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Phyllis Zibell (left) of Holton works out on some exercise equipment in Holton Community Hospital's recently remodeled cardiovascular area under the guidance of Jennifer Collins, RN. An open house is planned from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday for the public to view the renovations and meet Bill Kinkade, a new physician assistant.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

# HCH open house set

By Ali Holcomb

Several renovations have been completed at Holton Community Hospital recently, and an open house is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday to let local residents get a closer look at the finished product.

The open house will also include a "meet and greet" with the hospital's new physician assistant, Bill Kinkade, according to Carrie Saia, HCH CEO.

The hospital's cardiovascular department, which includes multiple pieces of exercise equipment, was moved and expanded into the space previously occupied by the business office and medical records.

"We knocked down a wall to open up the space," Saia said. "With all that equipment, everyone was really on top of each other at the old space."

The move allowed the hospital to purchase two more pieces of exercise equipment for general wellness use or for patients recovering from a recent heart attack.

Holton resident Bill Jones uses the exercise equipment three times a week and said the new space for the

department was needed.

"There's more room, and you don't feel like you're squeezed in," Jones said.

The physical therapy department also doubled in size.

"The area where the cardiovascular department was located butted up next to physical therapy," Saia said. "So when that department moved, we knocked down a wall to expand the space for therapy."

Two private rooms were added to the physical therapy department, as well as more areas for occupational therapy.

When Dr. Alex Gilliland and his wife, Taige, expanded Holton Dental on the north side of the building, the lower level basement area that resulted from the expansion was originally left unfinished. The hospital now rents the basement area and finished it as part of the remodel.

The area now includes the offices for health information management and a large conference room.

"With just chairs, it can hold 90 people," Saia said.

The area also includes two "sleep

rooms" and a bathroom for the doctors and visiting medical residents.

"When we have residents from KU come out, the students will stay there," Saia said. "They had been staying in the doctors' homes."

Also on the lower level, just down the hallway, is the hospital's new business office. The offices were previously occupied by the home health office, which moved to the Holton Square.

Saia said that renovations began in July and were finished Jan. 1. They totaled \$866,452.

"We want to continue to grow in those areas that mean something to our community," Saia said.

McCownGordon of Kansas City was the general contractor for the project, and Pulse Design was the architecture firm.

Last year, the Holton City Commission agreed to issue \$3.6 million in health care facilities revenue bonds on behalf of Rural Health Resources in order finance the remodel, as well as refinance existing bonds used in the construction of the Holton hospital and to construct a new clinic in Hoyt.

# Deadlines given to demolish residential, storage structures

By Brian Sanders

Owners of three structures deemed "unsafe and dangerous" in December by the Holton City Commission have been given deadlines for demolishing those structures and clearing their properties — and owners of two of those properties on Tuesday pledged to meet those deadlines.

During a series of public hearings held prior to the city commission's regular meeting that evening — held a day later than usual due to the Presidents Day holiday on Monday — commissioners approved resolutions declaring the three residential and storage structures to be public nuisances. Deadlines given by commissioners on clearing out those structures ranged from 30 days to six months.

Concerning the two residential structures — one at 719 New Jersey Ave., owned by Mary Lou Benander,

the other at 1003 Kansas Ave., owned by John Zibell — property owners or their representatives met with commissioners to discuss plans of action. Commissioners also reviewed a letter from the owner of the third structure, a garage located at 604 New York Ave. and owned by Virginia L. Purvis.

Benander, who agreed with commissioners that her dilapidated house needed to be razed and the property cleared, was given a 60-day window for taking such action. The house had been severely damaged in a fire, and Benander said it had been secured so that no one could get into the house.

Benander also asked commissioners whether she could turn the property over to the city and have the city do as it sees fit with it, but Commissioner Dan Brenner said the city was probably not interested in obtaining property at that location. She

then agreed to contact area contractors about tearing down the house, and commissioners pledged to help her in that regard.

According to a complaint filed against Zibell's house, the foundation of the house is in bad condition, and the basement has no door and is not secure. Furthermore, its front door is held shut with rope, debris is spread around the yard, the porch floor has been removed and never replaced and there is no water or sewer service to the property.

Acting as a representative for Zibell, former commissioner Janet Zwonitzer met with commissioners to discuss the fate of the Zibell property, saying he has expressed intent to "reclaim" parts of the house before a church volunteer group demolishes it. Zwonitzer said the volunteer group has worked in such capacities before, citing demolition work in Joplin, Mo., in the aftermath of that city's deadly tornado in 2011 as an example.

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# Rundle replacement sought

By Ali Holcomb

The search for a new superintendent is under way at Royal Valley, as members of the school board agreed on a timeline to accept applications and schedule potential candidate interviews during their meeting Monday.

After accepting the retirement notice from current Superintendent John Rundle last month, the board approved an agreement with the Kansas Association of School Boards to conduct the search for a new superintendent. Rundle's last day in the district is July 31.

Randy Weseman, Kansas Association of School Boards assistant executive director, met with the board for 45 minutes to outline the process for hiring a new superintendent for the district.

"I think what's most interesting for your board is that you haven't been through the superintendent hiring process in more than 20 years," Weseman said. "So I'm sure you are going to have some questions."

Rundle has served as the superintendent for 15 years and was working for the district when he was promoted. He replaced Marceta Reilly, who served as the superintendent for eight years.

Prior to Reilly, Sam Ulsaker served as superintendent during the 1992-1993 school year. Before Ulsaker, Fred Staker was the superintendent for many years.

"Nationally, superintendents turn over every two and a half years," Weseman said. "So the fact that you've had this type of consistency is pretty remarkable."

Weseman presented a timeline for the hiring process that included a March 25 deadline for applications to be submitted to KASB.

"We've already received an above average number of appli-

cants for this job," he said. "But we haven't vetted them yet."

In the next several weeks, Weseman will meet with staff, administrators and patrons to discuss the kinds of characteristics and qualities they want in a superintendent in order to create a rubric to evaluate applicants.

Once all applications are received, Weseman and several other members of a KASB screening committee will review them and determine the top five candidates, which will be presented to the board in executive session at their March 28 meeting.

"Then you will select three or four to interview," he said.

After some discussion about spring break and Easter holidays, board members agreed to schedule potential candidates interviews for Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31, as well as Monday and Tuesday, April 3 and April 4. The board also discussed conducting an interview on Friday, April 1.

Weseman said that superintendent candidates will be given a tour of the district during school hours by an administrator or staff member.

After a light dinner, the candidate will then be interviewed in the evening by just the board for about two hours.

"You want to have about 20 to 25 questions ready to ask them," Weseman said, noting that KASB provides sample questions. "The reputation of your district and school board is solid, and I feel good about your ability to attract some great candidates."

Also during the meeting, the board approved the purchase of new lighting for the high school gymnasium at a total cost of \$21,379.60. The lighting will be purchased from Kriz-Davis Co. of

Topeka.

"This will bring the high school gym to the same level as elementary gymnasium," Rundle said.

Russell Pugh, district maintenance supervisor, will install the lights, which will require the district to rent a lift for three weeks.

In other business, the board:

\* Approved consent items.

\* Received a legislative update from Rundle, who reported that the Kansas Senate has agreed to delay \$100 million in KPERS payments (the state pension plan) to fund public education this year and to pay it back in September at eight percent interest.

\* Received a list of employees and the number of years they have served the district. The board discussed options to recognize staff members who have reached milestone years of service.

\* Heard an update from Rundle on Impact Aid funding.

\* Approved bid specifications for a seven-passenger van submitted by Jeff Gustin, transportation coordinator. Bids are due March 2.

\* Approved KASB recommended board policy updates as presented.

\* Accepted the resignation of Nancy Bailey as the head secretary for the elementary school effective July 1 and the resignation of C.L. Burger as a bus driver effective immediately.

\* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss teacher salary negotiations and non-elected personnel with Rundle and Pfrang. Travis Van Vleck, RVHS assistant principal, was also included in a portion of the closed meeting.

No action was taken back in open session.

\* Adjourned the meeting. Board member Linda Hegemann was absent.

# Buchheit enters plea prior to trial

By Brian Sanders

With literally minutes to go before jury selection began in the trial of a Netawaka resident charged with a number of sex crimes involving a child, both sides of the case accepted a plea deal, according to Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller.



Buchheit

Scott James Buchheit, 36, pleaded

no contest to one count of rape in connection with a series of alleged incidents with a girl, now 17, between August of 2008 and January of 2015 shortly before a three-day trial was set to begin on Tuesday morning.

The plea deal — in which 10 other charges against Buchheit were dismissed — negated the need for a trial at the last minute, Miller said. As a result, sentencing for Buchheit has been scheduled for 9 a.m. on Friday, March 11 in Jackson County District Court.

Miller said that depending on Buchheit's criminal history, the sentencing range for the rape charge, a

level 1 person felony, would be anywhere between 147 months (12 years, three months) and 653 months (54 years, five months). She estimated that Buchheit would likely receive a sentence of 17 to 19 years, less time already served.

Buchheit had been charged with two counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child, five counts of rape, two counts of aggravated criminal sodomy and one count each of indecent solicitation of a child and theft. The sex-related charges against Buchheit reportedly involved a girl identified in court as his stepdaughter.



Holton High School senior Mason Barta (left) and Holton Middle School eighth-grader Cody Bohannon (right) were honored Tuesday night during the Holton-Jefferson West basketball game for their participation in the upcoming 2016 Kansas Shrine Bowl, to be held Saturday, July 30 in Emporia. Donnie Bohannon, a member of the Arab Shrine board of directors and Cody's father, presented certificates of appreciation to both young men, who will be part of the East team — Barta as a player and Cody Bohannon as a manager — during the annual football game that serves as a fund-raiser for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Photo by Brian Sanders

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# Whitebird’s arraignment set for Feb. 26

*By Brian Sanders*  
Last November, Travis Hawkins was visiting his girlfriend in Holton and having a few drinks outside her house with her brother, Austin Whitebird of Holton.  
“That was the last thing I remembered,” Hawkins said.  
The next thing Hawkins said he remembered during Whitebird’s preliminary hearing on Thursday afternoon in Jackson County District Court was “waking up in an ICU” in a Topeka hospital with staples in his back and neck.  
Whitebird, 22, who has been charged with aggravated battery in the Nov. 23 stabbing incident involving Hawkins, 26, will now face arraignment on the charge during a Friday, Feb. 26 hearing in district court. He is currently being detained at the Jackson County Detention

Center on \$50,000 bond.  
District Court Judge Norbet Marek heard testimony from Hawkins, known to friends as “Kish,” as well as the defendant’s sister, Larissa Whitebird — who at the time of the incident was Hawkins’ girlfriend — during Thursday’s hearing. The two witnesses’ testimony was sufficient to establish probable cause against Austin Whitebird in the case, Marek said.  
Larissa Whitebird testified that she was awakened on Nov. 23 by an alleged argument between her brother and Hawkins that had escalated into an incident of “pushing, shoving and spitting.” She said that after Austin had thrown a bottle that hit Hawkins’ upper back, Hawkins fell to the floor while Austin continued to punch him.  
Larissa said she and one of her

sisters attempted to separate the two of them when she noticed that Hawkins was bleeding from “holes” in his back, and they took Hawkins to Holton Community Hospital. Hawkins was later transported to a Topeka hospital, where he was in critical condition with injuries that were considered life-threatening at the time.  
During his testimony, Hawkins said he woke up after the incident with staples in his back and neck and could not remember how they got there. Hawkins has recovered

from the incident, although Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller noted that Hawkins still had some scarring and pain issues as a result of the incident.  
It had been reported that after the incident, Austin Whitebird had fled the scene and was considered armed and dangerous by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office. Whitebird, who is currently being represented by Hia-watha attorney Andrew Delaney, was captured south of Holton the day after the incident and taken to jail.

## Land Transfers

The following land ownership changes have been filed recently in the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office.

**\*Quit claim deed** — Opal K. Featherston, a single person of Jackson County, to Opal K. Featherston Revocable Living Trust dated June 1, 2004, real estate in the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 5, Range 16 of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*Quit claim deed** — Denison State Bank, grantor, to Lori J. Toothaker, a single person of Jackson County, real estate in the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*General warranty deed** — Hester L. Lack, a single person aka Hester Lucille Lack, conveys and warrants to Matthew E. Russell and Christine A. Russell, as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, a parcel of land in the east half of the northwest fractional quarter of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*General warranty deed** — Nancy J. Swenson, a single person, conveys and warrants to Andrew W. Naylor and Heather Naylor aka Heather M. Naylor, Lot 64, New Jersey Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

**\*General warranty deed** — Sheldon D. Hochuli aka Sheldon Don Hochuli, and Mary E. Hochuli, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Scottie L. Turner, Lots 5 and 6 in Linscott’s Second Plat to the city of Holton in Jackson County, known as 311 Iowa Ave.

**\*General warranty deed** — Hester L. Lack, a single person aka Hester Lucille Lack, conveys and warrants to Matthew E. Russell and Christine A. Russell, as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County also known as 15519 134<sup>th</sup> Rd., Hoyt.

**\*General warranty deed** — Mark A. Cassella and Bonny K. Cassella, husband and wife of Shawnee County, Kansas, to Matthew L. Kramer of Nemaha County, 3.08 acres in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*Joint tenancy general warranty deed** — Matthew L. Kramer, a single person of Nemaha County, to Mark A. Cassella and Bonny K. Cassella of Shawnee County, 3.58 acres in the northeast quarter of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of

the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. of Jackson County.

**\*General warrant deed** — Jay W. Peterson and Patricia A. Peterson, husband and wife, of Dare County, N.C., to Leslie Coffee-Gallagher of Jackson County, a tract of land in the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 6 South, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County also known as 24699 M. Rd., Circleville.

**\*Quit claim deed** — Dale Owings of Jeff County, Fla., and David Duane Owings of Jackson County aka Robert D. Owings of Jackson County, Fla., both married people acting in their own right, as the first party, to Karen Sue Murray of Jackson County, Kan., as the second party, six acres in the northeast quarter of Section 32, Township 7, Range 13 of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*General warranty deed** — Robert Dale Owings of Jeff County, Fla. and David Duane Owings aka David D. Owings, in the state of Florida, to Jeff L. White of Jackson County, six acres in the northeast quarter of Section 32, Township 7, Range 13 of Jackson County.

**\*Quit claim deed** — Ben R. Bauman and Marjorie N. Bauman, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to same as trustees of the Ben R. Bauman and Marjorie N. Bauman Trust under the date of Jan. 29, 2016, a tract of land in the southwest corner of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County and a parcel of land in the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*Special warranty deed** — Denison State Bank of the first part to William Brian Penrod and Sabrina E. Penrod as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, the west 136.6 feet of Farm No. 20D and the east 104.90 feet of Farm No. 19D of North Topeka Baby Farms in the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*Sheriff’s Deed** — Sheriff of Jackson County to Citi Mortgage, Inc. — the east 114 feet of Lot 3, McKeage’s First Addition, city of Hoyt, in Jackson County.

**\*General warranty deed** — Ernest J. DeBusk, a single person, conveys and warrants to Michelle O’Toole, a single person, real estate in the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*General warranty deed** — Michael Corrigan, a single person, of Jackson County, to Hoyt Pallet Recycling Co. Inc. of Jackson County with Jeremy J. Klem-Andrews as designated agent, 10 acres in the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*Transfer on death deed** — Lila M. Driscoll, a single person as owner, transfers on death to Laurie J. Goetz and Joseph Goetz, as grantee beneficiaries, a tract of land in the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

**\*Trustee’s deed** — Leo S. Bontrager and Olive Bontrager, trustees of the Trust in their name dated May 5, 1999, as grantor, to Ronald L. Burdick and Joyce E. Burdick, husband and wife, three acres in the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

# MARKETS

## STOCKS

Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	36.64	+0.17
CenturyLink	28.93	+0.32
Lowe's	67.40	+2.53
Target	71.50	+1.55
Hershey	90.41	+0.71
Walmart	65.89	-0.29
Phillips 66	78.22	+3.02
US Bancorp	40.18	+1.08
Pfizer	29.81	+0.45
Deere & Co.	79.80	+1.53
United Parcel	98.53	+1.28
Apple	96.56	+2.57
Facebook	101.61	-0.40
Westar Energy	45.25	+0.49
Goodyear	30.35	+0.66

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016.

## GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$3.53
Corn	\$3.44
Milo	\$2.88
Soybeans	\$8.26

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

## FUEL PRICES

Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$1.39	-\$0.299 - \$0.737
National Average	\$1.69	-\$0.230 - \$0.555
Holton Average	\$1.49	

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016.

