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Seven-year-old Cash Robinson (shown in the photo above), a first-year member of the Lucky Stars 4-H club, presented a show-and-tell at Jackson County 4-H Day about his horse, Roper. Robinson said he enjoys riding and helping take care of cattle on the family farm with Roper, adding that he has had the horse “kind of a long time.” At right, Joel Kennedy, 12, a sixth-year member of the Soldier Boosters 4-H club, dressed as an authentic cattleman to present a reading of Baxter Black’s poem, “Feast or Famine,” at Jackson County 4-H Day, which was held Saturday at Jackson Heights High School.

Photos by Brian Sanders

Brick restoration work set for Wisconsin Ave.

By Brian Sanders

There’s plenty of street brick available for the City of Holton’s brick street restoration program, Holton Street Superintendent Rex Cameron informed the Holton City Commission, and this year, brick street restoration work will continue on Wisconsin Avenue.

During the city commission’s regular meeting on Tuesday — held a day later than normal due to Presidents Day falling on Monday — commissioners approved the street department’s program of repairs and maintenance for 2015 as presented by Cameron.

This year’s brick street restoration project, Cameron told commissioners, involves the 600 block of Wisconsin, between Sixth and Seventh streets, extending the street work done on Wisconsin in recent years. The 500 block of Wisconsin was restored in 2011, and the 400 block was restored in 2012, it was reported.

Cameron also told commissioners that there would be an adequate amount of bricks to be used in restoring the 600 block of Wisconsin this year, as well as for “the next two or three years, I would think, easily.” Last year, Fifth Street between Vermont and Lowell avenues was rebuilt as a concrete street, and bricks taken from that section of Fifth were put back into the city’s supply.

Bricks have also been salvaged from other city roads, he told commissioners, but not all bricks pulled up can be used again. About 10 to 20 percent of bricks pulled cannot be relaid due to cracks and breaks, he said.

But with each brick restoration project that is completed, Cameron said, comes assurance that there’s less to worry about in the future.

“There are a few more blocks that we’ll need to look at for full brick restoration,” he said. “But eventually, all we’ll have to do is replace the

curbs and keep the brick that’s there. There are a lot of bad curbs, but we can keep the existing bricks, so eventually, we shouldn’t need as many bricks to supplement our supply.”

In response to a question from Commissioner Dan Brenner about what the street department will do if it runs out of bricks, Cameron said buying new bricks to finish street projects would be “tricky, to say the least.”

“We have to match what we’ve got — thickness, depth, width — and if they don’t match, we really can’t use it,” Cameron said. “How do you lay one brick this thick and another brick that thick? We need the continuity. That’s why we need to salvage what brick we can here in the community, because it’s all about the same brick.”

In Holton, the process of restoring brick streets involves pulling brick from a section of city street, repairing or replacing a concrete base underneath the bricks, installing new concrete curbs and gutters, putting down a layer of sand and relaying the bricks on top of the sand. Cameron said a concrete base of five or six inches is placed underneath the bricks.

Elsewhere in Holton, Cameron noted that work on the city’s asphalt streets in previous years has driven up the city’s “pavement condition index,” which is used to determine which asphalt streets need the most immediate work. He attributed the improvement to having a milling machine available for work on those streets.

Cameron also noted that asphalt crackfilling work will be needed on 27 street blocks this year, and chip-and-seal work is also planned for another 27 blocks. Pavement reconstruction is also scheduled for another 31 blocks of city streets, he said.

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THURSDAY’S FORECAST
 CLOUDY SKIES, HIGH OF 26
 Look for the complete forecast on page 2A.



Tech initiative going well at Royal Valley

By Ali Holcomb

Six weeks after implementing a new district wide technology initiative that included purchasing Chromebook laptops for USD 337 middle and high school students, things are going “very well,” according to Mark Haecke, RV technology coordinator.

Haecke gave an update on the initiative Monday evening during the board of education’s meeting in Mayetta.

At the start of the second semester, high school students were each assigned a Chromebook to use for educational purposes if they and their parents signed and returned a policy form to the school.

“Very few students did not return a form, and we have a couple of high school students who check their

Chromebooks in and out each day at the school instead of taking them home each night at their parents’ request,” Haecke said.

The Google Chromebook utilizes software from the Internet instead of a hard drive. The machine runs on Google’s Chrome operating system and all information is continually saved on “the cloud” as students work on projects.

“At the high school level, I see them use it all the time,” Haecke said. “Google classroom is incredible. It’s a complete setup that allows teachers to create a class, share documents and schedule due dates for projects. It’s been wonderful.”

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County’s dog policy updated

■ Certain breeds now require annual registration

By Ali Holcomb

The county’s policy on dangerous dogs has been updated, and the Jackson County Commissioners are now requiring that certain breeds owned by county residents be registered yearly with the sheriff’s department.

The commissioners made a motion to approve resolution 2015-5 Tuesday regarding dangerous dogs.

“We decided we needed to simplify the county’s previous policies and be more specific in some areas,” said Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer. “A vicious dog is a vicious dog. We also had some outdated information, such as the sheriff being listed as the animal catcher, and that’s not his job.”

A section of the new resolution requires that anyone in the unincorporated areas of the county who owns a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Bulldog, Bull Terrier or a hybrid of any of those breeds is required to register with the sheriff’s office on or before April 1 every year. The registration fee is \$25.

“We’re not trying to penalize people with those breeds, but by working with the sheriff and looking over all the data that has been collected, we know those breeds are very powerful, and we understand the damage they can do,” Zwonitzer said. “We just want to make sure we know where they are so that if EMS, law enforcement or emergency personnel are responding to an incident at that residence they can be aware. This is for the safety of our employees.”

The commissioners have been drafting this resolution for several months and approved it after rescinding previous policies approved in 1989 and 2004. At one point, it was recommended in previous policy that

all county dogs are registered and receive a dog tag, Zwonitzer said.

The new resolution recognizes that any dog can be a dangerous dog, Zwonitzer said, and not just specific breeds. In the previous policy from 1989, a “vicious” dog was defined by its breed.

In the current policy, a “dangerous” dog is any dog that bites or injures an animal or person without provocation or is kept for fighting purposes. It’s also defined as dog that molests or chases a person in a public right-of-way or damages property.

Any dog that is deemed “dangerous” must be securely kept in a building or kennel. Dangerous dogs cannot be kept on a porch or patio that would allow the animal to leave the home on its own accord, the resolution states.

Dangerous dogs must be secured on a leash no longer than four feet and cannot be leashed to inanimate objects such as trees or posts and left unattended.

If a dog in the county is considered dangerous, a sign must be displayed where the dog is kept that says “Beware of Dangerous Dog.”

After a hearing, a dangerous dog can be ordered to be humanely killed under certain conditions by the county district court. The court also has the authority to place the dog for adoption.

The dog’s owner is responsible for paying boarding costs while an incident regarding the dog is investigated and handled in district court, according to the resolution, which takes effect following its publication in *The Holton Recorder* on Monday, Feb. 23.

Any violation of the resolution, including failing to register your dog, can result in a fine between \$50 and \$500 and 30 days in the county jail.

Meet Your Doctors: Dr. Alex Gilliland

Note: *The Holton Recorder* is publishing a series of stories about local doctors in the community. This is the third story in the series.

Dr. Alex Gilliland of Holton Dental completed his undergraduate degree in biology at Kansas State University in 2002. He then pursued a career in general dentistry with dental training at the University of Indiana School of Dentistry and earned his DDS (Doctor of Dental Surgery) in 2007.

After graduation, Dr. Gilliland and his wife, Taige (Tuley), moved back here to their hometown of Holton and opened Holton Dental.

Alex and Taige have four daughters - Tuley (9), Marley (6), Haddie (2) and Norah (11 months).

This is Dr. Gilliland’s 10th year in general dentistry and his eighth year at Holton Dental. His hobbies include hunting, camping, spending time with family and coaching youth sports. He is a member of the Holton Community Hospital Board of Directors. He and his family are members of the First United Methodist Church.

“Growing up in a family dedicated to healthcare definitely in-



fluenced my decision to go into dentistry,” Dr. Gilliland said. “I always knew that I wanted to be a doctor and return to Holton to practice, but it wasn’t until college that I discovered dentistry. I have always enjoyed helping people, as well as building and creating things with my hands, and dentistry allows me to do this on a daily basis. It is enjoyable to recreate a person’s smile or restore their ability to eat again.”

Dr. Gilliland, 35, said that being born and raised in Holton has been a blessing to him and his family.

“There are many things about this community that I love,” he said. “Probably the most enjoyable thing is having the opportunity to give back to the people of this community. Each day, I have the opportunity to care for many of the same people who cared for

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Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed at the Jackson County Register of Deeds office:

Transfer on Death Deed: Ronald W. Ruppert and Diane K. Ruppert, husband and wife, transfer on death to Corrie Ann Yoder, the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Transfer on Death Deed: Ronald W. Ruppert and Diane K. Ruppert, husband and wife, transfer on death to Jennifer Marie Mahmoud, the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Transfer on Death Deed: Gerald K. Bottom and Almetta L. Bottom transfer on death to Bonita G. Weaver and Brent G. Bottom, all of Lot 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 5, Francis' Addition to the City of Soldier, Jackson County, Kansas, except 25 feet of the east end of Lot 7.

Quit Claim Deed: Angela M. Lake, a single person, conveys and quit claims to Jessy S. Lake, a tract of land in the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Sheriff's Deed: Tim Morse, Sheriff of Jackson County, does give, grant, sell and convey to U.S. Bank National Association, a tract of land in the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Warranty Deed: Mabel J. Harris, by her attorneys-in-fact Lester F. Harris and Yvonne A. Trickle, conveys and warrants to Lester F. Harris and Josephine L. Harris, husband and wife, 12.5 percent undivided in-

terest in and to the north 46 acres of the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., less a tract of land in the northeast corner; Lot 1 (14.88 acres) in the south half of the southwest quarter of said section, township and range; and the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., all in Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Phillip J. Lloyd and Ginger S. Lloyd, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Joseph C. Montgomery, the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Timothy P. Grossnickle and Marsha A. Grossnickle, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Cody S. Merriman and Christine M. Merriman, the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Trustee's Deed: The Beyer Family Trust conveys to Timothy Boyden and Christi Boyden, a tract of land in the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Sheriff's Deed: Tim Morse, Sheriff of Jackson County, does give, grant, sell and convey to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Lot 64, New Jersey Avenue, City of Holton,

Jackson County, Kansas.

Warranty Deed: Toni L. Massey, a single person, does grant, bargain, sell and convey to Russell J. Conroy, a single person, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Warranty Deed: Homestead Affordable Housing Inc., a Kansas not-for-profit corporation, does grant, bargain, sell and convey to Prairie View Senior Residences LLC, a Kansas limited liability company, Lots 8 through 24 inclusive Block A, Oak Brook Subdivision No. 4, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Warranty Deed: Prairie View Senior Residences LLC conveys and warrants to the City of Holton, Lots 8 through 24 inclusive Block A, Oak Brook Subdivision No. 4, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Transfer on Death Deed: Mary E. Starr transfers on death to Robert D. Starr and Dianne I. Alford, Lot 14, Pennsylvania Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Transfer on Death Deed: Rex S. Stapel and Maria B. Stapel transfer on death to Malcomb S. Stapel and Montana D. Stapel, the north half of the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, all in Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas, including all house and outbuildings.

Kansas Warranty Deed: Rose J. Clark and Hugh E. Clark convey and warrant to Rose J. Clark and Hugh E. Clark, trustees of the Rose J. Clark Revocable Trust, Lot 7, Block B, Rosser's Banner View Addition No. 3, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Ricky D. Pelton and Lois J. Pelton, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Ryan Stanley Roberts, the north 20 feet of Lot 77 and all of Lots 79, 81 and 83 on Dakota Avenue, Vetter's Fourth Addition to the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Corporation Warranty Deed: Mayetta Lodge #393, an unincorporated association, conveys and warrants to Ernest J. DeBusk, a part of Lots 40 and 42, Highland Avenue, Town of Hoyt, Jackson County, Kansas.






Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Auswell F. Stauffer and Vinita G. Stauffer, convey and warrant to Kevin R. Stauffer and Laura A. Stauffer, the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Corporation Warranty Deed: Jackson County Fair Association, a Kansas not-for-profit corporation, conveys and warrants to USD 336 Holton schools, Lots 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35 and 37 on Dakota Avenue, Vetter's Fourth Addition to the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

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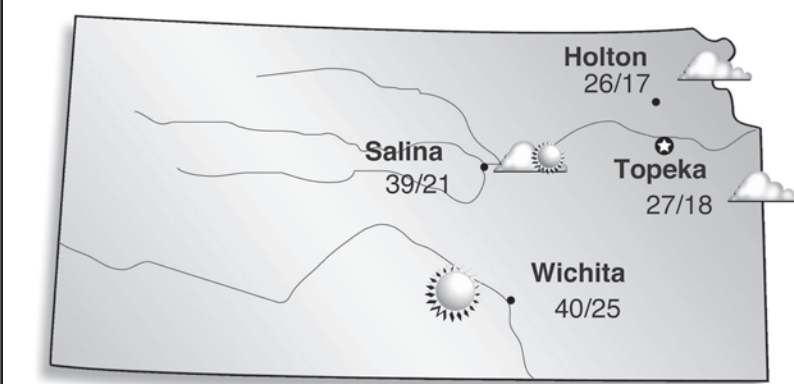
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Arrests made in county

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

■ On Feb. 9, Dennis Fratiello, 60, Ottawa, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of theft.

■ On Feb. 9, Caleb Bigham, 30, Centralia, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine.

■ On Feb. 9, William Ackerman, 29, Wetmore, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Feb. 10, Joshua Shughart, 27, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 10, Oshpuk Huggins, 41, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended and operating a vehicle without liability insurance.

■ On Feb. 10, Michael Cain, 36, Topeka, was arrested on two traffic failure to appear warrants.

■ On Feb. 10, Vanessa Brewster, 35, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Feb. 11, a 17-year-old female from Holton was arrested on a juvenile warrant on a charge of motion to revoke conditional release.

■ On Feb. 12, Jossie Holst, 42, Soldier, was arrested on a charge of domestic battery.

■ On Feb. 12, Joshua Christopher, 27, Pasadena, Texas, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Feb. 12, Curtis Dawdy, 41, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of possession of stolen property.

Police Calls

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

■ 11:40 a.m. Jan. 28, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, unruly student.

■ 4:26 p.m. Jan. 28, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, criminal threat.

■ 8:24 p.m. Jan. 28, Fifth Street at Cherokee Drive, manhole cover sticking up.

■ 1:12 a.m. Jan. 29, 500 block of Illinois Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of aggravated battery, domestic battery, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct.

■ 3:52 p.m. Jan. 29, 400 block of Lowell Drive, missing child.

■ 10:07 p.m. Jan. 29, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 8:26 a.m. Jan. 30, 300 block of West Fourth Street, citizen assist.

■ 11:07 a.m. Jan. 30, U.S. Highway 75 at Third Street, motorist assist.

■ 4:17 p.m. Jan. 30, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.

■ 4:55 p.m. Jan. 30, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, civil standby.

