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Kansas Rep. Francis Averkamp (at left) addressed an audience of about 20 at Saturday's legislative forum about how his first year as a member of the Kansas House of Representatives is going, while Rep. Randy Garber looked on. The two Republican representatives — from St. Marys and Sabetha, respectively — were the only state legislators to attend the annual Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event, held in the Jackson County Courthouse meeting room.

Photo by Brian Sanders

## Local lawmakers discuss school funding, highway safety at recent legislative forum

By Brian Sanders

Funding for education and highway safety were among topics that Jackson County residents shared with the two members of the Kansas House of Representatives who cover the county during a Saturday morning forum at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Kansas Reps. Francis Averkamp (R-St. Marys, District 61) and Randy Garber (R-Sabetha, District 62) met with about 20 county residents who braved the morning's wintry weather for coffee, doughnuts and discussion about "social, moral and fiscal" issues facing Kansas residents and their government.

Chief among those issues was

education funding, particularly on the heels of a Kansas Supreme Court decree that the Legislature isn't adequately funding the state's schools without specifying how much more funding those schools need. Garber — whose district includes northern Jackson County — questioned how much more the state should spend on education.

"The Supreme Court never said what we need to add," Garber said. "In the past they've said how much we need to put into education. But how much is enough, and is it going to change the outcomes? I don't agree with throwing more money at something when it's not getting fixed."

Still, that doesn't mean the

state shouldn't get its act together and come up with better ways of funding education — not just for the students, but for the teachers who, as Holton USD 336 Superintendent Dennis Stones put it, are "going across the state lines" to get quality teaching jobs while those currently on the job here are getting left behind.

"Our staff is in a world of hurt, and it's getting harder to hire," Stones said. "These teachers have the toughest job in the country."

Stones, who announced his retirement from USD 336 at the end of the current school year, also asked why educators like him who go back to work after retiring from another posi-

tion have to pay more into the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) than others who pay into the fund.

"Police officers, firefighters, city and state employees don't have to pay any penalties to go back to work," he said. "Only educators. That's vindictive."

Averkamp, currently in the middle of his first term in the Legislature, questioned why Stones and others like him were reportedly putting 35 percent of their check back into the KPERs fund. He also questioned who came up with that amount and speculated that it was done "to confuse people and to pressure people into voting a certain way."

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## Law requires school districts to develop memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement

By Ali Holcomb

A new Kansas law requires all school districts to develop a memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement agencies in order to determine when law enforcement should step in when a student is involved in an incident at school or during school activities.

USD 337 Superintendent Aaric Davis told Royal Valley Board of Education members Monday evening that Senate Bill 367 passed during the 2016 Legislative session to help reform the juvenile justice system in Kansas.

"Lawmakers just want local school districts and their local law enforcement agencies to

cooperate with each other and discuss how they are going to handle incidents," Davis said. "I think this bill was intended originally more for urban school districts because when we met with the local law enforcement agencies, we found that we're doing everything already recommended by the bill."

Administrators from all three county school districts, as well as the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, area police departments and the county attorney's office, have met several times to draft a memorandum of understanding between the agencies, Davis said.

The draft agreement outlines the responsibilities of each par-

ty when school districts report negative student behavior.

Davis said he plans to meet with members of the Hoyt and Mayetta police departments soon to discuss the memorandum of understanding before asking the board to approve the agreement with law enforcement at the board's next meeting, which is set for Monday, March 27.

The memorandum of understanding is just a small part of the new law, which also aims at eliminating the utilization of juvenile detention centers statewide by 2019.

The state wants to limit instances of detention with more enhanced pre-court diversion

standards. The bill also sets case and probation length limits for misdemeanors and low-level felonies so cases don't drag on for years.

Kansas currently ranks sixth worst in the country for over-confinement of kids, it was reported.

Also during the meeting, Davis provided a bi-monthly review of the district general fund and supplemental fund budgets.

A few long-term substitute teachers were needed during the first semester resulting in \$58,106 of the district's \$65,000 substitute budget being spent so far.