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## Police Calls

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

- 1:50 p.m. Jan. 28, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, alarm.
- 8:38 p.m. Jan. 28, 1000 block of Iowa Avenue, noise complaint.
- 11:41 a.m. Jan. 29, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, traffic problem.
- 2:20 p.m. Jan. 29, funeral escort.
- 3:28 p.m. Jan. 29, 1000 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.
- 4:30 p.m. Jan. 29, 800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, animal control.
- 4:48 a.m. Jan. 30, 1000 block of Iowa Avenue, noise complaint.
- 6:42 a.m. Jan. 30, Holton Industrial Park, area check.
- 9:38 a.m. Jan. 30, 100 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.
- 10:01 a.m. Jan. 30, 300 block of Vermont Avenue, EMS assist.
- 11:41 a.m. Jan. 30, 100 block of East Fourth Street, welfare check.
- 2 p.m. Jan. 30, Second Street at New Jersey Avenue, animal control.
- 2:43 p.m. Jan. 30, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, animal control.
- 4:15 p.m. Jan. 30, 600 block of West Third Street, domestic battery.
- 5:16 p.m. Jan. 30, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, unruly subject.
- 6:49 a.m. Jan. 31, 1000 block of Iowa Avenue, noise complaint.
- 11:22 a.m. Jan. 31, 500 block of Wyoming Avenue, EMS assist.
- 8:45 a.m. Feb. 1, 900 block of New York Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 9 a.m. Feb. 1, 700 block of West Fifth Street, civil standby.
- 3:44 p.m. Feb. 1, 800 block of Kansas Avenue, animal control.
- 8:37 p.m. Feb. 1, 300 block of Wisconsin Avenue, telephone harassment.
- 11:33 p.m. Feb. 1, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 12:24 p.m. Feb. 2, U.S. Highway 75 at Kansas Highway 16, non-injury accident.
- 6:56 p.m. Feb. 2, 900 block of Kansas Avenue, suspect arrested on two Jackson County failure to appear warrants.
- 8:04 p.m. Feb. 2, 900 block of New York Avenue, citizen assist.
- 8:19 p.m. Feb. 2, 800 block of

Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

- 11:09 p.m. Feb. 2, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, EMS assist.
- 12:05 a.m. Feb. 3, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, citizen assist.
- 7:45 a.m. Feb. 3, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 7:55 p.m. Feb. 3, Second Street at Lincoln Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 3:56 a.m. Feb. 4, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, EMS assist.
- 8:32 a.m. Feb. 4, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, management assist.
- 7:42 p.m. Feb. 4, 800 block of West Third Street, EMS assist.
- 5:35 a.m. Feb. 5, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, alarm.
- 9:30 a.m. Feb. 5, 400 block of Cherokee Avenue, EMS assist.
- 3:06 p.m. Feb. 5, 500 block of Colorado Avenue, EMS assist.
- 3:05 a.m. Feb. 6, 600 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and speeding.
- 10:16 a.m. Feb. 6, 200 block of Wisconsin Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 11:22 a.m. Feb. 6, funeral escort.
- 1:28 a.m. Feb. 7, 500 block of West Fourth Street, suspect arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and failure to maintain a single lane.
- 3:33 a.m. Feb. 7, 1000 block of Iowa Avenue, disturbance.
- 5:56 a.m. Feb. 7, 900 block of West Fourth Street, non-injury accident.
- 11:18 a.m. Feb. 7, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, animal control.
- 11:16 a.m. Feb. 8, funeral escort.
- 11:21 a.m. Feb. 8, 800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, unsecured residence.
- 6:01 p.m. Feb. 8, 100 block of Wisconsin Avenue, disturbance.
- 5:46 a.m. Feb. 9, 200 block of Vermont Avenue, EMS assist.
- 11:14 a.m. Feb. 10, 400 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.
- 2:28 p.m. Feb. 10, 100 block of South Topeka Avenue, citizen assist.
- 3:21 p.m. Feb. 10, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, unruly juvenile.

## Banner Science Center sets Feb. 20 open house

The first Banner Creek Science Center open house of 2016 is set for Saturday evening, Feb. 20. There will be a presentation about the upcoming August 2017 Total Solar Eclipse going very close to Holton.

Even though this is still 18 months away, now is the time to put this once-in-a-lifetime event on your calendar!

Details of the path of the moon’s shadow will be discussed as well as what you can expect to see from Holton and northeast Kansas.

After the presentation, there will be a tour of the winter sky, to include Orion (The Hunter), Canis Major

(The Big Dog), Gemini (The Twins) and other prominent constellations.

There will also be a telescope available for viewing the Orion Nebula, the moon and other winter objects.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and there is no charge, but donations are accepted to help the science center keep the lights on! If you have any questions, please email Mike Ford at mford2001@gmail.com or call 785-364-2641.

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 <b>73/56</b> Windy with a few clouds from time to time. High 73F. Winds S at 25 to 35 mph. Winds could occasionally gust over 40 mph.	 <b>69/39</b> Sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	 <b>68/42</b> Showers possible in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.	 <b>60/33</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	 <b>53/33</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.
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# CALENDAR

**Thursday, Feb. 18**

\*The JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 362-7021.

\*Donation drop-offs for a garage sale to benefit the Heart of Jackson Humane Society will begin at 8:30 a.m. at St. Dominic Catholic Hall at 410 Ohio in Holton.

\*6:30 p.m. Holton FFA Ag Olympics.

\*4 p.m. WMS Scholars Bowl at Wetmore.

\*The Heart of Jackson Humane Society in Holton is open Monday through Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Friday, Feb. 19**

\*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

\*Garage sale to benefit Heart of Jackson Humane Society, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Dominic Catholic Hall, 410 Ohio, Holton.

\*Retired staff members from Colorado Elementary School will meet for an informal lunch at 1 p.m. at Jhett's Pizza in Holton.

\*RVMS Book Fair ends.

\*5 p.m. Royal Valley After Prom Dinner.

\*Royal Valley Senior Night.

\*Regional HS wrestling.

**Saturday, Feb. 20**

\*8 a.m. Forensics at Royal Valley.

\*Garage sale to benefit Heart of Jackson Humane Society, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Dominic Catholic Hall, 410 Ohio, Holton.

\*Goff United Methodist Church soup, sandwich and pie lunch, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\*Prairie Hills state piano competition.

\*Regional HS wrestling.

**Sunday, Feb. 21**

\*Attend the church of your choice.

\*AA meeting in the basement of the Mayetta Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m.

\*FFA Week begins.

**Monday, Feb. 22**

\*Jackson County Commission, 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public.

\*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Hoyt City Park at 9 a.m. on the fourth Monday of every month. Enter from the west drive on Kansas Highway 214.

\*Jackson County Arts meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Monday of every month at Better Than Lemons on the east side of the Holton Square.

\*Holton Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Holton City Hall.

\*6:30 p.m. APS Site Council meeting.

\*JHMS boys basketball quarter finals.

\*4:30 p.m. Royal Valley eighth grade boys basketball at Hiawatha MS.

\*4:30 p.m. Royal Valley seventh grade boys basketball, Hiawatha Armory.

**Wednesday, Feb. 24**

\*Holton Alateen, a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism, meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

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

\*Wetmore KAY Unit Conference.

\*9 a.m. FFA-CDE Selection Day at Onaga.

\*6:30 p.m. 2015-16 Kansas Honors Program at First United Methodist Church, Holton.

\*No ACE for Holton students.

\*4 p.m.-8 p.m. Holton parent/teacher conferences.

\*5 p.m. Holton freshman orientation session #1.

\*7 p.m. Holton freshman orientation #2.

\*Holton FFA District SAE selectional day.

\*Prairie Hills TVL music at Onaga.



Members of the Lucky Stars 4-H Club — from left to right, Sadey Gross, Lexie Larson and Abri Alley — turned it upside down for their skit during Saturday's Jackson County 4-H Club Day at Jackson Heights High School. Purple ribbon winners at the county club day are eligible to participate in the upcoming regional club day, it was reported. Results from the county club day will be printed in an upcoming edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

Photo by Brian Sanders

## School Lunch Menus

**Jackson Heights**

**Monday, Feb. 22:** Breakfast – Pancake bites, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, garlic bread, green beans, pineapple tidbits, milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23:** Breakfast – Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch – Barbecue beef with bun, potato wedges, celery and carrots, apple, cookie, milk.

**Wednesday, Feb. 24:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, juice, milk; Lunch – Taco salad, whole-grain tortilla chips with salsa, refried beans, animal crackers, grapes, milk.

**Thursday, Feb. 25:** Breakfast – Whole-grain donut, cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, steamed carrots, wheat bread (9-12), orange wedges, milk.

**Friday, Feb. 26:** Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch – Crispito with cheese, seasoned peas, lettuce salad, baby carrots, tropical fruit, milk.

**Holton**

**Monday, Feb. 22:** Breakfast – Whole-grain cinnamon roll, fresh apple slices, fruit juice, milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato slice, oven fries, applesauce, fresh fruit choice, milk choice.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23:** Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes, sausage patty, tropical fruit, milk; Lunch – Chili, tortilla chips (9-12), red bell pepper

strips, fresh apple, cinnamon roll, canned fruit choice, milk choice.

**Wednesday, Feb. 24:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, sliced peaches, fruit juice, milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets, whole-wheat roll and jelly, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, banana, canned fruit choice, milk choice.

**Thursday, Feb. 25:** No school, parent/teacher conferences.

**Friday, Feb. 26:** No school.

**Royal Valley**

**Monday, Feb. 22:** Breakfast – Pancakes, fruit, milk; Lunch – Burrito with salsa, refried beans, fresh carrots, fruit, milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 23:** Breakfast – Cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch – Turkey and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit, milk.

**Wednesday, Feb. 24:** Breakfast – French toast sticks, fruit, milk; Lunch – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

**Thursday, Feb. 25:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk; Lunch – Corn dog, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

**Friday, Feb. 26:** Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit, milk; Lunch – Mac and cheese, yogurt, fresh carrots, roll (9-12), fruit, milk.

**Prairie Hills**

**Monday, Feb. 22:** Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Hamburger on a whole-grain bun, tater tots, baked beans, sliced pears, milk.

## Land Transfers...

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\***Kansas warranty deed** – Ronald L. Burdick and Joyce E. Burdick, husband and wife, to Ryan J. Burdick, a single person, the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

\***Quit claim deed** – Gerald Bingham, a single person, conveys and quit claims to Theodore G. Bingham, a parcel of land in the east half of Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

\***Quit claim deed** – Andrew Hinman aka Andrew W. Hinman and Breann Hinman aka Breann J. Hinman fka Breann J. Young, husband and wife, convey and quit claim to Andrew W. Hinman and Breann J. Hinman as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, Lot 2, Twin Oaks Subdivision, Jackson County, and a parcel of land in Lot 3, Twin Oaks, a subdivision in Government Lot 9, Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

\***General warranty deed** – John M. Kearney, trustee of the John M. Kearney Revocable Trust, under agreement date Nov. 21, 2007, as member/manager of B&J Kearney LLC and Hazel Kearney, trustee of the Gerald F. Kearney Family Trust, created under the will of Gerald F. Kearney, deceased, as member/manager of B&J Kearney LLC of Jackson County, to Mulroy Farms LLC, land in the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

\***Quit claim deed** – Chris L. Haverkamp and Tracey D. Haverkamp, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Chris L. Haverkamp and Tracey D. Haverkamp Trust No. 1, dated Dec. 5, 2001, as first part and Tracey D. Haverkamp, trustee of the Tracey D. Haverkamp Trust No. 1 as second

part, land in the southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

\***Warranty deed** – Chris L. Haverkamp, as trustee of the Chris L. Haverkamp Trust No. 1, dated Dec. 5, 2001, and Tracey D. Haverkamp, as trustee of the Tracey D. Haverkamp Trust No. 1, dated Dec. 5, 2001, to Matthew L. Kramer, a single person of Topeka, land in the southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 13 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

\***Joint tenancy general warranty deed** – Matthew Kramer, a single person of Nemaha County, to Andrew V. Renyer and Sarah M. Renyer, husband and wife, of Jackson

County, land in the southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

\***General warranty deed** – Bryan Rice and Cheryl Rice, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to David J. Macke of Jackson County, a tract of land in the northwest quarter of Section 28, Township 9 South and Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Jackson County.

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# OPINION

## Stop payday loan sharks

Two Kansas City businessmen and a lawyer who became very rich very quickly by tricking low-income consumers with sky-high fees and interest rates on online payday loans now face criminal charges, according to a recent report in *The Kansas City Star* newspaper.

The Tucker Payday Lending Organization was an organized criminal group with leadership based in Overland Park and that operated throughout the United States, according to a federal indictment.

The \$2 billion business started as early as 1997, authorities said, and preyed on more than 4.5 million people under a multitude of different business names. The federal indictments detail huge enterprises that for years got away with making loans to people in desperate circumstances, then claiming much more than the value of the loans in interest and fees.

The Kansas City three - Scott Tucker, Richard Moseley and lawyer Timothy Muir - are accused of violating federal racketeering laws as well as the U.S. Truth In Lending Act and also breaking usury laws in multiple states.

The indictment came out of the state of New York that has a criminal law setting a lending limit at 25 percent annual interest rate. With that stringent cap, authorities had no difficulty establishing that the online payday loan operators were violating consumer protections.

*The Star* reported that enforcement is more difficult in Kansas and especially Missouri, where the average annual interest rates on payday loans is an outrageous 455 percent.

The collapse of Kansas City's payday loan empire under the squeeze of federal enforcement is an ongoing story in KC and should serve as a cautionary tale in Kansas.

To be clear, the payday loan operations written about here have nothing in common with our trusted, regulated, commercial hometown banks.

Payday loan entities are not regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. They are just fronts for people preying on other people down on their luck.

The Kansas Silver Haired Legislature - for the second straight year - is recommending to the Kansas State Legislature that the state stop all payday loan practices.

Payday loan sharks operate at both brick and mortar buildings and online from in the state and all across the country, and their tactics effect not only senior citizens but Kansas borrowers of all ages.

The Silver Haired Legislature is made up of 125 representatives all over 60 years old. The group makes recommendations to the Legislature and to the Governor on issues facing senior citizens.

In 2014, the Silver Haired Legislature's Committee on Public Affairs suggested the following changes to payday loan laws in the state:

\*One change sought in Kansas would prohibit a payday loan lender from having more than one loan outstanding at a time. Under current law, the lender can have two.

\*Another change would prohibit a payday loan lender from making more than one loan to any one borrower within a 60 calendar day period. Under the current law, lenders are allowed to make three loans to a borrower during the specified time period.

\*Another change would change the minimum term of any loan to no less than 60 days for any cash advance less than \$500 and no less than 120 days for any cash advance of more than \$500.

After recommending these changes, the Silver Haired Legislature's Committee on Public Affairs went a step further and approved a resolution to end payday loans all together. The resolution was approved in 2014 by group's Committee of the Whole. It read:

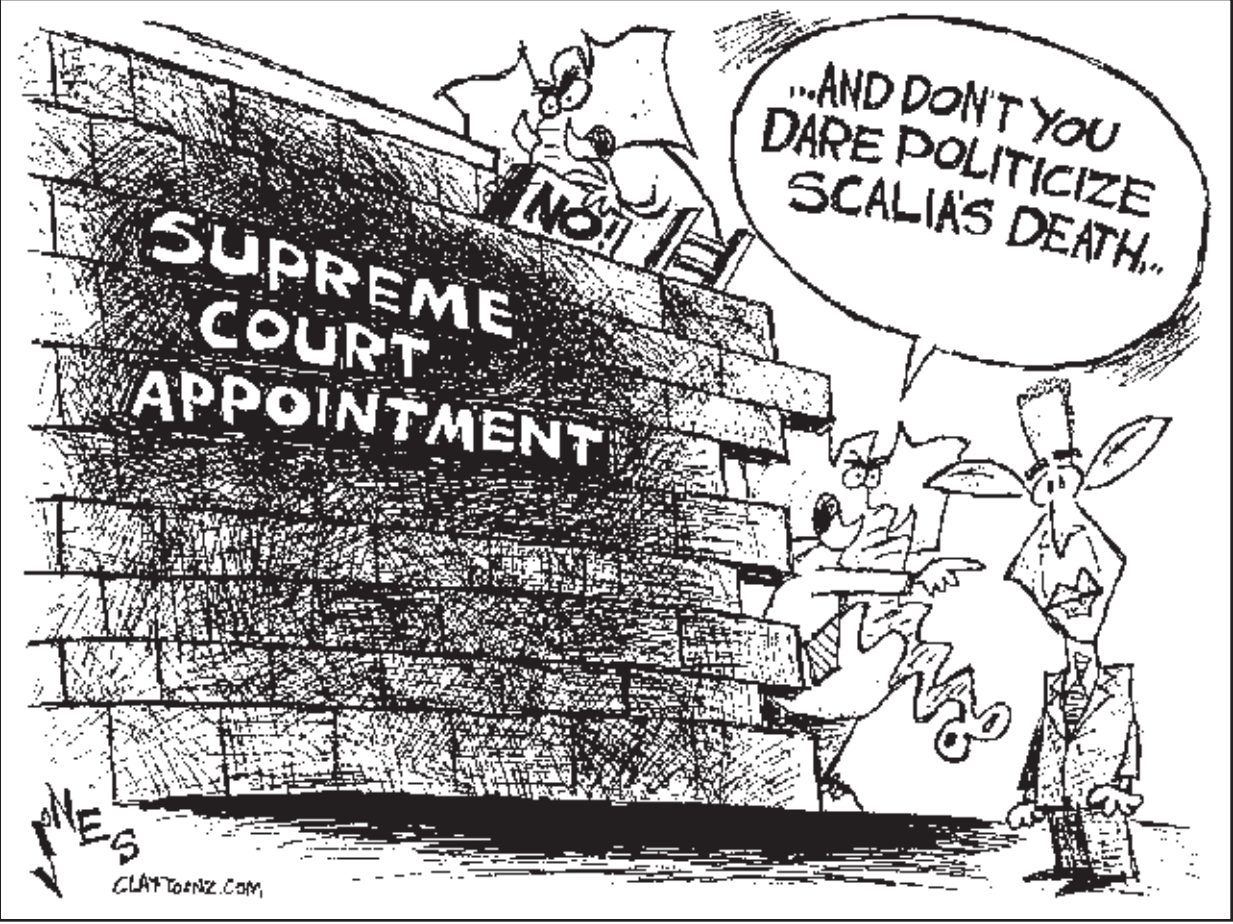
"Whereas payday loans carry a very low risk of loss, but lenders typically charge high fees causing borrowers to pay more in interest than the amount of the loan they originally borrowed and,

"Whereas many payday loan customers are unable to repay their loan and are forced to get a loan "roll-over" at additional cost and,

"Whereas payday lenders earn profits by making multiple loans to cash-strapped borrowers and,

"Whereas payday loan recipients are overwhelmingly low income taxpayers who can least afford to pay...the Kansas Legislature is hereby urged to enact legislation ending payday lending practices."

Of all the issues before the Legislature, this one should be a slam dunk for approval. *David Powlis*



## HUTCHINS: SB161 gives balanced budget

By Rep. Becky Hutchins  
61<sup>st</sup> District  
(R-Holton)

After five hours of debate, the House voted 68-56 to pass House Substitute for SB 161, both a rescission and a supplemental bill; (see below budget bullet point two for the explanation of rescission and supplemental). The bill was necessary to counter lower than expected revenues and to ensure a balanced budget.



Passage of SB161 gives us a balanced budget, preserves core services and requires no additional tax revenues. I supported the budget bill.

