



Royal Valley Superintendent John Rundle (right) is shown handing a diploma to graduating senior Nick Ehrhart (center) during Royal Valley High School's graduation on Sunday. Assistant High School Principal Travis Van Vleck is shown at left. This was Rundle's last graduation at Royal Valley as he is retiring at the end of the school year.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Rundle ending 40-year career at RV

By Ali Holcomb

Working in one school district for 40 years, Superintendent John Rundle has helped facilitate countless facility upgrades, curriculum changes and a one-to-one technology initiative.

But it's not one upgrade or building project that Rundle cites as his biggest achievement at RV.

"It's not about that. I think if there's one thing we've accomplished is we have built that family atmosphere, and we've done nothing but bring good people into this setting and we've been able to maintain it," Rundle said. "We see a place where people come and work and think they are going to move on, and 10 years later they are still here. And they are doing great things. I love watching our students be successful, and I equally enjoy seeing our staff members succeed."

Rundle is retiring at the end of the school year, spending his entire career at RV, starting as a middle school English teacher and ending as the superintendent of schools for the past 15 years.

Rundle grew up on a dairy

farm in Axtell.

"I knew as a young kid, sitting on a tractor going down rows of corn, that it wasn't for me," he said. "I didn't really know what I wanted to do, but I did know that I needed to be around people."

Rundle's high school English teacher encouraged him to develop his writing skills.

"It seemed to be something I had a little bit of a knack for," he said.

He attended Kansas State University, earning an education degree in secondary English. Fresh out of college, Rundle sought a job in the Topeka area to be near his wife-to-be, Connie, who had just graduated from nursing school and was working at St. Francis Medical Center.

"I had never heard of Royal Valley and didn't even know it existed," he said. "I came here for what I thought might be a year and stayed for 40."

Rundle began his career at RV at the middle school, where he taught language arts for five years. During his first year, a fire started during the first hour of the day at the school in Mayetta.

"I had some students indicate

that they thought something was going on in the hallway. I walked into the hallway and you could kind of see the gymnasium from there, and it was obvious that there was a fire," Rundle said.

Not long after he began working for Royal Valley, Rundle went back to school himself and completed a master's degree from Washburn University.

He served as the elementary school principal for eight years and then 12 years as curriculum director and assistant superintendent. He began serving as superintendent in August 2001.

"I still think of myself as a middle school teacher," he said. "I like that age level of student. They know a lot, but at the same time they're still willing to be taught. They're still inquisitive and still want to learn."

Rundle said his time as an elementary school principal was extremely valuable in regards to his future as a superintendent.

"It gave me a true understanding of the beginning stages of education," he said.

New career opportunities at Royal Valley, as well as a desire not to uproot his family, which includes two sons, kept Rundle

at USD 337 through the years.

Throughout his 40-year career in education, Rundle said he's seen many changes on how educators teach in Kansas.

"There's a lot more accountability," he said. "We measure learning and progress. We evaluate, we reassess and we re-teach. Those weren't concepts that were taught when I started."

Rundle said the district's role in the community has remained unchanged.

"Schools have always been a major part of what goes on within a community, and I think that is equally true today, particularly in this community," Rundle said.

"When I came here, Royal Valley was newly consolidated, and administrators and community members were really trying to figure out what it meant to not be a small 1A school district, and to be, at that time, a large 3A consolidated district. Fortunately the superintendent at that time, Fred Staker, was a really strong leader and he had a vision for making that happen. I watched him work that process. A lot of upgrades in buildings

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Seniors graduate from Heights, RV

■ Cobra seniors told: "Be a voice"

By Brian Sanders

"Be a voice, not an echo."

The Jackson Heights High School graduating Class of 2016 chose that Albert Einstein quotation as its class motto. On Sunday, USD 335 Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh reminded class members' family and friends gathered for high school commencement exercises that the motto was more than appropriate.

"Choosing to live your high school careers being a voice and not an echo has made you successful at Jackson Heights and will make you successful in the future," Walsh told the 28 graduating seniors, a group of young people she first encountered when they were in fourth grade.

Walsh went on to list sev-

eral examples of how the class has been a "voice" instead of an echo, such as class members' participation in the Honor Flight program, their outstanding achievements in academics and athletics, their resilience, their talents and their propensity to "dream big."

Those examples, class valedictorian Joel Nelson told the audience, are why "this is the year of Jackson Heights."

"Another team went to nationals this year in land judging, we had the state champion dairy judging team, one of the best forensics years in a while, district champs in football and the class 2A state champions in basketball," Nelson reminded everyone. "That sounds to me like a pretty good year."

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■ Panther grads look to the future

By Ali Holcomb

Royal Valley High School's commencement ceremony Sunday afternoon was a mixture of celebration and anticipation among the 54 graduating seniors.

"Whether we are ready or not, our lives are about to change dramatically," RVHS valedictorian Kate Hanson said in her farewell address to her classmates. "While change is hard at first, it is this change that helps us grow and makes us into people we will be tomorrow. Every single person in our class has the potential to do great things in their lives if they're willing to step out of their comfort zone and reach for it."

Royal Valley High School Principal Jim Holloman highlighted the achievements of the Class of 2016 throughout their four years at RVHS, which included contributing to four Big Seven League championships.

Holloman noted that out of the graduating class, two are entering

the military, seven are planning to attend vocational or tech training, 19 will enter the workforce and 26 will attend a two-year or four-year college.

Combined, classmates have received more than 50 college scholarships, Holloman noted.

Student Council President Macy Putnam gave the welcome.

"Seniors, we began high school together as children, but today we are leaving here as adults," Putnam said. "We have completed the platform that will help us propel into our future. Some of us will go to college, some will serve our country and some will go straight into the workforce, but each of us will travel our own path that began at Royal Valley High School."

Members of the RVHS Soundations performed "Maybe Someday" under the direction of Laura Snyder.

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Holton Commission receives budget requests

By Brian Sanders

Concerns about employee salaries, park security and Holton's municipal swimming pool surfaced Monday in the first round of requests for the City of Holton's 2017 budget.

During Monday's Holton City Commission meeting, commissioners heard initial requests for next year's budget from the city's street, fire, police, parks and recreation and administrative departments. Action on those requests, as well as those from the city's water, wastewater and electrical production and distribution departments will be taken later this summer.

Holton City Manager Bret Bauer said the budget presentations heard on Monday, as well as those to be heard at the June 6 commission meeting, will be worked into a full budget to be presented for review at the July 18 meeting. If commissioners are happy with the budget, Bauer

said, action on the budget could be taken as soon as Aug. 1.

In the meantime, commissioners continued to hear concerns over the lack of merit increases for longtime employees, a concern previously raised by Street Superintendent Rex Cameron at the commission's May 2 meeting. This time, however, it was Police Chief Gale Gakle's turn to voice that concern.

"We need dedicated loyal employees, and in order to keep those employees who are willing to go the extra mile, we need to provide them with some type of incentive. Without an incentive, it is difficult to keep an employee's morale up," Gakle told commissioners.

Gakle and the city's other department heads have experienced "frustrations regarding employee merit increases," echoing Cameron's concerns from the May 2 meeting over

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Firefighters from Holton and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation worked to fight a Sunday morning house fire west and south of Holton that Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said was believed to be accidental in origin. The house, owned by Dixie Mannell and rented by Russell Jim and his family, was declared a complete loss. All occupants of the house were able to escape without injury, it was reported.

Photo courtesy Jackson County Sheriff's Office



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Holly Shutt (left), Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, recently presented the 2015 Quail Forever Chapter Excellence Award to outgoing president Greg Tanking (right) and incoming president, Lu Griffiths. The award was presented to the K-16 Quail Forever Chapter for hosting one of the largest membership banquets as their first-ever banquet. The K-16 Quail Forever Chapter is comprised of conservationists and hunters from Jackson and Jefferson counties combined. QF is a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and enhancement of quail and other wildlife populations in North America through habitat improvement, land management, public awareness and education. Their main focus is wildlife habitat improvement and youth education. Anyone interested in joining the organization may contact Tanking at 305-1417 or Lu Griffiths at 364-0767.

Submitted photo

Police Calls

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

- 1:28 p.m. April 27, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, juvenile matter.
- 3:29 p.m. April 27, 300 block of West Fourth Street, citizen assist.
- 3:30 p.m. April 27, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, hit-and-run accident.
- 6:05 p.m. April 27, 900 block of New York Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 7:07 p.m. April 27, 800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, animal control.
- 8:58 p.m. April 27, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 2:32 p.m. April 28, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, battery.
- 3:21 p.m. April 28, 100 block of South Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.
- 3:33 p.m. April 28, 100 block of New York Avenue, damage to property.
- 7:42 p.m. April 28, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 9:47 p.m. April 28, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.
- 1:54 p.m. April 29, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 3:55 p.m. April 29, 200 block of West Second Street, arrested suspect on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

MARKETS

STOCKS		
Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	39.11	-0.17
CenturyLink	27.45	-0.37
Lowe's	76.07	-0.93
Target	73.61	-1.00
Hershey	90.70	-1.99
Walmart	65.10	-0.92
Phillips 66	78.31	-0.37
US Bancorp	40.72	-0.97
Pfizer	33.03	-0.35
Deere & Co.	83.20	-0.43
United Parcel	101.09	-0.56
Apple	93.49	-0.39
Facebook	117.35	-1.32
Westar Energy	51.57	-0.72
Goodyear	27.49	-0.07

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

GRAIN		
Description	Price at Close	
Wheat	\$3.70	
Corn	\$3.58	
Milo	\$2.92	
Soybeans	\$9.93	

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, May 17, 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	\$2.02	+\$0.055 -\$0.435
National Average	\$2.22	+\$0.109 -\$0.482
Holton Average	\$1.99	

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Land Transfers

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

*General warranty deed – John A. Rundle and Connie Rundle, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Rhonda J. Lefferd and John S. Lefferd, as joint tenants with the right of survivorship and not as tenants in common, land in Section 15, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*General warranty deed – James W. O'Neill and Sherry O'Neill, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Nicole R. Wheeler, a tract of land in Section 21, Township 8 South, Range 16 East., Jackson County.

*Joint tenancy general warranty deed – Warren Smith and Ruth I. Smith, husband and wife, of Jackson County, as first party, to Dennis L. Smith and Pamela F. Smith, husband and wife, of Jackson County, land in Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Warranty deed – James G. Longhofer and Brandee L. Longhofer, husband and wife, convey and warrant to John C. Coufal and Marcia D. Coufal and David C. Coufal and Cynthia I. Coufal, the south half of Lot 30, Pennsylvania Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Warranty deed – Annette L. Hollingdale, a single person, to Gary and Rebecca Zibell Joint Revocable Trust, Lot 102 and the south half of Lot 104, Vermont Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

*Joint tenancy general warranty deed – Linda A. Cattrell, a single person, as first party, and Travis Cattrell and Trisha Cattrell, of Jackson County, as joint tenants and not as tenants

in common, as second party, Lot 1, Cattrell Acres Subdivision, Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed – Dale E. Blasing, a single person, of Jackson County, as first party, to Dale E. Blasing Trust dated April 29, 2016, Jackson County, as second party, land in Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – Charlotte J. Richards and Susan G. Eisenbarth, co-trustees of the Albert Duane Engelke Living Trust dated Nov. 7, 2007, grantors, to Jeff White, trustee of the White Family Trust dated April 18, 2016, grantee, land in Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – Charlotte J. Richards and Susan G. Eisenbarth, as co-trustees of the Albert Duane Engelke Living Trust dated Nov. 7, 2007, and the testamentary trust of Ethel Ione Engelke, grantors, to Leland B. Niehues Revocable Trust dated Dec. 16, 2011, an undivided one half interest, and Jane M. Niehues Revocable Trust dated Dec. 16, 2015, an undivided one half interest, as grantees, land in Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 13 of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Quit claim deed – Ernest J. DeBusk conveys and quit claims to Joseph S. Hegemann, Lots 43 and 45 on Eastern Avenue, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

*Trustee's deed – David F. Fairbanks, successor trustee of the Helen G. Fairbanks Trust dated Oct. 22, 1990, to Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, land in Section 13, Township 9, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

* Special warranty deed –

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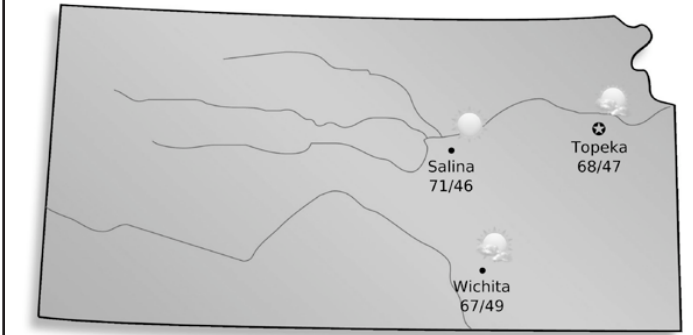
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Thu 5/19	Fri 5/20	Sat 5/21	Sun 5/22	Mon 5/23
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Jenna Naumann (left) of Hoyt and Rachel Luthi of Mayetta are recent graduates of the Washburn University School of Nursing, it was reported.

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Area women graduate from Washburn nursing school

The Washburn University School of Nursing is proud to announce its spring 2016 graduating class.

Local graduates include Rachel Luthi of Hoyt, master of science degree in nursing, and Jenna Naumann of Mayetta, bachelor of science degree in nursing.

The School of Nursing's mission is to transform the profes-

sional nursing workforce to improve health, enhance the experience of care and maximize the value of health services to a diverse population.

"The spring 2016 graduates embody our mission, and I'm confident these nurses will help in advancing patient care," said Monica Scheibmeir, PhD, APRN, FAANP, professor and dean of nursing.

District judge rejects third attempt to dismiss attempted murder charges against Topeka man

By Brian Sanders

Attempts to get attempted second-degree murder charges against a Topeka man accused of shooting at motorists in southern Jackson County dismissed on a jurisdictional charge were denied a third time on Friday by a Jackson County District Court judge.

With the trial of Cory D. Huff, 52, set for later this month, Judge Norbert Marek waved off an attempt by Topeka defense attorney William Rork to have two of the four attempted mur-

der charges against Huff dismissed due to jurisdictional questions and a suggested lack of probable cause.

Marek's denial of Rork's motions marked the third time this has occurred in Huff's case. Two previous similar motions filed on Huff's behalf were rejected by the late Micheal Ireland — presiding judge over the case prior to his death last August — with the first rejection coming last April and the second last July.