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## Local auction raises \$25,181 for those affected by wildfires

By Brian Sanders

Although the recent wildfires that caused destruction to thousands of square miles of land in four states — including Kansas, which saw more than 1,000 square miles burned — have been brought under control, livestock producers in the burned area will likely be affected financially for several years.

In response, livestock auction operations across the Great Plains have begun an effort to help producers affected by the fire, and on Tuesday, Holton Livestock Exchange pitched into that effort.

Dan Harris of Holton Livestock Exchange reported that a steer calf donated by Kim and Kelly Kirkham of Valley Falls for a rollover auction during

the exchange's Tuesday sales raised \$25,181 for wildfire relief efforts. Funds raised at this and other area auctions will benefit Kansas Livestock Association Foundation Disaster Relief.

Harris also noted that the total amount on the Kirkhams' steer calf was raised over a 30-minute period with 47 contributors, the highest bid being \$2,200.

"The buyers and the producers of the community really stepped up to the plate and took part in this to help out the fire victims," Harris said.

Several more donation auctions are being planned or have been held by Livestock Marketing Association (LMA) members in seven different states, including the four states affected by the wildfire — Kansas,

Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas, it was reported. Donations are also being collected at LMA member markets.

The wildfire reportedly began on Saturday, March 4, as abundant dry grass and extremely windy conditions fed fires that spread throughout the four affected states, burning more than 1,000 miles of pasture land and at least 70 structures in Kansas alone. Thousands of cattle died in the wildfires, and seven fire-related human deaths were also reported.

So far, more than \$100,000 has been raised by participating LMA member markets, including Holton Livestock Exchange, for wildlife relief, it was reported.

For more information on wildlife relief, visit [www.kla.org](http://www.kla.org)

## Digital sign plans advance

By David Powls

The Holton school board Monday, on a unanimous 7-0 vote, gave its approval for the district's education foundation to be the depository for tax-deductible donations earmarked for a new digital sign for the high school at the southeast corner of the campus.

Rod Wittmer, high school principal, and Mark Aeschliman, a school patron who brought the idea of the new digital sign to the board's attention last month, met again with the board Monday evening.

Wittmer and Aeschliman reported that the Holton City Commission had approved two zoning variances for the proposed project location.

The 4 ft. x 8 ft. digital sign — paid for through private donations — would be placed on a bricked cement base and have 2 ft. x 2 ft. brick columns on both sides — facing the southeast corner of the campus at the corner of Ninth Street and New York Avenue.

Board members were shown photos of a similar digital sign

that had been constructed in another community.

The total cost for the completed sign is expected to be about \$25,000. Fund-raising efforts thus far have been promising, Aeschliman said, and will continue until all the funds are raised. A target date for completion has been set for next fall at the start of classes.

Board member Allen Arnold said that while he favored the new digital sign project, he had heard comments from some school patrons who said that since the school budget was so tight they did not want their school taxes to be used to pay for and/or maintain the new sign and the electricity it will cost each month to operate it.

Arnold asked Wittmer and Aeschliman to find out how much it will cost the district to power the sign and insure it. Board member Carl Matousek added that it might be a good idea to seek private donations to pay for the maintenance costs and the electric costs.

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## Heights B.O.E. approves increasing insurance bid

By Brian Sanders

Rising property and liability insurance premiums — as well as many insurance companies not wanting to provide insurance for smaller school districts — are "just the nature of the beast" when it comes to insuring schools like Jackson Heights, the USD 335 Board of Education was told on Monday.

During the board's regular monthly meeting held that evening, board members met with Jared Beam of the Brier Payne Meade insurance firm of Topeka to discuss a proposal for the district's property and liability insurance premium for the 2017-18 school year — a premium of \$48,733 plus a \$4,300 agency fee, totaling \$53,033, from EMC Insurance.

Board members voted to approve the EMC premium but questioned how the company's premium could have doubled since the 2012-13 school year.

At that time, EMC's premium for the district was \$24,045 before adding in the agency fee, according to information presented by Beam.