■ 6:10 p.m. Jan. 30, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 7:37 a.m. Jan. 31, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 9:28 a.m. Feb. 2, 400 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 10:49 a.m. Feb. 2, 400 block of Comanche Drive, EMS assist.

■ 1:44 a.m. Feb. 3, 500 block of Idaho Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 4:55 p.m. Feb. 3, 500 block of Nebraska Avenue, animal control.

■ 9:45 p.m. Feb. 3, Fifth Street at Ohio Avenue, disturbance.

■ 11:17 p.m. Feb. 3, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a Riley County warrant.

■ 4:13 a.m. Feb. 4, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, suspicious activity.

■ 1:26 p.m. Feb. 4, Seventh Street at Dakota Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 1:45 p.m. Feb. 4, 900 block of Kansas Avenue, 911 hang-up.

■ 3:24 p.m. Feb. 4, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 11:13 a.m. Feb. 5, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.

■ 10:05 p.m. Feb. 5, 600 block of New York Avenue, suspect arrested on a Douglas County warrant.

■ 6:42 a.m. Feb. 6, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 10:37 a.m. Feb. 6, funeral escort.

■ 6:25 p.m. Feb. 6, 900 block of Forest Drive, suspicious activity.

■ 9:43 p.m. Feb. 6, 400 block of Dakota Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of transporting open container and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

■ 5:14 a.m. Feb. 7, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, disturbance.

■ 10:33 a.m. Feb. 7, funeral escort.

■ 8:30 p.m. Feb. 7, 800 block of Arizona Avenue, motorist assist.

■ 12:33 a.m. Feb. 8, U.S. Highway 75 south of Banner Road, vehicle accident involving deer.

■ 8:28 p.m. Feb. 8, 800 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of defective taillight and driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

■ 1:59 a.m. Feb. 9, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a City of Horton failure to appear warrant.

■ 12:26 p.m. Feb. 9, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 3:45 p.m. Feb. 9, 300 block of

West Fourth Street, citizen assist.

■ 5:43 p.m. Feb. 9, 100 block of Roselawn Drive, 911 hang-up.

■ 5:58 p.m. Feb. 9, 300 block of Topeka Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 8:30 p.m. Feb. 9, 700 block of New York Avenue, animal control.

■ 12:42 a.m. Feb. 10, 500 block of Nebraska Avenue, animal control.

■ 11:01 a.m. Feb. 10, funeral escort.

■ 1:27 p.m. Feb. 10, Eighth Street at Vermont Avenue, motorist assist.

■ 2:51 p.m. Feb. 10, 600 block of Dakota Avenue, animal control.

■ 3:15 p.m. Feb. 10, 100 block of Vermont Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 3:26 p.m. Feb. 10, 900 block of Iowa Avenue, disturbance.

■ 8:41 p.m. Feb. 10, Fourth Street at Dakota Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 5:03 p.m. Feb. 11, 100 block of Iowa Avenue, suspect arrested on a Shawnee County warrant on charges of forgery and theft.

■ 11:50 p.m. Feb. 11, 600 block of East Fourth Street, 911 hang-up.

Business Women learn about heart disease

By Julie Fahrmeier

The Feb. 2 meeting of the Holton Business Women's Club was held at 6:30 p.m. at Trails Café. The program committee chairperson was Pam Doyle and the other committee members were Carrie Saia and Gretchen Snaveley.

The program was about women's heart disease and prevention, and it was given by Nancy Kathrens from Holton Community Hospital.

Members brought donations of canned goods to go to the food pan-

try. Carolyn McKee gave an updated report about the Chamber of Commerce activities.

Door prizes of Valentine's coffee mugs were won by Candee Jacobs, Mary Ann Riederer and Carolyn McKee.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015 at Trails Café. The program committee chairperson will be Suzanne Misenhelter, and other committee members will be Cathy Haug and Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert.

JH board sets special meeting for Thursday

The Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education has scheduled a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the district office, it has been reported.

The sole agenda item is an executive session for discussion of matters pertaining to non-elected personnel. Executive sessions are closed to the public at large.

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11 BWF 1st Calf Hfrs/ Calves

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6 Blk Cows/ 60 day old calves, calves cut & vacc, exposed back
to Blk Angus Bull

30 Mix Bred Cows & Pairs, running age

2 Blk Hol x Cows/ Blk Bull Calves, 7-8 yrs.

2 Blk & Char Cows/Calves

4 Blk Cows/ Blk Dec. Calves, 5 & 9 Yrs., exposed back to Red
Beefmaster Bull

20 Blk BWF Red Cows, 6 yrs. & older, bred for spring calves

12 Blk 1st Calf Bred Hfrs., heavy springers, bred easy calving Blk
Angus Bull

9 Blk Angus 1st Calf Bred Hfrs., heavy springers, bred easy
calving Blk. Angus Bull

6 Red Angus Cows, 3 yrs., bred to Blk Angus Bull for March 15
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On Thursday, Feb. 12, four Jackson County youths served as legislative pages for Kansas Rep. Becky Hutchins, including Silas Holliday (left), Quinn Allen (second from left), Annie Allen (second from right) and Drew Holliday (right). Hutchins spokeswoman Bonnie Edwards said legislative pages “provide needed service for representatives by being available to do the foot work that the representative may not be able to leave the floor to do.” In return, Edwards said, they were able to observe the legislative process firsthand, tour the State Capitol and have their photo taken with Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback (center).
Submitted photo

FFA Spotlight

Patterson interested in veterinary science

By Janelle Marney
This month's FFA member spotlight is on Will Patterson of the Jackson Heights FFA chapter.
Will is a senior this year and has been a member of the chapter for four years. He is currently the 2014-15 Jackson Heights FFA secretary.
FFA members are required to have Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) programs, which are practical applications of classroom concepts designed to provide “real world” experiences and develop skills in agriculturally-related career areas.
His SAE includes equine science,

in which he owns his own foundation quarter horse that he has bred to a foundation quarter horse stud. A year and a half ago, his mare gave birth to a filly that he has now been working on ground training and will soon be working on saddle breaking once she turns two.
Will's favorite FFA memory is attending state Career Development Events (CDEs) and state conventions in Manhattan. There, he and his fellow FFA members can be together and have some chapter-bonding time as they go through learning more in FFA and go on different adventures.

He also enjoys meeting new people who share the same agricultural interests.
This upcoming spring, Will will be competing in his favorite CDE, veterinary science. He plans to attend Kansas State University and pursue a degree in veterinary medicine upon graduation from high school.
Editor's note: Janelle Marney, a junior at Royal Valley High School, writes the monthly 4-H and FFA member spotlights as part of her Supervised Agriculture Experience in agriculture communications.

KSU study: Climate change could hurt wheat production

A recent study involving Kansas State University researchers finds that in the coming decades at least one-quarter of the world's wheat production will be lost to extreme weather from climate change if no adaptive measures are taken, it was reported.
Vara Prasad, professor of crop ecophysiology and director of the USAID Feed the Future Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab at Kansas State University, is part of a collaborative team that found wheat yields are projected to decrease by 6 percent for each degree Celsius the temperature rises if no measures to adapt to extreme weather fluctuations are taken.
Based on the 2012-13 wheat harvest of 701 million tons worldwide, the resulting temperature increase would result in 42 million tons less produced wheat — or a loss of nearly one-quarter of the current wheat production.
“It's pretty severe,” Prasad said. “The projected effect of climate change on wheat is more than what has been forecast. That's challeng-

ing because the world will have to at least double our food supply in the next 30 years if we're going to feed 9.6 billion people.”
Prasad and colleagues published their study, “Rising temperatures reduce global wheat production,” in a recent issue of the scientific journal Nature Climate Change. The study was supported through the Kansas Wheat Commission and the Kansas Wheat Alliance, two organizations seeking ways to increase wheat yield.
For the study, researchers systematically tested 30 wheat crop models against field experiments from around the world that were conducted in areas where the average temperature of the growing season ranged from 15 to 32 degrees Celsius. The models accounted for planting dates, planting rates, temperatures and other crop management factors.
With the models, researchers were able to look at the effects of temper-

ature stresses on wheat and predict future changes based on temperature changes.
Researchers found that the effects from climate change and its increasing temperatures on wheat will be more severe than once projected and are happening sooner than expected. While Prasad said increases in the average temperature are problematic, a bigger challenge is the extreme temperatures that are resulting from climate change.
“Extreme temperature doesn't only mean heat; it also means cold,” Prasad said. “Simply looking at the average temperature doesn't really show us anything because it's the extremities that are more detrimental to crops. Plants can handle gradual changes because they have time to adapt, but an extreme heat wave or cold snap can kill a plant because that adjustment period is often nonexistent.”
Researchers also found that increasing temperatures are shortening

NEWS BRIEFS
■ The Holton High School FFA Chapter will host a chili cook-off and FFA scholarship benefit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 in the HHS commons area (enter on east side of HHS). Proceeds will benefit the FFA chapter, with half going toward college scholarships for seniors in FFA and half going toward travel expenses for state and national conventions. Cost is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child 12 and under for a bottomless chili bowl.
■ Hoyt Rural Fire Department 3 will host a pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the fire department. Free-will donations will be accepted.
■ Jackson Heights High School will be honoring past state basketball teams on Tuesday, Feb. 24, when players and coaches from the 1975 girls team will be recognized at halftime of the JHHS boys varsity game. Call Jim Dodson at 364-6211 for more information.
■ The monthly meeting of the Samuel Linscott Chapter NSDAR will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Denison State Bank conference room on Holton's Town Square. Please come to the bank's north door and knock, as the door automatically locks.
■ The first of the 2015 Lenten dinners will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at St. Dominic Parish Hall in Holton and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall in Mayetta. Free-will offerings will be accepted at all dinners, which are sponsored by the Altar Society, the Knights of Columbus and youth groups.
■ The Mayetta Senior Citizens will meet at noon Thursday, Feb. 19 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Mayetta. Old-fashioned meat loaf and pasta will be provided with carry-in side dishes and desserts. Everyone is welcome.
■ The Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators will host “College Goal Sunday” from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in Room 100 of the Henderson Learning Resources Center at Washburn University in Topeka, it has been reported. High school seniors looking at attending college next fall will receive assistance with the completion of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at this event. For more information, visit www.collegegoal.org
■ A fund-raising dinner for the Jackson Heights Honor Flight program will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Circleville Christian Church. The free-will donation meal will be followed by a presentation from former Jackson Heights superintendent Paul Becker on Normandy.
■ Goff United Methodist Church will host a soup lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21. Chili, chicken rice, broccoli cheddar and vegetable beef soups will be served along with sandwiches and pie.
■ The Topeka Handspinners and Weavers Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Ward Meade mansion meeting room and at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Diane's Studio, 710 Topeka Ave. in Lyndon. The topic will be loom-controlled

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Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	34.70	+0.03
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Lowe's	72.44	+0.39
Target	76.59	+0.47
Hershey	105.89	-0.13
Walmart	85.96	+0.15
Phillips 66	76.84	+0.22
US Bancorp	45.08	+0.01
Pfizer	34.56	-0.08
Deere & Co.	89.88	-0.16
United Parcel	102.50	+0.71
Apple	127.83	+0.75
Facebook	75.60	-0.14
Westar Energy	39.10	-0.31
Goodyear	26.62	+0.71

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$5.05
Corn	\$3.65
Milo	\$4.39
Soybeans	\$9.63

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES

Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$2.17	+\$0.373 -\$1.042
National Average	\$2.27	+\$0.196 -\$1.091
Holton Average	\$2.09	

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Feb. 15, 2015.

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B. Wilson, MD - Mar 5

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T. Gateley, DPM - Mar 6
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Psychiatry
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Surgery
B. Berntsen, MD - Mar 2, Mar 16
S. Hu, MD - Mar 6, Mar 20
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OPINION

Martin Schifferdecker was good for his communities

The Kansas banking industry has lost one of its most influential bankers in the eastern part of the state with the death of Martin Schifferdecker, 80, of Girard.

A news story and obituary for Mr. Schifferdecker are also published in this edition.

My acquaintance with Martin Schifferdecker goes back to the mid-1980s when I was the editor and publisher of *The Yates Center News*.

Oil and natural gas prices especially were plummeting at the time and the local economy was on the rocks. Woodson County has significant oil and gas production.

My wife Connie and I refer to those first years in the newspaper business in Yates Center as “the years when we were too busy with work to worry about how bad the economy was.”

The Yates Center State Exchange Bank reportedly was in dire straits due to a heavy amount of oil and gas loans going south and some stricter banking regulations that were being imposed.

At a time when the future did not look good for the local bank or the Yates Center community, Girard National Bank, under new banking regulations, was able to purchase the assets of the State Exchange and the Yates Center Branch Bank emerged as the new bank for our community.

I wrote an editorial for the newspaper reassuring the community that branch banking was a good thing for us and so was Girard National Bank. The opinion proved to be true.

Schifferdecker, the next time we met, thanked me for the vote

of confidence and we became friends. Over the years, I received several hand-written notes from him about things happening in our community. It was clear that he kept track of the community through the newspaper.

As chance had it, when we moved to Holton several years ago, he and Girard National Bank also ended up here eventually with the acquisition of what is now Holton National Bank and other banks in the region.

At that time, I was happy again to write that GNB working in the community would be a good thing. And it has been.

I believe the free community meal that Holton National Bank provides each year may have been suggested by Schifferdecker because the same kind of free meal became a tradition in Yates Center soon after his arrival in business there with the Yates Center Branch Bank.

GNB, without Martin Schifferdecker, will be different because what he brought to the business can’t be replaced.

The day to day management of the business several years ago, however, had already been turned over to the next generation of Schifferdeckers, son Mark, so no changes are expected with regards to the bank group.

Martin Schifferdecker worked a lot behind the scenes for the betterment of his Girard community and the communities in which he owned banks, such as this one. He was a good guy to work for as the people who worked with him can attest.

David Powls

AGRICULTURE WEEK: Cash feedlot trade very light

By Matt Hines

Starting off, markets were closed on Monday for Presidents Day, so let’s take a look at last week’s markets and what to look for here this week.

Another higher day last Friday in the cattle pits helped hold strong gains for the week. There was an isolated case of BSE reported in Alberta, Canada Friday morning, but the markets paid no attention with stronger cash prices paid. Barns were steady to higher most of last week, which carried over to the CME feeder index that picked up more than \$2 throughout the week.

Cash feedlot trade was very light last week with limited trade reported in Texas, and the market was really not even tested. Kansas reported light sales at \$162 live, \$2 higher than the previous week. Nebraska and Iowa also have light trade as well at \$162 to \$163.50 live, \$1 to \$2 higher and \$256 to \$258 on a dressed basis, which is \$1 to \$3 higher than the week previous.

Hogs continue on a steep decline in price and cheaper hogs and products do not bode well for the hog or cattle producer moving forward.

For the week, February Live Cattle are up \$3.92, March Feeders are up \$4.40, February Lean Hogs are down \$1.80, CME Feeder Index is up \$2.52 and CME Lean Hog Index is down \$4.68.

Cattle slaughter from Friday was estimated at 105,000 head, down 5,000 from a week ago and down 6,000 from a year ago. For the week, the count was 537,000 head, down 10,000 from a week ago and down 3,000 from a year ago.

