

Holton's mill levy, debt below state average

By Brian Sanders
According to the latest Kansas Tax Rate and Fiscal Data Book, the City of Holton's mill levy is slightly below the state average for second-class cities in Kansas and well below the average for total municipal debt in such cities.

Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley recently gave members of the Holton City Commission a report on municipal property tax levies and total indebtedness, both in terms of cities with a population comparable to Holton and in terms of all 98 second-class cities in the state. Kansas law defines a "second-class city" as a city with a population between 2,000 and 15,000.

The report also encompassed 18 cities with estimated populations ranging from 4,173 (Clay Center) to 2,615 (Burlington), as of June 30, 2016; Holton's population is estimated at 3,263. Other cities in the report



compiled by Riley included Beloit, Columbus, Frontenac, Garnett, Girard, Hesston, Hiawatha, Hillsboro, Kingman, Lindsborg, Lyons, Marysville, Norton, Osage City and Scott City.

While Holton's property tax levy of 58.132 mills is higher than the 54.621-mill levy average for the 18 cities on that list, the levy is just below the average for all of Kansas' second-class cities, which the Kansas Tax Rate and Fiscal Data Book

listed at 59.05 mills.

Riley noted that in terms of all second-class cities, 42 have a mill levy higher than Holton's levy and 55 have a lower levy. The highest mill levy in the state is found in Osborne, where the tax levy is 88.305 mills, while the lowest is found in the Kansas City suburb of Mission, where the levy is 18.019 mills.

On the list of 18 cities, the tax levy ranges from 67.415 mills in Marysville to 35.902 mills in Hesston, Riley said.

In terms of public indebtedness, Holton is near the middle of the list of all second-class Kansas cities with \$5,411,256 in debt, with 46 cities having more debt than that. However, the average state debt for all second-class cities is \$11,985,080, and Holton commissioners cited efforts in recent years to stay well below that average.

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Playground equipment to be purchased for HES

By David Powlis
Following some recommendations from some Holton fifth-grade students here Monday evening, the USD 336 school board unanimously approved a motion to spend up to \$25,000 for playground equipment for the new elementary school.

Funds for the playground equipment will come from the school bond issue fund that was used to build the new school, it was reported.

A playground committee of students Josie Barrow, Tuley Gilliland, Jeffrey Warner and Brayden Binkley attended the school board meeting with their parents, at the invitation of the board, to present student ideas on how to equip a playground for today's kids.

The students suggested a couple of outdoor basketball courts with adjustable rims with the out-of-bounds, free throw and three-point lines all drawn out. Some kids like to play knockout while others like to play regular ball, the kids said.

The students also suggested metal buddy benches where students could sit and visit in the shade of some trees, a couple of tetherball areas, a modified size football field with all the lines drawn out, some air pumps that always seem to be needed and some kickball bases.

For the little kids, the fifth graders said, a playset and a swingset are both needed.

The students also suggested to the board that the playground area, located at the site of the

former Colorado K-2 school, needed to be cleared of pieces of glass and metal that are still there following the demolition of the old school.

During its discussion on the school playground, the board discussed whether the six-foot tall chain link fence around the playground should be locked over the weekends to prevent any damage to the property.

Also at their meeting, the school board received a legislative update from Superintendent Dennis Stones.

Stones said that while it looks like the State Legislature will not be taking back school funds already allocated for this school term, it may be a different story

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Royal Valley High School juniors Bri Kesler (left) and Nathaniel Haislip arrived at Saturday evening's prom riding on a pony — the back of a Ford Mustang, that is. More photos from the prom, held at the Kansas Expocentre's Heritage Hall in Topeka, may be found elsewhere in today's Recorder.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Purple Heart monument dedication ceremony scheduled for May 6

By Brian Sanders
After months of preparation and delays, the new Linscott Park monument honoring Jackson County's Purple Heart Medal recipients will be in place within the next month, according to Mike McManigal of American Legion Riders Post 44.

"All the donor bricks have been engraved, and we will begin laying them very soon," McManigal said. "The monument is receiving its final touches and should be completed within weeks."

A dedication ceremony for the new monument has been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, nearly a year and a half after local military veterans and their supporters started the fund-raising drive for the monument.

McManigal said the monument will be installed "a few days in advance" of the ceremony.

Col. Thomas Burke, commanding officer for the 130th Field Artillery Brigade of the Kansas Army National Guard, will speak at the ceremony prior to the unveiling of the monument.

In November 2015, the Legion Riders, in conjunction with Mary L. Bair American Legion Post 44, the Sons of the American Legion and Holton VFW Post 1367, announced the fund-raising drive to build a monument that lists and honors residents of Jackson County who have received the Purple Heart Medal. The medal is given to military personnel who are wounded or killed in the line of active military duty.

Both Holton and Jackson County received Purple Heart Community designations in 2014. It was reported at that time that many who came into Holton after seeing the Purple Heart Community sign at the city limits asked to know where they can go to learn more, but no such memorial existed here.

The local veterans' organizations got together to see what they could do and came up with a plan to build a monument in Linscott Park facing north toward Fourth Street, near the World War II monument in that area. Plans for the monument included a replica of the Purple Heart on the front and a list of the medal's recipients on the back.

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Grant to help RV purchase new bus

By Ali Holcomb
After accepting a \$20,500 grant from the Kansas Clean Diesel Program on Monday evening, the Royal Valley Board of Education approved the purchase of a new bus for the district's Head Start program at a total cost of \$93,894.

Superintendent Aaric Davis said the district was notified recently that it had been selected for the grant, which aims to re-

duce harmful emissions by helping districts replace and properly dispose of older buses.

The district will be reimbursed \$20,500 by the state after it purchases a new bus that meets new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements and disposes an older bus by the Sept. 30 deadline.

"We need to move quickly to get a new bus ordered because it will take some time," Davis said.

Davis said one of the district's Head Start buses needs to be replaced. Since it's used for Head Start, special seatbelts are required for the bus.

Three quotes were presented for a new bus with safety harnesses, including \$93,894 from Midwest Transit, \$97,409 from Midwest Bus Sales and \$100,189 from Kansas Truck Equipment.

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B.O.E. approves new phone system at Jackson Heights

By Brian Sanders
The approval of a new telephone system for the Jackson Heights school district by the USD 335 Board of Education on Monday enabled the district to save nearly \$7,000 on its technology purchases for the 2017-18 school year, it was reported.

District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrianne Walsh reported that the district's current telephone system is nine years old, parts are no longer made for it and it would not allow for needed changes for system switches at the elementary school.

New system switches were proposed as part of the technology purchase plan for 2017-18, District Technology Director Vern Andrews said. But the cost

of those switches, along with related costs, would not be necessary, nor would the purchase of a new server for the district office, if the board accepted a proposal from Giant Communications of Holton for installation of a new district telephone system.

On a 5-2 vote, the board approved Giant's telephone system proposal, which included a \$1,230 one-time cost for equipment and installation and recurring monthly fees of about \$950 for telephone and internet service. Board members Neal Keeler and Kelly Kennedy opposed the proposal, saying they wanted to look at more than just one proposal for a new phone system.

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Dr. Saroj Gupta (right) and her husband, Shekhar, purchased Ann's Home Health in Holton in January. Dr. Gupta said the business continues to provide the same services, and she does not plan to change the name. Gupta is pictured with employees (from left) Stephanie Page, Ronda Sanders and Randee Hopeck. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Guptas purchase Ann's Home Health

By Ali Holcomb
Dr. Saroj Gupta and her husband, Shekhar, are the new owners of Ann's Home Health Agency in Holton. The couple purchased the business at the beginning of the year.

Dr. Gupta is from India and graduated from Truman Medical Center and Harvard University and has more than 25 years of medical experience.

"My background is in geriatrics," said Dr. Gupta, who previously taught at The University of Maryland. "I started seeing some patients in nursing homes, and I realized this is a good area for me to be in."

Ann's Home Health is located on the south side of the

Holton Square, and staff members include a nurse practitioner, registered nurses, a quality assurance and compliance officer, an office manager and other health care experts.

"None of the services have changed, and we have a great crew," Dr. Gupta said. "With three nurses, we have close to 70 years of health care experience."

Ann's Home Health specializes in managing all of their patients' in-home health needs. Whether a patient is recovering from surgery, illness or managing a disease, the staff provides nursing care, rehabilitation and support services at home.

The staff offers a variety of services to northeast Kansans, including skilled nursing, insulin therapy, wound care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, pain management, private care, respite care, bath aide, medication set-up and other assistance.

At the start of each patient's care, Dr. Gupta said a nurse or therapist is sent to the home for an initial consultation and collaboration to help develop a detailed and effective plan of care.

An RN is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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Sunday!*



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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Limited Civil Dispositions

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Beverly Sullivan, sought judgment of \$317.90 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$74.42 plus interest and court costs.

Westar Energy vs. Wesley Fitzpatrick, sought judgment of \$294.88 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Donella Belshe, seeking judgment of \$135.25 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Scott M. Bond and Shannon D. Bond, seeking judgment of \$150.41 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Thomas W. Bontrager, seeking judgment of \$136.02 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Joseph R. Claycamp, seeking judgment of \$1,157.93 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Caleb T. Coffman, seeking judgment of \$926.17 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jason Dove, seeking judgment of \$997.97 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Ella M. Garcia, seeking judgment of \$1,694 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Stacy J. Gomez and Daniel Gomez, seeking judgment of \$1,316 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Walter A. Junod and Rosemary G. Junod, seeking judgment of \$321.80 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Andrew Kirkevold, seeking judgment of \$560 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Amanda Kramer and William A. Kramer, seeking judgment of \$985.50 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Heather Kurtz, seeking judgment of \$5,496.49 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Lloyd G. Ladusch Sr., seeking judgment of \$282.75 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. John H. Lynch, seeking judgment of \$525.63 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Patrick McGee, seeking judgment of \$417.49 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Kevin K. Moore, seeking judgment of \$762.10 plus interest and court costs.

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Jackson County vs. Travis L. Ohrmann, seeking judgment of \$316.21 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Brian Rees and Heather Rees, seeking judgment of \$906 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Miranda Russell and Jacob Russell, seeking judgment of \$260.15 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Laura L. Stauffer and Adam A. Stauffer, seeking judgment of \$2,773.60 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jason Stavropoulos, seeking judgment of \$1,889.25 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Larissa L. Whitebird, seeking judgment of \$168.30 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Amanda Stonebraker, seeking judgment of \$612.55 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Scott McGuire, seeking judgment of \$594.46 plus interest and court costs.

Synchrony Bank vs. Misty Mathis, also known as Misty D. Mathis, seeking judgment of \$2,917.43 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Nancy S.

Stocksen, seeking judgment of \$284.01 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Filed

Farrell Holthaus vs. Ernest DeBusk, seeking judgment of \$4,000 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of the paternity of Brylin Rae Cady, a minor child by and through her mother and best friend, Alicia N. Cady vs. Blaine M. Wyss, sought determination of paternity plus custody and support judgment; granted.

Filed

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Merriam Langdon, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Ryan Pangle, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Paige Smith-Novak, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. James R. Beauchamp, seeking support judgment.

In the matter of the marriage of Andrew S. Greenwood and Amberlei N. Greenwood, seeking registration of foreign paternity and child support order and judgment of jurisdiction.

Fenceline: Controlling those pesky flies

By Jody G. Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Livestock and
Natural Resources

As we transition into spring and before livestock producers turn cattle into summer pastures, selecting this year's fly control program should be considered.

A thought to consider – did your fly control program work last year? If it did not, now is the time to consider a different method.

There are many fly control options and strategies available to Kansas livestock producers to help manage the three fly species that economically impact grazing cattle – the horn fly, face fly and stable fly.

Horn flies are small in size, approximately 3/16" in length and are usually found on the backs, sides and poll area of cattle. During a warm summer afternoon, they can be found on the belly region of cattle. Horn flies, both male and females flies, acquire more than 30 blood meals per day.

After mating, the female fly will leave the animal to deposit eggs in fresh cattle manure. Eggs hatch within one week, and larvae feed and mature in the manure, pupating in the soil beneath the manure pat. Newly

emerged horn flies can travel several miles searching for a host. The entire life cycle can be completed in 10 to 20 days depending upon the weather.

Economic losses associated with horn flies are estimated at more than \$1 billion annually in the United States. Horn fly feeding causes irritation, blood loss, decreased grazing efficacy, reduced weight gains and diminished milk production in mother cows. Additionally, horn flies have been implicated in the spread of summer mastitis.

Studies conducted in the U.S. and Canada have shown that horn flies can cause weight gain loss in cattle, and calf weaning weights can be negatively impacted from four to 15 percent. Studies conducted in Nebraska have established calf weaning weights were 10 to 20 pounds higher when horn flies were controlled on mother cows. The economic injury level (EIL) for horn flies is 200 flies per animal.

