



RV says 'no' to random drug testing policy

By Ali Holcomb
 Royal Valley USD 337 will not be moving forward with the development of a random student drug testing policy at this time. After a 45-minute discussion on the topic Monday evening, Royal Valley Board of Education members voted 5-2 against having administrators begin drafting a policy that would allow the district to conduct random drug testing on students. Board members Jeff Stithem and Ann Kelly voted in favor of a drug-testing plan, while members Pat Tuck, Cindy Broxterman, Boone Smith, Jim O'Toole and Linda Hege-mann voted against it. Board members were in agreement, however, that there is a problem with drug and alcohol use in the district and that there is a gap between students and parents reporting those issues to staff and administrators. Since September, at least one board member has been present at 12 different meetings with district groups (site councils, booster club/after prom committee, pathway advisory committees, parent resource organization, recreation association and parent teacher organization) and Prairie Band Potawatomi members to discuss drug use in the district and ways to address the issue. "For me, the discussions I took part in revealed that the majority of

people definitely think there is an issue in our district," Stithem said. "I think we have an opportunity to help our student body. I think we can deter kids from making a bad decision. We have an opportunity to do that. One bad decision can affect the rest of their high school and college career." Stithem, who presented the idea of developing a random drug testing policy during the summer, admitted that it would take "a lot of work" to create such a policy. Kelly agreed. "If we've identified that there is a problem, then it's our duty to solve that problem," Kelly said. "Hopefully, we can change kids' lives." Broxterman said when the policy was first discussed over the summer, she said she didn't have a problem with it. With talks of additional budgets cuts at the state level, she said she is worried about the price tag of drug testing. Early estimates have shown that the tests could cost the district between \$6,000 to \$10,000 a year. "Our governor would like districts to put money directly into the classroom," Broxterman said. "I think we can do something to help our students without randomly testing them. I think we need to explore other avenues."

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Today is Veterans Day, and this morning started with the raising of a new flag over the Jackson County Courtyard by area veterans. Don Askren (center), representing VFW Riders Post 1367, hoisted the new flag, along with the Kansas flag, while about 20 veterans and others looked on. Other Veterans Day-related activities set for today included a veterans' parade and an honor guard salute.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Positive behavior reinforced at Holton

■ Community pre-kindergarten program also discussed by board of education

By Kelly Breckunitch
 While there are plenty of cosmetic changes happening in USD 336, the Holton school board took time at Monday's meeting to focus on some internal changes currently in effect or to be put in effect in the future, like the establishment of a community pre-kindergarten program in the district. The change already in place is the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program being utilized at Colorado and Central elementary schools and staff members Addie Larson, Heather Hundley and Terry Johnson, as well as principal Beth Smith, were on hand to discuss its impact with board members. After a short video presentation going over the positive behavior program is trying to reinforce and the ways in which staff members are rewarding the students, Larson explained some of techniques being utilized and shared some anecdotes of how she has seen it affect students. Currently, the elementary schools are using a lottery system to help reward good behavior (i.e. being safe, respectful, responsible, etc.), with student's names being put into a drawing for prizes. Even teachers are being recognized monthly for their part as role models of those positive behaviors. The staff is also putting on "big events" to help hammer home the ideas of PBIS and are always looking for fun activities to share with the students while helping them stick to the tenants of PBIS. Students are starting to understand the benefits as well, as Larson referenced an incident in which a pre-kindergarten student was put into the prize drawing and that student was able to recognize that they were being

positively rewarded for being respectful to their teacher. Both elementary principals also said they've seen the program paying off just in a year's time. "This is an impressive program that is really effective for our kids," Colorado principal Joe Kelly said. "I personally have seen the benefits and know this is resonating with our students," Smith added. Smith also noted that in a year's time with the PBIS program, student suspensions at Central have gone down by 50 percent. "These are the type of things that we as a board and as a community need to support," superintendent Dennis Stones added. The staff on hand presenting to the board, which was just a small part of a larger PBIS committee, noted they are always looking for ways to expand the program through the big events, drawings and such and noted that donations from the community help. What the teachers asked for from the board was that the staff be allowed to offer tax exemption on donations made to the PBIS program. After the presentation, the board approved the tax exemption plan by a 7-0 vote. In addition to that program, the board also talked about the potential for community pre-kindergarten to utilize some of the other district buildings after the construction of the new elementary school. While the diamond building from the old Colorado Elementary has been a top priority for special education offices, Stones noted that would only require two of the five classrooms in the building.

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Parade of Lights, Santa visit set for Saturday

It's time to pull out the Christmas lights and decorations as the annual Parade of Lights is set for 6 p.m. Saturday in downtown Holton. Cash prizes of \$50 apiece will be given to the top religious float, business float and club/organization float. Law enforcement, city and county departments, area clubs, service organizations, churches, businesses, school groups and families are all encouraged to participate in the annual light-up parade that features vehicles and floats adorned in Christmas lights. Line-up for the parade starts at 5:15 p.m. along the east side of Holton High School. Participants are encouraged to be creative with their entries and light up vehicles, floats, farm machinery and other methods of transportation with holiday lights. Groups that have already confirmed for the parade include New Hope Family Church, Mayetta Methodist Church, Soldier Christian Church, Christ's Church, First United Methodist Church, Buck's Grove

Church, Evangel United Methodist Church, Developmental Services of Jackson County, the Jackson County Commissioners, the Holton Lions Club and More than Lemons. To sign up your business, group or family for the parade, contact David Powls at *The Recorder* at 785-364-3141 or send an e-mail to holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com. At the conclusion of the parade at 6:30 p.m., a special lighting ceremony will be held to turn on all the Christmas lights that outline the top of the Town Square buildings. Santa will take part in the parade and will be available for photos afterwards at the Jackson County Courthouse that evening. Cookies and cocoa will be served at the Courthouse. In addition, some local businesses will be open late Saturday evening so the public can start their Christmas shopping. Jackson County Arts members are also hosting a special winter exhibit and "suitcase sale" that day from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hutchins Building.

HHS to present 'Anything Goes'

By Brian Sanders
 When you mix the music of Cole Porter and a comic love triangle involving an evangelist-turned-lounge singer, a lovelorn stock broker and Public Enemy No. 13... anything goes. This weekend, Holton High School's drama department will present the Tony Award-winning comedy-musical "Anything Goes," under the direction of HHS vocal music instructor Randall Bond, in the HHS auditorium. Saturday's 7 p.m. performance includes a 5 p.m. dinner theater, and there are two performances on Sunday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. This may not be the first time the HHS stage has hosted "Anything Goes," Bond noted, but for many of the students involved in the production, it may be their first exposure

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State test results outlined at Heights meeting

By Brian Sanders
 This past spring, students at Jackson Heights and all across the state took a new form of standardized test that Jackson Heights Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh said was "more rigorous than past tests," but on Monday, Walsh told the USD 335 Board of Education that so far, the results have shown promise. "I'm very pleased with where we're starting," Walsh told the board. "This is kind of the baseline year." Walsh shared test results from English language arts and mathematics tests taken yearly by students in third through eighth grades and high school sophomores last spring. The new tests reflect the Kansas State Department of Education's goal of getting teachers away from "teaching to the test," she said. The tests also have a new scoring system with four levels of achievement

instead of five, and Walsh said that at the elementary level, students tended to score in the upper levels, which she said was encouraging. Students could score at level 1 ("emerging"), level 2 ("approaching the target"), level 3 ("at the target") or level 4 ("advanced"). "What we want to see is nobody scoring at level 1," Walsh said. In both the English language arts and math assessments, students in third, fourth and sixth grades met that goal, according to test results information presented to board members. However, students at "middle school" levels and sophomores tended to score lower as a class, which Walsh attributed to either those students' "attitudes toward school in general" or the increasing difficulty of the tests. Regarding the math tests, however, teachers administering the tests want to know more than the state is willing to tell them right away. "At the middle school math level,

the teachers would like to know how they did on ratios, as an example, and they want to know whether they should keep teaching that," Walsh said. "The state has no intention of ever breaking it down that far like they used to. If they were going to, we'd have to have kids have a lot more questions in specific areas — that's what I was told. And I sure don't want to see a longer test." Walsh also pointed out a recent comment from President Obama criticizing the amount of time spent on standardized tests, saying that the tests should take up no more than two percent of a student's instructional time in class and that some of the tests are even "unnecessary." She said that, according to KSDE, Jackson Heights students spend about one percent of their time on those tests. "I'm sure our teachers would have different thoughts on that," she added.

