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HHS graduate remembers bracelet she gave Zellers

By Brian Sanders

Viola Row remembers the bracelet that she bought for her sweetheart, Second Lieutenant George W. Zellers, sometime in the early 1940s while Zellers was in the Army getting ready to go to Europe to fight in World War II.

Row — formerly Viola Richter, a member of Holton High School's Class of 1944 — doesn't remember where she bought the bracelet, which bears the inscription, "With love, Viola," on the back. But she remembers the man she bought the bracelet for, and her face still lights up when she sees pictures of him.

Today, the 87-year-old Row lives in Topeka, and upon being told that the bracelet was recently discovered in the Arizona desert near the site of a 1944 air crash that claimed the lives of Zellers and 16 others, she was happy to know that it had been found. She still looks at images and stories of Zeller from time to time, remembering their times together.

"She can remember it, but it's just hard to talk," said her son, Paul Hamm, noting that Row suffered a stroke three years ago that nearly completely robbed her of her ability to speak. She uses an iPad to communicate, typing out words on its screen when needed.

The search for Row and her memories of the bracelet were triggered by its discovery by Arizona resident Robert Kropp, who recently contacted *The Holton Recorder* for more information about Zellers and the woman who gave him the bracelet. Kropp said he plans to put together a memorial about Zellers and his fellow soldiers who died in the Feb. 18, 1944, air crash about 20 miles northeast of Phoenix.

Viola Richter grew up near the Alma and Halifax communities in Wabunsee County, then moved with her family to the Holton area at the tail end of the 1930s. She said she couldn't recall her first impression of George Zellers, who was getting ready to graduate from



Holton High School alumna Viola Row of Topeka clutched a photo of fellow HHS graduate, Second Lt. George Zellers, remembering a bracelet she gave him that was recently found in the Arizona desert.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Holton High School in 1940.

But the two of them eventually fell in love, and letters George sent home while on military duty showed that even while apart,

they stuck together. In one letter, dated the day after Christmas 1943 and shared with *The Recorder* by

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Memorial donation makes Elkhorn fountain possible

By Brian Sanders

One of Holton Parks and Recreation Director Mike Reichle's long-time goals for his department has been the installation of a fountain at Elkhorn Lake in Holton's Rafter's Park.

A fountain, Reichle has stated, would aerate the lake's water and eliminate the problem of algae on the lake surface, making conditions better for fish — and for fishing.

"I'm in my 15th year here, and for the past 12 years, I've been asking for a fountain," Reichle said. "That pond doesn't turn over well, because it's sitting in a hill."

Thanks to the donation of Holton resident Jan Hodge, Elkhorn Lake will have a fountain in place in the next few weeks. Reichle said a plan is in place to install a lighted fountain in the middle of the lake, measuring

"about 24 feet high and 30 or 40 feet wide."

"We're excited to put one in," he said. "I've been waiting for this a long time."

Reichle said Hodge made the donation to have a fountain installed at Elkhorn in memory of her husband, the late Harold Hodge, a former member of the Holton City Commission and mayor.

"He did a lot in the community," Reichle said of Harold Hodge, who died in September of 2013.

Reichle also noted that his department will receive assistance from the city's electrical distribution and street departments in getting the fountain installed. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled once the work is complete, he added.

"We're probably a week or two away from seeing it," Reichle said. "We're

in the planning stages right now."

The fountain's installation is coming at the change of seasons from winter to spring, bringing more anglers to Elkhorn Lake for trout fishing. The lake was recently stocked with 700 trout, which Reichle said was the final stocking of the lake with trout for the winter season.

"I'm seeing six or seven anglers out there when the weather's right," he said. "They're all over it."

This marks the fifth year that the City of Holton has worked with the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) to stock Elkhorn Lake with trout in the colder months of the year. The annual trout fishing season ends April 15, it has been reported.

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New website for sheriff's office lists warrants, jail inmate roster

By Ali Holcomb

A new website for the Jackson County Sheriff's Office has been completed recently to bridge the gap between the sheriff's office and members of the public, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

The website (www.jasoks.org) features, among a variety of things, a list of outstanding warrants in the county and a detailed roster of local inmates currently occupying the Jackson County Jail.

"My philosophy has been that, to deter crime in our county, we really need to unite with the public," Morse said. "If we're able to build a relationship between our citizens, then we are going to be able to do a whole lot more to keep our county safe and keep this a good place to raise children and live."

As of this morning, there were 945 outstanding warrants in the county, which are listed by last name of the offender on the website. Users can also search by first or last name if they think they may know someone

with an outstanding warrant.

"The more eyes the better," Morse said of making the information more easily accessible to the public. "The sheriff is the holder of all district county warrants. If anybody has information about the location of someone with an outstanding warrant, contact the sheriff's office."

A roster of inmates at the jail is being made available online for the first time. The roster includes the name, age and photo of each inmate, as well as their charges.

"The only inmates not listed are those we're holding for the U.S. Marshals," he said. "We usually house an additional 15 or so for them."

There is a disclaimer that appears before the public can view the jail roster and the warrants, noting that the online information is subject to change and that it's updated continuously.

The website also lists the offenders registered in Jackson County. Searches for offenders can be narrowed by city and even by street

address. Residents can also sign up to receive alerts when an offender is non-compliant or moves into the area, Morse said.

The website also features information about the jail and links to the facility's commissary service, which allows people to put money into an inmate's account or order items directly for an inmate, including snacks, clothing and personal hygiene items.

"We make about 33 percent on every purchase made, which is pretty significant," Morse said.

Another link allows people to conduct video visitations with an inmate in the jail. Each "pod" or group of cells has a monitor to conduct visitations.

Information about obtaining a conceal carry permit is posted on the site, which has been "live" for more than a month, as well as the steps for having a VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) inspection completed at the office.

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Advance voting available for upcoming spring election

Registered Jackson County voters can cast their vote in advance for the April 7 spring election beginning Tuesday at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, located on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse.

Advanced voting for the election, which includes positions for city council, school board and the Meadowlark Extension District #7 board, runs between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The last day to vote in advance is noon on Monday, April 6.

Any registered voter can vote in advance, and they do not need a special reason to do so, it has been reported. All voters must bring some form of photo identification in order to vote.

On Tuesday, April 7, voting polls in Jackson County will be open for 12 consecutive hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming election, or to have an advance ballot mailed to you, call the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 364-2891.

Legislative Breakfast is April 4

The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Legislative Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 4 at Penny's on the west side of Holton's Town Square, it has been reported.

Rep. Becky Hutchins and Sen. Dennis Pyle have confirmed that they will be present to meet with the

public and give updates on what's going on in the Kansas Legislature, Chamber director Carolyn McKee said. Rep. Randy Garber has announced that he will not be present, McKee added.

Penny's will provide coffee and juice for the event; other items may be ordered from the menu. The event is open to the public.

DSB's Birkbeck honored by Kansas Ag Bankers

The Kansas Ag Bankers, a division of the Kansas Bankers Association, is pleased to announce that Jim Birkbeck of Holton is the recipient of its 2015 Pioneer Award.

The Pioneer Award is presented to an agricultural banker that exemplifies the best in agricultural lending by continually bringing credit to his profession and the entire agricultural banking community.

Birkbeck began his banking career in 1964 as a correspondent banker and serviced many small community and ag banks in Kansas. He joined Denison State Bank in 1972 and has presided over the bank for 38 years, it was reported.

Birkbeck has contributed considerable time, energy and expertise to the banking profession through his involvement with numerous boards at the local, state and national levels, including as board chairman for the Kansas Bankers-Ag Reps (KBAR), the Bankers' Bank of Kansas board of directors and the American Bankers Association's Ag Committee.

Birkbeck also manages CRP land in Jackson County, and, along with his brother, owns and operates Birkbeck Family Farms south of Burlington. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have been married for



Jim Birkbeck (right) of Denison State Bank recently received the Kansas Ag Bankers' 2015 Pioneer Award. Birkbeck was presented the award by Troy Soukup, president of the Kansas Bankers Association's Ag Bankers Division.

Submitted photo

50 years and enjoy two children and five grandchildren.

For more information regarding the Kansas Ag Bankers Pioneer

Award contact Sharon Iverson, vice president of communications, at (785) 232-3444 or at siverson@ksbankers.com. The mission state-

ment of the Kansas Bankers Association is to support and assist Kansas banks and Kansas bankers.



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5:15 p.m. - RISC
6:00 p.m. - Sr. High Youth
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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Civil

Dispositions
Karman Inc. vs. Kathy’s Inc. and Kathy Kennedy, sought judgment of \$4,164.99 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Donald L. Cohee vs. Hilary A. DeVader and Daymon C. DeVader, sought judgment in excess of \$75,000; dismissed.

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Maribell Borchering, sought judgment of \$3,891.63 plus interest and court costs; granted.

In the matter of Leslie Wayne Yenni, sought change of name to Leslie Wayne Roediger; granted.

Filed
Holton Police Department vs. 2000 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FM-DU74EYXZA88496, and \$200 U.S. currency, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Jackson County Sheriff’s Department vs. 1991 Pontiac Bonneville, VIN 1G2HX54C5M1214535, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Deputies report double-injury accident recently near Mayetta

The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office has reported the following accidents, including a March 12 two-vehicle accident that left two Jackson County residents injured.

■ At 10:27 a.m. on March 1, Rocky Rogers, 56, Muscotah, was traveling west on 286th Road near Z Road when he lost control of his vehicle on a steep hill covered in snow. Rogers’ 2005 Dodge left the road to the north and struck a tree, sustaining damage to its front fenders, bumper, grill and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 7:45 p.m. on March 11, James Longabaugh, 51, Sabetha, was traveling east on 110th Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road near U.S. Highway 75. Longabaugh’s 2014 GMS sustained damage to its front right bumper and quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 4:24 p.m. on March 11, Brad Lippert, 50, Sabetha, was traveling south in a truck on U.S. 75 near 266th Road pulling a camper. The left rear

Limited Civil

Dispositions
Holton Country Mart vs. Malinda Smith, also known as Malinda Bohnenkemper, sought judgment of \$585.82; granted.

Holton Country Mart vs. Regina Sackrider, sought judgment of \$472.34; granted.

B&P Inc. vs. Mario Kitchkommie, sought judgment of \$198.21 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Brandon H. Hards and Jennifer Hards, sought judgment of \$2,576.94 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Jared Spiker and Amy Spiker, sought judgment of \$480.80 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$443.30 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Lee A. Peters and Donna J. Peters, also known as Turley, sought judgment of \$498.36 plus interest

and court costs; granted judgment of \$398.36 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Lynn A. Jones, sought judgment of \$464.80 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Jessica D. Cottrill, sought judgment of \$214.29 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Synchrony Bank, formerly known as GE Capital Retail Bank vs. Sean Bowden, also known as Sean E. Bowden, sought judgment of \$2,140.78 plus interest and court costs; granted.

LVNV Funding L.L.C. vs. Gary Hards, sought judgment of \$1,550.38 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Christina Bellflower and Marcus Bellflower, sought judgment of \$1,842.12 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Leslie Orozco, sought judgment of \$1,579.65 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Denise Willits and Richard Willits, sought judgment of \$902.55 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Derrick M. Hainline, sought

judgment of \$257.40 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Small Claims

Filed
Penny Ludlow vs. Roy Flowers, seeking judgment of \$3,564.69 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic

Dispositions
Doris J. Webster vs. William E. Webster, sought protective order; dismissed.