The decision to deny the motions came after Marek granted a

motion "in limine" — generally made to exclude certain testimony in a case at trial — filed by Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller. In the motion, Miller sought to prevent "evidence or argument as to the defense of lack of jurisdiction, or suggestion of the same as a tactic for jury nullification," according to court documents.

Huff has been charged with four counts of attempted second-degree murder and two charges of criminal discharge of a firearm in connection with a Dec. 31, 2014, incident in southern Jackson County. At that time, it was reported, Huff reportedly fired a pistol from a vehicle at other vehicles on U.S. Highway 75 near the Jackson-Shawnee county line.

Rork contended that the incident "ended in Shawnee County," adding that witness testi-

mony would corroborate that claim. However, Miller said keeping the jurisdiction of the charges in Jackson County was not a problem in regard to jury instructions, because "it's already been hashed out" and that witness testimony put the location of the incident in Jackson County.

During Friday's hearing, Marek also granted a motion to modify the conditions of Huff's bond to allow him to attend his daughter's graduation in Kansas City this past Saturday. Huff is currently on house arrest with electronic monitoring, but Chief Court Services Officer James Cyphers said Huff had not violated any of the terms of his bond.

Huff's case is presently set for a four-day trial beginning Tuesday, May 31 in district court, it was reported.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 19

*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.

*Last day of school for Jackson Heights students (dismiss at 1 p.m.)

*Jackson Heights grade school awards assembly.

*RVHS finals 3A-3B.

*All Royal Valley students dismiss at 11 a.m.

*Last day of school for all Prairie Hills students.

*9 a.m. Axtell kindergarten graduation and grades K-8 awards.

Friday, May 20

*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.

*Jackson Heights teacher work day.

*Royal Valley snow make-up day or teacher work day (check-out at 1 p.m.).

*Prairie Hills teacher in-service (morning) and work day (afternoon).

Saturday, May 21

*6 p.m. Holton High School graduation.

*Cow Creek Opry — two shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Havensville Community Center. For more information, contact Terry Jordan at 785-948-3355 or teejay3244@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 22

*Attend the church of your choice.

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

Monday, May 23

*Jackson County Commission, 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. Call the county clerk's office at 364-2891 for more information.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Hoyt City Park the fourth Monday of every month at 9 a.m. 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.

*Royal Valley alternate teacher work day.

Tuesday, May 24

*Last day of Holton ACE.

*SHS summer school.

Wednesday, May 25

*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.

*Last day of school for all Holton students.

Trinity Lutheran

What's going on at Maddy Sterrett's house? Maddy has the oldest house in Holton. And, of course, being mature like many of us, the house needs some rejuvenation! She is having some of the mortar repaired/replaced, some bricks replaced and sprucing it up generally!

God works with us like that, also! Over time, we show signs of wear and need repairing. He is gracious to give the medical industry the technology, medicine, therapy or whatever is needed to help us go on and be able to spread the Gospel. Sometimes we all need to have our spirituality rejuvenated as well as our physical being. Where can you get this rejuvenation on a weekly basis? At church on Sunday.

This past Sunday was the day of Pentecost. As in the day of the tower of Babel, our present day spirituality is a mix of thoughts and actions. Our society has a tendency to build individual towers thus confusing the message we received through Pentecost.

God came to us in the physical form through Jesus. He is both God and man. In the first line of the Introit we are told: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the

fire of Your love" (Ps.104:24).

This idea turns us from the Tower of Babel to the cross! The tongues of fire appearing at this time is meant to turn us from being in ourselves to thinking of others and the work of spreading the Gospel. The Holy Spirit connects us to Jesus where we repent and receive forgiveness.

This day was a day of congratulations and best wishes! High school graduates are Abigail Heitzman (graduating Summa Cum Laude), Samantha Beauchamp, Hayden May, Kaden Brandt (grandson of Les and Jan Brandt), Jacob Coufal (grandson of John and Marcia Coufal) and Zachary Bates.

Our college graduates are Jeff Heitzman, Emporia State University, and Christa Hill, Ottawa University (niece of Margaret Pangel) and Olivia Heitzman who is promoted to high school.

A very spiritual confirmation ceremony was held by Pastor Stark to honor our three confirmands, Kyle Bohnenkemper, Trevor Bowser and Allison Campbell. A reception for them was held following the church service.

We had visitors from the Philippines, the niece and her daughter, of Aimie Heitzman, Arandra and Izumi Izawaki.

Land Transfers...

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U.S. Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, Washington, D.C., grantor, to Carlos J. Elder and Cheryl A. Elder, as joint tenants, 21385 F Road, Soldier, also described as land in Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Statutory warranty deed — Don ald G. Lafferty and Janet K. Lafferty, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Lost Creek

Ranch, LLC, land in Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

*Statutory warranty deed — Nationstar Mortgage LLC, dba Champion Mortgage Company, Dallas County, Texas, to Ruth Stadel and Donald Riffey III of Jackson County, part of Lot 1 and Lot 10, McKeage's Addition to the city of Hoyt, Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Public Notice

(First published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Monday, May 16, 2016.)

PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 6, 2016 in conjunction with the regular Potawatomi Plan Board meeting. The hearing will be held in the We-Ta-Se Building Conference Room, located at 15434 K Road (just south of Fire Station) at 6:00 P.M. on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

This hearing concerns a special use permit for a mobile housing unit at the address of 7515 174th Road, Mayetta, KS. The application is filed by Shelby and Wendy Cook for a tract of approximately 10 acres more or less as hereby described, situated in the County of Jackson, State of Kansas:

A tract of land located in the North half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County Kansas

All persons interested in the above premises, and all persons owning property in the neighborhood, who desire to be heard either in favor of or against said Special Use Permit are invited to appear either in person or to be represented by agent or attorney.

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OPINION

A salute to John Rundle

When the Royal Valley school board started considering what they wanted in the next school superintendent for the district recently, it was determined immediately that they wanted another one just like John Rundle.

Wow. A higher compliment in the K-12 public education field does not exist.

Over his 40-year career with Royal Valley, the last 15 as school superintendent, John Rundle has earned the respect and admiration of his school boards, his teachers, his support staff members, his patrons, his community members and his students.

dle could always be counted on for his steady, straight-forward, no-nonsense approach to any problem or issue involving his school district. In a nutshell, he did school things right.

And his knowledge and experience with school finance certainly also served the Royal Valley district well over the years. It was no coincidence that many school improvements were made at Royal Valley during his tenure.

Here at *The Recorder*, we also appreciated Mr. Rundle's professionalism. If there were a Hall of Fame for local schools, he'd belong in it.

David Powls

Charity is good but it is not the answer

By Glenn Mollette

I've been involved in benevolent projects for many years. Most of these efforts have been buying and distributing food and clothes for the very poor.

In recent years I have been involved in Safe Fresh water wells for rural South Africa. As long as I live I will be involved in some type of Christian related humanitarian project at some level.



I don't regret being connected to doing something to help people who are hurting. There is a tremendous blessing that comes through handing a kid a new pair of athletic shoes or a new coat. I wish I could do more.

The problem is that charity is not the answer. It helps. It's just not the answer.

I would take one small factory hiring 100 people in a county over 50 charities in a county. A paycheck is always better than a handout.

One factory or any employer hiring 100 people at a reasonable salary is better than a bunch of a little charities raking and scraping to keep a light bulb burning at their local food bank.

Unfortunately, too many of these charities are visited once or more a month by low paid workers who simply cannot survive on \$8 an hour.

Thus, you have the unemployed and the working poor who keep the food pantries open and scurrying for funds to buy cheap food from a larger national network chain.

Overall, America must have higher wages. We hear too much about sticking higher wages to a few certain corporations. However, we must bring real paying jobs back to America from coast to coast.

Sadly, I can go back to the same places where food and clothes have been disbursed and nothing has changed. The same little shacks with the same families live inside. As I have heard, give a man a fish and you'll feed him again and again. Teach him to fish and he will feed himself.

Non-profits need to focus on creating some jobs for their communities. I realize this is seldom seen as a mission of some such entities but it's way past time as our nation struggles economically.

Most churches have idle space Monday through Saturday. Why not help a small business or two get on their feet?

Cheap rent and a little congregational support might enable somebody to get started in a business that might eventually hire others.

Years ago, one of our local churches put in a Subway restaurant as a way to help church members have employment. Churches have to do more than just plan the next potluck dinner.

What if your church or non-profit could help a few people out of unemployment? Surely, this would be the beginning path to a brighter life. Also think about how you might help others educationally. You could provide a free Internet Cafe with some weekly adult education. Please know there are lots of people out there in your community who do not know how to do anything. Some training might save them and a future generation.

If you are feeling entrepreneurial start something that hires people. When Friday comes, everybody will be better off if you are handing out paychecks instead of free soup and sandwiches. Charity helps but it's not the answer.

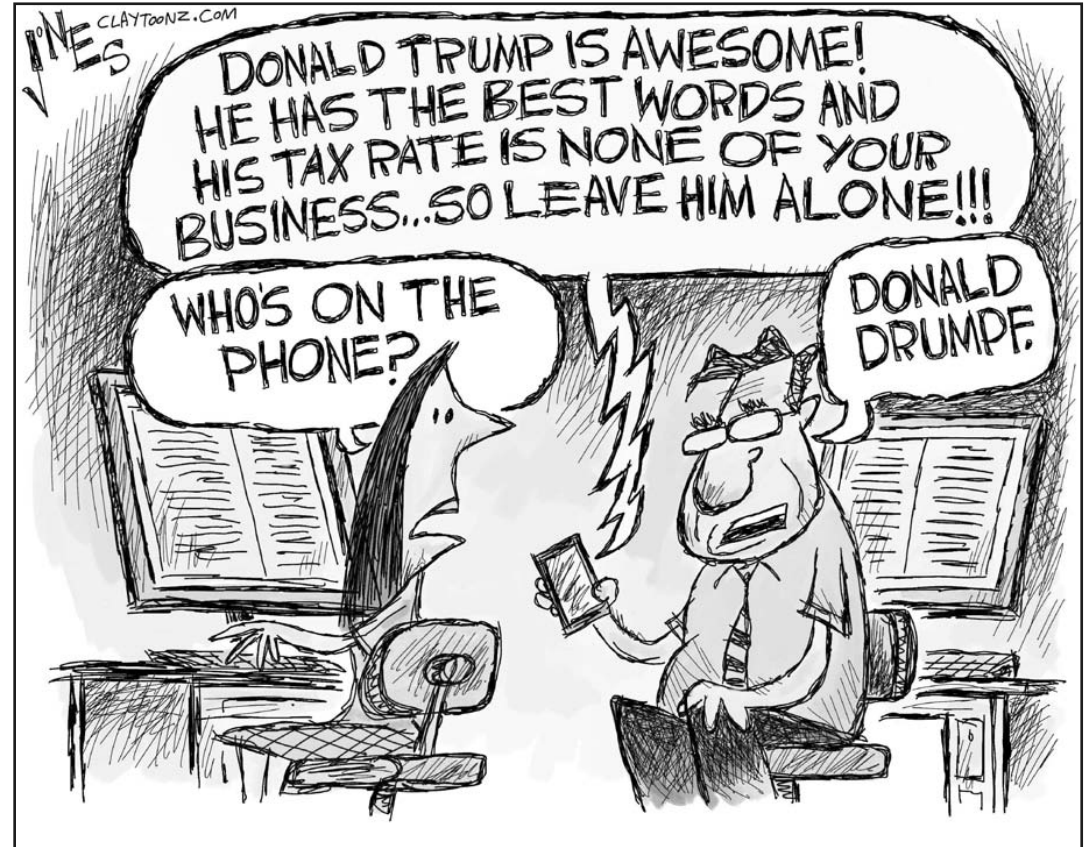
Note: Glenn Mollette is an American syndicated columnist and author. He is the author of 11 books and read in all 50 states.



Chad Phillips, shown above, custodian at the Jackson County Courthouse, has been advertising in The Holton Recorder wanting "bee swarms." Well, he got one delivered to his workplace recently. Phillips said he was outside performing some work on the Courtyard lawn when he discovered a swarm of bees in this small tree located on the east side.

He was able to collect the swarm in a container used for such a purpose and relocate them to his beehive at his home. He said that, contrary to what you might think about bee swarms, the bees in a swarm are usually so full of nectar for their flight to a new home that they really are not interested in stinging you, unless you try to swat them away from around you and then you could be in for some stings, he said.

Photo by David Powls



At age 92, Bob Dole can still work a room full of people

By Randy Gonzales
University Relations and Marketing for FHSU

Even at 92, Bob Dole can still work a room.

Robert J. "Bob" Dole mixed wit with words of wisdom in delivering the keynote address at Fort Hays State University's Commencement recently at Gross Memorial Coliseum.

"I have an old body but my mind is still pretty sharp," Dole said, drawing a big laugh from those assembled.

Dole recently received the university's first-ever honorary doctorate. His 30-minute address covered everything from the World War II Memorial to

the accomplishments of another Kansas native son, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Dole said he pondered what to say on this occasion.

"I've been trying to figure out for months what a 92-year-old man can tell a 22-year-old graduate," Dole said, drawing more laughter.

Later, Dole tuned serious and told the graduates to expect adversity. Maybe not on the level he himself had experienced, where he returned home to Russell after being seriously wounded while serving in the Army. The wounds he suffered in Italy in 1945 hindered him physically, but he made up for

it mentally.

"Keep an eye on the road," Dole said. "You're going to have some bumps."

Dole said those who came out of World War II were known as "The Greatest Generation." Now, it's another generation protecting America.

"Now we pass the torch to another generation, for people trying to protect us from murderers called ISIS," Dole said.

In this election season, Dole managed to get in a political point or two. Dole praised FHSU and President Mirta M. Martin. He joked he didn't know whether to call her President Martin or

Dr. Martin.

"I like the term, President," said Dole, who was the Republican nominee for President in 1996. "It's too late for me now."

"This would be the year to run," Dole added, drawing laughter and applause.

Dole apologized for being late to the ceremony. He kiddingly blamed it on former president Bill Clinton, who was notoriously for running late while in the White House.

"We're here; I apologize," Dole said. "We're re on Bill Clinton time."

Dole won a Congressional seat in 1960 then served in the U.S.

Senate from 1968 to 1996. He became Senate majority leader in 1984 -- the longest serving Republican leader. The gridlock in Washington today was not the norm in his day, he said.

"Compromise is not a bad word," Dole said, who received loud and long applause.