Hog slaughter from Friday was estimated at 425,000 head, up 2,000 from a week ago and up 3,000 from a year ago. For the week, the total was 2,126,000 head, up 21,000 from a week ago and up 136,000 from a year ago. Year to date is now at 14,170,000 and up 0.3 percent, compared to year ago.

Lent starts this week, and with Easter coming early this year, red meat consumption will be down for the near term, but retailers are already shopping for prime cuts as we get closer and closer to grilling season. Keeping fat cattle north of \$150 and feeders above \$190 over the next few weeks would be very supportive long term.

Over in the grains, the week was mostly uneventful, even with the U.S.DA supply and demand report Tuesday. U.S. corn ending stocks are now projected 50 MBU lower at 1.827 BBU and U.S. soybean stocks 25 MBU lower at 385 MBU, both friendly to higher prices, while U.S. wheat stocks are only 5 MBU higher at 692 MBU, which was expected due to the miserable export pace.

World prices for wheat, corn,

soybeans and meal are all currently cheaper elsewhere in the range of \$5 to \$20/MT. Weather should be the fundamental driver of price as we move towards spring with wheat coming out of dormancy and fall crops planted.

For the week, March Corn up \$.01 ½, March Soybeans up \$.17, March KC wheat up \$.01, March Chicago Wheat is up \$.06 and March Soybean Meal is up \$.29/ton.

A labor union lockout at 29 Pacific ports has left containers setting on ships or at interior points not moving. This has started to back up DDG stocks in the interior and will eventually lead to price degradation.

The real and growing concern is the export of meat, vegetable and fruit stocks. These ports and the activity through and around them represent about 3.5 pct of the U.S. GDP. The U.S. Labor Secretary has moved into to facilitate negotiations and could be a precursor of back to work proclamations if negotiations are not improved.

All government reports are delayed a day this week due to Presidents Day on Monday. NOPA domestic crush for January will be released Tuesday. The average pre report trade estimate is 162.6 MBU of soybeans crushed with the high end of the range up to 164 MBU. This compares to 165.4 in December and 156.9 MBU last January.

The soybean meal pipeline has been filled back up since in essence empty this past fall, but crushers have been able to hold higher meal basis levels with strong domestic demand to support margins still holding above a \$1.00/BU.

Looking at the charts, all the grains have been choppy sideways with near by 10 day moving averages at or just below current prices. Longer term, we are still in a downtrend with 100-day moving averages for most above the current markets and providing resistance levels.

March corn has support in the \$3.84 to \$3.81 range as both moving averages have converged here recently. We did break the \$3.88 resistance this past week but could not follow through for a p.U.s.h to the \$4.00 barrier.

March soybeans have a wider range with support at \$9.77 and resistance in the \$10.00 to \$10.05 range. March KC wheat has support at \$5.20 with resistance at \$5.49 and March Chicago wheat has support at \$5.56½ with resistance at \$5.98.

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

“Rev Up Kansas” says tax fairness is its goal

A broad-based group of Kansas organizations have formed a coalition calling for the restoration of state revenue to protect the economic stability of Kansas and its communities, it has been reported.

The 35 member organizations of “Rev Up Kansas” say they have joined together to advocate for tax fairness to maintain the quality of life in the Kansas communities and support businesses.

“The current fiscal crisis threatens the Kansas way of life,” said Sheryl Spalding, president of the Mainstream Coalition. “We are at risk of losing the respect and pride we all have in the quality of our roads, our schools, our social services. This is a risk we are not willing to take.”

“Rev Up Kansas” urges Kansas legislators to address the state budget shortfall by enacting policies that will increase revenues to fund core state services. Tax cuts championed by policymakers and the governor two years ago have left Kansas without resources necessary to support safe neighborhoods and good roads, education programs from pre-kindergarten through higher education, healthcare and critical services for Kansas children and elders, group members say.

“Mental health funding suffered disproportionately during the recession when we were tightening our belt,” said Rick Cagen, executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness-NAMI Kansas. “Now shrinking state revenues threaten our ability to make the necessary investments for the mental health of Kansas families.”

Jane Kelly, executive director of the Kansas Home Care Association, agrees.

Federal judge blocks executive action

A federal judge on Monday granted a request by Kansas and 26 other states to block President Obama’s “executive action” related to immigration while the states challenge his legal authority to act unilaterally, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt reported.

District Judge Andrew S. Hanen issued a temporary injunction blocking the federal government from implementing the president’s directives while the lawsuit proceeds. Judge Hanen found it likely Kansas and the other states would succeed on their claim that President Obama’s “executive action” violated the federal Administrative Procedures Act, which sets forth various procedures and safeguards that federal agencies must follow in adopting regulations that implement federal statutes.

“This federal court order temporarily blocks the president’s unilateral attempt to suspend the law and impose his policy preferences at all costs,” Schmidt said. “The case is just beginning, and the path forward will be full of challenges, but this preliminary victory is a strong indication

that even the president is not above the law. Of course, extended litigation and uncertainty can be avoided if only the president will work together with Congress to achieve immigration reform.”

On Nov. 20, 2014, President Obama announced that through “executive action” he would impose various changes to federal immigration law and policy, including Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

On Dec. 3, 2014, a group of states led by Texas, including Kansas, joined in a lawsuit challenging the president’s legal authority to order those changes without either action by Congress or the ordinary safeguards of administrative process, such as the opportunity for public input.

The number of plaintiff states has now grown to 27. Monday’s temporary injunction puts the president’s “executive action” on indefinite hold while the litigation proceeds.

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JACKSON COUNTY

Market Study Analysis for Jackson County, Kansas

Real Estate Market Value Trend:
The Jackson County Appraiser’s office uses two geographically based models for the valuation residential property. The analysis of valid residential sales in Model #1 (Holton and surrounding area) indicates a small upward trend in homes built after 1945, and indicates a small downward trend in homes built before 1945. Model #2 (rural and small towns) indicated no definitive upward or downward trend of market values.

A study of the vacant lot and small acreage real estate market indicates the market is stable with no general upward or downward trend. A study of the Commercial/Industrial real estate market indicates no general upward or downward trend. These studies are based on an overall analysis of real estate market conditions by assessment class in Jackson County. Appraised values on a specific or individual property may not follow a published trend due to

changes in the property, a correction of descriptive information or an adjustment of values based on recent sales of similar properties.

Agricultural Land:
In accordance with the provisions in K.S.A. 79-1476, the Division of Property Valuation is required to provide the county Agricultural Use Value per acre prices by soil type and use. Changes in agricultural use values are the result of several factors including cropping practices, commodity prices and production costs. Dry crop per acre values continued to increase for 2015 an average of 18%, while grass values increased an average of 10%. For additional information about Agricultural Use Value in Kansas visit the Kansas Department of Revenue/Property Valuation Division web site at <http://www.ksrevenue.org/pdf/agqanda.pdf>

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OBITUARIES



Doyle

Joe Doyle, 89, Holton, died Monday, Feb. 16, 2015, at his home.

He was born June 17, 1925, in Holton, the son of Edward James Jr. and Josephine H. (Hurla) Doyle. He attended Holton High School and was named the school's Outstanding Alumnus in 1999.

Mr. Doyle served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After his military service, he worked for Durham and Farrell Welding and Machine Shop and for Humphrey's Minneapolis-Moline dealership. He had been a farmer and stockman since 1947.

He was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. He served as district director of Kansas Farm Bureau Association for more than 30 years and was a longtime member of Jackson County and Kansas Livestock Associations. He was involved in Jackson County 4-H, served as vice president of the Jackson County Fair Board and received the Farmer of the Year Award from the Holton Lions Club. He also was a member of VFW and American Legion, both in Holton.

He married Mary Eckert on Sept. 17, 1946, in Topeka. She survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Shirley Mick and husband Kermit, Holton, and Cherrie Kehler and husband David, El Dorado; two sons, Lee Doyle and wife Pam and Dan Doyle and wife Pat, both of Holton; a sister, Shelly Spann and husband Rod, Prescott, Ariz.; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Jo Doyle-Fitch, on Sept. 22, 2011; two sisters, Nancy Bucco and Kathryn Spann; and two brothers, John and James Doyle.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Dominic Catholic Church. A rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m. Friday with visitation to follow at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with military honors will be held in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holton Community Hospital Home Health and Hospice, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Schifferdecker

Martin E. Schifferdecker, 80, Girard, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2015, at Girard Medical Center.

He was born July 20, 1934, in Girard, the son of Earl and Florene Morrison Schifferdecker. He attended Girard schools and graduated in 1952 from Girard High School. He later graduated from Kansas State Teacher's College (Pittsburg State University).

Mr. Schifferdecker spent his entire career in banking at Girard National Bank, serving as president and chairman of the board over the bank and its member banks, including Holton National Bank and Wetmore National Bank.

He was a founding member of Girard Bible Church. He also was a member of the Kansas and American Bankers' Associations and served as treasurer of the Museum of Crawford County.

He married Sandra Morey on Jan. 11, 1959. She survives.

Other survivors include three children, Susan Friesen and husband Carey, Omaha, Neb., Mark Schifferdecker and wife Nancy, Girard, and Joy Shoop and husband David, Columbia, S.C.; eight grandchildren, Tara, Michael, Meghan and husband Levi, Sara, Anna, Bethany, Laura and Rebekah; a brother, John Schifferdecker, Girard; and a sister, Carlene Neihart, Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Girard Bible Church with Pastor Don Wymore officiating. Burial followed in Girard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Haiti Health Ministries or Girard Bible Church, sent in care of Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home, 518 W. St. John, P.O. Box 258, Girard, KS 66743. *Holton Recorder 2/18/15*

Potawatomi United Methodist

By Ilene Dick

Sunday, Feb. 15, was a very cold day as the congregation gathered at Potawatomi United Methodist Church to celebrate the Ash Wednesday service in lieu of an evening service.

Worship opened with Pastor Howard sharing the meaning of Ash Wednesday, followed by the call to worship and prayer of invocation recited in unison.

The Old Testament reading was from Joel 2:12-18, and the reading from the New Testament was from Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

Hymns were "Amazing Grace," "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" and "How Great Thou Art," with music provided by Ilene Dick and Ann W.

Pastor Howard's meditation was titled "Renewal Through Living." He began with an expression for a New Year, "It is easier to live your way into a new way of thinking than to think your way into a new way of living."

Christian faith is something we do, and not just to think your way. Faith is more than knowledge. Christian faith is about practice.

Jesus says that to be first, you have to be last. To live, you have to die. Be a servant. Forgive your enemies.

It takes practice. The more we do it, the more we live it. It is just like the athlete – you play like you practice.

All have been guilty of sin when living as a disciple of Jesus. Yet if you keep trying to live as a disciple of Jesus, little by little, you are renewed.

The Blessing of the Ashes and Pardon of Sins were read responsively, followed by the Imposition of the Ashes.

Offertory ushers were Jim Shenk and Joe Redlightning.

It is good to learn that Earline Pugh is now home.

Prayer requests were raised for a friend of Loren and Martha Roush who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and for Mary Kennedy, who broke her kneecap.

Marjean and Jim Shenk attended league wrestling at Sabetha on Saturday, Feb. 14. Congratulations to Sam Shenk for taking first place in his weight class.

Also congratulations to Kolby and Dalton Roush for taking first place in each of their weight classes in wrestling on Saturday.

Climate change and wheat...

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be more accurate in predicting wheat responses.

Their work will help scientists develop more robust models that can help farmers globally select more weather-tolerant and resilient wheat varieties based on their location.

Additionally, farmers can determine the optimal planting date to avoid stress and minimize possible exposure to extreme weather events, such as heat and cold snaps, during the growing season.

Kansas is the No. 1 wheat-producing state in the U.S., growing 9.4 million acres of wheat in 2014, it was reported.



Kyle Kimmi (at left on back row) and Katie Sullivan (at right on front row) were chosen from among these Atchison County Community High School students to serve as King and Queen of Courts during Friday's winter courtwarming ceremonies at ACCHS. Queen candidates, from left on front row, were Courtney Coder, Raven Hundley and Sullivan. King candidates, from left on back row, were Kimmi, Chris Larson and Jesse Noll. Kimmi and Sullivan were crowned at halftime of the ACCHS varsity boys basketball game against Jefferson West.

Photo courtesy of The Newsleaf

Smith presents research at Capitol Building

By Patrick Vulgamore

For the second year in a row, MaRyka Smith, KAMS senior from Hoyt, was selected to attend the Kansas Undergraduate Research Day at the Kansas Capitol Building.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, Smith and four others represented Fort Hays State University in Topeka by presenting their respective research. Smith's research project, entitled "Myth Vs. Fact: Misconceptions Between Consumers and Midwestern Producers," compares the average person's knowledge of animal agriculture to that of someone with a background in agriculture.

"Out of the 180 respondents to my survey, about half had backgrounds in agriculture," said Smith. "I then compared the percent correct from each group and found a significant statistical difference in knowledge of animal agriculture."

Smith's data indicated a startling lack of agricultural knowledge among average people. She found that some of the respondents believed even the most shocking myths, such as this particularly disturbing idea surrounding chocolate milk.

"It's frustrating to see how some people believe ridiculous misconceptions," Smith said, "like that chocolate milk contains chocolate only to hide blood in the milk. Some people actually believe that."

It is only natural that Smith chose this topic to research, as she grew up in rural Hoyt, tending horses and actively

participating in 4-H.

"Agriculture and food sustainability are all very important to me, and it's sad when I see people on social media with huge misconceptions about agriculture," she said.

This is not the first time Smith has participated in Kansas Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol Building. Last year, she presented her research on the correlation between the grasslands of the Sierra Nevada ecoregion and the rising number of California mustangs. Her research earned third place at the State Science Fair, which she plans to revisit this year with her new research.

As a student of the Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science at Fort Hays State University, Smith has a bright future ahead of her. She has already been accepted to Kansas State University, where she will complete her prerequisites for veterinary school in just one year.

"I recommend KAMS to all the underclassmen at my high school," Smith said. "The research opportunities alone will make getting into veterinary school that much easier."

Only five students from each Kansas Board of Regents Institution can

be accepted to the Research Day at the Capitol, and this year, three of FHSU's candidates are in the KAMS program.

"I thought science fairs were just in the movies. Then I came to KAMS and get gold at regionals and third at state. And if not for KAMS, I wouldn't have even been considered for the Research Day at the Capitol," she said.

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JH boys grind out win over Valley Falls

Based on Jackson Heights’ last match-up with Valley Falls, JH coach Chris Brown knew offense would be at a premium in Tuesday’s home game against the Dragons.

With the Cobras’ offense going cold for long stretches, defensive pressure was crucial and Jackson Heights kept it up for most of the game and pulled away late for a 54-42 victory.

“Both times we’ve played them we’ve struggled in the half court against them and both times it’s probably been the few transition points that we got that were the difference,” Brown said.

Early on, it was the Cobras’ three-point shooting that helped keep the team ahead, as seniors Seth Holliday and Korby Strube hit a pair of big shots in the midst of a 9-0 run that helped JH build a 16-10 lead by the end of the first quarter.

While Jackson Heights worked on the perimeter early, Valley Falls went to work inside. The Dragons’ size created some issues for the Cobras, exploiting some of the gaps in their zone defense, but Brown also said his team did a good job of not giving up anything easy to Valley Falls.