Yearling cattle can also be affected by the horn fly. Other studies have shown yearling weights can be reduced by as much as 18 percent. There are many insecticide control methods available to manage horn fly numbers – back-rubbers, dust bags, insecticidal ear tags and strips, pour-ons, oral larvicides, low pressure sprayers, mist blower sprayers and individual portable methods.

Face fly adults closely resemble house flies except they are

slightly larger and darker than the house fly. The face fly is a non-biting fly that feeds on animal secretions, nectar and dung liquids. The adult female face flies cluster around an animal's eyes, mouth and muzzle. Face flies will also feed on blood and other secretions around wounds caused by mechanical damage or other injury.

Face flies are present throughout the summer, but populations usually peak in late July and August. Face flies are most numerous along waterways, areas with abundant rainfall, canyon floors with trees and shaded vegetation and on irrigated pastures.

Female face fly feeding causes damage to eye tissues, increases susceptibility to eye pathogens and vector Moraxella bovis, the causal agent of pinkeye or infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis. Pinkeye is a highly contagious inflammation of the cornea and conjunctiva of cattle. If coupled with the infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR) virus, M. bovis can cause a much more severe inflammatory condition. Controlling face flies is essential in reducing most pinkeye problems.

Achieving adequate face fly control can be difficult because of their habit of feeding around

the face and the significant time they spend off the animal. Control is maximized when the cattle receive daily insecticide applications by dust bags, oilers, sprays or an insecticide impregnated ear tag/strip. Ear tags/strips should be applied at the label recommended rate. Both cows and calves must be treated if control is to be achieved.

Pinkeye vaccines are available and should be considered if face flies and pinkeye have been a recurring problem. Currently, commercial and autogenous pinkeye vaccines are available. Please check with your local veterinarian about the use of these products in your area.

Stable flies are serious pests of feedlots and dairies and of pasture cattle. The stable fly is a blood feeder, mainly feeding on the front legs of cattle, staying on the animal long enough to complete a blood meal. Their bites are very painful; cattle will often react by stomping their legs, bunching at pasture corners or stand in water to avoid being bitten.

The female stable fly deposits eggs in spoiled or fermenting organic matter mixed with animal manure, soil and moisture.

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Phillips 66	77.88	-0.17	<i>Current Last Mo. Last Year</i>	
US Bancorp	50.89	+0.11	Kansas Average	\$2.22 +\$0.045+\$0.359
Pfizer	33.93	-0.11	National Average	\$2.39 +\$0.093+\$0.346
Deere & Co.	111.16	+1.53	Holton Average	\$2.26
United Parcel	105.75	-0.67	<i>Source: GasBuddy.com, Current prices listed as of Sunday, April 9, 2017.</i>	
Apple	141.63	-1.54		
Facebook	139.92	-1.12		
Westar Energy	54.48	+0.43		
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Friday		Mostly cloudy; chance of rain	High: 75 Low: 62 Precip: 60%
14			
Saturday		Partly sunny	High: 75 Low: 52 Precip: 40%
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Sunday		Partly sunny	High: 70 Low: 51
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In the top photo, Royal Valley High School freshman McKenzie Ogden (left) and senior Zack Schnacker (center) checked into the RVHS prom with RVHS business education teacher Teri Griffiths on Saturday night. In the middle photo, the “parental paparazzi” lined up for the arrival of one of two “party buses” that brought RVHS students and their dates to the prom at the Kansas Expo-centre’s Heritage Hall in Topeka. And in the photo above, RVHS junior Garrett Hicks (right) and his date, Michaela Falley, posed for a pre-prom photo. “Light Up The Night” was the theme of this year’s prom. *Photos by Brian Sanders*

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Fenceline...

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The most common developing sites are in feedlots or dairy lots, usually around feed bunks, along the edges of feeding aprons, under fences and along stacks of hay, alfalfa and straw.

Grass clippings and poorly managed compost piles also may be stable fly developing sites. Winter hay feeding sites where hay rings are used can often be a source for larval development through the summer if the proper moisture is present.

The life cycle of the stable fly can take 14 to 24 days in Kansas, depending on weather conditions. While the source of early season stable flies on pastured cattle is not well understood, some probably develop from larvae overwintering locally. Other early season flies may be migrants from southern locations, but evidence is lacking. Nevertheless, we do know that stable

flies can move at least 10 miles or more.

Stable flies cause similar weight gain losses to both pasture and confinement cattle. University of Nebraska research recorded a reduction in average daily gain of 0.44 pounds per head with animals which received no insecticide treatment compared to animals which received a treatment. The economic threshold of five flies per leg is often exceeded in our pastures.

The only adult management option available for the control of stable flies on range cattle is use of animal sprays. Sprays can be applied using a low pressure sprayer or can be applied with a mist blower sprayer. Weekly applications of these products will be required to achieve reduction in fly numbers. Sanitation or cleanup of wasted feed at winter feeding sites may reduce localized fly development.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, April 13

*2 p.m. JHMS track at St. Marys.
*3:30 p.m. WHS track at Rock Creek.
*4 p.m. HMS track at Jeff West.
*6 p.m. RVMS Site Council meeting.
*State music festival for large ensembles for Jackson Heights, Holton and Royal Valley students.
*Jackson Heights preschool screenings.
*Senior citizens' Easter dinner at RVMS.
*6:30 p.m. The Beck-Bookman Library book club meeting will be held at the library. Marilyn Quinn will lead the discussion on “The Scene of Rain and Lightning” by Nancy Pickard. Crystal Barnett will provide refreshments.
*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Use the south door.
*Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 362-7021.

Friday, April 14

*No school for all area students (Good Friday).
*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

Saturday, April 15

*The Jackson County Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on the east side of the Courthouse in Holton.
*The Samuel Linscott DAR chapter will meet at 10 a.m. at the Denison State Bank conference room.
*Cow Creek Opry, Havensville Community Center. Shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, call Terry Jordan at 785-948-3355.

Sunday, April 16

*Easter Sunday.
*Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, April 17

*No school for Jackson Heights students (Easter

Break).
*The Jackson County Commission meets at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka, on every third Monday of the month.

*The Circleville Senior Executives will meet at noon at the Circleville Mason Hall. Hamburgers and hot dogs and buns will be furnished; please bring a covered dish or dessert.

*Holton City Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Holton City Hall.

*Beck-Bookman Library Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m., third Monday of each month, Beck-Bookman Library.

Tuesday, April 18

*3 p.m. RVMS track at Perry-Lecompton HS.
*3 p.m. WHS track at Jackson Heights.
*6:30 p.m. Holton third grade music program at HES.
*7:30 p.m. Holton fourth grade music program at HES.
*The Caregivers Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) will meet every third Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holton Community Hospital care room. For more information, contact Zennie McClintock at 364-9696 or Amy Spiker at 364-3164.

Wednesday, April 19

*9 a.m. Jackson Heights and Holton FFA CDE Livestock at Seneca.
*9:30 a.m. Late start for all Royal Valley students.
*1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Wetmore blood drive.
*6 p.m. RVHS Forensics Family Night.
*Holton Alateen, a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism, meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.
*The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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OPINION

Stones has been a good school leader

When Dennis Stones, superintendent of schools for Holton USD 336, finishes up this school term – his third and last for Holton – he’ll be wrapping up a span of 42 years in public education.

Stones’ experience and school leadership skills will definitely be missed here.

Stones is a steady, no-nonsense, well-liked, straight-shooting school leader, whose prior experiences with new school building projects at other districts really came in handy with the new Holton Elementary School project.

With Stones at the helm, USD 336 has been smooth-running and financially efficient.

Before he came to

Holton, Stones served the nearby Sabetha school district for 20 years in administrative roles – 13 as superintendent, three as assistant superintendent and four as high school principal.

This school term is winding down quickly but it will not be over until June 30.

Until then, Stones will continue to give the school district his full attention and wise counsel and there’s still plenty of time for school patrons to express their appreciation and well wishes.

Here at *The Recorder*, we have certainly appreciated Stones’ professionalism, cooperation, knowledge and understanding of our public schools.

David Powls

Media won’t leave TV commentator Bill O’Reilly alone

By Glenn Mollette
Television news anchor Bill O’Reilly probably can afford to retire and he probably should be thinking about it before he spends all of his life savings on settling sexual harassment lawsuits.

O’Reilly has paid out at least \$13 million that we know about so far.

O’Reilly has a deep financial well, making close to \$20 million a year from hosting his number-one rated nightly Fox News show plus about \$30 million a year in book sales, making him the number-one nonfiction author on the planet.

Such a deep well makes him a very attractive target to those who have a barb against him.

You probably have heard the gory details of several claims against him from all the other television news channels – the alleged escapades of his sexual advances toward female Fox Network employees whose careers he might encourage or advance if they had sex with him.

Of course, you haven’t heard much about it on Fox. They don’t have to talk much about

it yet because all the other networks are covering the story intensely.

So far Fox News has stood with O’Reilly and, we are told, has paid three of the known settlements with five of the women accusers.

He has paid the other two, one involving \$9 million to a producer in 2004 and the other an amount agreed last year with a former on-air personality.

All of this comes after the fiasco that led to Fox News founder and CEO Roger Ailes’ \$40 million departure package last year after disturbing allegations by women personalities against him that resulted in multi-million-dollar settlements and his demise.

O’Reilly’s show for the past 20 years has been a lucrative cash cow for Fox, earning the network hundreds of millions of dollars.

Sponsors such as Mercedes Benz, BMW and dozens of others have filled the network’s pockets. However, by the latest count as I write, 21 have withdrawn from advertising during The O’Reilly Factor.

A Mercedes-Benz representative explained: “The allegations are disturbing and, given the importance of women in every aspect of our business, we don’t feel this is a good environment in which to advertise our products right now.”

In all such stories, it’s always

hard to know exactly for sure what he said and she said and what he did and how she responded or vice versa.

Even with audio recordings and videos, there is a lot of room for tampering. A picture may tell a story but it doesn’t always tell the whole story. I haven’t heard of any pictures or videos that incriminate O’Reilly but there is always the possibility of something surfacing.

The fact that the presenter and Fox have already settled for so much money with at least five women to try to spare his children and others from embarrassment and other suffering lends strong support to the suspicion that there is a lot of fire behind all the smoke.

Also, the \$13 million they’ve paid out isn’t saving anybody too much embarrassment, it would seem to me.

The big question to which someone else will have to uncover the answer is how many unreported illicit escapades O’Reilly has conducted over the years. I’m not saying that he has – I’m saying that, if there is truth to the alleged harassment, there is always a chance that there are women who will never talk either because they don’t want to embarrass their families or because they actually were enriched or promoted in their careers as a result of their cooperation, unwilling or otherwise. It would be extremely embar-

rassing if their careers were actually advanced by their willingness to do anything – anything.

Are there women who had affairs with O’Reilly in order to advance their careers at the network? Did any have affairs with Ailes? Did they have affairs with both Ailes and O’Reilly? Who would dare to think we are only hearing from the allegedly harassed people?

There is always the possibility that O’Reilly and Ailes had numbers of successful trysts before and after and all around the women who have called foul. How many women have been on O’Reilly’s show or worked with him because they were willing to have an affair with him in order to be there?

There is also the possibility that all of the accusations have been made up for financial gain. Will anybody ever really know for sure?

This is all conjecture and the sort of stuff that makes people go hmmm. There will be much more said about all of this in the weeks ahead. The media will not let this one rest.

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American author whose syndicated column is read in all 50 states. The views and opinions expressed by our contributors are their own and do not necessarily agree with those of this newspaper.

LETTER

Dear editor,

About our police that I have read about in the paper. Maybe they over did their comments or job and perhaps they should be fired.

Having lived in Kansas City and other places, I know too many of us give the police too much to put up with. Whether we are on our way to the Supreme Court or not, we are just one more.

I had 14 jobs in my 50-plus working career, including the military. I was never a police person and I was never fired

or asked to leave.

Yes, I have sinned. I believe “let he who is without sin cast the first stone.”

I think we should support our city departments for the good and various jobs that they do.

Just think of the training and expertise that goes into their jobs. It is lost when they retire, get fired or leave.

Lynn Meyer
Holton

LETTER

Dear editor,

Thank you so much for the assistance provided by Shannon Schmile with our advertisement and the article by Ali Holcomb about our efforts to start a Kiwanis Club in Holton-Jackson County.

The helpful attitude and professional approach to our start in Holton has impressed

Kiwanis staff and the members of our team.

Thank you so very much. We will keep you posted! Come join us!

Jan Maxwell
Governor-Elect
Kansas District of
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Topeka

INSIGHT: Storytelling fest set for April 28-29

By John Schlageck
Kansas Farm Bureau

Storytelling, as we know it, began with the advent of man and woman on the earth.

Before we learned to write, we learned to rely on our memory to learn anything. For this, we had to be a good listener.

Why?

To tell the story we’d just heard.

A good story teller is always in demand and respected. He or she can easily find an audience, eager to devour every exciting bit of information in the stories.

When people traveled, they shared these stories with others. When they returned home, they brought with them exciting new tales of exotic people and places.

To celebrate this art, a storytelling festival is slated for the weekend of April 28-29 in

Downs. Now in its 24th year, the Kansas Storytelling Festival began in 1994.