Dole concluded by congratulating the graduating class of 2016.

"Don't forget what you have learned here. Some days I wish I were 22 again," Dole said. "If I could leave you with one word: There's no place like America."

GUEST COMMENTARY

Slashing Medicare reimbursements for physicians proposed

By William E. Nibley, M.D.

For cancer patients, it's getting more difficult to find access to quality, affordable care. More than 300 of the nation's cancer clinics have closed since 2008, and roughly 400 are struggling to make ends meet, according to the Community Oncology Alliance.

Yet the Obama Administration is reportedly about to make it even more difficult for cancer patients to receive care in local clinics. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently released a plan to cut doctor payments for treatments administered under Medicare Part B.

While the Obama Administration is presenting the change as a public-policy experiment, the CMS proposal amounts to a backdoor strategy to dramatically slash Medicare reimbursements for physicians.

If implemented, the policy would financially strain or even bankrupt numerous medical practices, jeopardizing patients' access to care for conditions like cancer, cerebral palsy, and rheumatoid arthritis.

Part B is the segment of Medicare that covers outpatient treatments -- drugs so potent that a physician must administer them. Six of the top 10 drugs covered by Part B are used to treat cancer or the side-effects of cancer treatment.

Doctors and clinics pay for these medicines themselves, and are supposed to be reimbursed by CMS at Average Sales Price +6 percent, per the 2003 law that established the add on to cover overhead costs associated with storing and administering these complex medicines. However, after factoring in the Medicare sequester and flawed inclusion of distributor prompt pay discounts, the actual current reimbursement rate is closer to ASP+2.3 percent.

The CMS plans would pay Part B doctors different amounts based on geographic location. According to the Obama Administration, the goal of this new model is to test how different physician reimbursement rates influence treatment decisions.

But with the policy set to affect up to 75 percent of providers, the model looks less like a small-scale "test" than a sweeping and unilateral reimbursement cut.

This represents an aggressive overreach by CMS. The existing Part B reimbursement rate, after all, was put in place by Congress.

The Obama Administration is now seeking to cut that rate without consulting legislators or the public. The consequences of such reimbursement cuts are well documented and tragic -- especially for community cancer clinics.

Repeated reimbursement cuts have been a key driver of clinic closings and the shift towards hospitals providing outpatient care. In 2005, 87 percent of cancer patients received treatment in community practices. By 2011, that had dropped to 67 percent.

In 2013, Part B reimbursements were slashed again as a result of the across-the-board federal budget cuts known as "sequestration." In one survey, 80 percent of the nation's cancer doctors said that the cuts had an impact on their practices. Half of respondents reported sending their patients somewhere else to receive chemotherapy.

When clinics go under or can't afford to take on new Medicare patients, sick seniors are forced to travel longer distances to hospitals, which generally charge higher prices and provide less personalized care.

Additionally, it's unclear that the CMS plan would contain Medicare costs. Outpatient drugs account for just 3 percent of Medicare expenditures, and the cost of Part B medications has remained stable, making the program a poor target for penny-pinching reforms.

If the Obama Administration moves forward with this plan, it will be acting against the best interests of the nation's most vulnerable Medicare patients -- and get little in return.

Note: Dr. William E. Nibley is president of Utah Cancer Specialists, the largest community-based oncology practice in Utah.

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OBITUARIES



Carnahan

Robert L. Carnahan passed away peacefully on April 29, 2016, at age 89.

Born in Holton, Kansas, on July 19, 1926, he was the son of Lewis H. and Marguerite (nee Calcut) Carnahan. He graduated from UCLA and obtained his Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins University.

He was employed as an engineer with the DuPont Company. In 1955, he obtained a position with the Travelers Research Center in Hartford, Connecticut, where he became Vice President of the research center. In 1970 he moved to the Washington, D.C. area to work with the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. He served as Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research from 1986 to 1991. He was a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, Commissioner of Professional Affairs, and a Certified Consulting Meteorologist.

On retiring to Lewes, Del., in 1991, he initiated the docent program at the University of Delaware's College of Marine Studies, which he led for 12 years. His other volunteer activities included work with Children and Families First, mentoring students at Shields Elementary School and serving as a docent for the Lewes Historical Society.

He was predeceased by his sister, Evelyn Francis, and his brother, Clarence Edward. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Betty (nee Hickman), and survived by his son Michael and wife Judy, daughter Elizabeth and husband James, and son David and wife Virginia; three granddaughters,

Jennifer Carnahan, Katie O'Sullivan and Megan O'Sullivan; one grandson, Jack Carnahan; and one great-granddaughter, Kyleigh Carnahan-Milhoan. He enjoyed sailing the waters around Connecticut and Maryland. In later years at the beach, he loved tending his beautiful garden. He was a patient, loving, cheerful and always optimistic man who enjoyed music, intellectual discussions and social gatherings. He will be dearly missed by his family, his church family, friends and neighbors.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 301 King Charles Ave., Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, where friends may visit beginning at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church to the address above. Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes.

Please visit Mr. Carnahan's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com *Holton Recorder 5/18/16* ▲



Bottom

Marvin Dale Bottom, 85, Soldier, died Monday, May 16, 2016, at his home.

He was born Aug. 6, 1930, in Havensville, the son of Archie Horace and Eulah Hazel Armstrong Bottom. He attended Havensville High School and had lived in the Havensville, Goff, Onaga, Seneca and Soldier communities.

Mr. Bottom served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, earning the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, a United Nations Service Medal and a Purple Heart. He had worked for the railroad and for Nemaha County, and he did custom harvesting and logging.

He was a member of VFW Post 1367 in Holton.

He married Armilda Engles. They later divorced.

Survivors include a daughter, Teresa Ann Feldkamp, Centralia; three sons, Michael Bottom, Lawrence, Kevin Bottom, Wamego, and Gregory Bottom, Pawnee, Neb.; a brother, Gerald "Jerry" Bottom and wife Almetta "Jackie," Soldier; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patty Ann Bottom; a sister, Lois Irene Mitchell; and three brothers, Kenneth, Archie Lloyd and Clyde Bottom.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Buck's Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holton VFW Post 1367, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

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Mayetta Methodist

By Shirley Stauffer

Church services on Sunday, May 15, at Mayetta Methodist Church began with the prelude played by Sharon Gabriel, followed by Pastor Howard reading from Psalms 100 and then a prayer. Prayer concerns were raised for the Gerald Smith and Fink families. Joys were that our sign outside has been re-painted and looks very nice, along with the flower bed and roses that are blooming.

Cody Smith was acolyte and Cory Smith was the bell ringer. The hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" and "Spirit Song." The special was "I Love To Tell The Story."

Karen Burns read the living word of God from Zechariah 4:6. The children's message was titled "Possibilities." Birthdays were Robert Smith and David Oakley. Jonathan Wimer and David Oakley took up the offering.

Pastor Howard's message was "The Wind Blows" based on Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:14-17. This was Pentecost Sunday. Our prayer covenant church this week is Holton First. Services closed with the circle of friendship.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer attended a graduation party in honor of their great-niece, Alyssa Matney, at her parents' home in Tecumseh on Saturday evening.

Following doctor appointments, Floyd and June Schlodder joined Betty Jo Bowser of Sabetha for lunch. It was so nice visiting with her again and to catch up on what she has been doing lately.

June Schlodder's grandson, Nathan Brown, graduated from Arizona State University on Thursday. He will work for Boeing in Mesa, Ariz.

Congratulations to all the graduates in the year 2016!

Potawatomi United Methodist Church

By Ilene Dick

On Sunday, May 8, many gathered at Potawatomi United Methodist Church to celebrate the sixth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day.

Pastor Howard opened the service with scripture in keeping with Mother's Day and followed by prayer.

Betty Bowser was acolyte. A beautiful Mother's Day Litany, based on Proverbs 31, was read.

Hymns for the service were "Just As I Am, Without One Plea," "Have Thine Own Way Lord" and "Spirit Of The Living God." Music was provided by Ilene and Ann.

Marjean Shenk read the scripture from I John 3:24. In keeping with Mother's Day theme, Ronald Dick shared a CD of Melba Montgomery singing "No Charge."

Offertory ushers were Jim Meeks and Jim Shenk.

Pastor Howard's message was "Honoring The Holy Spirit," with the Word of God being read from Ephesians 4:30.

Pastor Howard opened with a question to ponder, asking "How should Christians honor the Holy Spirit?"

There are three ways: recognition, communication and participation. If signs of true faith are evident, then the Holy Spirit is in you. Treat the Holy Spirit as a real personal companion.

God is love and the Holy Spirit connects us with God and speaks to us from the Bible. Be open to receive and respect value given to other Christians.

Next Sunday's sermon title

will be "The Wind Blows."

The prayer covenant church for this week is Holton Evangel U.M.C. with pastor Kelly Sipes.

The Potawatomi U.M. Church will continue to collect donations for Lydia Patterson Institute next Sunday, May 15, for those who wish to support the many needs for the mission.

It was announced at church that orders will soon be taken for Bithell Farms frozen fruit from Oregon.

It is good to hear that Gerald Smith of Medicalodges has made a good recovery from a backset.

We are sorry to hear Lily Hall has been ill with a sinus infection. Prayers are with her.

Note to members: Potawatomi U.M.C. board meeting has been changed from July 10 to July 17.

Steve and Celia Bowser and Anne and Betty Bowser were guests of Roger and Cindy Hower for a cookout on Saturday evening, May 7. Other guests were Pat Kellerman and Zachary and Lauren Bowser. All had an enjoyable evening.

Mike and Jan Shenk took Jim and Marjean Shenk to Three Fires Steakhouse in honor of Marjean's May 4 birthday.

McKenzie Shenk visited Marjean and Jim Shenk on Thursday night, May 5, and grandson Lucas Shenk visited them on Saturday, May 7.

Jim and LeAnna Meeks attended the signing ceremony for Mill Valley High School in Shawnee. Their grandson, Derek Meeks, signed with Iowa

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

Jack Bernitter rang the bell on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, at Buck's Grove Church.

Donna and Denny Ashcraft played recorded music as Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles.

Lay Minister Charlotte Milroy welcomed everyone, and after announcements, she introduced David and Evelyn Allen from the Circleville Methodist Church. They gave a presentation on the Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas. The Allens, along with their grandson, Ross Allen, traveled to the Mexican border to get a first-hand look at the school. The plan is to raise money for school supplies, computers, etc.

Charlotte opened the service with the call to worship and the opening prayer. She read scripture from Acts 2:1-21 and Romans 8:14-17. The Psalter reading was Psalm 104. The Apostles' Creed was also recited.

The hymns sung on Sunday were "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," "Spirit Of The Living God" and "Every Time I Feel The Spirit."

Jim Armstrong's special was "Shoeboxes Of My Mind" by Joseph J. Mazzella. The moral of the reading was that every caring word we say, every act of kindness we do and every bit of love

we share makes a difference in this world.

The gospel reading was from John 14:8-17, 25-27. Charlotte's sermon was titled "Pentecost." Jesus' death and ascension was the preparation for Pentecost and the disciples would soon be left to wonder, "What next?"

At this point, the disciples had not grasped the full nature of Jesus' mission. They believed He was the Messiah and the Son of God, but they did not understand that He had to die to be the savior of the world.

When God wants to give us greater blessings, He does so by letting us feel temporarily forsaken by Him. However, God never forsakes us. He is with us at all times.

Charlotte offered communion, with Donna's assistance, to those assembled for worship. Wayne Rieschick and Don Boling received the morning offering.

May 29 is the fifth Sunday and Buck's Grove will have coffee and rolls at 9 a.m. Worship will be at 9:45 a.m. followed by the annual quilt auction. Following the auction, there will be a memorial service for Beth Davis.

The community is greatly saddened by the death of Betty Rieschick. Our sympathy is extended to the Rieschick families.

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Ronald and I enjoyed a surprise visit from Mike Sackett of Kansas City, Mo., on Friday morning, May 6. Mike had driven to Holton to purchase a grill from Jayhawk Appliance, a sign that Holton is a good place to shop!

Judy and Donnie Thoman went to the home of their daughter, Wendy, and family for Mother's Day dessert, Sunday, May

8. Others present were Shad and Kassy Swain and Kaden. Jessie Thoman called from her home in Maine to wish her mother a happy Mother's Day.

Anna Pugh and her fiancé, Darby, and Ginger Pugh spent Saturday, May 7, with Tina and Warren Pugh to help Tina celebrate her birthday.

On Sunday, May 8, Tina and Warren Pugh, Lee and Ginger, and Anna and Darby spent Mother's Day with Matt and Sara Worcester and Elaine.

Holton First Baptist

By Shirley M. Cameron

I hope you all had a blessed Mother's Day on May 8. First Baptist Church gave gifts handed out by some of the youth to all mothers present. We appreciated their thoughtfulness.

Sunday's special by the choir was "In Christ Alone." As always, their songs are done very well and are appreciated for their messages in music.

The trustee meeting will be on May 15. FALC graduation will be at 6:30 p.m. on May 20. A graduation party will be held from 1-3 p.m. on May 21 for Joel Cawby and Michael Nelson. Church members are invited.

Elsie Polson is collecting best choir bar codes. These will help

the VFW National Children's home. Drop the labels by the office or directly to Elsie.

"Prayer And Worship" was the title of Pastor Tim's sermon from Jeremiah 29: 12, 13 and 2 Chronicles 7:14. Prayer and worship go hand in hand. The Lord is to be first in our thoughts. A vital relationship in the body of Christ and committed to seeking the Lord through worship, prayer and Bible study. Somewhere along the line, churches have become a social club. Seek Him with all your heart.

May's memory verse is "Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on May 15. Gary Bell gave the welcome and 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. Blair Wagner introduced Connor Gooderl, who will be ministering to the youth of the church this summer. Connor will be graduating from John Brown University in Arkansas this December. The prayer for concerns and praises was given by David Allen.

Blair Wagner introduced the graduates that were in attendance for Cowboy Church in celebration of their accomplishments. MaKenzie Kennedy is graduating from the eighth grade and Logan Rethman is graduating from high school, both from Jackson Heights. Sunday was graduation Sunday honoring junior high, high

school and college graduates at all three services.

Blair Wagner brought the morning sermon titled "Fear Of The Lord." He used text from Psalm 111:16 and 19:9, Proverbs 10:27 and 16:6 as he told that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring and forever. Through the fear of the Lord, man avoids evil.