“I thought we did a pretty good job Tuesday of contesting their shots inside, making them five-footers, but tough five-footers, and did a pretty good job rebounding the ball,” Shupe said. “We ran up against some bigger kids, but I thought we played hard and that made up for it.”

Grant Haag proved to be a particularly tough player to contain

as the Dragon forward finished with 22 points and 14 rebounds in Tuesday’s game.

Haag helped Valley Falls fight back in the second quarter and Marty Gatzemeyer hit his only two three-pointers in that period, including one to tie the game with a minute and a half left in the first a half, but Zane Richter responded for the Cobras and put the home team ahead 22-20 at the break.

It was clear the Cobras were focused on turning up the pressure coming out of the locker room and the team used that to start the third quarter on an 8-2 run that proved to be crucial in the team’s eventual margin of victory. Richter hit a big three from deep to give Heights an eight-point advantage at the end of the run and forced Valley Falls to take a timeout.

“The press is what generates our runs. That’s all we talked about. That third quarter we needed a run and I don’t know how big of a run we went on, but it felt like an 8-0, 10-2 type of run that gave us some breathing room,” Brown said.

Valley Falls pushed right back out of that timeout and while the Dragons broke the press, Brown noted that is only a part of the Cobras’ pressure attack. Heights can keep the pressure on in the half court and Brown said his team did a good job of that in the third quarter.

Seth Holliday in particular created some key steals for JH that sparked the defense late and allowed the team to take a 39-27 lead into the fourth

quarter. That was in addition to a solid 12-point performance on the offensive end, which was indicative of the balanced scoring effort for the Cobras, with Richter “laboring,” as Brown put it, for a game-high 22 points.

“We needed some other guys to step up and we had that across the board. That’s what we want is multiple guys scoring multiple buckets when Zane’s struggling,” Brown said.

All five starters scored for Jackson Heights in Tuesday’s game, but the Cobras struggled through another lull in the fourth quarter. A 10-point lead halfway through the quarter quickly dwindled, despite a big bucket from Lane Slocum at the 2:50 mark.

Following that, Slocum was whistled for his fifth foul and Valley Falls then reeled off five-straight points to make it a 47-42 ball game.

The Dragons did not score after that for the final two and a half minutes, though, and Brown noted he was confident going into the quarter if the Cobras would need to grind out a victory, like they eventually did by pulling away at the free throw line.

“If it comes down to a free throw shooting contest, I’m usually pretty comfortable, especially when we get to choose who shoots it,” Brown said.

Richter and Wyatt Olberding were both perfect at the free throw line in the final quarter (and for the entire game) to help the Cobras secure a 54-42 victory.

While Valley Falls proved to be a tough out, Brown said his team

proved it can do the little things to win those tough, tight ball games like Tuesday’s contest, which will especially be key if the Cobras and Dragons end up meeting again in sub-state competition.

For now, though, Jackson Heights (15-2) will set its sights on McLouth as the team will hit the road on Friday with action starting at 5 p.m.

Feb. 17, 2015
VF: 10-10-7-15—42
JH: 16-6-17-15—54
Individual statistics:
JH: Richter 7 (2) 6-6 22, S. Holliday 4 (2) 2-4 12, Olberding 1 (1) 6-6 9, Slocum 3 0-0 6, Strube 1 (1) 2-4 5. Totals- 16 (6) 16-20 54.
VF: Haag 8 6-8 22, M. Gatzemeyer 3 (2) 1-3 9, Brown 2 0-0 4, Allen 1 2-4 4, T. Gatzemeyer 1 1-2 3. Totals- 15 (2) 10-19 42.
Team statistics:
Rebounding: JH- 27 (Richter 11, Olberding 7, Slocum 6); VF- 36 (Haag 14, Allen 7, M. Gatzemeyer 6).
Assists: JH- 9 (S. Holliday 3, Strube 2, Richter 2, Olberding 2); VF- 6 (Reichart 2).
Turnovers: JH- 9; VF- 23.

IV
Valley Falls 45, Jackson Heights 42

C-Team
Valley Falls 35, Jackson Heights 19



Cobra Westin Jacobsen (shown above, at left) tries to trap a Valley Falls player with some pressure defense, something Jackson Heights had to rely on Tuesday in order to pick up a 54-42 victory over the Dragons.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Late fouls, turnovers cost Lady Cobras

For most of the season, the Valley Falls girls have been the big bullies of the Northeast Kansas League, pushing their way to the top of the standings. Jackson Heights made it known early in Tuesday’s league match-up at home, however, that it would not be pushed around by the league-leaders and eighth-ranked team in Class 2A.

“These kids have really learned how to fight well when playing good, sound defense,” JH coach Dan Shupe said. “You’re not playing aggressive enough if you’re getting pushed around.”

While the Dragons jumped out to a slim 12-6 lead after one quarter of play, it didn’t take long for the Cobras to turn it into a physical, defensive half-court battle much like the team did in a big win at home against Pleasant Ridge last week, though the team could mirror that outcome in a 43-37 loss to Valley Falls.

One major difference was the effectiveness of Valley Falls forward Rachel Frakes, who finished with a team-high 13 points for the Dragons. The Cobras couldn’t quite lock her out like they did against Pleasant Ridge’s Kelsey Carpenter and foul trouble played a hand in that, with Jordan Wells picking up her third personal foul halfway through the second quarter.

“That affected us a little bit because she’s done such a good job after Christmas break defending the best players in our league,” Shupe said.

Jackson Heights still found ways to stay close, with fellow senior Jessica Keehn being a big part of that. Keehn was all over the floor

on offense and defense and finished with a game-high 16 points.

After Wells’ third foul, Valley Falls was whistled for a technical foul on the other end and that gave the Cobras an opening. Keehn drained both free throws and Katelin Strube had her only basket of the night after that in what turned into a four-point possession.

That swing got Heights within four points and while the Cobras couldn’t quite hold on for the final shot, allowing the Dragons to add one point at the free throw line late, it was still a four-point game at halftime with Valley Falls leading 18-14.

After the break, Payton Thomas and Becca Gibson helped extend the Cobras’ offense and hit some big shots that kept the team right in the thick of things. Both are adding some depth to their game and Shupe noted Gibson in particular has really started to improve in the last two months, moving from post player to guard and expanding her game each week.

After Thomas hit a three to get Heights within two points, Valley Falls hit one of two free throws at the other end, but Gibson answered with a drive to the basket that she converted to bring the Cobras within one point of the Dragons. Thomas and Gibson had the first 10 points of the quarter for Jackson Heights.

“The kids went out and executed and knocked down some big shots, defended well and got rebounds when we needed them to stay right in the game,” Shupe said.

Some late foul calls seemed to

throw off the Cobras a little, but the team kept hanging around. In fact, they flipped the script and worked the foul situation into their favor in the second half with five fouls to the Dragons’ eight early in the fourth quarter.

Frakes seemed to be the team’s kryptonite, though, as the Valley Falls forward seemed to have an answer every time the Cobras came through with a big shot. Ali Brown then added to that with a key drive early in the fourth quarter, but Keehn responded back with a three she hit while being fouled and made the free throw to tie the game up, 35-35, with five minutes remaining.

Both offenses went cold following that, though Valley Falls did get one free throw to go ahead and seemed content to milk the clock with three and a half minutes left in the game.

Shupe said he was fine letting that play out and taking his chances with his team’s defense in the final minute, but the Cobras never got to that point as the foul and free throw battle turned back in Valley Falls’ favor, especially once Gibson and Aidan Allen fouled out of the game.

“Here are my two better ball-handlers having to set on the bench, so it made it a challenge,” Shupe said.

That was a factor surrounding some key turnovers late and the Dragons continued to make their free throws, which spelled the end of Jackson Heights’ upset bid as Valley Falls held on for a 43-37 victory.

Despite the loss, Shupe hopes his players see the fact that they were right on par with the effort of the

top team in the NEKL and that is something that could be a boon for the Cobras moving forward.

“When you play hard and you execute things well, you’re going to give yourself a chance,” Shupe said. “I don’t have anything negative to say. I think it was just a couple things in the end that just went the other way.”

“You play at this level, who knows what’s going to happen the next three weeks? It opens a lot of doors. Hopefully they take it from there. I know they were disappointed after the game that they didn’t knock them off, but hopefully they think back at it and think, ‘that was definitely a positive thing for us,’” Shupe added.

The next challenge fo Jackson Heights (9-8) will be to hit the road for a league contest against McLouth on Friday. Games will start at 5 p.m.

Feb. 17, 2015
VF: 12-6-12-13—43
JH: 6-8-12-11—37
Individual statistics:
JH: Keehn 4 (1) 7-7 16, Thomas 4 (1) 0-0 9, Allen 1 3-4 5, Gibson 2 (1) 0-0 5, Strube 1 0-0 2. Totals- 12 (3) 10-11 37.
VF: Frakes 3 7-11 13, Kramer 1 7-8 9, Brown 3 2-4 8, Watson 2 2-4 6, Coleman 2 0-0 4, Kearney 1 0-2 2, Harrington 0 1-2 1. Totals- 12 19-31.

IV
Valley Falls 33, Jackson Heights 26

RV boys big winners at Nemaha Central

Royal Valley’s boys got a big monkey off their back on Tuesday night as they accomplished a season-long goal of knocking off one of the perennial contenders in the Big Seven, picking up a 46-41 victory over Nemaha Central in Seneca.

Holding a team like the Thunder to 41 points in four quarters, and single digits in two of the three quarters, is not something RV coach Keith Pelton said he expected from his team, but since losses to Nemaha and Sabetha earlier in the season he said he has stressed to his team that the top teams have another gear that they can go to. The Panthers found that gear on Tuesday night.

Defensively, Royal Valley was doing well in the first half and made some simple adjustments at halftime before coming out and locking down the Thunder in the second half.

“They were getting the second opportunities and I thought we did a lot better job in the second half of getting them off the boards where they weren’t getting the second opportunities,” Pelton said.

In addition, the players just bought in to their defense and also made their own adjustments on offense in the fourth quarter, switching to something they hadn’t practiced that much recently, though Pelton noted they executed it flawlessly to hold on for a 46-41 victory.

With a key stretch of games to end the regular season, Pelton said the Panthers (12-4) are not content with this one win now and will look to keep their momentum rolling as they prepare to face Sabetha on the road this Friday. Games will start at 5 p.m.

“It gives us confidence because we said we had to beat one of the big three that always finish above us. That was our goal. Now they’re not satisfied with just one, but that’s the first step to say we are getting better,” Pelton said. “It doesn’t get easier, but I think we’re in the frame of mind that we know we can go in there and hopefully compete and get better, too.”

Feb. 17, 2015
RV: 4-13-13-16—46
NC: 6-16-8-11—41

IV
Nemaha Central 42, Royal Valley 32

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Nemaha Central 63, Royal Valley 42

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The Lady Panthers nearly pulled off tan upset also, but RV coach Corey Katzer noted a mental block might have plagued the Panthers late in a 56-53 loss to the Thunder.

“You score 53 points, you feel like you should win,” Katzer said. “Giving up 56 has not really been our forte all year, though.”

While Royal Valley dictated the pace and did what it wanted on defense early while getting some solid offensive production, Nemaha Central would not go away. The Panthers held a slim two-point lead at halftime.

Nemaha Central then took a one-point advantage into the fourth quarter and that’s when some mental breakdowns started to set in for Royal Valley. Katzer noted his team has to get to a point where it expects to win those types of games and he feels it just isn’t there yet, though some defensive lapses didn’t help.

“Our defensive percentage on first-shot field goals was really good. The problem is that we were giving up two or three offensive rebounds in the fourth quarter,” Katzer said. “You give a team two, three, four shots at the basket and that makes it really difficult to win a ball game.”

Free throws also proved critical in the end as the Panthers made one in the final quarter while the Thunder converted 10. Nemaha Central also had 34 total attempts in the game compared to Royal Valley’s nine.

Royal Valley (7-8) will prepare for another tough match-up as the team gets set for a showdown on the road against Sabetha this Friday with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 17, 2015
RV: 18-10-11-14—53
NC: 11-15-14-16—56
Individual statistics:
RV: Worrell 7 (2) 3-4 19, Thomas 5 (2) 0-0 12, Baker 3 (2) 0-0 8, Hanson 3 0-3 6, Dahl 2 0-0 4, Biggoose 1 0-0 2, Schuetz 0 2-2 2. Totals- 21 (6) 5-9 53.
NC: Baumgartner 3 9-13 15, Macke 5 3-4 13, Swart 4 2-4 10, McKernan 2 (2) 1-4 7, Nolte 1 4-5 6, Rottinghaus 1 2-2 4, Delaney 0 1-2 1. Totals- 16 (2) 22-34 56.

IV
Nemaha Central 36, Royal Valley 34

Holton teams victorious on the road

Holton girls basketball coach Jon Holliday knew his team would be tested in the final weeks of the season and his team learned that first hand as the Wildcats were “blitzed” by the Tigers of Jeff West early in Tuesday’s Big Seven League game in Meriden.

While it took some time for the Lady Wildcat to recover, they eventually did just that and collected themselves in order to turn the tide in the second half on the way to a 47-37 victory.

“Kudos to these kids for sticking in there, hanging in there and doing some great things,” Holliday said. “As the game wore on, I was very pleased with our kids’ mindset as far as getting back in the game. We had to fight, scratch and claw and got back in it.”

It’s efforts like that that separate the good teams from the great ones and once again it was a total team effort to pull off the come back. Even in the second quarter, Holliday said his players were recognizing fatigue in the Tigers and wanted to keep pushing the advantage with their bench.

Holton started to grind Jeff West down in the second half, turning a seven-point deficit into a three-point lead in the third quarter alone. Holliday said the Wildcats were very productive on offense in the second half and also successfully implemented some defensive switches they hadn’t practice yet to keep Jeff West’s

forwards in check in the second half.

“Our kids kept coming and did a nice job. You just have to keep chipping away,” Holliday said. “Every possession is important and our kids I think understand that and played that way.”

Winning on Jeff West’s home court while the Tigers are playing some of their best basketball, along with the way in which Holton won, is a big positive, according to Holliday, and something he hopes his team will carry over into its last few regular season games as well as the postseason.

“There were a lot of good things that came from the ball game. Again, if we just understand this is what it’s going to take and we continue to apply that, then we’re going to be in great shape,” Holliday said.

Holton (11-6) will try to keep its hot streak going as the team gets set for a big rematch at home against Nemaha Central on Friday. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 17, 2015
HHS: 5-12-17-13—47
JW: 12-12-7-6—37
Individual statistics:
HHS: Boswell 2 (2) 6-8 12, A. Weiltart 4 2-4 10, Tankign 3 (2) 0-0 8, Moore 2 2-4 6, Thompson 2 0-3 4, Degehhardt 1 0-3 2, Snepp 0 2-5 2, Holaday 1 0-0 2, Uhl 0 1-2 1. Totals- 15 (4) 13-29 47.

JW: Brees 4 7-10 15, Becker 2 (1) 3-4 8, Biggs 1 3-4 5, Murdie 2 0-0 4, Slimmer 1 (1) 0-3 3, Broxterman 0 2-4 2. Totals- 10 (2) 15-28 37.