Filed
In the matter of the marriage of Felisitas Vargas and Raul Vargas-Bautista, seeking divorce.

C.W., a minor child by and through Mandi Bohnenkemper, mother and natural guardian vs. Julius O. White Sr., seeking determination of paternity plus custody and support judgment.

In the matter of the marriage of Rebecca M. Taylor and Nathan D. Taylor, seeking divorce.

Marriage Licenses

Dustin W. Bradley, 29, Hoyt
Haleigh M. Jernberg, 25, Hoyt

Jared Z. Oliver, 26, Holton
Anastasia A. Bernier, 23, Holton

Sheriff’s officers note arrests

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

■ On March 13, Gino Vicchiullo, 21, Mayetta, was arrested on a warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On March 13, Robert Ward, 58, Rossville, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Ward was arrested on a second criminal warrant on a charge of domestic battery.

■ On March 13, Lamanzo Searcy, 41, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On March 13, Kierston Politte, 20, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On March 13, Everett Musket, 35, Junction City, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On March 16, Darin Nissen, 49,

Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On March 16, Qwendolyn Beckwith, 44, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of opiates, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and driving while suspended.

■ On March 17, Dalton Quimby, 20, Mayetta, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault and criminal damage to property.

■ On March 18, Samuel Mitchell, 36, Mayetta, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear and one criminal warrant on a charge of aggravated failure to appear.

■ On March 19, Curtis Dawdy, 41, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On March 19, Cheryl Anderson, 55, Holton, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of possession of opiates.

NEWS BRIEFS

■ Vintage Park in Holton invites the public to “Coffee with Friends” every Thursday at 10 a.m. Coffee and conversation are open to the public and free. Vintage Park is located at 410 Jupiter Drive, Holton.

■ Banner Creek Science Center is hosting a Chairman’s Open House from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25 at the science center, 22275 N Road.

■ A retirement reception for longtime Mayetta firefighter Frank Winter will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Mayetta fire station.

■ The Jackson Heights FFA Alumni are sponsoring a farm succession and estate planning workshop, to be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at First United Methodist Church, 1401 W. Fourth St. in Holton. Topics include estate and business planning, family dynamics and legal considerations. A light supper will be provided; call Katie Ingels at 364-3146 or Paul Lierz at 364-2604 if attending to assist with meal planning.

■ The Delta Kappa Gamma Alpha Iota Chapter will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, March 30 in Karen Ford’s room at Holton High School. Ford and Debbie Harshaw will be hostesses, with Sandee Morris as key polisher.

■ The next Lenten Dinner will be

held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 27 at St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall in Mayetta. Lenten dinners are sponsored by the Altar Society, Knights of Columbus and youth groups. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

■ The Heart of Jackson Humane Society shelter is located at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 364-5156.

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

■ Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 362-7021.

■ Quote of the day: “The real test of a man is not when he plays the role that he wants for himself, but when he plays the role destiny has for him.” — Vaclav Havel

■ When submitting items for the News Briefs section, please submit them no sooner than three publications of *The Recorder* for placement.

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Denison resident arrested, charged with multiple residential burglaries

A 44-year-old Denison resident was arrested Thursday in connection with multiple residential burglaries, according to the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said that Stoney B. Hards was arrested after a search warrant was served Thursday on his residence, 19575 W. Road, which is north of Denison.

Items believed to have been stolen were recovered at the scene, and Hards is alleged to have burglarized a single residence multiple times in the city of Denison, including once last Tuesday.

Hards is being held at the Jackson County Detention Center on six counts of burglary and six counts of theft. Bond was set at \$50,000.

Public Notice

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JACKSON COUNTY
PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OF VOTE SCANNER FOR THE CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION

As provided by Kansas Statutes Annotated 25-4610, the Optical Scanning Machine (vote counter) shall be publicly tested Friday April 3rd, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Jackson County Clerk, Second Floor of the County Courthouse. The purpose of the public test is to ascertain

that the equipment will correctly count the votes cast on April 7th, 2015 for the City/School General Election.

CANVASS DATE

Pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3104 the Jackson County Board of Canvassers will meet on April 13th at 10:00 a.m. to canvass the results of the April 7th City/School General Election.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2015.

Kathy Mick
Jackson County Clerk

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Public Notice

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CITY OF HOLTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE

On April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Holton City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania Avenue, the City of Holton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Zoning Change.

The requested change is from 1-1 “Light Industrial District” to R-2 “Two Family Dwelling District” for property located at 700 New

Jersey Avenue in Holton, Kansas. More specifically described as follows:

Lots Number 86, 88, and 90, Block 13, New Jersey Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.




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

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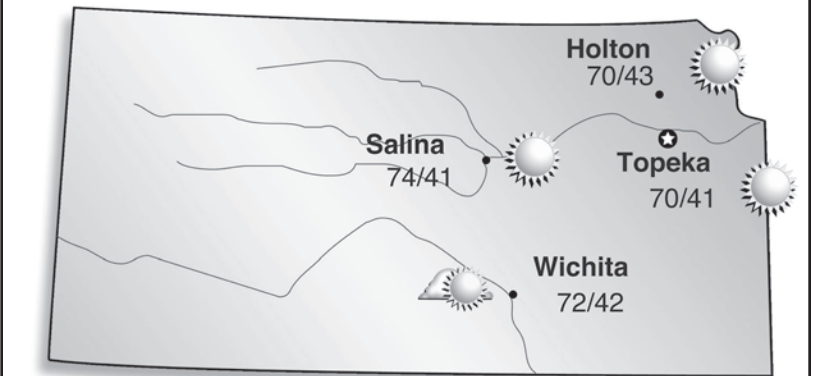
Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 3/24	Wed 3/25	Thu 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28
 70/43 Mainly sunny. High around 70F. Winds WNW at 5 to 10 mph.	 75/42 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 74/42 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 40s.	 64/41 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 72/51 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.
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MEMORIES

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5 Years Ago

Week of March 22-28, 2010

Holton postmaster Lynette Mullinax will be leaving her position here this week, it has been reported. She has been the postmaster at Holton for the past two years, and has accepted a different job opportunity for the U.S. Postal Service in Topeka.

On Tuesday, March 23, President Barack Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – the landmark health care bill enacting a sweeping overhaul of the nation’s \$2.5-trillion health care system – into law.

Tara Ladusch of Circleville was one of 43 students who received scholarship awards from the Department of Education at Washburn University for the 2010-11 academic year, it was reported. Ladusch was awarded the Lala Tull Phillippi Scholarship, which is given to female students pursuing an elementary education teaching degree.

Matt Miller, chief meteorologist for KTKA-TV in Topeka, met with fourth-grade students at Holton’s Central Elementary School for a presentation on severe weather awareness. Among the lessons were how tornadoes formed and action to take when a tornado is reported in the area.

For the second year in a row, Jackson Heights sixth-grade teacher Joyce Cochren has received the VFW Kansas Teacher of the Year award.

10 Years Ago

Week of March 22-28, 2005

Basketball goals have been installed at Holton’s Linscott Park. The Holton Optimist Club has been active in raising funds to get the goals installed in the park, and according to Parks and Recreation Director Mike Reichle, the goals were put to use by

local children shortly after they were installed.

Golf season is approaching, and Holton High School head golf coach Don Swisher is in his 17th season with the Wildcats this year.

The Red Rock Guest Ranch near Soldier is beginning its third season, and it will feature a western gospel show once again. The ranch added a gospel night last season, and it was such a huge hit that western gospel shows have been added to this season’s events.

The state’s best girls high school wrestlers are being honored by USA Wrestling-Kansas with the announcement of the first annual All-Kansas Girls High School Wrestling Team, it has been announced. The team includes Holton junior Libby Bowser.

Fielding Brenner of Holton High School has signed a letter of intent to play football and run track at Ottawa University. Fielding is the son of Dan Brenner of Holton and Lisa Brookover, and grandson of Rosie Brenner of Holton.

25 Years Ago

Week of March 22-28, 1990

To keep up with changing health care practices, Holton City Hospital officials have begun to consider possible expansion of the facility, it has been reported.

Holton track coach Mark Middlemist will be overseeing both boys and girls for the first time this season, and he said that there’s a “good chance” of quite a few Holton students qualifying for state. Senior Shelley Tanking will lead the Wildcats, as she is a three-year state medalist in the 4A state high jump competition, and holds the school record with a five-foot six-inch leap.

A Holton kindergarten student had an unusual adventure on Tuesday, March 20, when he woke up

on his school bus and discovered it empty. He’d reportedly fallen asleep and was not discovered when other students left the bus or when the bus was parked at the bus barn. He was found safe and unharmed.

Representatives of Jackson, Brown, Doniphan and Nemaha counties have joined forces to form the Rural Northeast Kansas Tourism Council to market their corner of Kansas, it has been announced. The councils will work together to develop the region of northeast Kansas as a tourist destination.

Two local girls, Amy and Brandy Pagel, recently served as pages for Rep. Marvin Smith at the Kansas Legislature. Amy and Brandy are the daughters of Wayne and Beth Pagel of Holton.

50 Years Ago

Week of March 22-28, 1965

The city of Holton has purchased a hydraulic pipe-cutter, which is expected to speed work and cut costs on both installation of new pipe and maintenance of old. The device will cut pipe of any size from four-inch to 12-inch in a minute or less, it was reported.

Big B Thriftway Food Mart in Holton sold a two-pound box of cheese spread for 59 cents, ground beef for 39 cents per pound, a 10½-ounce can of Campbell’s tomato soup for 10 cents and a two-pound box of Aunt Jemima pancake flour for 35 cents.

Donald Swisher has been employed to teach business education in Holton High School beginning with the 1965-66 school year, it has been announced.

The Holton Supermarket sold a tall tin of salmon for 39 cents, two 10-ounce packages of peas for 25 cents, a three-pound bag of Jonathan apples for 29 cents and a dozen glazed donuts for 39 cents.

Unemployment rate dips in February

Unemployment in Kansas dipped from January to February, and much of northeastern Kansas, including Jackson County, followed suit, according to figures released Friday by the Kansas Department of Labor.

The state’s February seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.2 percent, unchanged from the January and down from 4.6 percent in February 2014. The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the Topeka metropolitan service area, including Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties, was 4.8 percent in February, down from 5 percent in January and 5.8 percent the previous February.

In Jackson County, 318 members of the county’s workforce of 7,268 applied for unemployment in February, putting the state’s not seasonally adjusted jobless rate at 4.4 percent for the month. The rate was down from January’s 4.5 percent jobless rate, as well as being down from the February 2014 jobless rate of 5.4 percent.

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 21,000 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 21,200 jobs, a 1.5 percent increase since February 2014. Since last month, Kansas added 9,000 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.8 percent. The state gained 9,500 sea-

sonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, a 0.7 percent increase since last month.

“Private sector jobs continue to drive Kansas’ economic growth, setting a new record high this month,” said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor.

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 20,400 private sector jobs since last year, or 1.8 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 20,600 jobs, a 1.5 percent increase since February 2014. Since January, private sector jobs increased by 6,100, or 0.5 percent. The state gained 14,600 total nonfarm jobs over the month, a 1.1 percent increase.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in February was 4.5 percent, down from 4.6 percent in January and down from 5.2 percent one year ago. Other not seasonally adjusted rates throughout the region included:

Atchison County: 6.1 percent in February, 6.3 percent in January and 7.7 percent in February 2014.

Brown County: 4.4 percent in February, 4.3 percent in January and 4.9 percent in February 2014.

Doniphan County: 4.9 percent in February, 4.8 percent in January and 5.8 percent in February 2014.