Most of that increase occurred in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 school years, when EMC had to deal with "tornadoes wiping out entire school districts," Beam said.

"Like it or not, they're in the business of making money," he told the board. "They raised their rates because there were tornadoes that wiped out whole school districts and took a lot of buildings out, so they paid that money out and adjusted the rates the next year to try and make up some of that. That's just the nature of the beast."

As for EMC's 2017-18 premium for Jackson Heights, it represented a \$1,529 increase over the 2016-17 premium of

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### Everything Spring Section



Chris McManigal of Holton's McManigal Electric spent Monday working on a circuit breaker panel on a new house being built south of Holton. McManigal, who has 25 years of experience as an electrician, has been in business for himself since 1997. McManigal Electric and other businesses are spotlighted in today's "Everything Spring" section. Photo by Brian Sanders



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Crops and Soils

# How much does starter fertilizer help?

By David G. Hallauer  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent, Crops & Soils/  
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How much yield benefit is there to that starter fertilizer you are using? Is it economic – or mainly visual? Every system is different, and that means that in some cases it may be both – in others, neither. What factors make it so?



Soil fertility levels make a difference – the lower the fertility level, the greater the chance of an economic response to starter, even in some low yield environments. Higher soil test levels may elicit a response, but the degree of response may be less frequent or of less magnitude.

Cool/wet soils also increase response chances. In cases where high nutrient levels are needed to build soil test levels, application levels can be split between pre-plant broadcast and starter applications. Limit starter applications to the first 20-30 pounds of P/K per acre.

Note: Phosphorous source does not tend to make a difference. More information can be found in the accompanying KSU eUpdate article located at the link below.

Tillage system can make a difference. While there is seldom an economic response in conventional till systems, you'll often get a response to an N containing starter in no-till systems. This is especially so when pre-plant N is applied as deep-banded anhydrous ammonia or UAN, or where most of the N is sidedressed in-season. No-till soils are typically colder and wetter at corn planting time than soils that have been tilled, and N mineralization from organic matter tends to be slower at the start of the season in no-till environments. This response tends to wane if more than 50 pounds of N was broadcast prior to or shortly after planting.

As would be expected, reduced till systems generally fall somewhere in between conventional and no-till systems, with a lot of the response effect subject to soil test levels.

Placement also makes a difference. Apply with the seed and you need to limit the N/K/Boron you use, making sure to have some soil separation between the starter fertilizer and the seed.

If applying starter fertilizer with the corn seed, you run an increased risk of seed injury when applying more than six to eight pounds per acre of N and K combined in direct seed contact on a 30-inch row spacing (avoid urea or UAN in furrow). It is best to have some soil separation between the starter fertilizer and the seed.

Foods and Nutrition

## Food tossed is money that's lost

By Cindy Williams  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent, Food and  
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates about 90 billion pounds of edible food goes uneaten each year in homes and away-from-home eating establishments. This is equal to 123 times the weight of the Empire State Building and costs consumers about \$370 per person each year.



Here is the breakdown from USDA on how much food is wasted from each food grouping per person yearly:

- Grains: \$22.
- Fruits: \$45.
- Protein foods (meat, poultry, fish, eggs and nuts): \$140.
- Vegetables: \$66.
- Dairy: \$60.
- Added fat and sugar: \$37.

Got some leftovers languishing in your refrigerator? Or perhaps little bits of foods that are almost past prime time to eat. Read on if their next stop is like-

ly to be in the trash can.

Give new life to still edible foods with the following gallery of ideas. As a general rule, use leftovers within three to four days.

