the U. S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation supporting the TRACED Act.

The legislation is sponsored by Sens. John Thune, R-SD., and Ed Markey, D-Mass., and would require voice service providers to participate in a call authentication framework to help block unwanted calls. The framework is being established by federal agencies, with the

urging of state attorneys general, and the TRACED Act would make it mandatory.

The bill also would create an interagency working group to identify additional actions to reduce robocalls and hold telemarketers and robocallers accountable.

"Any meaningful solution to the explosion in unwanted robocalls has to combine improvements in call-blocking technology with law enforcement efforts," Schmidt said. "With almost 48 billion robocalls to Americans last year, the problem will only continue to get worse unless we can put up more effective roadblocks for scammers in addition to holding them accountable under the law."

The nearly 48 billion robocalls made in 2018 made them the number one source of consumer complaints to the FTC and the FCC and resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in consumer losses.

In their letter, the attorneys general explain that the TRACED Act would enable states, federal regulators, and telecom providers to take steps to combat these illegal calls.

The Kansas Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division works to enforce do-not-call laws and protect Kansas consumers from being harassed and scammed by robocalls.

Lift-a-thon Thursday

The 23rd annual lift-a-thon competition will be held at Holton High School in the new gym from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. this Thursday, March 7.

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Immanuel Lutheran

By Esther L. Ideker

Church services at Immanuel Lutheran Church were cancelled on Sunday, March 3, due to the snowstorm.

Day of Prayer Service will be moved to next Sunday, March 10, titled "God Cares For You." Brunch will be served following the service by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ladies.

Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7 p.m. today. The theme of the Lenten service series is from the Book of Exodus,

"Let My People Go!" with the sermon "Big Things With Small Stuff" from Exodus 2:1-10. A fellowship supper will be served at 6 p.m. hosted by Gerald and Stacy Amon.

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CITY OF HOLTON

ORDINANCE NO. 19-003

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CEREAL MALT BEVERAGES AND REPEALING HOLTON CITY CODE SUBSECTION 3-101(d), AND SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING SUBSECTION.

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

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Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Holton, Kansas, this 4th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Robert W. Dieckmann
Robert W. Dieckmann,
Mayor

/s/ Teresa E. Riley
Teresa Riley,
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Menus listed for the week of Monday, March 11 through Friday, March 15 are as follows:

Monday, March 11: Baked

chicken breast with sauce, rice, Malibu vegetables, plums and hot roll and margarine.

Tuesday, March 12: Salisbury steak, creamed peas and potatoes, fresh orange and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, March 13: Vegetable beef stew, cottage cheese with peppers and tomatoes, pineapple/carrot jello salad and crackers.

Thursday, March 14: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup and bread and margarine.

Friday, March 15: Beef enchilada, Mexican rice, lettuce salad, strawberries and bananas and ice cream.

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CITY OF HOLTON BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL USE PERMIT

On March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Holton City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania Avenue, the City of Holton Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Special Use Permit.

The requested Special Use Permit is for a fitness center (Halflete Fitness) to be operated at 610 East Fifth Street in Holton, Kansas. More specifically described as follows:

LOT 30 INDIANA AVE SECTION 03 TOWNSHIP 07 RANGE 15E in the City of Holton, Kansas.

A copy of this notice has been mailed to all owners of record of lands located within 200 feet of the above described property. Any interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing.

Jeff Draper
Code Enforcement Officer

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PBP Elder Center Menu

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, March 11: Tuna casserole, bread and butter, dessert and fruit.

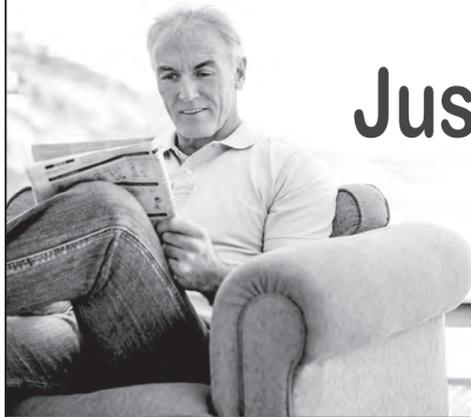
Tuesday, March 12: Pork and hominy, fry bread, green beans and fruit.

Wednesday, March 13: Chicken and wild rice casserole, roll and fruit.

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Friday, March 15: Salmon patties, tomato soup, bread and butter and fruit.

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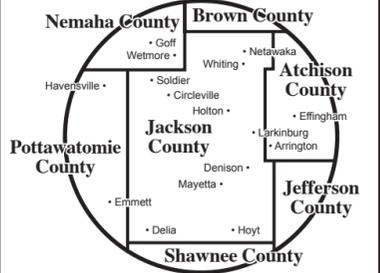
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Wanted

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ROYAL VALLEY, USD #337 has an opening for the following positions:

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*One Route Driver starting April 1, 2019
 *One Route Driver starting in August 2019
 Salary based on experience

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Royal Valley Elementary School students had the opportunity to learn how to make healthy choices as they walked through the 11 stations in the Body Venture exhibit set up last week in the RVES gym. In the photo above, students entered the exhibit through the large-scale mouth. Volunteer Steffani Shelton is shown inside the "mouth" while teacher Beth Bechard (right) and her students look on. Photo by Ali Holcomb

RV B.O.E...

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The board will not take any action on which alternate projects will actually be completed until the bids are received, it was reported.

With all four alternates included, Katina estimated the projects to total \$241,063, which includes \$20,000 for contingency purposes.