Jackson County: 4.4 percent in February, 4.5 percent in January and 5.4 percent in February 2014.

Jefferson County: 5.2 percent in

February, 5.4 percent in January and 6.2 percent in February 2014.

Marshall County: 3.2 percent in February, 3.3 percent in January and 3.9 percent in February 2014.

Nemaha County: 2.7 percent in February, 2.7 percent in January and 3.5 percent in February 2014.

Pottawatomie County: 3.9 percent in February, 4.3 percent in January and 4.9 percent in February 2014.

Shawnee County: 4.8 percent in February, 5.0 percent in January and 5.7 percent in February 2014.

There were 13,070 initial claims for unemployment benefits in February 2015, down from 17,894 in January and up from 11,121 in February 2014. There were 97,413 continued claims in February, down from 103,232 the previous month and down from 100,071 in February 2014. These numbers include all available programs.

Data provided is preliminary and subject to monthly revisions and annual benchmarks by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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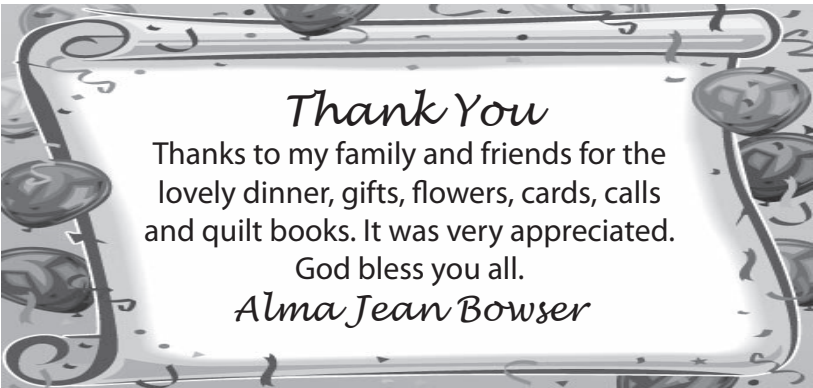
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(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, March 23, 2015.)

CITY OF NETAWAKA

ORDINANCE NO. 116

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NETAWAKA, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

SECTION 1: WATER RATES. The rates per month for the use of water for city customers shall be as follows:

\$32.00 minimum monthly charge for 0 – 1,000 gallons of



Serving as pages for Kansas Rep. Becky Hutchins (second from right) on Tuesday, March 17, were Jackson County residents Faith Little (left) and Mariah Ramirez (right). They participated in the legislative process and received a behind-the-scenes tour of the Kansas Statehouse. Also shown is Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback.

Submitted photo

Avian influenza strain not harmful to humans

A highly pathogenic avian influenza confirmed in four states can be very deadly for birds, but a Kansas State University poultry expert says humans don’t need to worry about their own health or contaminated poultry products.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has confirmed the presence of H5N2 avian influenza in Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota and Arkansas. This strain is considered highly pathogenic in birds with a high mortality rate.

The Centers for Disease Control considers the risk to people from these HPAI H5 infections in wild birds, backyard flocks and commercial poultry to be low. No human infections with the virus have been detected at this time.

“These H5N2 variants have never been known to cause any transmission between humans and poultry,” said Beyer, associate professor of animal sciences and industry at Kansas State University and K-State Research and Extension state poultry specialist. “We are always testing and monitoring to see if any birds have any type of influenza. The U.S. doesn’t allow any infected birds to

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go to marketplace, which means the chance of them ever making it into the food supply is about zero.”

Beyer says influenza strains recombine, sometimes causing a more deadly, more transmissible flu like this H5N2. It’s a strain that turkeys are highly susceptible to and is spreading through migration.

“We think that birds migrating north and south are mixing together in certain zones, like nesting and feeding zones,” he said. “If those birds stop and feed or nest for a while, then move back to another area of the country, they can drop off the virus to our local small flocks and even our commercial farms. That’s what we have started seeing.”

To protect your flock, set up a perimeter or safe zone to keep your birds from outside fowl or other ani-

mals that could potentially spread the disease. Beyer says other animals can spread this influenza, such as dogs and small birds.

“For example, a visiting waterfowl drops feathers, which can be contaminated,” Beyer said. “A sparrow will grab the feather and make a nest in your facilities. That contaminated feather could then contaminate your poultry. Make sure you are protecting your perimeter as much as possible and you’ll reduce the chances of your birds getting the disease.”

Infected birds show flu-like symptoms like coughing, sneezing, swelling around the eyes, flicking of the head and a raspy rattle sound when they breathe.

For more information, contact Beyer at (785) 532-1201 or follow the USDA avian influenza Web site.

You’re Invited to at Retirement Reception

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Frank has spent 40 years as a volunteer fireman serving this community.

GLACIAL HILLS MAY DAY BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

Winner will receive up to \$5,000 grant to use for their business startup or expansion

Applications and business plans must be received no later than 3:00pm on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Glacial Hills Enterprise Center, 334 2nd Street, Wetmore, Ks. Or plans may be mailed and postmarked no later than May 1 to P.O. Box 130, Wetmore, Ks 66550

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Free business plan development workshops:

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OPINION

It's greening

Note: Spring has sprung, bringing out the poet in many of us. Here's my attempt at poetry on the new spring.

It's the spring of my 55th year.
There's green in grass at my feet.

Mother Earth is warming.
Nature's living colors are bursting.

Bluejays, cardinals and robins
say rejoice to all who can hear
at this marching time of the year.

Water's streaming, clouds are brewing.
Life is on the move.

Wise men say bask in the warm new
sun and blue sky. And for a moment the
warm springs of the past fly by.

It's the spring of my 55th year.
And more green is the grass at my feet.

David Powls



LETTER: Johnson announces he's a write-in candidate

Dear editor,
My name is Jerry W. Johnson. I have been contacted by some of our district patrons to run as a write-in candidate for position #3 on the Prairie Hills USD 113 Board of Education.

Kathy Lippert, my opponent, has stated at public meetings that the first cost-cutting measure of the board of education should be the closing of the Axtell and Wetmore schools.

I believe these schools, their students and patrons add a significant value to our district. Tax revenue from areas help pay fixed costs to the district that would otherwise have to be covered by Sabetha alone.

Lippert stated in her interview that she wants the education for all the children in the district. Yet she said

the Bern students enjoy a much better education provided by the Seneca schools. Our district, USD 113, lost \$3,850 for each of the more than 100 students we lost from Bern. Our district, USD 113, lost \$3,850 for each of those students that left our district.

I believe that USD 113, as it stands, has an outstanding educational system and it should be used to educate all the students in our district.

Closing Axtell and Wetmore would expel about 32 percent of the students in our district. That would be a 32 percent cut in state funding that our district would lose. At some times, those communities are going to be lost on our tax base along with those students. This is not a time to be losing students or a tax base in

our district.

A little about myself. I was born in Sabetha, went to school in Fairview and married a Sabetha girl more than 53 years ago. We raised one daughter who went through the Sabetha schools, and still lives in Sabetha, one granddaughter who graduated from Sabetha and a grandson that is currently attending SHS. I owned and operated a business in downtown Sabetha for 19-plus years. Then I worked for the school district for 26 years until I retired in 2014. I believe we have a responsibility to educate all our children.

Jerry W. Johnson
Sabetha

LETTER: Gas prices still lover than last year

Dear editor,
Gas prices fell below \$2 a gallon not too long ago. That was sure welcome news. Even though it's \$2.39 per gallon now in Holton, it still is a lot cheaper than last year. We need to hear good news like this more often so our lives can be happier.

Paul Cappleman
Muscotah

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Rep. Hutchins reports on the Legislature

By Rep. Becky Hutchins
Kansas District 61
(R-Holton)

HB 2371 is a bill that would make fantasy sports leagues legal in the State of Kansas. The House Federal and State Affairs Committee held a hearing on HB 2371 March 11.

HB 2371 would define fantasy sports as a game of skill. The definition is important because the Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission said in August 2014 that fantasy sports met the criteria of a lottery, which would make them illegal in the state.

It is estimated that about 500,000 Kansans are breaking the law under the existing statute. I feel this legislation is needed to clarify that ordinary Kansans will not be breaking the law.

Currently the federal government and 45 states consider fantasy sports legal games of skill. Hopefully Kansas will be the 46th state. There is a mirror bill in the Senate (SB 267) and I plan on voting in favor of HB 2371 or SB 267 in its current form when it comes to the House floor.

HB 2331 would allow the consumption of alcoholic liquor at catered events held on public property. Existing law generally prohibits the consumption of alcoholic liquor on public property, but makes an exception for special events (events approved by local government of

a city, county or township) when a temporary permit has been issued by the Director of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).

New language of this exception would be amended to allow the consumption of alcoholic liquor at catered events on public property where the caterer has provided the required notice.

The bill would change the notice requirement to be given by caterers to the ABC. Existing law requires a caterer to provide notice to ABC 10 days before any event and provide notice to the chief of police or sheriff where the event occurs.

HB 2371 would change the requirement to an electronic notification to ABC at least 48 hours before any event. The bill would specify the electronic notice provided to ABC must include the time, location and names of the contracting parties of the event. Caterers would be required to keep their records (agreements, receipts, employees assigned to the events and records of alcohol purchased) for three years.

The bill would allow caterers to host events on public property without the need for an additional permit. I think this bill would be helpful for events in Jackson and Pottawatomie counties, such as Jazz on The Square, 2nd Saturday events and art walks. I supported HB 2331 and it passed the full House on a vote of 90 yeas and 30 nays.

You can reach me by phone at 785-296-7653 in Topeka, or e-mail me at becky.hutchins@house.ks.gov



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Senate Bill 45 would end permit for conceal carry

Senate Bill 45 (aptly numbered by the way) if approved by the Kansas House and signed by the governor, would allow any Kansan older than 21 to carry concealed handguns or rifles in public places starting July 1 without any permits or training.

The bill would eliminate the current conceal carry permit and training requirements in the state. Since 2006, the state has allowed conceal carry of lawfully obtained firearms with the requirement that individuals obtain a permit.

That permitting process, administered by the Kansas Attorney's Office, involves eight hours of training with a certified conceal carry instructor and an initial \$132 fee.

The open carry of firearms is already lawful in Kansas without special permits, fees or training.

Some historical perspective: To tame the territorial towns of Kansas in the years leading up to statehood, and to help keep the peace, town sheriffs and marshals required all citizens to surrender their weapons upon entering the town.

David Powls

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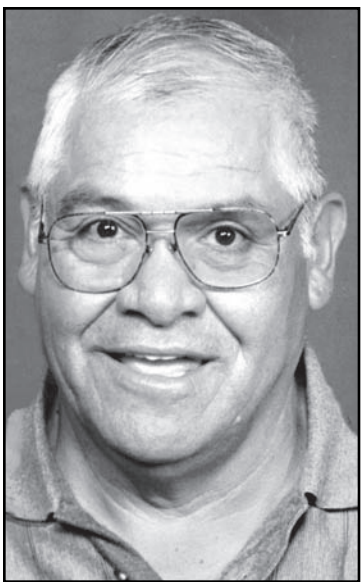
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OBITUARIES



Ogden

Roy Therman Ogden, 76, of Mayetta, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at Stormont-Vail Hospital.

He was born Oct. 21, 1938, in Mayetta, the son of Rusty and Clara (Tapsee) Ogden.

Roy graduated from Mayetta High School in 1957. After high school he proudly served in the United States Army. Roy worked for and later retired from DuPont. He was a bus driver for USD 337. He also worked for the Jackson County Road and Bridge crew.