This festival draws people who appreciate stories and realize their power in shaping our identities as well as pure enjoyment.

At this year’s event, storytellers will take us to a different time and place and stretch our imaginations. They will make us laugh and cry. They will make us think about our own stories and how important it is to pass on to others what we learn in this life.

Every spring, the citizens of this small north-central Kansas town bring nationally recognized talent to their community of 900 souls. Tim Lowry, who makes his home in Summer-ville, S.C., headlines this year’s festival.

Lowry is best known for his folk tales and stories from American history. He’s presented thousands of educational programs for schools across the country.

Other featured storytellers include Adam Miller, described as a natural-born storyteller, Brian “Fox” Ellis, an author, story-

teller of song, myth and poetry; and Linda Gorham, who specializes in surprising twists and unconventional humor tied in her tales.

Osborne County’s Glennys Doane serves on the Festival steering committee and explains how the two-day event works.

Four stages of entertainment run concurrently during the Festival. This gives festivalgoers the chance to choose which performer or story type to attend.

Individual backgrounds and styles make each storyteller distinctive. Tellers are rotated to all stages and story sessions are planned around the interests of children, history, music and personal, anecdotal stories.

“Our storytellers tell their tales without reading a book, using photos or showing a video,” Doane says. “They use words, inflection and cadence to create pictures and events in the listener’s mind.”

People travel from across the country to listen to the yarns. They love the stories and believe in their power to move them.

Doane likes to recall what old-time storyteller Donald Davis says about the art, “My business

is in movies. I shift the movie I make in my head to your head.”

In addition to the telling of tales, there’s plenty of other activities including good food prepared by caring local hands. Some the most popular items include the famous Lions Club hamburgers and pies, cakes and cinnamon rolls baked by the ladies from nearby Dispatch.

There’s also a resource center where books, CDs and t-shirts from the featured story tellers can be purchased. A story store incorporates a recording booth where festivalgoers can stop and relate their own stories of rural Kansas, or wherever they’re from.

For more information about the 24th annual Kansas Storytelling Festival, visit www.Kansasstorytelling.com

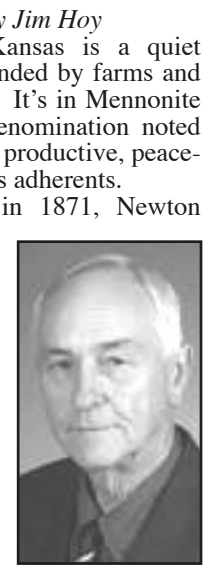
Mark the dates on your calendar and drive to Downs.

Note: John Schlageck is a commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

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are said to have told passengers to get out of their seats and lie on the floor because cowboys invariably shot through the windows as trains passed through town.

I have read that during its cow town years, seven men died from gunfights in Wichita.

In Newton, that number was nearly equal in one violent night when five men died and three more were wounded in Perry Tuttle’s dance hall.

Tuttle’s saloon, one of some 27 that sprang up during Newton’s first three months, was located south of the tracks in the red-light district of Hyde Park (often spelled Hide for the amount of skin exposed by the ladies of the evening).

It was a popular spot for Texas cowboys, with musicians, dancing girls, and gambling in addition to the liquor.

One observer claimed that every third building in Newton was a saloon.

On Aug. 11, Mike McCluskie (formerly, before leaving Missouri a couple of steps ahead of the law, named Arthur Delaney

or Art Donovan) and Billy Bailey (aka Bill Wilson or William Baylor), two special policemen hired for the local elections, got into a scuffle, possibly over politics, more likely over a girl.

McCluskie, a railroad worker, was an Irishman from Ohio, Bailey a Texan who had come north with cattle and who had killed two men in three previous gunfights.

That evening the two met in the Red Front Saloon in downtown Newton and got into a fight. McCluskie knocked Bailey out of the saloon and into the street, then shot at him twice. The first bullet missed, but the second hit him in the chest. He died the following day.

Fearing both arrest and reprisal from Bailey’s fellow Texans, McCluskie hopped a train out of town.

On Aug. 19, learning that officials deemed his action self-defense (even though Bailey had never shown a gun), McCluskie returned to Newton.

That night he was in the Tuttle saloon, playing faro.

James Riley (or Kinch Riley,

as he was sometimes known), a frail 18-year-old dying from tuberculosis whom McCluskie had befriended (he was sometimes called “McCluskie’s Shadow”), was at the bar.

Although wearing two revolvers, Riley had never shot anyone. In fact, he was never known to have even fired a gun.

Late Saturday night three of Bailey’s Texas friends, Billy Garrett (who had killed at least two men in prior gunfights), Henry Kearnes, and Jim Wilkerson, walked into Tuttle’s bar.

Fearing potential violence, Tuttle tried to close the bar and sent the musicians home.

The patrons, however, were having fun (or wanted to see a fight) and refused to leave.

They’d see a fight, all right, much to the regret of some of them. We’ll find out about that next time.

Note: Jim Hoy, a retired English professor at Emporia State University, is co-author of the Plains Folk column.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

Immanuel Lutheran Church held no midweek Lenten service this week, as Pastor Michael Van Velzer was called to California because of the illness of his mother. Mary Van Velzer died on Wednesday, March 5 and memorial services were held on March 7. Our hearts go out to Pastor Van Velzer and his family in their deep loss.

Palm Sunday, or Sunday of the Passion, worship service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 9 a.m. on April 9. The children of the congregation processed into the church waving palm branches during the singing of the first two verses of the hymn "The Royal Banner Forward Go."

Divine Service 1 was followed and Psalm 118:19-29 was read responsively. Elder Tophier Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah chapter 50 and the Epistle lesson from Philippians chapter 2. Pastor Van Velzer read the Holy Gospel for Palm Sunday from Matthew 26:27-66. The sermon hymn was verses three and four of "The Royal Banner Forward Go."

Now is the hour when the Son of Man is glorified: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold your King is coming." He comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet also as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13,15).

His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, "God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection.

Our Lord did not hide His face "from disgrace and spitting" (Isaiah 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right Hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that "after His resurrection" we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matthew 27:52-53).

The congregation joined in professing the Apostles' Creed following the sermon.

The offering ushers were Tophier Dohl and Kevin Strube. The offertory piece was "He Is Lord."

In the prayers of the church let us pray for the church, that she may be defended against all enemies, be kept from error and be made bold to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ without fear. As once the people welcomed God's Son with palms and hosannas, grant to us God's spirit so that we may welcome with faith Him who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let us pray for all pastors, missionaries and church workers, for all vocations in the church, raising up faithful pastors, missionaries and church workers to help us to manifest God's love and mercy in all our doings. Let us pray for our leaders, for those who defend us near and far and for our own good citizenship. Hold our leaders accountable for all they do giving us wise, faithful and honest leaders.

God's Son bore our weaknesses that we may be granted grace sufficient for all our needs. We pray that God will hold us in His hand, bind up our wounds and deliver us from all our needs, especially those who are ill and recovering. Keep us in the solemn remembrance of our Lord's passion so that we may be moved to repentance and strengthened in faith.

The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer. Following the benediction, the service closed with verses five and six of "The Royal Banner Forward Go."

Serving Sunday were Tophier Dohl, elder; McKenzie McMahon, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Joyce Strube and Angie Strube.

Pastor led Bible class studying the Gospel reading of the day and met with the confirmation class.

Maundy Thursday Services will be held at Immanuel Lutheran at 7 p.m. on April 13 with Good Friday service at 7 p.m. on April 14. Easter Services will be held at the regular time at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Immanuel ladies will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14, with Lavon Keehn leading devotions and the Bible study from the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Projects are Mite Month and birthday remembrance for our Bethesda Lutheran Home friend.

Netawaka United Methodist

By Mary E. Edwards

April 9, Palm Sunday, was a warm, windy day. Steve Banaka was the greeter and lighted the altar candles as the recorded "O, How He Loves You And Me" played at Netawaka United Methodist Church.

Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. It was reported that Estella Pangel is doing well after having eye surgery last week. It is a joy to have sunshine after so many gloomy days. The green grass and blooming flowers are a welcome sight.

Marilyn led the responsive call to worship. The hymn of praise was "Lamb Of God." Other hymns were "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Verona Grannell was in charge of recorded music.

Pastor Younghwan Won led the congregational prayer followed by silent reflection and meditation. He offered the pastoral prayer and led the Lord's Prayer.

The scripture lesson was Matthew 21:8-11, Jesus' triumphal entry to Jerusalem. Pastor Young's sermon was "Jesus Coming To Save Us."

Pastor Young told the congregation how proud he was to be a Christian when he was a teenager. To Young, Jesus seemed to be strong and powerful. He thought that people with lots of faith would have a good life.

When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the people welcomed Him by laying down palm branches on His path or laying their cloaks down in front of Him. They thought Jesus was sent to lead them and to beat the Roman Empire and to give them whatever they desired.

The people of Jerusalem soon learned that Jesus was not a magician or a super hero who would give them instant relief from their troubles.

He didn't show signs of the power they wanted. They were disappointed and lost interest in Him. Only three women went to the tomb after Jesus' crucifixion.

Jesus also comes to us. Can we welcome Him? Are we ready to take up our cross and follow Him and be His disciples?

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Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Congratulations to Ashlea and Jason Nelson on the recent birth of their daughter, Paisley Shea Nelson. Paisley was born at the Onaga Hospital, weighing 8 pounds and 11 ounces, and measuring 20 inches long. Paisley is also welcomed home by her big brother, Tryston, and her big sister, Macyn, at their home in Circleville.

Kenny Wykert went to Topeka on Thursday, March 30, to visit his brother, Bob Wykert. They enjoyed the day playing several games of cribbage.

Sympathy is extended to Keri Brucken and family at the death of her stepfather, Jerry Barnaba,

who died at a Topeka hospital on March 30.

Kenny Wykert, Barbara Hutchinson and Helen Farley attended the Soldier Senior Citizen's on Monday, April 3. Before the meal, the group honored Larry and Linda VanDonge for their 50th wedding anniversary. Jim Baxter played and sang several numbers for the entertaining program.

On Thursday, April 6, 10 people from the Circleville High School Alumni planning committee met at the home of Dale and Ilah Rose Askren. President Ed Claycamp chaired the meeting with information about the upcoming May 27 annual banquet.

Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer

Palm Sunday, April 9, was a beautiful morning. Services at Mayetta Methodist Church began after Pastor Howard gave all those attending a palm branch. Pastor Howard then began services with a reading taken from Matthew, followed by prayer.

Joys were that Sharon Gabriel's aunt was present to worship. Ted and Elaine Hubach had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday and Karen Burns and Mary Anderson showed the congregation the quilt they had finished. Beautiful!

Prayers were asked for Earline Pugh and Tom Neely, who are

both in the hospital.

Caliber Miller was the candle lighter and the Smith boys rang the bell. The call to worship was from Psalms 118:26-27. Karen Burns read the living word of God from Exodus 19:5, and offertory ushers were June Schlodder and Marie McKinney.

Hymns sung were "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus," "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" and "All Glory, Laud And Honor."

Karen Burns, Pastor Sudduth and David Oakley favored the congregation with a special, "The King Is Coming." The children's message was also about the king's coming, and the sermon was titled

Buck's Grove Methodist Church

By Betty Bernitter

It was a beautiful Palm Sunday on April 9 for those who attended worship service at Buck's Grove Methodist Church.

Bailey Ashcraft lighted the candles as Denny and Donna Ashcraft played the recorded

prelude, "Pass Me Not Oh Gentle Savior."

After announcements, Pastor Charlotte Milroy led the call to worship and the opening prayer.

Other hymns sung were "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus," "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" and "Mantes

Mayetta Christian Church

By Sue Wichman

April 9 was a pleasant spring day to observe Palm Sunday at Circleville Methodist Church. Kathryn and Isaac Duryea lighted the altar candles to begin the service. The recorded prelude was "There's A Song In The Air."

Mary Jo Fernkopf led the call to worship, the opening prayer and the Psalter. Dawn Duryea led the scripture lesson, Isaiah 50:4-9a and Philippians 2:5-11.

The hymns were "Tell Me The Stories Of Jesus," "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" and "What Wondrous Love Is This." Dawn served as song leader, using the recorded accompaniment.

Allen Fernkopf and Verlin Wichman received the morning offering.

David and Evelyn Allen were responsible for the special. David shared some interesting information about the use of palms in the services while Evelyn distributed

palms to the congregation.

Lay pastor Charlotte Milroy's sermon was based on the Gospel lesson, Matthew 21: 1-11. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, the crowd was disappointed. They wanted Him to be a king, riding on a tall white horse or a chariot of war. Instead, He rode on a donkey, an animal of peace. The people wanted Him to be waving a sword, but instead, He was waving an olive branch of peace. There were few who recognized that this was a king who rules through suffering, love and humility.