- Meat, Vegetables, Pasta – Search your fridge for foods that can be combined into a soup. Add extra cooked pasta or rice at the end, so it heats through but doesn't become mushy from overcooking. Keep some chicken stock or canned, diced tomatoes on hand for a quick soup base.
- Fruit, Yogurt – Chop and combine those last pieces of fruit. Flavored or plain yogurt – perhaps sweetened with a little honey and a splash of vanilla – makes a tasty dressing. Other possible add-ins include the remainder of that package of nuts and those final bits of dried fruit.
- Cheese – Use up those odds and ends of harder cheeses by shredding them with a grater or in a food processor.
- Eggs – A general guideline is to use eggs within three to five weeks after purchasing them for best quality. Gain extra storage time by boiling the eggs. Hard-cooked eggs will keep in their shell for seven days in a clean covered container in the fridge. They make a quick snack or sandwich filling.

search report. In short, a comparison of in-furrow, 2x2, and surface band placement of different starter fertilizer rates showed excellent response from up to 30 pounds of N combined with 15 pounds of P in both the 2x2 and surface-band placements. In-furrow placement however, caused stand reductions from salt injury to germinating seedlings.

For more information and a brief summary of the study results, check out this KSU eUpdate link: [https://webapp.agron.ksu.edu/agr\\_social/eu\\_article.throck?article\\_id=855](https://webapp.agron.ksu.edu/agr_social/eu_article.throck?article_id=855).

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## Arrested on drug charges

Two men were arrested on drug charges after a traffic stop in Holton on Thursday morning, March 9, it was reported.

Shortly after 11 a.m. that morning, Jackson County Sheriff's Office deputies stopped a 2002 Mitsubishi Diamante near Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue in Holton.

The driver, Garrett Michael Collins, 31, and passenger Brandon Michael Scrimsher, 38, both of Topeka, were taken into custody on drug charges.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said items believed to be illegal drug paraphernalia and substances believed to be methamphetamine were seized during the investigation.

Collins was booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, possession of methamphetamine, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and driving while suspended. Bond on Collins was set at \$25,000.

Scrimsher was booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of possession of methamphetamine and illegal drug paraphernalia. Bond on Scrimsher was set at \$2,500.

## Sheriff's office notes arrests

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

- On March 3, Lindsay Williamson, 34, Silver Lake, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
- On March 4, Torrey Henry, 30, Holton, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant and illegal drug paraphernalia.
- On March 4, Denise Diamond, 44, Wetmore, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.
- On March 6, Andrew Scott, 27, Junction City, was arrested on a charge of possession of a hallucinogenic drug.
- On March 6, Cody Rodriguez, 33, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
- On March 6, Alexa Cox, 20, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of

failure to appear.

- On March 6, Cyrus Conklin, 19, Horton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
- On March 7, Demetria Allen, 25, Topeka, was arrested on charges of probation violation, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, trafficking contraband into a correctional facility, possession of a stimulant and possession of marijuana.
- On March 8, Tammaray Newman, 29, Wichita, was arrested on charges of interfering with law enforcement and identity fraud.
- On March 8, Phillip Graves, 30, Wichita, was arrested on charges of interfering with law enforcement and driving while suspended.
- On March 8, Christopher Dollen, 35, Valley Falls, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

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In the top photo, Holton High School's Bree Teter (on bench) lifted the barbell in the girls' competition during Monday's HHS Liftathon while being spotted by (from left) coaches Carlene McManigal, Janelle Noel and Stephanie Ryan. In the photo above, HHS sophomore Ethan Brownell (center) struggled with the barbell during Monday's Liftathon competition. Spotting Brownell were (from left) coaches Ryan Noel, Matt Hundley and Brian Hickman.

Photos by Brian Sanders

## VanAusdall sets new record in women's bench lift event

Holton High School hosted its annual Liftathon Monday evening to give students the chance to demonstrate their work progress in the strength and conditioning classes offered.

During the course of the Liftathon, Casi VanAusdall set a new school record in the women's bench event this year. VanAusdall lifted 170 pounds breaking the 160-pound record first set in 1999 by Christie Clark and duplicated in 2009 by Stephanie Cannon.

Alex Clark took second in the women's bench with a lift of 135 pounds. Taylor Stevens claimed third place (120 pounds) and Carly Raney took fourth (120 pounds). Annalys Phillips and Emma Wittmer tied for fifth place (110 pounds).

VanAusdall also won the women's clean event this year, lifting 175 pounds – just five pounds shy of the 180-pound school record in the event set in 2009 by Maggie Schuetz and duplicated in 2011 by Carlene McManigal, who is now a teacher and coach in the district.