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Holton’s boys saw some more challenges in a road match-up against Jeff West on Tuesday, but at this time of the year that is something HHS coach Ryan Noel just said his team needs to be ready for each time out.

While it took the Wildcats a little while to adapt against the Tigers, they eventually got things working and secured a 54-42 victory on the road.

Offensive efficiency was a key early on and while Holton may have wasted some early possessions, the team quickly adjusted in a big second quarter.

“I thought between ball movement, getting some better shots and attacking the basket, there was a period of time there that we did a pretty nice job of that,” Noel said.

Some role players were key to that as players like Kaden Brandt, Aaron Bain and Parker Sides saw significant minutes on Tuesday with starters Indie Allen and Nils Bergsten battling foul trouble throughout.

Bryson Patch also started for Holton with Will Wright out due to illness and the sophomore guard shined on the way to a game-high 21-point effort.

“Bryson played really well Tuesday

night and he made some good decisions, especially when they went triangle-and-two. He did some really good things with the basketball,” Noel said.

All of the Holton guards made good decisions when seeing the triangle-and-two again and Noel said that was a key factor in the team’s overall success.

“I think our poise and our ability to maintain our composure were really important in the second half and down the stretch,” Noel said.

To keep the success going, Noel noted it will take a total team effort from all seven, eight, or nine guys who take the court for Holton. It will especially be key as the Wildcats (11-6) prepare for a big challenge on Friday when the team will host the Thunder of Nemaha Central with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

Feb. 17, 2015
HHS: 13-17-12-12—54
JW: 13-9-11-9—42
Individual statistics:
HHS: Patch 6 (2) 7-9 21, Tanking 6 (3) 0-0 15, Beecher 5 (2) 2-2 14, Bain 1 0-0 2, Allen 0 1-2 1, Bergsten 0 1-2 1. Totals- 18 (7) 11-15 54.
JW: Dickey 6 3-4 15, Middendorf 3 (1) 2-2 9, Livingston 2 3-7 7, Mickens 3 (1) 0-1 7, Overstreet 1 2-2 4. Totals- 15 (2) 10-16 42.

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Holton's Arturo Reveles (shown above, at right) lunges in for a shot during action at the Big Seven League tournament on Saturday. The Wildcats are now trying to move forward and improve on some things leading up to 4A regional competition in Baldwin this weekend.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

HHS, RV wrestlers getting set for intense regional action

Competition starts at 2 p.m. on Friday

Championship wrestling rolls on this weekend as Holton and Royal Valley are getting ready to travel to Baldwin for regional competition.

While the level of difficulty is raised at this time of the season, the Wildcats and Panthers may have it turned up another notch as the regional in Baldwin will feature the most ranked teams of any of the Class 4A regionals.

Along with Holton (eighth in Class 4A), second-ranked Baldwin, fourth-ranked Basehor-Linwood and seventh-ranked Bonner Springs will all be competing in Baldwin as well.

The Wildcats have faced two of the three teams, winning a dual with Basehor-Linwood earlier this season and splitting a pair with Baldwin.

None of the teams will be completely unfamiliar with each other as the Baldwin Invitational a few weeks ago was almost a preview of the regional, with nine of the 16 teams in that tournament field (including Royal Valley).

Several of the teams in the southeast regional in Louisburg also competed there and that field will see three ranked teams (#1 Chanute, #3 Prairie View and #9 Osawatimie) and 21 ranked wrestlers competing, while

the northwest regional may be the closest in terms of level of difficulty to Holton and Royal Valley's.

Out west in Hays, three more ranked teams (#5 Colby, #6 Abilene and #10 Smoky Valley) will be competing and a total of 24 currently ranked individual wrestlers will be in the field. That is the same amount of individually ranked wrestlers who will be competing in Baldwin, with one less ranked team.

By comparison, the southwest regional is the path of least resistance with no ranked teams in the field and only a total of 15 individual wrestlers in the regional currently ranked.

Holton will be bringing a handful of ranked wrestlers along for regional action on Saturday, with Lucas Lovvorn and Justin Rieschick leading the charge. Both have maintained their rankings through the entire season, with Lovvorn holding his spot at the top of the 160-lb. class and Rieschick sitting at number two in the 145-lb. division behind Chanute's Adam Cole.

Wildcat Mason Baum, ranked sixth at 170-lbs., may have the toughest path of Holton's top competitors, as half of the ranked wrestlers in the division will be at the Baldwin Invitational, including number two Josh Miller of De Soto.

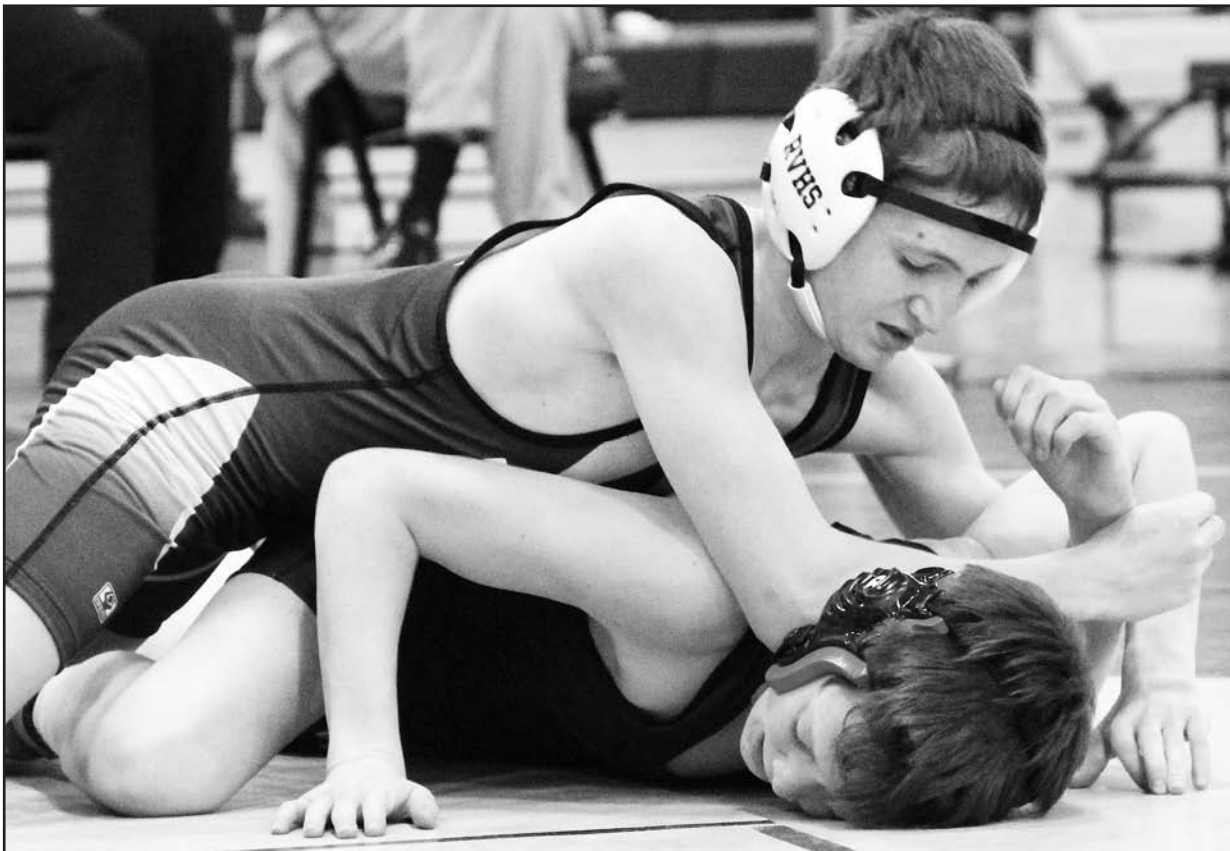
The only field to feature more ranked wrestlers at Baldwin is the 120-lb. class, which will see four of the top six wrestlers in 4A duking it out for a trip to the state tournament.

In total, 13 of the 14 weight classes will have at least one ranked wrestler competing in the field, while eight of the classes will have multiple ranked wrestlers in action.

Royal Valley may bring no ranked wrestlers into the tournament, but previous state qualifier Noah Hart will look to make it back while some lesser experienced wrestlers having breakthrough seasons, like Jacob Box, will look to get to the final weekend of the championship stretch as well.

Full regional tournament competition will include teams from Atchison, Baldwin, Basehor-Linwood, Bonner Springs, De Soto, Eudora, Holton, Royal Valley, KC Bishop Ward, KC Piper, KC Sumner, Jeff West, Perry-Lecompton, Santa Fe Trail, Bishop Miege and Tonganoxie.

Regional action will start with opening rounds at 2 p.m. on Friday and continue starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday in Baldwin.



Panther Ethan Ashley (shown above, on top) works his opponent's arm in an attempt to get leverage for a pin in Big Seven tournament competition.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Area teams prep for postseason

With postseason play drawing closer, the intensity of competition on the basketball court and the wrestling mats is starting to pick up.

The ACCHS Lady Tigers had a pair of intense league match-ups on the hardwood last week and just couldn't quite get the win in either game.

Atchison County gave the league-leading Blue Jays of Sabetha a good run, but came up short in a 48-34 loss at home last Tuesday. Following that, ACCHS had an intense battle with Jeff West on Friday.

Early on, ACCHS was looking up at a five-point deficit on its home court. While the Tigers clawed their way back after that and tied things up going into the fourth quarter, Jeff West did just enough to retake the lead and hold off Atchison County in a 41-37 victory.

The Tigers of ACCHS (11-5) will look to snap their home losing streak on Friday as the team welcomes in the Red Hawks of Hiawatha. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

Atchison County's boys continue to struggle and are dealing with some injuries currently, too, so the timing certainly was not ideal for the team to face off against league-leading Sabetha. The Blue Jays were the victors in Effingham last Tuesday by a final score of 67-19.

The Tigers didn't fare much better in a 57-21 loss at home to Jeff West on Friday and ACCHS (1-15) will look to get off the schneid as the team plays host to Hiawatha on Friday with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

While the basketball players are gearing up for postseason competition, the ACCHS wrestlers jumped into it on Saturday with the Big Seven League tournament kicking off the stretch of championship meets at the end of the season.

The Tigers may not have fared as well as last year, but the team still finished fourth overall in the Big Seven and saw three wrestlers (Karl Scholz, Hunter Ostertag and Dillon Weaver) claim individual league titles over the weekend.

Atchison County will now be gearing

up for regional competition, which will start at 3 p.m. in St. Marys on Friday.

Big Seven League tournament
Team results:

1. Sabetha 196, 2. Holton 179, 3. Jeff West 153, 4. ACCHS 127, 5. Royal Valley 101, 6. Riverside 49, 7. Hiawatha 31, 8. Perry-Lecompton 18

Individual results:

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(106): Karl Scholz had a bye, won by 16-0 tech fall over Ethan Ashley (RV), won by fall over Damon Bamfield (Hiaw.) and medaled in first place.

(113): Austin Hager had a bye, lost by fall to Seth Harrell (Sab.), won by 5-0 decision over Dalton Ware (RV), lost by fall to Coulter Bisel (HHS) and took fourth.

(120): Hunter Ostertag won by fall over Joel Guess (PL) won by fall over Kody Gibson (JW), won by 17-0 tech fall over Brandon Brownlee (Sab.) and claimed an individual league title.

(126): Jaden Lee had a bye, lost by fall to Scott Resler (Riv.), lost by 5-3 decision to Lance Bailey (RV) and did not place.

(132): Hunter Evans won by fall over Corbin Halls (Sab.), lost by fall to Zack Lux (RV), lost by 8-1 decision to Peyton Kahle (PL) and did not place.

(138): Nick Hager won by 7-2 decision over Tyler Casto (JW), lost by fall to Tyler Price (HHS), won by fall over Brayden Seimears (Riv.), lost by fall to Jerry Coan (RV) and came in fourth.

(152): Dylan Birkinsha had a bye, lost by 6-0 decision to Trey Haverkamp (HHS), won by 8-4 decision over Cedrick Williams (RV), lost by 4-1 decision to Kyler Krebs (Sab.) and placed fourth.

(170): Joey Landwehr won by 17-7 major decision over Drew Trump (Riv.), lost by fall to Mason Baum (HHS), won by fall over Mason Heiden (JW), won by fall over Garrett Rodewald (RV) and finished third.

(182): Dillon Weaver had a bye, won by fall over Kyler Tannahill (HHS), won

by fall over Jacob Box (RV) and medaled in first place.

(220): Bratten Forbes had a bye, won by fall over Nathan Shields (HHS), lost by 6-4 decision to Taylor Meyer (Sab.) and took second.

(285): Ryan Hanshaw had a bye, lost by fall to Kegan Meister (HHS), lost by 12-2 major decision to Joey Simpson (Hiaw.) and did not place.

Wetmore's girls basketball team also had its fair share of challenges last week, splitting a pair of TVL match-ups over that course of time.

The Cardinals started the week off by handling Doniphan West on Tuesday in a 43-24 victory. Corinne Haverkamp led the way for WHS with 18 points in the game. Wetmore couldn't quite keep the momentum rolling in a rematch from the TVL tournament in the following game, though, falling 56-45 to Valley Heights. Haverkamp had 11 and Dakota McQueen led WHS with 16 points.

After a Tuesday off, WHS (11-8) will get back to action with a home contest against Clifton-Clyde this Friday starting at approximately 6 p.m.

Slow offensive nights are what doomed the Wetmore boys last week, as the team was unable to pick up wins in contests against Doniphan West and Valley Heights.

A scoreless first quarter haunted the Cardinals in the match-up with Doniphan West, an eventual 52-32 loss, while the team couldn't shake a 13-point first half deficit against Valley Heights, falling 56-40, despite Jeremy Hoelscher coming back from a scoreless outing on Tuesday to finish with 19 points at Heights on Friday.

Wetmore (3-15) will look to add another one to the win column as the team gets set to host Clifton-Clyde this Friday with varsity competition starting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

HHS alum fulfilling lifelong dream

By Kelly Breckunitch

For anyone who watched Ryann Bowser play basketball for the Holton girls in high school, one trait of hers that likely stood out was the seemingly endless well of tenacity she pulled from whenever she took the court for the Wildcats.

It's that same tenacity that took Bowser to the highest levels of success at Highland Community College and opened the door for the HHS alum to make the jump to the Division I level this season, with Bowser now a part of the Texas Tech University women's basketball program.

As one of the top point guard recruits at the junior college level, after leading the Scotties to a national runner-up finish in NCAA Division II and being named to the All-America second team, Bowser

was pursued by a number of Big 12 programs.

The visit, the facilities and the coaches all made Texas Tech feel like the right fit, Bowser said, and now she is living out an opportunity all athletes hope for and one that she and her closest supporters pushed her to throughout her career.

"It's always been a dream. I think it's every basketball player's dream to make it to DI. Coach BJ (Smith, at Highland) was the best thing to happen to me. He got me here. My dad got me here, so I'm living the dream pretty much," Bowser said. "I've always been super-motivated and determined to make it to the top, to be the best, to be great and I've had people push me along the way telling me, 'you can do this, you can make it to this level.'"