In other business on Monday, the board: Board members also: ■ Noted the absence of board member Kelly Kennedy. Board members present included David Allen (board president), Doug Amon, Konrad Coe, Neal Keeler, Ed Rostetter and Melinda Wareham. ■ Approved the meeting's agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board's Oct. 12 meeting, monthly bills and activity account reports and a Cobra Backers donation of \$9,869 for track equipment. ■ Reviewed a video presentation created by the high school's movie production class about the Sept. 17 Honor Flight. Walsh said the video will be shown at the school's Veterans Day ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 24, adding that it may also be placed at the school's Web site in the future.

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Cast members of Holton High School's production of "Anything Goes" are shown here rehearsing one of the show's songs on the HHS stage Monday evening. The musical features several songs by Cole Porter and will be presented Saturday and Sunday in the HHS auditorium.

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The Peterson Farm Brothers of Assaria, shown in the photo above and known for agricultural videos such as "I'm Farming and I Grow It," will present a fund-raising concert for the Jackson County Historical Society at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the EUM Family Life Center in Holton. Submitted photo

Peterson Farm Brothers to perform here

The Peterson Farm Brothers of Assaria will present a musical performance at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Live Center, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

The Peterson Farm Brothers are three brothers from central Kansas who make YouTube videos to promote agriculture. They grew up and still work on a family farm near Assaria, a small farming community about 10 miles south of Salina, with their parents and sister.

All three brothers attend or attended Kansas State University. Greg

graduated in 2013 after majoring in agricultural communications and journalism, Nathan is a senior majoring in agriculture technology management and Kendal is a sophomore majoring in agribusiness.

In June of 2012, they released a parody video on YouTube called "I'm Farming and I Grow It" that quickly went viral, receiving more than 9 million views. Since then, they have released many more videos and are now up to 37 million total views on YouTube. These videos have given the brothers many opportunities around the world to promote

agriculture, but their goal is still to operate the family farm together after college.

This fund-raising event is being sponsored by the Jackson County Historical Society. Attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions of the Peterson brothers and to purchase T-shirts, posters and other memorabilia.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Admittance is collected at the door, cash or check, but reservations are requested in order to have enough seating. Call 364-2316 for reservations.

Land Transfers

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

Transfer on Death Deed: Lynne D. Henke, a single person, transfers on death to Fawna Henke, a tract of land located in the northwest quarter of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Jason Fuller and Amber Fuller, husband and wife, convey and quit claim to John King, a tract of land in the southeast corner of Lot 17 in B. C. McKeage's Addition and a tract located west of the southwest corner of Lot 57 on Highland Avenue, Town of Hoyt, all in Jackson County, Kansas.

Special Warranty Deed: The Secretary of Veterans Affairs does grant, bargain, sell and convey to William D. Segenhagen and Coltrana Segenhagen, all of Lot 30, Idaho Avenue, Park Addition to the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy Quit Claim Deed: Robert Stapel, a single person, conveys and quit claims to Rita D. Chapman and Thomas Chapman, the north 100 acres of the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., less a tract of land in the northeast corner of said southeast quarter and the south 60 acres of the southeast quarter of said section township and range, less a tract of land in the southeast corner, all in Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Grant G. Cain and Ashley D. Cain, husband and wife, and Jeffrey M. Schreiner and Lori L. Schreiner, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Nicholas G. Bales and Stephanie A. Bales, the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and a tract of land located in the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, all in Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

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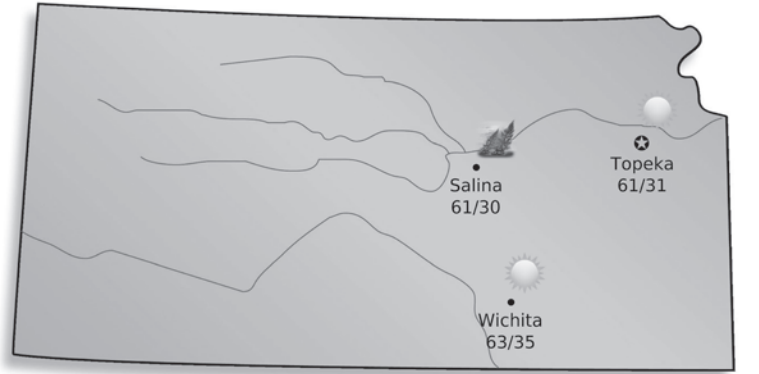
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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 11/12	Fri 11/13	Sat 11/14	Sun 11/15	Mon 11/16
59/31	59/38	67/43	65/45	61/47
Sunny and windy. High 59F. Winds WNW at 20 to 30 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	Showers possible in the afternoon. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 5:10 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 5:09 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 5:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:06 AM Sunset: 5:08 PM	Sunrise: 7:07 AM Sunset: 5:07 PM

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Nemaha County

The following reports were released by the Nemaha County Sheriff's Department in recent days.

Arrests
■ Christopher J. Volle, 21, Sabetha, was arrested Oct. 28 by Sabetha police on a felony charge of vehicle burglary. Volle was released from custody by the court on Nov. 4.

■ Cassandra L. Loyd, 33, Hiawatha, was arrested Oct. 29 by sheriff's officers on charges of theft and criminal threat. Loyd was released Oct. 30 on \$500 cash bond with court set for 10 a.m. on Dec. 1.

■ Frederick J. Boltz was released Nov. 1 on time served.

■ Gerald L. Lake Jr., 67, Barnston, Neb., was arrested Nov. 1 by sheriff's officers on charges of operating a vehicle without liability insurance and illegal registration. Lake was released later that day on \$750 surety bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 1.

■ Courtney M. Summers, 23, Seneca, was arrested Nov. 1 by sheriff's officers on a charge of domestic battery. Summers was released Nov. 2 on \$500 cash bond with court set for 10 a.m. on Dec. 1.

■ Michael J. Baker, 55, Americus, was arrested Nov. 5 by the Kansas Highway Patrol on a Nemaha County failure to appear warrant. Baker was released on \$167 cash bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 8.

■ Carl E. Leafly, 57, Tecumseh, Neb., was arrested Nov. 8 on a Nemaha County warrant on a charge of giving a worthless check. Leafly remains in custody with bond set at \$275.

Accidents
■ At about 4:30 a.m. on Oct. 27, Gary L. Schreiber, 55, Soldier, was driving a 2002 Mercury Sable north

on Q Road when he reportedly struck a deer. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ Courtney R. King, 22, Seneca, was driving a 2014 Nissan Versa south on Kansas Highway 187 at about 7:45 p.m. on Oct. 28 when she slowed down or stopped north of a railroad track and her vehicle was struck from behind by a southbound 2002 Ford Escape driven by Paula R. Boyd, 58, Seneca. Both drivers and an unidentified minor occupant in King's vehicle were taken to area hospitals for treatment. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000, and investigation is ongoing.