Budget highlights:

- The budget bill is a House solution to lower than expected revenues.

- The bill is both a rescission bill to make reductions in the current fiscal year, and a supplemental bill to make adjustments to the two year budget that passed last year.

- The bill gives the governor additional authority to make targeted spending reductions, rather than across the board cuts, if revenues fall and the ending balance remains below \$100 million.
- The budget is the House position

to take into negotiations with the Senate.

- The budget bill addresses several key areas.

Public safety:

- The budget bill puts in \$2.45 million to boost the pay of all uniformed corrections officers.

- The bill also gives the KBI the authority to spend already existing department funds to boost the pay of current employees to remain competitive within law enforcement.

Healthcare:

- The bill that adds \$3 million to address staffing shortages and other issues at Osawatimic and Larned State Hospitals that treat severely mentally ill patients.

- Includes restoring \$378,000 for safety net clinics, which provide important healthcare options for rural and low-income patients.

- The bill authorizes student loan repayment for pharmacists to work in rural areas where there may not be free-standing pharmacies. This is paid for out of federal dollars.

Facts concerning KPERS:

- In 2011, unfunded liability in Kansas was one of the worst in the nation (except for Illinois) with 53 percent funded and now we are at 68 percent funding due to increased appropriations. This now puts us in the middle of the nation.

- Since 2012, the Kansas Legislature has invested more than \$1 billion to compensate for the inadequate payments KPERS suffered for years.

- In addition, the contribution rate was raised to more than 10 percent compared to a 4.5 percent funding rate in the year 2000.

- Currently, KPERS's is 68 percent funded (which places Kansas in the middle of the pack among states).

- House SB 161, with its amendments, will protect KPERS and will ensure KPERS, if delayed payment is necessary, to be promptly paid back in the first quarter of FY 2017 (by Sept. 30, 2016) with 8 percent interest. KPERS Director Alan Conroy stated these changes would not have an actuarial impact on the pension plan.

Additionally, a floor amendment required 80 percent of the profits from the sale of surplus state property to continue to go towards paying KPERS' unfunded liability, instead of those profits going to the state general fund.

HB 2504, dealing with school district realignment, had a hearing in the House Education Committee, but did not have the necessary votes to pass favorably out of committee. I did not support the bill. Chairman Highland did not work the bill. (They ran what they call "traps" and saw that there weren't the votes to pass it out of committee.) The bill is now dead for this session.

Contact me at State Capitol Building, Room 519-N, becky.hutchins@house.ks.gov or 785-296-3971.

## MOLLETTE: Waving bye to our businesses must stop

By Glenn Mollette

During the campaign trails of Trump, Clinton, Cruse, Rubio, Sanders and the others we hear a lot of talk and see a lot of shaking of hands.

Talking and shaking hands is good if it leads to saving our country. We could use some talking to America's businesses.

Federal and state leaders must ask our businesses to stay here. Cut their corporate taxes to 15 percent. Ask the cities and states to work in unison in creating work friendly states and communities.



Simply waving good-bye to our businesses has to stop. It's time to grab hold of real laborers and keep them here.

Ask our businesses to come home. They have fled everywhere. Is anybody talking to these people? A 15 percent corporate tax rate would help.

Unions must work in cooperation. A factory will not come back if they have to face a union demanding \$35 an hour plus defined benefit retirement packages and Obamacare along with our current tax rate.

Many corporations are going bankrupt now for various reasons including paying their executives too much. However, one reason is promising future packages to employees that they will never be able to pay.

State and federal governments can only tax citizens so much to cover wages and pension promises. Many government employees have never contributed a dime to their retirement but yet are promised generous retirement packages that they collect for twenty to 30 years or more.

These generous packages are funded by the government borrowing more with the hopes of collecting more taxes to pay for their promises. The future for more and more government promises to employees is bleak. Change has to occur if our country has any future of recuperating.

Jobs must be moved to hard-pressed areas. For example, coal mining is doomed in central Appalachia. Federal government and state leadership must create incentive packages for real jobs to locate to depressed areas.

Factories willing to locate in these areas must be given a pass on corporate and state taxes for at least ten

years or maybe more. The people who are put to work would at least be paying taxes instead of collecting welfare. This would be a win-win for everybody.

We are desperate to make stuff in this country again. There are lots of properties sitting idle in this country that could be bought by the state and sold or given to job creating entities that promised to stay and hire people for at least 25 years.

Medical crises continue to bankrupt families across America. We are way past the point of taking serious action. The Affordable Care Act has failed.

We must create a four-fold medical plan. 1. Put the poor and truly disabled on Medicaid. 2. Allow those with pre-existing conditions to buy into Medicare. 3. Make insurance shopping available across state lines. 4. Make hospitals and doctors accessible across state lines.

People in California should be able to go to a doctor in Minnesota if they determine that it is best for them. The insurance company or government should not make that determination.

Gaining control of our borders, spending billions on foreign aid and foreign wars and the continued decline of the morale of our military and Veterans are big problems. This all contributes to the overall morale of the entire American people.

Somebody running for President has a big job ahead of him or her. I hope they will do more than talk and shake hands. On the other hand, maybe that would be a start in turning this country around.

*Note: Glenn Mollette of Washington, D.C. is an American syndicated columnist and author. He is the author of 11 books and read in all 50 states.*

## GARBER: School transparency is a good thing

By Rep. Randy Garber  
(R-Sabetha)

The state budget has been the topic of conversation in the past few years and especially pertinent lately. The largest expenditure in the budget is K-12 education because I feel, as do many others, that keeping Kansas kids among the best educated in the country is a top priority.



Part of keeping K-12 schools on the same page as the Kansans they serve is transparency in the budget.

With so many Kansas dollars going to schools, it should be expected of schools to provide the taxpayer accessibility to their budgets. Kansas Statute K.S.A. 72-8254 requires that school districts place at least a link to a detailed budget on the home page of their website. This sounds like a small price to pay for the large amount of funds being allotted to the schools.

Unfortunately, some of the school districts in the state didn't comply with the statute. This has brought us to the point where we have to impose a fine in order to protect the dollars that belong to Kansans. Senate Bill 188 would require districts that don't provide the information to

be fined \$1,000 each day until they are in compliance.

Another requirement of the bill is that school districts with enrollment of more than 500 students must provide the title and aggregate annual compensation of the top 10 earners employed. The school districts with less than 500 students must list the top three earners.

Opponents to the idea of this bill include the Kansas Association of School Boards. According to the KASB's website, this bill is "punitive, overreaching and the required info is already public."

This bill may seem punitive to those being fined, but I believe it is paramount that the dollars school districts receive are protected. Also, the bill allowed school districts plenty of time to comply with the law before they are assessed a fine.

As for overreaching, these aren't private schools. They are public schools with public funds. It only makes sense to provide this information to the public. If the information is already public, as the KASB's website says, it should be easy to post the information on the district's homepage. Anything to make it easier for tax payers to see where their money is being spent is a good thing.

At first I didn't think the bill was necessary, but after looking closer and seeing that there are districts not in compliance, I decided to support it. The bill failed in the House, but I feel that this is still an important

topic surrounding the budget and our schools.

Finally, if you haven't been contacted about receiving regular correspondence from me via email and would be interested, please contact my office at the information below and we will add you to the list.

It is my goal to keep my constituents informed on the happenings in Topeka. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at randy.garber@house.ks.gov, 785-296-7665 or 2424 Timberlane Terrace, Sabetha, KS 66534.

## Circleville

By Jeannie Arnold

AYLI Club held its February meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the home of Jane Coverdale with all eight members present.

After the business meeting conducted by President Thersa Wade, the group played bridge, with Beth Mitchell winning. The March 8 meeting will be at the home of Evelyn Spencer.

Friday, Feb. 12, was the funeral service of Flossie Wertenberger of Sabetha. Kirt and Flossie lived in the Circleville community for more than 10 years, and their daughter, Sue Ann Jackman, attended all eight grades at the Circleville Elementary School.

The Wertenbergers moved to the Sabetha community in 1957. Flossie's service was held at the North-Ridge Church. There were quite a few from the Circleville community and Holton community there.

There was a large crowd at Jackson Heights on Friday evening, Feb. 12, for the basketball games and Queen of Courts. Jackson Heights girls and boys both won their games against Oskaloosa. The two students crowned king and queen were Kate-Lyn Ludlow and Auston Sauvage.

Barbara Hutchinson attended the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Circleville High School classmates Darrel and Marge (Billman) Morgan from Denison. It was held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Holton on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Those from their graduating class that attended were Roy and Bev Kranz, Barbara Hutchinson, Virginia Farrier of Topeka, Norman and Freda Smith of Valley Falls, Bud and Shirley Stauffer of Mayetta, Del Zachrausen from Hoyt and Bonnie Rouse from Meriden.

The Morgans' daughter, Cindy, showed a video of family photos taken through the years and there were refreshments of cake and punch.

Bob and I went to Holton for a simple Valentine's Day lunch followed by a short visit with his mom, Maxine Lewis, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14.

## Senior Menu

Reservations for Jackson Countians 60 years and older and their spouses wishing to eat lunches under the Title III-C Nutrition program may be made daily Monday through Friday.

Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made by 9:30 a.m. same day.

Reservations and cancellations may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Feb. 22 through Friday, Feb. 26 are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 22: Vegetable beef soup, cheese cubes, coleslaw, banana, oatmeal cake and crackers and margarine.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Baked pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach, pineapple, cookie and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: Chicken tortilla soup, cottage cheese, vegetable salad, apple pie, ice cream and tortilla chips.

Thursday, Feb. 25: Swiss steak, baked potato, green beans, ambrosia salad, cookie and bread and margarine.

Friday, Feb. 26: Hamburger-cheese pizza, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges and cheesy bread stick and margarine.

## PBP meals

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

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

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

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

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Feb. 22 through Friday, Feb. 26 are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 22: Vegetable beef soup, ham and cheese sandwich, macaroni salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday, Feb. 23: Pork chops, steamed rice, broccoli and applesauce.

Wednesday, Feb. 24: Chicken fajitas, hominy rice, refried beans and fruit.

Thursday, Feb. 25: Lasagna, cream corn, salad and garlic bread.

Friday, Feb. 26: Fish sandwich, soup, coleslaw and fruit.

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# OBITUARIES



## Jessepe

Joseph Grant “Sao nem ki” Jessepe, 66, Mayetta, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016, at his home.

He was born Dec. 9, 1949, on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, the son of Leroy J. and Constance Magnauk Jessepe. He graduated from Manhattan High School in 1967 and had attended Kansas State University. He graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1974.

Mr. Jessepe served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, Vietnam Campaign with 1960 device, Marksman (M-14), 1 O.S. Bar, Expert (M-16), Combat Infantrymen’s Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Purple Heart Medal for his service. He later worked for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation as a Community Health Representative for more than 20 years.

He was a member of the Native American Church and served as president of the Delia Chapter. He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He married Rosanna Whiteskunk. They divorced. He married Mary Greene in October 1992 on the Potawatomi reservation. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Leslie Marshno and Jacquelyn Levier, both of Topeka, and Jodi Jessepe, Mayetta; a son, Andrew Joseph “A.J.” Ortega, Topeka; two sisters, Theresa Murray and husband Robert, Poplar, Mont., and Imelda Jessepe, Mayetta; a brother, Charles Lewis, Kansas City, Mo.; and eight grandchildren, Sydney Jessepe, Sylvana Levier-Jessepe, Ivan Levier, Alyssa Levier, Aislen, Arrow and Justina Jessepe and Lorraine Jackson; and a great-grandson, Frankie Snell.

A rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. today (Wednesday) at Sister Therese Klepac Hall with visitation to follow. Native American Church Services will be held Thursday evening at Mr. Jessepe’s home. Burial will be held Friday afternoon in Shipshew Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

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## Emmett under boil water advisory

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has issued a boil water advisory for the public water supply in the City of Emmett located in Pottawatomie County, it has been reported.

KDHE officials issued the advisory because of a water main break that may put the system at risk for bacterial contamination.

The advisory took effect on Feb. 16 and will remain in effect until chlorine residuals are adequate and all other conditions which place the system at risk of contamination are deemed by KDHE officials to be adequately resolved.

Customers should observe the following precautions until further notice:

- Boil water for one minute prior to drinking or food preparation, or use bottled water.
- Dispose of ice cubes and do not use ice from a household automatic icemaker.
- Disinfect dishes and other food contact surfaces by immersion for at least one minute in clean tap water that contains one teaspoon of unscented household bleach per gallon of water.
- Water used for bathing does not generally need to be boiled. Supervision of children is necessary while bathing so that water is not ingested. Persons with cuts or severe rashes may wish to consult their physicians.
- If your tap water appears dirty, flush the water lines by letting the water run until it clears.

Public water suppliers in Kansas take all measures necessary to notify customers quickly after a system failure. Regardless of whether it’s the supplier or KDHE that announces a boil water advisory, KDHE will issue the rescind order following testing at a certified laboratory.

## Hoagland

Norma Hoagland, 74, Holton, formerly of Humboldt, Neb., died Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, at Holton Community Hospital.

She was born Sept. 1, 1941, in Los Angeles, Calif.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Dawson, Neb., with Father Michael McCabe officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Wherry Mortuary in Humboldt, Neb., where family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Interment will be in St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Dawson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the family’s choice.

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## Immanuel Lutheran Church

*By Esther L. Ideker*

Ash Wednesday service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 10. A fellowship supper was served before the service with a servant event opportunity led by Tricia Geske – beginning an on-going project of fleece blankets to share.

On Ash Wednesday, the church begins the penitential season of Lent. Our attention is directed to the holy suffering and bitter death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From ancient times, the season of Lent has been kept as a time of repentance, special devotion and self-denial. Our prayer is that our Father in heaven would bless this Lenten season for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts, rejoicing in our Savior’s resurrection from the dead.

The entrance hymn was “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days.” The Imposition of Ashes was applied to each in attendance by Pastor Jeffrey Geske. The hymn “Chief Of Sinners Though I Be” followed.

The Introit was spoken responsively. Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Joel chapter 2 and the Epistle lesson from 1 John chapter 1. Pastor Geske read the Holy Gospel from Matthew 6:1-6. The sermon hymn was “Amazing Grace.”

“God Is Faithful” was the theme of Pastor Geske’s sermon. Why Lent? A time to focus our attention on the love of our God in sending His Son to the cross – we recall the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. Our Lenten meditations will be from 1 John, who covered sin, love, and the family of God.

“This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light”; in Him there is no darkness at all.” (1 John 1:5)

The message that John has for us is that we are sinners, but with God there is forgiveness and eternal life.

“If we confess our sins, He is faith-

ful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

God is faithful in sending His Son to be our Savior.

Holy Communion followed with Elders Mike Keehn and Topher Dohl assisting Pastor Geske with the distribution. The distribution hymns were “Jesus, Thy Blood And Righteousness” and “What Is This Bread.” Following the benediction, the closing hymn, “The Lamb,” was sung.

The first Sunday in Lent service on Feb. 14 opened with the hymn “How Firm A Foundation.” Psalm 91 was spoken responsively. The Old Testament lesson, Deuteronomy 91:1-13, was read by Cub Scout Garrett Klahr, and the Epistle lesson, Romans 10:13, by Boy Scout Trevor Klahr. Pastor Geske read the Holy Gospel from Luke 4:1-13.

In the children’s message, Pastor Geske greeted the children on Valentine’s Day – a day we speak of love. God is love and because of Him we can love one another. Sunday’s sermon would speak of temptation – we too, as Jesus experienced, are tempted – we need to use the word of God in those times to resist doing wrong.

The sermon hymn was “On Eagles’ Wings.” Pastor Geske’s sermon theme was “Temptation,” based on the Gospel reading of the day. Our Lord left the Jordan after His baptism, and the Spirit led Him into the wilderness for 40 days when He was tempted by Satan. If He gave into temptation, it would have had devastating and deadly consequences for us, but Jesus was faithful. He did not give into the temptations of the devil.

We want to consider temptation in our lives and rejoice again in the faithfulness of Jesus in the face of temptation and in the face of the cross. In the face of temptation, call on the name of the Lord.

Jesus was tempted three times, and

all three times, Jesus responded by using the words of God. Knowing and obeying God’s word is an effective weapon against temptation, the only offensive weapon provided in the Christian’s armor.

Paul wrote, “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. (Ephesians 6:14-15.) Facing the sins of your life, turn to your Heavenly Father and ask for His help. His forgiveness and His eternal life.

The congregation professed The Apostles’ Creed. Ron Schumann and Topher Dohl were the ushers for the offering gathering. The hymn was “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus.”

In the prayers of the church, thanks and praise was offered for God’s everlasting love which sent His Son to the cross. Special petitions were for our congregation, our pastor and family, for the churches of the Northeast Zone and for missionaries around the world. Blessings were asked on those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Remembered were those who are in need of healing during illness and hospitalization. Travel mercies were asked for those traveling. Those serving in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts were acknowledged for their service. The congregation joined in The Lord’s Prayer.

Elders Mike Keehn and Topher Dohl assisted Pastor Geske in the distribution of Holy Communion. “How Great Thou Art” was sung during the distribution. Following the benediction, the service closed with the hymn “Go My Children, With My Blessing.”

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The 300 block of Lincoln Avenue is closed for a few days for sewer line repairs. Here, Ron Wendland, working for Havens Construction of Liberty, Mo., dug out some dirt recently so that sewer line work could begin. A spokesman for Havens Construction said this particular point was one of two sewer line breaks to be repaired for the City of Holton.

*Photo by Brian Sanders*

## Holton First Baptist

*By Shirley M. Cameron*

On Sunday, Feb. 14 at Holton First Baptist Church, the women’s choir sang “Heart Of Worship Medley” during the candle lighting. Their song was beautifully done. The first congregational song was the hymn “Love Lifted Me.”

Matthew 22:37-38 – Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like unto it. “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Ben Bauman presented the Bible story to the children about how the heart is mentioned in scripture more than 900 times. When something is mentioned this many times, it has utmost importance. We’re to bow down our hearts to the Lord; to love one another as God loves us; and so many more commands to us. Each the scriptures and see what He has to teach us about our hearts.