"The bidding climate is really good right now," Katina said.

Bids are due March 26 and will be presented at the board's April meeting.

In other business, the board: * Approved consent items, including a \$1,200 Living to Serve grant for RVHS FFA. The grant will be used to create a "living history" project where students will interview local residents on camera.

* Discussed a request received by board member Jim O'Toole to install a handrail on the north side of the high school gym from the entrance down near the parking lot.

* Received a legislative update from Davis. The KPERS repayment bill has been approved by both the House and Senate and is waiting to be approved or vetoed by Gov. Laura Kelly. Neither chamber has passed a school finance bill.

* Discussed staff appreciation recognition plans. Members of the school board are expected to serve ice cream sundaes to staff members in all three school buildings in May.

* Received a district budget update from Davis. So far, only 55.65 percent of the district's budget has been spent this school year, compared to 57.35 percent this time last year and 57.13 percent during the 2016-17 school year.

Davis said the district has spent \$30,579 in propane so far this school year and will likely go over the \$35,000 budgeted for that expense.

City Commission...

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McKee said the winning bidder for a 2008 model LeeBoy 8515 paving machine that was being sold by the City of Kirksville, Mo. submitted a bid of \$66,000 for the machine — well above the \$50,000 bid limit set by commissioners at their Feb. 19 meeting.

Commissioners have been working in recent months with McKee and Street Superintendent Greg Tanking to purchase an asphalt paving machine after Tanking suggested last September that the city could possibly save a significant amount of money on paving asphalt streets with its own paving machine.

The commission made an attempt last October to purchase a paving machine at an online auction, setting a maximum bid of \$40,000 for a machine being offered for sale by the City of Overland Park, only to be outbid at the last minute, it was reported.

Commissioners also: * Approved minutes from the commission's Feb. 19 meeting, as well as budget appropriations made since that meeting.

* Accepted the resignation of Commissioner Twila White, effective April 30, and agreed to seek candidates to fill White's unexpired term (see related story).

* Approved an ordinance permitting grocery and convenience stores in Holton to sell "strong beer" — cereal malt beverages containing up to six percent alcohol by volume — effective Monday, April 1, in accordance with state law (see

* Heard a report from Davis on the number of snow days used so far this year and how that has affected the 1,116-hour requirement.

High school students are the only students, so far, who have fallen behind on the number of required hours for the year, Davis said. Three minutes have been added to the start of school day at RVHS and four minutes have been added to the end of the day. In addition, the students' 11-minute "nutrition break" has been temporarily suspended.

* Reviewed the district's current textbook rental fees, which are \$65 per student and \$195 maximum per family. The fees have generated \$35,335 this school year, Davis said, and he recommended keeping the fees the same for next year.

* Heard an update on driver's education curriculum. At a previous meeting, Davis said he was looking into the possibility of using an online curriculum for the course.

After continued research, Davis recommended to the board to continue with the traditional course form for this summer and look into moving to an online curriculum next year.

Later in the meeting, the board approved summer driver education employment contracts for Kyle Porter, teacher; Terri Moore, teacher; and Brenda Lambrecht, paraprofessional.

* Approved a lease purchase payment of \$405,620.86, which is due March 27. This is for the district's 2013 lease purchase.

* Set the Impact Aid and Title VI hearings for 8 p.m. during the April 8 board meeting at the district office in Mayetta.

* Agreed to offer online enrollment through PowerSchool. For the 2019-20 school year, the cost will be \$10,642.50, with an annual cost of \$5,962.50.

Davis said online enrollment

would be more convenient for district patrons and would save time for secretaries.

Board member Nathan McAlister said he was concerned with the annual costs associated with the online enrollment.

* Approved the following summer projects and costs: install LED lighting at the RVMS gym (\$14,046.94), refinish the gym floor (\$7,155), replace and install the scoreboard at the RVES gym (\$11,210.53) and remodel the ag lab restroom (cost not to exceed \$20,000).

* Agreed to provide transportation for Royal Valley students to attend Washburn Tech's summer camp in Topeka. Davis estimated the cost to transport the students to be between \$750-\$1,500.

* Agreed to advertise for a social worker for the district. Davis said that members of the Impact Aid committee have pledged \$8,000 annually from the Impact Aid fund to help cover the salary for this position.

"Our principals are dealing with mental health issues on a daily basis," Davis said. "I think this type of position would help them focus back on educating our students."

* Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

Back in open session, the board approved the summer driver's education employment contracts previously listed in this article, as well as a contract to Peter Pfannenstiel to serve as an assistant baseball coach.

The board also approved family medical leave for Dandy Thiessen, a fourth-grade teacher at RVES, and accepted the resignation from Abilene Davidson as CLC assistant director effective March 29.

* Adjourned the meeting. All board members were present.

Johnson...

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year against Johnson were "not Mr. Johnson's first brush" with animal cruelty charges, pointing to a 2004 criminal court case that reportedly involved a horse and a single cruelty charge that was later amended to a charge of maintaining a public nuisance regarding a fence on Johnson's property.

Johnson contended, however, that Miller's assertion on Monday that the disposition in the 2004 case — which included unsupervised probation for Johnson — included an order that Johnson not possess any animals for 10 years was "inaccurate."

A finding of guilty on the 45 animal cruelty charges against Johnson was issued by Carter following a Feb. 14 bench trial in which two area veterinarians testified that Johnson was apparently giving the horses inadequate care and food, while two other area veterinarians disputed that testimony.

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