Mary Jo assisted Charlotte in offering Holy Communion before the service closed with "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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The group updated the postcards to be mailed by May 1 to members and friends. Your Place or Mine Restaurant will cater the meal as they have done for the past three years. If members have moved, they need to send their new address to a member of the planning group. They will do "set up" at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 25, and volunteers are needed.

On Saturday, April 8, Barbara and Dennis Hutchinson went to Topeka-Gage Park to see the Royal Valley juniors and seniors take photos before their banquet, which was held at the Heritage Hall. Kylie Moore, their granddaughter, is a junior at RV. It was great to see the young ladies in

their beautiful prom dresses and the fellows in their tuxes. Jackson Heights had their prom on Saturday, April 8, also.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson, Kenny Wykert and Don and Deloris Beam all attended the 50th anniversary celebration of Larry and Linda VanDonge on Sunday, April 9, at the Solider Community Center. Homemade ice cream and cake were served to a large crowd of well wishers.

On Monday, April 17, the Circleville Senior Executives will meet at noon at the Circleville Lodge Hall. Hamburgers and hot dogs and buns will be furnished and guests are asked to bring a covered dish.

"Who Is This?" Services closed with the circle of friendship.

Barbara Archer of Assaria was a guest of her niece, Sharon Gabriel. Sharon is hosting a family dinner and her aunt Barbara is spending a couple of days visiting.

Mary Anderson, Lisa and Kevin Smith were in McLouth on Friday afternoon to attend the track meet. Karsen pole vaulted and ran the 400 meter relay.

Karlie Miller enjoyed her senior prom Saturday evening at the Expocentre in Topeka. Family and friends enjoyed watching all the kids walking to the prom.

June Schlodder met with Gene and Brenda Hallauer in Holton on

Thursday. They went to Atchison to visit Donna Hallauer in the hospital. She is recovering from knee surgery at home in Horton now.

Bud and Shirley enjoyed a pitch party at the home of Mark and Vicki Bontrager on Saturday evening. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, they watched their granddaughters, Aidan and Brenna, play soccer in Topeka. On Sunday after the soccer game, they drove to Gage Park to view the tulips.

The quarterly board meeting will be held on April 30 with a potluck luncheon before the meeting.

mility.

Very few recognized His kingship and very few people became citizens of His kingdom. So who is the fool? We know Jesus Christ is not a fool. He is our gift and He is here for us to accept Him in our heart. He is forgiving and loving, so on this Palm Sunday, may we follow Him filled with the spirit.

Pastor Charlotte, with Donna's assistance, offered Holy Communion to all that were present.

The offertory prayer was recited as Wayne Rieschick and Jack Bernitter served as ushers. The closing hymn was "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

Bible study was held immediately after the service. Good Friday services will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Circleville.

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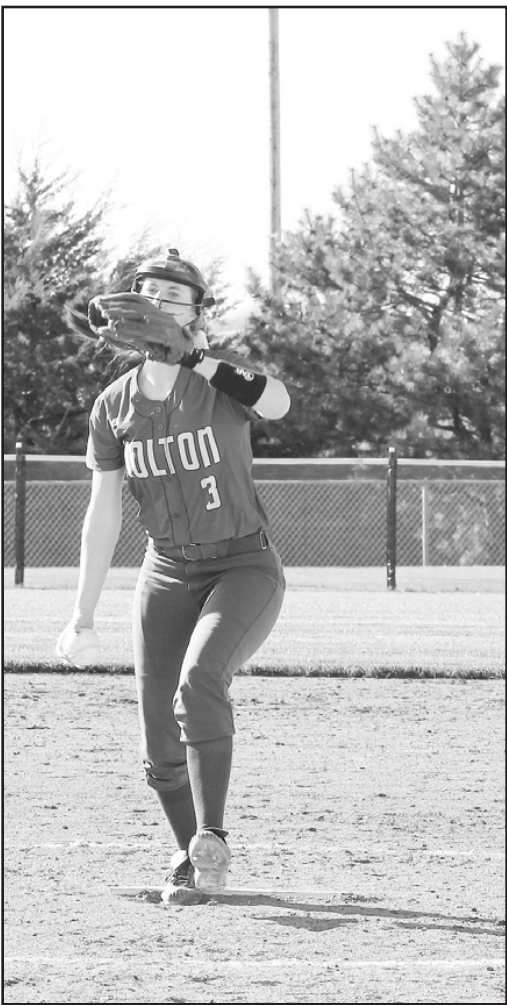
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Holton junior pitcher Sarah Bond, shown above, winds up and delivers a pitch in the first game at Sabetha recently. The Wildcats won that game, 19-1.

Photos by Michael Powls

RV Lady Panthers clobber Jeff West twice

Four home runs, solid pitching fuels softball sweep

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley varsity softball team found its rhythm Monday night, sweeping Big Seven League opponent Jefferson West in a double-header on the road in Meriden 18-0 and 13-4.

“The girls played extremely well,” said RV coach Corey Katzer. “It was nice to feel like we played up to the expectations I had for the girls going into the season. I’ll be honest, after the first couple of double-headers, I felt like I had maybe put my expectations for this group too high, but then they go out and compete like they did Monday night and I realize that my expectations for this group are right where they should be. We just need to be more consistent and play with the fire and passion that they did Monday.”

This is the team’s first sweep of the season, and Katzer said that prior to Monday, the girls had not been happy with their performance.

“When they focus collectively on a single entity, they can become an extremely resilient group,” Katzer said. “That showed on Monday

night at Jeff West. From the first batter there was just a different feel, a different focus.”

The Panthers scored four runs in the first inning. Two home runs, one each hit by Sarah Beam and Morgan New, in the second inning added four more runs. The Lady Tigers remained scoreless as Royal Valley had five runs in both the third and fourth innings and then the game was called.

New had four hits in four at bats and 7 RBI. Besides her home run in the second, New tripled in the first and singled in both the third and fourth innings.

The team had 15 hits in the game, and Beam had three RBI with four hits in four at bats.

“That’s the type of offense that we have become used to the last couple of years,” Katzer said. “Maybe not 18 runs but up in the 10 to 12 per game. It was nice to see our defense, which has always been pretty solid for us the last three years or so, have back-to-back complete games.”

Danielle Stithem was on the mound for the Panthers during the first game and pitched a shutout. In 42 pitches, Stithem allowed just two hits and had two strikeouts. She had one walk.

“Danielle had a no hitter going with two outs and two strikes in the fourth when

Jeff West was able to break it up,” coach Katzer said.

The momentum carried in the second game as the Panthers jumped to an early 8-1 at the bottom of the second inning.

Beam had two home runs to centerfield in the game, one in the second inning and the other in the fourth. She had four RBI during the game. Beam has already hit six home runs so far this season.

The Tigers scored one run in the second inning, two in the third and on in the sixth.

RV’s first baseman Eryn Daugherty had three hits in five at bats, including two doubles and two RBI.

Masey Lafferty threw 114 pitches for the Panthers during the game and allowed eight hits, walked six and struck out two.

“Our pitching from both starters, Danielle, who moves to 3-0, and Masey, who was able to pick up her first win of the season, was really solid,” Katzer said. “They are both contact pitchers at this point in the season so it is even more important that our defense plays well.”

The Lady Panthers, who are now 4-2 this season, will make up their double-header against Hiawatha next Tuesday, April 18, on the road. The first game of the double-header begins at 4:30 p.m.



RVMS competes at Silver Lake

The Royal Valley Middle School track team competed at a meet at Silver Lake on April 6. Results of the meet for Royal Valley students are as follows.

7th Grade Girls:

Team Scores: 3. (tie) Royal Valley, 58 points.

100m Dash: 3. Emily Lowe.

200m Dash: 3. Emily Lowe.

800m Run: 2. Hannah Price.

4x100m Relay: 3. Royal Valley (Sondra Priest, Elaina Heavner, Karlie Albright and Emily Lowe).

4x200m Relay: 6. Royal Valley (Hannah Robinson, Sondra Priest, Catrina Smith and Karlie Albright).

Pole Vault: 1. Karlie Albright.

Long Jump: 6. Karlie Albright.

Triple Jump: 3. Emily Lowe.

Shot Put: 2. Samantha Neuner.

Discus: 3. Samantha Neuner.

8th Grade Girls:

Team Scores: 2. Royal Valley, 104 points.

100m Dash: 1. Morgan Harvey.

200m Dash: 2. Morgan Harvey.

800m Run: 6. Emma McKinsey.

1600m Run: 5. Ellie Coleman, 6. Emma McKinsey.

75m Hurdles: 3. Jaden Fleming, 6. Josslyn Coulter.

4x100m Relay: 1. Royal Valley (Hayley Harman, Ivy Fink, Josslyn Coulter and Morgan Harvey).

4x200m Relay: 3. Royal Valley (Maya Ogden, Josslyn Coulter, Sydney Stithem and Hayley Harman).

High Jump: 1. Ivy Fink, 5. Maya Ogden.

Pole Vault: 3. Katie Reicherter, 5. (tie) Hayley Harman and Linda Sowers.

Long Jump: 1. Ivy Fink.

Triple Jump: 1. Ivy Fink, 2. Morgan Harvey, 5. Sydney Stithem.

Discus: 3. Samantha Sender, 5. Star Hale.

7th Grade Boys:

Team Scores: 5. Royal Valley, 42 points.

100m Dash: 4. Brady Klotz.

200m Dash: 4. Brady Klotz.

4x100m Relay: 4. Royal Valley (Levi Parrett, Jake Kelly, Colby Carreno and Brady Klotz).

4x200m Relay: 5. Royal Valley (Nahcs Wahwassuck, Jake Kelly, Parker Long and Levi Parrett).

High Jump: 4. Brady Klotz.

Pole Vault: 2. Blaine Lutz, 3. Colby Carreno.

Triple Jump: 3. Levi Parrett, 4. Colby Carreno, 6. Parker Long.

8th Grade Boys:

Team Scores: 8. Royal Valley, 28 points.

200m Dash: 4. Skylar Mechtley.

4x100m Relay: 4. Royal Valley (Colin Everts, Luke Boyden, Will Heavner and Skylar Mechtley).

Pole Vault: 1. Will Heavner, 2. Luke Boyden, 5. Colin Everts.

Shot Put: 6. Noah Schnacker.

Discus: 6. Jack Wiedmann.

HHS softball sweeps Jays, but gets swept at Perry

By Brian Sanders

Holton High School’s varsity softball team showed no lack of readiness to begin its 2017 season by shutting down Sabetha on Thursday with a pair of run-rule wins on the road before getting swept at Perry-Lecompton on Monday.

“I thought our girls handled all the pomp and circumstance really well getting out of the gate,” Head Coach John Deitrich said of the Lady Cats’ weather-related

late start to the season.

The first game of the season showed the Lady Cats ready with their bats and gloves, with Holton’s 19-1 win called after five innings thanks to an 11-run blowout in the fifth. Junior Sarah Bond led the way in the pitcher’s circle, allowing only one run on two hits in the game.

“I thought Sarah pitched very well with 11 strikeouts,” Deitrich added.

At the plate, junior Anallyss Phillips picked up a

homer, a double and four runs batted in, followed by senior Casi Van Ausdall, who contributed three RBI and a double to the score. Bond and senior Gabryel Porras each posted two RBI in the opening game.

In the nightcap, called after four innings including a Holton 10-run second-inning blast, Van Ausdall continued to lead the way, hitting for the cycle with three RBI.

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Wildcat, Panther JV golfers compete at Hiawatha, Sabetha

By Ali Holcomb

Holton and Royal Valley junior varsity golfers recently competed in invitational tournaments at Hiawatha and Sabetha.

On Monday, April 10, the JV squads traveled to Hiawatha, where the Sabetha four-man team took the top spot of the day with a combined score of 194.

Holton’s team took fourth place, and Royal Valley only had three golfers competing and, therefore, did not have a team score.

Other teams that competed included the host Hiawatha, Nemaha Central, Falls City, Horton, Immaculata and Maur Hill.

Tanner Ukele of Sabetha was the top golfer for the

day and shot a 44.

Team scores:

1. Sabetha 194, 2. Nemaha Central 206, 3. Falls City 250, 4. Holton 260, 5. Immaculata 267.

Individual scores:

Holton: Brady Boswell 56, Drew Morris 66, Cael Jackson 68, Karsen Brandt 70 and Chris Richardson 74.

Royal Valley: DJ Kester 65, Chris Powell 74 and Holly Mitchell 76.

On Friday, April 7, the squads traveled to Sabetha to compete in a nine-team invitational.

Sabetha’s JV team took first place first, while Holton was fifth and Royal Valley was eighth.

Wamego’s Jacob Wick won the invitational with a score of 46.

Team scores:

1. Sabetha (varsity) 207, 2. Nemaha Central 222, 3. Wamego 224, 4. Sabetha 235, 5. Holton 276, 6. Hiawatha 276, 7. Falls City 284, 8. Royal Valley 309, 9. Marysville 313.

Individual scores: Holton: Chris Richardson 67, Karsen Brandt 69, Cael Jackson 70, Drew Morris 70 and Brady Boswell 71.

