



Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson and Deena Horst, who represents District Six on the Kansas State Board of Education, visited the elementary and middle schools at Royal Valley on Friday morning. The photo above was taken in Nate McAlister's middle school history classroom and administrators shown standing, from left, include John Linn, RVMS principal; Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction; Aaric Davis, superintendent, Horst, Watson and McAlister.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Watson enjoys second RV visit

■ Education commissioner, KSBE member tour schools on Thursday

By Ali Holcomb

Kansas Commissioner of Education Dr. Randy Watson and Deena Horst, who represents District Six on the Kansas State Board of Education, toured Royal Valley schools on Thursday morning to see what kind of learning opportunities are available to Panther students.

Watson and Horst began their hour-long visit at USD 337 with a brief tour of the elementary school in Hoyt with Superintendent Aaric Davis, RVES Principal Noah Slay and Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction.

The group spent time in the Makerspace classroom with four fourth-grade students and instructor Brenda Stithem. The classroom provides hands-on learning activities for students, such as Lego robots and battery-powered motors, to work on problem-solving skills.

Watson said that as he meets with representatives from companies like Cerna and Trane,

they have emphasized to him the importance of students learning how to code as part of their public school education.

Slay told Watson and Horst that elementary students are spending more time writing in the classroom to build a great foundation for future learning.

Next, the tour moved to the middle school where they were greeted by John Linn, middle school principal, and Morgan Harvey, RVMS Student Council representative, who presented Watson with a Panther t-shirt.

Watson and Horst visited teacher Lisa Stumpff's seventh-grade language arts class where students were presenting videos they had created around poems they had selected.

In teacher Nathan McAlister's history classroom, McAlister outlined the many state and national history projects groups of students were working on, and students invited Watson to the school's history fair this May.

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Purple Heart Profiles

Alley wounded in Battle of the Bulge

Editor's note: This is the 47th in a series of stories about past and present Jackson County residents who earned the Purple Heart Medal, which is awarded to military personnel wounded or killed in the line of duty.

The names of those profiled in these stories will be among those placed on a special monument for Purple Heart Medal recipients currently under construction in Holton's Linscott Park.

One week before Christmas 1944, U.S. Army Tech Sgt. Leroy L. Alley of Holton was in France, fighting with Troop E, 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squad in the Battle of the Bulge when he was wounded in the heat of battle.

Alley would remain hospitalized for nearly a year of recovering from wounds received in that famous battle. He also received the Purple Heart for his bravery.

Born Oct. 4, 1920, in Holton, the youngest son of Charles M. and Dora E. Alley, Leroy Leonard Alley attended the old Wigwam grade school and graduated



TEC 4 Leroy Alley

in 1938 from Holton High School. He was inducted into the Army on Sept. 3, 1942, at Fort Leavenworth.

Three months after his induction, Alley and his high school sweetheart, Mildred Duffy, were married in Hugo, Okla. It was reported that they had sent home 17 telegrams to notify

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Sheriff appointed to immigration committee

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse (pictured) has been appointed to the National Sheriffs' Association Immigration and Border Security Committee by NSA President Greg Champagne, it has been reported.



Sheriff Morse will serve as a member of the committee representing Midwestern sheriffs on immigration policy. Currently, there are 3,085 sheriffs in the United States of America.

Sheriff Morse said he is honored to be considered for this appointment to the NSA.

"There could not be a more important time than now to deal with immigration concerns in our nation," Morse said. "With more than one million criminal illegal aliens walking the streets

of America, and the current methamphetamine and heroin epidemic brought to us by the Mexican drug cartels, every state has become a border state. It is imperative for our country to have sound immigration policies, and it is just as important to enforce those policies regardless of party politics."

Chartered in 1940, the National Sheriffs' Association is a professional association dedicated to serving the office of sheriff and its affiliates through

police education, police training and general law enforcement information resources.

NSA represents thousands of sheriffs, deputies and other law enforcement, public safety professionals and concerned citizens nationwide.

Through the years, NSA has provided programs for sheriffs, their deputies, chiefs of police and others in the field of criminal justice to perform their jobs in

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Commission approves skid loader purchase

By Ali Holcomb

Jackson County has purchased a new skid loader for the road and bridge department and a contract to lease a second skid loader for one year has also been approved.

Together, the new purchases total \$59,551.13.

The Jackson County Commission agreed for the county to purchase a new skid loader with grapple and tooth buckets from

White Star Machinery of Topeka at a cost of \$48,158.47, which includes a \$16,000 trade-in.

In addition, the commissioners agreed to lease a new skid loader for the county for one year from White Star at a cost of \$11,392.66.

This past year, the county leased two skid loaders at a total cost of \$15,000 from White Star. That lease expires on March 16.

At a recent meeting, Com-

mission Chairman Rob Ladner said he didn't want to lease two skid loaders again since the total hours on both machines this past year only added up to 500 hours.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Feb. 27, the commission:

* Heard a weekly report from Mixie Schafer, noxious weed and environmental services director.

Schafer said the county needs a new stormwater pollution prevention plan for the landfill.

The last plan was completed in 2004. Schafer presented five engineering bids to update the plan.

The commissioners accepted the low bid of \$2,275 from King Engineering and Associates of Holton.

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Two criminal cases against murder suspect dismissed

By Brian Sanders

A year after entering not guilty pleas in three different cases against him, a Mayetta man saw two of those cases dismissed on Friday in Jackson County District Court — but a trial on a first-degree murder charge remains on the court's schedule.

District Court Judge Norbert Marek accepted Assistant Jackson County Attorney Brian Yearout's recommendation to dismiss two criminal cases against Wilson R. Noriega, 51, after a January trial on one of the two cases resulted in a hung jury.

That particular case involved

an alleged December 2015 incident at the Jackson County Detention Center, in which Noriega was charged with trafficking in contraband in a correctional institution, criminal use of weapons and criminal damage to property. The other dismissed case involved marijuana and paraphernalia possession charges related to an alleged July 2015 incident.

Marek said the dismissals leave "the elephant in the room," a five-day jury trial set to begin Monday, May 15 on charges of first-degree murder, possession

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A Kansas Highway Patrol officer inspected the aftermath of a truck crash on Thursday morning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and Kansas Highway 16 in Holton. The accident occurred when the Jackson Farmers-owned fertilizer tender truck's load of dried fertilizer shifted as the truck was turning onto U.S. 75, causing the truck to roll onto its side and the fertilizer to spill onto the roadside. Traffic was reduced to one lane along southbound U.S. 75 for about three hours. Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said the truck's driver was not injured.

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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Richard C. Ard, Topeka, transporting an open container, \$208.

Brandon M. Booher, Auburn, registration violation, no proof of insurance, \$458.

Bruce E. Davis, ignition interlock device violation, \$208.

Nikolas B. Lewis, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, registration violation, operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance, \$458.

Stefani S. McKinney, Topeka, no proof of insurance, \$928.

Jorge L. Oyola, Manhattan, speeding, \$189.

Michael R. Valdivia, address not listed, speeding, \$258.

Rosalie Whyne, Mayetta, speeding, \$213.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Carrie C. Roberts, St. Joseph, Mo., driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$500 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Marshal L. Roney, Wichita, possession of marijuana, no proof of insurance; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$500 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Robert D. Savago, Holton, domestic battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Robert D. Savago, Holton, violation of a protective order; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Robert D. Savago, Holton, domestic battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Andrew F. Scott, Junction City, possession of marijuana; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Brianna D. Slayton, Holton, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Makayla J. Yoning, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia; found not guilty at jury trial.

Filed

State of Kansas vs. Jesse R. Birdsong, Kansas City, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance, stop sign violation, driving while declared a habitual violator.

State of Kansas vs. Devin A. Roberts, Holton, possession of methamphetamine, identity theft, two counts of theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, transportation of liquor in an open container.

State of Kansas vs. James Spicer, Hiawatha, possession of methamphetamine, possession

of drug paraphernalia, transportation of liquor in an open container, speeding.

State of Kansas vs. Joshua D. Hahn, Hoyt, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance.

State of Kansas vs. Demetria R. Allen, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, transportation of liquor in an open container.

State of Kansas vs. Kevin L. Parker, Cameron, Mo., criminal threat, domestic battery.

State of Kansas vs. Dustin R. Moore, Falls City, Neb., possession of methamphetamine, battery on a law enforcement officer, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, possession of drug paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, speeding.

State of Kansas vs. Nicholas L. Vineyard, Independence, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Ashley R. Jenkins, Holton, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Dawn M. Burgess, Ottawa, possession of hydrocodone, possession of methamphetamine, traffic in contraband in a correctional institution or care and treatment facility, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of legal process, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Felissia

A.G. Oakes, Paola, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty.