■ At about 7:45 a.m. on Oct. 29, Tamela L. Epple, 44, Sabetha, was driving a 2010 Ford Fusion north on W Road when the vehicle struck a deer in the road about half a mile north of 88th Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ Matthew M. Burdick, 17, Sabetha, was driving a 2007 Chrysler Town and Country west on 184th Road about half a mile east of T Road at about 3 p.m. on Nov. 1 when he lost control of the vehicle on gravel. The vehicle overturned, and both Burdick and his passenger, 15-year-old Seth Burdick, were taken to an area hospital by private vehicle for treatment. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ A 2003 Ford Taurus driven by Marilee J. Deters, 72, Baileyville, was westbound on U.S. Highway 36 at about 6:15 p.m. on Nov. 2 when the vehicle struck a deer in the road about 0.3 miles west of F Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ Just before 7 p.m. on Nov. 4, Alene S. Brandt, 26, Centralia, was driving a 2005 Chrysler Pacifica east

on Kansas Highway 9 when the vehicle struck a deer in the road about half a mile east of T4 Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ Homer W. Tyson, 71, Sabetha, was driving a 2009 Ford Focus south on W Road at about 5:15 a.m. on Nov. 6 when the Focus struck a deer in the road about 0.2 miles south of 168th

Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ At about 7:15 a.m. on Nov. 8, Karen G. Workman, 54, DuBois, Neb., was driving a 1995 Ford Escort east on 216th Road when the vehicle struck a deer about 0.2 miles east of P Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

Monday afternoon grain bin mishap temporarily closes part of U.S. 75

A semi truck and trailer hauling an oversized grain bin did not clear the overpass at U.S. Highway 75 and 150th Road Monday afternoon, causing a portion of the road to be temporarily closed, it was reported.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office received the report at 2:51 p.m. that day, and the sheriff's office, Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Transportation responded to the accident.

According to the sheriff's office, the semi was traveling south on the highway, and the driver of the semi was supposed to bypass the bridge by exiting on the ramp leading to the Prairie Band Casino and then exit back onto the highway, but he did not.

The grain bin struck the overpass, bending the beams on the overpass, it was reported. No other vehicles were involved in the incident.

Two other trucks ahead of the semi were hauling the same bins and took the exit as instructed by their permit. Southbound traffic reopened at 5:05 p.m., it was reported.

The name of the driver and the semi company were not available at press time.

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Target	77.20	+0.97	Soybeans	\$8.20	
Hershey	85.78	+0.66	<i>Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.</i>		
Walmart	58.71	+0.22	FUEL PRICES		
Phillips 66	92.11	+0.66	<i>Current Last Mo. Last Year</i>		
US Bancorp	43.36	+0.02	Kansas Average	\$2.12	-\$0.221 -\$0.730
Pfizer	33.79	+0.14	National Average	\$2.22	-\$0.104 -\$0.705
Deere & Co.	76.26	+0.02	Holton Average	\$2.16	
United Parcel	104.38	+0.37	<i>Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015.</i>		
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County's 4-H members' achievements in 2015 celebrated

Jackson County's 4-H members, parents, grandparents and leaders gathered on Sunday, Nov. 1 for the county program's annual awards event. Members and clubs were recognized for their individual and group involvement. Members were given awards on their project work from the recently-finished 4-H year.

Achievement pins were awarded, based on standards, set by the State 4-H Department, and are listed below.

Membership Pins: Connall Stevenson, Delia Early Birds; Rebecca Halbleib, Faith Hefty, Emily Horr and Savannah Wilhelm, Denison Builders; Brodie Breckenridge, Olivia Flowers, Nevaeh Grubb, Cheyenne Hittle, Dakota Hittle, Alexandria Kester and Jayni Street, Hoyt Livewires; Charlotte Cypfers, Jadynn Doyle, Sadey Gross, Christian Kucan, Lexie Larson, Maverick Mellenbruch, Phoenix Mellenbruch, Kinleigh Rhodd, Cash Robinson, Elizabeth Schuster and Emma Summers, Lucky Stars; Blaine Lutz, Caliber Miller and Abigail Robinson, Mayetta Mustangs; Samantha Grafton and Sarah Grafton, Ontario Busy Bees; Lora Larison, Pleasant Valley Rustlers; and Emberlee Allen, Reece Burns, Monte Mitchell, Addy Schumaker and Madison Schumaker, Straight Arrows.

Bronze Pins: Breanna Brees and Shayla Rezac, Delia Early Birds; Joel Bohnenkemper, Luke Halbleib and Dakota Johnson, Denison Builders; Emma Deghand, Natalie Fox and Austin Porubsky, Hoyt Livewires; Logan Altenburg, Brian Dorris and Preston Utz, Lucky Stars; Jordan Cox, McKenzie Handley and Vivian Reynolds, Mayetta Mustangs; Junior Beauchamp, Kyle Bohnenkemper, Trevor Bowser and Timmthy Smith, Ontario Busy Bees; Jennifer Buck, Savannah Cattrell and Joel Kennedy, Soldier Boosters; and Lorna Smith, Straight Arrows.

Clover Pins: Annika Bergsten and Josiah Hefty, Denison Builders; Aidan Colter, Megan Fenske, Connor Hammes, Tyson Parks, Landan Porubsky and Kloe Street, Hoyt Livewires; Shayne Dorris, Macey Gross, Tiah Gross, Tyler Kathrens, Cole Kucan, Asher Larson, Blade Montgomery and Timber Wilson, Lucky Stars; Callie Coleman, Daniel Coleman and Ellie Coleman, Mayetta Mustangs; Jessica Marney, Ontario Busy Bees; Josie Buck and Kaden Cattrell, Soldier Boosters; and Aaralynn Allen, Straight Arrows.

Emerald Pins: Jarred Bohnenkemper, Naomi Halbleib and Bobbi Horr, Denison Builders; Karlie Albright and Jake Kelly, Hoyt Livewires; Ahnna Mellenbruch and Isaac Utz, Lucky Stars; and Amariah Allen, Hayden Doyle and Shelby Fox, Straight Arrows.

Silver Pins: Sarah Halbleib and Noah Hefty, Denison Builders; Taygen Altenburg, Gavin Arnold, Madeline Montgomery and Grace Utz, Lucky Stars; Olivia Heitzman, Ontario Busy Bees; Jill Buck, Soldier Boosters; and Samantha Wilson, Straight Arrows.

Silver Guard: Sidney Bohnenkemper, Eero Halbleib and Shelby Phillips, Denison Builders; Garrett Pruyser, Hoyt Livewires; Gladys Heitzman, Ontario Busy Bees; Jerilyn Nelson, Pleasant Valley Rustlers; MaKenzie Kennedy and Rhett Kennedy, Soldier Boosters and Colby Doyle, Straight Arrows.

Leadership Pins: Krista Halbleib, Denison Builders; Emily Albright, Mary Broxterman and Alyssa Gooderl, Hoyt Livewires; Gwyn Arnold, Bridget Kucan and Sophia Mellenbruch, Lucky Stars; Jessica Buck, Soldier Boosters; and Evan Fox, Straight Arrows.

Gold Pins: Anika Beauchamp, Ontario Busy Bees; and John Kennedy, Soldier Boosters.

Gold Guard: Macy Putnam and Elizabeth Roach, Hoyt Livewires; and Brianna Cattrell, Soldier Boosters.

The following were project award winners:

Achievement, junior: Rhett Kennedy, Jerilyn Nelson, MaKenzie Kennedy, Madeline Montgomery and Mary Broxterman.

Achievement, senior: Joel Nelson, Judd Nelson, Samantha Beauchamp, Elizabeth Roach and Erika Pruyser.

Beef, junior: Colby Doyle, Haden Doyle, Elizabeth Schuster, MaKenzie Kennedy, Rhett Kennedy, Bridget Kucan and Cole Kucan.

Beef, senior: Joel Nelson and Samantha Beauchamp.

Bucket calf: Tyler Kathrens, Asher Larson, Reece Burns, Lexie Larson and Shayla Rezac.

Citizenship: Jessica Marney.

Clothing and textiles, junior: Kloe Street, Mary Broxterman, Madeline Montgomery, Jayni Street, Blade Montgomery, Lexie Larson, Karlie Albright, Lora Larison and Gwyn Arnold.