Next Sunday is the “Last Name” potluck meal after church, and at 2 p.m. is a baby shower for Kelsey Tanking at the home of Korey Sawyer. She is registered at Target and Babies R Us.

“Joy In Dilemmas” was the title of Pastor Tim’s sermon based on I Peter 5:6-7 and Philippians 1:21-26. Volitional dilemmas occur when we want to do two things at the same time.

Emotional dilemmas are those which we have strong emotional feelings that demand a decision. Geographical dilemmas occur when we desire to be in two places at the same time.

The apostle Paul’s dilemma was to die and be with Christ or live to continue serving Him. We need to ask ourselves, “Am I seeking my own path or God’s?”

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. Acknowledge Him in all thy ways and He will make your paths straight.”

If we are going to keep joy in the midst of our dilemmas, we must allow the Lord to be our strength, our guide, our wisdom, our all.

Am I allowing Him to be Lord of my life?

## Thank You

The family of Rita Jenkins would like to say “Thank You” for the cards, visits and concerns shown to our family during her illness and after her death.

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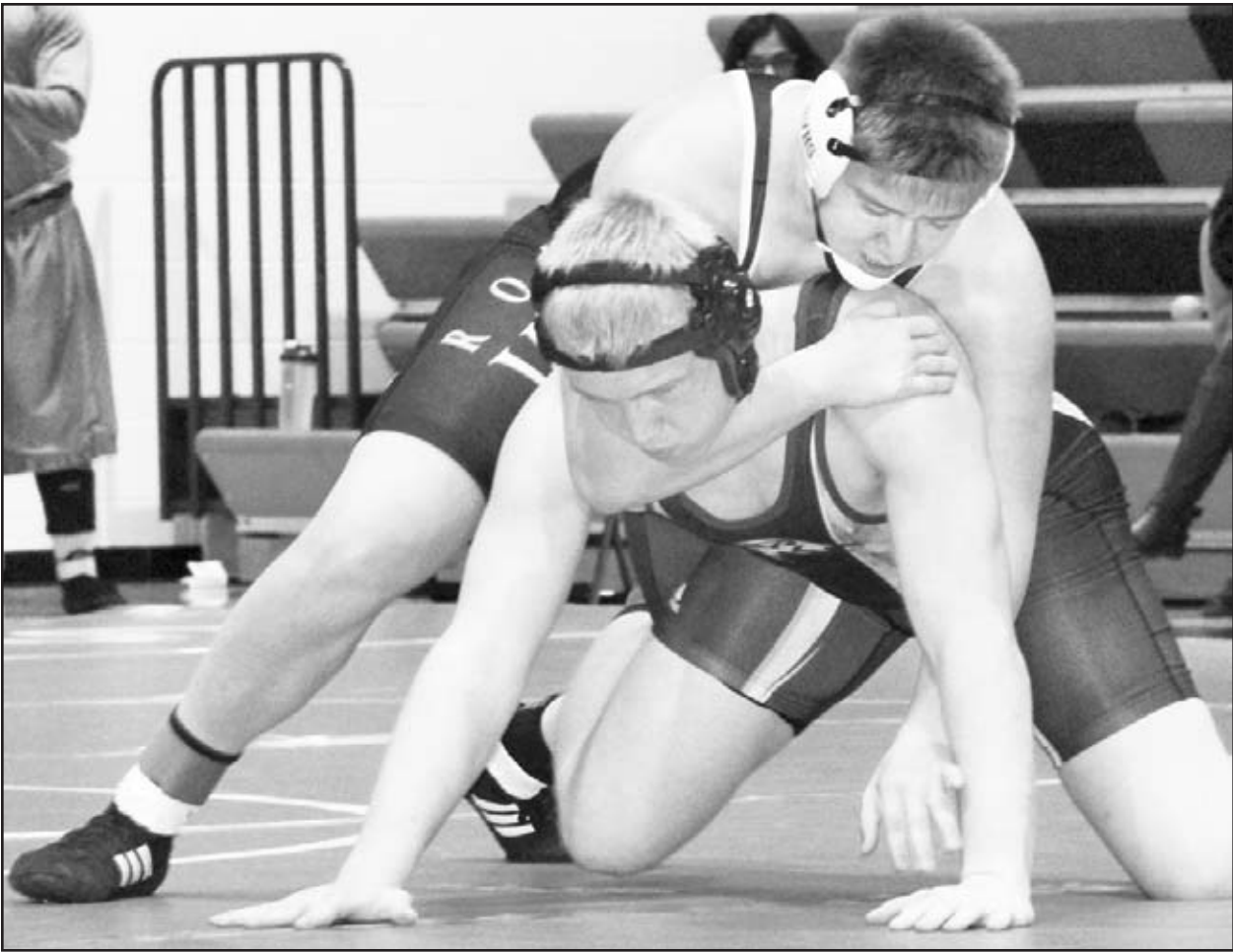
# SPORTS *Wednesday*

## Regional Wrestling Tournneys Coming Up

**Regional Wrestling**  
*Class 4A Regional—De Soto High School*  
Start times: 2 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday  
Participating schools: Atchison, Baldwin, Basehor-Linwood, Bishop Miege, Bishop Ward, De Soto, Eudora, **Holton**, Jefferson West, Ottawa, Piper, Santa Fe Trail, Spring Hill, Sumner Academy and Tonganoxie.  
*Class 3-2-1A Regional—Rossville High School*  
Start times: 2 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday  
Participating schools: Atchison County, Burlingame, Central Heights, Council Grove, Doniphan West, Hiawatha, Immaculata, Maur Hill-Mt. Academy, McLouth, Mission Valley, Onaga, Oskaloosa, Perry-LeCompton, Pleasant Ridge, Riverbend International, Riverside, Rossville, **Royal Valley**, Sabetha, Silver Lake, St. Marys, Troy, Wabunsee and Wellsville.  
*NOTE: The top four wrestlers in each weight class, at each regional, qualify for state competition.*

## 2016 BIG 7 WRESTLING WRAP-UP

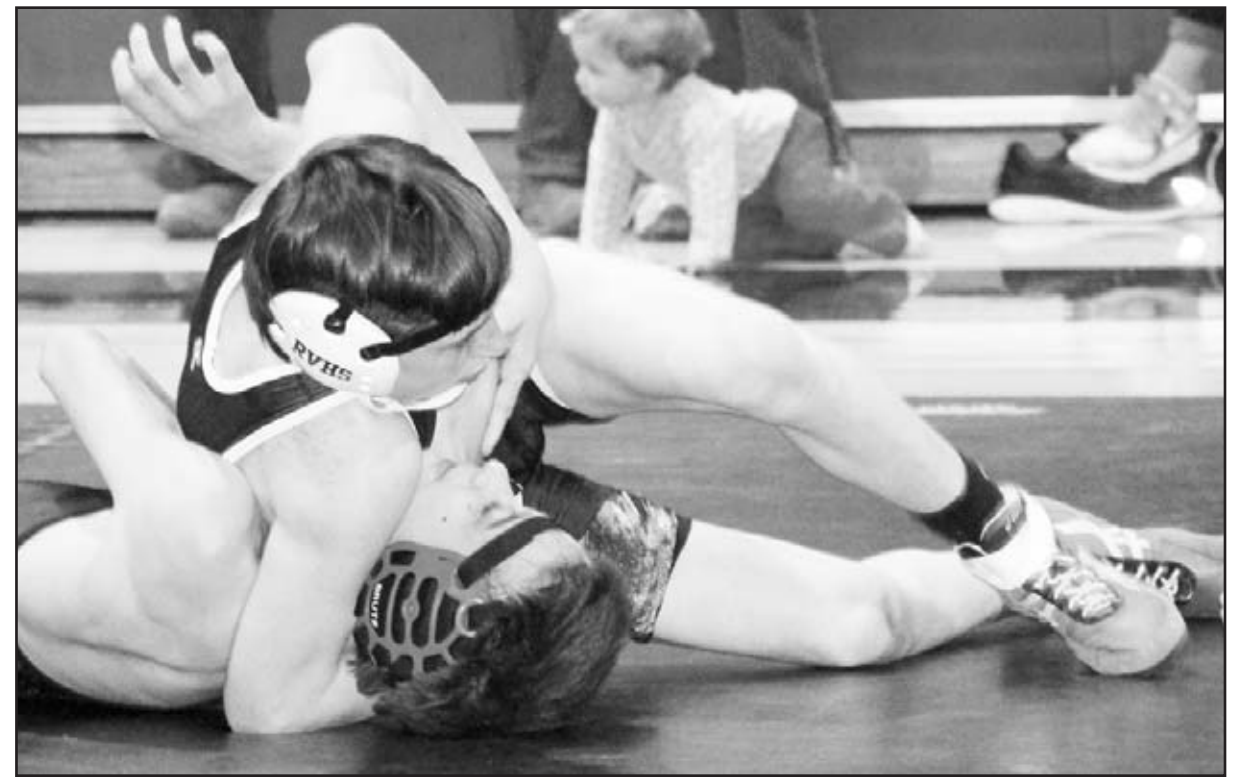
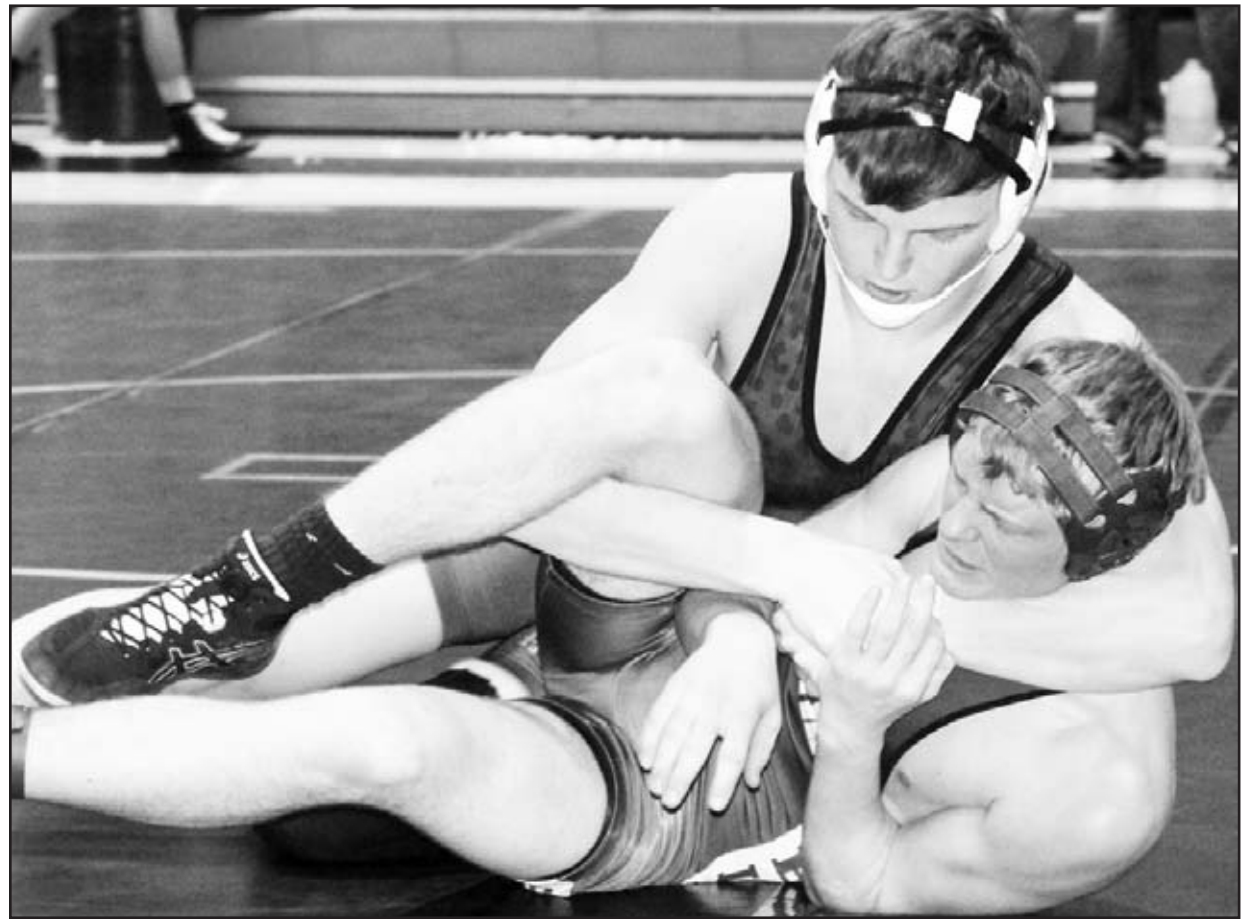
**Wrestling**  
Big Seven League Tournament  
Feb. 13, 2016  
**Team scores:**  
1. Holton 174.5, 2. Royal Valley 146, 3. Sabetha 134, 4. Jefferson West 75.5, 5. Atchison County 70.5, 6. Perry-LeCompton 70, 7. Riverside 55, 8. Hiawatha 20.  
**Individual results:**  
**Finals**  
(106) Dalton Ware (RV) over Shane Kelly (JW).  
(113) Wyatt Pringle (PL) over Austin Michaelis (JW).  
(120) Lance Bailey (RV) over Karl Scholz (AC).  
(126) Seth Harrell (Sabetha) over Cael Jackson (Holton).  
(132) Hunter Ostertag (AC) over Brandon Brownlee (Sabetha).  
(138) Scott Resler (Riverside) over Justin Pool (Holton).  
(145) Justin Rieschick (Holton) over Kinstin Juhl (Riverside).  
(152) Tyler Price (Holton) over Noah Hart (RV).  
(160) Jameson Lutz (Holton) over Torin Vannest (PL).  
(170) Cael Roke (Sabetha) over Spencer Baum (Holton).  
(182) Jacob Box (RV) over Grant Meyer (Sabetha).  
(195) Kyler Tannahill (Holton) over Blake Garrison (RV).  
(220) Keenan Hinton (Hiawatha) over Tel Wittmer (Holton).  
(285) Charles Todd (RV) over Elliot Strahm (Sabetha).  
**Holton**  
Coulter Bisel (113) had two byes, a loss and a win and placed third.  
Cael Jackson (126) had a bye, a win and a loss and placed second.  
Lawson Henry (132) had three wins and a loss and placed third.  
Justin Pool (138) had two wins and a loss and placed second.  
Justin Rieschick (145) had three wins and placed first.  
Tyler Price (152) had three wins and placed first.  
Jameson Lutz (160) had three wins and placed first.  
Spencer Baum (170) had two wins and a loss and placed second.  
Damon Ruckman (182) had two losses and placed third.  
Kyler Tannahill (195) had three wins and placed first.  
Tel Wittmer (220) had a bye, a win and a loss and placed second.  
Clay Baumgartner (285) had three losses and did not place.  
**Royal Valley**  
Dalton Ware (106) had three wins and placed first.  
Garrett Pruyser (113) had two wins and two losses and placed fourth.  
Lance Bailey (120) had three wins and placed first.  
Ethan Ashley (126) had two wins and two losses and placed fourth.  
Brett House (132) had a win and two losses and did not place.  
Zack Lux (138) had three wins and a loss and placed third.  
Caleb Burnworth (145) had two losses and did not place.  
Noah Hart (152) had two wins and a loss and placed second.  
Karsen Smith (160) had a bye and two losses and did not place.  
Marshall Stewart (170) had a bye and two losses and did not place.  
Jacob Box (182) had two wins and placed first.  
Blake Garrison (195) had two wins and a loss and placed second.  
Brian Shane (220) had a bye, two wins and a loss and placed third.  
Charles Todd (285) had a bye and two wins and placed first.



**Royal Valley High School sophomore wrestler Brian Shane (top) brought down Perry-LeCompton's Collin Rossillon to take third in the 220-lb. division at the Big Seven League wrestling tournament Saturday in Elwood.**  
Photo by Brian Sanders



**Royal Valley High School senior Charles Todd (top) pinned Sabetha wrestler Elliot Strahm to the mat to win the 285-lb. division championship at the Big Seven League wrestling tournament, held Saturday in Elwood.**  
Photo by Brian Sanders



## JH boys, VF girls victors Tuesday

*By David Powls*  
The leading teams in the North-east Kansas League basketball leagues played like they were expected to play Tuesday night at Valley Falls.  
The Jackson Heights boys, sitting atop the NEK League boys division, improved to 13-0 in the league and 15-2 overall, by defeating the Dragons, 65-47.  
The loss dropped the Dragons' record to 9-4 in the league and 11-6 overall.  
Meanwhile, the Lady Dragons of Valley Falls, sitting atop the girls division of the league, improved to 13-0 in the league and 17-0 overall, by defeating the visiting Lady Cobras, 48-27.  
The loss dropped the Lady Cobras to 4-9 in the league and 5-12 overall.  
Elsewhere in the NEK League last night, the Maur Hill boys beat McLouth 53-27, the Oskaloosa boys edged Horton 54-53, the Maur Hill girls beat McLouth 50-16 and the Pleasant Ridge girls beat Jefferson North 55-41.  
In the boys game, four Jackson Heights Cobras scored in double figures with Wyatt Olberding scoring 21, Zane Richter 18, Westin Jacobsen 14 and Mason Thomas 10.  
Jackson Heights led from the get-go, 15-9 after the first quarter and 37-17 at halftime. Valley Falls fought the Cobras to a draw in the third quarter and actually outscored the Cobras in the fourth quarter but it was not enough.  
In junior varsity action, the Cobras beat the Dragons in overtime, 52-45. In C-team play, it was Valley Falls over Jackson Heights 54-20.  
**JACKSON HEIGHTS BOYS 65, VALLEY FALLS 47**

Jackson Heights 15-22-18-10—65  
Valley Falls 9-8-16-14—47  
Jackson Heights — Olberding 7 (5) 2-2 21, Richter 5 (1) 7-8 18, Jacobsen 5 4-5 14, Thomas 4 (3) 2-4 10, Holliday 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 (9) 15-19 65.  
Valley Falls — Allen 8 5-9 21, Gatzmeyer 5 3-5 13, Yates 3 1-4 7, Maltzberger 0 2-2 2, Pickerell 1 0-0 2, Branam 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 (0) 11-20 47.  
In the girls game, the Lady Cobras got off to a good start and held a 9-7 scoring edge after the first quarter of play against the Lady Dragons and at halftime, the Lady Cobras trailed by just three points, 19-16.  
The second half, however, belonged to Valley Falls as the Lady Dragons held JH to just two points in the third quarter and nine in the fourth while posting 29 of their own.  
Katelin Strube scored 12 points to lead Jackson Heights and Hannah Williams pitched in eight.  
Kramer scored 13 and Watson eight to lead Valley Falls.  
In JV girls action, Valley Falls beat Jackson Heights 43-12.  
**VALLEY FALLS GIRLS 48, JACKSON HEIGHTS 27**  
Valley Falls — Kramer 5 (3) 0-1 13, Watson 4 0-0 8, Gish 3 2-2 8, Brown 3 (2) 0-0 8, Kirkwood 2 (1) 0-0 5, Frakes 1 1-2 3, Jepson 0 2-4 2, Harrington 0 1-2 1. Totals 18 (6) 6-11 48.  
Jackson Heights — Strube 4 4-4 12, Williams 4 0-0 8, Rieschick 1 (1) 2-4 4, Gibson 1 1-3 3. Totals 10 (1) 6-9 27.  
The Jackson Heights teams will travel to McLouth on Friday.