Fear the Lord, respect His authority and honor Him. God wants us to fear Him to come near to Him. When we fear God, we instantly obey, even if it makes no sense, even if it hurts, even if it has no benefit and we obey to completion, in fear, in awe and in glory of God.

Paul Davault used text from Hebrews 12:5-9 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Matt McCaulty, John Ray and Jeremy Kennedy. Joyce Cochren provided the piano music as communion was served. The prayer for the offering was given by David Allen and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

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SPORTS *Wednesday*



Jackson Heights' William Marshall, shown above at left, accepts the relay baton from teammate Lane Thomas at a recent track meet.
Photo by Michael Powls

Cobra girls 3rd, boys edged for 2nd at NEK League Track

■ Little, Jacobsen rewrite league track records

By Michael Powls

Jackson Heights' Faith Little won the 1,600-meter and 800-meter run events at the Northeast Kansas League Track Meet at McLouth on May 12 - setting new league records in both events and Cobra Westin Jacobsen won the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and was a member of the league champion 4x400 relay team along with Mason Hamilton, Jason Parker and Dalton Chartier.

In winning the 100-meter dash, Jacobsen set a new league record in that event, too.

As a team, the Jackson Heights girls took third place at the league meet and the Jackson Heights boys took second by the slimmest of margins - 1 point.

On Friday, the Jackson Heights track team will compete at the Class 2A regional track meet at Blue Rapids-Valley Heights.

The top four placers in each event at the regional track meet will qualify for the Class 2A state track event.

"We are a young team but we competed at a high level at our league," said JH head coach Brad Alley. "Our boys came in as an underdog and only lost by one point to JCN. Our girls, with only 13 of them competing, finished third overall. I'm proud of our athletes and particularly those who received NEK League medals. We will have to compete at a high level at our regional on Friday, but we will be up to the challenge. This has been a fun group to be around. They work hard, compete at a high level, and they have a drive to get better each day."

Coach Alley said there are several Cobras who could qualify for state on Friday.

"We have several that are coming in with top times in the regional," he said. "It is just a matter of who shows up to the showdown."

Coach Alley said that Faith Little now has the JH school record in the 1,600-meter run (5:26). Karley Dieckmann set a new school record in the pole vault (7').

NEK League Track Meet Final Results.

Girls Final Team Scores

First Place - JCN 131 pts
Second Place - MH/MA 123 pts
Third Place - Jackson Heights 94 pts
Fourth Place - Oskaloosa USD 341 70 pts
Fifth Place - Pleasant Ridge 40 pts
Sixth Place - McLouth 29 pts
Seventh Place - Xavier 27 pts
Eighth Place - Horton 25 pts
Ninth Place - Valley Falls 2 pts

Boys Final Team Scores

First Place - JCN 124 pts
Second Place - Jackson Heights 123 pts
Third Place - Oskaloosa 107 pts
Fourth Place - Pleasant Ridge 78 pts
Fifth Place - MH/MA 52 pts
Sixth Place - McLouth 40 pts
Seventh Place - Valley Falls 24 pts
Eighth Place - Horton 8 pts
Ninth Place - Xavier 0 pts

Girls

Long Jump - First Place - Pryor, Brittini (14' 8") Oskaloosa
Fifth Place - Williams, Abby (13' 11") Jackson Heights
100 M Dash - First Place - McKinney, Grace (12.860) Pleasant Ridge
100 M High Hurdles - First Place - Moore, Anna (16.180) McLouth
1600 M Run - First Place - Little, Faith (5:25.960) Jackson Heights
200 M Dash - McKinney, Grace (27.340) Pleasant Ridge
300 Intermediate Hurdles - First Place - Pryor, Brittini (50.900) Oskaloosa

Third Place - McMahon, Trinity (55.180) Jackson Heights
3200 M Run - First Place - McAfee, Carissa (12:57.140) JCN
Third Place - Davault, Hanna (13:48.330) Jackson Heights
400 M Dash - First Place - Lewman, Avery (1:2.650) MH/MA
Sixth Place - Williams, Abby (1:7.340) Jackson Heights
4x100 M Relay - First Place - JCN (53.370)
Fourth Place - Jackson Heights (56.430) (Lexi Proffitt, Shelby Zule, Trinity McMahon, and Sydney Raborn)
4x400 M Relay - First Place - MH/MA (4:17.640)
Second Place - Jackson Heights (4:17.680) (Williams, Karley Dieckmann, McMahon and Little)
4x800 M Relay - First Place - MH/MA (10:43.430)
Third Place - Jackson Heights (12:36.830) (Proffitt, Hanna Davault, Tayla Manuel and Erika White)
800 M Run - First Place - Little, Faith (2:24.490) Jackson Heights
Discus - First Place - Courter, Jaden (111' 4") Oskaloosa
Third Place - Dieckmann, Karley (93 '11") Jackson Heights
Fourth Place - Gibson, Becca (92' 3") Jackson Heights
High Jump - First Place - Pryor, Brittini (4' 8") Oskaloosa
Fourth Place - Williams, Abby (4' 6") Jackson Heights
Javelin - First Place - Bruning, Daspin (110' 7") Horton
Fourth Place - Dieckmann, Karley (102' 3") Jackson Heights
Pole Vault - First Place - Page, Kaylee (8') JCN
Second Place - Dieckmann, Karley (7') Jackson Heights
Fourth Place - Davault, Hanna (6' 6") Jackson Heights
Sixth Place - Lierz, Kate (6') Jackson Heights
Shot Put - First Place - Bruning, Daspin (35' 9.5") Horton
Third Place - Gibson, Becca (32' 0.5") Jackson Heights
Triple Jump - First Place - Noll, Carlee (32' 5") JCN
Fourth Place - Raborn, Sydney (30' 6") Jackson Heights.

Boys Final Team Scores

First Place - JCN 124 pts
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Ninth Place - Xavier 0 pts

Boys

Long Jump - First Place - Tullis, Dimitri (19'7.250") McLouth
Third Place - Olberding, Wyatt (19') Jackson Heights
Fifth Place - Hamilton, Mason (18' 7.5") Jackson Heights
100 M Dash - First Place - Jacobsen, Westin (10.990) JH
110 M High Hurdles - First Place - Grother, Dillon (16.020) Oskaloosa
1600 M Run - First Place - Siebert, Jack (4:47.110) MH/MA
Third Place - Chartier, Dalton (4:55.930) Jackson Heights
200 M Dash - First Place - Ja-

cobsen, Westin (23.520) Jackson Heights
Second Place - Hamilton, Mason (24.140) Jackson Heights
300 Intermediate Hurdles - First Place - Grother, Dillon (41.620) Oskaloosa
Second Place - Parker, Jason (44.270) Jackson Heights
3200 M Run - First Place - Siebert, Jack (10:43.180) MH/MA
Sixth Place - Thomas, Lane (11:18.520) Jackson Heights
400 M Dash - First Place - Younger, Gabe (51.580) Pleasant Ridge
Third Place - Jacobsen, Westin (52.300) Jackson Heights
4x100 M Relay - First Place - Oskaloosa (44.300)
Fourth Place - Jackson Heights (51.110) (Tyler Wendorff, Garrett Hartman, Conlan Bruggeman and Austin Mock)
4x400 M Relay - First Place - Jackson Heights (3:36.370) (Hamilton, Parker, Chartier and Jacobsen)
4x800 M Relay - First Place - Pleasant Ridge (8:53.010) (Andrew Pino, Henry Herrera, Mark Mavrovich, Steven Marshall)
Fourth Place - Jackson Heights (9:30.780)
800 M Run - First Place - Myers, Justin (2:7.580) Valley Falls
Second Place - Chartier, Dalton (2:7.960) Jackson Heights
Discus - First Place - McAfee, Caden (114' 0.500") JCN
Third Place - Dohl, Braden (113' 5") Jackson Heights
Sixth Place - Coe, Lance (101' 10") Jackson Heights
High Jump - First Place - Abel, Joel (6 ') JCN
Second Place - Parker, Jason (5' 10") Jackson Heights
Javelin - First Place - Schrick, Jacob (148' 5") JCN
Pole Vault - First Place - Robertson, Ridge (10' 9") JCN
Third Place - Fox, Evan (9' 6") Jackson Heights
Fourth Place - Klahr, Trevor (8' 6") Jackson Heights
Fifth Place - Ahlgren, Jackson (8') Jackson Heights
Shot Put - First Place - Haack, Jagar (49' 5") Pleasant Ridge
Third Place - Niehues, Curtis (39' 9.250") Jackson Heights
Triple Jump - First Place - Grother, Dillon (41' 3") Oskaloosa
Second Place - Olberding, Wyatt (40' 2") Jackson Heights.

Regional track meets set for Friday

By Michael Powls

The regional track meets involving local high school teams are set for this Friday, May 20.

The regional sites for the Holton Wildcats, the Royal Valley Panthers, the Jackson Heights Cobras, the ACCHS Tigers and the Wetmore Cardinals are listed below.

Class 4A Regional Site at Eudora at 1 p.m.

The teams will include: Atchison, Baldwin, Basehor-Linwood, Clay Center Community, De Soto, Eudora, Holton, Kansas City-Bishop Ward, Kansas City-Piper, Kansas City-Summer Academy, Meriden-Jefferson West, Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege, St. George-Rock Creek, Tonganoxie, Topeka-Hayden and Wamego.



Holton softball pitcher Sarah Bond, shown above, and her Wildcat teammates play Maur-Hill-Mount Academy here today at 4:30 p.m. in regional competition.
Photo by Michael Powls

Holton hosting regional softball tournament here today (Wednesday)

■ HHS baseball, RV softball team to play Thursday

By Michael Powls

Due to wet field conditions, softball and baseball regional tourneys are getting a slow start this week. The tourneys were originally scheduled to have started Monday and Tuesday.

Instead, Holton will host Class 4A Regional Softball action here today (Wednesday). Here is the schedule.

Class 4A Division II Softball starts at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18 Regional Site: Holton

The Holton Lady Wildcats (11-9) are the number one seed in this regional and they take on the number four seed Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy/Highland-Doniphan West (2-16) in the second game today (Wednesday) at 4:30 p.m.

The first game of this regional features the number two seeded Jefferson West Lady Tigers (10-10) taking on the number three seeded Hayden Lady Wildcats (6-12) at 3 p.m. today (Wednesday).

The winners of those two games will then play at approximately 6 p.m. Wednesday to see who will go to the state tournament.

Class 4A Division II Baseball Regional on Thursday, May 19, at Meriden-Jeff West.

The Topeka-Hayden Wildcats (12-8) are the number one seed and will play the number four seeded Santa Fe Trail Chargers (9-11) at 2 p.m. Thursday.

The second game of this regional is the number two seeded Jefferson West Tigers (9-7) taking on the number four seed Holton Wildcats (8-9) at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

The winners of those two games will play at approximately 6 p.m. Thursday to see who will go to the state tournament.

Class 3A Softball Regional on May 18-19 at Oskaloosa

The Royal Valley Lady Panthers (18-2) are the number one seed and have a bye in the first round and at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 will play the winner of the game today between the number four seed Pleasant Ridge (9-9) vs. the five seed Riverside (8-12).

The number two seed Oskaloosa (16-2) will play the number seven seed ACCHS (0-18) at 6 p.m. today.

The winner of that game will

then play on May 19 at 4:30 p.m. against the winner today of the number three seed Perry-Lecompton (16-4) vs. the number six seed Hiawatha (3-13).

The championship game will be played at approximately 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 19.

Class 3A Baseball Regional on May 17-18 at Rossville

The number one seed Silver Lake (13-5) had a bye in the first round and will play on May 18 (today) against St. Marys at 2 p.m.

Yesterday, St. Marys (the number five seed at 7-13) beat the number four seed Perry-Lecompton at 7-11). St. Marys won 18-4.

The number two seed Rossville (12-6) beat the number seven seed Mission Valley (5-13) by the score of 7-4 yesterday.

The Royal Valley Panthers, the number three seed at 10-8 beat the number six seed Osage City (6-12) yesterday by the score of 6-5.

Royal Valley will play Rossville at 4 p.m. today. The championship game will then be played at approximately 6 p.m. today.

Regional golf set for today

Due to wet course conditions, the Class 4A, DII regional golf tourney at Wamego and the Class 3A regional golf tourney at Seneca were both postponed from Monday until today (Wednesday) at 8 a.m.

Holton is competing at the 4A regional at Wamego with Abilene, Buhler, Chapman, Clay Center Community, McPherson, Jeff-West, Santa Fe Trail and Topeka-Hayden.

Royal Valley is competing at the 3A regional at Seneca with Maur-Hill (Atchison), Atchison County Community (Effingham), Hiawatha, Marysville, Sabetha, Nemaha Central (Seneca) and St. Marys.



Jackson Heights junior Trey Binkley is shown above competing at a recent high school track meet.
Photo by Michael Powls

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Panther baseball team wins first game at regional

By David Powls
Royal Valley's Noah Hart scored from third base on a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh inning yesterday to score the winning run for the Panthers over Osage City in the first round of Class 3A regional baseball action.
The Panthers, with the win, advanced to the second round of the regionals and will play Rossville today at 4 p.m.
The winner of that game will play the winner of the 2 p.m. game today between Silver Lake and St. Marys for the regional championship.
The winners of regional tournaments across the state qualify for the state baseball tournament.

The first round games of the Rossville 3A regional were played in Topeka at the Lake Shawnee sports complex yesterday due to wet field conditions at Rossville.

The games today are scheduled to be played at Rossville.
The Panthers clubbed 12 hits in the victory yesterday over Osage City. Zack Lux batted 2-4. Derrick Barger batted 1-3 and scored two runs. Tim Martin batted 2-4 and scored one run. Garrett Schultz batted 3-4 with a double. Brooks McClane batted 1-4 with a RBI. Noah Hart batted 2-3 and scored two runs. Nick Ehrhart batted 1-2 and had one RBI. Hayden Fenske scored

a run. Derek Linn had one RBI.
Schultz was the starting pitcher for Royal Valley and went six innings with 16 first-pitch strikes and three strikeouts. Linn pitched the seventh and had three first-pitch strikes and one strikeout.
For Osage City, Haskins pitched 6.2 innings and had 26 first-pitch strikes and eight strikeouts.
Hart drew a walk in the seventh inning of the game after hitting singles in the second and third innings. From second base, he stole third to set up the game-winning score.
Osage City scored one run in the first inning and three in the second inning on a walk, two errors and two hits.

Royal Valley left two runners on base in the first inning and trailed 4-0 going into the second inning against Osage City.