He was a Jackson County Commissioner and later served on Tribal Council. He was a member of Land Management Board. He was a lifetime member of American Legion We-ta-se Post 410. Roy coached many children in baseball and softball and enjoyed watching his grandchildren in all sports and activities.

Roy married Shirley L. Marshall on Aug. 3, 1964 in Lawrence. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Royce Ogden (Chad) of Mayetta and Laura Ward (Jim) of Topeka; three sons, Jarrod Ogden (Jolene) of Mayetta, Justin Ogden (Mary) of Mayetta and Jason Ogden (Vanessa) of Hoyt; three sisters, Mildred Rohr of White Cloud, Cass Marlow of Capay, Calif., and Irene Henninger of White Cloud; his brother, Larry Ogden (Carolyn) of Bonner Springs; and his 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Cora Humm; and three brothers, Louis, Herman and Lyman Ogden.

Funeral services were held Monday morning, March 23 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with military honors was held in Mayetta Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Roy Ogden Memorial Fund, to be designated at a later date and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Banks

Michael James Banks, Topeka, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2015.

Michael was born Jan. 13, 1936, to John Harold and Bridget (Farrell) Banks. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1953.

Michael served our country for more than eight years in the Army National Guard. On Oct. 3, 1957, Michael married Shirley Deters. He retired from Goodyear on June 1, 1998, after 33 years of service. Michael was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church.

Michael was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Shirley, on July 14, 2008; his brothers, Gene Banks and Paul Banks; and his sister, Mary Strathman.

Michael is survived by his daughters, Sheila Fernkopf (Fred) and Sara Livengood (Mike); grandchildren, Sherri Farwell (Keith), David Fernkopf (Paul), Jake and Matt Livengood; great-grandchildren, Sophia, Savannah and Kendrick Farwell and foster great-granddaughter, Harley; his sister, Betty Bien; and sister-in-law, Mary Banks.

A parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church with visitation to follow until 8:30 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Church. Committal service will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Church, 2041 N.W. 46th St., Topeka KS 66618. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

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Freeborn

Derryl Lee Freeborn, 79, of Garden Villas of Lenexa, formerly of Overland Park, died Saturday, March 21, 2015, at Kansas City Hospice House.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today at Knox Presbyterian Church, 9595 W. 95th St., Overland Park. The funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 24 at Knox Presbyterian Church. Burial in Shawnee Mission Memory Gardens. Memorial gifts may be given to Knox Presbyterian Church or Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care.

Derryl was born May 6, 1935, near Muscotah, Atchison County, to Merl and Fern (Hollenbeck) Freeborn. He graduated in 1953 from Whiting High School. He and Marilyn Jane Hutchinson married on Oct. 6, 1953.

He retired in June 1996 after 41 years of service to the Kansas Department of Transportation, as a Metro utilities coordinator and coordinator of the Adopt-a-Highway program for the Department.

He was an avid wood carver, and was a member of the Kansas City Woodcarvers Club. He carved figures and vignettes while Marilyn brought his carvings to life with her painting. Together they owned and operated Freeborns Wood Carving, selling carving tools, books and other needed items for wood carvers. He enjoyed teaching carving. They did not sell any of their hundreds of carvings but enjoyed donating them for the Club to raise money and giving them to family and friends.

He was scoutmaster for Troop 393 Boy Scouts of America, Overland Park, and volunteered for many years at Camp Naish scout reservation in Kansas. He was a member of the Order of the Arrow and a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

After he retired he volunteered each Christmas for Crosslines for a number of years, and at the Shawnee Service Center.

He was a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Overland Park. He formerly was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Overland Park.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, on Jan. 21, 2008; his parents; and a brother-in-law, Herbert Nissen.

He is survived by two children and their spouses, Randal L. Freeborn (Sandra), Lee's Summit, Mo., and Lorita J. Stilley (William), Overland Park; four grandchildren and their spouses, Angela K. (Michael) Pernoud, O'Fallon, Mo., Brian Lee (Jennifer) Freeborn, Raytown, Mo., Rebecca J. Stilley, Merriam, and Daniel W. Stilley, Overland Park; five great-grandchildren, Caitlin Pernoud, Madeleine Pernoud, Levi Freeborn, Michael G. Pernoud, and Elaina Pernoud; a brother, Gary Freeborn, Truth or Consequences, N.M.; sisters, Lois (Tom) Peters, Gentry, Ark., and Sandra Wescott, Horton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be left at www.mcgilleyhoge.com. McGilley and Hoge, 8024 Santa Fe Drive, Overland Park, KS 66204 is in charge of arrangements.

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LaMastus

Ray LaMastus, 84, Denison, died Thursday, March 19, 2015, at Cedar Village in McPherson.

He was born Aug. 30, 1930, in Bowling Green, Ky., the son of John and Jewel Neighbors LaMastus. He had lived in the Denison community since 1993 and previously lived in Culver.

Mr. LaMastus was an over-the-road truck driver.

He married Barbara Kay Fox on Oct. 22, 1960, in St. Louis, Mo. She died June 30, 2014. He also was preceded in death by four sisters, Mary, Bennie, Nevera and Nina LaMastus; and six brothers, Sam, Ernest, Earl, Shirley, Billy and James LaMastus.

Survivors include two sons, Ronnie L. LaMastus and wife Tanya, Roxbury, and Donald LaMastus and wife Sue, Holton; a sister, Carol Schadler, in Missouri; a brother, Bennie LaMastus, in Ohio; five grandchildren, Kristine LaMastus, Ryan LaMastus and wife Hayley, Kyle LaMastus, Cody LaMastus and Chris Morr; and three great-grandchildren, Shane Miller and Alyssa and Brayden LaMastus.

Celebration of life services will be held at 6 p.m. today at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be held in Culver Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Wark

James Derrick "J.D." Wark, 44, and Miley Wark, 3, both of Hillsboro, Texas, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, as a result of a vehicle accident in Hillsboro, Texas.

James Derrick "J.D." Wark was born April 7, 1970, in Holton, the son of James Arthur Wark and Viva "Marie" Branam. He attended Holton High School.

Mr. Wark was an over the road truck driver, hauling for construction and implement companies.

He married Stephanie Rutledge. They divorced. He married Carrie Oswald. They divorced. He was currently engaged to Amber Pope, who died later, also as a result of the vehicle accident. He also was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Marie and Gary Hards, Denison; six children, Jesse Page and wife Jessica, Derrick Page and Amanda Page, all of Topeka, Hannah Wark and Jayden Wark, both of Hiawatha, and Madison Wark, Hillsboro, Texas; two sisters, Mary Winchelle and husband Charlie, Topeka, and Bridget Wymore, Hoyt; three brothers, Mike Wark, Amarillo, Texas, Marty Wark, Toronto, and Stoney Hards, Denison; and a granddaughter.

Miley Marie Wark was born May 21, 2011, in Topeka, the daughter of James Derrick "J.D." Wark and Amber Pope.

Survivors include a sister, Madison Wark; two half-sisters, Amanda and Hannah Wark; three half-brothers, Jesse and Derrick Page and Jayden Wark; and her grandparents, Marie and Gary Hards, Denison, and Kristie and Kenny Walters, Manhattan.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton with burial to follow in Denison Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the J.D. and Miley Wark Memorial Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Larkin

Deb Kay Larkin, 66, Mayetta, died Friday, March 20, 2015, at her home.

She was born May 28, 1948, at Mandan, N.D., the daughter of Donald and Irene Iverson Wing. She graduated from Mandan High School in 1966 and later from a beauty school.

Mrs. Larkin worked as a beauty operator until her children were born and later worked for a Hallmark Store and a shipping and packaging company. She then owned and operated her own shipping and packaging company until moving to Kansas. After moving to Topeka she worked at the Half Price Store and was a long time hostess at Blind Tiger Brewery and Restaurant.

She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta and the Altar Society at the church.

She married Larry J. Larkin on Oct. 17, 1970, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Mandan, N.D. He survives.

Other survivors include a son, Donald Ira Larkin and wife Hailey, Topeka; a daughter, Kayla Jo Berg and husband Gary, Littleton, Colo.; three sisters, Donna Hamilton, in Florida, and Carol Spicer and Sandy Rekkedahl, both in South Carolina; and two grandchildren, Deaven and Alexandria Larkin. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Kelly Wing; and two sisters, Bertha Fischer and Avis Weidrick.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Hoyt. Mrs. Larkin will lie in state Wednesday and Thursday at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Thursday, followed by visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jackson County Friends of Hospice or the American Diabetes Association, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436.

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Public Notice

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LAURA K. COOP, a/k/a
LAURA K. MCGUIRE, and the
UNKNOWN SPOUSE of Laura
K. Coop a/k/a Laura K. McGuire,

Defendants.

Civil Case No. 14-4130-SAC-KGS

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LAURA K. COOP a/k/a LAURA
K. MCGUIRE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, by the United States, on behalf of Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, by and through the United States Attorney for the District of Kansas, praying for *in personam* judgment against borrower Laura K. Coop a/k/a Laura K. McGuire, in the amount of \$88,914.64, which includes the following: the principal sum of \$81,772.99 (comprised of unpaid principal of \$77,769.45, escrow replenish of \$2,876.22, title of \$220.00, escrow of \$832.20, and late fees of \$75.12); and \$7,141.65 interest accrued to November 20,

2014 (comprised of principal interest of \$7,032.26 and interest on advances of \$109.39). Interest continues to accrue from and after November 20, 2014, at the contract rate of \$12.7392 (comprised of daily interest on principal of \$12.2514 and daily interest on advances of \$4.4878) per day to the date of judgment herein. In addition, \$16,502.52 interest credit or subsidy is subject to recapture *in rem* only. In addition, Plaintiff prays for post judgment interest plus the costs of this action; and for foreclosure of a real estate mortgage executed on April 25, 2006, covering real property located in Jackson County, Kansas, described as:

Lot 39 and the South Half of Lot 41 on Montana Avenue, Park Addition, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas,

and you are hereby required to plead to said Complaint on or before April 15, 2015, in said Court at Topeka, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Complaint.

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MADD chapter plans Sunday candlelight vigil in Holton

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) of Kansas is planning a candlelight vigil this coming Sunday in Holton to remember those who were injured or killed by drunk drivers.

The first-annual candlelight vigil in Holton is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton, according to event organizer Debbie Harshaw. The public is invited to participate in the ceremony, which supports and honors the memory of those tragically affected by impaired drivers.

Harshaw said those who would like to have affected family members and friends honored during the ceremony are asked to fill out a registration form, available by emailing Harshaw at d.harshaw@holtonks.net, and return it by Tuesday. Other information about the victims of impaired drivers, such as their ages, specific memories or a poem, may be included during the ceremony.

Those attending are asked to arrive early enough to sign in so that they may light a candle for themselves or for friends and family. Sign-in will begin at 6:45 p.m., Harshaw said.

Elkhorn Lake Fountain...

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All Kansas residents ages 16 to 74 and non-residents 16 and older must have a valid fishing license. Trout permits may be purchased at KD-WPT offices, most county clerk offices, licensed vendors such as Walmart or online at kdwpt.state.ks.us/License-Permits

The four-acre Elkhorn Lake is considered a community lake by KDWPT. Other fish in the lake include bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, bass and walleye.

For more information on the lake and the city's other parks and recreation facilities, contact Reichle at 364-9000.

