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Members of Holton American Legion Post 44 and Holton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1367 held a joint Memorial Day ceremony Monday at the Civil War monument at the Holton Cemetery. Members of both organizations are shown above entering the cemetery. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Deadline nearing to file for election

By Ali Holcomb Jackson County residents have until noon on Thursday to file for a position on area school boards and city councils, it has been reported. Candidates continue to file

for the November general election, which will include positions four, five and six on school boards, as well as posi-

At Jackson Heights USD 335, Kelly Kennedy (incum-bent) has filed for position four and Robert Mock and Ed Rostetter (incumbent) have both filed for position five on the board of education. No one has filed for position six.

Candidates who have filed for the board of education at **Holton USD 336** include Allen Arnold (incumbent) for position four and Christina Schlodder Murphy for position six. No one has filed for position five.

Several people have filed for the Royal Valley USD 337 Board of Education, including Linda Hegemann (incumbent) for position four, Jeff Stithem (incumbent) and Nathan McAlister for position five and Ann Kelly (incumbent) and Sonja Willms for position six. Those who have filed so far

for city positions include: Holton City Commission:

Bob Dieckmann (incumbent)

has filed for position three and Twila White (incumbent) has filed for position five on the

commission. **Circleville City Council:** No one has filed for two open seats on the council.

\$1.00

Delia City Council: No one has filed for three open seats on the council.

Denison City Council: Liberty Beecham (incumbent) and Vickie Wold (incumbent) have filed for two of three open

seats on the council. Hoyt City Council: Lana Dillner (incumbent) and Dustin Brinkman have filed for two open seats on the council. No

one has filed for mayor. Mayetta City Council: Daniel Whiteman (incumbent) and Jodie Whiteman have filed for two open seats on the council. No one has filed for mayor.

Netawaka City Council: Kevin Schmitz (incumbent) has filed for one of five open seats on the council. No one has filed for mayor.

Soldier City Council: Rosemary Junod has filed for one of three open seats on the council. Luke Geist has filed for mayor.

Whiting City Council: Matt Watkins has filed for one of five open seats on the council. Loren Lind has filed for mayor.

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Ireland named HHS Alumnus of the Year

By Brian Sanders Many people remember the late Micheal Allen "Mike" Ireland, a member of Holton High School's Class of 1967, as a prominent Jackson County attorney, as well as a district court judge.

But his passion was education, as those who knew him attested following Ireland's announcement as the 2017 Holton High School Alumnus of the



By Brian Sanders For 52 years, Don Swisher has had a presence at Holton High School, whether it's as a coach of several different sports, as a teacher or as a bus driver. Now, Swisher says, it's time to take it easy.



"I haven't had any major health issues, apart from one several years ago, but I looked at my age, my health was good, my wife Judy and I enjoy doing things together and it was just time for us to be able to do whatever we want to do, whenever we want to do it," he said. "I just felt now was the best time."

But as Swisher leaves HHS, he leaves behind him an incredible legacy of coaching and teaching, as well as numerous awards and citations for his work as a coach of golf, track and cross-country.

It was a legacy that almost didn't happen.

"We came real close to going to Steamboat Springs, Colo., for an in-terview," said Swisher, who was looking for a change of scenery in the spring of 1965. At that time, he was finishing his third year as a coach and teacher at McDonald High School, a small school in extreme northwestern Kansas now known as Cheylin High School.

Swisher, who grew up in Lindsborg and earned degrees in business and in health and physical education from Bethany College - he lived across the street from the college, which made it "convenient to attend," he said – had always been interested and involved in athletics.

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Dean Snepp of Topeka, formerly of Holton, did his best to keep the rain off his 1970 Mercury Cougar Eliminator, which he entered in Saturday's Glory Days Car Show on the north side of Holton's Town Square. The Cougar still has its original paint and interior, in addition to only having about 20,000 miles on the engine, Snepp said. The car was chosen by Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse out of 56 vehicles as his favorite in the show. More information from Glory Days will be featured in upcoming editions of The Holton Recorder. Photo by Brian Sanders

Year this past Saturday.

"His first love was teaching," said his wife, Beverly. "His philosophy was 'school is for the kids.' He loved making it interesting for them."