Several of those fans and supporters

got a chance to witness Bowser in action recently, as the Red Raiders had road games at Kansas (Feb. 4) and Kansas State (Feb. 15) in a span of less than two weeks.

In the game against the Jayhawks in particular, Bowser looked right at home competing at the DI level. She played a season-high 29 minutes in that game and finished with six points, three steals, two rebounds and one assist in a narrow 71-67 loss.

More than that, Bowser brought the same trademark spark on the defensive end that she did at HHS and HCC to the match-up with KU. She harassed the Jayhawks' point guards most of the night and was a crucial component of the Red Raiders' late pressure defense that saw the team nearly completely erase a 12-point deficit in the final three and a half minutes.

Of course, with the amount of success Bowser has had already in high school and college, failure doesn't seem to be in her vocabulary and she certainly isn't going to start getting complacent at the Division I level.

"I know how to win. You have to work hard and be disciplined to win games," Bowser said. "Everybody's athletic. Everyone's good, so being average isn't going to cut it. You have to work to be good. You have to do everything that you can to be the best, to be better than everybody else."

While Bowser said she already had the mindset and determination to get to the Division I level, she also noted how much coach Smith at Highland was advantageous in that process, pushing her to reach that high level of success.

Smith's practices and workouts

were intense, Bowser said, and because of that she felt she has had an easier time adapting to DI competition.

Adapting to the rigors of a DI schedule may be a bit of a different story, with individual workouts, team practices, classes and study sessions taking up most of Bowser's time through the week. On average, Monday through Saturday, she said she gets one single hour to herself each day.

That's all well and good with Bowser. While she said she is having a great experience living out her dream in Lubbock, Texas, she also won't be resting on her laurels anytime soon. What she brings to the Texas Tech team and the new goals she has set out for herself at the DI level revolve around the same thing that has been at the center of her game since high school, work ethic.

"I seriously go hard every single day. There's no time off. There are no seconds off," Bowser said.

What does the future hold for Bowser? Now that she's finally reached the Division I level, there is a bit of uncertainty revolving around what's next. For now, Bowser will finish up her junior season with the Red Raiders with five games left in the regular season.

The next step in Bowser's journey might not have been revealed to her just yet, but if the past is any indication, success is likely to follow her wherever the bouncing orange ball takes her.

Bowser is the daughter of Bryan and Jamie Bowser of Holton. She is the granddaughter of Helen Bowser, Cheryl and Richard Hamlin and Marlin and Betsy Zibell, all of Holton.




Former Wildcat Ryann Bowser (shown above, at left) passes off to a Texas Tech teammate during a recent Big 12 game against Kansas.

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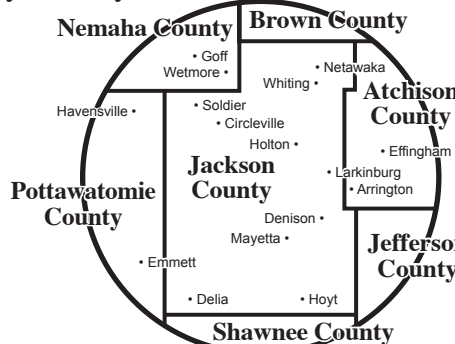
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B Community News



Denison Bible Church

By Esther Hall

It was so cold Sunday morning, Feb. 15, that my three-year-old grandson didn't want to leave home, not because he didn't want to go to church, but because his jeans were "too cold." But we made it and he was glad to be there, as were the rest of us.

Youth Under Construction (YUC) will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21. YUC members collecting Sunday morning's offerings were Damien N. and Dakota J.

Pastor Tom preached a Valentine's Day message. It was based on the book of "Song of Solomon" (7:10-13). The title was "Really Great Love Story." While "Song of Solomon" is a great love story, it is not the greatest love story.

Is marriage a great way to ruin a good relationship or a great place to develop an even better relationship? The quality of a marriage has three levels. The greatest love story or marriage is between Jesus and us, His faithful followers. He is our husband and we are the "Bride of Christ."

"Greater" marriages are the best of the good "human marriages" when we come to realize that our marriages can be even better when we follow God to be part of them. One such marriage in the Bible was between Aquila and Priscilla. They were very devoted to one another. Not only were they married, they were also good friends and companions. They enjoyed being together and working together. They were inseparable and equal.

Most all marriages are "great" at some point but they don't all last. People who divorce and then remarry often admit that there were some "good parts" of their previous marriage.

Making the quality of a marriage better doesn't mean just counting the number of years. Whose responsibility is it to make the marriage better? It takes both spouses to make the marriage work. Couples need to mutually express, through words and deeds,

their desires. We must communicate with each other. When we quit talking to one another or are no longer demonstrating our love, we become detached. Jesus loved us both verbally and visibly when He was on the cross. What greater love could He have shown us than to die for us?

Mutually experiencing love is "looking for love" and "letting ourselves be loved." Just because we express our love to somebody doesn't mean the other half is accepting of our love. To know the love of Christ can be beyond our imagination. The only way we'll ever really know how much He loves us is to have faith enough to let Him love us and then accept it.

By appreciating one another and vocalizing it to each other, we can mutually expand and contribute in making our marriages better. During the childbearing years, married couples sometimes "lose" one another. Lots of things happen or don't happen in our marriages and we become resentful of our other half. We all have faults, but through love we can overlook, if we want to, those faults and concentrate on the things we love about our mate. Everything becomes tolerable when we show appreciation to one another.

Great marriages can go from better to worse. Some couples are always reminding each other about their past mistakes. God doesn't do that with us. If something is wrong in our marriages, we need to fix it before it completely breaks down. When we step away from our marriages, for any reason, we begin to fall away from God. Marriages should include God in them and we should continually work at making our marriages better. We want our "human marriages" to be great, but God's love is the greatest love. Our human love takes a backseat to God's love.

Marriage is worth waiting for. Marriage is worth working for. And, we must let God be a part of the marriage. That will make a "great" marriage!

During Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback's visit to Holton on Friday, the governor (at right in the photo above) stopped in Heart To Home on the south side of Holton's Town Square to honor store owner Candi Marr, shown helping Brownback pick out a Valentine's Day gift for his wife, Mary. In the photo at left, Brownback (left) chatted with Jackson County Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer (right) while Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce director Carolyn McKee looked on. Brownback visited Penny's on the west side of the Square that morning to talk with small business owners but was also greeted with protests over education funding cuts.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Mayetta UMC

By Shirley Stauffer

Feb. 15th church services at Mayetta Methodist Church began with Tim Smith lighting the candles and Karen Burns reading scripture. Ash Wednesday was observed during services.

Mary Anderson was in Topeka on Wednesday, Feb. 11, to see her granddaughter, MaRyka Smith, who was at the Capitol Building as part of the Kansas undergraduate day program. She was one of five students from Fort Hays State University displaying their research projects.

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, Karen Burns had lunch with Matthew and Rhonda Burns. Afterwards Karen went to Brewster Place to listen as Matthew and Rhonda sang for a very large group of residents.

On Friday, Karen attended the Topeka Lawn and Garden Show with a good friend and former co-worker, Pat Bruce. Afterwards they shared lunch at the Kanza Café.

Valentine's Day was a lovely day as Karen had breakfast at the Whistle Stop Café with Daniel and Matthew Burns. Other visitors in the Burns home that day were Becky Neely, Carol Just and Nancy Burns.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer hosted the Circleville class of 1956 on Friday, Feb. 13. They all enjoyed a soup supper and afterwards played cards. Those in attendance were: Darrell and Mary Morgan of Denison, Jerry and Jackie Bottom of Soldier, Norman and Freida Smith of Valley Falls, Bonnie Rouse of Topeka, Del Zacharian of Meriden, Keith and Joyce Parrett, Dennis and Barbara Hutchison, and Roy and Bev Kranz, all of Circleville.

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Saturday, Feb. 28: Science Olympiad Regional Meet.
Holton Unified School District No. 336
Wednesday, Feb. 25: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Parent/teacher conferences; FFA District SAE Selection Day; 5 p.m. Freshman Orientation; 6:30

p.m. KU Honors Program @ First UMC.
Thursday, Feb. 26: No school, parent/teacher conferences 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Regional Journalism Contest @ Manhattan; Middle School Scholar's Bowl @ Santa Fe Trail.
Friday, Feb. 27: No school; KSPA Regional Competition.
Royal Valley Unified School District No. 337
Wednesday, Feb. 25: 6 p.m. RVMS Site Council meeting.; 6:30 p.m. KU Honors Program @ Holton.

Friday, Feb. 27: RVES class/individual pictures; Senior Night; After Prom Dinner.
Prairie Hills Unified School District No. 113
Monday, Feb. 23: SES Site Council meeting; 7 p.m. SHS Site Council meeting.
Wednesday, Feb. 25: AHS TVL Speech/Drama @ Troy; WHS TVL Music @ Doniphan West; 6:30 p.m. WHS KU Honors Program.
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Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker
On the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, we are invited by Jesus to join Peter, James and John ascending the mountain.
There, we beheld the Lord revealed in the brightness of the glory of God with Moses (standing for the Law) and Elijah (standing for the Prophets). Here, as we turn toward the Lord Jesus, the veil of blindness is removed. By His presence and Gospel, "we all, with unveiled faces, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another." (2 Corinthians 3:18).
Transfiguration Sunday was observed at the Feb. 15 worship service at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The opening hymn was "Renew Me, O Eternal Light." Divine Service III with Holy Communion was the order of service. Psalm 50:1-6 was read responsively.
Elder Mike Keehn read the Old Testament lesson from 2 Kings 2:1-12 and the Epistle lesson from 2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6. Pastor Jeffrey Geske read the Holy Gospel from Mark 9:2-9, the account of the Transfiguration.
In the children's message, Pastor Geske reminded the children of the significance of Transfiguration Sunday when Jesus took His disciples to the mountain and together they experienced an awesome event - Jesus in the brightness of the glory of God together with Moses and Elijah.
Jesus asked the disciples to not share this experience until after He was risen from the dead and all would be able to better understand the event. Pastor shared that with the beginning of Lent, the congregation would not be singing the Alleluias so suggested they sing

"Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia! Praise Ye the Lord" together.
The sermon hymn was "Tis Good, Lord To Be Here." In Pastor Geske's sermon, "An Awesome Event," based on Mark 9:2-9, Christianity is not the obliteration of the old, but the transfiguration of the old. Jesus Christ did not come to teach men to be holy. He came to make men holy. His teaching has no meaning for us unless we enter into His life by means of His death.
The cross is the great central point. (Oswald Chambers). To live the transfigured life is to live Jesus. The Transfiguration was a brief glimpse of Jesus' true glory, God's divine affirmation of everything Jesus had done and was about to do. The Transfiguration clearly revealed not only that the disciples were correct in believing Jesus to be the Messiah, but that their eternity was secure. Just when the disciples were thinking that this awesome event could not have gotten any better, they heard God the Father speak power words about Jesus - "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!" (Mark 9:7)
As He had done at Jesus' baptism, God was giving verbal approval of His Son. Jesus had been revealed as God's glorious divine Son, but His mission on earth still had to be completed. The disciples would witness His death, resurrection and ascension and would equip them to witness, to preach and to share the Good News. In your life, witness to His awesome love. From the hymn, we sang "Tis good, Lord, to be here, yet we may not remain; but since thou bidst us leave the mount, come with us to the plain."
The congregation professed The Nicene Creed. The offering ushers were

Kevin Strube and Jim Schumann. In the prayers of the church, thanks and praise was offered for calling us to this place, granting us the gift of salvation and the certainty of eternal life.
Blessings were asked on all Christians as they witness of His love. Petitions were asked for the government and leaders for guidance to seek to do God's will; for those who are ill or mourning and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.
Elder Mike Keehn assisted Pastor Geske with the distribution of Holy Communion. The distribution hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee." Following the Nunc Dimittis, thanksgiving, salutation and benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing."
Serving Sunday were Mike Keehn, elder; Garrett Klahr, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Joyce Strube and Angela Strube. Bible class, Sunday school and confirmation classes met following the service.
Immanuel Ladies met on Friday afternoon, Feb. 13 at the church with Esther Ideker leading the devotion and Bible study from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Projects were ordering Quarterlies, contribution to Lutheran Chaplaincy and planning for Day of Prayer Service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14. Elizabeth Handke served refreshments.
Day of Prayer service with the theme "God-given Hats," a vocational prayer service, was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Saturday morning, Feb. 14, led by Pastor Jeffrey Geske

as leader and narrator. Readers were Nancy Schumann, Elizabeth Handke and Trish Kelm.
The stations and walks of life were rehearsed with appropriate prayers for each individual serving in this life with the help of God. Hymn verses were interspersed with silent prayers. Guests were Doris Oxandale and Mary Edwards. A fellowship time hosted by Immanuel Ladies was held following. The offering was for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League project: Kansas Nebraska Gospel Radio (KCKN).
Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, Feb. 18. The service will be preceded by a Lenten fellowship supper. The theme of the services will be "The Message of Christ through the Book of Galatians."

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Feb. 23 through Friday, Feb. 27 are as follows:
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Crops and Soils

Plan now to control marestail

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

Successful weed control depends on a lot of factors, not the least of which is timing. For soybean producers that fight marestail, timing is a key factor in the level of control.



For best, and relatively inexpensive, results, start in early spring using a growth regulator class of herbicide (2,4-D and/or dicamba). At higher rates, dicamba will provide some residual and has shown in a number of trials to be slightly superior to 2,4-D.

If you want to ramp up control a little more, combine the two for broader spectrum weed control and consider adding a product with a longer residual (Canopy EX, FirstRate, metribuzin, etc...) to help with weeds that germinate between treatment and soybean planting. Just be sure to consult and follow the herbicide label guidelines for the required pre-plant intervals prior to planting

soybeans.

Control becomes increasingly difficult as planting time approaches and plants have bolted. Burndowns prior to planting should include glyphosate with products like FirstRate, Classic, Sharpen (best if used prior to bolting), Optill or 2,4-D (be sure to know the plant back restriction for soybeans following 2,4-D applications).

Liberty is an option as well and has proven to be one of the most effective for control of bolting marestail, particularly under high humidity and warm, sunny application conditions.

In-crop, most have found glyphosate alone ineffective on larger plants or glyphosate-resistant marestail. The most successful treatments for large marestail are glyphosate in combination with FirstRate, Classic, or Synchrony – assuming marestail isn't resistant to them as well. Liberty Link soybeans are also an option – don't try to apply Liberty post-emergence to anything but Liberty Link soybeans!

Soil Temperature and Vegetables
It's easy to get "antsy" in the spring after a few warm days and want to get something planted! Even so, there's no use in putting seed out in cool soils that will only result in rotting seed or stunted transplants.

So when can you plant?

Peas germinate and grow well at a soil temperature of 40 F. Radishes, Lettuce and spinach follow at 45 F. Just remember, they are cool season crops! Warm-season crops – tomatoes, sweet corn and beans – prefer 55 degree-plus temperatures for germination (or transplanting). Still others – peppers, cucumbers, melons and sweet potatoes – like it even warmer, about 60 F.