## Panthers come up short against NC

*By Ali Holcomb*  
Both the Royal Valley boys and girls basketball teams came up short against Nemaha Central in league play Tuesday.  
Tied with a record of 10-2 in the Big 7 league at the start of the game, the Panther and Thunder boys battled it out at Hoyt in what coach Keith Pelton described as a "very physical game." The final score was 49-36.  
"Nemaha is a good team with a game plan that they execute very well," Pelton said. "I think they may have a little more depth, but we came out and fought because we got down early."  
The Panthers sent the Thunder to the free throw line 36 times.  
"It was a physical game, and they took advantage of it," Pelton said. "We were down 11, and we got it back within two several times. We were right there, but they started hitting their free throws."  
This was just the team's third loss of the season.  
"We talked about adversity and how we react to it," Pelton said. "I thought some of our kids were doing too much at times. Not for themselves but for the team. The effort was there, and they worked their tails off."  
Pelton said the goal is to keep the players focused on their strengths and stay positive when they are trailing.  
"The last two games we've faced some challenges, and it could have been easy for us to splinter and go off in different directions, but when push came to shove — literally — we came together. It was just a little too late."  
Both Royal Valley and Nemaha Central boys are now 14-3 overall. RV is 10-3 in league play, and Nemaha is 11-2.  
RV 8-8-9-11 — 36  
NC: 12-11-8-18 — 49  
**Individual statistics:**  
RV: M. Spoonhunter 4 (1) 1-2 10, Barger 2 6-9 10, Roy 4 0-1 8, Rottinghaus 2 1-1 5, Broxterman 1 0-0 2, Linn 0 1-2 1, Ehrhart 0 0-1 0. Totals 13 (1) 9-16 36.  
NC: M. Henry 5 (1) 7-9 18, Enneking 0 11-12 11, T. Henry 3 0-3 6, Uphaus 2 1-2 5, Beck 1 2-6 4, Holthaus 0 3-4 3, Bradley 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 (1) 24-36 49.  
JV  
Nemaha Central 37, Royal Valley 31  
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While the Royal Valley girls came

out strong in the first half, leading 21-16 after the first two quarters, the team lost its rhythm in the second half. Nemaha Central pulled away to a 51-42 victory.  
"We are very consistent about being inconsistent," said RV girls coach Corey Katzer.  
Prior to Tuesday's game, the Panthers had a weeklong break in play. Katzer said that break provided the team the opportunity to get some "fresh legs" and refocus on the rest of the season.  
"The first half we played about as well as we can play. I was very excited and happy about how we came out," Katzer said. "We seem to be pretty good for about two or three quarters but being able to play that full four quarters is kind of a mystery to us and has alluded us up to this point."  
The team was led in scoring by Tamo Thomas, Lexi Baker and Kate Hanson.  
"Our bad stretches were a little bit worse than our good stretches and that led to the final outcome," he said.  
The Lady Panthers are 8-9 overall and 5-8 in the Big 7 league. Nemaha Central is 15-2 overall and has only lost once in the Big 7 league, with a record 12-1.  
The Panthers have three more league games before sub-state play begins.  
"We don't shy away from the fact that we are inconsistent. I talk to them about it every day," coach Katzer said. "We have six to 10 practices left, and, as a coach, I want to use each of those practices to work on putting together a complete game."  
RV: 15-6-5-16 — 42  
NC: 6-10-11-24 — 51  
**Individual statistics:**  
RV: T. Thomas 6 (1) 0-2 13, Baker 4 (2) 0-0 10, Hanson 3 4-6 10, Schuetz 1 1-2 3, Jordan 1 0-0 2, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Thomas 0 1-2 1, Thompson 0 1-2 1. Totals 16 (3) 7-14 42.  
NC: Baumgartner 4 (2) 8-9 18, L. Macke 3 7-10 13, Hammes 3 (1) 1-2 8, K. Dalinghaus 2 0-0 4, J. Dalinghaus 1 4-5 6, J. Macke 1 0-0 2. Totals 14 (3) 20-26 51.  
JV  
Royal Valley 43, Nemaha Central 27  
Royal Valley will host Sabetha on Friday in Hoyt. It will be senior night for the Panthers. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

**In the above left photo, Royal Valley junior Jacob Box (top) pinned Sabetha's Grant Meyer within 30 seconds of the start of the match to win the 182-lb. Big Seven League wrestling title. In the photo at left, RV's Dalton Ware (on top at left) took down Jefferson West's Shane Kelly to win the 106-lb. league title.**  
Photos by Brian Sanders



# Kansas Prep Basketball Rankings

*By Michael Powls*  
As of Feb. 16, these were the prep state basketball rankings in Class 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A. The Holton girls, the Royal Valley boys and the Jackson Heights boys are among the top ranked teams in their divisions and classes.

- 4A-II Boys**  
Girard (1).....17-0  
Holcomb (2).....16-1  
Hugoton (3)..... 15-1  
Rock Creek (4).....15-2  
Wichita Collegiate (5).....13-3  
**Others** – Baxter Springs 9-7, Burlington 10-7, Concordia 10-6, Hayden 8-8, Haven 11-6, Osawatomie 11-6, Pratt 10-7.
- 4A-II Girls**  
Hugoton (1).....15-1  
Hayden (2).....14-2  
Girard (3).....15-2  
Baldwin (4).....13-3  
Clay Center (NR).....13-3  
**Others** – Burlington 12-5, Haven 13-4, **Holton 10-6**, Kingman 12-5, Prairie View 11-6.

- 3A Boys**  
Osage City.....17-1  
Sabetha.....15-1  
Hesston (NR).....15-2  
TMP-Marian (NR).....13-3  
Riverton (3).....15-2  
**Others** – Beloit 11-5, Conway Springs 14-3, Fredonia 15-2, Garden Plain 13-4, Humboldt 14-3, Larned 11-5, Nemaha Central 13-3, Norton 14-3, **Royal Valley 14-2**, Scott City 12-4, Southeast-Saline 14-3, Sterling 12-5.

- 3A Girls**  
Silver Lake (1).....16-0  
Sterling (2).....16-1  
Sabetha (3).....15-1  
Garden Plain (4).....15-2  
TMP-Marian (5).....14-2  
**Others** – Beloit 11-5, Caney Valley 13-4, Conway Springs 14-3, Council Grove 15-3, Fredonia 13-4, Hesston 13-4, Humboldt 14-4, Maur Hill 15-2, Nemaha Central 13-2, Riley County 13-4, Rossville 13-4, SE-Saline 13-4.

- 2A Boys**  
Central Plains (1).....16-0  
Sacred Heart (2).....17-0  
Sedan (5).....16-0  
St. John (NR).....13-3  
Berean Academy (3).....14-2  
**Others** – Burlingame 14-3, Colgan 12-4, Hillsboro 14-4, **Jackson Heights 14-2**, Jefferson North 13-3, Lyndon 13-4, Meade 12-4, Ness City 12-4, Olpe 14-3, Seabury 13-3, South Gray 14-3, Spearville 16-1, Troy 16-2, Washington County 14-3.

- 2A Girls**  
Central Plains (1).....17-0  
Valley Falls (2).....16-0  
Olpe (3).....17-0  
Meade (4).....15-1  
Hill City (5).....14-1  
**Others** – Berean Academy 14-4, Moundridge 14-3, Sedan 16-1, South Central 15-3, Spearville 14-3, Valley Heights 13-5, Washington County 12-5.

- 1A-II Boys**  
Beloit-St. John's (1).....15-0  
Sharon Springs (2).....16-1  
Wheatland-Grinnell (3) 13-3  
Attica (4).....15-2  
Logan (5).....15-3  
**Others** – Argonia 12-5, Ashland 10-6, Central Christian 13-4, Crest 10-6, Deerfield 12-4, Dighton 11-5, Hartford 12-5.

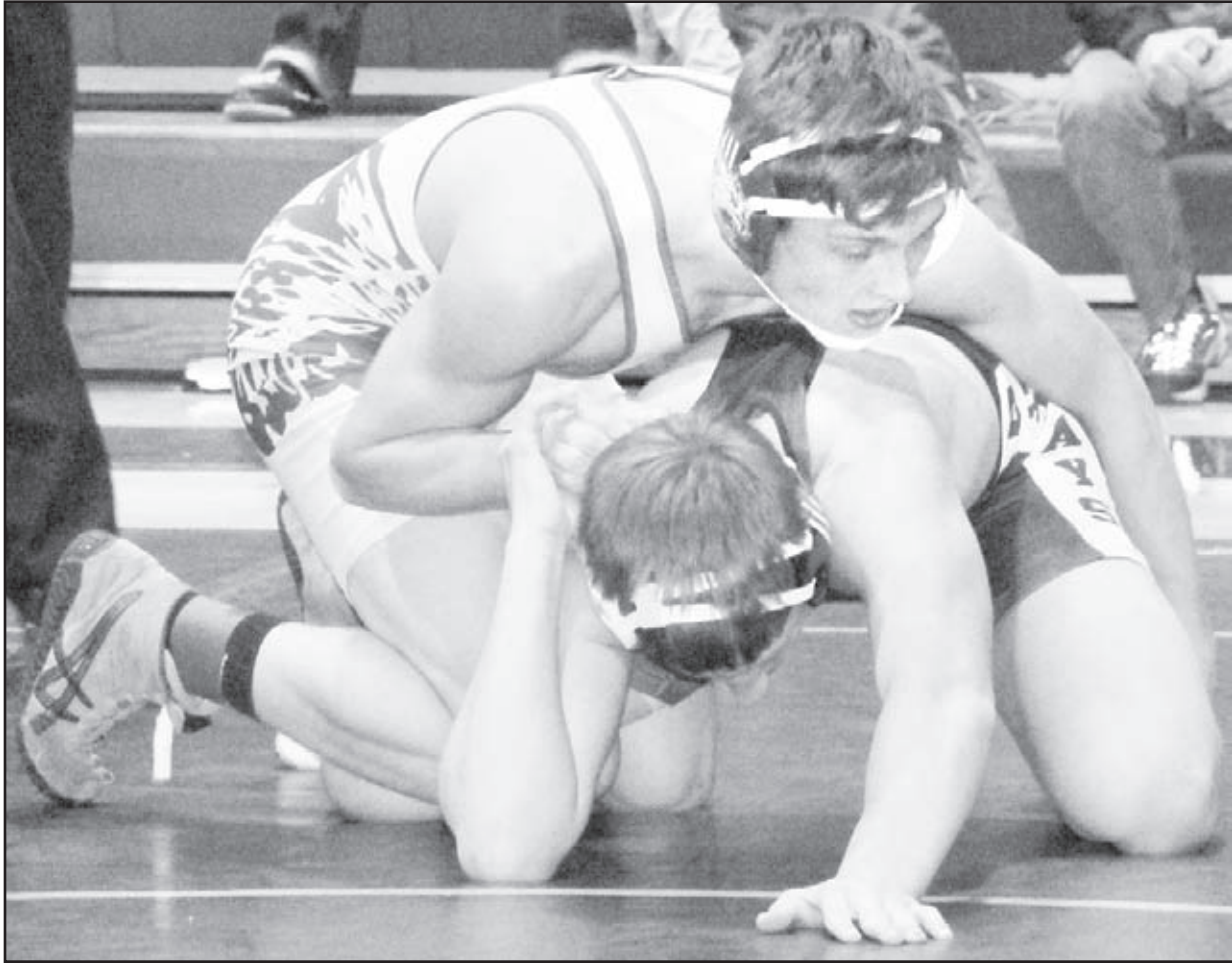
- 1A-II Girls**  
Norwich (2).....16-1  
Dighton (1).....13-3  
Axtell (5).....14-3  
Ingalls (3).....15-2  
Wheatland-Grinnell (NR) 15-2  
**Others** – Attica 13-4, Beloit-St. John's 12-3, Cunningham 13-4, Golden Plains 13-4, Hutch Central Christian 11-6, Moscow 14-3, Southern Cloud 12-5.

# Panthers ready for regional action

*By Ali Holcomb*  
After a strong second-place finish at the Big 7 league wrestling tournament on Saturday, Royal Valley's wrestlers are looking to qualify eight or nine wrestlers for the state tournament at this week's regional event in Rossville, according to coach Jason Puderbaugh.  
The Panthers have been bumped down a class this year by the Kansas State High School Activities Association and will compete in the 3-2-1A regional tournament set for Friday and Saturday at Rossville High School.  
"All classes have great wrestlers, but one advantage for us going to 3-2-1A is that our wrestlers will be on the bigger side of things instead of the smaller side," Puderbaugh said. "We're fortunate that we can fill all our weight classes, and not many schools in this class can do that."  
When the wrestling program began at RV in 1983, the district was a 3A school and remained at that class until the 1990s.  
"Historically, we've had more success when we were at 3A," Puder-



**Holton High School junior wrestler Jameson Lutz (top) battled back from a 9-3 deficit after two periods to pin Perry-Lecompton's Torin Van Nest in the third to win the 160-lb. Big Seven League wrestling title on Saturday.**  
Photo by Brian Sanders



**Holton High School junior wrestler Spencer Baum (top) fought hard to keep the upper hand on Sabetha's Cauby Rokey in the 170-lb. Big Seven League championship match on Saturday. Baum left the mat with a second-place finish.**  
Photo by Brian Sanders

# Wildcats fall to Jeff-West, 56-40

Friday's game will be played at Seneca

*By Brian Sanders*  
Holton High School's boys varsity basketball team saw its recent winning streak come to an end on Tuesday night against a tough Jefferson West team.  
Ironically, it was the Wildcats' Jan. 23 win over Jeff West at the Tonganoxie Invitational that started the five-win streak, but on Tuesday, the Tigers came to Holton looking to avenge that defeat.

Holton Head Coach Ryan Noel said that even though the Wildcats were able to match the Tigers "for the majority of three quarters," the visiting team was able to "stretch things out in the second half."  
"Their length gave us trouble, and we weren't able to generate much offensively," Noel said. "They slammed the ball in on their end of the floor and scored a lot of points in the paint or just outside the block that we weren't able to stop."

Another problem for the Wildcats

on Tuesday, Noel said, was making shots.

"We had a string of possessions where we came up empty," he said. "Some of that was shot selection, and some of that was just missing good shots. They were able to capitalize on that and go down to the other end and score."

Only two Wildcats were able to get into double digits offensively, including junior Bryson Patch, who could only muster 10 points — "well under his average of 20," Noel said. High scorer was senior Kaden Brandt, who hooked up for 11 points.

Defensively, Noel cited the work of senior Will Wright, who came in for the second half and was "tremendous" on the D.

"He gave us a great, great boost," he said of Wright's performance.

Up next, the Wildcats (6-7 in Big Seven League, 7-10 overall) will travel to Seneca to face off with Nemaha Central (10-2 league, 14-3

overall), a team that Noel expects to be "very disciplined."

"They're going to throw the ball into the post a ton and look to visit the free throw line 20 to 25 times," he said. "So our discipline will be very important. We've got to keep the ball out of the post, push the pace and make them run up and down the floor because they do have a size advantage that we'll have to negate by playing a little faster."

**Scoring**  
Holton 12-9-7-12—40  
Jefferson West 13-12-16-15—56  
Holton: Brandt 5 1-4 11, Patch 4 (2) 0-1 10, Strader 3 (2) 0-0 8, Frakes 2 (1) 0-0 5, Haussler 1 (1) 0-0 3, Bain 1 0-2 2, Wright 0 1-2 1. Totals 16 (6) 2-9 40.

Jefferson West: Livingston 5 (2) 7-10 19, Overstreet 2 (1) 5-6 10, N. Schmidt 4 0-0 8, Sutton 2 (2) 0-1 6, Dean 2 0-2 4, I. Schmidt 2 0-0 4, Korb 2 0-0 4, Miller 0 1-3 1. Totals 19 (5) 13-22 56.

## JV tourney results

The Royal Valley JV girls basketball team took first place at its home tournament Saturday in Hoyt, while the JV boys took second place.

In a round-robin style format, the JV girls beat St. Marys 46-43 in the first round of competition and then won against Santa Fe Trail 55-18 in the second round.