Ireland transferred into the Holton school district from Upper Banner Country School in 1960, and he was an honor roll student who enjoyed several extracurricular activities. His favorite activity was sports, as he participated in football all four years at HHS and also took part

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Quilts In The Courtyard set for June 10

By Ali Holcomb Quilts of all sizes, patterns and colors will be on display during the fourth annual Quilts In The Courtyard event set from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, it has been reported.

Last year's event drew more than 1,000 people to Holton's Square, according to event organizers.

More than 200 quilts, sewn by quilters from northeast Kansas, will be hung throughout the Jackson County Courtyard in Holton that day as part of a large and free outdoor quilt show.

In addition, 50 patriotic "Quilts of Valor" quilts, sewn as gifts for local veterans of foreign conflicts, will be available to view as well.

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THURSDAY'S FORECAST PARTLY CLOUDY, HIGH OF 82 Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

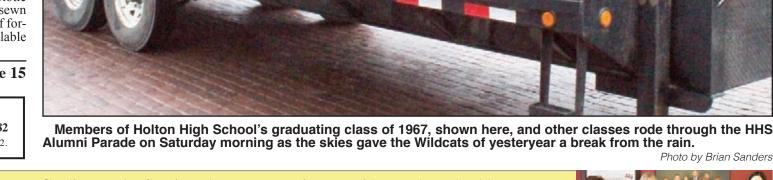


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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

William L. Bari, Lawrence, speeding, \$183. Bernard M. Blake Jr., Austin,

Texas, speeding, \$234. Brandon M. Booher, Auburn,

registration violation, \$203. Tana R. Brandt, Topeka, driv-

ing while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, \$308.

Tomas P. Castro, Holton, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, \$983.

Joshua T. Cott, Topeka, no proof of insurance, \$508.

Jesus A. Guzman, Sioux Falls, S.D., driving under the in-fluence of alcohol and/or drugs, found guilty.

Kyle E. Hanson, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, speeding, \$294.

Daniel L. Hester, driving under the influence of alcohol and/ or drugs, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, found guilty at trial.

James W. Keen Jr., Holton, speeding, \$183. Adam R. LaCrone, Hoyt,

driving while license cancelled/ suspended/revoked, improper stop or turn signal, found guilty at trial.

Robert A. Lewis, Topeka, court imposition of driving privilege restrictions, \$459.

Curtis W. Matthews, Holton, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, found guilty.

Christopher A. Pugh, May-etta, no proof of insurance, diversion.

Jamie L. Ray, Wheaton, defective head lamps on motor vehicle, \$158.

Charles E. Roberts, Hutchinson, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, \$228.

Frank J. Wright, Holton, speeding, \$171.

Criminal

Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Nathaniel A. Browning, Topeka, possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to 12 months in jail and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. James E. Carter II, Louisville, Ky., possession of marijuana; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Tomas P. Castro, Holton, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, battery on a law enforcement officer, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$1,250 plus interest

and court costs.

possession with intent to distribute heroin or methamphetamine, three counts of distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, unlawful acquisition of drug proceeds of \$5,000 to \$100,000, possession of methamphetamine, criminal possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, two counts of no drug tax stamp, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Juanel D. Locke, Kansas City, Mo., possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, transportation of liquor in an open container, speeding.

State of Kansas vs. Dana D. Noonan, Scranton, theft of property lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake.

State of Kansas vs. Steven R. Ross, Topeka, theft.

State of Kansas vs. William Miller, Mayetta, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Joseph S. Eaves, Russelville, Ky., disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Teyante Dagans, address unknown, assault.

State of Kansas vs. Baylor D. Reed, Topeka, identity theft.

State of Kansas vs. Claudia Aniles, Holton, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Tyler L. Salazar, Holton, battery on a law enforcement officer, interference with law enforcementobstruction of official duty.

State of Kansas vs. Brandon L. Salazar, Holton, battery on a law enforcement officer, two counts of battery, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty.

State of Kansas vs. Taylor J. Lake, Holton, aggravated battery.

Civil Dispositions

Allstate Insurance Company as Subrogee of John L. Self vs. John R. Uhl, sought judgment of \$1,336 plus court costs; dismissed.