State of Kansas vs. Michael D. Warner, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, battery.

State of Kansas vs. Vernon C. Stull Jr., Topeka, theft of property lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake.

State of Kansas vs. Anyisia C. Vega, Topeka, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Merick D. Whetstone, Topeka, possession of hydrocodone, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, transportation of liquor in an open container.

Civil

Filed

U.S. Bank N.A. vs. Rodney D. Acker, LeeAnna D. Acker, Jane Doe, John Doe, unknown spouse of Rodney D. Acker, unknown spouse of LeeAnna D. Acker and related estates, seeking judgment of \$134,512.41 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage.

Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Carla L. Jackson, Cullen B. Jackson and Jane Doe, unknown occupant, seeking judgment of \$139,261.34 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage.

Limited Civil

Dispositions

Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Angela Evans, sought judgment of \$915.91 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

CoreFirst Bank and Trust vs.

Amber L. Thomas, sought judgment of \$512.08 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Cheyenne Winter, sought judgment of \$218.20 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Lori Kimmi, sought judgment of \$494.36 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Daniel Heuertz, sought judgment of \$108.23 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Carilyn E. Slocum, sought judgment of \$589.31 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Julie A. Wheeler and Kent Wheeler, sought judgment of \$285.09 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Megan Wallisch, sought judgment of \$625.39 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed

Manning Music Inc. vs. Roy Wahquahboshkuk Sr. and Christina M. Wahquahboshkuk, seeking judgment of \$1,953.94 plus interest and court costs.

Jefferson Capital Systems L.L.C. vs. Amy S. Hewitt, seeking judgment of \$900.46 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Filed

Willy Wilson vs. Roger and Jamie Wyre, seeking judgment of \$185 plus interest and court costs.

Two arrested after Wednesday chase

Two Horton men were arrested Wednesday following a vehicle pursuit in Jackson County.

At about 2:30 p.m. that day, Jackson County deputies attempted to stop a southbound orange Chevy Cavalier on U.S. Highway 75 south of Holton for an alleged traffic infraction, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

The vehicle continued south on the highway and then went westbound on 198th Road. The vehicle continued southbound on M

Road, which is a dead end road.

Morse said the vehicle then left the roadway and continued across a pasture where the vehicle became airborne and crashed in a gully causing both air bags to deploy.

Both occupants of the vehicle fled the crash on foot, and deputies were able to take both subjects into custody quickly a short distance from the crash scene.

Arrested on scene were the alleged driver, Jeremy Lynn Simon, 39, and the passenger,

Curtis Lowe Simon, 37, both of Horton.

Jeremy Simon was booked into the county jail on charges of felony flee and eluding, reckless driving, felony interference with law enforcement, driving while suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is also being held on an outstanding warrant.

Curtis Simon was booked into the jail on charges of felony interference with law enforcement.

Sheriff's officers investigate accidents

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents:

■ At 3:20 p.m. on Feb. 12, Koby Wykert, 23, Circleville, was traveling north on J Road near 246th Road when a deer jumped in front of his vehicle.

Wykert swerved his 2004 Kia to avoid hitting a deer but struck a guardrail. The Kia rolled over the bridge landing on its passenger side. The guardrail was owned by Jackson County.

The Kia sustained damage to its front bumper, right side, top, windshield and undercarriage that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

■ At 5:25 p.m. on Feb. 18,

William Penrod, 37, Soldier, was traveling east on 198th Road near R4 Road when his motorcycle struck a hole in the road causing him to lose control of the bike. The 2013 Suzuki sustained damage to its left and right sides that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 12:08 a.m. on Feb. 23, Elvis Biberovic, 32, St. Louis, Mo., was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 126th Road when his vehicle left the road to the right to avoid hitting a car that was traveling in his lane.

According to the accident report, Biberovic overcorrected the 2007 GMC box truck he was driving, and as it maneuvered back onto the road, it fell onto its driver's side. The truck sustained damage all along its left

side and front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 4 p.m. on March 3, Debra Schreiner, 58, Mayetta, was traveling east on 158th Road near U Road when her vehicle left the road to the north into the ditch. The vehicle went through the ditch striking a fence and then back onto the road.

Schreiner's 2017 Toyota sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000. The fence was owned by Edger Salts of Mayetta.

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Jackson Heights board sets agenda

The Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education has announced the agenda for its regular monthly meeting, to be held at 7 p.m. today at the Jackson Heights High School library. All district patrons are invited to attend.

The meeting will begin with a public forum and approval of the meeting's agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board's Feb. 13, meeting, monthly bills and activity account reports, a donation of \$931.14 from the Dave Henry Memorial and a donation of \$1,936.44 from the Cobra Backers.

Action items for the meeting include consideration of an insurance policy renewal with

Jared Beam of the Brier Payne Meade insurance firm of Topeka, approval of the 2017-18 district calendar, approval of 2017-18 preschool fees and handbook and approval of 2017 driver's education fees.

Following administration and board reports, the board is scheduled to enter into executive (closed) session to discuss teacher salary contract negotiations and personnel matters. Action on personnel matters is expected after the board returns to open session.

The meeting agenda is subject to change. For more information, or to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming board meeting, call the district office at 364-2194.

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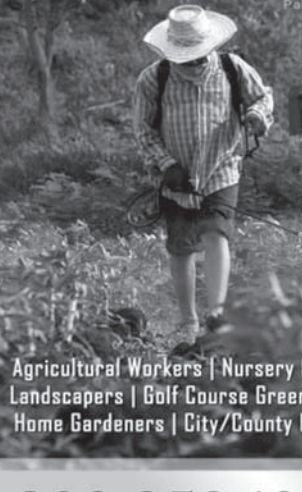
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MEMORIES

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5 Years Ago

Week of March 12-18, 2012

Angie and Kevin Rawlings have moved their business, All Around Sweets-n-Eats, to its new location at 409 New York Ave. on the west side of Holton's Town Square, and are now open for business. The Rawlings have been working on remodeling the building, formerly home to Wilhelm Heating and Hardware, while keeping their old location on Pennsylvania Avenue open for business, only closing up shop for a week to move equipment and furniture to its new home.

This May, after 12 years of being a full-time elementary teacher at Holton's Colorado Elementary School and nearly four decades of service to the district, the teacher known to her students as "Mrs. K." Lana Kling-smith, will retire, it has been announced.

The former Therll's Furniture building at Fifth Street and Vermont Avenue is currently being repainted and remodeled to serve as a wheel and tire showroom, as well as a waiting room and space for offices, for Holton Tire and Service, which is located right across the street. The expected grand opening for the new building is April 28.

10 Years Ago

Week of March 12-18, 2012

This month marks 30 years that the Mayetta High School, now Royal Valley Junior High School, caught fire. Five fire departments responded to the blaze, but were unable to contain it. Little remained of the building after the fire, the cause of which was said to be a faulty electrical relay switch in the gym. Everyone was able to escape the burning building unscathed. Locals John Rundle, Ramona White and Roger Paradies recall the incident, as they were present when it occurred.

Glass workers replaced the old windows on the east side of the Jackson County Courthouse this week with newer, more energy-efficient windows as the window replacement project for the Courthouse continued.

On Monday, March 12, the Holton school board agreed to allocate \$50,000 of district funds to help build a new weight room/fitness center at the campus of Holton High School.

The Holton Wildcats girls basketball team recently wrapped up a 22-2 season with their first state tournament appearance since 2002, it was reported.

During the 2007 Holton Lift-a-Thon held on Tuesday night, March 13, HHS senior Chris Luker set a new school record with a 345-pound clean lift.

15 Years Ago

Week of March 12-18, 2012

Angels may very well have been real for four-year-old Dillon Wells of Denison when he fell into the water of an old well at the home of family friends on Wednesday, March 13. Dillon told his grandmother, Gaye

Wheeler of Mayetta, that he'd gone underwater, but "angels floated me to the top." The water level was approximately 17 feet below the ground. He was pulled back up with no major injuries.

One of Jackson Heights senior Amy Rieschick's compositions, "Traveler's Way," received a I rating – the highest rating possible – at a KMEA composition competition last December. It will be featured in a concert on Wednesday, March 20, as part of Jackson Heights' celebration of March as "Music In Our Schools Month." "Traveler's Way" was the first composition submitted by Rieschick for competition.

People crowded into the Jackson Heights High School gymnasium to hear gospel and bluegrass music during the first-ever Elk Creek Opry on Saturday, March 9. Organizer Gary Bell estimated that about 225 people attended each of the two shows that day. He also said that this was the first time such an event has been held locally. Plans are to make the Elk Creek Opry an annual event.