Courtney Boswell took second in the women's clean lift event this year (155 pounds), Annalys Phillips was third (145 pounds) and Alex Clark was fourth (140 pounds). Ma-

leah Price, Kinleigh Rhodd and Emma Wittmer all tied for fifth place (130 pounds).

In the men's light weight bench for those up to 155 pounds, Jayger Carson took first this year (240 pounds), Mason Strader second (225 pounds), Carson Meerpohl third (225 pounds), Coulter Bisel fourth (220 pounds) and Killian O'Connor fifth (185 pounds).

The school record in this event, 275 pounds, was set in 2013 by Lane Lassiter.

In the men's light weight clean for those up to 155 pounds, Jayger Carson took first this year (235 pounds), Carson Meerpohl second (225), Brady Mulroy third (220), Mason Strader fourth (205) and Coulter Rhodd fifth (195).

The school record in this event, 280 pounds, was set by Ethan Holaday in 2013.

In the men's middle weight bench for those up to 185 pounds, Tyler Price took first place this year (300 pounds), Parker Zeller was second (290 pounds), Spencer Baum third (285), Ian McAsey fourth (250) and Dylan Aeschliman fifth (235).

The school record in this

event, 315 pounds, was set by Drake Ewing in 2012.

In the men's middle weight clean for those up to 185 pounds, Parker Zeller took first place this year (315 pounds), while Tyler Price took second (275), Spencer Baum third (275), Dylan Aeschliman fourth (240) and Richard Aguirre fifth (230).

The school record in this event (325) was set by Damian Brackebury in 2004.

In the men's heavy weight bench event for those over 185 pounds, Tel Wittmer took first place this year (320 pounds), Brandon Lehnerr second (260), Martin Jackson third (235), Clay Baumgartner fourth (225) and Creighton Baxter fifth (195).

The school record in this event, 370 pounds, was set by Drake Ewing in 2014.

In the men's heavy weight clean for those over 185 pounds, Tel Wittmer took first place (300), Jackson Martin second (260), Brandon Lehnerr third (255), Andrew Harrison fourth (250) and Clay Baumgartner fifth (230).

The school record in this event, 350 pounds, was set by Chris Luker in 2007.

## RV track reloads for new season

(Continued from Page 6) boys got second in the Big Seven Middle School League meet last year as eighth graders. We are very excited to have an opportunity to represent the Royal Valley community this year in track and field. Through hard work and positive attitudes, we will focus on making daily growth and let the results take care of themselves. Our goal as a community is to increase the character and the ability of all of our young people. Hopefully, our training methods will allow our team to reach its full potential." The Royal Valley track team will start its season on April 4 hosting a league quad.

### 2017 ROYAL VALLEY HS TRACK SCHEDULE

#### 2017 RV High School Track Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Apr. 4	League Quad	RVHS	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 11	RV April Invit.	RVHS	4 p.m.
Apr. 18	Jackson Heights	Jackson Hts.	3 p.m.
Apr. 21	Abilene Invit.	Abilene	3 p.m.
Apr. 25	League Quad	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 28	Seaman Relays	Seaman	3 p.m.
Apr. 28	Desoto Invit.	DeSoto	3:30 p.m.
May 2	Nem. Cent. (JV/V)	Nem. Central	3:30 p.m.
May 4	RV May Invit.	RVHS	4 p.m.
May 11	Big 7 League Meet	Holton	2 p.m.
May 19	4A Regional	TBA	TBA
May 26-27	4A State	Cessna Stadium	9 a.m.

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HHS junior Andrew Harrison (on bench) fought to lift the barbell during Monday's HHS Liftathon. Coach Joe Purcell (right) acted as Harrison's spotter, while coach Alex Bartel (left) stood at the ready to assist. Harrison went on to take fourth place in the men's heavyweight clean lifting competition with a lift of 250 pounds.