Filed

Jackson County Sheriff's Of-fice vs. \$1,411 U.S. currency and 2005 Dodge Magnum, VIN 2D4FV48T95H160661, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Limited Civil Dispositions

Holton Dental Inc. vs. Kaof \$762.84 plus interest and court costs; granted. Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Allison L. Bailey, sought judgment of \$593.92 plus interest and court costs; dismissed. All-Pro Temp Drivers L.L.C. vs. Boonies Trucking L.L.C., sought judgment of \$5,942 plus interest and court costs; granted. Manning Music Inc. vs. Roy Wahquahboshkuk Sr. and Christina M. Wahquahboshkuk, sought judgment of \$1,953.94 plus interest and court costs;

granted

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Jared Williams, sought judgment of \$3,045.97 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Manning Music Inc. vs. Richard Smith and Mindy Smith, sought judgment of \$344.17 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Manning Music Inc. vs. Shawnna Wabaunsee, sought judgment of \$584.72 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Laura J. Sharp, sought judgment of \$229.92 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$204.92 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jessica Youngbird, sought judgment of \$927.87 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Annie R. Potts, sought judgment of \$1,647.02 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Galt Ventures L.L.C., doing business as Speedy Cash 92 vs. Suzanne M. Freeland, sought judgment of \$862.22 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Discover Bank vs. Jonathan L. Seeley, sought judgment of \$19,048.71 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Jackson Farmers Inc. vs. Ryan Gier, sought judgment of \$1,129.16 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Robert Emery and Kimberly A. Emery, sought judgment of \$346.33 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Marsha R. Moore, sought judgment of \$2,415.77 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Jared D. Nelson and Kimberly D. Nelson, sought judgment of \$1,160.55 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Angela Romero, sought judgment of \$1,059.42 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$20.42 plus interest and court costs.

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

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Scott M. Bond and Shannon D. Bond, sought judgment of \$510.41 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Joseph R. trina Nuzum, sought judgment Claycamp, sought judgment

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of \$1,157.93 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$1,057.93 plus interest and court costs.

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

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

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

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Heather Kurtz, sought judgment of \$5,496.49 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$5,446.49 plus interest and court costs.

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

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

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

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

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

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Nancy S. Stocksen, sought judgment of \$284.01 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$116.93 plus interest and court costs.

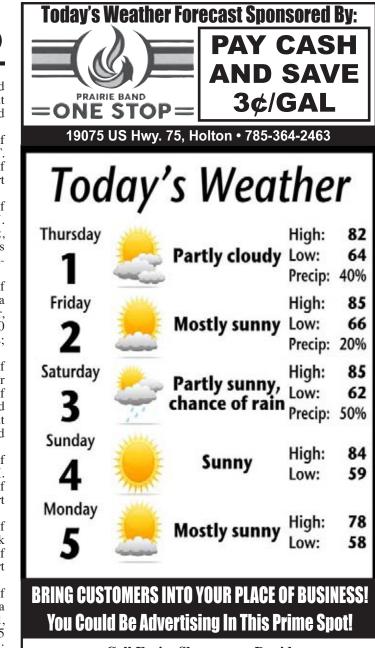
Filed

Jefferson Capital Systems L.L.C. vs. Jerry R. Sims, seeking judgment of \$1,167.19 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic Dispositions

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Kaitlin Saenz, sought support judgment; dismissed. Filed

In the matter of the marriage of Dale W. Swendson and Lynette A. Swendson, seeking divorce.



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State of Kansas vs. Natalie D. McClendon, Holton, domestic battery; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Candace D. Mortorff, Sabetha, giving a worthless check; sentenced to four days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$50 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Candace D. Mortorff, Sabetha, giving a worthless check; sentenced to four days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$50 plus court costs.

Filed

State of Kansas vs. Bevin E. Scott, Overland Park, possession of methamphetamine, possession of hydrocodone, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, transportation of liquor in an open container.

State of Kansas vs. Crystal D. Cobb, Shawnee, distribution or

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Wittmer seeks state FFA officer position

A member of the Holton FFA Chapter is among 14 candidates running for a state officer position to represent more than 9,000 Kansas FFA members for the 2017-18 term.

Recent Holton High School graduate Tel Wittmer will complete an intense process of interviews, tests and public speaking demonstrations this week as part of the 89th Kansas FFA State Convention on the Kansas State University campus.

An appointed nominating committee of former state officers and agricultural education instructors interviews the candidates. On Friday, June 2, the committee will submit its nomination of 10 candidates to the state convention delegates, which consists of two members from each of the 186 chapters in the state.