The parking lot east of Beck-Bookman Library in Holton is nearly complete. A joint project of the library and the city of Holton, the parking lot is intended for community use, said head librarian Candee Jacobs. Work left to be completed includes landscaping and striping.

By next week, Jackson County Sheriff's officers will sport a new look, with new uniforms recently purchased for sheriff's deputies and corrections officers. The new uniform is "more professional yet practical," said Jackson County Sheriff Daina Durham.

25 Years Ago

Week of March 12-18, 2012

The Royal Valley USD 337 school board changed its district policy on Monday night, March 9, when it approved allowing freshman athletes to participate in varsity programs, it was reported.

For the past 22 years, Howard Thompson carried on a long-time local tradition selling John Deere farm equipment. That era ends this week, however, when Thompson and his wife, Bobbi, liquidate the business at a sale on Friday, March 13. Thompson has been honored by the John Deere company as an outstanding dealer, and the president of John Deere and Company even sought his advice once.

The Jackson Heights girls basketball team is headed to the state championship for the second year in a row, it has been announced. Team members include Anita Hallauer, Janelle Teter, Kathy Grau, Dana Klahr, Kindra Rieschick, Jaime Bergstresser, Shelley Arnold, Audra Tanking, Shelley Schumann, Mary Fields, Janell Coe, Ginger Wheeler, Jennifer Keehn, Tara Bentley, Stacey Schumann, Jenny Rieschick and Jennisa Wheeler. Coach is Ken Thomas.

Anita Eby of the Jackson County Training Center recently received recognition from the Holton Area Chamber of Commerce. The "Next to New Shoppe" at the training center

has been expanded recently. It now offers clothing for men and women, boys and girls, as well as household goods.

50 Years Ago

Week of March 12-18, 2012

On Friday night, March 10, the Denison High School boys basketball team defeated Pawnee Rock 60-53 to take third place in the state Class BB basketball tournament at Dodge City, it was reported. Team members include Glen McCrory, David Porter, Dennis Wing, Joel McCrory, Bill McConnaughey, Pat Patton, Jay Branam, Mike Patton and Mark McCrory.

With nine new members accepted into membership and with a social hour in the new church fellowship hall, the Holton Presbyterian church moved into its second 100 years on Thursday, March 9. New members include Curtis Strawn, Mrs. Robert Brock, Marcia Brooks, Leo Bickford, Emily Drechsler, Linda Atwater, Mike Branam, Steven Brock and Debbie Ireland.

Mike Rogers, head football and track coach at Holton High School for the past eight years, has tendered his resignation to the USD 336 Board of Education. Rogers will go to Clay Center next year, where he will be head football coach and assistant track coach at Clay County High School, and he will also teach American Government.

Preliminary waived on sex charges

By Brian Sanders

A Hoyt resident accused of sexual crimes involving a 3-year-old child waived his right to a preliminary hearing on Thursday in Jackson County District Court.

Arraignment for Theodore J. Purdy III, 26, was scheduled for Friday, April 28 after District Court Judge Norbert Marek approved Purdy's preliminary waiver. Purdy, who has been charged with rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child, is currently free on \$80,000 surety bond, according to court records.

The charges against Purdy stem from allegations of an incident or incidents that reportedly occurred between Sept. 1 and Oct. 14 of last year with a child who was three years of age at the time. Purdy was arrested on the charges on Oct. 20 and was released on bond the same day.

Topeka attorney Matthew Works, serving as Purdy's defense attorney since Dec. 19, requested a 60-day window between Thursday's hearing and the arraignment date because "we need to go through more discovery" in the case.

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Sydney Althausen (left) and Olivia McAsey (right), students at Holton Middle School, recently spent a day at the Kansas Capitol in Topeka as pages for Kansas Sen. Dennis Pyle. The girls received a historical tour of the Capitol building and had the opportunity to participate in a tour to the top of the dome, a climb of 296 steps. They are shown in the photo above with Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback.

Submitted photo

Watson at Royal Valley...

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The group briefly stopped by the music room where auditions for the upcoming musical "Rats!" were being held. Watson briefly jumped in the chorus line as students were learning choreography from director Laura Snyder.

The tour ended with Joe Baumchen, science and explorations technology teacher, who discussed several programs offered in his classes and the technology available to the students, such as 3D printers and GoPro cameras.

State board member Horst said she was impressed with the project-based learning initiatives throughout the district and that she could tell that the students were taking ownership in their own learning.

Watson agreed. "You're doing some really great things," Watson said. "You're really stretching the kids."

This was Watson's second visit to the district in the past two weeks as he visited Royal Valley High School on Feb. 28 as part of Career Technical Education Month.

Watson and others from the

Kansas State Department of Education visited CTE programs that day at both Royal Valley and Ottawa high schools, it was reported.

Royal Valley has several career "pathways" as part of its CTE program, including AV Communications, Business Management/Entrepreneurship, Family, Community and Consumer Services and Plant Systems.

Watson and others visited the school's greenhouse, which is used to grow a variety of plants, and he learned about human growth and development in a FCCS class by strapping on an "empathy belly," which mimics the effects of a pregnancy.

Watson and Horst were expected to continue their tour of northeast Kansas schools Thursday by visiting Jackson Heights.



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OPINION

Sunshine Week puts spotlight on open government laws

By Max Kautsch
Advocates of open government have good reason to celebrate this Sunshine Week, a national celebration of government transparency, which runs from Sunday, March 12, through Saturday, March 18.

In Kansas, the week also represents an annual commemoration of the Kansas Sunshine Laws, which primarily include the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA) and the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA).

Under these laws, members of the public can exercise their right to request access to government records and meetings to learn how public officials exercise their power.

In Kansas, one cause for celebration is a successful exercise of open government rights by a member of the public from Independence, with the assistance of the Kansas Attorney General's Office.

This success is proof that remedies are available to Kansans who feel their government is less transparent than it should be.

For her work in promoting open government over several years and in pursuing her complaint of an open records violation to the highest levels of state government, the Kansas Sunshine Coalition is awarding a 2017 Friend of Open Government to Debbie Miller.

In April of last year, Miller, a longtime resident of Independence, made a request under the open records act for a copy of the form the city uses to evaluate the city manager's job performance.

Miller was not requesting any personally identifiable information related to any performance evaluation; she simply wanted a copy of the blank form itself.

Although the KORA provides access to many documents in the possession of public agencies, those agencies can legally deny access to a document if it falls within an exception in the law.

For example, under the KORA, a public agency is not required to disclose "personnel records, performance ratings or individually identifiable records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment."

This "personnel record exemption" is the reason the Independence city administration gave Miller to justify withholding the blank form she had requested.

The city also asserted that it did not have to disclose the form because it "was specifically created to assist in the evaluation of Micky Webb, the current Independence City Manager.

However, Miller was not satisfied with that response.

She believed that a blank form was public information that could not possibly be exempt from disclosure as a personnel record.

Believing the city was in violation of the law, she filed a

complaint with the Kansas Attorney General's Office in May of 2016.

After a lengthy and thorough investigation, the Attorney General's Office found that the city had indeed violated the KORA.

In a letter to the city dated Jan. 30, 2017, Assistant Attorney General Lisa Mendoza wrote that the blank form was "sufficiently generic that it raised a question about whether it was in fact specifically created solely to assist in the evaluation of the city manager."

Moreover, according to Mendoza's letter, a Google search showed that an "identical" document produced by another source existed on the internet.

Thus, the Attorney General's Office concluded that the city "fell well short of meeting its KORA obligations" and found the city in violation of law for the manner in which it had responded to Miller's request.

In turn, the city commissioners signed a "Consent Decree" admitting that the city violated KORA, agreeing to pay a \$250 fine, and also agreeing, going forward, to "comply with the requirements of the KORA" in responding to each KORA request it receives.

Meanwhile, the City Commission voted not to renew the contract of the city manager, and has begun a search for a new city manager.

The finding of a KORA violation, resulting in the fine and the consent decree, reflect well on the Attorney General's Office and indicates it is making good use of expanded Sunshine Law enforcement powers granted by the Kansas Legislature in 2015.

Still, sunshine would not have come to Independence without Miller's determined efforts to challenge the city's refusal to disclose a blank form.