Royal Valley: DJ Kester 66, Sheldon Hess 78, Chris Powell 82 and Holly Mitchell 83.

Royal Valley’s golfers will next compete at a Big Seven League quad Monday, April 17, at Village Greens golf course in Meriden.

The HHS golf team will head to Nemaha Central on Thursday, April 20, for an invitational.



Hoton freshman Eli Prine is shown above laying down a bunt in the first game of the Sabetha doubleheader. The Wildcats are hosting Riverside for a Big Seven League doubleheader today (Wednesday).

Photo by Michael Powls

BIG SEVEN LEAGUE Panthers drop two to Tigers

By Michael Powls

The Royal Valley Panthers baseball team played a Big Seven League doubleheader on Monday at Jeff West.

The Panthers lost the first game, 9-5, and the second one, 10-0, moving their record to 1-5 overall and 0-4 in the Big Seven League.

The Panthers led 4-1 after two innings in the first game. The Tigers, now 4-2 in the Big Seven, added one run in the third and two in the fourth to tie the game at 4-4 in the fourth.

The Tigers added four more runs in the sixth inning. The Panthers added one in the seventh but it wasn't enough.

Pitching for the Panthers, Tim Martin started the game going two and two thirds innings giving up four hits, three runs (two earned) and two walks. Martin threw 29 strikes out of the 53 pitches he delivered. He also had first-pitch strike on seven of the 15 batters he faced.

Issac Neuner pitched two and one third innings giving up two hits, three runs (two earned), one strikeout and three walks. Neuner threw 32 strikes out of the 60 pitches he threw and had first-pitch strikes on seven of the 14 batters he faced.

Hayden Fenske closed out the game going one inning giving up one hit, three runs, three earned runs, two strikeouts and four walks. Fenske threw 14 strikes out of 39 pitches. He had first-pitch strikes on two of the eight batters he faced.

Batting for the visiting Panthers, Martin had four at bats, three hits, one run and one RBI. Kyle Stithem had four at bats with two hits. Hayden Fenske

had four at bats with one hit.

Blake Chance had four at bats with one hit, and one run scored. Dillon Smith had three at bats with two hits, one run scored and one walk. Benjamin Neuner had three at bats with one hit and one walk.

Jordan Cox had one at bat with one walk and one run scored. John Ehrhart had two at bats with one walk and one run scored.

Totals for the Panthers were 31 at bats, five runs scored, 10 hits, one RBI, four walks and 10 strikeouts.

Pitching for the Tigers, Thomson went five innings giving up eight hits, four runs (one earned), nine strikeouts and two walks. Becker pitched second going one and one third innings giving up two hits, one run and two walks. J. Gibson closed out the game going two thirds of an inning and had one strikeout.

Batting for the Tigers, Joshua Lanum had four at bats with one hit, one run scored and one walk. Lucas Becker had two at bats with one hit, one run scored and two walks. Nathan Buss had three at bats with one hit, one run scored two RBI and one walk.

Donny Dale had three at bats with one hit, one run scored and one RBI. Caleb Midden-dorf had three at bats with one run scored. Joshua Gibson had one at bat with one hit, one run scored and two walks.

Grant Thompson had three at bats with one hit, one run scored, one walk and three RBI. Braden Callahan had three at bats with two hits, one run scored, one walk and one RBI. Jack Roenne had three at bats with one hit, one run scored one walk and two RBI.

Totals for the Tigers were 25 at bats, seven hits, eight runs scored, nine walks, nine RBI and three strikeouts.

24 batters he faced.

Christman pitched the complete game for the Kaws, striking out five batters, walking one, allowing five hits and one earned run. Christman threw 60 strikes out of the 89 pitches he delivered and threw 23 first-pitch strikes to the 28 batters he faced.

Senior Brady Mulroy, senior Blaine Lester and junior Dylan Aeschliman all batted 1 for 3 while senior Brady Forrester batted 2 for 3 for the Wildcats. Brady Mulroy's hit was a double. Cody Mulroy had the RBI in the game.

Patton batted 2 for 3 for the Kaws while Williams, Damme, Kelley and Kibbee each had 1 hit apiece. Williams' hit was a double.

The Kaws had two errors in the game to none for Holton. Holton left six runners on base and the Kaws stranded four baserunners.

In game two, freshman Eli Prine pitched 3.1 innings for Holton and Lester pitched 2.2 innings.

Prine struck out one batter, walked one, gave up 14 hits and seven earned runs.

Lester struck out one batter, walked one, allowed four hits and two earned runs.

Williams pitched four innings

By Michael Powls

Holton High School graduate Trent Tanking walked-on to the Kansas State football team in 2013 and now in his senior year is competing for a starting linebacker position.

"I came in here not expecting any role," Tanking said recently. "I asked to be a special teams guy and thought if I do this for four years, I'll be happy."

Following the 2016 season the Wildcats lost leading tackler Elijah Lee, who declared for the NFL Draft following his All-Big 12 junior season, along with third-leading tackler Charneachealle Moore and fellow seniors Will Davis and Colborn Couchman.

"Anytime you lose a player like Elijah, it's hard to get over that but we'll do our best as a corps to fill that hole he left along with Mike, Will and Colborn," Tanking said.

Coach Bill Snyder, in comments about KSU's spring football workouts, said Tanking, junior Sam Sizelove and senior Jayd Kirby are the leading contenders for linebacker positions at this point.

"I've really been pleased with Trent," coach Snyder said. "He's stepped up in a leadership role. He was elected a player representative and received the second-most votes of anybody on our team. He's a real 'into

it' guy. Every step he takes is a learning process but he's making some headway."

"It's competitive," Tanking said. "We have five or six guys fighting for those two or three spots. Right now it's more like three spots but once we get in the Big 12 we normally play only two. We're competing and working our tails off."

The 6-foot-2, 224-pound Tanking who went on scholarship prior to his sophomore season in 2015 took a big step forward and cemented his

The Panthers used three pitchers in the second game versus Jeff West.

Pitching for the Panthers, B. Neuner went two innings giving up three hits, six runs, two earned runs, three walks and one home run. Smith pitched second going two innings giving up four hits, three runs (one earned), one strikeout and three walks. Stithem closed the game going one inning giving up one run and one walk.

Batting for the Panthers, Martin had two at bats with one hit. I. Neuner had one at bat with one hit and one walk.

Totals for the Panthers were 16 at bats, two hits and one walk and six strikeouts.

Batting for the Tigers, Lanum had four at bats with two hits, one run scored and two RBI. Becker had three at bats with one run scored and one RBI. Buss had two at bats with two hits, three runs scored, two RBI and one walk. Dale had two at bats with one walk and one run scored.

Middendorf had one at bat with one walk and one run scored. Raley Miller had one at bat with one hit and one RBI. J. Gibson had one at bat with two walks.

Thompson had two at bats with one hit, one walk and two RBI. Callahan had one at bat with one hit. Kody Gibson had one at bat with one run scored. Roenne had two at bats with one walk.

Totals for the Tigers were 20 at bats, 10 runs, seven hits, eight RBI, seven walks and one strikeout.

Pitching for the Tigers, Lanum pitched the whole five-inning game giving up two hits and one walk.

The Panthers will be in action again on Thursday, April 20 at home against Nemaha Central.

Holton Country Club Report

Holton Country Club held its first golf tourney of the year, it was reported.

A total of 38 golfers showed up for the 18 hole event on April's Fools Day. The course was set up a little different than usual with a par 3 course the first nine, and the back nine set with various methods of play.

The club hopes it will be an annual event.

Two teams from Topeka took top honors. Wright and North took first place at 6 under par and the team of Bryman and Ochner took second at 3 under.

A flight was won by the team of Fenton and Hurt, followed by the team of Lassiter and Miller.

B flight was won by the team of Stan and Cris followed by Wilson and Edwards.

The first men's night of the year will be today, Wednesday, April 12, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday during the rest of the golf year there will be a men's night and it is open to members and non-members.

The ladies will have their first ladies night on May 2.

Call the clubhouse at 364-3558 if you have any questions. More information can be found on the golf course website at holtoncountryclub.

JH girls 2nd, Panther boys 4th at RV Invite

Jackson Heights High School's girls track squad took second place and Royal Valley High School's boys track team finished fourth overall in Tuesday's Royal Valley April Invitational meet in Hoyt, it was reported.

First-place finishes by Faith Little, Jodi White and Abby Williams propelled the Cobra girls to the second-place team finish, with Little outlasting the competition in the 800-meter and 1,600-meter runs, White finishing first in the 400-meter dash and Williams winning in the long jump. A first-place finish in the 4x400m relay and second-place in the 4x800m relay also added to the team's score.

Royal Valley's girls squad finished in eighth place during Tuesday's meet, with Kenzie Hegemann soaring past the competition in the pole vault. The top girls team of the day was St. Marys High School.

In the boys' competition, Royal Valley's fourth-place overall score was bolstered by first-place finishes by Lucas Broxterman in the high jump and the long jump and a second-place run in the 300-meter hurdles, as well as Garrett Hicks' first-place finish in the pole vault competition. Adding to the team's score was a second-place run by the 4x400m relay team.

Jackson Heights' boys team finished sixth at Tuesday's meet, led by a first-place performance by Wyatt Olberding in the triple jump, a second-place run by Steven Marshall in the 200-meter dash and a second-place finish by the 4x800m relay team. Teams from Council Grove and Santa Fe Trail tied for first in the boys' competitions.

Full results from the meet will be printed in Monday's *Holton Recorder*.

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Wildcats lose heartbreaker, 2-1

By David Powls

The Holton Wildcats had runners on base with less than two outs in three different innings at Perry Lecompton on Monday in the first game of a Big Seven League doubleheader but could not score the runs and lost a heartbreaker 2-1.

"We played well the first game, but just couldn't get a timely hit," said Wildcat head coach Joe Purcell.

The Wildcats also were out-



scored in the second game, 9-7. "The second game was just a matter of taking advantage of the other team's mistakes," coach Purcell said. "They just did a better job of that than we did. We are a young, green team and with the wet weather we just have not had the time for practice and working to understand the game. We will do better."

Freshman Cody Mulroy pitched the complete game for Holton in game one, striking out seven batters, walking one, allowing six hits and two earned runs over the six innings pitched. Mulroy threw 58 strikes out of the 79 pitches he delivered and had 20 first-pitch strikes on the

for the Kaws, striking out one, walking two, allowing eight hits and six earned runs.

Kuenzi pitched three innings, striking out three and allowing eight hits and one earned run.

Holton pounded out 16 hits in the game on 6 RBI. Brady Mulroy, senior Parker Zeller and Forrester all hit doubles.

Forrester batted 3 for 3. Zeller batted 3 for 4. Sophomore Zane Moylan batted 3 for 3 with a walk. Cody Mulroy batted 2 for 4 with a walk.

Other Wildcats gettings hits were Prine, junior Ace Eisenbarth, junior Kyler Tannahill and Lester.

Zeller had 3 RBI in the game while sophomore Jackson Martin, Moylan and Forester each had 1 RBI apiece.

The Wildcats left 11 runners on base in the game to nine for the Kaws.

The Kaws had 18 hits in the game on 7 RBI. Williams and Erickson both batted 3 for 4.

Damme, Christman, Ledbetter and Morganson each batted 2 for 4. Kelley batted 2 for 3 with a walk. Kibbee also got a hit.

Today (Wednesday) the Wildcats are hosting league foe Riverside for a doubleheader starting at 4:30 p.m.

credentials in the final regular season game last year at TCU. Moore went out with an injury and Tanking filled in with a career-high five tackles and an interception near the goal line on the final play of K-State's 30-6 victory.

In addition to filling the starting linebacker jobs, the Wildcats are adjusting to a new position coach. Mike Cox left the staff and Blake Seiler has moved from defensive ends to linebackers.

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The City of Havensville is accepting sealed bids on the property at 601 Commercial Street, an open lot, with utilities on site, in lot 46 in the C.N. Points Addition to the City of Havensville, approximately .15 acres (6534 Square Feet) with the option to accept or reject any offers.

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HHS softball team

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Also turning in impressive performances at the plate in the second game were Phillips and freshmen Jewel Lutz and Kinleigh Rhodd, each adding a double in the hits column.

Lutz also showed her stuff in the circle, allowing only one hit over the game's four innings while striking out four.

But on Monday, the Wildcats traveled to Perry-Lecompton on Monday to take on the Lady Kaws, only to lose both games of that day's doubleheader.

"They were just better than we were," Deitrich said of the

Lady Kaws. "We didn't swing as well as we should have, and we got runners on and couldn't push them up."

The Cats showed promise in the first game despite a 5-2 loss that had Bond giving up eight hits and a home run in the circle while Van Ausdall picked up an RBI and Bond and freshman Savanna Booth each racked up a double.

Things got worse in the second game, however, as Lutz took to the circle and gave up 13 runs in 2 1/3 innings in a 14-4 loss called midway through the fifth inning. Three of the Cats'

four runs came in the first inning as Van Ausdall and Booth each contributed a double and Van Ausdall, Bond, Lutz and Rhodd each picked up an RBI during the game.