After hearing the candidates present a final prepared speech, the delegates will elect the six members who will serve as the 2017-18 state officer team. The new team will be announced and installed at the final session of the convention Friday afternoon.

The committee evaluates the candidates on their applications, a written test, writing exercises, and five rounds of interviews. These include one-on-one interviews, delivering a speech, facilitating a workshop, roundrobin interviews and a personal interview round. Once elected, the officers will travel across the state promoting agricultural science education and FFA.

A four-year FFA member, Wittmer has served as the secretary of his chapter, as well as the sentinel for the Northeast District. His Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAE) consists of taking care of his two bird-hunting dogs. He plans to attend Kansas State University and become an attorney, practicing law in rural Kansas.

Tel is the son of Rodney and

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Walmart	78.15	+0.02	
Phillips 66	77.00	-0.44	
US Bancorp	51.10	-0.34	
Pfizer	32.13	-0.01	
Deere & Co.	122.26	-0.53	
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Facebook	152.38	+0.25	
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Tel Wittmer

Shannon Wittmer. His advisors are Jason Larison and Alex Bartel.

Visit kansasffaconvention. wordpress.com for the full convention schedule; award winners and live video stream of sessions will begin Wednesday, May 31. Follow convention updates on Facebook at facebook.com/ksffa , on Instagram at @ksffa and on Twitter at @KansasFFA and #ksffa.

The Kansas FFA Association is a statewide organization of 9,076 agricultural education students in 186 chapters in every corner of Kansas. It is part of the National FFA Organization, a national youth organization of 649,355 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,859 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

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Complete KAMS

the program were Jacob Andrews of Jackson Heights High School and Breck Emert of Holton High School.

Thursday, June 1

*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, locat-ed 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, June 2

*The Jackson County Historical Museum, located at 327 New York Ave. in Holton, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Friday. Special exhibit: Marching Off to War in 1917. For more information, call the museum at 364-4991.

*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, June 3 *The Jackson County Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on the east side of the Courthouse in Holton.

Sunday, June 4

choice.

Monday, June 5

*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 Soldier Senior Citizens

CALENDAR

*Attend the church of your

will meet at noon at Soldier City Hall for a regular potluck dinner. Visitors are always welcome.

*7 p.m. Holton City Commis-sion meets at Holton City Hall. *7 p.m. Delia City Council

meets at Delia City Hall. *7 p.m. Netawaka City Council meets at Netawaka City Hall.

Tuesday, June 6

*1 p.m. Holton TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at

the First Christian Church at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Av-*7 p.m. Hoyt City Council meets at Hoyt City Hall.

*The Harvesters Food Group

will stop at Countryside Park (soccer fields in Holton at First Street and Pennsylvania Avenue) on the first Tuesday of every month. Signup begins at 7:30 a.m. Participants must sign up by 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 7 *The Royal Valley High School library will be open from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for district students to check out books. Various activities and crafts will also be available, as well as computers.

*7 p.m. Mayetta City Council

meets at Mayetta City Hall. *7 p.m. Circleville City Council meets at Circleville City Hall.

*7 p.m. Effingham City Council meets at Effingham City Hall.

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.

2004: Dr. Philip H. Hostetter

2005: Keith Gilliland (1954).

2006: Darlene Whitlock

2007: Jay Watkins (1987) and Brent Teter (1992).

2008: Dale Rings (1958).

2009: Bill Zirger (1954).

2010: Edward Stoll (1933).

2011: June Hamlin Carson



Natalie Wareham

Receives Dale Dennis Award

Recent Holton High School graduate Natalie Wareham has received the Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award, sponsored by United School Administrators of Kansas, it was reported.

Rod Wittmer, HHS principal, said Wareham has demonstrated the characteristics necessary to receive this annual award given in honor of a distinguished Kansas educational leader.

Recipients of this award are identified from their schools and across the state as individuals who have displayed the citizenship, community and school service, scholarship and strong self-awareness that make them quality individuals.

The Dale M. Dennis Excellence in Education Award was established in 1996 by Kansas school administrators to honor the long and valuable service that Dennis, deputy commissioner of the Kansas State Department of Education, has provided to the students and educators of Kansas.

Thanks for reading The Holton **Recorder!**



Previously honored HHS alumni listed

In 1965, the Holton High School Alumni Association established a tradition of honoring a Holton High School graduate or noted student with its Alumnus of the Year Award.