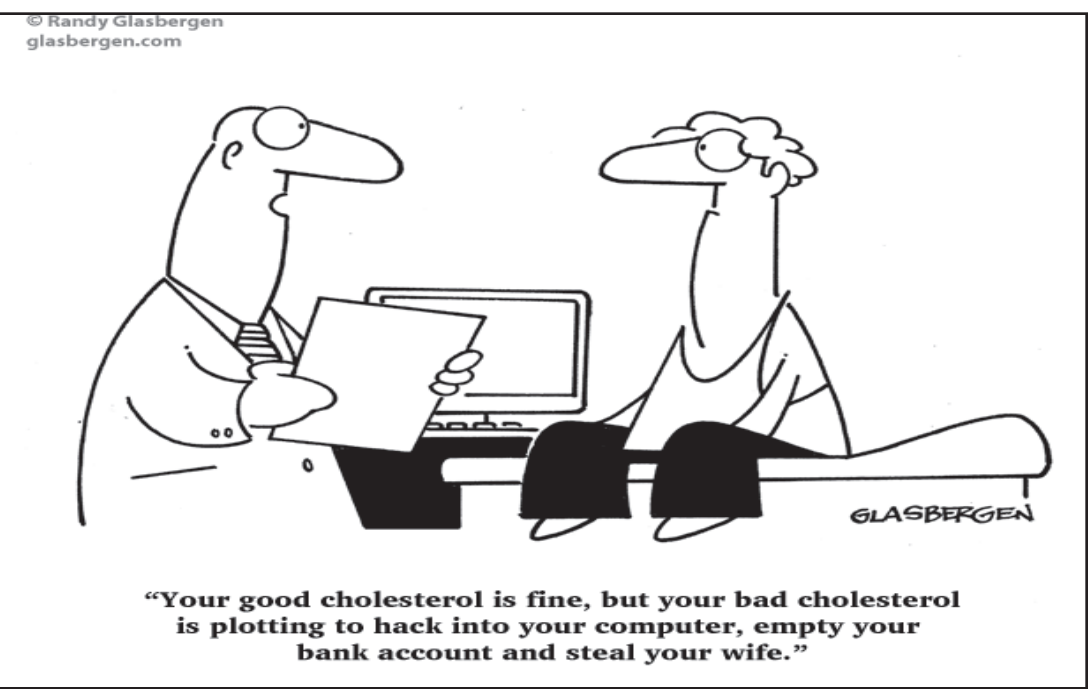
She is an inspiration to members of the public everywhere who are concerned about transparency in government, and she proved that persistence pays off.

This Sunshine Week is a time to celebrate the initiative of Miller as a concerned member of the public, coupled with action by the state's open-government enforcement agency, to effectuate change.

The process of asserting rights under the KORA and KOMA can often be akin to the state's motto, "to the stars through difficulties."

However, Miller's successful efforts and the city's decreed consent to abide by the law suggest that more sunshine may be on the horizon in Kansas.

Note: Max Kautsch, an attorney for the Kansas Press Association and the Kansas Association of Broadcasters, blogs about open government issues at kautschlaw.com. He also represents members of the public seeking to assert their rights under the Sunshine Laws, including Debbie Miller.



INSIGHT: Give cows their due

By John Schlageck
Kansas Farm Bureau

Talk to farmers, stockmen and ranchers – most will tell you how much they love their cows.

Problem is, this humble and in most cases easy-going beast rarely receives the praise associated with the noble show horse or one of the so-called smartest creatures, the squealing pig.

No one extols the virtues of this contented creature that spends her days quietly grazing and eating grass. We've all watched movies about horses Trigger and pigs like Babe, but for most of the time, cows are considered boring and ignored by Hollywood, the media and the public.

Still, cows are not whiners and they take their obscurity in stride and rarely complain about their circumstances. Except for a couple of rare occasions, animal rights activists have overlooked this wonderful beast of burden and focused their careful aim on mice, monkeys, rats and other vermin.

Everyone screams bloody murder when some shampoo company tests its latest shampoo on a furry rodent. Where is the outcry for the lifestyle of cows?

They spend days and nights under the stars without a tent or blanket and only their coat to keep them warm. They must hoof it across the pasture just to get a drink of cold water.

But hey, I'm not here to say I feel sorry for the cow community. Confident and quiet, it is not their way to ask for preferential treatment.

Spend time with a herd of cows and you'll soon discover they are indeed spiritual beings. They live their entire lives in service to mankind.

Behind that seemingly blank stare rests a knowing glint that suggests, "Go ahead. Make fun. I spend all day eating and sleeping. You're the one with high blood pressure and cash-flow problems."

Cattle occupy a unique role in human history, domesticated beginning with the Stone Age. Some are raised for meat (beef cattle), dairy products (cows) and hides (both).

They are also used as draft animals and in certain sports. Some consider cattle the oldest form of wealth, and cattle rustling, consequently one of the earliest forms of theft.

Dairy cows are referred to as the foster mothers of humans because they produce most of the milk that people drink. They provide 90-percent of the world's milk supply.

The best cows may give approximately 25 gallons of milk each day. That's 400 glasses of milk. Cows in this country give an average of 2,000 gallons of milk per year. That's more than 30,000 glasses of milk.

Beef cattle supply more than 30 different cuts of meat including the heart, tongue and what we grew up calling mountain oysters – a male private part. You gotta' admit, that's meaningful giving.

Another gift from the bovine

community is leather that comes from their hides. We use it for boots, belts, baseballs, suitcases, purses, wallets, easy chairs and jackets. Yes, cattle or cows make the ultimate sacrifice for human comfort.

Another place cows shine is in the rodeo arena or as spokes-mammals in advertising. Who hasn't seen the skydiving cows on their television screen?

Another cow celebrity that's been around for eons is Borden's Elsie the Cow.

Snorting bulls symbolize a healthy stock market and a Hereford cow pioneered space travel. Every kid knows about the cow who jumped over the moon.

Milk, ice cream, cheeseburgers or that fine leather purse – think about it. Where would we be without our cows?

On any given day, a cow often does more for us than our friends, neighbors, in-laws or even our elected officials. Cows deserve a roaring round of applause and recognition for a job well done.

Anyway, I'd much rather thank a cow and wear a pair of leather boots than sport a mink coat and thank a varmint. I know I'd rather drink milk from a cow than milk from a mink. Enough said.

Note: John Schlageck is a commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas.

Holton BOE to meet

The Holton school board will meet at 6 p.m. today (Monday) at the district office for its regular monthly meeting.

All school board meetings are open to the public.

At the meeting, the school board is expected to accept the following resignations effective at the end of the school term – Tyler Ryan as high school business/computer/web design teacher, Kris Seymour as middle school computer technology teacher, Stephanie Ryan as fourth grade teacher, Sherri Alverson as special education teacher at Onaga, Kallie Bagby as special education early childhood para in Holton, Taylor Lewis as special education behavior specialist and Connie Colson as special education elementary speech & language pathologist at Holton.

The board is also expected to approve the following new hires – Jean Holt as high school custodian and Stephanie Ryan as assistant middle school track coach.

In other business, the board is expected to accept a \$140 donation from the School to Home Partnership and \$1,005 donation from the Harold Kennedy Memorial for the HHS football team.

Other topics set to be discussed include a proposed new digital sign for the high school, a legislative update, a school maintenance report, a bus tracking system, summer school plans, paint bids for the district office and executive session for teacher salary negotiations and non-elected personnel.

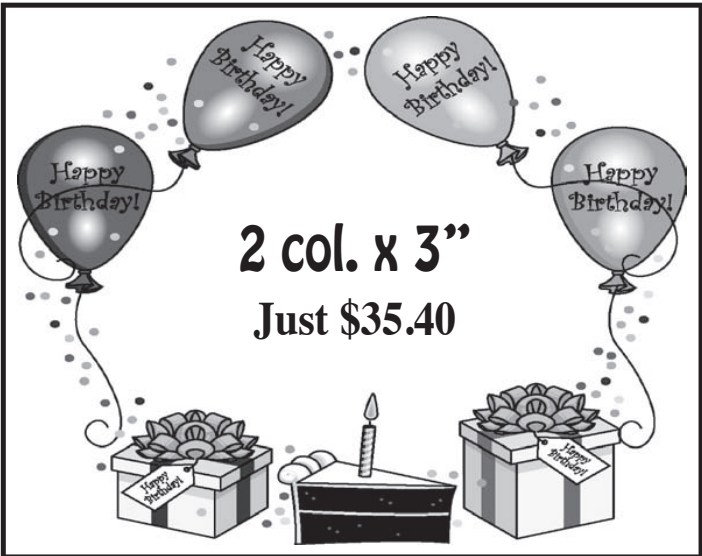
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OBITUARIES



Daily

Harold Daily, 90, Topeka, passed away March 3, 2017.