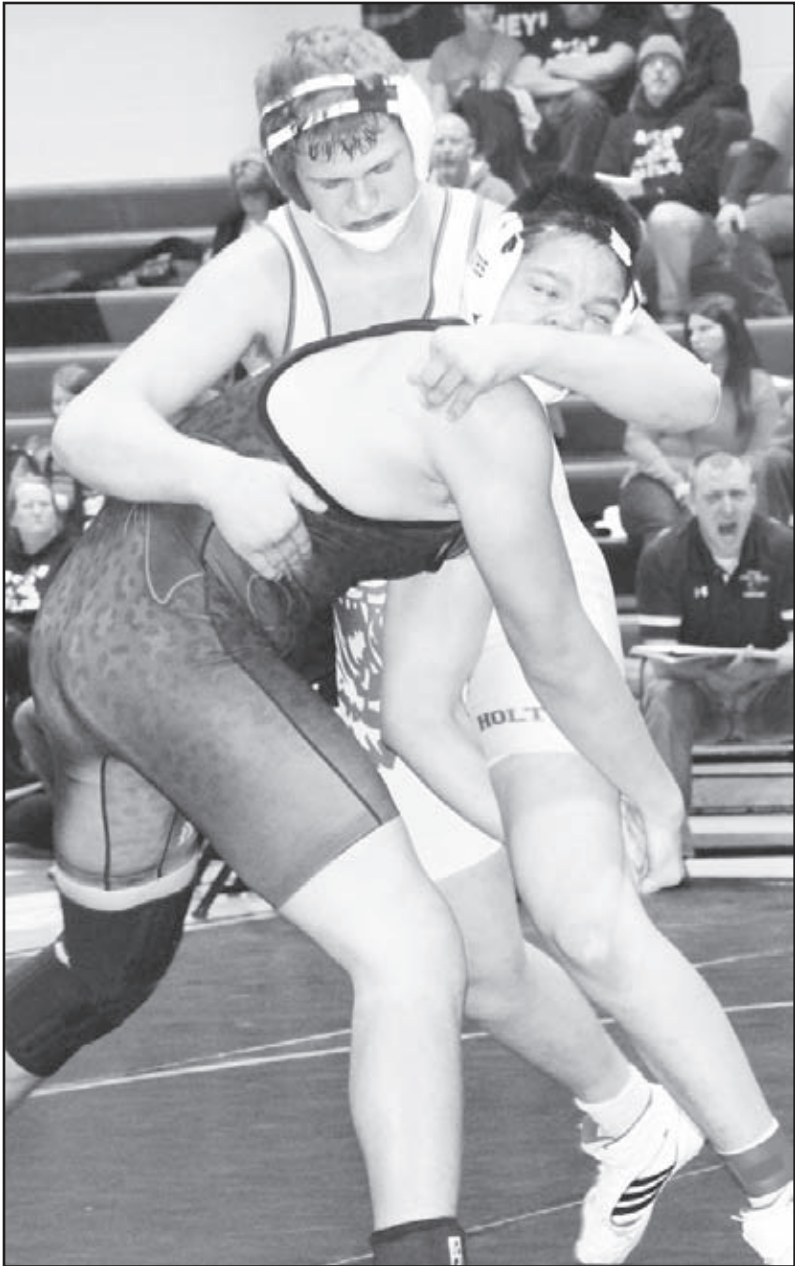
The Panther boys had a strong start to the tournament with a win against St. Marys 63-60, but the team came up short against Rock Creek in the next round, 61-50.

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**Holton High School sophomore Kyler Tannahill (upper left) and Royal Valley High School junior Blake Garrison battled it out for the 195-lb. division title in the Big Seven League wrestling tournament on Saturday. Tannahill emerged victorious with an 11-5 decision.**  
Photo by Brian Sanders

# Strong comeback bid by HHS comes up short

*By Brian Sanders*  
Despite a strong second half to make up for what Holton High School girls basketball coach Jon Holliday called "a horrible start" against Jefferson West, the Lady Cats were unable to keep a solid Tigers team in check on Tuesday.

The Lady Cats took a close, 56-52 loss last night on their home court, and Holliday cited the Tigers' 10-2 run in the last few minutes before halftime as a major factor in the loss.

"We played from behind," he said. "It was 20-18 with three minutes to go in the second quarter, and we went to 30-20 at the half... It really put us behind the eight ball."

The Tigers' late first-half run compounded the Lady Cats' trouble in scoring earlier in the game, Holliday said.

"We had a horrible start," he said. "We missed six straight free throws, a couple layups and a couple hooks."

However, in the second half, the Lady Cats came out shooting, outscoring the Tigers 18-12 in the third quarter and matching them shot for shot in the fourth.

"We did a better job of executing. We got the ball and tried to take advantage of what they were giving us," Holliday said. "We crawled back in it, and once we did, we had opportunities late in the game. We gave ourselves a chance."

But it wasn't enough to rescue the game for Holton, and Holliday continued to look back on the late first-half explosion from the Tigers.

"With the exception of that, we

played some good basketball," he said. "We've got to do a better job in pressure situations."

Top scorers for the Wildcats were senior Hayley Thompson, who notched 15 points for the night, and sophomore Shay Tanking, whose 12 points all came from beyond the three-point arc.

"We had a pretty good post punch with those two," Holliday said of Thompson and Tanking. "In the second half, we did some better things and those two were pretty effective in terms of offense and defense."

With the loss, Holton falls to 9-4 in the Big Seven League and 10-7 overall for the season; Jeff West improved to 8-6 in the league and 10-8 overall. On Friday, the Lady Cats have a road game against Nemaha Central (12-1 league, 15-2 overall) and Holliday expects a tough match.

"They're a long athletic team. They play a good zone, and they'll be extremely good with their hands and on defense," he said. "We're going to have to put our game faces on and bring the A-game."

**Scoring**  
Holton 5-15-18-14—52  
Jefferson West 10-20-12-14—56  
Holton: Thompson 7 1-3 15, Tanking 4 (4) 0-0 12, Boswell 2 (1) 3-6 8, Weiler 2 2-7 6, Moore 2 2-2 6, Lierz 1 (1) 0-0 3, Holaday 1 0-0 2. Totals 19 (6) 8-19 52.  
Jefferson West: Negonsott 4 12-14 20, Becker 4 (2) 5-7 15, Murdie 6 1-5 13, Garza 1 1-2 3, Biggs 1 0-0 2, Broxterman 1 0-0 2, Metzger 0 1-2 1. Totals 17 (2) 20-30 56.

## ACCHS travels to Hiawatha Friday

*By Michael Powls*  
On Friday, Feb. 12, the ACCHS Lady Tigers were in action on the road against the Jeff. West Lady Tigers. The Lady Tigers lost, 53-28.

ACCHS in the first half, was outscored 24-17.  
The second half, wasn't any better for ACCHS, as they were outscored again 29-11.

Katie Beien was the leading scorer for ACCHS with 10 points.

On Friday Feb. 19, the ACCHS Lady Tigers (2-11 in the Big 7 League and 5-12 overall) will play at Hiawatha against the Lady Redhaws.

The ACCHS boys also lost 65-46 to Jeff-West last Friday. The

ACCHS boys (0-13 in league, and 0-17 overall) will also travel to Hiawatha.

Jeff. West 53, ACCHS 28  
ACCHS..... 8-9-3-8—28

Jeff. West.....16-8-12-17—53  
Atchison County – Beien 3 4-9 10, Eckert 1 (1) 2-2 5, Erzen 1 3-6 5, Scherer 1 2-2 4, Martin 1 0-0 2, Miller 1 0-0 2. Totals 8 (1) 11-20 28.

Jefferson West – Murdie 6 4-11 16, Metzger 2 3-4 7, Biggs 3 0-2 6, Becker 3 0-0 6, Garza 2 0-0 4, Negonsott 1 -2-2 4, Overstreet 0 4-4 4, Broxterman 1 0-0 2, Mooradian 1 0-0 2, Negonsott 0 2-4 2. Totals 19 (0) 15-27 53.

## Clifton-Clyde next for Wetmore Cards

*By Michael Powls*  
On Friday Feb. 12, The Wetmore Lady Cardinals took the court at home, against the Valley Heights Lady Mustangs. The Lady Mustangs ended up winning this one, 72-67, with a 40 point explosion by Roepke.

In the first half, the Lady Cardinals outscored the Lady Mustangs 41-33. In the second half, the Lady Mustangs out scored the Lady Cardinals 39-26.

Gerae Haverkamp was the leading scorer for the Lady Cardinals, with 27 points.

On Feb. 19, the Lady Cardinals (2-8 in league, and 6-12 overall) are on the road to face the Clifton-Clyde Lady Eagles.

Valley Heights 72, Wetmore 67

Valley Hts.....16-17-20-19—72  
Wetmore.....27-14-14-12—67

Valley Heights – Roepke 17 6-9 40, Smith 7 (1) 2-3 17, Ohlde 2 1-2 5, Doner 2 0-0 4, Woodyard 2 0-0 4, Manley 1 0-0 2. Totals 31 (1) 9-14 72.

Wetmore – Haverkamp 10 (5) 2-2 27, Henry 6 (3) 1-2 16, Henry 4 5-6-13, McQueen 3 5-6 11. Totals 23 (8) 13-16 67.

In the boys game, Valley Heights outscored Wetmore 36-17 in the first half. Wetmore in the second half, was outscored 31-26. Wetmore lost this game, 67-43.

Trey Craig led the way for the Cardinals by scoring 20 points.

Wetmore (1-9 in league, and 3-15 overall) will travel to Clifton-Clyde to play the Eagles on Feb. 19.



# A Salute To Our Schools’ FBLA



Holton High School’s FCCLA chapter officers for 2015-16 are, front row, from left: Abbigail Hundley, freshman rep/STUCO rep; Faith Holaday, freshman rep; and Zaina Khalil, secretary; back row, from left: Brian Nelson, publicist, Blake Harris, president; and Kaylee Davis, program director. Not pictured: Lyndie Copeland, vice president. The club’s sponsor is Amy Oldehoeft.

Photo by Brian Sanders



Holton High School’s FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter is led by Anne Bowser (above left), president, and Alex Bontrager (above right), vice president. The chapter’s advisor is Matt Goetz.

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Members of the Royal Valley FFA Club include (front row, from left) sponsor Kim Mitchell, Sierrah Franklin, Alyssa Gooderl, Lindsey Bowden, Holly Mitchell, Emily Albright, Lucas Gunter, (second row) Brandon Kelly, Miami Catron, Kenzie Hegemann, Jenna Thurman, Riley Strickler, Lance Bailey, Jared Lemke, (third row) John Ehrhart, Cheyann Lemke, Janelle Marney, Cateria Ebeling, Eryn Daugherty, Karlie Price, Blake Chance, (back row) Wade Collins, Lucas Broxterman, Jacob Hastings, AnnaLee Anderson, Mary Broxterman, Macy Putnam, Garrett Rodewald, Brandon Rodewald and Hunter Johnson.

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Members of the Royal Valley High School FCCLA club include (front row, from left) Lindsey Bowden, Morgan New, Breanna Hainline, (second row) Holly Mitchell, Eryn Daugherty, Morgan Boell, Sheldon Hess, (back row) sponsor Monique Litherland, Mary Broxterman, Karlie Price and Lucas Broxterman.

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# A, FCCLA And FFA Chapters



Officers of Holton High School's FFA chapter for 2015-16 are, from left to right, treasurer Elizabeth DeBoer, vice president Alexandra Clark, president Samantha Beauchamp and secretary Tel Wittmer. The club's advisors are Jason Larison and Alex Bartel.

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Jackson Heights High School's FFA chapter officers for the 2015-16 school year are, front row, from left, Joel Nelson, president; Lance Coe, vice president; and Lane Holliday, reporter; back row, from left: John Kennedy, treasurer; Kaleb Keehn, secretary; and Judd Nelson, sentinel. The club's advisor is Paul Lierz.

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Officers of the Jackson Heights High School FBCLA chapter for the 2015-16 school year include, front row, from left, Kate Lierz, treasurer; Hanna Davault, reporter; and Maggie Rostetter, Student Council representative; back row, from left, Dan Shupe, advisor; Tyler Bloom, parliamentarian; Katelyn Ludlow, secretary; and Ethan Fund, vice president. Not pictured is Marley Wareham, president.

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# Gardener’s Corner

## A closer look at the shy opossum

By Sandra M. Siebert

As I approached the compost one cloudy afternoon, a bucket full of table scraps swinging from one hand, I surprised a large opossum on its way to the heap.



He wasn’t interested in socializing, so quickly turned and hurried back into the brush pile, where he probably has a cozy den.

He looked sleek and “well-fed,” probably from a diet of kitchen scraps scavenged from the compost heap. A rather handsome looking creature I thought, although many people consider opossums ugly.

Throwing kitchen scraps into an open compost heap is like sending out engraved invitations to all the neighborhood opossums, and any other scavenging critter. I don’t mind, however. An opossum doesn’t do much damage there, although it might scatter the orange peels a bit. In fact, after reading about opossums, I’ve come to welcome them.

Opossums eat nearly anything, finding meals by both scavenging and hunting. They will eat small rodents (including rats), snails, slugs, worms and various insects. I don’t mind a few scattered orange peels if they can help keep down the populations of these pesky critters. They also keep things tidy by eating carrion.

An opossum’s diet includes birds, yes, chickens, too, but I’ve never heard any of my neighbors complaining about opossums in their chicken coops. Opossums also eat eggs they find on the ground, and even snakes. I don’t have anything against snakes, in general, but they might keep some of the copperheads away from the house. One of the opossum’s super powers is that it is immune to the venom of pit vipers, like the copperhead and rattlesnake. Researchers have isolated a protein in the opossum’s blood that blocks the action of snake venom. It can be

synthetically reproduced and may be used as an antivenin for snakebite victims. (Yay for opossums!)

Opossum’s other super power is its immunity to a number of common viral diseases that run through the wild crowd and potentially infect domesticated animals and even humans, such as rabies. So they are not carriers of this disease.

They also are immune to Lyme disease and will not be infected by nor transmit Lyme through tick bites. In fact, through their fastidious grooming behavior (they are not dirty animals) opossums kill nearly all ticks that get on them. If an opossum finds a tick while grooming, it merely considers it a snack.

One study discovered that opossums kill more than 95 percent of the ticks that get on them. Researchers estimated that one opossum can kill up to 4,000 ticks in a week.

Opossums will eat some of the berries and vegetables in the garden. They apparently love strawberries and will make orgasmic noises in the middle of the night while eating them. However, my rabbit/deer fence around the strawberry bed has kept out opossums as well, so no worries there. Except for a few tomatoes located close to the ground, I don’t think the opossums eat much else out of my garden.

They will, however, climb fruit trees in search of meals. We suspect a peach-snatching opossum of breaking not one, but three branches in one peach tree, as well as a branch or two on an apple tree. We may investigate “opossum protection” by installing metal stovepipes on the tree trunks. The pipe must be at least 24 inches long to thwart the fruit-stealing opossums from climbing. Maybe it will even keep fruit-stealing squirrels from getting into the trees, which by sheer numbers eat more fruit than opossums.

Although opossums have super immunity to snake venom and viruses, they have very short lives, rarely living more than two years in the wild. So far the record age for a captured opossum is three years. Females begin reproduction at six to

12 months of age and frequently have only one successful reproductive year.

Those female opossums are now carrying their first litter of the year, as they mated in early January. Following a gestation period of less than two weeks, the tiny, house-fly sized infant opossums have probably already been born, climbing up mama’s belly and into her pouch where the nipples are. Mother opossum has only 13 nipples for the babies to grab and remain firmly attached to for two months. Mama opossum might give birth to as many as 20 babies, but only the 13 fastest will survive the race to the milk supply.

Opossums are an ancient mammal, having dodged the footsteps of dinosaurs. They are a unique type of mammal, a marsupial, characterized by the pouch in which they keep their young. That makes them distant relatives to the kangaroo and koala, as well as other marsupials in Australia.

More than 60 species of opossum exist, nearly all of them living in South and Central America. Only the Virginia opossum lives in North America, and wasn’t even known in eastern Kansas until the mid-1800s. None were known in western Kansas until 1900.

When colonists arrived, opossums lived only in southeastern U.S. and southward. Because they are highly adaptable and were transported accidentally and intentionally by European settlers, they now range throughout the U.S. and up into Canada.

Many of the other opossum species are smaller than the housecat-sized one that visits my compost heap.

Because of their small size, some species bear names that include the word “mouse” or “shrew,” like the Handley’s slender mouse opossum of Colombia, or the gray-bellied shrew opossum that lives in the Andes Mountains. One might say they also are cuter than the Virginia opossum, but I maintain that the opossum I surprised the other day was a handsome fellow.

And he eats ticks. I think I’ll keep him.



## Couple to celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Joe and Lee Collins of Holton will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 20, with a reception from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Holton.

Joe Collins married Lee Kern on Feb. 17, 1956 in Topeka. They started Collins Truck Line the same year, and continue in business as

Collins Pipe and Welding today.

The couple has three daughters, Deb Patch and her husband, Travis, Vicki Bontrager and her husband, Mark, Connie Whorton and her husband, Rex, and one son, the late Dan Collins (1956-2001). They have 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The couple requests no gifts.

## Circleville Christian By Jeannie Arnold

Ellsworth and Sandra Hewitt served as greeters at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Feb. 14. Gary Bell gave the opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz and Paul and Sue Davault. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events, and David Allen gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Blair Wagner introduced the guest speaker, Ryan Hayden. Hayden used text from John 3:10-21 as he brought the morning Valentine’s Day message, “Jesus Teaches Nicodemus.”

Jesus teaches Nicodemus by telling him the story of love. Jesus did not come to condemn the world, but to save sinners. Jesus introduced Nicodemus to the love of God. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and our salvation is with Jesus.

Paul Davault gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Ellsworth Hewitt, John Ray and Jason Claycamp. Gary Bell, Max Lierz and David Allen provided music as communion was served. The offertory prayer was given by David Allen, and the service closed by singing “Happy Trails To You.”

Feb. 21 will be the annual business meeting following the third service, and also a baby shower for Lisa Steele at 2 p.m.

## Circleville U.M.C.

By Sue Wichman

The first Sunday in Lent promised to be a beautiful day as the congregation gathered at Circleville United Methodist Church on Feb. 14. Leesa Harshaw, pianist, played “O Happy Day” as Sue Wichman lighted the altar candles to begin the service.

David Allen served as song leader and Leesa provided the accompaniment. The hymns were “God Will Take Care Of You,” “I Love To Tell The Story” and “Go Tell It On The Mountain.”

Lay Pastor Charlotte Milroy’s youth message was about love. “Do we love God enough to trust Him?” If we trust in God and His love for us, we’ll never be alone.