Dairy cattle, junior: Jill Buck, Josie Buck and Jennifer Buck.

Dairy goat, junior: MaKenzie Kennedy, Rhett Kennedy and Cheyenne Hittle.

Dog care and training, junior: Jerilyn Nelson and Alexandria Kester.

Dog care and training, senior: Joel Nelson.

Energy management, junior: Connor Hammes.

Entomology: Connall Stevenson and Brian Dorris.

Fiber arts, junior: Taygen Altenburg, Karlie Albright, Lexie Larson and Megan Fenske.

Foods and nutrition, junior: Mary Broxterman, Grace Utz, Isaac Utz, Tyler Kathrens, Emma Deghand, Blade Montgomery, Asher Larson, Elizabeth Schuster and Emma Summers.

Geology, junior: Connall Stevenson.

Health and Wellness, junior: Taygen Altenburg.

Horse, junior: Cash Robinson, Lexie Larson (horseless horse) and Ahnna Mellenbruch.

Leadership, junior: Emma Deghand, Emily Albright, Rhett Kennedy and Mary Broxterman.

Leadership, senior: Elizabeth Roach.

Meat goat, junior: Cash Robinson, Jerilyn Nelson, Dakota Hittle and Cheyenne Hittle.

Meat goat, senior: Judd Nelson.

Outdoor adventure, junior: Lexie Larson and Asher Larson.

Performing arts, junior: Brodie Breckenridge and Ellie Coleman.

Photography, junior: Grace Utz, Tyler Kathrens, Lorna Smith, Elizabeth Schuster, Lexie Larson, Lora Larison, Aaralynn Allen, Jadynn Doyle and Bridget Kucan.

Plant science, junior: Isaac Utz, Timber Wilson and Preston Utz.

Poultry, junior: Cheyenne Hittle and James Beauchamp.



In the photo above, Jackson County 4-H members Samantha Beauchamp (center) of the Ontario Busy Bees and Elizabeth Roach (second from right) of the Hoyt Livewires were honored during the recent 4-H annual awards event by the Jackson County Commission as this year's winners of the County Cup, which is awarded to the most outstanding 4-H members in the county. Commissioners shown in the photo above are Rob Ladner (left), Janet Zwonitzer (second from left) and Bill Elmer.

In the photo at right, Beauchamp (center) was joined by Joel Nelson (left) of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers and Macy Putnam of the Hoyt Livewires in receiving 4-H Key Awards, given to 4-H club members who exhibit outstanding leadership skills.

Submitted photos



Rabbits, junior: Jodi White, MaKenzie Kennedy and Rhett Kennedy.

Reading, junior: Madeline Montgomery, Lexie Larson, Tyler Kathrens, Grace Utz and Jadynn Doyle.

Self-determined, junior: Timber Wilson, Brian Dorris and Shayne Dorris.

Sheep, junior: Jerilyn Nelson, Gwyn Arnold, Madeline Montgomery, Blade Montgomery, Lora Larison and Cash Robinson.

Sheep, senior: Judd Nelson, Joel Nelson and Anika Beauchamp.

Shooting sports, junior: Jessica Marney, James Beauchamp, Bobbi Horr, Jodi White and Jason White.

Shooting sports, senior: Samantha Beauchamp.

Space tech, junior: Connor Hammes and Connall Stevenson.

Swine, junior: Emily Albright, Tyler Kathrens, Jake Kelly, Cassidy Parks, Kinleigh Rhodd, Gwyn Arnold, Gavin Arnold and James Beauchamp.

Swine, senior: Samantha Beauchamp.

Visual arts, junior: Taygen Altenburg, Timber Wilson, Logan Altenburg, Elizabeth Schuster, Lorna Smith, Natalie Fox, MaKenzie Kennedy, Rhett Kennedy and Sarah Halbleib.

Visual arts, senior: Elizabeth Roach.

Wildlife, junior: Blade Montgomery and Timber Wilson.

Woodworking, junior: Jake Kelly, Mary Broxterman, Blade Montgomery and Gavin Arnold.

Outstanding camp counselors were recognized, including Sonora Sheldon, Michaela Little, MaKayla Crow, John Kennedy and Dominick Reynolds.

Special incentives for members who

have participated for 10 years were given to Indie Allen, Lucas Broxterman, Dalton Chartier, Delaney Dugger, Krista Halbleib, Jacob Hastings, John Kennedy, Dean Klahr, Katelyn Meggison, Jace Nelson, Erica Pruyser, Macy Putnam, Elizabeth Roach, Sonora Sheldon and Samantha Beauchamp.

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Kickapoos break ground on building for administration

The Kickapoo Tribal Council celebrated the recent groundbreaking on a new, long-awaited administration building, it was reported.

The new administration building, which has a reported cost of \$1.6 million, has been in the planning stages for many years, tribal officials noted. The new complex will consolidate several tribal programs that were housed in various buildings on the Kickapoo Reservation and will also contain a storm shelter and other crisis mitigation components.

Construction of the 13,062-foot structure is made possible with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as private donations, tribal officials said.

"This new building belongs to our members and will be a lasting symbol of our investment in our reservation and the people we serve," Tribal Chairman Lester Randall said at the Nov. 2 groundbreaking ceremony, attended by members of the Kickapoo Tribal Council and tribal members.

Red Circle Development of Merriam will begin construction in mid-November, with completion of the new facility expected by the end of May, it was reported.

The Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas has more than 1,600 members and is governed by its tribal council. The tribe's reservation land is located approximately five miles west of Horton in Brown County and encompasses an area of approximately 30 square miles, although the tribe does not own all of the land located within the federally-recognized reservation.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*



Holton defenders (shown in middle above, clockwise from bottom left) Tyler Price, Brandt Rose, Parker Zeller and Kaden Brandt combine for a tackle in last Friday's regional playoff game. After the 35-12 victory, HHS will be looking for more success as the team travels to Frontenac for the next round of the 4A-DII playoffs this Friday.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

JHHS set for road test against Olpe

In last week's playoff opener against JCN, a 24-14 victory, the Jackson Heights football team dipped its metaphorical toe in the water to gauge the situation after a brief hiatus from postseason play.

Now, the Cobras will be forced to jump into the deep end of the pool this Friday as the team prepares for a sectional match-up on the road against defending 2-1A state champion Olpe.

While the Eagles may be an unfamiliar foe to the Cobra players, coach Caleb Wick has witnessed the playoff stalwart in action as he watched Olpe play in the 2008 state championship game against his alma mater, Smith Center.

Going into the game, Wick knows his team will see a very disciplined and well-coached opponent, which speaks to the veteran leadership of Olpe coach Chris Schmidt.

Both coaches said this will be a challenge unlike any other, as each squad varies drastically from the other's opponents so far this season.

"I really don't think they compare to anybody we've seen this year so far. They are a team that can beat you throwing the ball and they can beat you running the football," Wick said. "They're the most assignment sound football team that we've seen this year. They're in the right place all the time."

Meanwhile, the size and strength of the Cobras is what jumps out to Schmidt.

"I think they're a very physical team. They run that wishbone and they kind of come right at you," Schmidt said. "They're big and play sound up front and that's going to be a big challenge for us, just if we can kind of hold our own at the line of scrimmage because I think that's a big strength of theirs."

Olpe is no pushover in its own right and while the Eagles saw a veteran class of players graduate last spring, the team has really come together over the course of the season.

"I think this is a group of kids that have just gotten better throughout the year," Schmidt said. "We lost a pretty good group last year and we had quite a few kids come in at the beginning who didn't have a whole bunch of experience at the varsity level, but they've lived up to the tradition."

After two losses to start the season, Schmidt said just getting a win (40-6) over Eureka in week three was a big confidence boost for the team. Now, in the last eight games, Olpe has limited its opponents to six points or fewer in all but one contest.