This afternoon, the Lady Cats, now 2-2, will make up the game with Riverside — currently 4-0 after giving Hiawatha a Monday afternoon smackdown — that was originally set for April 3 but sidelined by the weather.

"We're just going to have to score more runs than they do," Deitrich said.

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

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

Menus listed for the week of Monday, April 17 through Friday, April 21 are as follows:

Monday, April 17: Chef salad, crackers and fruit.

Tuesday, April 18: Breakfast eggs, bacon, biscuit and gravy and fruit.

Wednesday, April 19: Pulled pork sandwich, baked beans and Caribbean blend fruit.

Thursday, April 20: Birthday dinner, beef and barley soup, tomato, cucumber, bread and fruit.

Friday, April 21: Tuna casserole, peas and carrots, biscuits and fruit.

School Menus

Jackson Heights

Monday, April 17: No School – Easter Break.

Tuesday, April 18: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, Sun Chips, fresh broccoli and cauliflower, cookie, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, April 19: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Barbecue beef sandwich, tater tots, sliced cucumbers, fruit and milk.

Thursday, April 20: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick with syrup, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Turkey and cheese sandwich, fries, sliced tomato, salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, April 21: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, whole-wheat roll, fruit and milk.

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Monday, April 17: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken tetrazzini with garlic bread or pork rib on a bun, tossed salad, sliced cucumber and baby carrots, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, April 18: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a



Bohnenkempers to celebrate 50th anniversary

Gary and Linda Bohnenkemper of Holton will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

They were married on April 15, 1967, at Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton.

Gary is retired from Atchison Castings. Linda is employed at Ginger Snips.

The couple has three children, Bonnie Bowser and her hus-

band, Dennis, of Topeka; Allen Bohnenkemper and his wife, Lisa, of Holton; and Mindy Smith and her husband, Richard, of Denison.

Their children will host a celebration in their honor from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 15 at the Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 401 Cheyenne Dr., in Holton.

The couple requests no gifts.

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 Monday through Friday.

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

Menus listed for the week of Monday, April 17 through Friday, April 21 are as follows:

Monday, April 17: Chicken potpie with biscuit topping, Harvard beets, sliced tomato with green pepper salad and peach cobbler.

Tuesday, April 18: Baked pork loin, mashed potatoes and gravy, spin-

ach, pineapple, cookie and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, April 19: Chicken tortilla soup, tortilla chips, cottage cheese and vegetable salad, apple pie and ice cream.

Thursday, April 20: Swiss steak, baked potato, green beans, ambrosia salad and bread and margarine.

Friday, April 21: Hamburger/sausage cheese pizza, cheesy breadstick, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges and cookie.

Holton High School Senior of the Month



Congratulations to Kelly Shepley, Holton High's senior of the month for April.

Kelly is the daughter of Edward and

Karen Shepley.

As a senior, she is attending Washburn Institute of Technology and is seeking certification in Early Childhood Development. Kelly enjoys training dogs in her free time.

After graduation, she plans to attend Emporia State University to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

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Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Jackson Heights' senior of the month for April is Kaleb Keehn.

Kaleb is the son of Julie and Dr. Mike Keehn.

He is the Co-Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2017 and has been active in FFA, forensics, FCA, band, football, basketball, and a member of the National Honor Society.

Kaleb also was team captain for football and basketball this year, and an FFA officer for two years, serving as FFA treasurer his senior year and FFA secretary his junior year.

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Eldon is the son of Mike Allen and Heather Matchie.

He is a member of the audio/visual club and has been active in basketball all four years of high school.

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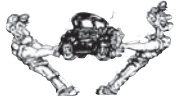
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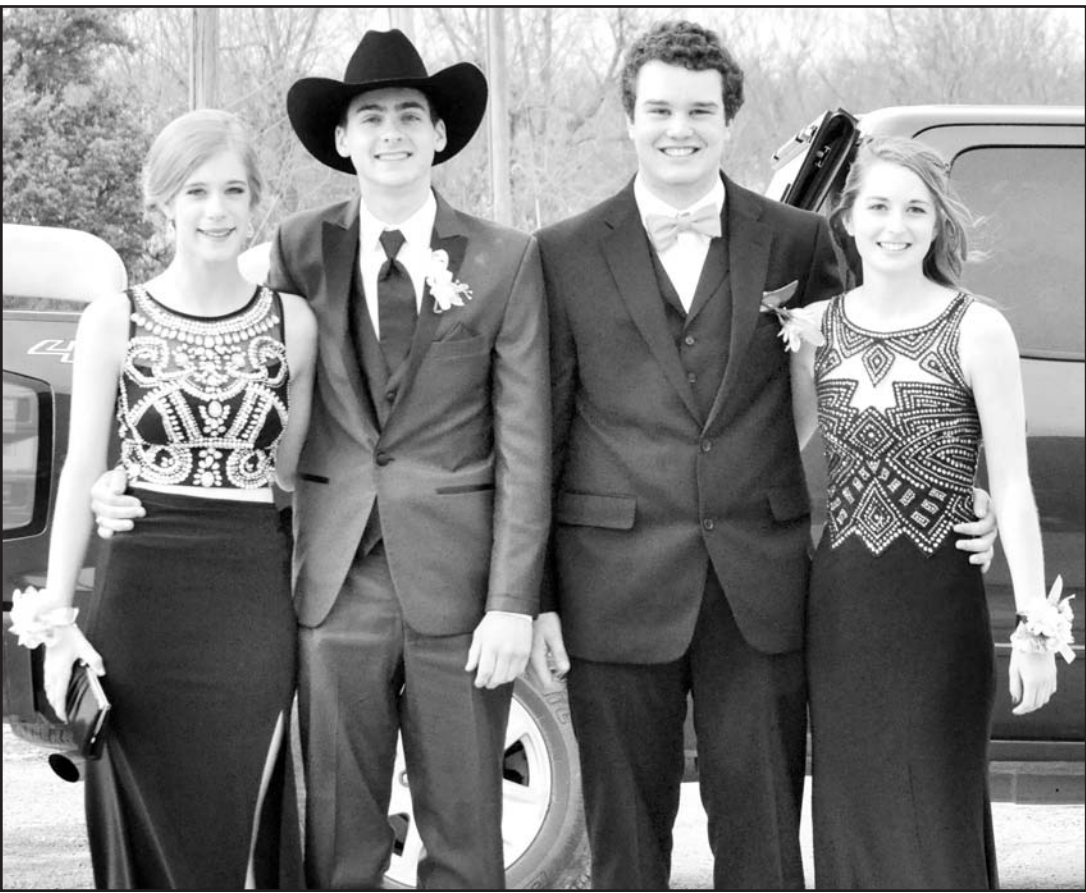
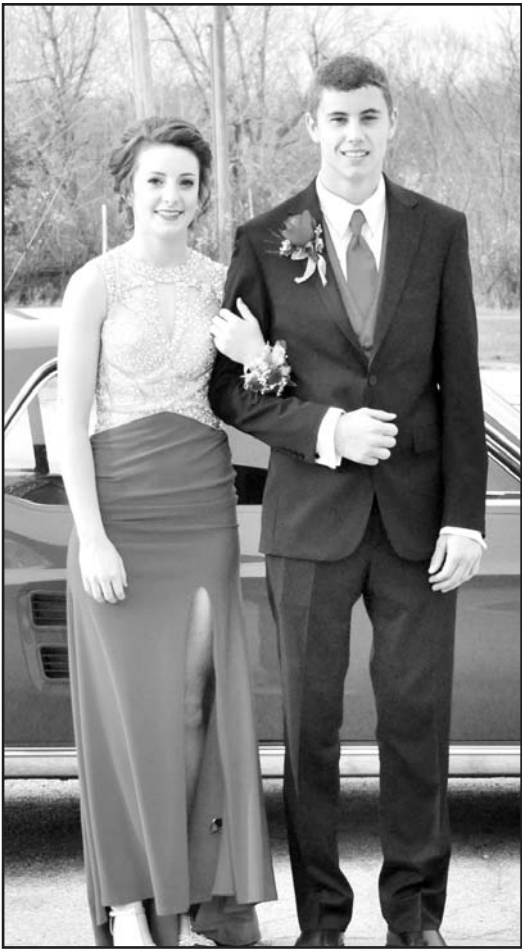
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Gardener's Corner

Yoga in the garden: Stay flexible

By Sandra M. Siebert

The right sequence of yoga exercises helps develop strength, balance and flexibility. I love to dance and I love to work in the garden, and this triad of physical traits is critical to doing both without strain and injury.



So yoga has been part of my regular workout routine for quite a few years – although recently it hasn't been terribly regular, but that's another story.

This triad also is key to mental and emotional health. While I can stand on one foot in "tree pose" for quite a long time, I find that reaching balance in life rather challenging. Between the garden, my volunteer work with Master Gardeners, grandchildren and all the other details of life, maintaining balance – getting everything done without exhausting myself physically and emotionally – can be tough.

I can say, I'll spend this much time in the garden, this much time volunteering, this much time doing housework, this much time reading – and so on – each week, but that doesn't really achieve balance. Sometimes one thing requires more, and other things less. Some weeks, one thing requires all my attention, while most of the time it can remain on the back burner. So achieving true balance means constantly adjusting and readjusting.

Try standing on one foot for a while. If you're not adept at it, you find yourself wobbling in order to stay upright; the muscles in your ankle and leg flex and contract, adjust and readjust. Even though I am adept at balancing on one foot, I still feel the muscles tense and relax, tense and relax as my body maintains balance.

In the garden I sometimes – OK, I often – find it difficult to achieve balance between the needs of the vegetables, the fruits, the prairie beds, the cut-flower garden, weeding, planting, harvesting... The pendulum swings wildly, forcing me to focus my attention on

one thing, such as planting, and little or none on other areas. That in itself is a form of balance, if I don't let it bother me that I'm not achieving anything in the areas that I'm appearing to neglect while focused on one critical task.

Maintaining this balance requires flexibility. That flexibility requires more than just the ability to let go of the weeding when it's time to do all of the planting. It also requires me to adjust my balance when the garden throws me a curve ball.

Like the time I ordered bare root strawberry plants in January expecting them to be delivered sometime in March or April. Imagine my surprise when a week later a box of dormant plants was delivered to my door. Did they really think I wanted to plant strawberries in January? In Kansas?

Yes, I guess they did. So I bent a different direction than I had expected and planted strawberries – in January. It had been a rather warm winter so the ground wasn't frozen too hard and I was able to accomplish the task and return to my regularly scheduled January life. And the strawberries survived!

The weather in Kansas has always challenged gardeners to be flexible. Rainy springs often turn into dry summers and vice versa. In recent years the wild swings and even greater inconsistencies of our Kansas weather challenge us even more. I find myself in a significant wobble as I try to maintain my balance in that figurative tree pose.

When I last wrote, I was concerned that the young vegetable plants in my garden might die of thirst. After a prolong period of no significant rainfall, I had prepared for drought, running soaker hoses among everything I had planted and making sure each bed had a nice layer of hay mulch. I was prepared to spend much of my days during the growing season moving hoses around to water. Even though the winter had been warm and it was tempting to plant early, I held off precisely because it hadn't rained. The warm weather meant nothing if we didn't have enough moisture for the seeds to sprout.

Since then, however, we've received more than six inches

of rain in about 10 days. So we received as much rain in that week and a half as we receive on average through both March and April. And April hasn't even hit the halfway mark.

That means I've got to bend the other direction now. While we can do quite a lot in the garden to compensate for dry weather, we can't really do much about too much rain. Later on Thursday, I planned to go out and lift the row covers, resetting the hoops that got pushed over in Wednesday's wind, and tend to the plants.

About all I can do to compensate for the temporary overabundance of moisture is pull back the mulch to expose the soil and speed up drying. This also should help prevent rotting diseases by allowing the plants themselves to dry, as well. Mulch resting against the plant keeps it wet and can encourage disease.

Other than pulling back the mulch, I have no other strategy for dealing with too much rain. We just wait for it to dry up. Plants are incredibly resilient, and flexible. They can adjust to changing weather, although they do have their limits. Plants take more time to react to changes than humans do, so sometimes we need to help them a bit.

I was happy to see the sun on April 6. While I am grateful the rain has stopped, I also hope that April doesn't eventually leave us high and dry. But if it does, I will be prepared. I'll do my garden yoga to remain balanced, flexible and strong. I'll watch the trees swaying in the wind as I do tree pose and remember that staying balanced often means moving to and fro.

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Jackson Heights High School held its prom on Saturday. As each couple arrived to the event, their names were announced as parents and family members watched and took pictures.

In the top photo at left, Trinity McMahon and Mason Thomas are shown arriving to the dinner and dance.

In the middle top photo, Shelby Zule and Wyatt Olberding strolled into prom after arriving in a classic red Mustang, which matched their attire.