For best results, use a metal soil thermometer. Temperatures should be taken about two and a half inches deep at around 10 to 11 in the morning to avoid the highs and lows of the day. If that's not convenient, take it before you leave in the morning and again at night when you get home, averaging the two.

A temperature that fits the planting temperature above doesn't automatically mean you should plant, though! Be sure to get a consistent reading for four to five days in a row before planting, and make sure a cold snap is not predicted.

An excellent guide sheet on this subject is published by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and is titled "Soil Temperature Conditions for Vegetable Seed Germination." It can be found at www.aces.edu/pubs/docs/A/ANR-1061/ANR-1061.pdf

Fenceline

Windbreaks' benefits, effectiveness told

By Jody G. Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

Livestock-Natural Resources

There's nothing colder than a south wind in the wintertime! I guess that's because windbreaks are normally planted on the north and west of our farmsteads. When you travel in Nebraska, you can always spot the farmsteads, because they are the only things surrounded by trees.



Windbreaks are barriers used to reduce and redirect wind. Often, there are rows of trees and shrubs but there also may be perennial or annual crops and grasses, fences or other materials.

Windbreaks reduce winter stress on livestock. All livestock have criti-

cal minimum temperatures that must be maintained. When animals are subjected to air temperatures below that critical temperature, they must consume more food to survive.

The amount of feed required to maintain body temperature in cattle is reduced when they are protected by windbreaks. For example, an 880 pound calf with its winter coat has a critical temperature of 32 degrees. This calf requires 1.1 percent more feed per degree of cold.

If the temperature is 10 degrees and the wind speed is 10 miles per hour, the wind-chill temperature is four degrees below zero. This animal would require 40 percent more feed (critical temp minus wind-chill temp multiplied by increased feed requirement).

If this same calf was protected by a windbreak, providing a 70 percent reduction in wind speed, the wind-chill factor would change from minus four degrees to five degrees above zero. This translates to 30 percent more feed, or a 10 percent savings.

There are a number of factors that determine the effectiveness of the windbreak. The major factors are height, length, density and continuity. Windbreak height is the most important factor determining the distance downwind protected by a windbreak. The uninterrupted length of the windbreak should be at least 10 times the height. The density of a windbreak also affects the reduction of wind speed. Density is the ratio of the solid portion of a windbreak to the total area of the barrier. The continuity of a windbreak also influences its efficiency. Gaps in a windbreak become funnels that accelerate wind flow.

Windbreaks also cause the snow to drop out of the wind stream. Although the windbreak provides wind protection for a distance of 10 times the height of the windbreak, the snow will normally fall out in the first fourth of the windbreak. A recommendation for windbreak space for beef cows and bulls is to provide 50 to 100 square feet per head.

Family Life

Chilly day? Enjoy a bowl of your favorite soup

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

What better way to comfort yourself on a chilly day than with the aroma of soup simmering on the stove?

Soups are an economic staple in many households. Soup-based meals can help stretch your food dollar while offering a hearty,



nutritious, quick and easy meal option.

Soup can be a tasty way to add healthy beans, legumes, grains and vegetables to your diet and a convenient, yet inexpensive, way to add protein, vitamins, minerals and fiber.

After you've enjoyed your delicious bowl of "bountiful comfort," take care to store leftovers properly. According to the United States Department of Agriculture it would take an eight-inch stock pot of steaming chicken soup 24 hours to cool to a safe temperature in your refrigerator.

To be safe:

- Place the pot of soup into a sink full of ice water. Stir frequently, every 10 minutes to help disperse the heat. Divide large amounts of hot leftover soup into shallow containers, less than two inches deep, for quick cooling in the refrigerator. Cover when chilled, and keep refrigerated. Use within two days.

- Freeze soup for longer storage. Leave a half-inch space at top of container. Use within two to three months.

- To reheat soup, heat to steaming hot throughout, at least 165 degrees F.

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(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015.)

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NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

RE: Stroke of Luck Energy & Exploration LLC. – Application for a permit to authorize the disposal of saltwater into the Hladkey SWD-2, located in Jackson County, Kansas,

TO: All Oil and Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all persons whomever concerned.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Stroke of Luck Energy and Exploration LLC has filed an application to commence the disposal of salt water into the Hunton formation at the Hladkey SWD-2, located in the NE/4 NW/4 NW/4, Section 22, Township 7S, Range 13E, Jackson County, Kansas, with a maximum operating pressure of 0 psig and a maximum injection rate of 1500 bbls. per day for all the above wells.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of

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Family pride

Patricia Potter (left), widow of Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Councilman Jim Potter, accepted the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame honors on behalf of her late husband during the recent Hall of Fame banquet, held at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Holton. Jim Potter's sons, Robert Lara (center) and Richard Clark, joined Potter on stage to honor their father, who was recognized as someone who worked to better relationships with the tribe and Jackson County. Also honored at this year's Hall of Fame ceremony were Bill and Debra Brown, Mike Ford and Brad Stauffer.

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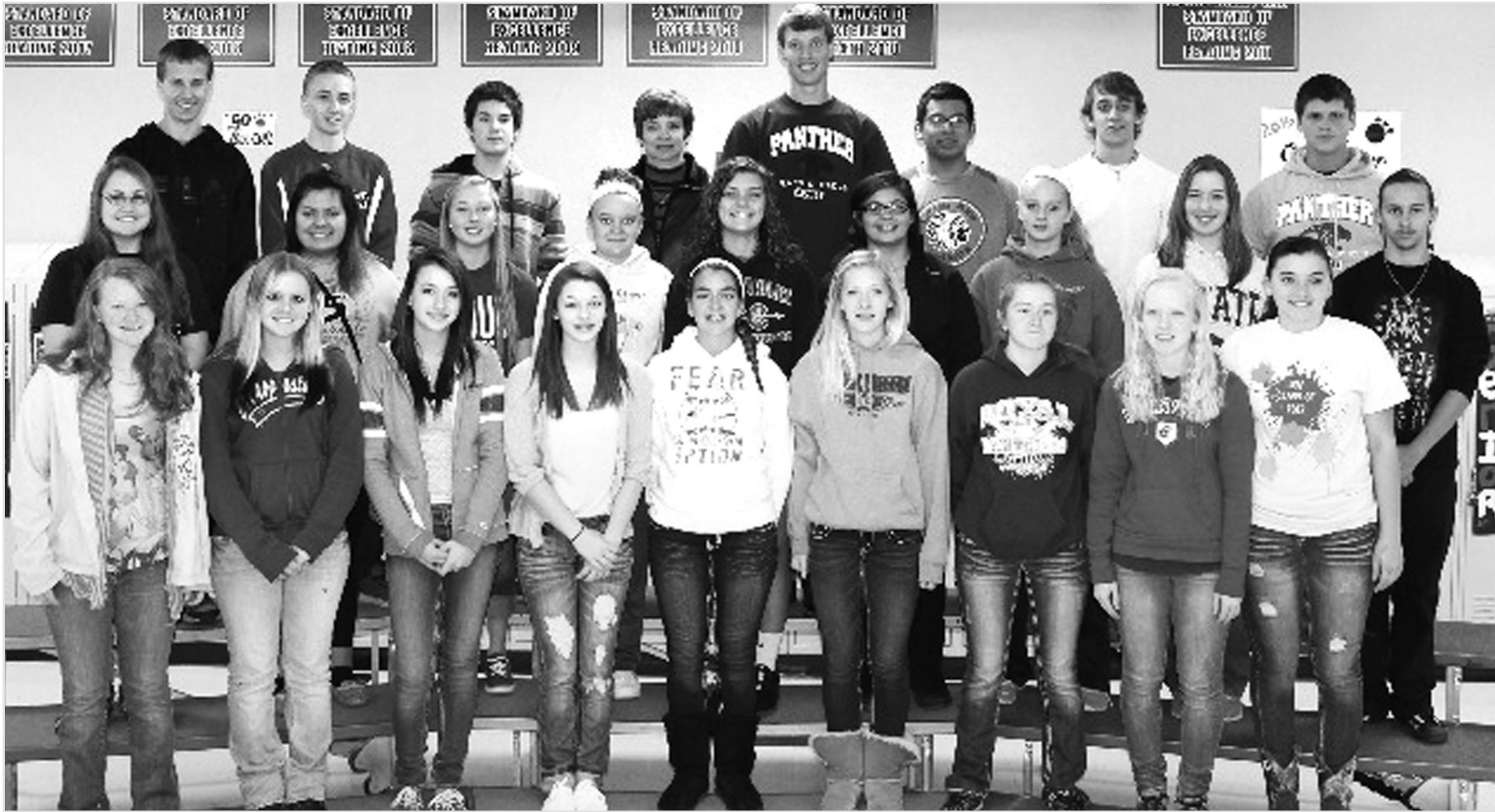
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A Salute to Jackson County’s FBLA, FCCLA and FFA



Officers in Jackson Heights High School's FFA chapter for the 2014-15 school year are, front row, from left: Joel Nelson, treasurer; Jessica Blum, student advisor; and Raygan Fund, president. Back row, from left: Austin Anon, reporter; Joseph Kennedy, vice president; William Patterson, secretary; and Lance Coe, sentinel. The chapter's advisor is Paul Lierz.

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Members of Royal Valley's FCCLA organization include, front row, from left: Porcha Evans, Noah Spencer, Haylie Trujillo, Chaley Lemmon, Masey Lafferty, Morgan New, Elizabeth Kirby (secretary/treasurer), Breanna Hainline and Racheal Keehn. Second row, from left: Karlie Price (vice president), Lakota Knoxsah, Leslie Schuetz, Jayme Burger (District E-West vice president of records), Lydia Johnson (president), Paige Ogden, Meaghan Koon, Shanielle Varner and William Jackson Jr. (District E-West vice president of public relations), Back row, from left: Lucas Broxterman, Connor Grosseohme, Thunder Knoxsah, Monique Litherland (advisor), Patrick Broxterman (District E-West vice president of finance), Freeman Meely, Alex Rodgers and Dennis Merrill. Not pictured: Morgan Boell, Taryn Boswell, Colby Burger, Eldon Grinnell, Shobwas Hubbard, Erika Platt (public relations and STUCO representative), Katlyn Rose, Sog-Nosh Serna-Blakemore, Senja Taehkae and Samantha Thuringer.

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Officers in Holton High School's FFA chapter for the 2014-15 school year are, from left to right, Tristan Parks, parliamentary; Dean Klahr, president; Sam Beauchamp, treasurer; Rilee VanDonge, secretary; Victoria Kimbrough, student advisor; Emaleigh Clark, sentinel; Alex Clark, reporter; Karl Wilhelm, vice president; and Alex Bartel, advisor. Not pictured is advisor Jason Larison.

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Royal Valley High School FFA officers include, from left, Patrick Broxterman, vice president; Jordan Cox, reporter; Wyatt Winter, sentinel; Anna Anderson, president; Janelle Marney, secretary; and Jenna Thurman, treasurer. This photo was taken in November after the district received a \$10,000 grant to build a greenhouse at the school.

Photo by Ali Holcomb



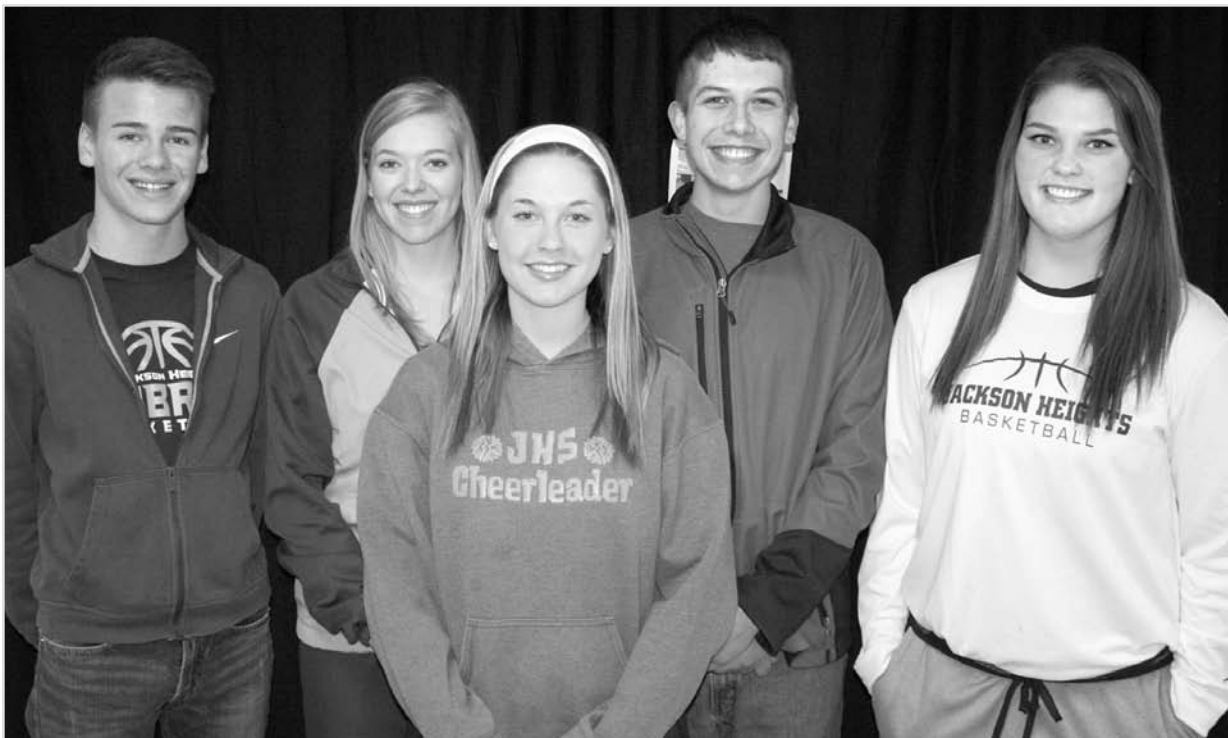
Holton FCCLA officers for 2014-15 include, front row, from left: Paige Delay, vice president (VP) of membership; Nicole Kathrens, VP of STAR Events; and Maddie Foster, VP of public relations. Back row, from left: Blake Harris, freshman representative; Courtney Boswell, FCCLA papparazzi; Emily Burdick, VP of records; and Josh Clark, freshman representative. Not pictured: Tori Bontrager, president; Rebekah Lux, VP of programs; and Maggie Pruitt, Student Council representative. Advisor is Amy Oldehoeft.

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Officers in Holton's FCCLA chapter for the 2014-15 school year include Anne Bowser (left), treasurer, and Alex Bontrager (right), president. The chapter's advisor is Matt Goetz.

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Officers in the FBLA chapter at Jackson Heights High School for the 2014-15 school year include, from left, Ethan Fund, treasurer; Emily Bowhay, vice president; Marley Wareham, president; Tyler Bloom, STUCO representative; and Katelyn Ludlow, secretary. The chapter's advisor is Dan Shupe.

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Gardener's Corner

A little travel, a lot of learning

By Sandra M. Siebert

Learning new things about growing vegetables, fruit and other wonderful thing usually means hours in front of a computer screen searching the World Wide Web or hours curled up by the fire and reading.

However, one recent week I packed a bag and drove more than 200 miles to an organic growers conference.

I am not a big fan of traveling, but this trip was definitely worth the effort. I came home with a half a notebook filled with notes covering various topics. I am still processing all of the information.