Ginger Johnson played “The Old Lamplighter” on her harmonica for her special.

Charlotte’s message was based on the Gospel lesson, Luke 4:1-13. Answering the call to trust in God will help us to resist life’s greatest temptations. God’s love will help us through the wilderness periods of our lives.

Allen Fernkopf and Verlin Wichman received the morning offering while Leesa played “Let’s Just Praise The Lord.”

Charlotte offered Holy Communion as Leesa played “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow.” The closing hymn was “Let There Be Peace On Earth.”

Upcoming worship assistants are Evelyn Spencer on Feb. 21, Kenneth Wykert on Feb. 28 and Thersa Wade on March 6.

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## Ag Week Recap: Cattle prices up this past week

By Matt Hines

Cattle futures opened higher Friday after a bad week for those betting on higher cattle prices into the spring. Early gains did not hold, though, as mild losses were present as the session closed.

Seasonal trends based on historic prices reflect the fact that cattle prices usually find the high for the year in the March/April time frame as beef demand improves with the weather. A warm-up in much of the nation is in the forecast, and restocking meat counters and warm weather could be just what beef demand needs to get going.

February has never been a banner month for beef demand, though. Box prices were mixed all week although finished lower versus a week ago. They haven't fallen like the cash markets and sporadically have shown signs of support.

Feedyards were more willing sellers as cash cattle traded cheaper from last week but continue to trade ahead of the February Live Cattle board. Texas and Kansas reported fed cattle trading at \$132 to \$134 live, \$2 to \$3 lower than a week ago. In Nebraska last Thursday, dressed sales sold at \$206 with live sales mostly from \$130 to \$132, both \$4 lower than a week ago.

Feeder cattle prices were \$3 to \$5 lower in Oklahoma City as a crashing futures market took its toll on buying interest. Calf prices were more resilient as stocker operators prepare inventories for spring and summer grazing. Average yearling steers were selling in the high \$140s on the southern plains.

It is difficult to lay all the blame on the international stock and commodity markets because lean hog futures have been bucking the trend downward. There is little doubt, however, that much of the selling in the cattle futures market is related to a general and global sell-off in commodities and a threatening fear of economic uncertainties spreading around the world.

For the week, Friday, Feb. 5, to Friday, Feb. 12, February live cattle were down \$6.10, April was down \$5.27, March feeders were down \$3.80, May was down \$4.22, February lean hogs were up \$1.15 and April was up \$0.7. Boxed Beef, Choice was down \$4.52 at \$216.08 and Select was down \$3.98 at \$212.53. Pork Carcass Cutout was down \$1.49 at \$76.08.

Cattle slaughter from Friday was estimated at 104,000 head, down 3,000 from a week ago and down 2,000 compared to a year ago. Weekly totals were estimated at 544,000 head, up 10,000 from a week ago and up 4,000 from a year ago. Total beef production for the week was at 452 million pounds, up from last week's 443.8 million and last year's 441.1 million pounds.

Hog slaughter from Friday was estimated at 434,000 head, down 1,000 from a week ago but up 10,000 from a year ago. Weekly totals were at 2,281,000, up 105,000 from the week previous and up 55,000 from a year ago.

Corn futures continue to move toward the lower end of a \$3.60-\$3.70 trading

range. There will be little reason to change pricing until new information develops of the spring plantings. This is barring a major development in the South American crops.

A two-sided session for the wheat complex was noted on Friday after a mostly higher overnight trade. Over the past few sessions there looks to be selling after sudden, up-move bursts that limits gains and quickly pushes futures back towards unchanged. It was also another two-sided trade in the soybean market on Friday, unable to break much but also unable to build upon Thursday's rally.

Egypt bought 60,000 metric tons (MT), or 2.2 million bushels (MBU) of Romanian wheat, paying a reported \$10 premium to world values. There were only five offers, and those offers were mixed, with Romania the cheapest and off \$7 from last week. There were no U.S. offers but at 80 over basis, if we could make grade, U.S. SRW remains a good \$40 over world values.

China has been on holiday for their Lunar New Year this past week, and for the most part has been absent from the market the entire week. Monday was Presidents Day here in the U.S. and the grain markets were closed Sunday night and Monday during the day before re-opening at its usual time Monday night.

South American weather continues to look favorable over the next week, with storms over Argentina over the next 10 days contributing between two and eight inches for many except for parts of the north and northwest.

The Buenos Aires grain exchange said corn planting progress was 100 percent on Sunday while Brazil looks to plant a second crop of corn as soon as beans are harvested. Ag Rural estimated the Brazilian soy harvest at 16 percent complete vs. 10 percent a week ago and 14 percent a year ago.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 9, there was an updated supply and demand from USDA, but based on the market reaction you would have thought there wasn't a report at all. All three commodities were down a few pennies before the report, had little to no reaction directly after the report and spent the rest of the session steady to down three.

The grain report itself was bearish for all three commodities. Wheat by far had the most impactful adjustments this month with world ending stocks at a new all-time record of 238.87 million metric tons (MMT) or 8.78 billion bushels (BBU). World ending stocks were raised 6 MMT from a month

ago with less than ½ MMT increase in world production.

China makes the world go round, and they did here again with last year's stocks raised 2 MMT and domestic usage for this year now forecasted 4 MMT less than a month ago. Add to that, U.S. ending stocks 25 MBU higher now with a decrease in exports.

The corn and soybean adjustments were expected with U.S. ending stocks higher and South American production forecasted higher as well. U.S. corn imports were increased by 10 MBU and exports down 50 MBU partially offset by an increase in corn usage for ethanol by 25 MBU.

In total, U.S. ending stocks raised by 35 MBU to 1.837 BBU now. The world balance sheet showed little change in ending stocks but world production was increased by 2 MMT with the main players as follows... Argentina up 1.4 MMT, Brazil up 2.5 MMT and South Africa down 1 MMT.

U.S. soybean ending stocks only increased by 10 MBU with a decrease in domestic crush, but most expected ending stocks to come down slightly. This reduction in U.S. crush means 300,000 tons less soy meal produced, but domestic usage increased 200,000 tons and exports decreased 500,000 tons. World soybean stocks were increased by ½ MMT with Argentina production increased by 1½ MMT offset by world domestic usage increased by 1 MMT.

For the week, Friday, Jan. 29, to Friday, Feb. 5, March corn was down \$0.07, December was down \$0.07½, March soybeans were up \$0.05¼, November was up \$0.02¼, March KC wheat was down \$0.09¼, July was down \$0.08½, March Chicago Wheat was down \$0.09¼ and July was down \$0.08.

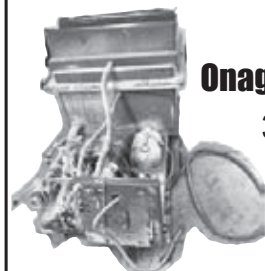
Going to the charts, March corn is in the middle of its \$3.50 to \$3.80 range-bound trade going back to mid-November. The first line of resistance is at \$3.65, the 10-day moving average followed by \$3.73½, the high back from Feb. 4. March soybean support lies in the \$8.60 to \$8.55 area, with contract lows beyond that down to \$8.47. Resistance starts back at \$8.70 to \$8.75, followed by the recent high up to \$8.89.

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

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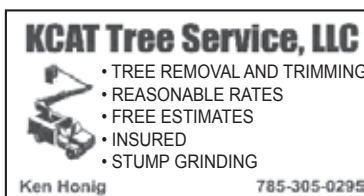
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## Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

What a beautiful day it turned out for celebrating Valentine's Day! Every day should be Valentine's Day instead of just once a year. Forget the cards, flowers and chocolates – just share your love for Christ with the people you know and those you come in contact with every day.

Pastor Tom's message at Denison Bible Church on Feb. 14 was titled "My Favorite Love Story," based on Ruth 2:1-6. The book of Ruth is a love story. "The story" takes place between three funerals and a birthday, but that is a whole other story or two. The word "love" is not mentioned in this love story, but love is written all over it.

Ruth loved, respected and was loyal to her mother-in-law, Naomi. After the death of her father-in-law, brother-in-law and her own husband, Ruth pledged her loyalty to Naomi and the two of them left Moab for Bethlehem. They arrived in time for the harvest.

Ruth went to gather grain in a barley field, picking up sheaves and grains that were dropped by the reapers during the harvest. She went to the field to work so that she could provide for Naomi. The reapers were suspicious of Ruth because she was a Moabite and she was also a widow.

As it turned out, the owner of the field was a relative of Ruth's mother-in-law. Boaz saw Ruth and it appears that for him it was love at first sight. Ruth was not told to go to that particular barley field. She was guided there. It wasn't a coincidence – it was a "God thing!" While everyone else was suspicious of Ruth, Boaz was intrigued and interested in her. They found great love in that barley field.

## New Life Nazarene

By Janice Kneisley

Love was the topic at New Life Church of the Nazarene this past Sunday as Pastor Kevin Kneisley preached on God's love for us.

He said it may just be a date on the calendar, but it can be made into a very special occasion if we follow the teachings of God's word about what real love is.

"A bell is not a bell 'till you ring it, a song is not a song until you sing it and love is not love until you say it," the pastor said.

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to express our love in many special ways, just as God demonstrated for us, Kneisley said. We need to apply the teaching of God's word relating to love and the expression of love.

God tells us at every interchange, during every circumstance, almost in every chapter of the Bible that we matter to Him, that we are valuable, the pastor said.

The pastor cited Matthew 10 where Jesus compared His love for

us while comparing His love for an insignificant sparrow.

Matthew 10:31 says, "So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." Psalm 103:11 says, "As high as the heaven is above the earth so great is God's love toward those who fear him."

"The blood stained cross is the ultimate expression of God's love for us," Kneisley said. "And basically, we have two responses to His love – either honor it, or hydroplane right over it."

When we honor His love, Kneisley said, we worship and yearn to learn more about Him. We honor Him with our talents, our abilities and our finances. But when we don't live for Christ, we dishonor His love, for in essence, he said, we are telling God "I don't have time for you."

He then gave church members application to put God's love in action. Kneisley preached that we need to hear, read, receive, feel and know love on a daily basis.

## Netawaka United Methodist Church

By Mary E. Edwards

Feb. 14 was cold but nice. There were not as many at Netawaka United Methodist Church as sometimes. Everett Mullins rang the bell, and Steve Banaka was candle lighter and offertory usher.

Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements and invited the sharing of joys and concerns. Marcia and Arnold Robertson celebrated their grandson, Zach's, ninth birthday with family at Basehor. Marilyn and Steve and Mike and Helen Edwards attended an Eastern Star event at Emporia on Saturday. They met the grandmother of one of the students who was here last Sunday. Pat

James and Mary Edwards enjoyed a Valentine party at the Holton senior center on Friday.

Added to the prayer list were Phyllis Campbell of Homestead Apartments, who had a fall, and two of Pastor Caren's acquaintances, Susan Brey and Carla Woodward, who are both having cancer treatments.

Pastor Caren led the responsive call to worship adapted from Luke 4:1-8. The hymns were from the Faith We Sing books, "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus," "Change My Heart, O God" and "O How He Loves You And Me." Marilyn was in charge of recorded music.

Pastor Caren Loper led the re-

sponsive reading of Psalm 91 and the congregational prayer of confession, followed by the pastor's prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

The scripture lesson was Luke 4:1-13, the temptation of Jesus. Can we even imagine Jesus' temptation in the hot, dry desert after fasting for 40 days? The name of the sermon was "Avoiding Temptation."

The devil pointed out to Jesus that He could change stones into loaves of bread to satisfy His hunger, and told Him if He would worship the devil, He could rule all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus was strong and quoted the scriptures, "Man does not live by bread alone" and "Do not put

the Lord, your God, to the test."

Lent has just begun. How are we doing with our plans to give up something sinful or begin something good? How do we know if something is sinful or not?

We can follow Jesus' example of knowing and understanding the scriptures.

While we are not to judge others, we can learn from their mistakes and not fall into the same traps. We can learn good from those doing good deeds.

Keep in mind that any activity that takes us away from the worship of God and His will for us can become idolatry, which is a sin.

## Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernritter

It was a beautiful winter morning on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2016. It was also the first Sunday in Lent.

Jack Bernritter rang the bell at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church in hopes to hurry in latecomers. It is a joy to have live music when Althea Fordham plays. As she played the prelude, Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles.

After announcements, Joyce Immenschuh led the congregation in the call to worship and the opening prayer. Joyce read scripture from Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and Romans 10:8b-13. The congregants recited Psalms 91.

Hymns were "He's Only A Prayer Away," "My God And I" and "I Found The Answer."

The special was Theresa Rieschick reading about love, which tied in with it being Valentine's Day. The hymn "Love Lifted Me" was sung.

Joyce's message was titled "The Battle With Temptation." Satan's first try at tempting Jesus was after 40 days of fasting. His purpose was to distract Jesus from His goal and purpose in life. That purpose or destiny was to go to the cross as the sacrifice for our sins.

God has two goals for your life and mine: One is to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ in this life. The

second is to be brought into God's kingdom at the end of this life.

Anything that has the power to distract us from that goal is temptation. The most powerful temptations any of us face come through our appetites. Appetites for food, sleep, money, prestige, bigger cars or whatever you can think of.

If we don't stop those who are tempting us, they will destroy our ability to reflect Christ in our lives, and they will destroy our souls. We will miss out on going to heaven.

God doesn't give us our gifts just to enjoy life. He gives them to us to use for His glory! He wants us to remember we have crosses to bear in

this life – it's not just about enjoyment.

Have you lost your focus on the goal? Have you forgotten your destiny? Have you lost the battle with temptation like so many others have?

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**2001 dodge, 185k miles, 24 valve cummins, 5 speed, ext cab, 2wd**



**1997 Ravens all aluminum flatbed, 48'x96" w, 3 tool boxes, 18 winches, 90% brakes, 80% tires**



**1999 Doonan Drop-deck 50'x102"**



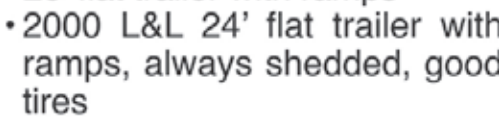
**1996 Peterbilt 379 ext hood, 3406C caterpillar, 13 speed, 355 rear ends, 11r24.5 tires**



• 32' flat trailer, 2 single axles, ramps



• 26' flat trailer with ramps



• 2000 L&L 24' flat trailer with ramps, always shedded, good tires



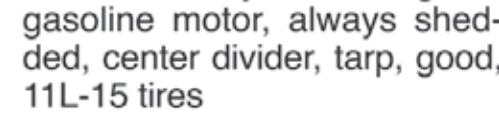
• Nice 7x20 gooseneck stock trailer, new floor, good shape



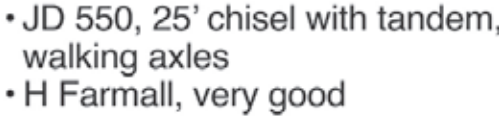
• 1995 New Holland No. 660 Big Baler, Bale Command, twine only, new control board, good paint, belts, always shedded, operator manual, field ready



• 2002 Bradford gravity wagon, 200 bushel, hydraulic auger & gasoline motor, always shedded, center divider, tarp, good, 11L-15 tires



• JD 550, 25' chisel with tandem, walking axles



• H Farmall, very good



• International M tractor, very good, good tires



• Ford 8N tractor in good cond.



• M Farmall tractor, good condition, runs good



• International 18 1/2' finishing disk, hydraulic fold, 7 1/2" spacing, good



• International 240 manure spreader w/power takeoff drive



• John Deere antique manure spreader



• Bar 6 cake feeder, 1800 lbs.



• Feed King creep feeders, portable, 200 bushel, very good, not rusted out



• 12 Davis built 1-piece big bale feeders, good




• 2 salt feeders



• Siterx No. H Gov10, 10-wheel rake, very good



• 3 pt. carrier



• 1976 Ford F600, 390 V-8, 5&2 speed, 16' bed & hoist, 900:20 tires



• 2" gas-powered water pump, 12' intake hose, 25' 2" discharge hose



• Danuser F11 Post hole digger, good condition



• 25 light poles



• Old wheels



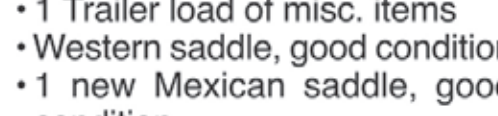
• 250+ hedge posts, 9-10', line & corner posts




• 100 used steel posts, 5 1/2-6 1/2' 5,000 ft. 1 1/2" pipe




• 3 bundles of 20 each: 8'x2 7/8" pipe



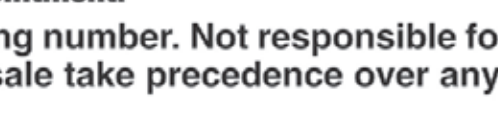
• 3 bundles of 20 each: 9'x2 7/8" pipe



• 1 bundle of 10: 3 1/2 posts, 8' long




• 1 bundle of 10: 9' posts, 3 1/2"



• 2 bundles of 14 gauge continuous, 200' per bundle



• 1 misc. gate



• 1 Trailer load of misc. items



• Western saddle, good condition



• 1 new Mexican saddle, good condition

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**CASHIERS: Cheryl Rice & Phyllis Davis • CLERK: Jerry Anstaett**

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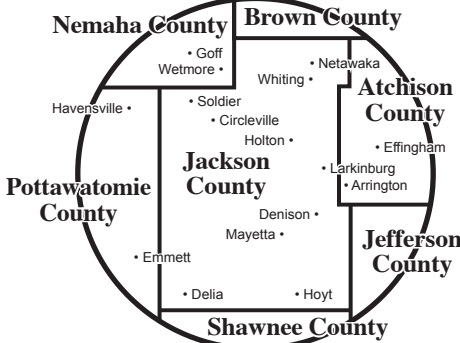
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2458 168th Rd. - Sabetha  
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We do small engine Repair and Service  
Parts for Kohler - Honda - Briggs  
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EASTSIDE STORAGE. Fourth and Vermont, Holton, (785)364-3404. Storage compartments for rent.