In the top photo at right, these prom-goers arrived on folding chairs in the back of a pick-up truck. Those pictured are (from left) Madeline Meier, John Kennedy, Kaleb Keehn and Kate Lierz.

Above, Haley Rogers and Mark Mavrovich wore coordinated blue and cream formal wear, as well as comfortable sneakers for the evening's dance.

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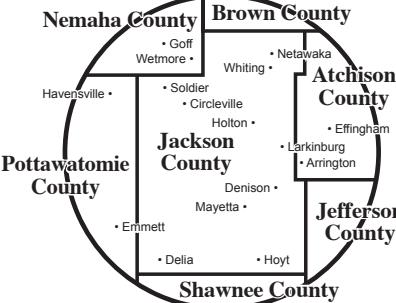
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Potawatomi

United Methodist

By Ilene Dick

Sunday, April 9, was a nice spring day as the congregation celebrated Passion/Palm Sunday at Potawatomi United Methodist Church.

Tina Pugh played the opening music and Pastor Howard opened the service sharing information about Palm Sunday as we prepare our hearts for Easter. He then offered prayer.

During announcements, Ilene reported a RADA order is being prepared.

Prayers were requested for Earline Pugh having gallbladder surgery on Saturday, April 8; LeAnna Meeks had hip surgery on April 4; Leetha Smith having two more weeks before walking; and for safe travels for Lori Gillis moving to Holton on April 9.

Acolyte was Martha Roush. Judy Thoman read the scripture from Exodus 19:5. The Passion/Palm Sunday prayer was prayed in unison.

Hymns were "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus," "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" and "All Glory, Laud And Honor" with music provided by Tina Pugh, Ilene Dick and Ann W.

Martha Roush gave the special, sharing the "Story Of The Rainbow" written in 1894, author unknown.

Jim Shenk was offertory usher.

Pastor Howard shared the sermon text from Matthew 21:1-11, with the title "Who Is This?" To experience Easter, we must learn about Palm Sunday on our Lenten journey.

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the city was asked, "Who is this?" The crowd said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth."

Not all said the same thing. Some accused Him to be a sinner or troublemaker, one who breaks the Sabbath. The Pharisee says He needed to be silenced. Some said He was a prophet, or John the Baptist. Other said He was the son of David, future king, Son of God.

Jesus told the disciples He'd be nailed to the cross. They had been with Him for three years and still didn't understand.

Who is this man? He's our master. We must take up our cross and follow Him.

The Potawatomi U.M.W. met at the Dick home on Tuesday, April 4. Those present were Betty Bowser, Ilene Dick, Sherry Glenn, Tina Pugh, Martha Roush and Judy Thoman.

Jim and Marjean Shenk took a fun trip to Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska while trying to find a trailer.

Lily Hall enjoyed having her sister, Deniece, and nephew, Tyrone, visit her on Sunday, April 9. She also had a wonderful visit with her sister, Gina, on Saturday, April 8. Prayers are with Lily's relative in their travels.

Ronald and I visited our son, Jim, in Topeka on Saturday afternoon and welcomed our daughter, Lori, as she moved to Holton on Sunday.

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Denison Bible

By Esther L. Hall

On April 9, Denison Bible Church started off the service with Greysen, Zoey and Shelby waving palm branches in recognition of Palm Sunday.

Pastor Tom's message was "What A Week It Will Be For Him! For Me?" Responsive reading was Luke 19:36-40. Have you ever had one of those days where nothing seems to go right? He had one of those. Actually, He had seven of them in the same week. The week leading up to the crucifixion is often called Passion Week. Jesus was a hero on Sunday and a criminal on Friday.

Sunday was a day of demonstration. Christ had arranged His entrance into Jerusalem and its crowds were celebrating. Everyone was having a good time, but when Jesus saw the city, He wept over it. He knew that even though everyone was rejoicing that day, by the end of the week they'd be shouting, "crucify Him!"

He knew that Judas would betray Him and Peter would deny Him. He also knew that there would be a conspiracy to kill Him. He wept because His time on earth was about to end and even though He had done many miraculous things, He had still been rejected. On Monday, His authority was challenged. He was trying to get people off the fence and decide whether or not they would put their faith in Him.

Tuesday was a day of conflict for Jesus. But Jesus kept His focus and the religious hypocrites challenged Him, hoping to trip Him up just for an excuse to arrest Him. Jesus already knew what was going to happen.

Wednesday was a day of silence. There's nothing recorded in the scriptures about this day. But the religious leaders were planning on how to bring Jesus down.

Thursday was a day of preparation. Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare for the Passover feast. He told the apostles the deeper meaning of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was about to fulfill the meaning of the Passover by giving His body to be broken and His blood to be shed as a sacrifice.

Friday was a day like no other. Good Friday? What was good about it? It was a day of suffering. Judas had betrayed Him the night before. Before noon, Jesus had endured false accusations, condemnation and mockery. He was beaten, spit on and denied. He was sentenced to death by crucifixion and was nailed to a wooden cross. By mid-afternoon, Jesus had died.

Saturday was a day of absence. We can only liken it to the loss of one of our loved ones. The absence can be overwhelming and sometimes we don't know what to do next. Jesus was in the tomb for three days and anything else believed is bad doctrine.

On Sunday, Jesus arose from the dead as promised.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Holton, RV golfers

compete at Hiawatha

By Brian Sanders

For the varsity boys high school golf teams at Holton and Royal Valley, Friday's season-opening tournament at Hiawatha provided a chance to hit the greens, but it also opened a window into what needs to be worked on for the coming season.

"We really didn't know what to expect," said Holton head golf coach Don Swisher, whose team shot a third-place 194 behind Falls City and Maur Hill on the strength of junior AJ Haussler's third-place showing. "Everybody was struggling with just about everything you could struggle with."

Haussler was one of those struggling, Swisher noted, particularly with the second hole on the Hiawatha course where Haussler's "driver got away from him" and he shot four over par on the hole. However, Haussler was able to overcome what happened on that hole and rebounded to finish in third with a 42 for the par 36 course.

"He settled down after that second hole," Swisher said of Haussler, who followed Falls City's Aaron Kurgeweit and Immaculata's Evan Wheaton, both of whom finished with a 36. Kurgeweit was declared the tournament's winner in a shoot-out at the end, and his team took top honors, followed by Maur Hill and Holton.

Holton senior Riley Shepley also made the top 10, shooting his way to ninth place with a 48 score.

Royal Valley's Panther golf squad also struggled, shooting an overall 227 to finish seventh out of seven teams in the tournament, but Panther head coach Willie McClane said his team did "all right" for its first match of the season.

"Based off the results, we have some work to do," McClane said. "We'll discuss what went right and wrong and try to fix those issues."

McClane also noted that he was pleased with the play of sophomore Corey Humpert, who also shot 48 but placed just outside the top 10.

"I'm proud of him and everyone on the team," he said of Humpert.

Holton's varsity team next faced competition Monday at an invitational tournament at Sabetha that Swisher said was "probably going to be a lot stiffer than what we saw at Hiawatha."

But that day's main obstacles ended up being the weather and the lack of Haussler, whom Swisher said bowed out of the tournament due to illness.

"It was awful windy, and it was pretty chilly," Swisher said. "AJ wasn't there, and that kind of hurt the team as far as the team score, but there were a lot of high scores in that tournament, and I'm sure the weather had something to do with those team scores."

Host team Sabetha swept the day's two-man, four-man and six-man scores, while all Holton could muster was a fifth-place finish in the four-man competition, led by senior Austin Shepley's 101.

The Wildcat golfers are off until April 20, when they'll be heading to Seneca for a Nemaha Central-hosted tournament. In the interim, Swisher said, the team is looking to improve on distance shots.

"The kids said they want to work on drives and long irons this week," Swisher said. "They struggled with that more than anything else on Monday. We've been concentrating on that, and we've made some improvements."

Royal Valley's varsity team is off until April 17, when they'll be playing in a Big Seven League quad at the Village Greens near Meriden.

Scoring
Hiawatha Invitational
Hiawatha Country Club
April 7, 2017
Team results: 1. Falls City 184, 2. Maur Hill 190, 3. Holton 194, 4. Hiawatha 216, 5. Atchison 223, 6. Immaculata 226, 7. Royal Valley 227.
Top 10: 1. Kurgeweit (Falls City) 36, 2. Wheaton (Immaculata) 36, 3. Haussler (Holton) 42, 4. Sowers (Atchison) 44, 5. Henderson (Maur Hill) 45, 6. Dulac (Maur Hill) 46, 7. Hogue (Falls City) 47, 8. Harris (Maur Hill) 48, 9. R. Shepley (Holton) 48, 10. Smith (Horton) 48.
Holton: Taylor 51, A. Shepley 53, Folk 59.
Royal Valley: Humpert 48, Hennis 58, Delin 59, Rooks 62, Hubbard 66.

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Sabetha Invitational
April 10, 2017
Six-man team scores: 1. Sabetha 544, 2. Maur Hill 635, Marysville 721.
Four-man team scores: 1. Sabetha 369, 2. Maur Hill 398, 3. Nemaha Central 414, 4. Hiawatha 419, 5. Holton 422, 6. Marysville 501, 7. Silver Lake 505.
Two-man team scores: 1. Sabetha 175, 2. Horton 210, 3. Atchison 217, 4. Marysville 220, 5. Maur Hill 237.
Individuals: 1. Burger (Sabetha) 82, 2. Garber (Sabetha) 85, 3. Enneking (Nemaha Central) 89, 4. Lierz (Sabetha) 90, 5. Pierson (Sabetha) 92, 6. Henderson (Maur Hill) 93, 7. Sowers (Atchison) 93, 8. Scott (Sabetha) 93, 9. Smith (Horton) 98, 10. Harris (Maur Hill) 98.
Holton individuals: A. Shepley

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City Commission...

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“At one time, we were \$14 million in debt,” Commissioner Tim Morris said. “We’re headed in the right direction.”

Holton’s total indebtedness is also below the average of \$7,429,247 on the 18-city list, and only five cities on that list are below Holton in debt. Only one of those cities, Garnett, has no debt, according to the list provided by Riley.

The 18-city list also makes a note of the cities’ assessed property valuations, ranging from nearly \$31 million in Hess-ton to \$12,648,475 in Norton. Holton’s most recent assessed valuation was \$19,556,913, an amount with which Morris voiced concern.

“In this city, for two years, the assessed valuation was up over \$20 million,” Morris said. “But the last five years, it’s been below. We’ve never gone back up to that.”

Commissioner Dan Brenner said the most recent property valuation for Holton did not include such recently-constructed buildings as Holton Elementary School and the new Walmart.

The 18 cities of comparable size to Holton are listed below, along with their respective populations, property tax levies and property valuations.

- **Beloit:** population of 3,790, 58,410-mill levy, \$11,030,000 in debt and a valuation of \$26,179,655.

- **Burlington:** population of 2,615, 40.610-mill levy, \$12,044,863 in debt and a valuation of \$16,943,622.

- **Clay Center:** population of 4,173, 63.841-mill levy, \$15,085,000 in debt and a valuation of \$27,585,758.

- **Columbus:** population of 3,146, 59.480-mill levy, \$1,765,000 in debt and a valuation of \$16,938,316.

- **Frontenac:** population

of 3,422, 47.682-mill levy, \$2,934,000 in debt and a valuation of \$20,850,888.

- **Garnett:** population of 3,258, 42.981-mill levy, no debt and a valuation of \$22,916,134.

- **Girard:** population of 2,760, 60.639-mill levy, \$6,409,325 in debt and a valuation of \$12,780,355.

- **Hesston:** population of 3,813, 35.902-mill levy, \$13,108,893 in debt and a valuation of \$30,935,266.

- **Hiawatha:** population of 3,095, 54.038-mill levy, \$10,082,246 in debt and a valuation of \$22,201,252.

- **Hillsboro:** population of 2,869, 41.835-mill levy, \$10,466,263 in debt and a valuation of \$17,152,826.

- **Holton:** population of 3,263, 58.132-mill levy, \$5,411,256 in debt and a valuation of \$19,556,913.

- **Kingman:** population of 3,086, 61.516-mill levy, \$6,579,000 in debt and a valuation of \$17,202,797.

- **Lindsborg:** population of 3,383, 44.818-mill levy, \$5,215,000 in debt and a valuation of \$22,994,450.

- **Lyons:** population of 3,725, 52.369-mill levy, \$8,836,050 in debt and a valuation of \$14,698,988.

- **Marysville:** population of 3,323, 67.415-mill levy, \$5,895,000 in debt and a valuation of \$26,477,435.

- **Norton:** population of 2,841, 65.166-mill levy, \$7,542,847 in debt and a valuation of \$12,648,475.

- **Osage City:** population of 2,844, 55.859-mill levy, \$7,290,000 in debt and a valuation of \$17,111,894.

- **Scott City:** population of 3,838, 72.479-mill levy, \$4,031,700 in debt and a valuation of \$23,840,019.

district’s general fund would decrease by \$121,000 and its supplemental local option bud-get would reduce by \$140,000.