Harold was born in 1926 in Horton to Floyd Daily and Elizabeth Kidd. Harold's mother died when he was eight years old and his father remarried Martha Titus. Harold was the oldest of 13 children and has long been the patriarch of the family. His large family has always been a source of enjoyment and pride to him.

Harold graduated from Holton High School in 1945. He joined the Army at the end of World War II serving in Europe. During Harold's tour of duty he was able to attend the Nuremberg trials. Harold attended Kansas State University for two years and was a life-long Wildcat fan.

He met the love of his life, Beverly Pendleton, in Holton, where they married in 1952. They have lived in Topeka for most of their life, including 64 years of marriage.

Harold worked for DuPont for 27 years and retired in 1985. Harold was a Boy Scout leader and served as a volunteer at Doorstep and Let's Help for many years. Harold enjoyed fishing, golf and carpentry. He built a beautiful house, which he and Beverly lived in for years after they retired.

Harold is survived by his wife, Beverly, of the home; children, Gary Daily (Claudia) of Topeka, and Gayla Noel (Mike) of Overland Park; grandchildren, Joseph Noel of Seattle, Wash., Kyle Daily of Topeka, Thomas Noel of Kansas City, Mo., and Hannah Saenz (Lee) of Ward, Colo.; and great-grandson Kerian Daily of Topeka. Harold was preceded in death by his brother, Jack Daily.

Harold's care and concern for others and love for his wife will continue to inspire us and live in our memories.

Funeral services were held at Countryside United Methodist Church in Topeka, with burial in West Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church, Doorstep or Aldersgate Village, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 S.W. Urish Road, Topeka, KS 66614.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

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Chenault

Earl Lavern "Saw-se-weh" Chenault, 70, Tampa, Fla., died Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Danceground Cemetery in Mayetta. Family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mercer Funeral Home in memory of Earl Chenault, to help the family with funeral expenses, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Montgomery

Betty J. Montgomery, 93, Effingham, died Saturday, March 11, 2017, at a nursing facility in Valley Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will be held in Larkinburg Cemetery. Family will greet friends one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Linwood Park Assisted Living in Valley Falls, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. *Holton Recorder 3/13/17*

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Elliott

Amanda Rae Elliott, 26, of Lee's Summit, Mo., passed away Thursday, March 9, 2017, at St. Luke's East Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 16, 1990, in Hutchinson, to Bruce E. and Lori A. (Haverkamp) Elliott.

Amanda graduated from Valley View High School in 2008. She had been working with her parents in the family business. Amanda loved being with friends and listening to music. The light of her life was her 7-year-old son, Andre, whom she adored and loved very much.

Amanda leaves behind her son, Andre Majors of Kansas City, Mo.; loving parents, Bruce and Lori Elliott of the home; brother, Brett Elliott of Overland Park; maternal grandparents, Avitus and Elda Haverkamp of Wetmore; paternal grandparent, Stuart Elliott of Topeka; as well as many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Alyssa Elliott; and her paternal grandmother, Betty Elliott.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 13 at Meyers Funeral Chapel, 1600 W. Main St., Blue Springs, Mo. Burial followed at Lobb Cemetery. The family is requesting memorial contributions to be made in care of Meyers Funeral Chapel, 1600 W. Main St., Blue Springs, Mo.

A fund for Amanda Elliott will be designated to help with medical costs and funeral expenses. Memories of Amanda and condolences to the family may be shared at meyersfuneralchapel.com

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Murder...

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of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia in connection with the Nov. 21, 2015 stabbing death of 49-year-old Leann M. Sanchez at a residence reportedly owned by Noriega's parents on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

A final pre-trial hearing was scheduled for Friday, April 14 in district court, and Yearout and Topeka-based defense attorney Donald Hoffman were asked to submit motions for that hearing on or before Friday, March 31. Jury instructions were to be submitted as soon as possible, Marek told both attorneys.

Noriega currently remains at the detention center on \$1 million bond.

Purple Heart...

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Mildred's parents of their marriage before the notification was received, mainly due to military censorship.

Alley was eventually promoted to the rank of technician fourth grade and served with the 32nd Cavalry as a tank driver in the South Pacific and in England in the late summer of 1944. He would go on to fight in the Ardennes Campaign, which is more popularly known as the Battle of the Bulge.

That campaign began on Dec. 16, 1944, when German forces launched a massive, surprise attack on a thinly-defended section of the American line in Belgium and Luxembourg. Alley was wounded in that battle two days after it began.

It was reported that in March of 1945, Mildred received Leroy's Purple Heart Medal while he was recuperating in a French hospital.

County Commission...

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The other bids included \$2,300 from Blue Valley Consultants of Manhattan, \$5,000 from BG Consultants of Manhattan, \$3,100 from Black Stone Environmental of Topeka and \$3,420 from Terracon of Topeka.

* Met with Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors to discuss a bid for a trailer. No action was taken on the issue.

* Agreed that they do not want to widen the road to the entrance to the "Fuller" addition located east of Hoyt.

* Accepted the low bid of \$10,237.60 from HeavyQuip of Olathe for parts to replace the undercarriage of the county's track-loader. The other bid was \$20,914.96 from Foley Equipment of Topeka.

* Met in executive session with Fritz and Bahret to discuss a personnel matter for 20 minutes. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met with Moni El-Aasar from BG Consultants to discuss the state grant awarded to the county to replace road signs. The commissioners signed an agreement with BG Consultants to complete the engineering work and inspect the signs. The agreement, which is funded by the grant, is \$200,000 and also covers the costs of the sign materials.

* Met with Lori Banks and Ashely York of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce who requested use of the first floor of the Courthouse, as well as the courtyard, for the Glory Days festival and car show on Saturday, May 27.

* Approved the appointment of Karen Stous to the KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center Board for a three-year term.

* Met with Pat Korte, director of emergency management, who reported that earlier in 2016, she had a computer issue with her department's website, which hosts the data for all the burn permits in the county.

Korte just received the \$1,500 bill for the work on the computer system. Funds from the fire association account would normally cover this expense, but the account is currently low on funds.

Korte asked if the commissioners could cover the \$1,500 expense out of the county general fund. The commissioners agreed.

* Met in executive session with County Counselor Alex Morrissey for 15 minutes to discuss a matter of client/attorney privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

* Briefly discussed a draft resolution from the Kansas Department of Commerce regarding the Rural Opportunity Zone student loan repayment program.

The commissioners do not plan to allocate any funds for the student loan repayment portion of the program.

The resolution states that the

county will allow the repayment program to occur in Jackson County. This program allows participating businesses in the county to help their employees reduce student loan debt by paying up to \$1,500 per year over a five-year period, with matching funds from the state.

The commissioner requested that Morrissey discuss the resolution details with Lyle Peterson of the Kansas Department of Commerce.

* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Revenue generated during the week of Feb. 19-27 totaled \$192.

* Discussed bids for a new mower at the reservoir. Four vendors submitted bids, and all the bids were rejected at this time.

* Discussed summer help at the reservoir.

* Viewed and accepted inventory lists submitted by the heads of each department.

* Reviewed a letter from KANZA Mental Health Guidance Center reporting a list of payroll for 2016 for KANZA employees. The list includes:

—46 employees in Brown County for a total cost of \$1,064,805.03.

—Eight employees in Jackson County for a total cost of \$206,738.80.

—Eleven employees in Nemaha County for a total cost of \$324,674.32.

—Six employees in Doniphan County for a total cost of \$63,555.25.

—Ten employees in other Kansas counties for a total cost of \$210,412.50.

—Five employees out of state for a total cost of \$152,952.19.

* Approved all the bridge projects for 2017 submitted by Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager.

* Met with Brooke Smith, youth services director, to discuss the possible purchase of a television system to allow each department in the juvenile district to hold video conference calls.

* Signed payroll change notices for three youth services employees.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. All commissioners were present.

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Youngwan Won Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA Rev. Charlene Banes, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Class Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday</p> <p>Our Lady of the Snows Church Fr. Marianand Mendem 166 and "I" Road, Mayetta, Kan. 597-5656 1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m.</p> <p>Potawatomi Pentecostal Church 4.5 miles west on 134th Rd., Mayetta Rev. Marcia Potts Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Worship service</p> <p>Potawatomi United Methodist Rev. Howard Suduth Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>St. Dominic Catholic Church Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem 416 Ohio, Holton, 364-3262 Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass Confessions 30 minutes before mass. www.jacatholicos.org</p>	<p>St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem 3rd & James, Mayetta, 966-2690/364-3262 Sunday Mass: 8 a.m. Confessions 30 minutes before mass. www.jacatholicos.org</p> <p>St. Thomas Episcopal Church 512 Wisconsin, Holton • Rev. 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SPORTS *Monday*

Royal Valley girls fired up about softball again

By Ali Holcomb
With several returning starters, the Royal Valley High School softball team is looking for its third league championship and its first ticket to the state tournament. “We have a very experienced varsity group, many of which are returning as four-year and three-year starters,” said head coach Corey Katzer. “It appears at this time we will also have some young kids mixed in who will be looked upon to contribute right from the beginning of the season.”