ELLIS & PEREZ Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning, Deluth, KS. 1-785-458-9695 or 1-785-948-2398.

Hydraulic repair, will overhaul cylinders/replace any hose assembly. Call Tony at 785-806-1935.

JASON HILL FENCING: Repair or build barbwire fence. 785-364-6217

PROPERTY CLEANERS: Norma 1-785-256-1472. Reasonable rates, detail cleaning, painting, interior/exterior, deck staining. References available.

TONZ OF SUDZ grooming/board-ing. All animals welcome. Text or call Tracie at 785-383-0862.

TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL, aerial equipment, stump removal, free estimates, insured. Larrison Tree Service, 364-3743, Call anytime.

Special Notice

\*Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 364-7021.

\*NEED A BANKRUPTCY? Payment options available. Paperwork can be done by mail. Free information. Euler Law Offices, LLP, Troy, KS 66087. Call (785)985-3561. We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the Bankruptcy Code.

A consistent advertising plan with your local newspaper, informing your customers about how you can serve them, builds consumer confidence and trust in your business. Visit with The Holton Recorder advertising experts about how to grow your successful business. Simply call us at 785-364-3141. We are here to help your business reach your goals!

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NOTICE: Winter is a good time to sell unwanted items here in The Holton Recorder classified section!

Vehicles

Used Cars & Trucks

TRUCKS

2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2LT, AWD, 2.4L 4-cyl., PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Rmt. St., BackUp Cam., Htd. Cloth, 19k miles

2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 1LT, FWD, 2.4L 4-cyl., PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Cloth, Remote St., Backup Cam., 27k miles

2013 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1/2 ton, reg. cab, 4WD, SB, WT, 4.8L V8, PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Bed Mat, One Owner, 25k miles

2012 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE LT AWD, 3.6L V6, PW, PL, Bkup Sensor, Cruise, Cloth, 8-Passenger, CD, 70k miles

2012 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2LT AWD, 2.4L, 4-cyl., PW, PL, Cruise, Bkup Cam, Rmt. St., Htd. Cloth, One Owner, 91k miles

2011 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LS 2.4L 4-cyl., FWD, PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Cloth, One Owner, 70k miles

2007 HONDA ELEMENT EX AWD, 2.4L, 4-cyl., PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Cloth

CARS

2015 BUICK ENCORE CONVENIENCE 1.4L 4 cyl., FWD, PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Blind Zone Alrt., Bkup Cam, Fog Lts., Rmt. St., Bluetooth, Cloth, 25k miles

2013 BUICK REGAL GS 2.0L, 4 cyl., Turbo, 6-sp. Manual, PW, PS, PL, HmLink, Keyless Start, PRICE REDUCED

2012 CHEVROLET MALIBU LTZ 3.6L V6, AT, PW, PL, Htd. Leather, Sunrf., Fog, 47k miles

2009 FORD FOCUS SE 2.0L 4-cyl., Auto., FWD, PW, PL, Cruise, Cloth, 88k miles

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306 New York, Holton

364-3156

1-800-801-5187

CLARK CHEVROLET  
www.clarkchevrolet.net

Pets

FOR-ADOPTION: Lab/Boxer mix, neutered male, 1-year-old; Lab/Corgi mix, male, 1-year-old; (2)Yorkie/Terrier mix, females, 1-year and 5-years-old. For more information, please contact Banner Creek Animal Hospital at 364-4560.

Happy Jack Liquivic: Recognized safe and effective against hook/roundworms by US CVM. Wege’s Feed Service, Hoyt and Holton (364-4761). (kennelvax.com)

Wanted

The Heart of Jackson Humane Society is seeking donations of several items for continued operations, as well as more volunteers to walk dogs at the shelter. For more information, call the shelter at 364-5156 or stop by the shelter at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton.

Business Opportunities

AVOID BEING TAKEN! Before investing in classified ads on work-at-home opportunities, “Too Good To Be True” business opportunities, or advance fee loans, The Holton Recorder urges readers to visit the consumer protection website at www.InYourCornerKansas.org or call 1-800-432-2310.

Employment

Earn up to \$2,700. Study available for Healthy Adults age 18-55. Non-smoking, taking no medications, available for overnight stays, you may qualify. Interested? Study 5059 Part 2. Call Quintiles! 913-894-5533

Furniture

UHL-FURNITURE: Nice La-Z-Boy electric lift-chair, \$300; new electric hospital bed, \$400; bunk bed, \$200; roll-away bed, \$100; loft bed, \$150; hide-a-bed couch, \$200; tables, chairs, couches, dressers, beds, handicap equipment. 785-969-9167/Holton.

Appliances

UHL-APPLIANCES: Maytag washer, \$200; chest freezer, 10-cu.ft., \$150; Maytag dryer, \$200; Maytag electric range, \$150; Hot Point n.gas range, \$250; built-in dishwasher, \$100. 785-969-9167/Holton.

We have appliance parts in stock. Call Jayhawk TV & Appliance at 364-2241.

Lawn & Garden

300-GAL. poly tank w/cage, \$100; wheelbarrow, \$50; plastic barrels for water, feed, storage, steel burn barrels, \$20/each; steel barrel w/lid, \$25. 785-969-9167/Holton.

BULK 100% Decorative river rock, railroad ties, 785-851-0053.

Building Supplies

32” OUTSIDE DOOR w/window, \$75; 36” door, \$50; doors, windows. 785-969-9167

COAST-TO-COAST: Carports, garages, storage sheds, barns, livestock shelters, motor home carports, commercial buildings. Dealer: George Uhl, Sr. 785-969-9167/Holton.

Miscellaneous

\*Free Bible Correspondence Course-Certificate awarded at completion. Contact: Northside Church of Christ, 555 NW 46th St., Topeka, KS 66617, phone 785-286-2124.

CORNER LOT for sale, 60x150. 364-3310

Firewood

Dry, mixed firewood, band-sawing, furniture lumber, oak, walnut, etc. 785-966-2342

FOR SALE: New barrel stove, \$100; cherry, oak, ash, locust, hackberry, walnut, mulberry, hedge. 785-969-9167/Holton.

FOR SALE: Cast iron steel wood stove, \$100; cherry, oak, ash, locust, hackberry, walnut, mulberry, hedge. 785-969-9167/Holton.

Employment

Eastridge Nursing Facility at Centralia Openings for the following positions:

Full Time Day CNA

Looking for someone who enjoys working with the elderly and is very task oriented. Ask us about 8 hour and 12 hour shifts.

Full Time Evening CNA

Will be working evening shift 1:30pm – 10:00pm

Full Time Environmental Services

This position includes daily housekeeping and facility laundry services. It is a day shift position 6am to 230pm and includes working every third weekend. Competitive wages and benefits. Call Eastridge at Centralia 785-857-3388 for more details or apply on line at www.chcsks.org.

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Best fit candidates will possess experience in a manufacturing environment with exposure to grinding, welding, fitting or blueprint reading.

For consideration, apply at:  
Schenck Process LLC  
810 S. Old 75 Highway  
Sabetha, KS 66534

Or send resume to:  
HR@schenckprocess.com

Or Fax resume to: 785-284-3565

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Fax: 913-774-3366  
hr@fcmhospita.org

Ann’s Home Health is searching for a FULL-TIME RN

to join our wonderful staff –  
Please send resume to:  
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or call 785-364-2952

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SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

Community HealthCare System, in Onaga, Kansas, has an immediate opening for the position of Senior Accountant.

The Senior Accountant is responsible for assisting the CFO in preparing financial statements, monthly reconciliations, and department budgets. This position will work directly with the Payroll and Accounts Payable departments.

Successful applicants will have a Bachelor’s degree in accounting or related field, thorough knowledge of accounting principles and two years’ experience in general accounting.

This position requires demonstrated good communication skills and attention to detail.

For more information and to apply go to  
www.chcsks.org and click on “Careers”  
or contact Human Resources at 785-889-5026.

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RN HOME HEALTH

Community Home Health is looking for an RN who is wanting to make a difference in a patient’s life. RNs who work in Home Health have the opportunity to help patients stay in their home by providing high quality health care to those patients who are home bound and just need a little assistance. Make a difference today by applying at:  
www.chcsks.org and click on “Careers”  
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FULL-TIME ENGLISH/SPEECH INSTRUCTOR

Highland Community College is accepting applications for a full-time English/Speech Instructor. Primary office may be in either Perry or Wamego, Kansas. Conduct classes days, evenings or weekends as assigned on-ground or using an online or hybrid telepresence format. Masters w/minimum 18 grad. hours in oral/written communications or closely related discipline required. College teaching experience using online, telepresence, or hybrid formats preferred.  
Request application packet from 785-442-6144 or  
humanresources@highlandcc.edu EOE

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# The Holton Recorder Classifieds

# REAL ESTATE MARKETPLACE



## Kellerman Real Estate

Roger Hower, Auctioneer  
364-8272

Diana Rieschick  
364-0267

Craig M. Fox  
305-1636

**621 Wyoming, Holton**  
**\$185,000**  
3 BR, 3 BA  
Roger Hower  
#187135  
Open Floor Plan!

**115 E. 3rd St., Hoyt**  
**\$74,000**  
3 BR, 1 BA  
Roger Hower  
#185406  
New Roof!

**523 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton**  
**\$72,500**  
2 BR, 1 BA  
Diana Rieschick  
#187279  
Close To Square!

**606 Wyoming, Holton**  
**\$152,500**  
3 BR, 2 BA  
Craig M. Fox  
#187754

**COMMERCIAL LISTINGS:**  
**CIRCLEVILLE:**  
303 Grant St., 1,600 sq. ft.,  
\$24,000 • #186310 • Craig M. Fox  
Former Circleville Market/ Grocery Store  
6,000 sq. ft. • \$19,000 • Roger Hower

**LAND LISTINGS:**  
**MAYETTA:**  
158th Rd. • 10 AC m/l  
\$31,500 • #187937 • Diana Rieschick  
**HOLTON:**  
Q Rd. • 5 AC m/l  
\$23,000 • #187938 • Roger Hower



**802 Iowa Ave., Holton**  
**\$159,900**  
3 BR, 2 BA  
Craig M. Fox  
#187592  
Inspections Completed!

**25582 F Rd., Soldier**  
**\$161,000**  
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**1911 SE 23rd, Topeka**  
**PRICE REDUCTION! 3BD/1.5BA**  
Move-In Ready, Updates Top to Bottom incl. Master BR suite addition, new carpeting

**NEW ON MARKET**  
**110 Marilyn Dr., Holton**  
**3 BR/ 2.5 BA**  
Rare opp! Quality built on corner lot. Oversized master BR layout w/ mstr bath/double sinks. Lrg bsmt potential, new flooring, 6-yr-old roof, h20 system upgrades, wired surround sound system, gas fireplace, phenomenal patio setting & more

**UNDER CONTRACT!**  
**23150 N Road, Holton**  
**\$270,000 4BD/3BA**  
20 acres, 30x30 Morton Bldg., Custom Jerry Lutz home, walkout finished bsmt.

**Just Sold - Valley Brook Topeka**

**9718 T4 Rd., Hoyt**  
**\$47,900 1BD/1BA**  
On 3 AC m/l, outbuildings, treed property, fruit trees.

**XXX Chicasha Lane Building site • \$8,000**  
Lot available, LakeRidge Estates, Perry Lake, next to golf course.

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sara@cbkansas.com

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**NEW LISTING**  
77 AC m/l pasture & small hayfield

**404 Montana**  
2 BR - 2 BA Rancher  
dble. car garage

**217 Kansas - \$90's**  
3 BR - Newer roof

**• Clean**  
**• Native Brome**  
**• 2 Ponds**  
**• Rds. on 2 sides**

Call Charlene.

**607 Idaho - \$60's**  
3 BR - 1 1/2 BA  
full bsmt.

**808 Ohio - \$50's**  
Must see inside this  
cute 2 BR - 1 BA

**19997 Q Rd. - 4 BR**  
Gorgeous Setting - full bsmt.

**5.77 AC m/l Lot - South - price reduced - Call Margie**  
**10-20 AC m/l - West near nice subdivision - Call Beth**  
**1 AC m/l Lots - West part of Holton w/water, elect. & gas. - Call Joni (Listing agent is co-owner)**  
**3 AC m/l Lots - South - Call Charlene**

**Beth Pagel**  
785-364-5892

**Wayne Pagel**  
785-364-7304

**Charlene Herbers**  
785-851-0866

**Margie Grace**  
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785-305-1404

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**Employment**

**WELDER/FABRICATOR (North Topeka)**

Welder/Fabricator: Responsibilities include welding and fabrication of steel components used in the construction of our products. Applicant must have some welding experience and have a strong aptitude for layout and fit up using shop drawings.

Qualifications:

- Interest and aptitude in welding and welding processes
- Commitment to achieving quality results in a timely manner
- Ability to contribute to a safe workplace environment
- Good communication skills
- Detail-oriented, ability to take and follow directions
- High School Diploma or equivalent (G.E.D.)
- Previous Welding experience

If you are interested in this position please e-mail a resume or employment history to lisa@midwesternmetals.com or you may come to 1105 NW Lower Silver Lake Rd., Topeka, KS to fill out an application. Please bring your weld gear for a test.

**MIDWESTERN METALS INC.**

**Rental Property**

1-BEDROOM upstairs/downstairs apartments. Available March-1. No smokers/pets. \$390/month. 785-935-2390

104 W.5TH, SUITE-1, HOLTON: Window frontage, north side of Square. Bright, beautiful renovated space. Ideal for small retail, studio or stylist. Utilities paid, exceptional landlords, across from Hot Spot coffee shop! 785-364-7153

2-BEDROOM APARTMENTS for rent: 785-364-3477 or 785-305-1614.

3-BEDROOM, 1-BATHROOM BERM HOUSE in country 2.5-miles north of Denison. Newly remodeled. No inside pets/smoking. All appliances furnished. 785-215-2829

VERY CLEAN 1-and-2-bedroom apartments with appliances. Water, sewer and trash paid. No smoking/pets. References required. Available now. 785-565-4189

SMALL HOUSE, 833 New Jersey, Holton. \$425/month. 785-364-2720

**Rental Property**

**SOUTHVIEW APARTMENTS of Holton**  
2 & 3 BR Available.  
Please call Donna (785) 364-5074.

VERY NICE, CLEAN 3-bedroom, 1.5-bathroom house in Holton. Rent lowered to \$800/month. No smoking. Pets? 364-2269.

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Contact Eric (851-0406 or Earl (851-0404 to access the building. Bids need to be in the Road and Bridge Office, 400 New York, Room 106, Holton, KS 66436 by Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Jackson County reserves the right to reject all or any bids.









In the photo above, brothers Jonathan (left), Joseph (second from right) and James Harris (right) of Mayetta spent Jan. 28 at the Kansas Capitol as pages for Sen. Dennis Pyle (second from left). The brothers received a historical tour of the capitol building and had the opportunity to participate in a tour to the top of the dome and climb the 296 steps. The brothers also met Gov Sam Brownback (center).  
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Above, Holton Middle School students who served as pages at the State Capitol Building on Feb. 10 included (front row, from left) Kinleigh Rhodd, Bridget Kucan, Gwyn Arnold and Madeline Montgomery. They are photographed with Sen. Dennis Pyle and Rep. Becky Hutchins of Holton.  
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At left, Royal Valley Middle School sixth-grade students Jake Kelly (left) and Kendan Wege (right) served as pages for Sen. Dennis Pyle (center) at the Kansas Capitol in Topeka on Feb. 10.  
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## City Commission...

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She also asked commissioners to consider a six-month window for the demolition to give the volunteer group time to plan and execute it. Commissioners agreed, setting an Aug. 16 deadline, with Zwontitzer adding the possibility that the work could be done by the end of June.

Holton City Attorney Dennis White said he agreed that parts of the Zibell house could be "reclaimed," noting that when he and Assistant City Manager Kerwin McKee last reviewed the house in 2006, they saw "a lot of great woodwork to salvage." However, plans made at that time to have the house renovated did not come to fruition, White noted, adding that Zibell had previ-

ously shown a willingness to work with the city on other matters.

Commissioners also set a 30-day deadline for having certain "deficiencies" on the Zibell house remedied, such as securing doors. It was noted that the house's basement has no door and is not secure, and its front door is held shut with rope. The Purvis garage, according to the complaint against the property, has a roof in dilapidated condition, some missing siding, dilapidated or missing windows, debris spread around the structure and overgrown vegetation, commissioners noted.

White said that according to Purvis' letter, she is unable to take action to have the garage demolished, which means that the city may have to hire someone to do the work and have the contractor send her the bill. A city ordinance states that if the owner of a property does not pay for city-mandated demolition, the city can order demolition of the property and attach the cost of demolition to the owner's property tax bill.

Brenner proposed giving Purvis a

60-day window for having the garage demolished, but Commissioner Tim Morris said the deadline should be 30 days because "it's just another 30 wasted days that it's going to be standing." Other commissioners agreed with Morris' recommendation and incorporated it into the resolution ordering demolition of the garage.

McKee could not presently say how much it would cost to remove the garage, but later estimated that it might cost about \$2,000 to get the job done. He also noted that there are instances when dilapidated structures are removed later than the window set by the city for demolition, but in many cases, it is not due to a lack of action by the property owner.

"Sometimes, they have to wait on the contractor," McKee said.

"And the weather," Brenner added.

Public notices on the resolutions to have the three properties demolished will be published in an upcoming edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

## Soldier

By Sondra Hill

I'm sorry I'm late with any news, but I have been in the hospital for a week with pneumonia. Then, I spent two weeks at home and now I'm going back to the hospital to put my heart back in rhythm!

I had a family dinner Sunday before I went to the hospital. Those present were Rex and Cheryl Hill, Lorri and Brad Trimble, Sarra Ann Mahoney, James Robbins and Christina and Avery Robbins.

The cousins met on Feb. 3 at Trails. Those present were Rosie Boling, Mary DeVader and Joyce DeVader. They will meet in March at Boomers'.

The weather sure has turned off to be nice and warm. My niece, Sharman Hladky, took me to Topeka twice to get things done.



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