The Panthers then scored two runs in the second inning to make the game 4-2.

Osage City added a run in the top of the fifth inning to take a 5-2 lead but the Panthers answered with one run in the bottom of the fifth to make it 5-3 heading into the sixth inning.

In the end, the Panthers had to score three runs in the seventh inning to secure the victory. They outthit their opponent 12-4 but were tagged for three errors in the game to none for Osage City.

HMS eighth grade girls set new school record in 4x400 relay

Holton Middle School competed at the Seaman Invitational track meet on April 22. A new HMS eighth grade girls track record was established in the 4x400-meter relay at this meet, it was reported. Holton results were as follows.

7th Grade Girls:
Team Scores: 1. Washburn Rural 111, 2. ANT 93, 3. Seaman 68, 4. LS 51, 5. Shawnee Heights 50, 6. JC 24, 7. Lawrence 20, 8. Holton 17.
200m Dash: 6. Paige Paxton 30.38.
400m Run: 3. Paige Paxton 1:08.9.
1600m Relay: 6. Holton 5:09.54 (Paige Paxton, Jackie Sanchez, Hanna Ent and Lilly Twombly).
Triple Jump: 6. Kassidy Fisher 22'9.5".
Discus: 4. Abby Boeckman 63'.
Shot Put: 4. Abby Boeckman 29'0".
8th Grade Girls:
Team Scores: 1. Shawnee Heights 117, 2. Washburn Rural 106, 3. Lawrence 74, 4. JC 60, 5. LS 40, 6. Holton 33, 7. (tie) ANT 17, Seaman 17.
800m Relay: 4. Holton 2:03.22 (Bailey Flewelling, Cailin Parks, Addie Degenhardt

and Olivia Yingst).
1600m Relay: 1. Holton 4:27.78 (Bailey Flewelling, Cailin Parks, Addie Degenhardt and Taygen Altenburg) (new HMS record).
800m Run: 2. Taygen Altenburg 2:44.44.
1600m Run: 5. Taygen Altenburg 6:24.
75m Hurdles: 2. Isabell Watkins 13.6.
Long Jump: 6. Danika Hickman 13'9".
7th Grade Boys:
Team Scores: 1. Washburn Rural 124.5, 2. ANT 113, 3. JC 103, 4. Shawnee Heights 49, 5. Seaman 45, 6. Lawrence 34, 7. LS 26, 8. Holton 13.
400m Run: 4. Kale Purcell 1:02.9.
400m Relay: 6. Holton 54.29 (Blake Mulroy, Connor Gilliland and Eduardo Rodriguez).
1600m Relay: 5. Holton 4:28.26 (Blake Mulroy, Kale Purcell, Addison Hundley and Connor Gilliland).
Long Jump: 3. Connor Gilliland 15'6".
8th Grade Boys:
Team Scores: 1. Washburn Rural 124.5, 2. ANT 113, 3. JC 103, 4. Shawnee Heights 54, 5. LS 40.5, 6. Lawrence 19, 7. Seaman 11, 8. Holton 0.



A total of 15 people participated in a May 14 trail run hosted by Holton Family Health Clinic, some of whom are shown in the photo above. From left to right are Cayla Probert, Troy DeBusk, Rita Cordell, Roseann Scheid, Duane Iles, Gordon Lamme, Garin Lamme, John Kennedy, Carson Kennedy and Debbie Kennedy. Not shown are Jodi Shupe, Chuck Stallbaumer, Gay and Russ Schuetz and Alfreda Seeber. In the men's division, Stallbaumer took first place, DeBusk was second and Gordon Lamme took third. In the women's division, Shupe took first place, Probert was second and Cordell was third.

Submitted photo

Holton eighth grade girls, seventh grade boys both place second at Big 7 League Meet

By Michael Powls
The Holton eighth grade girls track team and the Holton seventh grade boys track team both placed second in their divisions at the recent Big 7 League Track Meet.

Eighth Grade Girls Final Team Scores. - First Place - Sabetha Middle School 139 pts, Second Place - Holton Middle School 92 pts, Third Place - Perry Lecompton Middle School 79 pts, Fourth Place - Royal Valley Middle School 52 pts, Fifth Place - JWMS 50 pts, Sixth Place - Hiawatha Middle School 20 pts, Seventh Place - Riverside MS 15 pts, Eighth Place - Atchison County Community 15 pts.

Eighth Grade Girls
100M Dash: First Place - Carreno, Courtney (0:13.890) Royal Valley Middle School; Second Place - Flewelling, Bailey (0:14.100) Holton Middle School.
1600M Run: First Place - Tucker, Macy (5:49) JWMS; Second Place - Altenburg, Taygen (6:15) Holton Middle School.

200M Dash: First Place - Schuette, Morgan (0: 28.410) Sabetha Middle School; Fourth Place - Flewelling, Bailey (0:29.330) Holton Middle School.

3200M Run: First Place - Caplinger, Victoria (13:39) Atchison County Community; Fifth Place - Pritchett, Mary (15:39) Holton Middle School.

400M Dash: First Place - Russell, Mariah (1:7) Sabetha Middle School; Third Place - Parks, Cailin (1:9) Holton Middle School; Sixth Place - Watkins, Isabell (1:11.680) Holton Middle School.

4x100M Relay: First Place - Sabetha (0:54.150); Fifth Place - Holton (0:58.890) (Addie Degenhardt, Jewel Lutz, Olivia Yingst and Faith Haussler).

4x200M Relay: First Place - Sabetha (2:0); Third Place - Holton (2:4.970) (Addie Degenhardt, Faith Haussler, Isabell Watkins and Olivia Mulenga).

4x400M Relay: First Place - Perry (4:26); Third Place - Holton (4:28) (Addie Degenhardt, Bailey Flewelling, Taygen Altenburg and Cailin Parks).

75M Hurdles: First Place - Ogen, Kenzie (0:12.680) Royal Valley Middle School; Third Place - Yingst, Olivia (0:12.970) Holton Middle School; Sixth Place - Watkins, Isabell (0:13.720) Holton Middle School.

800M Run: First Place - Tucker, Macy (2:31) JWMS; Second Place - Altenburg, Taygen (2:38.240) Holton Middle School.

Discus: First Place - Janes, Ashlee (75' 4") Perry Lecompton Middle School; Third Place - Crouch, Page (68' 4.5") Holton Middle School; Fourth Place - VanAusdall, Casi (68") Holton Middle School; Fifth Place - Rhodd, Kinleigh (66' 7") Holton Middle School.

High Jump: First Place - Schuette, Morgan (4' 8.") Sabetha Middle School; Fourth Place - Mulenga, Olivia (4'

4.000") Holton Middle School.

Long Jump: First Place - Dwyer, M.K. (14' 0.5") Perry Lecompton Middle School; Second Place - Flewelling, Bailey (13' 11") Holton Middle School.

Shot Put: First Place - Menold, Kinsey (34' 5.5") Sabetha Middle School; Second Place - Rhodd, Kinleigh (32' 9") Holton Middle School.

Triple Jump: First Place - Kahler, Heather (32' 1") JWMS; Fifth Place - Yingst, Olivia (29' 1.5") Holton Middle School.

Eighth Grade Boys Final Team Scores. - First Place - Hiawatha Middle School 121 pts, Second Place - Royal Valley Middle School 69.5 pts, Third Place - JWMS 65 pts, Fourth Place - Perry Lecompton Middle School 59 pts, Fifth Place - Sabetha Middle School 48.5 pts, Sixth Place - Atchison County Community 41 pts, Seventh Place - Riverside MS 38 pts, Eighth Place - Holton Middle School 23 pts.

Eighth Grade Boys
100M Dash: First Place - Smith, Tucker (0:11.990) Atchison County Community.

1600M Run: First Place - Leirz, Andrew (5:12.) Hiawatha Middle School; Second Place - Purcell, Keegan (5:26.) Holton Middle School.

200M Dash: First Place - Smith, Tucker (0:24.430) Atchison County Community.

3200M Run: First Place - Winters, Parker (11:50) Hiawatha Middle School.

400M Dash: First Place - Winters, Parker (0:54.910) Hiawatha Middle School; Fifth Place - Wright, Trey (1:1.) Holton Middle School.

4x100M Relay: First Place - Atchison (0:49.470); Sixth Place - Holton (0:55.550) (Brady Boswell, Cameron Smith, Taygen Fletcher and Kolby Roush).

4x200M Relay: First Place - Sabetha (1:47.).

4x400M Relay: First Place - Riverside (4:10.); Fourth Place - Holton (4:24.) (Cameron Smith, Cody Mulroy, Eli Prine and Keegan Purcell).

75M Hurdles: First Place - Frazee, Andrew (0:10.840) Sabetha Middle School; Sixth Place - Roush, Kolby (0:12.090) Holton Middle School.

800M Run: First Place - Winters, Parker (2:10.) Hiawatha Middle School; Sixth Place - Purcell, Keegan (2:31.) Holton Middle School.

Discus: First Place - Spoonhunter, Dane (119' 1.500") Royal Valley Middle School.

High Jump: First Place - Clements, Bryce (5' 6") JWMS.

Long Jump: First Place - Smith, Tucker (18' 1.000") Atchison County Community.

Shot Put: First Place - Flores, Manuel (39' 11") Hiawatha Middle School.

Triple Jump: First Place - Kaniper, Kyler (37' 1") JWMS; Fourth Place - Wright, Trey (34' 1") Holton Middle School; Fifth Place - Mulroy, Cody (33' 11.750") Holton Middle School.

Seventh Grade Girls Final Team Scores. - First Place - Sa-

betha Middle School 108 pts, Second Place - Royal Valley Middle School 106 pts, Third Place - Hiawatha Middle School 84 pts, Fourth Place - Holton Middle School 79 pts, Fifth Place - Riverside MS 25 pts, Sixth Place - Perry Lecompton Middle School 25 pts, Seventh Place - Atchison County Community 6 pts, Eighth Place - JWMS 1 pts.

Seventh Grade Girls
100M Dash: First Place - Harvey, Morgan (0:13.380) Royal Valley Middle School; Third Place - Paxton, Paige (0:14.1) Holton Middle School.

1600M Run: First Place - Madsen, Kate (6:4) Hiawatha Middle School; Fourth Place - Ent, Hanna (6:37) Holton Middle School.

200M Dash: First Place - Harvey, Morgan (0:28.410) Royal Valley Middle School; Third Place - Paxton, Paige (0:29.140) Holton Middle School.

400M Dash: First Place - Lukert, Hattie (1:5.000) Sabetha Middle School; Second Place - Paxton, Paige (1:8.000) Holton Middle School.

4x100M Relay: First Place - Royal Valley (0:54.6); Sixth Place - Holton (1:4.10) (Abby Martin, Sadie Gilliland, Madi Kennedy and Tressa Henry).

4x200M Relay: First Place - Royal Valley (2:4.330); Fifth Place - Holton (2:15.800) (Sadie Gilliland, Lilly Twombly, Kalinn Baumgartner and Kassidy Fisher).

4x400M Relay: First Place - Hiawatha (4:50); Fourth Place - Holton (5:80) (Hanna Ent, Paige Paxton, Abby Martin and Lexi Jenner).

75M Hurdles: First Place - Diller, Brenna (0:13.450) Hiawatha Middle School.

800M Run: First Place - Lukert, Hattie (2:37) Sabetha Middle School; Fourth Place - Ent, Hanna (2:58) Holton Middle School; Sixth Place - Henry, Tressa (3:80) Holton Middle School.

Discus - First Place - Tanking, Saydee (78' 11.000") Holton Middle School; Second Place - Utz, Grace (70' 6") Holton Middle School; Third Place - Boeckman, Abby (69' 6.5") Holton Middle School.

High Jump - First Place - Schumann, Melinna (4' 6") Sabetha Middle School.

Long Jump - First Place - Fink, Ivy (14' 3") Royal Valley Middle School.

Shot Put - First Place - Boeckman, Abby (34' 5.5") Holton Middle School; Second Place - Tanking, Saydee (30' 8") Holton Middle School; Sixth Place - Utz, Grace (26' 11.5") Holton Middle School.

Triple Jump: First Place - Harvey, Morgan (33' 2.750") Royal Valley Middle School.

Seventh Grade Boys Final Team Scores - First Place - Perry Lecompton Middle School 99 pts; Second Place - Holton Middle School 89.3 pts; Third Place - JWMS 76.3 pts; Fourth Place - Sabetha Middle School 56.3 pts; Fifth Place - Riverside MS 45 pts; Sixth Place - Hiawatha Middle School 33 pts;

Seventh Place - Royal Valley Middle School 25 pts; Eighth Place - Atchison County Community 10 pts.

Seventh Grade Boys
100M Dash: First Place - Mitchell, Dayton (0:12.620) Riverside MS.

1600M Run: First Place - Hodge, Justin (5:15.000) Hiawatha Middle School; Second Place - Purcell, Kale (5:20) Holton Middle School.

200M Dash: First Place - Dean, Caden (0:25.810) Perry Lecompton Middle School; Fourth Place - Tannahill, Konnor (0:27.420) Holton Middle School.

400M Dash: First Place - Broxterman, Josh (0:59.080) JWMS; Fourth Place - Tannahill, Konnor (1:2.310) Holton Middle School.

4x100M Relay: First Place - Perry, M7-7 relay (0:53.600) Perry Lecompton Middle School; Second Place - Holton (0:54.230) (Addison Hundley, Blake Mulroy, Eduardo Rodriguez and Reese Robinson).

4x200M Relay: First Place - Holton (1:53.440) (Blake Mulroy, Reese Robinson, Eduardo Rodriguez and Connor Gilliland).

4x400M Relay: First Place - Perry Lecompton (4:13) Second Place - Holton (4:22) (Addison Hundley, Kale Purcell, Konnor Tannahill and Connor Gilliland).

75M Hurdles: First Place - Mulroy, Blake (0:12.770) Holton Middle School; Second Place - Robinson, Reese (0:13.130) Holton Middle School; Sixth Place - Purcell, Kale (0:13.830) Holton Middle School.

800M Run: First Place - Bartlett, James (2:26) Perry Lecompton Middle School; Second Place - Hundley, Addison (2:27) Holton Middle School Fourth Place - Purcell, Kale (2:33) Holton Middle School.

Discus: First Place - Jeter, Cameron (94' 1") Perry Lecompton Middle School.

High Jump: First Place - Mitchell, Dayton (5' 0.000") Riverside MS; Third Place - Huntington, Jordan (4' 10.000") Holton Middle School; Fifth Place - Hundley, Addison (4' 8.000") Holton Middle School.