The Panthers were 19-3 overall last season and were 13-1 in the Big Seven League. They were league co-champions alongside Perry Lecompton.

Royal Valley fell to the Oskaloosa Bears in the final championship round of the Class 3A regional tournament at the end of the 2016 season.

“We look to be returning a lot of offensive fire power led by the return of four-year starter Sarah Beam, who last year led the team with an incredible eight home runs, 40 runs batted in and scored 42 runs all with a shoulder that needed to be surgically repaired as soon as the season was over,” coach Katzer said. “We are excited to see what she can do now that she is healthy.”

Other returning starters include:

- * Catcher, Maggie Schuetz (senior), who batted .455 last year and had a .486 on base percentage.

- Schuetz recently signed a letter of intent to play softball for Barton County next year.

- * Shortstop, Morgan New (junior), who batted .435 last year, had a .512 on base percentage and had 30 hits. New also led the team with 20 stolen bases.

- * Outfielder, Ali Bryan (senior), who batted .338 during the 2016 season, had a .376 on base percentage, 18 RBIs and 26 hits.

- * Outfielder, Lexi Baker (senior), who batted .358 last year, had a .423 on base percentage, 23 runs and 24 hits.

- * Outfielder, Emily Albright (sophomore), who had a .338 batting average, .348 on base percentage, 23 hits and 10 stolen bases.

- * Designated hitter, Paige Ogden (junior), who batted .467 in five games. Ogden also had 10 RBIs.

“Offensively, I think we have the potential to put up a lot of runs at times,” Katzer said. “I also think defensively we have the potential to really put pressure on teams to have to work to score.”

Senior Masey Lafferty will return as the starting pitcher this year for the Lady Panthers. Lafferty was 12-0 last season.

“We will look to use the early portion of the season to develop a second pitcher as we lean upon Masey,” Katzer said.

Lafferty pitched 71 innings last season where she had an 1.873 earned run average with 54 batters struck out and 19 earned runs.

Lafferty is also a strong hitter for the Panthers with a .403 batting average last year and 23 RBIs.

Other potential pitchers for the Panthers include junior Danielle Stithem, freshman Abigail Harding and freshman Cassidy Parks.

“The only way that we will be successful is if we continue to show up to practice and work hard,” Katzer said. “In the grand scheme of things, this team has not accomplished anything. Yes, the last couple of teams have had success, but that’s the last couple of teams, that’s not this team.”

Additional field players expected to see some more playing time this year include sophomore Eryn Daugherty at first base and freshman Kenzie Ogden at third base.

“With a core group of seniors, we are excited to see if we can build upon the back-to-back league championships against a very tough Big Seven League,” Katzer said.

Katzer said each league team will bring its own unique challenges.

“Perry is the returning co-champ, and they have a lot of their core kids back, and we learned firsthand last year how strong they can be,” he said. “Jeff West is just two years removed from a state championship so they have a strong tradition.”

Katzer’s assistant coaches are John McManigal and Doug Spencer.

The Panthers begin the season with a non-league game on Tuesday, March 28, on the road against Wamego. Games begin a 4:30 p.m.

Lady Hornets play today

SEARCY, Ark. - The Emporia State University women’s basketball team beat Pittsburg State 65-57 here Saturday in the NCAA Division II Central Regional semifinals.

The Lady Hornets, now 29-4, will advance to the regional championship game for the sixth straight season, and will face Harding at 7 p.m. today (Monday) with an Elite Eight appearance on the line.

Kyrstie Miller, a junior from Holton, had 10 rebounds in the PSU game. Miller has led the Lady Hornets in rebounds in six games this season and has also led the team in scoring in five games.

Jory Collins, head coach for the Lady Hornets, is also from Holton.

2016-2017 Northeast Kansas All-League Girls Basketball Teams

1st Team	Grade	School
Reagan Kirkwood	Fr.	Valley Falls
Josie Weishaar	Jr.	Jefferson County North
Annabelle Vaught	Jr.	Jefferson County North
Ally Campbell	Sr.	Immaculata
*Mallory Wagner	Sr.	Pleasant Ridge

2nd Team	Grade	School
*Hana Ronnebaum	Sr.	Maur Hill Mount Academy
*Ravyn Jobbins	Jr.	Jefferson County North
*Lindsey Heim	So.	Pleasant Ridge
*Daspin Bruning	Jr.	Horton
Allison Kearney	Jr.	Valley Falls

Honorable Mention	Grade	School
Jordan Sachse	Sr.	Immaculata
*Jentry Seichepine	Sr.	Jefferson County North
*Rachel Frakes	Jr.	Valley Falls
Shelby Wright	Sr.	Oskaloosa
Haylee Weissenbach	So.	McLouth
Heather Ronnebaum	Jr.	Maur Hill Mount Academy
Abby Ross	Sr.	Horton
Kylie Dohl	Fr.	Jackson Heights

**Repeat selections from last year*

2016-2017 Northeast Kansas All-League Boys Basketball Teams

1st Team	Grade	School
*Wyatt Olberding	Sr.	Jackson Heights
Braden Schneider	Sr.	Jefferson County North
*Zach Schwinn	So.	Immaculata
Nick Caudle	Sr.	Maur Hill Mount Academy
Noah Trader	Jr.	Pleasant Ridge

2nd Team	Grade	School
Boston Lane	Jr.	Jefferson County North
Colten Kocour	Jr.	Maur Hill Mount Academy
Nathan Isaacs	Jr.	Horton
*Jaxson Webb	So.	Oskaloosa
Braden Summers	Jr.	Jefferson County North

Honorable Mention	Grade	School
Joel Abel	Sr.	Jefferson County North
Derek Zule	Sr.	Pleasant Ridge
Garrison Pope	So.	McLouth
Braeden Pfau	Sr.	Oskaloosa
Craig Wahwahsuck	Jr.	Horton
Alan Robinson	Fr.	Immaculata
*Mason Thomas	Sr.	Jackson Heights
Dawson Gatzemeyer	Sr.	Valley Falls
Luke Ervin	Sr.	Maur Hill Mount Academy

**Repeat selections from last year*

UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

MONDAY, MARCH 13: The Holton High School Lift-A-Thon is set for 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. this evening at the HHS gym. Students will be competing in the bench press and power clean. The public is invited to view the Lift-A-Thon free of charge.



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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Jackson Heights sophomore basketball player Trinity McMahon scored 17 points to help lead the Lady Cobras to a sub-state first round win over Kansas City Christian recently.

Royal Valley junior basketball player Bella Thompson scored 10 points in her team’s first round sub-state loss to Riley County and was a steady performer for the Lady Panthers all season.



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Several area prep basketball teams fall to eventual state champs

Several area girls and boys prep basketball teams, competing at state, fell to eventual state champs this year.

Class 4A-DII Girls

The Jeff West Lady Tigers, winners of the Big Seven League and the Class 4A-DII Sub-State Tourney at Meriden with a victory over the Holton Wildcats, took second place at state, falling to Girard in the state championship game by the score of 54-48.

In the third place game, Andale beat Scott City 57-54.

Class 4A-DII Boys

The Rock Creek Mustangs, winners of the Meriden Class 4A-DII Boys Sub-State Tourney with a win over the Holton Wildcats, fell at state to the eventual third place Topeka Hayden team.

Hayden beat Wichita Collegiate to take third at state. In the championship game, Holcomb beat Pratt 60-45.

Class 3A Girls

Riley County, the winner of the St. Marys Sub-State, and the team that defeated the Royal Valley girls in the first round of Sub-State, did not place at state.

The Riley County girls lost in the first round, 44-24, to the eventual state champion Hugoton team that beat Cheney in the title game, 59-37.

The Nemaha Central girls, from the Big Seven League, won their first game at state over Humboldt, 47-37, but then lost in the second round to the eventual state champ Hugoton team.

In the third place game, the Nemaha Central girls lost to Hays-Thomas Moore Prep-Marian, 63-57.

Class 3A Boys

Silver Lake, the winner of the St. Marys Boys Class 3A Sub-State where the Royal Valley boys competed, did not place at state.