Not all learning occurred during the official sessions. Over lunch on Saturday, I discussed honeyberries with a couple who grow honeyberries in Arkansas.

The catalogs say that the long, blue berries of honeyberry, a relative of honeysuckle, taste much like blueberries, but the plants are easier to grow. That sold me.

Blueberries require extremely acid soil and lots of water, while honeyberries don't. My attempt at growing honeyberries met with less than success. I planted two little honeyberry plants during the first of two excessively hot, dry summers. They clung to life during the first summer, but one plant failed during the second summer and the other plant didn't look so good. That plant is now thriving in a different location, but I need two plants to get berries. Yet I've hesitated.

Honeyberry plants tend to be a bit more expensive than more common berry plants. So I've put off replacing the failed plant. More and more mail-order companies carry honeyberry plants, though, so perhaps they will become less expensive over time. The couple from Arkansas gave me the name of another source for honeyberry plants, so I can do some price comparisons.

The gentleman from Arkansas noted that while honeyberries are easier to grow than blueberries, they need a little shade when they are young. Once they've survived their first couple of years or so, full sun works fine. So now I know that I need to protect my young honeyberry replacement from the intense summer sun.

I love having unusual things in the garden, thus my penchant for growing honeyberries and a few other less common things, such as goji berries and gouri berries. Many

different plants provide nutritious and flavorful food, and grow well in various climates. Some are even more disease- and pest-resistant than more common food plants or may require less soil nutrition or moisture or are extremely nutritious.

Yet you don't see them offered many places, except by companies that specialize in introducing old (heirloom) varieties of common food crops and/or introducing so-called "new" foods from around the world.

If honeyberries (or some other unusual food crops) are so wonderful, why aren't they grown more often? You might wonder. I wonder that sometimes.

I learned why some foods are common, while others that are just as good have faded from our diets during the keynote address, when Joseph Simcox talked about his travels around the world in search of seeds of foods used extensively in other cultures, but which are virtually unknown to us. He showed photos of him and others in exotic locations with unusual looking plants and fruits that provide nutrition to indigenous people.

And he discussed how some foods were favored by kings and queens and other wealthy people and so became status symbols, regardless of whether these foods were healthful. Status symbols ruled. When Europeans invaded/colonized other countries, Simcox said, they brought the food crops that they were used to eating and convinced indigenous people that these foods were "better" than the native foods. In many cases, the indigenous people adopted the "status symbol" foods, letting their native foods fade into obscurity.

During another seminar, Simcox handed around beautiful ears of maize that he brought back from a recent trip to Peru. These ears were shorter and fatter than the maize (corn) ears we are used to seeing, and the kernels were beautifully colored. One ear bore deep red kernels with faded edges, another bore multi-colored kernels of blue and ivory. I am certain that many of the people handling these new/old varieties of maize were tempted to snatch a kernel to plant in their home gardens.

I really wanted to attend Simcox's last workshop in which he shared even more information about unusual plant varieties and even shared some seeds. Alas, I felt that it was more important for me to attend the session on organic management of the spotted wing drosophila, a fruit fly that has invaded the U.S. mainland in recent years and has now made its way to Kansas.

This fruit fly is particularly worrisome because it goes for ripening fruit rather than fermenting fruit. What makes it difficult to control is that it lays eggs inside the fruit, so only the adults are susceptible to pesticides and the eggs and larvae are safe from natural predators.

The fruit fly has a natural predator in its home country, Japan, but trials on using it here have only barely begun. This pest is particularly worrisome to those who raise berries and peaches for market.

Those of us who grow for our own use can just ignore the fact that those blackberries might contain a couple of eggs or tiny larvae. But it is our responsibility to clean up and destroy any berries that we don't use. Composting is not sufficient. Some organic controls are effective, but one of those is toxic to bees. I will cover this in more detail at a later time.

I hate leaving on this solemn note, since the whole of the weekend was exciting. I came home full of information, and newly energized. I am ready to do it again.

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Lassiter named to honor roll

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This is Lassiter's third semester being named to the

honor roll. He is pursuing a degree in business and is a member of the college wrestling team, which won the NJCAA National tournament last year.

Lassiter is the son of Kelli and Shayne Mick and Dick and Thresa Lassiter.

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Feb. 23 through Friday, Feb. 27 are as follows:

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Wednesday, Feb. 25: Ham and beans, cauliflower and broccoli salad, strawberries and bananas and cornbread and margarine.

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Mark Armstrong Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Church service Mayetta Christian Church Ernest Coleman - Pastor Sunday: Fellowship & Waffles: 8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Prayer Circle: 9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m. Worship service - 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Mayetta United Methodist Rev. Howard Sudduth Sunday: 9 a.m. Morning worship service and Sunday school Netawaka United Methodist Rev. Caren Loper Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA Rev. Charlene Banas, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Class Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday Our Lady of the Snows Church Fr. Christopher Rossman 166 and "I" Road, Mayetta, Kan. • 597-5656 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m. Potawatomi Pentecostal Church 4.5 miles west on 134th Rd., Mayetta Rev. 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Caren Loper Sunday: 10 a.m. Education • 11 a.m. Worship New Hope Family Church 515 Iowa, Holton Interim Pastor: Sterling Hudgins Wednesday Meal: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service: 7:15 p.m. Sunday Worship: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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February is Cancer Awareness Month, and the Royal Valley Middle School cheerleaders and boys basketball team hosted a “Coaches vs. Cancer” game recently. A total of \$684 was raised during the event. Those funds will be donated to the Jackson County Relay For Life. Part of the proceeds were raised be selling “Wall Of Hope” cards and colored ribbons (shown at right) in memory, or in honor of, friends or family members diagnosed with cancer. In the photo above, cheerleaders who helped organize the event included (from left) Madison Spencer, McKenzie Handley, Hannah Smith, McKenzie Hegemann, Courtney Carreno, Lindsey Bowden, Holly Mitchell and Hannah Schnacker. Not pictured were Eryn Daugherty and Amanda Sutton.

Photos courtesy of Brenda Hainey

School Menus

Jackson Heights Unified School District No. 335
Monday, Feb. 23: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, garlic bread, green beans, fresh grapes and milk.
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pig in a blanket, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, apple and milk.
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Taco salad, tortilla chips with salsa, refried beans, graham snack, pineapple tidbits and milk.
Thursday, Feb. 26: Breakfast – Waffle stick with syrup, sausage patty, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, wheat bread (9-12), orange wedges and milk.
Friday, Feb. 27: Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Cheese pizza, seasoned peas, lettuce salad, fresh carrots, tropical fruit and milk.

Holton Unified School District No. 336
Monday, Feb. 23: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – Pork rib on a

bun, leaf lettuce and tomato, oven fries, sliced peaches, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, sliced peras, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – Taco soup, tortilla chips and tomato salsa, broccoli florets, strawberries and bananas, canned fruit choice and milk choice.
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, sliced peaches, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – Corn dog, green beans, tater tots, fruit cocktail, Snickerdoodle, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.
Thursday, Feb. 26: No school – parent/teacher conferences.
Friday, Feb. 27: No school – parent/teacher conferences.

Royal Valley Unified School District No. 337
Monday, Feb. 23: Breakfast – Pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch – Burrito with salsa, refried beans, cooked carrots, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Breakfast – Cereal, fruit and milk; Lunch – Turkey and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Breakfast – French toast sticks, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

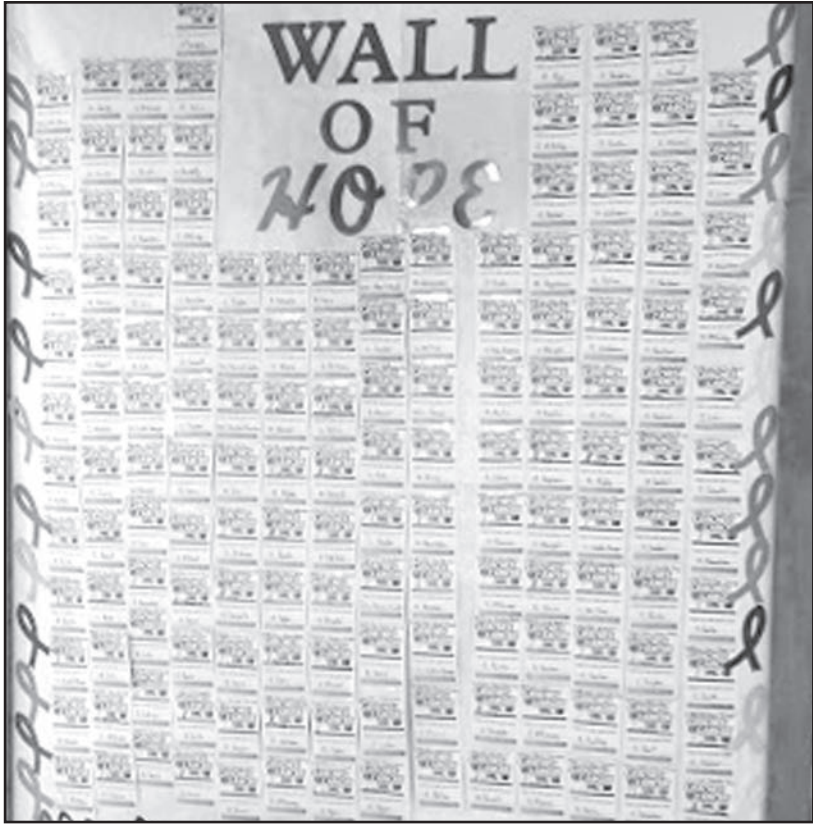
Thursday, Feb. 26: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, salad, corn, fruit and milk.
Friday, Feb. 27: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Fish sticks (ES), fish patty on a bun (MS/HS), french fries, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.

Wetmore Unified School District No. 113
Monday, Feb. 23: Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Chicken patty on a whole-grain bun, sweet potato puffs, peas, fruit cocktail and milk.
Tuesday, Feb. 24: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli with cheese, apple smiles, whole-grain roll and milk.
Wednesday, Feb. 25: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Taco soup, whole-grain tortilla chips, rabbit food, pineapple and milk.
Thursday, Feb. 26: Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Breakfast pizza, spinach garden salad, seasoned green beans, sliced pears and milk.
Friday, Feb. 27: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Baja fish tacos with chili lime sour cream, cowboy corn salad, clementines, whole-grain rice krispy bar and milk.

Baby News



Easton Michael Patch
Adam and Enedina Patch of Topeka, formerly of Holton, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Easton Michael Patch, born on Feb. 13, 2015, at Stormont-Vail Medical Center in Topeka. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20¼ inches long. He was also welcomed home by his big sister, Karsyn, age 3.
Maternal grandparents are Rick and Loli Diehl. Paternal grandparents are Travis and Deb Patch.
Maternal great-grandmother is Karen Diehl. Paternal great-grandparents are Joe and Lee Collins and John and Nancy Patch.



Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards
Feb. 15 was very cold and rather dark as the congregation gathered for praise and fellowship on Transfiguration Sunday.
Everett Mullins rang the bell. Steve Banaka lighted the altar candles and collected the offering. Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. today at Netawaka UMC.
In our joys, Marcia Robertson joined with family members last week for her grandson Zach’s birthday party at a “bounce house” in Kansas City. It was great fun for all the kids. The Banakas attended a birthday party for Marilyn’s mother at Rushville, Mo.

The congregation continues to pray for all on the prayer list including Janet Banaka, who is or soon will be at Kansas Rehabilitation Hospital in Topeka.
Pastor Caren Loper led the responsive call to worship and the congregational prayer, “Transfiguration.”
The hymns were “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair,” “Jesus Loves Me,” “Open Our Eyes, Lord” and “Christ For The World We Sing.”
Pastor Caren read the scripture lessons, 2 Kings 2:1-12 and Mark 9:2-9. Her sermon was titled “Summit Vision.”
The lesson from 2 Kings told of the events right before Elijah was taken up into Heaven in a whirlwind by a chariot and horses of fire. Elisha

asked Elijah for a double portion of Elijah’s spirit.
Elijah said, “You ask a hard thing, but if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours.” Elisha did see it and was granted his request.
Mark 9:2-12 describes Jesus’ transfiguration. Jesus, Peter, James and John went up on a high mountain. There Jesus began to glow, his clothing became a dazzling white and Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus. The voice of God called out, “This is my son, listen to Him!”
When the prophets were gone and Jesus and His disciples were going down from the mountain, Jesus told them not to tell about the experience until He had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, discussing what “rising from the dead” meant.
When someone is amazed with the presence of God or is overwhelmed with beauty of His creation, we call it a “Mountain Top” experience. We wish we could just stay right there, but we know we must return to everyday life. The memory of the special thing will stay with us.
Everyone has a gift from God which should be used in a way that is pleasing to God. Sometimes the sharing of a mountain top experience can help someone else find their way.
London Edwards spent Thursday morning with her great-grandma, Mary Edwards.

KHP to hold seatbelt enforcement events

Beginning Feb. 23 and through March 6, the Kansas Highway Patrol will work on its annual seatbelt enforcement campaign around area high schools, it has been reported.
The campaign is hosted by the Kansas Department of Transportation’s Traffic Safety Section, and is in conjunction with Kansas’ Seatbelts Are For Everyone (SAFE) program.
In 2014, Kansas lost 34 teens (ages 13-19) in fatal crashes, with 63 percent of those victims not being properly re-

strained, it was reported.
The hope of the enforcement is to work to increase education and enforcement on seatbelt laws. KDOT, the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office (KTSRO) and law enforcement partners across the state have spent more than 20 years educating Kansas teens on the dangers of driving without a seatbelt.
“Our priority is to keep motorists of all ages safe as they travel to and from their destinations. It is our hope that by encouraging students to wear their seatbelts, this will begin a lifelong practice,

which will help keep them safe in the years to come,” said Col. Mark Bruce, KHP superintendent. “The SAFE program has already seen life-saving results over the past few years, and we hope these good results will keep building.”
For the two-week enforcement period, troopers and other officers will work near local high schools. Anyone caught not properly restrained could be issued a citation. For more information on the SAFE Program, visit www.ktsro.org/safe

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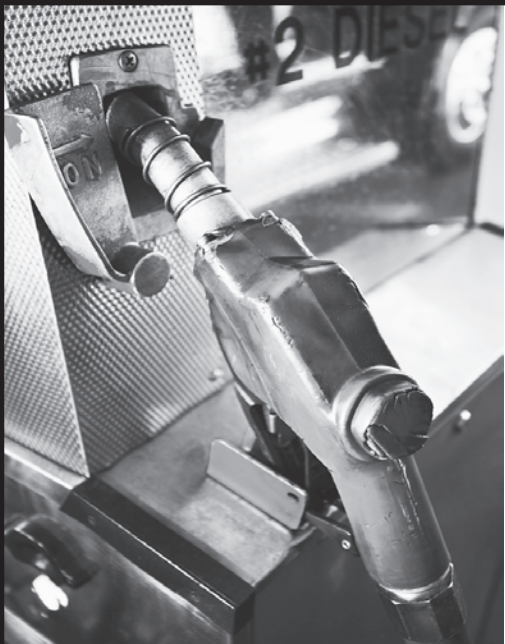
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