Long Jump: First Place - Dean, Caden (15' 4.000") Perry Lecompton Middle School; Fourth Place - Gilliland, Conner (14' 0.000") Holton Middle School.

Shot Put: First Place - Barnett, Wyatt (31' 3.500") JWMS.

Triple Jump: First Place - Mitchell, Dayton (33' 3.750") Riverside MS; Fourth Place - Karn, Canon (31' 4.5") Holton Middle School.

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Zwonitzer graduates at KSU

Emily Zwonitzer of Holton was among those students graduating from Kansas State University this spring, it has been reported. Emily graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work. She is the daughter of Eugene Zwonitzer and Janet Zwonitzer, both of Holton.

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Stithem-Viergever

Darrin and Jill Stithem of Hoyt are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Maggie Joy Stithem, to Cody Lynn Viergever of Mayetta, the son of Darrell and Debbie Viergever of Mayetta.

Grandparents of the bride are Emma Jo Stithem of Hoyt, Nonie Stithem of Topeka, the late Gayle Stithem and the late Bruce and Janet Hight. Grandparents of the groom are the late Andy and Lula Viergever, the late Garfield Hoffman and the late Phyllis Hoffman.

The bride-to-be is a 2011 graduate of Royal Valley High School.

Couple to celebrate 70th anniversary

Ralph and Isla Bottom of Holton will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on May 20. Ralph Bottom and Isla Figue were married at Duluth Lutheran Church in Duluth.

Ralph worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 30 years before retiring in 1983. He and Isla also farmed in the Havensville area for 60 years.

The couple's children are Ralph E. Bottom and his wife,

She graduated from Kansas State University in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. She is currently attending Washburn University in the physical therapy assistant program.

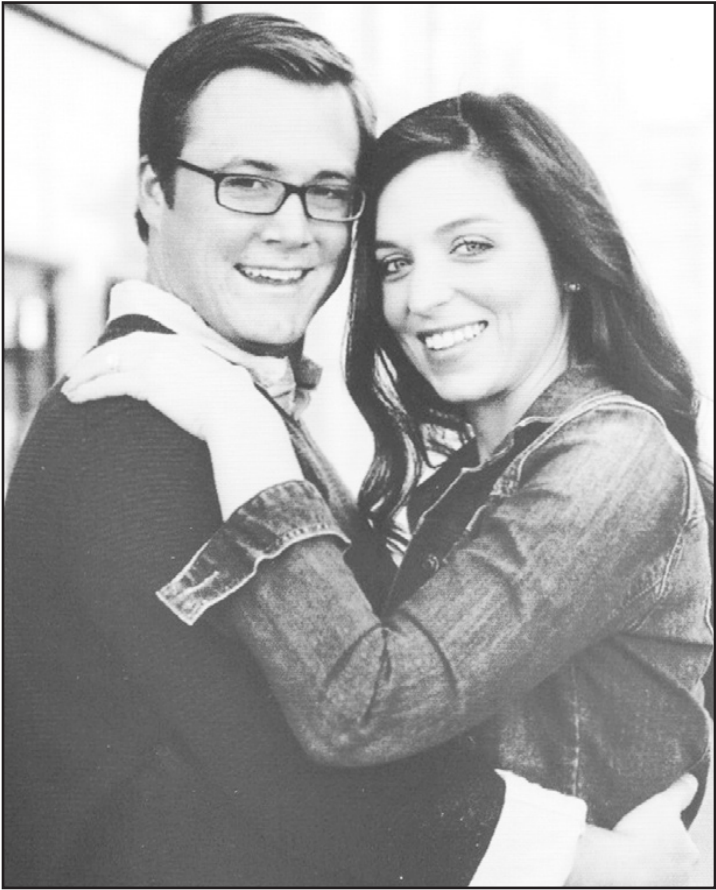
The future groom is a 2010 graduate of Royal Valley High School. He graduated from Baker University in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in sports administration. He is currently employed at SE2, a division of Security Benefit in Topeka.

The couple will wed at 5 p.m. on July 16, 2016, at the bride's grandparents' farm in rural Hoyt.

Linda, of Meriden; Charlene Reynolds and her husband, Garold, and Darlene Boeding and her husband, Joe, all of Topeka; and Linda Bottom of Omaha, Neb.

The couple has seven children, 20 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild expected in October.

Cards can be sent to the couple at 402 Magnolia Dr., Holton, KS 66436.



Etzel-Frost

The engagement of Kylene Etzel to Sean Frost is being announced by their parents.

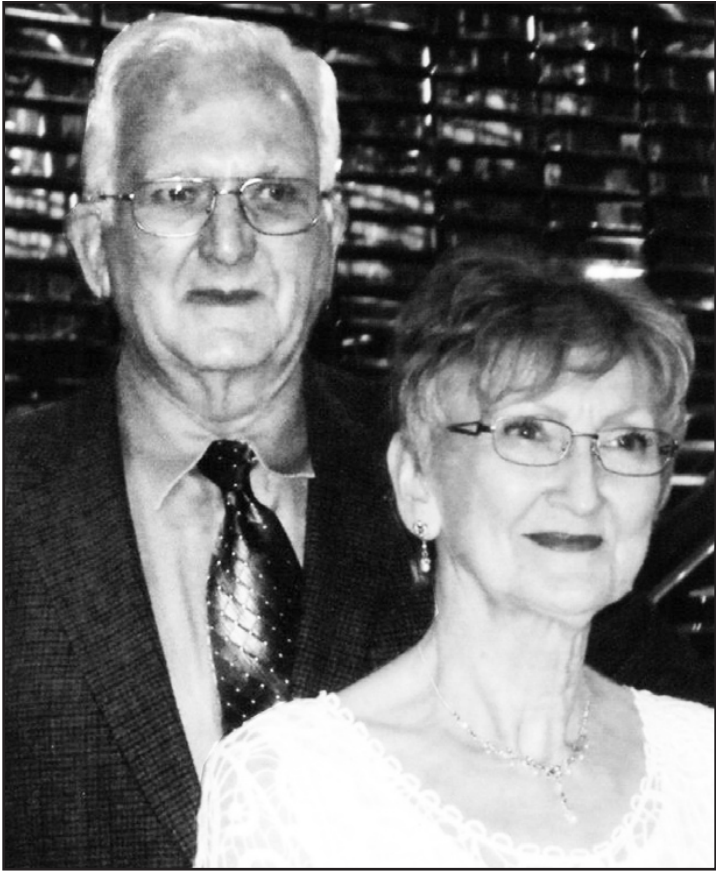
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Christine (Newell) Farmer and Kenneth and Lori Etzel of Topeka. Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Beverly and Richard Newell; and Ronna Etzel, all of Topeka; the late Ken Etzel, formerly of Topeka, and the late Allan Farmer, formerly of Seneca.

The future groom is the son

of Debra and Alan Frost of Topeka. Grandparents are the late Josephine and George Frost, formerly of Youngstown, N.Y., Lois Antoski of Largo, Fla; and the late Edward Antoski.

Kylene is a registered dietitian for Hy-Vee in Lawrence, and Sean is the development director for the Washburn University Foundation in Topeka.

Their wedding is planned for July 3.



Ronnebaums to celebrate 50th anniversary

Gerald and Beverly Ronnebaum of Topeka will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday, June 4. Family and friends are invited to an open house from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church in Topeka.

Gerald Ronnebaum and Beverly Homolka were married June 4, 1966, at St. George's Catholic Church in Munden.

Jerry retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company with 30 years of service. Bev retired from Royal Valley High School as a mathematics teacher.

Their children are Greg Ronnebaum of Kansas City and Karen Turner of Austin, Texas. Their grandchildren are Kait, Max and Hank Turner.

The couple requests no gifts.



Brosa graduates from military training in Texas

U.S. Air Force Airman Kyle W. Brosa graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas.

Brosa completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Brosa is the son of Cary and Cheryl Brosa of Valley Falls and he is the grandson of Orin and Lenora Marshall of Holton and Irene Brosa of Valley Falls. He is a 2015 graduate of Valley Falls High School.



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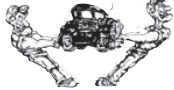
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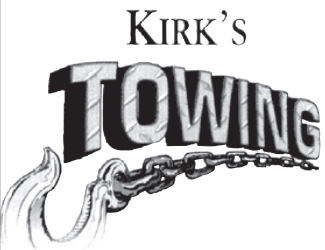
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Holton Business Women hold May meeting

By Julie Fahrmeier

The May 2, 2016 meeting of the Holton Business Women's Club was held at 6:30 p.m. at Trails Café. The program committee chairperson was Karla Segenhagen and the other member was Becky Segenhagen.

The program was given by Annie Brock, a freelance writer who lives in Holton. Brock discussed her books that she had written about the growth mindset in regards to creating a positive environment for children at school and at home.

Roll call was answered by eight members and one guest, Annie Brock.

The scholarship winner was chosen from the recommendations of the committee. Membership dues will be \$15 effective the start of the next club

year in October. The meeting place and time will be at 6:30 p.m. at The Gossip building and the program committee for each month will provide refreshments as part of their duties.

New officers were instated. They are Sandy Studebaker, president; Julie Fahrmeier, secretary; and Suzanne Misenhelter, treasurer. The vice president position remains unfilled. A sign-up sheet was circulated for program committee members for the next club year.

Door prizes were won by Julie Fahrmeier, Annie Brock and Kathi Kimmi.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, at The Gossip building. Members will RSVP when contacted by the program committee.

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Five generations of the Decker family recently gathered for a photo. Those pictured include, front row, from left, Max Raymond Zimmerman being held by Leann Decker (great-grandma) and Hadley Marilyn Zimmerman being held by Sarah Brown (great-great-grandma). Those in the back row include, from left, Lennix D'Ann Zimmerman being held by Doug Decker (grandpa) and Kaylie Zimmerman (mother). All are residents of Holton. The photo was taken after the babies' baptism on April 24.

Submitted photo

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RV grads...

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Hanson, along with Salutatorian Derek Linn, also emphasized that RVHS served as a second home for the students.

"We are all part of the Royal Valley family," Hanson said. "I think I speak for the majority of our class when I say we're excited and ready for the next step, but I know we're going to miss the comfort and community that is Royal Valley."

Linn said he was nervous when he transferred to RVHS between his freshman and sophomore years of high school.

"Walking through the doors here at Royal Valley the first day of my sophomore year - not knowing a single person, I was terrified," Linn said. "Little did I know how quick it would be before I felt at home. These girls and guys behind me made me feel like I was at home, like I was a part of their family, the Royal Valley family, ever since that first day."

Sunday's graduation was the last for Superintendent John Rundle, who has worked in the district for 40 years. Rundle is retiring after serving as superintendent for 15 years (see related article).

Rundle was named by Hanson among the many people who have supported the seniors throughout their high school journey.

"On behalf of the Class of 2016, I would like to thank our parents, who have support us through it all; this amazing school district, the teachers and coaches for all they have done for us not only as students but as people; and last but not least, I would like to thank Mr. Rundle, who has been such a great leader in our district. You will be missed."

City begins steps to fill city manager seat

By Brian Sanders

Finding a new city manager to take over Bret Bauer's position after Bauer leaves next month will be the job of the Holton City Commission and city staff, commissioners noted during their regular meeting on Monday.

Bauer said he and "city staff" would get to work designing an advertisement for a new city manager to be distributed by the League of Kansas Municipalities and the International City Managers Association, as well as being advertised in *The Holton Recorder*. Bauer's last day with the City of Holton will be Thursday, June 16 before taking a similar position in Gun Barrel City, Texas, it was reported.

Bauer told commissioners that many cities, when looking for someone to fill a position such as city manager, will work with consultants — or, as Commissioner Dan Brenner referenced them, "headhunters" — to find candidates for such positions. But in the case of finding someone to replace Bauer, Commissioner Tim Morris said he did not want to go that route.

"I have no interest in hiring a firm, or anything like that," Morris said. "We've done a very good job of advertising within the confines of what we have available to the city."

If the city chose not to go with a consultant in finding a new city manager, City Clerk Teresa Riley said the police department could not be called upon to run "background checks" on city manager candidates. Those checks could only be conducted if they are "in connection with a criminal investigation," Riley said.

The commission would also have to decide what criteria to use when choosing a new city manager, such as doing their own "vetting" and determining whether education or experience would play more of a role in making that choice. Holton City Attorney Dennis White noted that commissioners would also be charged with determining the best "fit" for the position.

"In a small town, everybody's going to be qualified, one way or another," White said. "You'll have to ask how they got along where they were and how well they're going to fit in Holton."

Bauer agreed, noting that "not everybody can come in here and be successful." Still, he said he expected the city to receive several inquiries and applications for the city manager's position.

"I'd be surprised if you got less than 50 applications," he told commissioners.

In other business on Monday, commissioners approved the \$26,900 purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer Interceptor from Foster Ford of Holton for the Holton Police Department to replace a 2008 Chevrolet Impala in the police department's fleet. The purchase was approved on a 4-1 vote, with Morris opposed.

Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle expressed his preference for the Explorer, noting that the all-wheel drive vehicle provides a "dust-free environment" for the equipment officers are required to carry in their patrol vehicles. This is especially necessary now that police officers are making more trips down dirt roads to Prairie Lake to check the area, Gakle said.

The Explorer will be purchased from the police department's capital outlay fund, and Bauer said the department had enough budgeted for this year to cover the purchase. Concerning disposal of the 2008 Impala, it will be sold at auction, with Gakle noting "we'll get more money that way," as opposed to using it for trade-in value in the purchase.

Three bids were received for the purchase of a new vehicle, including two from Foster Ford — a bid of \$25,600 for a 2016 Ford Taurus, in addition to the bid for the Explorer — and a \$38,500 bid from Clark Chevrolet of Holton for a 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Commissioner Dan Brenner asked Gakle if the police department would be interested in getting an "unmarked" police car. Gakle replied that while he was "not opposed" to

having an unmarked car in the fleet, he preferred to have all police patrol vehicles identifiable to the public.

"If you're in an unmarked car, the people won't know it's you," Gakle said. "I don't think it would put out the kind of publicity that we want."

Commissioners also: ■ Approved minutes from the May 2 meeting and budget appropriations made since that meeting.

■ Discussed budget requests for 2017 from the city's street, fire, police, parks and recreation and administrative departments (see related story).