That includes a 28-6 win over Lyndon, a team playing in the other sectional game in the east bracket of the 2-1A playoffs, which helped the Eagles secure their place in the postseason.

Jackson Heights boasts its own impressive resume, as the Cobras have been equally as hot as the Eagles, having scored 40 points in six of nine games this season while holding its opponents to two or fewer scores in six of the last seven contests.

While Schmidt said quarterback Wyatt Olberding is a playmaker that stands out for JHHS, he noted Olpe will also have to be ready to contain any number of backs in the Cobras' backfield during Friday's game.

"They make you have to be assignment sound. There's basically four options on every snap of the ball and if you're not assignment sound and one person doesn't do their job, it kind of puts you in a tough spot," Schmidt said.

Olpe may not run the same type of offense, but the Eagles have their own balanced attack that Wick is worrying about as well.

Returning varsity running back Dylan Redeker has racked up 1,076 rushing yards and 16 touchdowns this season, while fellow back Andrew Burenheide is not far off that pace with 758 yards and six touchdowns.

Both were pillars for Olpe early in the season as two of the more experienced players on the squad, but Schmidt noted the increasing production the team has gotten from quarterback Ryker Schmidt has helped the Eagles take to the air. Schmidt has 1,273 passing yards this season and 13 touchdowns (to only five interceptions).

Additionally, while he has been banged up at times, receiver Brady Scheidegger (34 receptions, 619 receiving yards, six touchdowns) has been a go-to option in the passing game.

Wick agrees that all of those players can make plays and the variety of the ways Olpe moves the ball means the Cobras are focusing on the defensive end going into this game.

"We definitely have to tackle better and I think we really have to make them one-dimensional, don't let them run and pass whenever they want," Wick said. "If we can stop the run and get them into passing downs, third and long and second and long, we'll feel a lot better about ourselves."

Given his experience in the postseason as a player, Wick is trying to pass along the same advice to his players that long-time Smith Center coach Roger Barta gave to him, telling them to focus on the task at hand and not add any undue pressure and the Cobras appear to be listening.

"The kids are taking it in stride. They're treating it just like another game and I think that's the mentality we have to have going forward," Wick said.

Heights also has to rely on what got the team to this point, focusing on ball control and limiting turnovers, but he believes his team is ready for the challenge, too, and Wick said he hopes the players enjoy the ride that everyone involved hopes to keep going.

Jackson Heights (8-1) will first have to get past a road block in Olpe (8-2) and the teams will kick off their sectional game at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Photo by David Powls

Wildcat football prepping for new foe

Sticking with the theme of last year's playoffs after the division split in Class 4A, this year is starting to have a different flavor for the Holton football team.

After a rematch against Osawatomic in the first round, the Wildcats are now getting set to face a brand new foe as HHS will travel to Frontenac for sectional football on Friday.

Both teams bring long playoff histories with them into Friday's match-up, as Holton coach Brooks Barta and Frontenac's Mark Smith noted.

While the Wildcats have been to the playoffs in 18 of the past 20 seasons in Class 4A and 4A-DII under Barta, the Raiders' tradition has been forged in Class 2A and 3A.

There is a certain excitement that comes with such storied programs meeting on the field for the first time, but both coaches also noted it can be a challenge. While Barta doesn't expect the challenge to be too unfamiliar, he also realizes the Raiders could certainly have some tricks up their sleeves.

"I think we've seen just about everything that they do from someone this season, but they use a lot of variety and they force you to make some adjustments," Barta said.

For Smith, the challenge for his team is trying to get to a Holton program that has come to expect success in every game it plays.

"One of the hardest things when you play a team like Holton is the kids really believe in the system and play very hard. They think they're going to win. That's one of the biggest things about playing a good team, they know they're going to win most of the games," Smith said. "I think they're very well coached and very disciplined as a team."

It has been a somewhat uncharacteristic path to this point, for Holton, though, as the Wildcats lost three regular season games for the first time since 1997...Barta's second season and the last time HHS missed the playoffs.

With the team getting to the postseason despite that, it speaks to how far not only the program has come, but this team specifically. At one point, Holton was in danger of starting the season 0-3. Instead, the team was won seven of its last eight games to make it back in the playoffs.

That stretch includes an impressive showing in district play, with the Wildcats outscoring their opponents 83-19 on the way to another title. While Barta acknowledges the

progression his team has made, he also knows there is still work to do if Holton wants to stay alive in the playoffs.

"We're going to have to play mistake-free football and we're getting closer to that offensively," Barta said. "We're going to have to play at a higher level longer. We just seem to step backwards a little bit at different points during the game, losing our intensity."

Against Frontenac that could be crucial, especially given the Raiders' varied attack on the offensive side of the ball.

"We've been able to have a balanced offense. It's really helped us the last few years," Smith said. "We've been more of a running team and teams have sat on that, loaded the box and we've had trouble moving the ball."

"This year we've been able to throw the ball much better," Smith said, "and that's kind of kept the defense off guard."

Frontenac's air raid is orchestrated by junior quarterback Brandon Mlekus, who has thrown for 1,661 yards this season with 15 touchdowns and just four interceptions. Mlekus has added 768 yards and 11 more touchdowns on the ground.

"He really sets the tone for our offense. He's one of our leaders," Smith said.

The Raiders' backfield tandem of Cadin Bolinger and Ryan Menghini has also packed quite the punch, as the two have combined for nearly

1,200 yards and 17 touchdowns this season.

Barta is aware of the threat those playmakers pose to Holton, helping Frontenac average 33.1 points per game in the Crawford-Neosho-Cherokee (CNC) League, but he is hoping the Wildcat defense can find some ways to exploit a high-octane offense for the second week in a row.

"With their offense, we have to create some turnovers," Barta said. "They take some risks and, in turn, we have to not give up the big play and make them earn it."

After being battle-tested early in the season, Holton and its balanced offense is ready for the next challenge.

Frontenac has also seen its fair share of adversity, with a comeback

win over Galena (19-14) earlier in the season and close losses to playoff teams Columbus (4A-DII) and Pittsburg Colgan (3A) helping get the team to this point, according to Smith.

Holton does have the advantage against the team's one shared opponent, as the Wildcats just knocked off Osawatomic, while the Raiders fell to the Trojans 41-37 in the first game of the season.

With the teams facing off for the first time, in-game adjustments will be important and Smith noted that first quarter could be crucial to the final outcome. The Wildcats (7-3) and Raiders (7-3) will start that first quarter of play promptly at 7 p.m. on Friday in Frontenac.



Jackson Heights quarterback Wyatt Olberding (shown above, at right) rolls out on a pass attempt in a regional playoff game against JCN. Olberding could be a player to watch as the Cobras try to take down the Eagles of Olpe on Friday in Class 2-1A sectional action.

Photo by David Powls



HHS football coach Brooks Barta (shown above, middle) talks things over with his defense in last Friday's game against Osawatomic. The Wildcats were quite opportunistic, forcing five turnovers, and Barta said it will be key for his team to do more of the same to have success in its upcoming sectional match-up against Frontenac.

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Nov. 16 through Friday, Nov. 20 are as follows:

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Tuesday, Nov. 17: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, pineapple, lemon bars and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Taco bake with biscuit crust, chuckwagon corn and strawberry-banana cake.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Turkey and dressing, mashed potato and gravy, green beans, cranberry jello salad, pumpkin pie and hot roll and margarine.

Friday, Nov. 20: Chicken salad, broccoli cheese soup, apricot crisp, ice cream, bread and crackers and margarine.

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Tuesday, Nov. 17: Hamburger gravy potato over toast, green beans and cantaloupe.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Creamy chicken and rice soup, ham and cheese sandwich and fresh fruit.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Community Thanksgiving dinner.

Friday, Nov. 20: Potato soup, grilled cheese, tossed salad and fruit.