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- Letter destination
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- Feel regret
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- Nutty spread
- White seedless grape
- Hillside
- Inflammation of a bursa
- Artery
- Nail polish brand
- A routine that is hard to escape
- Indigo plant
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- A collection of things wrapped together
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- Somewhat blue
- 40 weekday periods
- El Dorado High School (abbr.)
- Heartbeat
- Brit. rutabaga
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- Festivals
- Rita ___, singer
- Belonging to us
- Skating jumps
- Building at 175 5th Ave.
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- Atomic mass unit
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- PBS wildlife show
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- Don't know when yet
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- Breadwinner
- Go to bed
- Highest in degree or quality
- Tossed, potato or waldorf
- The trunk of a tree
- Yes in Spanish

SPORTS *Monday*



Royal Valley's outfielders, including Ali Bryan (shown above, front left) and Massey Lafferty (front right) practice their crow hop during position drills at a softball practice over spring break. Bryan and Lafferty are part of a large and experienced group of players returning for the RVHS softball team this spring.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

New coach, same high hopes for RVHS softball in 2015

While the Royal Valley softball team may be seeing some turnover at the top this spring, with Corey Katzer stepping in to take over the head coaching position, little else will be different about the Panthers in 2015.

Gone to graduation are two seniors (Marissa Lafferty and Clare Hanson), but nine players with significant varsity playing time are back from a team that finished one win away from making it to the state tournament last year.

Even without that near-miss a season ago, Katzer said this group would still be driven and with the majority of the players getting a taste of state competition in the fall he believes that will only fan the flames of the Panthers' postseason aspirations on the softball diamond.

"Luckily for us, most of the kids who qualified for the state volleyball tournament play softball, so I think that only got that hunger going in a little bit greater demand," Katzer said.

Transitioning from the basketball to the softball season, Katzer (who also assisted the softball team last season) is trying to keep that going. While the new coach is going from one new role to another at RVHS, it isn't an unfamiliar position.

Before coming to Royal Valley, Katzer was an assistant basketball coach and the head softball coach at Ottawa High School, so this isn't his first rodeo. The key, he said, is having a coaching staff that can handle the reins in the small, overlapping window between the end of the basketball season and the start of the softball season.

John McManigal (an assistant coach for the Holton High School softball team in the past) and Doug Spencer have helped make it a smooth transition, according to Katzer, as he noted they got the players a head start on adapting to his expectations and coaching habits.

Considering a great number of the RV players work with traveling teams once the fall sports season is over, getting competition-ready was not going to be a challenge. It was that adaptation to a new coaching style that Katzer was worried about.

So far, so good as the coach noted his players have taken to the new practice structure quickly, though that's not surprising to Katzer with the competitive drive he's seen in so many of the Panthers.

"That, I think, is going to be the embodiment of this team that they just want to compete, they want to get better and they want to put themselves in the best position to win," Katzer said.

Royal Valley is certainly in a good position already with six senior starters (Jaycee Worrell, Leslie Schuetz, Caitlin Burns, Kaylee Parker, Kaileigh Gray-Milligan and Hannah Beam) back who have all been contributing to the varsity team since their sophomore season and Katzer said that has also helped the coaching transition go well.

"It makes things definitely run a lot smoother when you have not only a lot of experience, but you have a lot of maturity with those kids coming back," Katzer said.

Two of those seniors will see most of the time in the pitcher's circle for the Panthers, with Gray-Milligan and Hannah Beam being key factors in Katzer's eyes if they can provide some consistent performances in the middle of the diamond.

Gray-Milligan did a season ago on the way to earning All-League honors, along with fellow seniors Burns,

Schuetz and Worrell. Sarah Beam was also named to the Big Seven All-League team as a freshman.

With so many experienced players, Katzer said that may lead to questions about too many hens being in the henhouse, but with the different personalities of this groups he said it works out well for the Panthers.

There are a couple vocal leaders among the seniors to fire up the team, while the rest lead by example to show the young players the ropes and it is a good dynamic that has the Panthers on the right path.

That path, at its most basic, is about improving everyday. While the experienced group of softball players may want it to lead to more, Katzer said he is focused first on growth in his players and believes that will lead those more tangible goals eventually.

One way Katzer believes Royal Valley will get there is through some personnel changes, with the biggest being a switch that will move Worrell to the outfield and bring Sarah Beam in to play second base. After seeing those two excel in those roles during the summer softball season for their respective teams, Katzer believes the switch will pay off for the Panthers this spring.

"In terms of being able to get our best defensive line-up on the field as well as our most potent offensive line-up on the field, that was a switch that just needed to be made," Katzer said.

Worrell's speed, being one of the fastest players on the team, should be a strength in the outfield while Katzer noted Beam's is a bat RV needs in the line-up every game and if it doesn't work out on the defensive end, he said he isn't opposed to switching the two back.

Along with Beam, sophomores Ali Bryan, Massey Lafferty and Maggie Schuetz will return to more expanded roles this season and all the Panthers have looked good on offense and defense early on this season thanks in part to some agreeable practice weather.

Those are the two big keys for any softball team and while Royal Valley is in a position to excel again, Katzer noted overconfidence is one of his biggest concerns if the team gets off

to a hot start, though he believes this team can stay grounded and focused on its short-term goals.

Part of the reason Katzer is worried about a hot start is because he knows the Panthers' schedule is back-loaded with Holton and Jeff West waiting in the latter half of the season and again, likely, come regional tournament time.

There are positives and negatives inherent to that scheduling, but right now Katzer is feeling very positive about this team and what it has a chance to achieve this season having seen similar groups in his time at Ottawa

"This group is as talented, if not more talented, than some of those groups. For me to say that, that is saying a lot," Katzer said. "Honestly, seeing what state-caliber teams look like, this is a state-caliber team. That doesn't guarantee the fact that you're going there and when you have Jeff West and Holton in your league, and the success that those two teams have had the last couple years, it's going to be a challenge."

Royal Valley (14-6 in 2014) will get the season started with a road doubleheader against Wamego on Thursday beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Returning starters/letter winners: Jaycee Worrell, CF/2B, sr.— .468 avg., 14 RBI, 29 runs, 12 SBs, All-League HM in 2014.

Leslie Schuetz, SS, sr.— .379 avg., 12 RBI, 22 runs, nine stolen bases, All-League 1st team in 2014.

Caitlin Burns, OF/C/IF, sr.— .404 avg., 23 RBI, 4 triples, All-League 1st team in 2014.

Kaylee Parker, 1B/3B, sr.— .420 avg., 19 RBI, 3 home runs in 2014.

Kaleigh Gray-Milligan, P, sr.— four wins, 1.75 ERA, All-League HM in 2014.

Hannah Beam, P/OF, sr.— six wins, 4.31 ERA in 2014.

Ali Bryan, OF, so.— .320 avg., in 2014

Sarah Beam, 2B, so.— .510 avg., 14 RBI, All-League HM in 2014.

Massey Lafferty, OF, so.— .344 avg., 10 RBI in 2014.

Maggie Schuetz, C, so.— .280 avg. in 2014

Panther baseball looks for junior class to take charge this season

As young as the Panther baseball team has been the past two seasons, finishing 1-18 overall a year ago, Royal Valley has taken its lumps on the diamond, so to speak, with a roster loaded up with freshmen and sophomores.

Now, though, several of those players are entering their junior season and this just might be the year the youth movement pays off for Royal Valley, as has been indicated from what head coach Scott Ternes has seen early in the spring.

"It was kind of a question mark whether we were going to have these younger guys who contributed and played last year step up and grow from their sophomore to junior year," Ternes said. "It was nice to know that, yep, they've all grown and gotten stronger and they're really developing into varsity players. The outlook looks really good now."

Seven starters return from a season ago, with the Panthers losing a quartet of seniors to graduation. The biggest blow may be losing All-League pick Jon Cox, but all the starters returning are either sophomores or juniors.

Three of those juniors (Noah Hart, Zack Lux and Derrick Barger) have been starting since they were freshmen and with fellow juniors Brooks McClane, Nick Ehrhart and Garrett Schultz back as well, along with sophomore Kyle Stithem, the Panthers will have starting experience at nearly ever position on the field.

"It's not going to be a group that has jitters about playing varsity because they've obviously been there. They understand what the pitching looks like. They know what's going to be expected from them, so I think we're ahead of the game in that sense for sure," Ternes said.

Hart may be the most versatile starter back as he has seen time at second base and third base and will return as the ace of the Royal Valley pitching staff. Ternes said he has been getting stronger and is throwing harder with better control of his off-speed and breaking ball pitches to boot.

McClane could be a key competent at the plate, too, both offensively and defensively. Before an injury cut into his 2014 season, McClane was hitting .391 for the Panthers as the team's starting catcher.

With the number of varsity players returning, Ternes can once again bring along some younger players at a good pace and a couple he said could make an impact this year are sophomore Hayden Fenske, who is a leading candidate for the second base job depending who is on the mound.

Junior Dalton Holmes, a transfer from Topeka Seaman, is one of a number of players who could see some time on the mound for Royal Valley. While there is no clear cut number two behind Hart, as some players have not had a chance to develop as pitchers at the JV level, Ternes said the group looking to fill that void has been doing just what the coaching staff has asked of them so far this season.

Leadership will also be sort of a group concept for the Panthers this year, as there are no seniors on the team this season. The juniors have seemingly accepted those roles, though, and having seven members of the junior class receive votes for team captain is something Ternes said was a good sign of the young players

falling in line with those veterans.

"They know that they're the seniors and they kind of get two chances at it now, so they have to start now and they've done a real good job of adjusting and figuring out how to lead these guys," Ternes said.

Regional and state trophies are goals the Panthers will be striving for down the line, but Ternes said the focus for his team right now is on little, attainable goals like maintaining a certain on-base percentage or scoring average, taking little steps in order to make bigger strides in the future.

Besides, Ternes knows his team will be challenged enough in the Big Seven League with teams like Perry-Lecompton, Jeff West and Nemaha Central looming on the schedule. Royal Valley will get into its league schedule rather quickly, too, but Ternes said that competition will be good for his team, especially knowing the Panthers could likely go up against the Kaws and Tigers in regional competition down the road.

Approaching the 2015 season, nothing much will change for the Panthers both in personnel or strategy. As far as preparation, Ternes said he is concentrating on building a strong fundamental base with his players day to day and making improvements along the way while over the course of competition he wants his players to focus on what they can control.

Smart base-running and limiting mistakes are two key factors Ternes pointed to for his team in that regard, because if Royal Valley can keep itself in games, he believes the team will have a lot of opportunities for success.

"I think if we'll be able to keep it

within three or four runs, I think we have an opportunity to win every game that we play this year," Ternes said. "Last year, we had quite a few one, two, three-run games that we just couldn't quite muster the fight to get those wins. I think that this year we'll be able to figure out how to produce those runs."

Ternes and his players are ready to get out on the field and compete and some of the results of the other Royal Valley sports teams recently are something that he sees amping up his team even more for the 2015 baseball season.

"This is something they've wanted and just has been out of their grasp for the last couple years. I think that they're hungry," Ternes said. "They had some success on the football field from the last year. They had much more success on the basketball court than in previous years. I think that just carries over and the girls had some success with volleyball, so they kind of got a little taste of what the true postseason is, so I think we can definitely be set up to have a lot of success this year."

Royal Valley will start its quest for success on the baseball diamond with a home doubleheader against Clay Center today and will continue it on the road Thursday against Wamego. Games will start at 4:30 p.m. on both days.

Returning starters/letter winners:

Derrick Barger, SS/P, jr.