■ Approved a proclamation setting Saturday, Sept. 28 as Poppy Day, by request of the American Legion Auxiliary.

■ Approved, by resolution, the city's participation in the Kansas Housing Assistance Program, which provides financial assistance to first-time homebuyers. Bauer noted that the city would have no monetary liability for participating in the program.

■ Heard a comment from Meerpohl about use of foul language by some teens who hang out at Linscott Park. Bauer said he would speak with Gakle about the issue.

■ Received "the final draft" of a petition to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Transportation from Brenner, who noted that Jackson County and Holton Community Hospital officials have also signed the petition, which will be "hand-delivered" to KDOT. Safety issues on U.S. Highway 75 north of the city near the entrance to the hospital and the Holton Industrial Park have been a discussion topic at recent meetings.

■ Heard a comment from Brenner about possibly coming up with ideas for school field trips.

■ Met in executive session for 10 minutes with Bauer, Riley, White and Assistant City Manager Kerwin McKee present to discuss matters of attorney-client privilege. No action resulted from the session.

■ Adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All commissioners were present.

Jackson Heights grads...

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Achievements and memories aside, Nelson reminded his classmates to focus on the future, even though it is uncertain what the future holds for each of them.

"All of us will be going in different directions," he said. "Some of will go to college and become the leader of a company. Others will go directly into the work force. Some will go to college and then to the work force. But all of us, at some point in our lives, will be asked to lead... lead someone, something or somewhere."

Nelson also advised his classmates to be "leaders" instead of "bosses" when the opportunity to lead arises.

"Leaders show the way, bring people up and give credit," he said. "A boss points the way to go, tears people down and takes credit. Be the leader. This world needs great leaders, and every single one of you is more than capable of being a great leader in this world."

Several humorous class memories were also shared with the audience by Walsh, Nelson, and class salutatorian

Jonathan Reiff, whose short speeches opened and closed the ceremony. Some of those memories tended to mix the touching with the humorous, such as Walsh's remembrance of the Cobras' trip to the state basketball championship tournament in Manhattan this past spring.

In the latter instance, she thanked graduating seniors and basketball team members Zane Richter, Westin Jacobsen, Auston Sauvage, Adam Brey and Lane Holliday "for giving me the opportunity to stand on the court at Bramlage Coliseum" before the Cobras took to the court to win the state championship.

"I never dreamed I would have the opportunity to step on the court, at least not without a security guard asking me to leave," Walsh joked.

Nelson also recalled Richter and Jacobsen getting "pranked" by math and business teacher Robin Sides as "the most recent and possibly the best of all" memories in class history.

"Zane and Westin would go into her room almost every day after lunch and bug her to

death," Nelson said. "She got to make their functions final for the semester. They got the hardest test ever, and I'm pretty sure the problems didn't have an answer, where the other students in the class only had the job of keeping their mouths shut and playing along with the prank."

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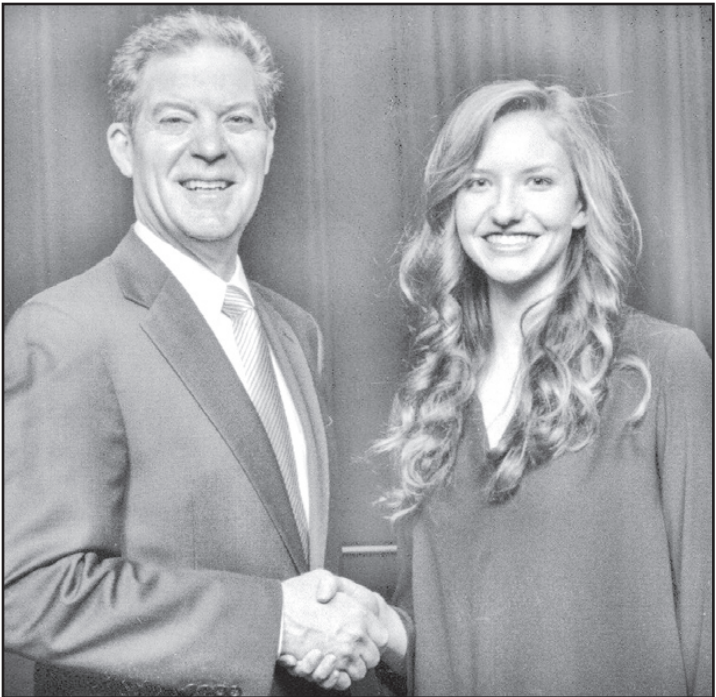
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HHS senior Alexandria Bontrager is shown above with Gov. Sam Brownback at the Governor's Scholars Awards Program held May 1 at Topeka.
Submitted photo

Bontrager honored for academic achievement

At the invitation of Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, Alexandria Bontrager of Whiting was selected to attend the 33rd Annual Governor's Scholars Awards Program on May 1, 2016, in Topeka, it was reported.

She is the daughter of Bruce and Barbara Bontrager.

The recognition ceremony honors the top academic one percent of Kansas high school seniors. Scholars are selected from accredited public and private schools in the state.

"These high school seniors have shown dedication in their studies and a commitment to learning. They've earned this honor, and I want to congratulate them on this achievement," Gov. Brownback said. "We also should recognize their families, teachers and mentors for helping these outstanding students achieve their academic goals."

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School Meals

The following is the final lunch menu for the 2015-16 school year.

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Monday, May 23: Breakfast – Chef's choice, fresh apple, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Chef's choice, seasoned brown rice, vegetable blend, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks, tropical fruit, fresh fruit choice and milk.
Tuesday, May 24: Breakfast

– Chef's choice, tropical fruit, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Chef's choice, refried beans, southwest lentils, fresh fruit cup, canned fruit choice and milk.
Wednesday, May 25: Breakfast – Chef's choice, peach slices, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Chef's choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, canned fruit choice and milk.

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

Monday, May 23: Chef salad with chicken, cheese, lettuce and tomato, cottage cheese with peppers and tomatoes, fresh fruit, sherbet and crackers.
Tuesday, May 24: Baked pork, mashed potato and gravy, spinach, chilled pineapple, cookie and bread and margarine.
Wednesday, May 25: Hamburgers, bun, potato salad, lettuce, pickle and onion slice and peaches in jello.
Thursday, May 26: Baked chicken, steamed rice, Harvard beets, melon cup, banana cream pie and bread and margarine.
Friday, May 27: Tuna salad, bread, macaroni salad, coleslaw and cherry berry dessert.

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Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change. The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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

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

Monday, May 23: Baked chicken, wild rice, broccoli Normandy and fresh fruit.
Tuesday, May 24: Goulash, sliced zucchini, tossed salad and garlic bread.
Wednesday, May 25: Sliced turkey, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables and fresh fruit.
Thursday, May 26: Hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans and fruit salad.
Friday, May 27: Sack lunch day.

Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Rosanna Wilson attended the Jackson Heights track meet in Seneca on Tuesday, May 3.

Rosanna Wilson attended a band concert and awards program featuring her granddaughter, Adora Rhyne, at Seaman High School on May 4.

Rosanna Wilson attended the Jackson Heights track meet in Onaga on May 6. Tyrell Childs placed second and fourth in the hurdles events.

Keith and Rosanna Wilson, Tyrell, Quinton and Dillon Childs attended a graduation party for Adam Brey, Zane Richter and Auston Sauvage at the home of Tony and Shelby Brey on May 7. The boys had a nice group of family and friends in attendance.

Allen and Mary Jo Fernkopf went to Fort Hays State University for the graduation of their grandson, Kaleb Goertzen, from Kansas Academy of Mathematics and Science on Saturday, May 7. There were 19 graduates in this advance course graduation. Kaleb is the son of Vicki and Kevin Goertzen.

Keith Wilson visited his mother, Mona Wilson, and Rosanna visited her parents for Mother's Day on May 8.

Monday, May 9, was the Jackson Heights Community Service Day with 10 Jackson Heights seniors coming over to help. Despite the rain, they got lots of stuff done. They painted the inside of the snack shack for the recreation club, completed some outside work of trimming bushes and spreading mulch, pulled weeds in front of the city building and post office and various other things.

The adult volunteers are from three groups: City of Circleville Council, Senior Executives and Circleville Alumni Association. Volunteers were Dale Askren, Ken Wykert, Russ Stauffer, Ed Rostetter, Dixie Mannell, Milt Snyder, Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson, Hal Cochren and Sharon S. Cochren.

There were 10 students involved in completing the projects. They were Taylor Abel, Hope Bratcher, Brianna Cattrell, Becca Gibson, Weston Jacobsen, Katelyn Meggison, Zane Richter, Auston Sauvage, Morgan Bryan and Enrigue Herrere-Gomea, who is a foreign exchange student.

The meal for the students was furnished by The Farmers State Bank and was greatly appreciated.

AYLI Club met on Tuesday, May 10, at the home of Pat Hasenkamp. They went to Boomers' for lunch before playing cards. Jan Hodge was a guest. This is the last meeting until fall.

During the business meeting, they selected dates for the coming year and Pat served her delicious strawberry pie.

On Wednesday, May, 11, at 1:30 p.m., the United Methodist Women held its meeting at Vintage Park in Holton, where three of their members live: Dorothy Beightel, Irene White and Mildred Sherwood. After their business meeting, Ellen Durst played the piano and Dawn Duryea played her flute, while the group sang various songs.

Ice cream and cookies were served to all those in attendance. They have done this for the past 10 or more years and always appreciate seeing everyone and enjoying their company and fellowship. The next U.M.W. meeting will be held on June 15 with Mary Jo Fernkopf as host.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson attended the Royal Valley High School graduation of their granddaughter, Shelby Moore, on Sunday, May 15. Following the graduation ceremony, they went to the home of Denise Moriarty in Hoyt for a reception with great food and visiting with friends and family. They also stopped by the Northeast Kansas Heritage Center for a reception honoring Becca Gibson, who graduated from Jackson Heights.

Bob and I and Maxine Lewis attended a graduation reception for Mitchell Marten of Topeka on Sunday evening, May 15. Mitchell is the son of Chris and Kim (Arnold) Marten and graduated from Seaman High School. The reception was held at Chris and Kim's home north of Topeka. We enjoyed the good food and visiting and wishing Mitchell well.

The Circleville Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 28, at the Circleville gym, with social time at 5:30 p.m. and the meal at 6 p.m., prepared by Your Place or Mine Catering. We are looking forward to a good turnout. Postcards have been mailed out to alumni, former teachers and friends of the alumni. We had more than 100 in attendance last year. Be sure to make your reservations.

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(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT
OF
JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS**

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name: Jayde Cobler

DOB xx/xx/2009 A female

Case No. 2016-JC-000016

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Unknown Father and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child(ren) named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child(ren).

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 10:00 AM. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child(ren). The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child(ren). The parent(s), and any other person having legal

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An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Christopher T. Etzel, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 23, Onaga, KS 66521; Phone: 785-889-4192. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: Darla Ottensmeier, Attorney at Law, 13827 70th St., Oskaloosa, KS 66066; Phone: 785-863-2786.

Date and time of hearing: Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 10:00 AM.

Place of hearing: Jackson County District Court, Courthouse, 3rd floor, Holton, KS 66436

/s/ Blaine A. Carter
Judge of the District Court

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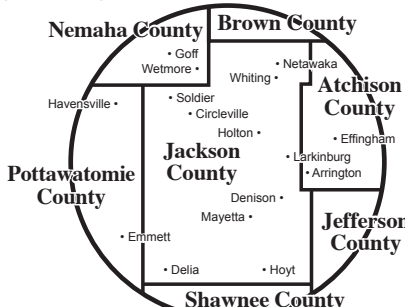
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Pit bulls, dog tags topics at Hoyt meeting

By Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The meeting was held at the Hoyt Community Center.

Present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher council members Lana Dillner, Farrell Holthaus, Ed Ryan and Nathan McAlister, City Attorney Lee Hendricks and Chief of Police Dan Wentling. Council member Leonard Allen was absent.

Also present were Crystal Kiely, Hillari Rose, Misty Montague, Dennis Elliott, Jim Shane and Larry Valdez.

Mayor Dreasher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The council was previously provided minutes to review from the March 1 regular meeting. Dillner made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. McAlister seconded, and the motion carried.

Rose met with the council and discussed her concern over the condition of the street at the corner of Sixth Street and Eastern Avenue. Holthaus stated that street repairs were recently reviewed and that area was at the top of the list to be addressed.

Kiely discussed the city pit bull ban with the council, specifically how she should address the situation where the owner claims the pit bull is a service dog.

Hendricks stated that Kiely would still need to give the owner a ticket. The owner would then have the opportunity to come to court and provide proper documentation that the dog was a service dog. If it is proven that the dog is in fact a service dog and the judge approves, the owner would be allowed to keep the dog.

Kiely also discussed with the council the requirement for dog owners to register and tag their dogs. The council discussed ways to inform the public of the city's requirement regarding this issue. The council also discussed the three-dog limit per household.

Jim Shane with Pack 173 met with the council to seek permission to plant a tree in the city park. This is part of a service project to earn a Council Fire Badge. Dillner made a motion to allow Pack 173 to plant a tree in the park as part of their service project. Holthaus seconded the motion, which carried. It will be necessary to coordinate the location of the tree with Kenny Bryan.

Elliott appeared before the council to discuss his concern relating to fire vehicles not having lights and sirens and traveling at excessive speed. He also

7-11 raises funds for muscular dystrophy

The Holton 7-11 convenience store raised more than \$1,000 from March 5 to May 3 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, it was reported, by selling \$1 and \$5 shamrocks for MDA.

The local store reportedly ranked fourth out of 702 7-11 stores in the Kansas City and St. Louis store zones, said Holton store manager Jeremy Wall.

had concerns over personal vehicles being used on route to fire calls. Elliott also discussed a complaint relating to the police department. Chief Wentling took note of the complaint.

McAlister discussed a letter relating to donations for the Royal Valley High School After Prom event. Ryan made a motion to donate \$50 to the event. McAlister seconded. The motion carried.

Hendricks discussed the guidelines for the ordinance relating to solicitors. The fee for the license will be \$5 per day, not to exceed \$100 annually from a licensee. Holthaus made and Ryan seconded a motion to approve Ordinance 308 relating to solicitors with the guidelines discussed. The motion carried.

The council discussed the ordinance relating to dog tags and fees. Dillner made a motion to approve Ordinance 309, which will raise dog registration fees to \$3 for dogs spayed or neutered and \$5 for dogs who are not. McAlister seconded, and the motion carried. Hendricks would prepare such ordinance and the mayor has the authority to sign it upon receipt from Hendricks.