School Menus

Jackson Heights

Monday, Nov. 16: Breakfast - Pancake bites with syrup, pineapple tidbits, juice and milk; Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, green leaf lettuce, sliced tomato, oven fries, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Breakfast - Nutri-grain bar, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, wheat bread (5-12), mandarin oranges, corn and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, orange slices, juice and milk; Lunch - Chili, crackers, cucumbers, carrots, cinnamon roll, rosy applesauce and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Breakfast - Long john, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Baked turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, wheat roll, fruit salad, pumpkin pie and milk.

Friday, Nov. 20: Breakfast - Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Mini meatballs, mac and cheese, seasoned peas, wheat bread (9-12), apple and milk.

Holton

Monday, Nov. 16: Breakfast - Whole-grain cinnamon roll, fresh apple slice, fruit juice and milk; Lunch - Mini meatball sub sandwich, ranch potato wedges, tossed salad, apple slices, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Breakfast - Star spangled pancakes, sausage patty, tropical fruit, fruit juice and milk; Lunch - Barbecue chicken tenders, whole-wheat roll and jelly, baked beans, creamy coleslaw, orange smiles, canned fruit

choice and milk choice.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, sliced peaches, fruit juice and milk; Lunch - Cheese pizza, broccoli florets, fresh baby carrots, banana, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast sandwich, pineapple chunks, fruit juice and milk; Lunch - Roasted turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, glazed carrots, pumpkin bars, assorted fresh fruit and milk choice.

Friday, Nov. 20: Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, sliced pears, fruit juice and milk; Lunch - Biscuits and gravy, sausage patty (6-12), fresh vegetable medley, hash brown patty, clementines, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Royal Valley

Monday, Nov. 16: Breakfast - Cereal, fruit and milk; Lunch - Mac and cheese, smokies, baked beans, fresh carrots, roll (9-12), fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Breakfast - Breakfast burrito, fruit and milk; Lunch - Italian dunkers with marinara sauce, green beans, fresh broccoli, chocolate pudding (9-12), fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Breakfast - Late start, no breakfast served; Lunch - Chili, corn, celery, cinnamon roll, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch - Chicken strip salad, breadstick, pepper strips, carrots, fruit and milk.

Friday, Nov. 20: Breakfast - Biscuit and gravy, fruit and

milk; Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

Prairie Hills

Monday, Nov. 16: Breakfast - Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch - Corn dog, tater tots, baked beans, calico fruit salad and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Breakfast - Biscuits and gravy; Lunch - Sliced oven baked chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, apple smiles, pumpkin bar, whole-grain roll and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Breakfast - Syrup Day; Lunch - Italian dunkers with marinara, corn, banana, sherbet and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 19: Breakfast - Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch - Cowboy cavatini, lemon pepper broccoli, carrot crunchies, peaches and milk.

Friday, Nov. 20: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza; Lunch - Galaxy cheese pizza, spinach garden salad, seasoned green beans, pineapple, whole-grain rice krispie treat and milk.



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Gardener's Corner

Seeing green during the autumn days

By Sandra M. Siebert

Scarlet, gold, yellow and orange fading to brown and gray... the colors of autumn moving into winter.

However, I've been seeing green - kale, broccoli, lettuce and other cool-season vegetables stand in the garden, ready to become part of a green meal.

Lately, the focus has been on green tomatoes and green bell peppers.

The first freezing night arrived a couple of weeks ago, and I let the tomato plants go. They've gone to a better place, but I was left with a large basket full of green tomatoes. What does one do with so many green tomatoes?

For many people the answer to that question (as well as many other "what do you do with?" questions) is "batter 'em and fry 'em." We don't really batter anything, so that option is out for us. Besides, you can eat only so many fried green tomatoes.

A while back I took out some sickly tomato vines and was left with a moderate amount of green fruits. Feeling adventurous, I made a green tomato chicken curry. This was pretty much like any other curry we've ever made - various vegetables seasoned with curry powder and ginger, swimming in a coconut milk sauce - but with green tomatoes. The tartness of the green tomatoes blended well with the seasonings and the slight sweetness of the coconut milk. The dish received an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

We typically use lime in our curries and the green tomato, which came from our back yard, replaced the little green citrus fruit from far away quite nicely. Add green to-

atoes to any main dish.

Many people look forward to season's end so they can make green tomato relish, aka "piccalilli." "Chow chow" is another term for one version of this concoction of pickled chopped vegetables. Piccalilli recipes vary widely from one region of the U.S. to another, and probably from one family to another.

Green tomatoes seem to be the common base for piccalilli here, anyway. The word and idea for piccalilli is derived from an East Indian relish seasoned with turmeric and other pungent spices, which most likely doesn't contain green tomatoes.

The spicy Indian pickle was first adapted by British cooks, who replaced the traditional Indian/Asian vegetables and spices with their own. American versions (evidence of which began appearing in print in the mid-1800s) adapted the relish further. What we call "piccalilli" bears little resemblance to the original.

But I digress. I don't make piccalilli. (I was curious about its origin, weren't you?) However, last week I used a few green tomatoes to make my version of salsa verde, roasting them with tomatillos, jalapenos and garlic. To roast, I quartered the green tomatoes and placed them and the whole tomatillos, jalapenos and garlic cloves in a shallow glass baking dish, drizzled oil over all and roasted at 400 degrees until they seemed done, about an hour, maybe a little more. You can decide how browned they should be. They should have just a little juice left.

When cooled, I pureed the lot. Add seasonings like toasted cumin seed, cilantro, sautéed onions and so on just before pureeing, if you wish. I froze it in jars for later. This can be spooned over beans, fish, or any place a tart little sauce is called for - including anyplace you'd use piccalilli, I guess.

While I was roasting the salsa

verde ingredients, I roasted some plain green tomatoes, as well. I packed them into jars and stuck them in the freezer for use in future kitchen adventures. Roasting (with a drizzle of oil) browns the vegetables slightly, which seems to sweeten and warm the flavors.

I love sun-dried tomatoes - ripened tomatoes sliced and dehydrated. So I thought, "Dried green tomatoes? Why not?" I did just a few - didn't want to waste too many if it turned out to be a bad idea. As it turns out, it was NOT a bad idea. They'll make a nice, slightly tart snack veggie. More green tomatoes will go into the dehydrator next year.

And my final green tomato concoction? Pickles. Not vinegar pickles, fermented pickles. A few years ago, I did green tomato vinegar pickles flavored with cinnamon, clove and other spices. They were really good (sort of like mock apple pie, yet another typical green tomato dish), but for some reason I rarely ate them.