At this year's HHS Alumni Banquet, held Saturday, May 27, Mike Ireland (see related story), a member of the HHS Class of 1961, was brought into that tradition by being posthumously named this year's recipient of the award.

Previous years' honored alumni are listed below, along with the year they graduated from HHS, where applicable.

1965: W.T. Beck (believed to

be 1900). **1966:** Dr. Mary Reed (1924). 1967: Winifred Moorhead

Nelson (1906).

1981: Esther Hancuff (1925). 1982: Charlotte King May (date unknown).

1983: Leonard Sorg (1923). **1984:** Pat Roberts (1954). 1985: Doris Tudor Shoff

(1940)**1986:** Wendell Castle (1951). 1987: Robert Hostetter

937). 1988: Robert Brown (1948). 1989: Elizabeth C. Galloway (1914), Edward Buss and James

Davis (both 1939). 1990: Forrest D. Brown and

Harold Riley (both 1940).

(1947).

1993: Doris Drechsler (1937).

1994: Donald J. Shelby (1949).

2012: Larry Alwin (1957)

2016: John Chiles (1961).

and Duane Alwin (1962). 2013: Stephen Murphy **1991:** Forrest Fernkopf (1963)**2014:** Brad Stauffer (1964). 1992: Carl Jacobs (1927). 2015: Doris Hill Winters

Bennett (1940)

(1943)

(1934).

(1966).

(1953).

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OPINION How long until BC/BS of Kansas jumps ship?

From The Kansas City Star newspaper

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City announced last Wednesday that it would exit the Affordable Care Act exchange next year, dealing a heavy blow to those insured under the law commonly called Obamacare in many markets in both Kansas and Missouri.

The decision directly affects about 67,000 Blue KC customers in 30 counties in western Missouri plus Wyandotte and Johnson counties in Kansas. Most get federal subsidies to purchase health insurance on the exchange.

Blue KC's president and CEO reportedly said the company has lost more than \$100 million total on its exchange plans since the Affordable Care Act rolled out in 2014.

Blue KC is the area's top insurer, with more than 1 million customers and almost half the market share. Despite the Affordable Care Act losses, the company's overall financial picture was trending up in three years since the law began.

It had about \$1.3 billion in assets at the end of 2016, according to unaudited financial statements in its community report.

The organization took in about \$2.75 billion in premiums and other fees that year and paid out about \$2.38 billion in medical claims. It also spent about \$463 million on operating costs. After taxes and investment income, Blue KC's net income was about \$63 million in 2016. Net income was minus-\$73.5 million in 2014 and \$40.7 million in 2015.

The company's medical loss ratio — the percent of premium revenue that the company spent paying medical claims - on individual plans improved each of those years and dipped below 100 percent, at 98.7 percent, in 2016 for the first time since the Affordable Care Act exchange began. That meant the company took in more in premiums than it paid out in claims.

But Kelly Cannon, a spokeswoman for Blue KC, said the company's operating costs added another 18.2 percent to that ratio, putting it well out of profitability.

Blue KC reportedly asked hospitals to take lower reimbursement rates to stay on the

exchange last year, and the company really couldn't make it work until it got its medical loss ratio under 90 percent.

The Kansas side of the metro area will have one Affordable Care Act insurer. Minnesotabased Medica has filed initial paperwork with the Kansas Insurance Department to sell Affordable Care Act plans throughout the state again in 2018, but it has not decided if it will continue to cap enrollment at 10,000. That would not be nearly enough to serve Johnson County, which had about 26,000 Affordable Care Act enrollees in 2016. Wyandotte County had about 6,000.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, which serves the state's other 103 counties, has filed Affordable Care Act plans for 2018, despite worse medical loss ratio numbers on the individual market than Blue KC.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, a New Yorker who is the Senate's top Democrat, released a statement that said it was evidence of the "real world effect of the Republican effort to sabotage our health care system.

A statement from U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Missouri Democrat, highlighted a bill she introduced recently that would allow any consumers in "bare" counties that are without Affordable Care Act insurers to buy into the DC Health Link plan that is available to members of Congress and their staffs.

"The challenges in the individual marketplace are exactly why we need options for folks in those counties, to protect Missourians' access to health insurance," McCaskill said, "and I think my legislation letting Missourians who don't have access to a local insurance provider get the same plans that Congress gets — is the way to do it.'