The Silver Lake boys lost in the first round at state, 62-44, to the eventual state champion Marysville team that beat Cheney in the title game, 45-37.

Class 2A Girls

The Valley Falls girls, winners of the Valley Falls Class 2A Sub-State where the Jackson Heights girls competed, won their first round game at state, 31-26, over Elbing-Berean Academy but then lost in the second round, 53-41, to the eventual state champion Claflin-Central Plains team.

Claflin-Central Plains beat Wabaunsee in the title game, 60-48.

Valley Falls lost the third place game to Meade, 51-40.

Class 2A Boys

Lawrence’s Bishop Seabury Academy, the team that won the Valley Falls Class 2A Sub-State by defeating Jackson Heights, took third place at state.

Bishop Seabury beat Ness City in the first round, 59-47, but lost to the eventual second place team at state – St. John-Hudson – in six overtimes by the final score of 52-51.

St. John-Hudson bowed to Salina Sacred Heart in the

title game, 68-56.

Class 1A-DI Boys

The Onaga boys lost in the first round, 73-46, to Montezuma-South Gray, the eventual second place team.

The Hanover boys beat Rural Vista, 68-46, in the first round and then beat St. Francis, 64-44, in the second round. In the state title game, Hanover beat Montezuma-South Gray 60-36.

Class 1A-DI Girls

The Centralia girls beat Quinter in the first round, 67-34, but then lost to Twin Valley League foe Hanover 58-57 in the second round. Hanover was the eventual state champ.

Centralia then took third place by beating Coldwater-South Central 55-45.

The Hanover girls beat Dighton in the first round, 48-34, then beat Centralia in the second round. In the title game, the Hanover girls beat Olpe, 50-47.

Class 1A-DII Boys

The Axtell boys, the team that beat the Wetmore boys in the Axtell Class 1A-DII Sub-state title game, lost their first round state game to Caldwell, 64-40.

Class 1A-DII Girls

The Wetmore girls led much of their first round game at state against Waverly and the score was tied 44-44 with three minutes left in the game.

Waverly pulled ahead of Wetmore by making free throws and won 49-44.

The Waverly girls went on to win the state championship. They beat Otis-Bison in the second round, 44-34, and then beat Olpe in the title game, 54-49.

Holton Country Club news given

The Holton Country Club has announced its schedule for the upcoming golf season.

An April’s Fools tourney will be held on April 1. This will be an 18-hole two-person tourney starting at 10 a.m.

It will have nine holes of golf with a ryder cup format, best ball for three holes, scramble for three holes and then alternate shot for three holes.

The second nine will be a par 3 tourney from each hole. Entry fees include meal.

Other tourneys this spring will be on April 23 - two-person scramble, May 7 – one-person scramble and May 29 – two-person scramble.

All these tourneys are open to the public.

The Holton member-guest will be April 2-4.

The club is excited to have eight new cart rentals for this year. Yearly membership starts in April, but the club has a special going on during the month of March.

Please call the club at 785-364-3558 to enter the tournaments or if you have questions about a new membership.

Special nights during the golf season, open to all golfers, include Ladies Night is on Tuesdays, Men’s Night on Wednesdays and Couples’ Night on Fridays.

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2017 ROYAL VALLEY HS SOFTBALL

2017 Royal Valley High School softball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Mar. 28	Wamego (V&JV)	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 3	Hiawatha (V)	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 4	Hiawatha (JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 6	Perry-Lecompton (V&JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 10	Jefferson West (V&JV)	Jeff West	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	Nem Central (V&JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 22	Rock Creek JV Triang.	Rock Crk	9 a.m.
Apr. 24	Santa Fe Trail (V&JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 27	ACCHS (V)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 28	ACCHS (JV)	ACCHS	4:30 p.m.
May 1	Riverside (V&JV)	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
May 4	Sabetha (V&JV)	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
May 8	Holton (V&JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
May 15-19	4A Regional Tourn.	TBA	TBA
May 25-26	4A State Tourn.	Topeka	TBA

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FENCELINE: Mobile cell phones connect us better

By Jody Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

Livestock & Natural Resources

It was probably a good thing, that when I started my “big girl” job, there was still such a thing as long distance!

Otherwise, I’m sure my mother would have gotten several calls a day; if not her, then one of my older sisters.

I have four older sisters, so that’s a lot of lifelines.

But because we have mobile cell phones now, I’m getting a lot of calls from my baby son as he navigates the real world of southwest Kansas and parts of Oklahoma. He works and lives with co-workers five days a week. So there have been calls about the messy roommate, the roommate that is always up at night and sleeps in too late in the mornings.

I’ve gotten the calls in the wee hours of the night to inform me of that latest earthquake in Oklahoma that he has just felt. It’s a bit frustrating to be five to eight hours away and not be able to do anything but offer my advice. That time it was “get outside.”

There have been oncoming tornadoes, the lamb feedlot he discovered, the large dairies he had never seen before, or when they were grounded because the whole town ran out of gasoline, and the worst: the town is surrounded by wildfire.

This week, the calls have been heartbreaking. He has seen a shed full of dead cattle because of the wildfires and many half burned cows that needed to be put down. Nowhere in my “Parenting for Dummies” does it tell you how to prepare your child for these kinds of adventures.

Interesting article: Cattle and Skittles - from Oklahoma State University.

News circulated early in 2017 about a truck hauling Skittles to a producer in Wisconsin, where it was to be mixed into feed for cattle. Social media was abuzz with the strange thought of cattle tasting the rainbow. Appar-

ently, however, the novelty of this story is not so unique.

“For cattle, other than a taste difference, candy is not any different than including corn in the diet. They serve as an energy source for the cattle,” said Chris Richards, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension beef cattle nutrition specialist. “The bacteria in the rumen of the cattle break down the candy into the same materials it would the starch in the corn they are fed.”

It is not just candy, either. “Cattle are well equipped to utilize feed and forage resources that are not suitable for human consumption or use,” said Dave Lalman, OSU Cooperative Extension beef cattle specialist. “Restaurant grease, grocery store unsold produce, outdated bread, water-damaged flour or cereal and on and on. And, of course... grass.”

With compartmentalized stomachs, cattle can utilize a wide range of forage quality. The first compartment, the rumen, is where much of the magic happens. Carbohydrates, sugar in particular, are rapidly fermented in the rumen. This process transforms the sugar into volatile fatty acids.

“These acids are then absorbed into the blood stream and used for energy by different tissues,” Lalman said. “Consequently, blood sugar does not vary dramatically in ruminants compared to humans. It is highly regulated in ruminants.”

While the stomachs of cattle are impressive, they can only do so much. A diet strictly comprised of candy, doughnuts or restaurant grease, for example, is not a good idea.

“Nutritional expertise is required to create a balanced nutritional program, especially when dealing with feeds other than grazed forage,” Lalman said. “The diet needs to be carefully balanced to keep everything working in concert and minimize any risk of mineral imbalances or digestive upset.”

Many of the forage materials carefully folded into cattle diets would otherwise be wasted.

“They are either landfill material or can be repurposed for other industries,” said Richards. “It’s a win-win-win; the candy company gets some revenue, the environment wins by avoiding landfills and the cattle get a great energy source that is

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association In-

door Track and Field Championships took place from Feb. 24 through Feb. 26 with several area athletes competing for multiple schools, and one of those athletes represented Em-



poria State University.

Former Royal Valley Panther Elizabeth Blevins is in her third year of competition at Emporia State University with the Hornets track and field team, and at the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, she ran her way to All-MIAA honors with a third place finish in the 600-yard run, posting a time of 1:26.63 in the finals.

Blevins was also part of the Hornets’ 4x400 meter relay team that notched a time of 3:55.17 to take fourth place at the MIAA Indoor Champion-

ships.

Throughout the indoor season, Blevins has turned in several top performances, competing in the 4x400 meter relay, 600-yard run and 400 meter dash, earning several top 10 and top five performances in all three competitions.

Last year at the MIAA indoor competition, the former Panther earned sixth in the 600-yard run and eighth in the 4x400 meter relay, while taking third in the 4x400 meter relay at the MIAA outdoor competition. Blevins has also competed in the long and triple

jumps while at Emporia State.

In high school, Blevins closed out her Panther track and field career in 2014, competing at State in Class 4A and stood on the medal stand with sixth place finishes in both the long and triple jumps, while also competing in the 100 and 200 meter dashes.

Blevins looks to continue her track career at Emporia State with the upcoming outdoor season and looks to continue to be a strong competitor for the Hornets in several events.