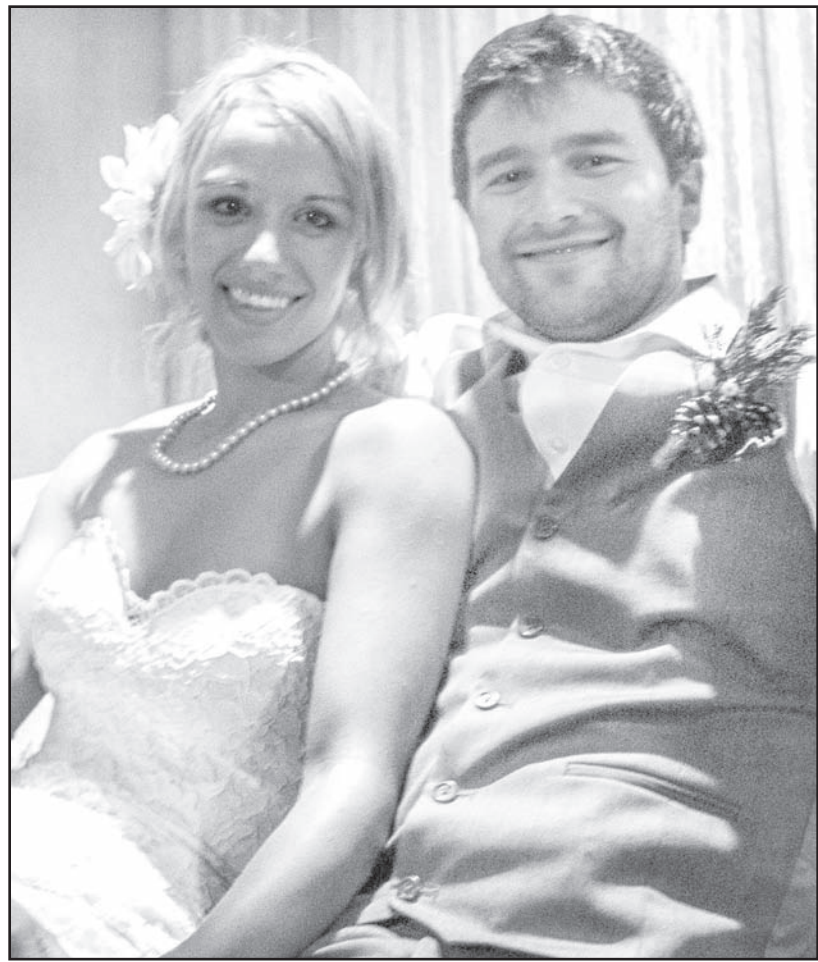
During a recent event, two young women offered taste tests of their fermented products (Wild Alive is the product name, if you're inter-

ested). The fermented green tomatoes stood above the rest, and they had quite a variety of ferments.

Since I am in the midst of a fermenting frenzy, I've tried copying their recipe, using onions, jalapeños, garlic and - the star flavoring, I think - a bit of smoked salt. I'm not sure my version is quite as good as theirs, but we'll see how the latest batches turn out. One batch was seasoned with fennel seed, because I like fennel and this way I have my own version of green tomato pickle.

Now, what do I do with all of these green bell peppers? I picked them last week when the forecast turned frosty again. I covered them against the first freeze, but some critter has been eating them. So even if I saved them from frost again, I probably wouldn't save them from that critter's teeth.

Oh, wait, I've run out of time here, and I'm not sure I have a good answer, anyway. I usually don't use green peppers; I prefer waiting for them to color, when they are sweeter and more nutritious. You will just have to tune in again to see if I've solved the green pepper dilemma.



Pinkerton-Allen

RaeAnn Pinkerton of Logan and Taylor Allen of Holton were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Valley Falls. Fr. Lazar Carasala officiated.

Parents of the bride are Robert and Lisa Pinkerton of Logan. Parents of the groom are Scott and Sandra Allen of Holton.

Grandparents of the bride are Ralph and Armida Hight of Wichita and Fred and Judy Pinkerton of Goddard. Grandparents of the groom are Dale and Connie Allen of Holton and the late Robert and Teresa Marney, formerly of Holton.

The church had simple, rustic decorations, all with the brand designed by the couple: a heart with an arrow through it, "T+R" and "10-10-2015."

The bride and groom opted out of a traditional guest book and asked the guests to sign a bench, put together by the couple. Taylor and RaeAnn are seen sitting on this bench in the picture.

The processional was "American Honey" by Lady Antebellum. The recessional was traditional.

Organist was Patty Bendure. Vocalists were Wes Hawk, Collin Hawk and Brett Pinkerton. Song selections were "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong, "Little Moments" by Brad Paisley, "On Eagles Wings" arranged by Michael Joncas, "The Supper of the Lord" arranged by Laurence Rosania and "You Raise Me Up" by Josh Groban.

Simple and elegant, the bride's dress was cream lace with a champagne underlay designed by Stella York. The dress was mermaid style, fitted to just below the hips, then flaring out and had a sweetheart neckline.

The bride wore a floral crown with a big white sunflower and several smaller flowers, as well as maple-colored leaves.

The bouquet was filled with sunflowers, red and orange maple leaves, monte thistle and black-eyed susans. It was wrapped with a leather cuff that had a brand designed by the bride and groom.

Maid of honor was Hannah Pinkerton. Bridesmaids were Brianna Pinkerton, Brittany Gaines, Lauren Hawk and Caitlin Hawk.

The bridesmaids wore mismatched chiffon dresses, all shades

of teal. The girls stood so that their dresses went from light to dark. They also wore matching champagne shawls, a gift from the bride. The teal was accented by gold shoes and jewelry.

The flower girl, daughter of Kenton and Lindsey Dreiling, wore an adorable creamy dress. It had a tulle skirt and daisies on the bodice. Instead of flower petals, Lilly Dreiling tossed silk maple leaves down the aisle.

Best man was Andrew Grandon. Groomsman were Dakota Law, John Platt, Josh Dreiling and Dalton Kelley. Ring bearer was Aidrian Hassel, son of Kyle and Lauren Pinkerton.

A reception, dinner and dance were held at the Ramada Downtown Convention Center in Topeka. The Grand Ballroom was decorated with rustic décor. The bridal party, father of the groom and the groom's uncle (Gary Marney of Holton) helped the bride and groom to make the centerpiece: a large wood slice, a teal-dyed wine bottle with a single sunflower, an antler and a candle holder made from a three to four-inch slice of wood with a hole drilled in the middle.

The rustic-looking cake was made by the groom's aunt, Trish Scheidegger of Holton. It was a small two-tiered carrot cake with cream cheese frosting. It was decorated with the brand the couple used throughout their wedding and reception as well as silk maple leaves.

After an adventure through the jungle in Belize at Ian Anderson's Cave Branch, the couple will reside in Denison.

The rehearsal dinner took place on Oct. 9 at St. Mary's of Valley Falls. It was hosted by Scott and Sandra Allen, parents of the groom.

The bride is a 2010 graduate of Logan High School. She received a bachelor's degree in aviation maintenance management and a certificate in composites from Kansas State University in Salina in 2013. She is employed by the United States Postal Service in Ozarkie.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Holton High School. He received a bachelor's degree in aviation maintenance management and certification in composites, airframe and powerplant from Kansas State University in Salina in 2013. He is employed by Banner Creek, LLC in Holton.

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On Friday, Oct. 30, members of the Jackson Heights High School Future Business Leaders of America chapter participated in a community service project "Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat" to collect non-perishable food items for the local food pantry from our local communities. Participants included, from left to right, Alexis Rieschick, Ethan Fund, Maggie Rostetter, Hannah Williams, Hanna Davault, Katelin Ludlow, Steven Marshall, Logan Rethman, Kate Lierz, Marley Wareham, Haley Rogers, Tyler Bloom, Sydney Raborn, Tayla Manuel, Karley Dieckmann, Abby Williams, Lexi Proffitt, Grace Bowhay, Andrew Pino, Trey Binkley, Mark Mavrovich and advisor Dan Shupe.

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Discussed options for replacing a district truck used for moving items and removing snow during the winter months, but is having transmission, steering and differential issues, it was reported previously. The board instead opted to have Foster Ford of Holton repair the existing truck for \$7,500 and review options for purchasing a new truck later.

Heard a report from Walsh about options for purchasing hand rails for the bleachers at the high school football field. She said she would get price quotes for the board.

Heard a report from Walsh on the district's "wellness policy," noting that the district's food service was "coming up for review."

Heard a report from Walsh about a district water heater that had sprung an unreparable leak, and that the district is looking at purchasing a new one to replace it.

Approved the district's annual

financial audit as presented by Jim Long of Lawrence.