Photo by Brian Sanders

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In the top photo, Kansas residents, who participated in the National Fragile X Foundation's Advocacy Day in Washington D.C., met with Congressman Lynn Jenkins. Those pictured are (from left) Tim Schlodder (Holton), Jean James (Olathe), Christina Murphy (Holton), Brooke Stack (Olathe), Rhett Murphy (Holton), Susan Bloomer (Wichita), Congresswoman Jenkins, Chris Bloomer (Wichita), Jay Stack (Olathe) and Bruce Brodie (Olathe). Submitted photo



The group also met with Senator Jerry Moran. Pictured are (front row, from left) Christina Murphy, Susan Bloomer, Brooke Stack, Jean James, (back row, from left) Chris Bloomer, Jay Stack, Tim Schlodder, Senator Moran, Rhett Murphy and Bruce Brodie. Submitted photo

## Murphy attends Fragile X Advocacy Day in D.C.

Rhett Murphy of Holton recently attended the National Fragile X Foundation's Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. with his mother, Christina Murphy, and grandfather, Tim Schlodder. This was Rhett's second time attending the event.

A total of 180 advocates attended from 30 different states. Some were self-advocates, like

Rhett, while others were family and friends of people with Fragile X Syndrome.

The day started early at 7 a.m. on the U.S. Capitol steps for group photos. The advocates were then escorted into the U.S. House chamber by Congressman Gregg Harper of Mississippi, who has a son with Fragile X Syndrome, for opening remarks and a tour of the

rotunda and speaker's balcony.

The advocates then broke into groups by state, and the Kansas Fragile X group met with Congressman Kevin Yoder, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins and Senator Jerry Moran. They also met with Bryan Wells, who is on Pat Roberts' staff. Rhett and others were able to tell each of them how Fragile X affects their daily lives.

## Holton Senior Menus

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

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

Menus listed for the week of Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24 are

as follows:

**Monday, March 20:** Chicken potpie, biscuit topping, Harvard beets, sliced tomato with green pepper salad and peach cobbler.

**Tuesday, March 21:** Baked pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach, pineapple, cookie and bread and margarine.

**Wednesday, March 22:** Chicken tortilla soup, tortilla chips, cottage cheese and

vegetable salad, apple pie and ice cream.

**Thursday, March 23:** Swiss steak, baked potato, green beans, ambrosia salad and bread and margarine.

**Friday, March 24:** Hamburger and sausage cheese pizza, cheesy breadsticks, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges and cookie.

## PBP Senior Menus

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.

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, March 20 through Friday, March 24 are as follows:

**Monday, March 20:** Grilled cheese, tomato soup, mixed veggies and fruit.

**Tuesday, March 21:** Barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, red beans and rice and fruit.

**Wednesday, March 22:** Liver and onions, potatoes and gravy, broccoli and oranges.

**Thursday, March 23:** Combo burritos, corn and fruit.

**Friday, March 24:** Cod, garlic mashed potatoes, spinach and fruit.

## Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, March 13, 2017.)

### 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

Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Jackson County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowner's expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per

day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1,500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Jackson County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 S.W. 9th St., Topeka, KS 66612.

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# Brian Wilson, Grand Funk Railroad and more to perform at Prairie Band

Several rock and country musicians will perform at the Great Lakes Ballroom at Prairie Band Casino & Resort this spring and summer in May-etta.

Tickets can be purchased on the day of the event or online at the casino's website.

All attendees must be 21 years of age or older and have a Prairie Band players card to enter.

Upcoming concerts include: \* **8 p.m. on Saturday, April 1 - Brian Wilson Pet Sounds: The Final Performance.**

Brian Wilson of The Beach Boys will be joined by former bandmates Al Jardine and Blondie Chaplin for a live performance of the album "Pet Sounds" in its entirety, as well as top hits and fan favorites spanning Wilson's 54-year career with The Beach Boys and as a solo artist.

Originally released on May

16, 1966, "Pet Sounds" is universally hailed as one of the greatest albums of all time.

\* **8 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 - Mickey Gilley.**

By 1980, Mickey Gilley decided to come up with a new sound in order to bring him country crossover success that so many other country singers were having at the time.