The political debate over the Affordable Care Act has raged since it passed in 2010, and Blue KC's announcement comes amid uncertainty over how President Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress will change the law.

A bill with major changes passed the U.S. House of Representatives early this month, but Senate Republicans have said they will move slowly on it.



Holton High school student journalists excelling at the recent state journalism con-test were, front row, left to right, Natalie Wareham and Ashlyn Robinson. Back row, left Photo by Karen Ford to right, Blake Harris and Carly Raney.

HHS student journalism team 6th in 4A

state contest, qualifying through

regional contests held in Febru-

hosted the day of the competi-

tion at the Memorial Union.

Nine different categories, such

as editorial writing and sports

writing, took place on the day of

the contest. Students used notes

provided in prompts to inspire

their writing and cartooning en-

Prior to competition day, stu-

dents submitted hundreds of

other entries in 12 different cat-

egories to an online contest that

featured design, photography

"This year has been extraordi-

nary for Kansas high school

journalism with students break-

ing news in their communities,"

said Eric Thomas, KSPA execu-

and online categories.

The University of Kansas

dent journalist earned a pair of first-place wins and three others were also honored at the recent Kansas Scholastic Press Association 2017 State Contest, it was reported.

In the 3A/4A division, Natalie Wareham took first in editing and caption writing. Honorable mentions were awarded to Blake Harris in advertising, Carly Raney in student life photography and Ashlyn Robinson in multimedia presentation.

Overall, based on regional and state scores, Holton received a sixth-place finish in the 4A state competition, it was reported.

The contest rewarded the best student journalists from around the state. Students from 85 different schools, competing in 21 different categories in three different classifications, earned

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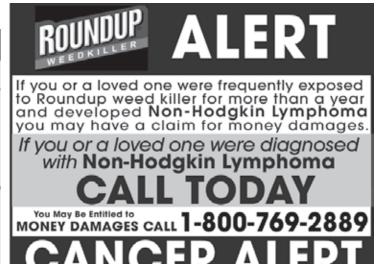
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Carlin slams Sam for raiding KDOT

GUEST COMMENTARY

By John Carlin Former Kansas Governor Investments in our highway infrastructure are critical to economic development in Kansas.

During my administration in the early 1980s, we dedicated the sales tax paid on roadway products to the Kansas Department of Transportation for the purpose of funding necessary roadway maintenance.

This was followed by Governor Hayden's comprehensive highway bill adopted in 1989.

The commitment to our transportation system was reaffirmed again in 2010 when the state adopted T-Works, a multi-faceted plan that dedicated dollars for the preservation and modernization of our roads and bridges.

These decades of investment have created safe and reliable roadways throughout the state.

But now our transportation system is in jeopardy.

Massive revenue shortfalls stemming from Governor Sam Brownback's failed tax experiment have forced state legislators to use KDOT funding as a "bank" in order to balance the state's budget.

In fact, in the six years since passage of the tax experiment, \$2.7 billion has been swept from transportation funding and moved to other parts of the government's budget.

That number will grow to \$3.4 billion if highway fund sweeps are again used to fund other parts of state government.

As a result, regular road maintenance has slowed. Whereas we used to maintain 1,200 miles of roads annually, we're now only able to fund maintenance of 200 miles, meaning a roadway that once received maintenance and overlays every eight years will now go 50 years without maintenance.

At that time, the cost to fix the road will be significantly more expensive because it didn't receive necessary upkeep and needs total reconstruction

The situation we find ourselves in is not beneficial to the safety of those driving across Kansas, or those who rely on the state's roads and bridges to get their products to market.

Kansas businesses are competing in a global marketplace and need solid roads and bridges they can depend on to get their products to customers or for customers to come to their products.

One would believe that this well-established line between transportation infrastructure and our economic well-being would lead our legislative leaders to embrace the importance of proper funding for roads and bridges.

Unfortunately, that has not been the case.

Legislators can restore some funding to our roads and bridges through a constitutionally protected increase in the state's gas tax.

Our state constitution protects gas tax revenues from being siphoned off to fund other parts of state government.

Gas tax dollars can only be used to fund improvements to our state's roads and bridges so they're not at risk for sweeps.

By using a constitutionally protected method of funding for roads and bridges, we can ensure that Kansas has a solid transportation system to serve as the foundation of our economy.

If we don't put money in our transportation system now, the roads will continue to deteriorate and will cost even more to fix later.