Noah Hart, P/2B/3B, jr.

Zack Luz, OF/P, jr.

Brooks McClane, C, jr.

Nick Ehrhart, 1B, jr.

Garrett Schultz, OF/P, jr.

Kyle Stithem, OF, so.

2015 ROYAL VALLEY HS BASEBALL

2015 Royal Valley High School baseball schedule			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Mar. 23	Clay Center (V)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 24	Clay Center (JV)	Clay Center	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	Wamego (V)	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	Valley Falls (JV)	Valley Falls	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 2	Valley Falls (V)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 6	Santa Fe Trail (JV)	Overbrook	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 7	Santa Fe Trail (V)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	ACCHS (V)	Effingham	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 10	ACCHS (JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	Perry-Lecom. (V)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	Perry-Lecom. (JV)	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	Holton (V)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	Holton (JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 25	JV Tournament	Wamego	TBA
Apr. 27	Nemaha Central (V)	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 28	Nemaha Central (JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 30	JV Tournament	Wamego	TBA
May 4	Riverside (V)	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
May 5	Riverside (JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Jeff West (V)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
May 8	Jeff West (JV)	Ozawkie	4:30 p.m.
May 19-22	4A Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA
May 28-29	4A State Tourn.	Topeka	TBA

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Panther Elizabeth Kirby (shown above) works on her batting technique at a recent softball practice. Royal Valley is getting set to start the season this Thursday with a road doubleheader against Wamego at 4:30 p.m.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

2015 ROYAL VALLEY HS SOFTBALL

2015 Royal Valley High School softball schedule			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Mar. 26	Wamego	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 30	Valley Falls (JV)	Valley Falls	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 2	Valley Falls (V)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 7	Santa Fe Trail	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	ACCHS (V)	Effingham	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 10	ACCHS (JV)	Effingham	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	Perry-Lecompton	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	Holton	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 23	Hiawatha	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 25	Rock Creek Tri (JV)	St. George	9 a.m.
Apr. 27	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
May 4	Riverside	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Jeff West	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
May 19-22	4A Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA
May 28-29	4A State Tourn.	Topeka	TBA

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Wildcat Hayden May (shown above) tees off during a practice round at the Holton Country Club earlier this spring as the HHS golfers compete in a wide-open race to fill some key spots on the varsity roster.
Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Holton golfers striving for consistency early on this spring

It may not be 11 straight, but with Holton High School's golf team entering the season as three-time defending league champs there's room to draw comparisons to a very successful Kansas basketball program.

Like the Jayhawks, the HHS wildcats seem to reload rather than rebuild, though Holton has a few more empty chambers to fill at the start of this spring. Luckily, coach Don Swisher isn't at a loss for ammo.

"It's wide open. Everybody has the opportunity, it's just going to come down to how quickly some of them can perform and perform well to compete for a varsity position," Swisher said. "Right now, we're inexperienced and hopefully those kids can move forward and make improvements over where they were last year."

While the Wildcats will have to deal with the loss of four-year letter winners Ethan Holaday and Kenton Tegethoff, individual league champion (and 2015 state medalist) and runner-up in 2014, the team does have a trio of varsity golfers returning this year.

Seniors Braden Sides, Garrett Beecher and Parker Sides all bring back some varsity experience with Braden Sides being the most consistent contributor and doing so for the varsity team for the past two seasons, which is something Swisher said could be key for the team.

"Braden's definitely a leader. I met with Braden before the season started and I said he could be like an assistant coach for us out there on the course when we're practicing, having practice, playing qualifying rounds or whatever," Swisher said. "I know that he can do this and be a leader out there and keep everybody focused, encourage them, tell them what they can do to help themselves and really help us out in practices."

Consistency may be the biggest boost from Braden Sides' presence, as he has asserted himself as one of the Wildcats' top four scorers in each of the past two seasons. Last year, he finished fourth behind Holaday and Tegethoff at the Big Seven League tournament and was right on their heels in nearly all of the four other tournaments Holton won last season.

That is something Swisher said the team might lack early as the Wildcats look for five new golfers to fill a void and it may be a while before the team can rely on the routinely low scoring that has paced it in years past.

With several young and inexperienced

golfers, Swisher said one of the focuses to building consistency early on this season is getting some tempo to their swings and not trying to overpower the ball. If the Wildcats can manage that and stay out of trouble, then Swisher said the rest of the work will be up to the golfers' short game.

Holton's golfers aren't there yet, with Swisher noting a lot of bogeys and big numbers still prevalent on his players' scorecards after some early rounds, but he said he sees a concentrated effort in practice from the entire group in an attempt to advance their game.

It's a big group, too, as the Wildcats have 24 golfers out for the team this spring and those numbers could be an advantage, at least according to Swisher. The larger the group pushing for those five open varsity spots, the more competitive the team will be and the coach said that should only help foster some consistent golf and bring the team along this season.

To help rebuild for future seasons as well, the Wildcats could have some freshmen make a splash on this year's squad as Swisher noted there are three coming in who are pretty serious about the sport and could be in that mix competing for a varsity spot.

"Three of them really love the game, they love to play and I really think they're three kids who are going to play 12 months out of the year whenever they have the opportunity," Swisher said. "I think they're ones who are going to progress rapidly through the season. They have the skills."

Swisher said the golfers are aware of the coach's philosophy, too, that grade level matters little in filling out the varsity roster. Performance speaks volumes and some of those freshmen, along with some sophomores and juniors, are pushing a large senior class and fighting for an opportunity.

After coming up short in a regional that featured the top two teams in Class 4A last year, Swisher knows this team could have its work cut out for it this season. The Wildcats are aiming to keep up their tradition, though, and while it may take some time for the team to find its groove, Swisher also believes this is a team with a high ceiling.

"Our goal is to be competitive at every meet and hopefully we're competitive enough at the end of the season that we can compete for a fourth straight Big Seven League championship," Swisher said.

"I think we can be a pretty solid team at the end of the year. I have confidence

in them," Swisher added. "I'm sure that they're going to anxiously await the first tournament we go to and I also am interested to see how we're performing at that time and then I want them to understand we need to build on it, but I think just looking at the season overall I think we're a team that's going to get better as the season goes on."

The Wildcats will kick off varsity competition at the Hiawatha Invitational on Friday, April 10.

Returning starters/letter winners:
Braden Sides, sr., third at league (2014)

Garrett Beecher, sr.
Parker Sides, sr.

All-State, All-Class teams announced

Four Jackson County HS players make the cut

All-State and All-Class basketball teams were selected recently by the Topeka paper, with several high school players from Jackson County receiving recognition.

Earning top honors was Jackson Heights junior Zane Richter, who was named to the All-Class first team in 2A after capping off an impressive 2014-2015 season.

No other player in the county made the top three squads, but Holton's Garrett Beecher and Trey Tanking both earned honorable mention for the 4A boys All-Class squad, while Panther Kate Hanson earned the same honors on the girls' side.

Several other area players earned accolades as well, with several TVL players joining Richter in being named to the All-Class first team in 1A, including Hanover's Will Bruna for the boys and Valley Heights' Sidney Blackburn for the girls.

Other All-Class team members from the TVL on the boys sides included Doniphan West's Cooper Leach (second team), Valley Heights' Elijah Smith (second team) and Bruna's teammate from Hanover, Austin Diederich (third team).

Joining Blackburn on the girls 1A All-Class team was Centralia's Liz Hasenkamp (second team), while Wetmore's Dakota McQueen earned honorable mention status as a sophomore.

Several Big Seven players earned recognition on the All-Class 3A squads, with Sabetha's Kegan Schumann being named to the second team, while Lady Blue Jay Alexis McAfee also made the second team for the girls. Hiawatha's Emily Gartner was right behind McAfee, being named to the All-Class 3A third team.

In Class 2A, Washington County's Konner Penning (second team) and Onaga's Jared Groneweller (third team) joined Richter in picking up All-Class honors, while Valley Falls' Ali Brown (second team) was the only other Northeast Kansas League

player to be recognized. Washington County's Erin Alexander (third team) was also recognized on the girls All-Class 2A roster.

Full All-Class teams for the 2A boys are listed below.

All-Class 2A First team
Layne Bieberle, Central Plains, sr.
Bo Krueger, Olpe, sr.
Isaiah Loudermilk, West Elk, jr.
Zane Richter, Jackson Heights, jr.
Dean Wade, St. John-Hudson, sr.

Second team

Cole Kinnamon, St. John-Hudson, so.

Tristin Lewis-Dierking, Meade, jr.
Konner Penning, Washington County, jr.

Michael Ryan, Central Plains, jr.
Tate Skinner, South Gray, sr.
Third team

Brendon Brenner, Ellis, jr.
Lucas Comfort, Sacred Heart, jr.
Jared Groneweller, Onaga, sr.
Joe Redeker, Olpe, sr.
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Jackson Heights' junior Zane Richter had a good first week of the offseason as he was recently recognized for a stellar 2014-2015 campaign by being named to the Topeka paper's All-Class 2A boys basketball first team. Richter helped the Cobras reach the state tournament for the first time since 2007 and did so in a bounty of ways, with his key contribution being a team-high 27.2 points per game. In addition, Richter led the team in rebounds with 7.8 per game and also tallied three steals per game to earn his first honors of the postseason.



Royal Valley junior Kate Hanson was also rewarded for her body of work this season, earning honorable mention recognition on the All-Class 4A girls basketball team. This came a week after Hanson was named to the Big Seven All-League first team, which was no surprise after the forward posted averages of 10.5 points per game and a team-high 7.2 rebounds per game this past season.



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Spring Election Candidates

Keating, Geist seek mayor's seat

Paula Keating

Soldier City Council member Paula Keating is seeking the mayor's seat in the April 7 spring election. Luke Geist is also seeking this seat.

Keating, 45, has lived in Soldier for eight years and has served on the Soldier City Council for the past four years.



"I would like to be considered for the mayor's position because I know I can provide positive input and direction for our city," Keating said. "An effective mayor understands the community and encourages residents to get involved. I would hope to use some of their ideas as we look towards our town's future. I know I can bring a different perspective to our city. Everyone in our community should have a voice."

Keating and her husband, David, have two children, Matthew, 14; and Dakota, 20. She graduated from Liberal High School. She studied small engine repair at Liberal and became a certified master gardener in 2007 through Kansas State University.

She currently works as a caregiver for her husband who became disabled in 2010. They farmed 5,000

acres for 15 years in Liberal until moving to Soldier.

"I have engaged with some of our residents to better understand their aspirations and expectations," she said. "I try to stay informed of the issues affecting our community and will work diligently to advocate for you and our community."

In light of the recent budget cuts by the state, Keating said that council members need to examine the city's budget.

"I think it is the council's obligation to look at every expense to determine which are priorities and which are not," she said. "I know budget cuts are never fun, but I think everybody needs to concentrate on what is best for our community and what is the best way to achieve that goal. Everyone should have a voice in our community, and all should be welcomed at city meetings."

Keating is currently the secretary/treasurer for the Jackson Heights Endowment Board and has served as the president of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 44 of Holton.

She has served as a volunteer for the Wide Awake 4-H Club in Seward County. She is a past president of Seward County K-State Research and Extension and the Seward County Farm Bureau.

"Soldier is a great community to raise a family, and I would love to see our town thrive," she said.

Luke Geist

Luke Geist is running for mayor of Soldier in the spring election. He will face Paula Keating for the seat.



Geist, 28, is currently employed by the U.S. Postal Service. He previously worked for the United States Marine Corps for four years and Community Hospital Onaga.