His career was given a second go-around when his remake of "Stand By Me" was featured on the box-office-selling movie "Urban Cowboy."

The song turned Gilley into a pop-country crossover success. Several other songs, including "Room Full of Roses," "True Love Ways" and "You Don't Know Me," also hit the Billboard Hot 100.

\* **8 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 - Wynonna & The Big Noise.**

Five-time Grammy winner Wynonna Judd brings her feisty new band and her passionate,

no-holds-barred country sound for a powerful and poignant evening.

With hits spanning more than two decades, Wynonna is a country music superstar.

\* **8 p.m. on Saturday, June 24 - Grand Funk Railroad.**

Grand Funk Railroad is celebrating 48 years of success. In 1970 they had their first gold record before it even hit shelves.

The contemporary rock group laid the groundwork for legendary bands like Foreigner, Journey, Van Halen and Bon Jovi with their signature hard driving sound, soulful vocals and forceful pop melodies.

Grand Funk has produced 19 charted singles, including "We're An American Band" and "I'm Your Captain (Closer To Home)."

The band has two number one singles, 13 gold records and 10 platinum records.

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Royal Valley B.O.E...

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I'm anticipating that we'll probably go over a little bit, but we'll be okay since the district will be under in some other areas," Davis said.

Davis also outlined minor changes to the district's maintenance and operation expenses budget.

"Everything is in good order," Davis said. "Compared to last year, we are right on track."

In other business, the school board:

- \* Approved consent items.
\* Received a legislative update from Davis. Both the House and the Senate are primarily focused on approving a rescission bill before addressing a school finance bill, Davis said.

Lawmakers are looking at

school funding bills that avoid cuts to schools this current school year, it was reported.

\* Reviewed staff appreciation plans. Board members plan to serve ice cream sundaes to staff at each school building on various dates in April.

\* Reviewed the district's current textbook rental fees, which are \$65 per student and \$195 maximum per family. Davis is not recommending any changes to the fees for next school year.

\* Approved a request from Nate McAlister, RVMS history teacher, to allow a Civil War cannon to be used at the school's May 5 history fair.

\* Approved the lease purchase payment of \$399,586.88.
\* Set the Impact Aid and Title

VI hearings for 8 p.m. on Monday, April 10, at the district office in Mayetta.

\* Passed resolution 2016-11 to extend the current board of education terms for Linda Hegemann, Jeff Stithem and Ann Kelly to the second Monday in January.

There will be no election this spring for school board position as they have now been moved to November.

Due to the switch, the board needed to pass the resolution to extend the board members' terms by six months.

\* Approved a change to the 2017-18 school calendar. Davis received several requests to move spring parent-teacher conferences to Presidents' Day, which is Monday, Feb. 19.

\* Considered summer projects. The board agreed to allow Davis to move forward with hiring a company to repaint the exterior of the middle school this summer.

Davis received an \$18,000 estimate for the project but said he will seek a more firm bid with the board's approval for the work.

\* Met in executive session for 30 minutes with Davis, Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction, and building principals Noah Slay (RVES), John Linn (RVMS) and Jim Holloman (RVHS) and Jeff Gustin, athletic director and transportation coordinator, to discuss non-elected personnel.

Back in open session, the board accepted the resignation

from Corey Katzer as the high school girls basketball coach and accepted the retirement notice from Cheryl Tillotson, middle school custodian, effective at the end of the school year.

The board approved summer driver's education contracts to teachers Kyle Porter and Teri Moore and paraprofessional Brenda Lambrecht.

Nathan Smith was offered the head coaching position for cross country for the 2017-18 school year and Andrew Gower was offered the assistant coaching position.

The school board also approved a 2017-18 teaching contract to Samantha White, high school science teacher.

Bill Adams was offered a

high school math teacher contract for the first semester during the 2017-18 school year, and Thomas Broxterman was offered the math position for the second semester. Broxterman will be completing his student teaching during the first semester under the supervision of Adams, it was reported.

\* Adjourned the meeting. Board member Jim O'Toole was absent.

Submitted photos

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