Davis said the \$261,000 in cuts is mainly due to the fact that the district’s class sizes are smaller than in previous years.

“We graduated a class of 80-plus students a few years ago, and we’ve brought in kinder-garten classes in the mid to up-per 50s,” Davis said. “So we’ve had a reduction of about 60 to 70 students over a two-year period when those big classes graduated.”

- * Reviewed dates to serve ice cream sundaes to district staff.

- * Heard a report from Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction, on state assess-ments. Pfrang said the district is starting its third week of state testing.

- * Received an update from Davis on the district’s search for a new health insurance carrier. Staff members who receive health insurance through the district have recently complet-ed health profiles and they’ve been submitted to three compa-nies. Davis said he’s expected to receive insurance quotes from the companies in the next few weeks.

- * Approved the memorandum of understanding with local law enforcement agencies, which helps determine when law en-forcement should step in when a student is involved in an inci-dent at school or during school activities.

The memo is now required by all districts due to a new Kan-sas law, and the board reviewed the document at a previous meeting.

- * Approved updates to the dis-tricts workman’s compensation policy regarding when employ-ees can return to work. It was recommended by the district’s workman’s compensation car-rier to add in the updates to limit the number of days that an employee misses work due to a work-related injury.

The new policy involves plac-ing a person on reduced duties and/or alternative assignments in order to keep them at work, Davis said, while still meeting doctor restrictions.

- * Met in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and teacher negotiations with Davis and Pfrang. Also present for por-tions of the meeting were Noah Slay, RVES principal; Jim Hol-loman, RVHS principal; and Jeff Gustin, athletic director.

Back in open session, the board accepted the resigna-tions of Denise Murray as district business manager and Russell Hodison as assistant high school football and track coach.

The board approved a teacher contract for Elizabeth Bechard, who will teach second grade next school year.

- * Adjourned the meeting. All board members were present.

Holton B.O.E...

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for the next term even though the state’s Supreme Court has ruled that Kansas is currently not spending enough money on K-12 public school, and is not spend-ing what it does spend fairly.

Stones said House Bill 2410, that has been proposed, original-ly would have cut up to \$600,000 from the USD 336 state aid for the next term.

Since then, however, Stones said, thanks to amendments made by state legislators such as Jim Karleskint (a former Holton superintendent and Royal Valley administrator), it now looks like the budget cut to USD 336 will possibly be more like \$200,000.

Stones also stated that – in his opinion - the Legislature is still a long way away from a new school plan.

In other business, the school board:

- * Approved bills totaling \$254,097.59.

- * Approved payroll totaling \$1,124,388.75.

- * Accept the following resig-nations – Stephen Weidner as a special education para at Sa-betha High, Susan Rhule as as-sistant scholars bowl coach at HHS, Ryan Crain as high school custodian, Christi Boswell as

middle school assistant vol-leysball coach, Don Swisher as Holton bus driver and boys head golf coach and Alyse Mengheni, special ed IRC teacher at HES.

- * Approved the following new hires – Ginger Gudenkauf as special education para at Sa-betha High and Ryan Crain, substitute bus driver.

- * Approved the following transfers – Sheila Nissen from part-time HES custodian to full-time HHS custodian, Jenny Taylor, special ed IRC teacher at HES to special ed PDT be-haviorist, Julie Howard, special ed IRC teacher at Wetmore to special ed IRC teacher at Axtell and Michelle Krause, special ed IRC teacher at Axtell to special ed IRC teacher at Onaga.

- * Accepted donations in the amount of \$265 from Bill and Glenda Newquist, Allen and Donna Simmons, H&H Farms, Carol Reichle, Karen Ford, Ken and Ann Slopp and Wanza Sax-ton, in lieu of the HES magazine subscription fund-raiser.

- * Accepted a donation of \$200 worth of playground balls from third grader Amanda Taylor. At her birthday party, the students suggested no gifts but donations for the playground balls, it was

reported.

- * Approved a motion to pay \$1,851 towards the \$10,851 pur-chase cost of new lockers for the Holton Middle School girls locker room.

HMS Principal Michael Kim-berlin reported to the board that the school had raised \$9,000 through its cookie dough fund-raiser for the new lockers.

The current lockers there are original to the 1974 school building. Besides having a need for additional lockers there, Kimberlin said, the old ones (12x12x12) are just too small, he said. The 171 new ones, to be purchased from the Salsbury company, measure 12x15x 2 feet tall, he said.

Parents will help remove the old lockers and help install the new ones over the summer, Kimberlin said.

Other bids for the lockers came from Homestore Direct (\$11,856) and Siggins (\$12,885).

- * Met with Dustin Avey of the Piper Jaffray firm about possi-bly refinancing the new school bonds.

Avey said the bond market has changed “quite drastically” since he and the board first met some six months ago on the topic.

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The 2017-18 technology pur-chase plan as submitted by An-drews came with a \$51,958.08 price tag, board members noted. But following the approval of Gi-ant’s proposal, Walsh said, that cut the grand total on the purchase plan to \$45,012.17, and board members approved the plan unanimously.

Giant’s Chris York and Jay Stewart met with the board to dis-cuss their proposal for an updated telephone system that York said was “internet-based” and a “pri-vate traffic” system. Stewart also called the new system “a lot more feature-rich” than the district’s nine-year-old telephone system.

Andrews said the existing sys-tem was incompatible with system switches that needed to be replaced at the elementary school.

“We tried to replace the switch-es last fall, and they wouldn’t work with our system that uses telephone protocol that isn’t used anymore,” Andrews said. “Parts haven’t been made for that sys-tem for at least seven years, so if it broke down, we would have a difficult time getting parts... We have to do something, and now’s a good time to do it.”

Young said Giant would replace the telephone system, and Stewart noted that Giant’s system is “con-stantly evolving” and is “capable of a 10-year life span.” The system would also have no effect on Gi-ant’s internet service to the district, which they said had a transfer rate of 100 megabytes per second.

The district would also have to sign a 36-month contract with Gi-ant, which Young said normally requires a 60-month contract, but “we’re putting a lot of money into this for you and not charging you anything up front.” If the district

is satisfied with the service, it can sign on for another three-year term after the first one expires, he added.

In comparison, Andrews noted that if the district were to purchase a new telephone system of its own, the cost would be between \$8,000 and \$10,000 at the minimum, along with the cost of new system switches.

“They’re using new technol-ogy to keep the costs down,” he added.

Despite the objections of Keeler and Kennedy that there was only one bid for a new phone system, board member Doug Amon called Giant’s proposal a “no-brainer” in his motion to approve it. Board member Melinda Wareham se-conded the motion, and board mem-bers David Allen, Konrad Coe and Ed Rostetter joined in voting for Giant’s package.

No dissent was noted in the vote for Andrews’ list of tech-nology purchases for 2017-18, however, and Andrews noted that “everything is on our replacement schedule” with the purchase of 68 new “netbook” laptop computers for freshmen, seventh-graders and third-graders, 20 new iPads for kindergartners and the annual Pow-erSchool software plan.

Andrews also noted that “smart-boards” and “whiteboards” are “not in the purchase rotation,” but that at some point, they should be considered for the rotation. He added that his goal for the an-nual technology purchase plan is to keep the total cost at or under \$50,000.

In other business on Monday, the board:

- Approved the meeting’s agenda and consent agenda, the

latter including minutes from the board’s March 13 meeting along with monthly bills and activity ac-count reports.

- Met with Tony Rieschick to discuss the placement of a solar-powered light for the decorative boulder near the Jackson Heights High School entrance and options for repainting the high school’s sign near U.S. Highway 75 spot-lighting the school’s sports cham-pionships.

- Approved a contract with Cotton-O’Neil of Topeka for ath-letic training services for the 2017-18 year at a cost of \$1,500 for the year.

- Approved the implementation of two dual-credit senior English courses through Highland Commu-nity College for 2017-18.

- Discussed possible activities for the upcoming teacher apprecia-tion week and retiring staff.

- Heard a report from Walsh about communications with the Kansas Department of Transporta-tion about modifying the time that the school zone on U.S. 75 is in effect, as well as issues with the solar panels on the signs.

- Heard a report from Walsh about the district’s recent inspec-tion by the Kansas Fire Marshal’s Office. Only one minor violation was found and rectified, she said.

- Heard a report from Walsh about the district’s summer main-te-nance project list.

- Heard a report on elementary school activities from Walsh, who noted that the recent kindergarten round-up attracted 28 kindergar-ten students for 2017-18, along with information about state as-sessment testing schedules, up-coming elementary class trips and an upcoming “early learning team

He said he still recommended school bond refinancing in two phases – about \$10 million at a time – when savings to the dis-trict, after all refinancing fees, still reached \$1.25 million for each phase.

The board gave the OK for Avey to continue to monitor the bond market and to start the refi-nancing process when and if the savings goal is met.

- * Approved the \$6,715 pur-chase of a Micro Rain water wheel irrigator from Midwest Ir-rigation to be used to water the football field.

- * Approved a motion for the \$28,555 purchase of a new walk-in freezer and cooler for HMS from the Custom Sheet Metal company. A \$7,122 purchase of a metal baker’s table and ex-haust hood and exhaust fan from Muckenthaler and \$480 of elec-trical work from Riley Electric of Holton.

- * Approved a motion “to accept the resolution in regards to the teacher’s contract for Cynthia Cummings, school librarian, for the 2017-2018 school term.”

Additional items from the school board meeting will be re-ported in the next edition of *The Recorder*.

RV Bus...

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The board approved the low bid from Midwest Transit.

Davis said the district will pay the full cost of the bus upfront and then will be reimbursed \$20,500 in the fall.

Also during the meeting, the board held budget hearings for Impact Aid and Title VI fund-ing.

The board approved the pro-posed Impact Aid budget of \$88,056, which is utilized dur-ing the current school year.

The budget included \$18,497 for elementary math and read-ing teacher support, \$33,429 for assistance teacher sup-port, \$29,500 for after-school transportation, \$1,630 for Im-pact Aid association dues and \$5,000 for the Native American Singers and Dancers program.

Impact Aid awards funding based on the number of eligible students. Students are deemed eligible if their families live on or work on federal lands, such as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

A total of 278 RV students have been deemed eligible for the 2016-17 school year, it was reported.

The board also approved the proposed Title VI Indian Education budget of \$54,458, which will be used during the 2017-18 school year.

According to the Department of Education, “the Indian Edu-cation program supports the ef-forts of school districts, Indian tribes and organizations, post-secondary institutions and other entities to meet the unique edu-cational and culturally related academic needs of American Indian and Alaska Native stu-dents so that they can meet the same challenging state student academic achievement stan-dards as all other students.”

The majority of the funds from this program are used at RV for tutoring and to admin-ister and supply the Native American arts and crafts and language programs. These pro-grams are available to all stu-dents.

In other business, the board:

- * Approved consent items.

- * Approved a request to allow RVHS students Mary Broxter-man, Eryn Daugherty, Lindsey Bowden and Chaley Lemmon to attend the national Family, Career and Community Lead-ers of America (FCCLA) Lead-ership Conference in Nashville, Tenn. in July. The board agreed to pay the trip expenses for two sponsors, including Monique Litherland, at a total cost of \$1,120.

- * Received a legislative up-date from Davis, who reported that lawmakers have yet to ap-prove a new school finance for-mula.

House Bill 2410 is being dis-cussed in committee, which is similar to the school finance formula approved during the 2013-14 school year, Davis said.

If that bill would pass, the

Monument...

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Originally, the plan was to raise \$25,000 to build the monument and have it ready for unveiling by this past Mem-orial Day 2016. The fund-raising goal was met and ex-ceeded, and McManigal said extra funds that have come in will be put toward maintenance of the monument area.

However, the monument was not ready by the target date — or a second target date of Veterans Day 2016 — because information about the county’s Purple Heart recipients contin-ued to pour in. That informa-tion began with a list of about 70 names of Purple Heart re-cipients from Jackson County and, McManigal said, the list has since grown to 166.

Preliminary concrete work for the placement of the monu-ment in Linscott Park has been completed, it was reported. Mark Sullivan of Holton’s Sul-livan Construction has been doing the preparatory work for the monument.

Work on the monument itself was begun by Piper Monument in St. Marys and continued by Graceland Granite of Holt, Mo., McManigal said. He added that the monument is currently “get-ting its final touches” at Byrd Monument in Atchison, and the stone will be set by Strube Monument Services of Holton.

The Holton Recorder has so far published more than 50 stories in a series about Purple Heart Medal recipients from Jackson County. Information on Purple Heart recipients not yet profiled may be provided to *The Recorder* at 364-3141 or at holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net

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“A lot of people want to stay home and receive care,” Dr. Gupta said. “We want to help people stay at home as long as they can. We have a very good staff of caregivers.”

Dr. Gupta and her husband have been married for 18 years and live in Overland Park.

“We want to make the com-pany employee-owned,” she said. “I think all of the employees should have a part in being the owner of the company.”

For more information, visit www.annshomehealthagency.com, call 785-364-2952 or email ahha@embarqmail.com

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