"I would like to improve the city I live in and make it more appealing to those looking for a place to call home," Geist said.

Geist graduated from Trinity High School. He and his wife, Laura, have three children.

"I would like to clean up the town and make it a better place to live for both current and future residents," he said. "I am motivated and full of energy and ideas for the future. I enjoy working with and being around all types of people."

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Five seats to be filled on Soldier Council

Soldier City Council

Six people are seeking election to five open positions on the Soldier City Council in the spring election. Candidates include Jackie Tannahill, Nina Reed, Brenda Holliday-Stanton, Dakota Keating, Ida Nadeau and Penny Ludlow.

Brenda Holliday-Stanton

Brenda Holliday-Stanton, 47, Soldier, is completing her first two-year term on the Soldier City Council and is seeking re-election.



"I have enjoyed the past two years as a council member and would like the opportunity to serve another term," Holliday-Stanton said.

She grew up in the Soldier and Havensville area then lived in Topeka for 10 years before moving back to Soldier in 2012.

Holliday-Stanton graduated from Jackson Heights High School in 1985 and Highland Community College with an associate's degree in applied sciences.

She has worked for St. Francis General Vascular and Bariatric Surgery at Tallgrass for almost 12 years. She worked at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas for 16 years.

"While there is always room for improvement in any given situation, I would most like to see our residents continue to work together to make Soldier a place where we all can be proud to live," she said. "I am honest, fair and always willing to listen. I am not afraid of asking the hard questions, even when I may not like the answers, and taking action."

She and her husband, Sherman Stanton, have three children, Cassie, 16; Bethany, 12; and Deasha, 16. Their family attends Soldier Christian Church and Buck's Grove Methodist Church.

She is a volunteer for the Soldier Fire Department, where she is also a volunteer EMT. She serves as the secretary/treasurer for the Soldier Ball Club.

Ida Nadeau

Current city clerk and treasurer Ida Nadeau is running for a seat on the Soldier City Council. Nadeau served as mayor of the city for several years.

Nadeau, 69, has lived in Soldier for more than 50 years. She and her husband, Leo, have three adult children.

"After serving in both elected and appointed positions in city government, I am anxious to return to the position where the decisions are made," Nadeau said.

Nadeau was the student services coordinator for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation from 2002 to 2011. She served as the education and job training director for United Tribes of Kansas and Southeast Nebraska Inc. from 1976 to 2002. She was the community services coordinator for NEK-CAP from 1969 to 1973.

She graduated from Atchison County Community High School in Effingham in 1963.

In 1991, Nadeau was the first woman elected to the city council. In December 1994, she was sworn in as mayor to replace Mayor Raymond Tannahill, who moved out of town. She was elected mayor in April 1995 and served in that role for five terms, choosing not to run in 2005.

She was appointed city treasurer in April 2009 and had city clerk duties added to her position in December 2010.

"I would like to see the roads and drainage ditches improved," she said. "Over the years, our roads have become narrower, and the ditches are nearly non-existent. Both our sewer and waste systems have been upgraded in the past 11 years so now we need to concentrate on other areas, such as roads, street signs, etc..."

Nadeau served as the treasurer of the now disbanded Jackson County Development Corporation, as well as the Soldier Group Ministry. She is a member of the Holton First United Methodist Church and the Soldier Ladies Coffee Club.

"Serving as both an elected and appointed official has given me a vast amount of knowledge of city government," she said. "I am probably one of the few residents familiar with city ordinances, statutes governing third class cities, preparing budgets and Kansas cash law."

Nina Reed

Nina Reed, 70, Soldier, has served as a member of the Soldier City Council for many years and is seeking re-election during the April 7 election.



Reed has lived in Jackson County since 1969. She and her husband, Jerry, have been married for more than 50 years. They have three children, Annette and Jerry Wheeler, David and Jenny Reed and Amy and Frank Cornelison.

"I am currently a council member and would like an opportunity to continue serving the residents of Soldier in the budget and operational business of city government," Reed said. "As a concerned resident, I have an invested interest in the health, safety and appearance of the city and would like to encourage past residents and current residents

to support the opportunity to live and retire in a small community.

"If elected, I would like to contribute my past experience as a city clerk and council member and my leadership skills to look at the present needs of the community and to look at the prospect of attracting future residents or business. I would like the opportunity to work with the city council in providing ethical and efficient decisions in not only the financial operation of the city but the making and compliance of ordinances that will assure a quality of living to promote a sense of pride and self worth."

Reed graduated from Great Bend Senior High School and attended Fort Hays College. She graduated from Manhattan Christian College with a bachelor of arts degree. She has had additional classes in early childhood education and leadership.

She is currently retired but previously worked for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Child Care Center (1995-2000), NEK-CAP Head Start (1985-1995), the Jackson County Health Department as a receptionist and a visitor for the Healthy Start Home Visitor Service. She also managed a Red Roof Inn.

Reed served as a council member from June 1995 to February 1998 and from 2014 to present. She was the city clerk from November 1985 to June 1988.

She attends Soldier Senior Citizens meetings and is a member of the Soldier Christian Church. She has served as the chairperson for the ladies group.

In the past, she was involved with Holton Business Women and Kansas Child Care Training Opportunity Board. She served as president of the Region VII Head Start Organization and has served on committees at the local, state and national levels in the areas of children, youth and families programs and compliance issues. She has also served on the NEK-CAP Multi-County Board and the NEK-CAP Head Start Health Advisory Board.

"I enjoy spending time with my husband, family and friends," she said. "Being married for more than 50 years, I have had the opportunity to learn a lot about raising a family, finding that perfect recipe and crafts to make. I live each day as a new experience and appreciate the blessings of life and how to share with others."

Jackie Tannahill, Dakota Keating and Penny Ludlow did not complete an election questionnaire in order to be featured in *The Holton Recorder*.

Three running for Hoyt Council

Hoyt City Council

Nathan McAlister, Farrell Holthaus and Leonard Allen are running for three open positions on the Hoyt City Council in the April 7 election.

Nathan McAlister

Royal Valley Middle School history teacher Nathan McAlister was first appointed to the city council in late 2013.



"I want to serve the community of Hoyt," McAlister said. "I will continue to work to make the city a clean, safe and inviting community for all."

McAlister, 43, graduated from Seaman High School in 1990 and has a bachelor's degree in education from Kansas State University. He received a master's of arts in teaching from Emporia State University.

He has worked for Royal Valley since 2004, teaching seventh-grade Kansas history and eighth-grade U.S. history. He taught at Highland Park High School from 1997 to 2004.

"I am no more or less qualified for this position than any other citizen," he said. "Willingness to serve is a hallmark of this great nation."

He has lived in Jackson County for 13 years. He and his wife, Kim, have two children, and they are members of Hoyt United Methodist Church. He serves on the Royal Valley Middle School Site Council and is a member of the Kansas National Education Association.

He is currently serving on the board of directors for the National Council for History Education and the executive board for the Kansas Council for History Education. He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Santa Fe Trail Association.

He is a Master Teacher Fellow for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Farrell Holthaus

Farrell Holthaus, 58, previously served as the mayor of Hoyt and is seeking election to the board as a council member.



Holthaus worked for the U.S. Postal Service from February 1982 to September 2014, retiring as postmaster of Hoyt. He currently works for Holton Lumber.

"While still postmaster, I was asked or urged by many citizens to run for city council," Holthaus said. "I feel that anytime any-

one has a sense of civic pride and community awareness, you should strive to make your surroundings as best as possible."

He is a graduate of Royal Valley High School and spent four years in the military.

"I feel the current council and mayor do a somewhat thankless job in a good manner," he said. "I would like to accomplish the two main things that anyone holding public office should seek - get the best value for every tax dollar spent and keep the tax rate or mill levy as low as possible while still providing necessary services."

As a 30-year resident and longtime postmaster at Hoyt, Holthaus said he has strong ties to the community.

"Serving on the council would be a way of giving back to the people that, for many years, have been my friends, classmates, co-workers and fellow citizens," he said.

He is a member of St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus and is a past president of the Hoyt (now Royal Valley) Recreation Association. He volunteers at Royal Valley High School track meets and football games.

He has three adult children and two grandchildren.

Leonard Allen did not complete an election questionnaire in order to be featured in *The Holton Recorder*.

Sweany running unopposed for mayor

Bruce Sweany

Bruce Sweany, 65, is running for mayor of Denison in the April 7 spring election.



Sweany has been serving as the town's mayor since the end of July when former Mayor Audrey Oliverius resigned. He was previously serving as the president of the city council.

"I've lived in Denison for 57 years," Sweany said. "It's a good place to live and that's where we raised our children. Having lived there almost my entire life, I feel it's time for me to give something back to the town that's provided my family and me such a happy place to live."

He graduated from Denison Rural High School in 1967 and attended Washburn University for one year.

He currently works at the parts counter at Laird Noller Ford in Topeka. He's worked there since 2000. He previously worked at Dick Edwards Ford in Manhattan, Midway Ford Truck Center in Topeka, Laird Noller Ford in Lawrence, Rusty Eck Ford in Leavenworth, Laird Noller Ford Truck Center in Topeka and Topeka VW Mazda in Topeka.

"It's hard to find people willing to donate their time and effort to govern the city," he said. "I understand this because of my own reluctance to do so. My dad was both mayor and a member of the city council for more than 20 years while I was growing up. I was aware of the problems and issues that he dealt with, which may have caused my own reluctance to serve."

Sweany said that a town's mayor can accomplish nothing without the help of the city council and members

of the community.

"The mayor needs to listen to both the council and the residents and then make suggestions as to how to best proceed with any issues or problems that come along," he said.

He said there has been an awakening of civic interest and pride in Denison recently.

"I hope we can continue and expand," he said. "Our streets need maintaining, but finding funds for that, as well as other projects, is becoming increasingly difficult. When talking about what we want and need to accomplish, we need to remember that without our city clerk, treasurer and maintenance person, that nothing will get done - or at least done correctly. We need trained and experienced people."

Sweany is a member of St. Paul's

Lutheran Church in Valley Falls and has served several terms on the church council. He also served on the Denison Ball Association. He and his wife, Linda, have three adult children, Roger, Heather and April, and three granddaughters.

"I've lived in Denison most of my life, and I care about the city and its people," he said. "In my job as a parts person, I've learned you have to listen and pay attention to people to learn what customers need. You have to try to understand that when someone is frustrated or angry, to not take it personally but to find out why they are and try to address the problems that are causing those feelings. I have been on the city council for several years so I am aware of the processes and problems involved with governing the city."

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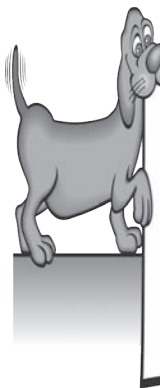
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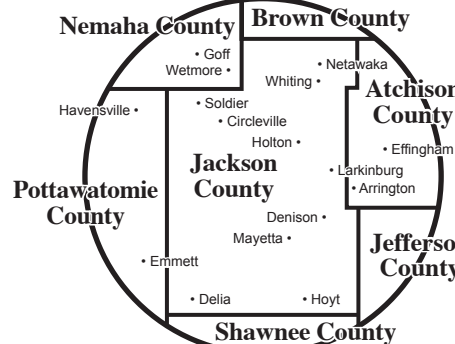
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Employment

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HELP WANTED: Concrete construction. 785-364-7231 or 785-364-4212, Chuck Eisenbarth.