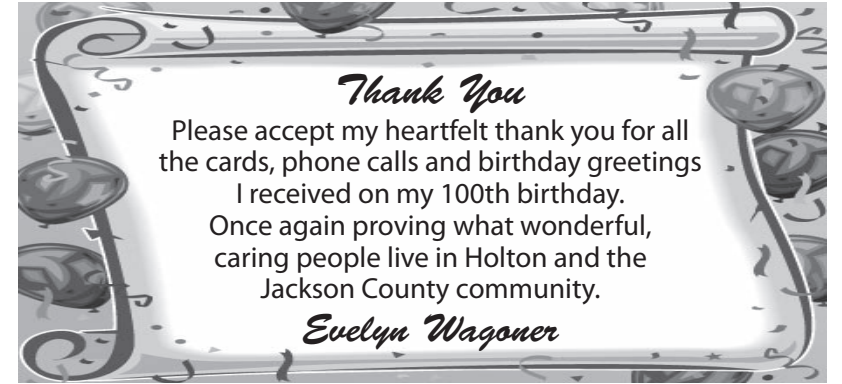
Noted that the board's annual Christmas dinner would be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at Wareham's home.

Heard a report from Walsh about elementary school activities, including the recent Family Literacy Night, an upcoming state assessment reward trip to Trampo Lazer Rock Ball Park in Topeka and the upcoming Veterans Day celebration.

Learned from Walsh that fifth and sixth grade students have been invited to participate in a Kansas State University Extension-administered "SPIN club" pilot project on Tuesday afternoons starting Nov. 17.

Met in executive session for a total of 15 minutes to discuss personnel matters. No action resulted from the session.

Adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.



Holton Senior of the Month

Congratulations to Holton High School's November senior of the month, Shari Riley. Shari is the daughter of Byron and Teresa Riley.

She is an active member of our StuCo, SAFE, SADD, JCYC, Unity Task Force, and Quill and Scroll. Shari also participates in volleyball, basketball and journalism. She has been on the Honor Roll all four years and serves as Senior Class Treasurer.

Shari plans to attend Wichita State University and pursue a pre-dental major. She was presented with a \$25 gift card to Boomers' from the HHS staff for her continued involvement at HHS.

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Jackson Heights Senior of the Month

Congratulations to Jackson Heights senior of the month for November, Marley Wareham. Marley is the daughter of Rob and Heidi Wareham. She has been active in volleyball, basketball, track, band and Cobra Singers. Marley has also been a member of FBLA, FCA, JCYC, NHS and STUCO. She is currently the senior class president. Marley is a member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church of Holton.

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Royal Valley Senior of the Month

Congratulations to Janelle Marney, Royal Valley's senior of the month for November. Janelle is the daughter of Angie and Lee Marney. She has been active in Dance, JCYC, Forensics, and is the current secretary of FFA.

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Janelle received a gift certificate from the RVHS Student Council for her continued leadership and excellence. Congrats Janelle!

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Given the three extra rooms, there is potential for the district to offer community pre-kindergarten and it is something Stones has been discussing with current staff as well as existing operations in the Holton community.

Currently, Stones noted it is unlikely there would be any government funding, so the district pre-kindergarten would be a tuition-based program. He noted that is in line with what other area schools offer, though, as it is not a required service. Both Onaga and Jackson Heights charge tuition for community pre-kindergartens offered through the school district.

Transportation is one big advantage that the school district can offer with a community Pre-K. Additionally, it will allow special education teachers to get around classrooms easier if they are housed in the same building as the SPED offices.

Board president Mike Ford voiced concerns about competing with any local businesses, but Stones noted the area pre-kindergartens had been contacted and would also be part of a committee in setting up a district service if that is an option Holton chooses to pursue.

Director of Lollipop Lane, Becky Zibell, was on-hand at the board meeting to comment as well and the one item she most urged the board to consider was in making a potential program feasible for everyone.

"I don't want there to be a gap. I want there to be an opportunity for all economic situations," Zibell said.

Part of the reason for discussion on Monday was to give the district a jumpstart on pursuing this option so Stones can try and secure funding, money for scholarships and get a sense of the logistics needed for the program and the board agreed to give Stones the go ahead to look into starting a community pre-kindergarten program.

Other business handled by the Holton school board on Monday included:

- *Approved the consent agenda including minutes from the previous board meeting, payment of bills (\$1,389,581.53), payroll (\$1,129,018.10) and the resignations of Myranda Bruggeman (SPED para, JHES), Marcy Ramage (SPED para, RV) and Dalton Beightel (USD 336 grounds crew).
- *Approved the hires of Carol Goodwin (SPED, SMS), Shirley Stauffer (Food Service sub), Erin Collins (Food Service sub), Ann Boltz (Food Service sub) and Juan Sanchez (HHS custodian).
- *Heard from David Lassiter of

Nabholz on the progress of the new elementary building, noting the south retaining wall and guardrail fence are now 90 percent complete, while 95 percent of the load-bearing masonry work is also complete. Also, he said roofing work on area A will begin soon.

Currently, Nabholz and the school are getting ready for a beam signing ceremony next Monday, which will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Students will get the chance to leave their mark on the school and Lassiter noted the beam will be prominently displayed in the entryway of the new school. Stones noted former board members and former superintendent Nancy Meyer have been invited back to sign the beam as well, which will be installed on Friday.

*Heard a report from Cindy Hower of Kellerman Insurance on the district's policies, noting that the worker's comp insurance is the most troublesome and continues to trend upwards for the district, raising prices.

*Heard a report from Stones on the HHS auditorium renovations and he noted the lights are in place and the seats are back in the auditorium for this weekend's high school play.

While the system may take some getting used to, Stones said the current phase is complete and the next step will be getting new curtains for the stage, potentially before the spring play.

*Discussed potential uses for the Central Elementary building and the diamond building after the construction of the new elementary school is complete.

Stones wanted to get input from the board on what options to pursue for future use and the consensus from the board was to look into selling Central for use as potential apartment buildings and selling off the playground to St. Dominic's Catholic Church.

*Heard a report from HHS principal Rod Wittmer on the unique ongoing opportunity for a small group of students in the graphic design program.

The group is currently working in conjunction with Jostens to create their own senior announcements for graduation, a first-of-its-kind project in the history of the company. Holton's students had to pitch their announcement ideas to Jostens representatives and beat out larger schools like Lawrence High and Lawrence Free State.

With the sectional playoffs going on this Friday for HHS, Stones also noted that all district schools will release at 1:30 p.m. on Friday.

*Discussed an issue that had been raised with board members by patrons

about practice times on parent/teacher conference days and went over the potential of re-voting on the allotted breaks for staff on those days.

*Heard a report from Nancy Mann from the Holton Special Education co-operative on the equipment being utilized by visually impaired students in the district.

*Heard a report from Mike Porter on the window work done recently at the high school, noting the windows had been re-caulked, the glass was cleaned and the panels were all painted.

At the same time, he also went up on the roof and suggested the district look into power-washing it sometime in the future.

Porter also presented five bids for a skid-steer loader to be utilized by the district staff, mainly for the lifting capacity it would provide. Bids were received from Case I.H. (Marysville), Kan Equip (Topeka), Foley (Topeka), John Deere (Hiawatha) and White Star (Topeka).

Only two bids allowed for renting, and the board ending up approving the less expensive bid from Foley for a total of \$3,500 for a one-year lease.

*Approve BOE policy changes as recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards.

*Approved an early graduation request for Damian Scott.

*Approved band trips for honor band, jazz festival and KMEA attendance.

*Approved the ACE directors' request to attend the national conference.

*Discussed gate policies and handling issues with attendees. Stones noted it is not up to those volunteers to deal with those issues and the board came to a consensus on amendment to gate policies, requesting walkie talkies in the ticket booths or giving volunteers the phone numbers of administrators to help handle those issues.

*Received BOE policies to review for December.

*Approved the FFE (furniture, fixtures and equipment) contract with Hollis and Miller. Stones clarified that the terms of the contract state that the district will pay Hollis and Miller only 10 percent of what they spend on equipment for the new school (not projected expenditures).

*Met in executive session for a total of 45 minutes to discuss matters pertaining to non-elected personnel.

*Noted the presence of all board members.

*Adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

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