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, March 6, 2017.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Quicken Loans Inc.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Jeffrey E. Schuetz aka Jeffery E. Schuetz, Keri R. Schuetz, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Jan Hamilton, United States Bankruptcy Trustee, et al.,

Defendants

Case No. 17CV12 Court No. 12 Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Pea stems

6. Type of music

9. Leader

13. Distant

14. 5,280 feet

15. Beloved Yankee great

16. A female domestic

17. Free from alcoholism

18. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

19. Entertains with song

21. Wooden shoe

22. Female horses

23. Group of males

24. Sodium

25. Revolutions per minute

28. Neither

29. Woody climbing plant

31. Dismounted

33. Orbits the earth

36. Female parents

38. Separates acids

39. Origins

41. Stuffing and mounting animal skins

44. Rupture

45. Fathers

46. Large primate

48. Shape-memory alloy

49. Halfback

51. “Family Guy” daughter

52. Irish mountain chain

54. Paired

56. Drinks

60. Death notice

61. Skirts

62. Fertility god

63. Where a curve intersects itself

64. Red Sea port

65. Mozambique seaport

66. Leaver

67. The human foot

68. Crash

- CLUES DOWN
1. Excessively theatrical actors

2. Wings

3. French river

4. Internet device

5. Where Tony Bennett left his heart

6. Flowering shrub that bears gooseberries

7. Brews

8. For each

9. Dictatorships

10. Slavic person in Saxony

11. Nobel laureate Shmuel

12. Lasso

14. Tones down

17. Lunar period

20. Leavened Indian bread

21. Military elite

23. One thousandth of an inch

25. L.A. footballer

26. Land plan

27. A satellite of Saturn

29. “Cat Ballou” actor

30. Obscure aspect of Sun God and a group of asteroids

32. Indicates the fare

34. __ and feather

35. Round Dutch cheese

37. Begat

40. Relaxing place

42. __ Hit’an of Alaska

43. Belgian city

47. Organ of hearing and balance

49. Isolated Southeast Asian people

50. “Power Rangers” villain

52. Yellow-fever mosquitos

53. Heavy cavalry sword

55. Laundry detergent

56. A way to wait

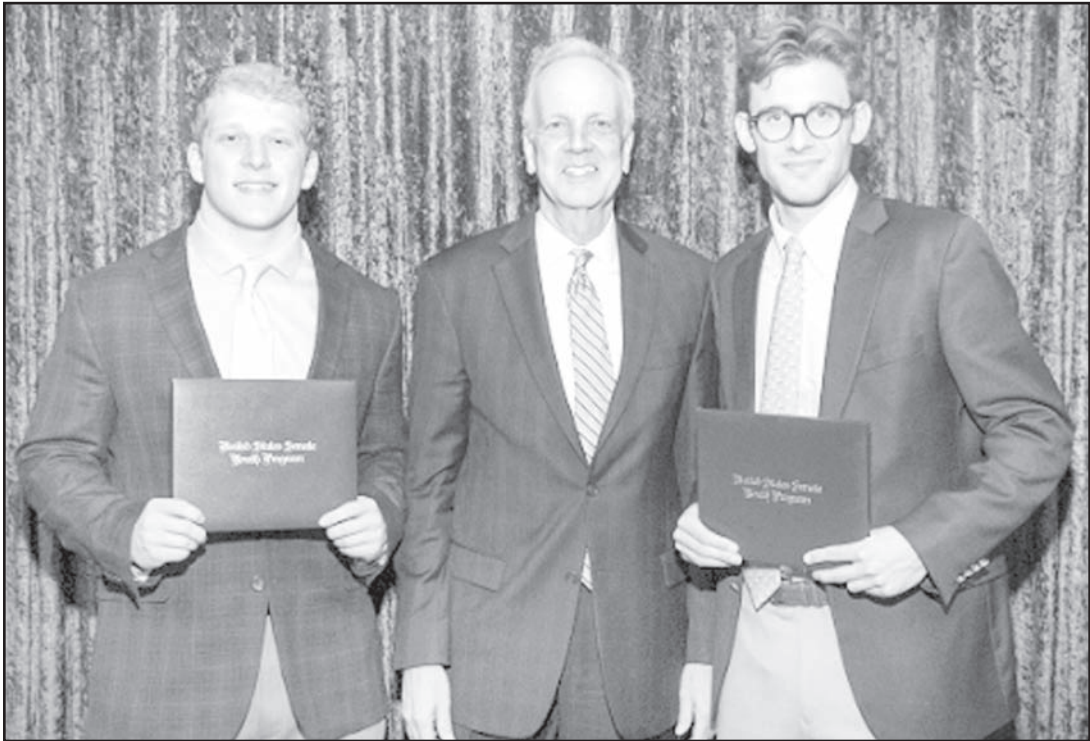
57. Mother and wife of Uranus

58. Justly obtain

59. Stony waste matter

61. Helps you find places

65. Oil company



Sen. Jerry Moran (center) is shown with United States Senate Youth Program attendees Holton High School senior Tel Wittmer (left) and Jack Campbell of Shawnee.

Submitted photo

Wittmer attends Senate Youth Program

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) last week met with Jack Campbell of Shawnee and Tel Wittmer of Holton, delegates to the 55th annual United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP). These students were chosen from across the state to represent Kansas as participants in the program's annual Washington Week.

"I'm glad to see Jack and Tel take advantage of this unique opportunity to gain valuable experience that will serve them well in the future," Sen. Moran said. "Their selection represents a real honor. Jack and Tel – and the many students across our state who have an interest in making a difference in the lives of others – continue to give me confidence that good things are going to happen in this country, especially in Kansas."

Each year this competitive, merit-based program brings 104 of the most outstanding

high school students – two from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity – to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it. Each student receives a \$10,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history and public affairs.

Wittmer attends Holton High School where he serves as student council president. Additionally, he is the secretary of his local Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter, the Northeast District FFA Sentinel and serves on the Kansas State High School Activities Association student advisory team.

Wittmer enjoys participating in football, wrestling, track, select choir and musicals. He has helped to pack meals for

the homeless, organized blood drives and volunteered at the Veterans Administration hospital, summer school, youth football camps and nursing homes.

Wittmer plans to attend Kansas State University to pursue a major in agricultural economics and attend law school upon graduation.

While in Washington, the student delegates attended meetings and briefings with Members of Congress, cabinet members, officials of the Departments of State and Defense and leaders of other federal agencies. They also participated in a meeting with a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and the President of the United States.

The USSYP was created by Senate Resolution 324 in 1962 and has been sponsored by the Senate and fully funded by the Hearst Foundations since its inception.

Pleasant Valley Rustlers hold meetings

By Marcus Pruett
Reporter

The January meeting of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club was held on Jan. 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Alex.

The Pledge of Allegiance and a song were led by Clara and Josh.

Roll call was called by Jerilyn and answered by members using the reply, "What did you do over Christmas break?"

Then, Jerilyn read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Lora.

The leader's report was given by JoAnn and Jennifer. They forgot to mention last month that Judd took the PVR canned goods to Giant Communications for the donation to the Christmas Bureau.

JoAnn turned in the club goals that were due Jan. 3. Jerilyn sent a sympathy card to the Mabel Harris family.

County 4-H Day was set for Feb. 4, so club members were to think

of what they could do. The signup deadline was Jan. 26.

Regional 4-H Day is March 18 in Atchison. Beef weigh-in was held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Feb. 26. Meat goat day is March 25 at Kansas State University.

The Jackson County Fair this year is from July 31 through Aug. 3. It was noted that this is a week later than usual.

Josh provided the program. New members announced were Lily Stous, Lane Pruett and Noah and Elisa Bartels.

The next meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. on Feb. 12.

The February meeting of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers was held on Feb. 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Alex. The Pledge of Allegiance and song were led by Clara and Josh.

Jerilyn called roll, "What is your favorite candy?" Jerilyn then read the minutes from the last meeting.

The treasurer's report was given

by Lora.

The leader's report was given by JoAnn and Jennifer. They told club members that the May meeting had a date conflict, so it would have to be rescheduled.

Club members got a report that showed the club's financial review was turned in on time and complete.

The club will be doing a pig raffle again this year thanks to the Zeller family donating a pig.

Lora, Judd and Jerilyn are moving on to Regional 4-H Day on March 18 in Atchison.

Club members were to draw for concession stand shifts at the next 4-H council meeting.

The program was given by Judd.

Junior swine day was March 11 at KSU. Junior meat goat day is March 25. May 4 is sheep and meat goat weigh-in. May 27-28 is the spring livestock show.

The next club meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

Public Notice

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JACKSON COUNTY

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Multiflora Rose and Bull Thistle are County Option Noxious Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the

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