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Bern, KS 66408



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Lortscher Animal Nutrition Inc. is seeking a skilled and qualified Project Engineer to join our growing company. The Project Engineer will assist and oversee the design and implementation of capital projects required for production. Prepare work plans, assuring quality control, managing and tracking costs and materials, scheduling equipment, administering safety programs. Assist in preventative maintenance and equipment reliability programs, with input from operators, mechanics and maintenance technicians.

Qualifications:

- BS Degree in Mechanical Engineering or Construction-related field of Engineering or equivalent and a minimum of 3-5 years' experience in project or field engineering preferred.
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- This position works in a lab environment and maintains the quality control reporting at our feed mill facility in Bern, KS.
- Inspect and test inbound and outbound ingredients/product.
- Microsoft Excel, Word and Outlook experience is preferred.
- Attention to detail is essential.
- Prior experience in a Quality Control Lab in a Food/Feed Industry or a BS Degree in Biology, Chemistry, Food or Animal Science is a plus but not required. We can train the right person.

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This position is responsible for ground assistance in repair and construction of electric distribution system, assists with aerial work, shop and equipment maintenance. High school diploma/GED required, completion of line school and at least 2 years experience preferred. Applications accepted until position is filled. Applications available at www.holtonkansas.org and at City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania, Holton, KS 66436. For questions contact Scott Fredrickson at 785-364-3425.

The addition of a resume and cover letter is encouraged, but not required.
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We're Adding Staff!

First Trust Company of Onaga offers self-directed custodial accounts to individuals. To accommodate growth in our customer base, First Trust Company of Onaga is adding to staff.

Applicants should be self-motivated and able to multi-task. Phone skills, computer and data entry experience preferred. If you are a detail-oriented and reliable individual, there could be an opportunity for you in our growing company. No previous experience required, but willingness to learn a must.

We will consider both part-time and full-time applicants.

Send resume or request for application to:

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GRADER POSITION

Jackson County Road and Bridge is accepting applications through April 3, 2015 for a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT/GRADER OPERATOR position, for the Hoyt & Mayetta area of Jackson County. Applicant must have 1 to 3 years experience in heavy equipment operations and manual labor. Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED and a valid Class A Commercial driver's license or willing to get one. Applications may be picked up at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, Room 201, Jackson County Courthouse. Drug and alcohol testing is required. Jackson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

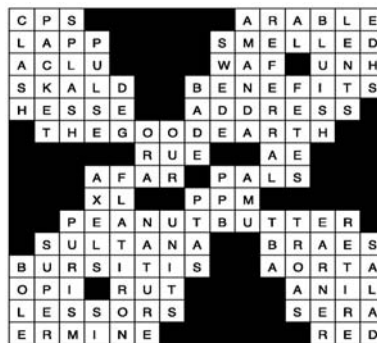
HELP WANTED!

Grimm's Gardens is looking for full and part-time seasonal help. Positions available: Sales Clerk, Office Assistant, Landscape Crew, and Evening Load Help (Load and prepare trucks for next day).
Send Resume to
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HELP WANTED:

We are looking for a **CAREGIVER** from 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. for a retired teacher. Please call Barb at 785-221-4287 and leave a message.

Crossword Answers



Sheriff Website...

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Members of the public can sign up for the Jackson County Community Watch Program through a tab on the website, receiving alerts regarding criminal activity and severe weather, Morse said.

"We have to be proactive and vigilant," he said. "We have to work together as a community. I tell people to call and call early. If you see something and think about calling, that's when you should report it."

The site was designed and is managed by Huber & Associates of Jefferson, Mo., which is the company that manages the office's computer-aided dispatch system, records management system and jail management system, Morse said.

Zellers...

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Zellers' third cousin, Greg Lawson, Zellers remarked to his mother that she had given him "a nice cigarette case" — and when shown a picture of the case, Viola remembered it.

Zellers was looking forward to going to England to fight in World War II when the plane crash occurred, and Viola recalled that she was heartbroken to learn of his death. She remembered the day not long after that on the day of Zellers' funeral, all of Holton came out to bid him one last farewell on his way to Holton Cemetery.

After high school, Viola married Dean Hamm, a 1939 graduate of HHS, and they moved to Topeka shortly after the end of the war. Together they had five children, including Paul, their third child.

"She sold real estate for a few years, and then she sold Tupperware here in Topeka for about 15 to 20 years," Paul said of his mother. "She used to go to all the class reunions, whenever they had them."

"We just wanted to create something people could use and a place to put out all the information," he said. "Hopefully this will help us catch more bad guys. We can't solve crimes without the public's help. We have to be one team."

Morse said the website is connected to the dispatch and jail system, so that whenever someone is booked into the jail or a warrant is issued, the website is updated automatically.

Morse said the cost of the website is included in the current management fees his office pays to the company and that fees collected by registered offenders are expected to cover the expense to run the site.

Viola and Dean would later divorce, and she would later marry William Row, a painter in Topeka. She continued to remain active in her church and at home until about three years ago, when she suffered her stroke.

"It frustrates her, because she can't get outside and do stuff," Paul said. "But she's not bad for 87."

Her stroke may have blunted her ability to speak — Paul said that to her, not being able to recover that ability was the most frustrating aspect of rebounding from the stroke — but it hasn't dulled her memory, nor has it diminished her sense of humor.

"It's got to be good to put up with me!" Paul joked.

He added that whether the bracelet will end up with his mother or with Lawson was still up in the air. Either way, he said, he and his mother are both glad it has been found.

"I just think it's amazing," Paul said.

Wahwassuck seeking RV Board of Education seat

Raphael Wahwassuck

Raphael Wahwassuck, 37, of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is running for the position one seat on the Royal Valley Board of Education in the April 7 election. Incumbent Jim O'Toole is also seeking this position.

"I am running for the children of our community," Wahwassuck said. "Our family currently has children enrolled in every building in the district. We are very rooted in the community, and I would love the opportunity to utilize my education and work experience to contribute to the work of the board on behalf of the children."

He attended Royal Valley High School from 1991 to 1995 and received an associate's degree from Highland Community College. He also earned a bachelor of science degree from Friends University.

Wahwassuck worked for the Sac and Fox Gaming Commission from July 2014 to March 2015. He recently accepted a position as the Native Connections project director for the Kickapoo Tribe.

He worked at the PBPN Boys and Girls Club, and while employed there, he said he helped organize and implement programs geared towards the overall health and wellbeing of children, as well as



prevention activities.

"I helped to facilitate a coalition of concerned parents and community members to help give our children a voice and platform to announce their concerns during a time when our community was faced with very turbulent situations and media attention," he said.

This is his first time running for the school board.

"I would like to help identify solutions to our current issues with funding," he said. "I think this is a primary issue, to look for effective ways to secure funding for our district without increasing the burden on the families here."

Wahwassuck said that he has a diverse employment background and has worked with many legislative groups, both locally and nationally.

"I believe this experience will greatly benefit our school district," he said.

In regards to recent budget cuts, he said that, as a school board, the best thing is to keep an open dialogue with local and state officials.

"If we can accomplish this, then we can, in turn, do our part to help keep the voters informed on the proposed legislative changes," he said.

He has lived in Jackson County for 24 years. He and his wife, Adele, have four children.

Incumbent Jim O'Toole did not complete an election questionnaire in order to be featured in *The Holton Recorder*.

Employment

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PART-TIME NIGHT NURSE

Eastridge Nursing Facility at Centralia has an immediate position for a Part-Time Night Nurse. Will be working one 12-hour shift, 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. per week and every third weekend. Looking for someone who enjoys working with elders and is very task-oriented. Competitive wages and benefits.

Call Eastridge at 785-857-3388 for more details or apply online at www.chcsks.org

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FULL-TIME EVENING CNA

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Denison State Bank Breakfast

More than 260 people were served free breakfast last Wednesday during Denison State Bank's "National Agriculture Day" promotion as shown in the photo above. The event was held at Penny's in downtown Holton and featured Matt Werkowitch of Chris Cakes flipping and tossing pancakes to those in attendance. In the photo at right, Pat Doyle (right), bookkeeping supervisor for DSB, served orange juice to Noel Montgomery (left).

Photos by Ali Holcomb

Public Notice

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CROSS CREEK WATERSHED JOINT DISTRICT NO. 42

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Cross Creek Watershed Joint District No. 42 will be held April 8, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. in the office of Dennis G. Hall, 104 W. Pottawatomie St., Rossville, KS. At said meeting an election of Directors for the three (3) at large positions will be held. Qualified voters are those who are present and are either (1.) registered voters residing within the entire Watershed District or (2.) over 18 years of age who own land within the entire Watershed District.

Reports will be given on the financial condition and activities of the District including consideration of the District's general plan and five (5) year plan of construction. A Board of Directors meeting will immediately follow adjournment of the annual meeting.

Joseph Conley, President
Cross Creek Watershed
Joint District No. 42
P.O. Box 454
Rossville, Kansas 66533

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Thank you for reading The Holton Recorder!

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Matousek running for Holton B.O.E.

Carl Matousek

Holton resident Carl Matousek, 61, is seeking the position seven (at-large) seat on the Holton USD 336 Board of Education in the April 7 election.

Matousek is currently the construction manager and facilities director for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He has been employed there since September 2006. He's also owned and operated Rocking M Ag, Inc. since 2011.

He previously worked for Rocking M Ranch from May 1972 to 2011 and his own construction company from November 1986 to December 2001.

He is a graduate of Hillcrest High School in Cuba, Kan. He received a bachelor of science degree in agronomy, science curriculum at Kansas State University.

This is his first time seeking public office.

"I have been asked by many people to run for the school board," he said. "I am a person who is interested in the truth and reality of the situation we are



facing and are going to face. I have a lot of interest in the value and breadth of a youth's education so I support and care a lot about the arts and the sciences. I have lived in the Holton area since my daughter began kindergarten here. With her graduation this year, I want to give back to the community."

He said the district needs to continue to focus on educating its students despite budget shortfalls.

"With the current budget and state environment, I think the primary issues are to offer a quality education, a reasonable work environment and a proud community venue under severe economic limitations," he said.

As a lifelong resident of Kansas, Matousek said that his experience on the farm and working with the

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation will help him if elected.

"I have a farm in north central Kansas and in this region so I understand about the demands and costs of farming and ranching," he said. "In my work as the construction manager for the PBPN, I am well prepared to address the new school construction with experience, understanding and budget oversight. As the facility director simultaneously for the PBPN, I've helped build a strong department by making annual budgets, dealing with personnel issues and planning multi-million dollar budgets."

He has lived in Jackson County for 12 years. He has a daughter, Kelcie, who is a senior at Holton High School. His wife, Eileen, is deceased.

LOST DOG



Lost 4-year-old German Shepherd named Riley. Last seen 3 miles west of Soldier, KS on March 8, 2015.

Call 785-364-6680

CDL DRIVERS

The Tire Cutters, Inc. at Centralia, KS is looking for CDL drivers to run routes daily picking up waste tires from various locations. Must be 25 years of age and have a clean, valid CDL. Requires some lifting of waste tires. Call Donnie at 785-364-0210 or Brenda at 785-336-3469.

The Tire Cutters, Inc.

Centralia, KS

WANTED: FULL-TIME COOK

Eastridge Nursing Facility in Centralia has an immediate position for a FT Cook. This position requires a person who likes to cook or is willing to learn to cook and enjoys working around people. The facility will provide training to an appropriate and motivated individual. The position is three evening shifts and two day shifts a week and every other weekend and some holidays. Competitive wages and benefits.

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