Hendricks stated that work on the city code is still ongoing.

No bids for haying were received for the acreage around the sewer ponds. Bryan will mow the lots.

McAlister provided an update on the zoning maps. The zoning board is working on the updated map and once completed will bring to the city council for approval.

McAlister stated that the recently passed mill increase would not take effect until the fiscal year, once work has begun on the 2017 budget.

McAlister inquired if there was a response from Century Link regarding the low cable that hangs by its building. There has been no contact or status update from Century Link regarding this issue.

Mayor Dreasher updated the council on the contract with Waste Management. Waste Management agreed to match

the rates presented in the bid from RSP, Inc. The city will continue service with Waste Management.

The council discussed the upcoming city cleanup day. Mayor Dreasher would like council members to be at the cleanup day if possible. McAlister stated that there would be some high school kids available to help residents that need assistant hauling items.

Dillner discussed a need to purchase digital images for use on the city website. This can be obtained through the website Stock Agency for a \$50 annual fee. Ryan made a motion to pay \$50 to Stock Agency for images to be used on the city website. McAlister seconded, and the motion passed.

The council discussed the news that Dollar General may be putting a store in the Hoyt area.

The council also discussed the opening date for the new clinic. It was heard that this would be in a few weeks.

City Clerk Shawna Blackwood presented a building permit at 201 N. Eastern Ave. for Moszeter. Ryan seconded, and the motion carried.

Blackwood discussed recent inquiries relating to a date for citywide garage sales. A group is willing to put this together and proposed dates of May 20-21. The city will not be in charge of this event, but can help notify the public of the date set.

Blackwood discussed a request by the RVES kindergarten staff to use the community building in case of inclement weather on May 17 for kindergarten fun day. Dillner made and McAlister seconded a motion to allow the kindergarteners use of the community building with no fee for their fun day event on May 17. The motion passed.

Blackwood stated that Lee Matthews would be in town on April 12-13 to perform the annual maintenance of the sewer pumps.

Holthaus discussed regulations relating to garage sales. Mayor Dreasher discussed Dee Olson's retirement reception.

Chief Wentling gave the monthly police report and discussed the recent burglaries. Communication between the police department and sheriff's department was discussed. Wentling reported that the school zone signs are in place.

Holthaus reported on streets. Holthaus, Bryan and Eric Beam recently looked around town addressing areas in need of repairs. Beam will provide an estimate for repair work needed. There was discussion of subcontracting the work out to small companies.

McAlister had no additional news to report on sewer. He would like to get a report from Bob Ehrhart regarding the recent KRWA conference.

McAlister asked if there had been any response from McManigal regarding an estimate for electrical work at the sewer pumps. There has been none.

There was some discussion regarding the floor machine for the community building.

Dillner provided an update on parks. Flowers from the RVHS greenhouse have been ordered. This should cover all the flowers needed for this season.

Robinson Park has new flowerbeds and will need additional mulch. Dillner would like to get rubber mulch for around the gazebo, as it will not float away. Additional mulch will be needed for the big flowerbed at the park.

Dillner noted the middle school cheerleaders would be sprucing up the Hoyt sign in DelToro's yard at a later date. The seventh graders were scheduled to come on May 9 to do planting in the park. Also, a completed list of memorial trees to choose from is now complete.

Mayor Dreasher discussed a recent complaint made regarding the condition and cleanliness of the community building.

At this time, the council and mayor inspected the building and reviewed inventory.

McAlister made and Holthaus seconded a motion to pay bills. The motion carried.

McAlister made a motion to adjourn. Holthaus seconded, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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occurred both in his time and Superintendent Marceta Reilly’s time. We’ve tried to continue with those in the last 15 years as well.”

Divided among three distinct communities – Hoyt, Mayetta and the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation – Royal Valley USD 337 has evolved through the years to become a unified home and family.

“When I came, community members came together for school, but they functioned as separate communities. And there’s still some of that today, but our students come together as Royal Valley Panthers in kindergarten and continue throughout their school career,” Rundle said. “I think in the last 15 years, there’s been some unification of what I would call the three communities into a Royal Valley school community.”

Decreases in state funding in 2008 and 2009 required creative solutions by Rundle and staff, but Rundle said he never thought about retirement at that time.

“This is my community. I hope that I was able to be a part of leading them through some tough financial times, but doing it in a manner that didn’t take away from the opportunities we have for kids,” he said. “Unfortunately in today’s political environment, the zip code of the student can limit the opportunities a student can have in their education. This school district, because of a low assessed valuation, requires equity in state aid, and we have a court case going on right now that says our Legislature has not funded us in an equitable manner, and I truly believe that is the case. So under those circumstances you need people to care and people that can make things work. And I’ve

City Commission..

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difficulty in retaining “dedicated and loyal employees” when more recently-hired employees receive “the same incentive as a 20 or 30-year employee.”

Bauer said the city is looking at means to reward employee longevity, but external forces — namely the property tax lid that was approved recently by the State Legislature — are tying the city’s hands. With that tax lid in mind, he told commissioners, if merit increases are going to be considered, the commission must do so before Jan. 1, when the tax lid goes into effect.

As a result, Holton Mayor Robert Dieckmann asked City Clerk Teresa Riley to compile a list of employee salaries in all city departments, “starting from the top down,” to investigate options for incorporating merit increases into the city’s pay schedule.

City officials also raised concerns over the city’s parks and recreation facilities, including Holton’s municipal swimming pool, where water leaks have been a problem over the past year. In 2015, it was reported that about four inches of water were leaking daily from the pool, and city employees attempted to repair the leak.

But on Monday, Bauer relayed information from Parks and Recreation Director Mike Reichle that “the pool is not holding water,” losing six inches of water over the weekend. City employees are trying to locate the source of the leak and repair it before the pool opens for the summer season, he added.

Commissioners also expressed concerns over security in the city’s parks, mainly Linscott, where there have been issues with vandalism at the shelter house and on the recently-resurfaced tennis and basketball courts. Commissioner Dan Brenner said he had spoken with police dispatchers about those issues, but there are some instances where dispatchers can do nothing about them.

“There have been issues with bikes and roller blades on the tennis courts, and we need to extend that out because we just spent \$13,000 to refurbish the tennis courts,” Brenner said. “Our tennis courts really look good, and I’d like to keep it that way.”

Brenner’s suggestion of placing another security camera to monitor the tennis and basketball court was viewed favorably by Gakle. However, putting a camera in the shelter house to catch young people jumping on the picnic tables would not work because there was not a way to make them “vandalism-proof” there, he said.

“We just didn’t feel that we could secure a camera in the shelter house and make sure that they couldn’t destroy it in there,” Gakle added.

Bauer noted that if another camera is placed in the park to



Superintendent John Rundle

been fortunate because we have a tremendous staff here and a very strong group of administrators. They care about these kids, and they’ll do whatever is necessary to provide a good education to the students of this community.”

In his retirement, he and Connie plan to spend more time with their adult sons and their families, which include three grandchildren.

“I was blessed to step into the superintendent role at the time I did. My kids were out of school so it allowed me to put the time, energy and focus on other people’s children and the school district as a whole,” Rundle said. “It also was a good time for my wife and me. My wife is extremely understanding and supportive. She’s listened to a lot of groaning and complaining over the

years, but she’s absolutely the best when it comes to being a superintendent’s wife because she gets it.”

Former Royal Valley Middle School Principal Aaric Davis will begin serving as the district’s superintendent July 1.

“I believe the district will thrive,” Rundle said. “I’m very pleased to see Mr. Davis as the next superintendent. I know him and I know who he is and what he stands for. I have the utmost confidence in his ability to take this school district and do great things with it.”

An open house for Rundle has been set from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Royal Valley district office in Mayetta. District patrons and community members are invited to attend.

monitor the tennis court, that expenditure would most likely come from the city’s electrical distribution budget.

Budget requests included:

■ **Street Department:** Street Foreman Greg Tanking presented the budget request for 2017, noting an actual 2015 budget of \$387,513.76, the commission-approved 2016 budget of \$382,348 and the projected 2017 budget of \$403,529. It was Tanking’s first budget presentation for his department, as Cameron has announced his retirement effective in July.

Tanking told the commissioners the general street budget request included \$40,000 in capital outlay funds for the purchase of a two-ton truck, “in case you choose not to purchase one for us out of the equipment reserve fund next year.”

Commissioners also reviewed the “special highway” fund, which Tanking said is used to purchase road materials and pay for special projects. The presentation showed an actual 2015 budget of \$290,548, an approved 2016 budget of \$283,499 and a projected 2017 budget of \$316,000, the latter also including a \$40,000 capital outlay request for the purchase of a truck.

Tanking said his request for the special highway fund would cover the costs of one block of brick street restoration and two loads of road oil for chipsealing, the latter of which should cover 27 city blocks. The price of road oil for next year was estimated at or near this year’s oil costs, he said, noting that the oil for this year has not been purchased yet.

“We don’t get our oil purchased until it’s time to chipseal,” he said.

■ **Fire Department:** Fire Chief Kevin Ingels presented commissioners with a 2017 budget request totaling \$313,880, up from the approved 2016 budget of \$282,542 and the actual 2015 budget of \$262,209.16. Much of the increase was in the department’s capital outlay fund, where only \$9,500 was approved in the 2016 budget; Ingels proposed \$30,000 in the fund for 2017.

The fire department is looking

at “some bigger purchases coming up in the next few years,” including firefighting gear, radio batteries and possibly water hoses, Ingels said. However, he told commissioners he would prefer to spread the purchases out over a few years rather than take care of it all at once.

■ **Police Department:** Gakle’s request for his department’s 2017 budget was \$608,793, up from the approved 2016 budget of \$574,384 and the actual 2015 budget of \$526,918.46, with most of the increase going for personnel salaries. The request included a \$35,000 line item for capital outlay, which Gakle said he wanted to use to replace a patrol car and outdated equipment, “if need be.”

■ **Parks and Recreation:** Bauer said this department is requesting \$356,869 in general park funds for 2017, compared with the approved 2016 budget of \$346,247 and the actual 2015 budget of \$342,292.90. He noted Reichle — who was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency — was planning to use his department’s budget primarily to benefit Countryside Park.

■ **Administration:** Bauer said the general administration fund is requesting \$36,568 in 2017 budget dollars, compared with the approved 2016 budget of \$35,881 and the actual 2015 budget of \$40,393.24.

Water and Wastewater Superintendent Dennis Ashcraft, Electrical Production Superintendent Ira Harrison and Electrical Distribution Superintendent Scott Frederickson will present their 2017 departmental budget requests at the June 6 meeting, Bauer told commissioners.

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Holton High School students competing in the state journalism contest included, front row, from left, Abby Heitzman, Sonora Sheldon, Natalie Wareham and Lyndie Copeland; back row, from left: Abbie Lamme, Emma Wittmer and Blake Harris.

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HHS students earn awards at state journalism contest

After qualifying in 19 events through participation in regionals, Holton High School journalism students earned several awards at KSPA State Journalism Contest held at The University of Kansas in Lawrence on Saturday, May 7.

Holton students competed against students from 3A and 4A schools across the state. Some entries were submitted ahead of time, but the writing contests were all completed on site. Students were given 90 minutes in which to create their entries based on requirements, quotes and facts given to them at the contest.

Contest winners included:

- Brian Nelson, senior, third in sports photography.

Man facing murder charge free on bond

By Brian Sanders

A Holton man facing second-degree murder charges stemming from the October death of his wife is free on bond after that bond was reduced during a Friday morning hearing in Jackson County District Court.

District Court Judge Norbert Marek reduced the \$200,000 bond against George E. Fleshman Jr., 66, to its original amount of \$75,000 during a status hearing that morning. Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller later said that Fleshman “bonded out almost immediately after (his bond) was reduced.”

The case against Fleshman stemmed from the Oct. 21, 2015, death of his wife, Elizabeth Fleshman, followed by an investigation into her death by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office based on what it termed “suspicious circumstances.” Fleshman was arrested March 8 by sheriff’s officers and taken to the Jackson County Detention Center, where he remained until Friday.

Holton defense attorney J. Richard Lake said Fleshman’s bond was originally set at \$75,000, but raised to \$200,000 without Fleshman’s knowing. That amount, Lake said, was beyond Fleshman’s financial means and “excessive in considering the legitimate ends of a bond,” according to the motion for bond reduction.

“We would like to see the original bond restated,” Lake told Marek on Friday. “He’s not in the best of health.”

Fleshman listed several ailments, including high blood pressure, COPD and “beginning-stage cataracts,” to back up Lake’s statement. When asked by Lake whether he could survive in his jail cell without certain treatments for his ailments, Fleshman replied, “I don’t think so.”

Miller said that while Fleshman was in poor health, he was still facing a charge on “a very serious offense.” She also noted that while “maybe \$200,000 is high,” she was willing to agree to cut the bond in half to \$100,000, “but no lower because of the charge against him.”

Marek took note of previous concerns that Fleshman might be considered a flight risk and that there was a possibility of “self-harm” in his case, something the defense denied in the motion for bond reduction.

In addition to reducing the bond to \$75,000, Marek said that if Fleshman were able to bond out, he would need to be placed on electronic monitoring and not leave Jackson County. Fleshman’s preliminary hearing is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 in district court.

- Carly Raney, sophomore, third in online photo gallery and honorable mention in student life photography.
- Sarah Bond and Ashlyn Robinson, sophomores, third in multimedia storytelling.
- Sonora Sheldon, senior, second place in outline writing and third place in sports writing.
- Abigail Heitzman, senior, second in editorial cartoon.
- Natalie Wareham, junior, honorable mention in yearbook sports writing.


“Having competed before, I felt more prepared for this year’s competition,” Sheldon said. “The prompts were much harder than past years. The sports story prompt was about girls golf, something which I

know hardly anything about. I enjoyed the challenge, though.”

After competing against 3A and 4A schools, Holton’s points were tallied. Schools received points for earning first, second, third or one of three honorable mentions at regionals and at state. Based on these points, Holton received fourth place overall at the state competition, placing behind Hays, Chanute and Andover Central.

“I am proud of all the hard work students put into this contest,” adviser Karen Ford said. “They learned quite a bit by competing and were able to get valuable feedback from expert judges. Both the KSPA regional and state contests are great learning experiences.”

Holton Alumni in the Spotlight



Dr. Jordan Brandt, Class of 1996

at the Holton Alumni Banquet
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