Please encourage your state legislators to support a fuel tax increase this session before our roads deteriorate into further disrepair.

Thirty years of infrastructure investment will be for naught if we don't maintain what we have and continue to recognize the role of highway investments in economic development and state vitality.

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OBITUARIES Crops and Soils: The importance of forage management

Lewis

Gerald Francis "Puknina" Lewis, 79, Mayetta, died Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at Osage City Nursing Care Home.

He was born July 21, 1937, in Mayetta, the son of Frank and Martha McKinney Lewis. He graduated from Manhattan High School.

Mr. Lewis worked for A-1 Auto Parts in Manhattan for 19 years and for Santa Fe Railroad for more than 20 years as a track welder. He also was a stock car racer.

He was a member of the Native American Church and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

He married Vernona "Vernie" L. Knoxsah on March 15, 1972, in Ogden. She survives.

Other survivors include eight children, Sherry Lewis and Sharlene Lopez, both of Topeka, Terry Hernandez and husband Raphael, Minco, Okla., Anna Mahkuk, Topeka, Linda Mah-kuk and husband Travis Egbert, Belleview, Rebecca DeVore, Topeka, Robert Lewis, Mayetta, and Melvin Lewis and wife Tiffany, Robinson; two sisters, Delphine Knoxsah, Topeka, and Gale Aitkens, Horton; four brothers, Jeff Lewis, in Virginia, and Roger Lewis, Lyman Shipshee and Kevin Aitkens, all of Mayetta; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Tony Mahkuk, in 2004; and two brothers, Joe Lewis and Melvin Lewis.

Native American Services will be held Thursday evening at Mr. Lewis' home on the Potawatomi reservation. Burial will be held at sunup Friday in the Danceground Cemetery. Mr. Lewis will lie in state until 3 p.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

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Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernritter Wow! What a beautiful Memorial Sunday, May 28, 2017, to worship at Buck's Grove Methodist Church.

As Denny and Donna Ashcraft played the recorded prelude, America The Beautiful," Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles.

Lay servant Joyce Immenschuh welcomed all the special guests. It was wonderful to see the pews filled.

Joyce led the congregation in the call to worship, the opening prayer and Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35. Joyce read scripture from Acts 1:6-14 and 1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11.

Other hymns sung were

By David Hallauer Meadowlark Extension District Agent, Crops & Soils, *Horticulture*

One of the more important facets of livestock production is forage management. Some

would even go so far as to call themselves forage managers as much as they would livestock producers Ithink"for-



is a pretty accurate description - particularly as we get into the heart of the grazing season and work at trying to manage that very important forage resource.

Our management has a lot to do with the forages available to us. Cool season grasses like brome and fescue grow very well when temperatures are in the 40s through the mid-70s. That's the reason we typically see those grasses heading here in late May and in to early June as they reach "maturity."

Warmer season forages do well from the low 70s on into the 90s, making them much better suited for the increasing temperatures we see in summer.

Unfortunately, we don't typically have the perfect balance of warm and cool season forages, and in some cases don't have more than one type to even think about grazing. That's what makes our management system all the more important.

In short, grasses grow leaves to capture sunlight and convert it to energy. As grass plants grow, the growing point moves from near the soil line further up the plant where it is often removed by grazing.

When removed, the plant initiates re-growth from root systems and the plant starts the process over again. It works well - unless the roots haven't stockpiled enough energy to allow for recovery. If not, grass growth slows, root mass declines and stands can thin.

To keep things in "balance," good grass managers spend a lot of time trying to figure out how to maximize production. In short, that means grazing plants when they are actively growing, but always leaving enough foliage for recovery as well as a rest period to do so.

For example, grazing a cool season pasture heavily isn't necessarily an issue, as long as three to four inches of growth is retained so that photosynthesis can start to replenish root reserves and adequate rest is allowed for the plant to initiate recovery.

If a pasture is heavily grazed, livestock can be moved to a warm season grass or other forage source to give the heavily grazed area time to recover. If they can't be moved, then grazing management has to include safeguards to keep grass from getting too short without time for recovery.

Monitor your forage resource by consistently observing grass growth through the season. Have a plan for removing animals when forages reach critical grazing levels and make sure that pastures receive adequate rest for ample recovery before they are grazed again or prior to fall or winter dormancy. Make

sure you are grazing cool season species in the appropriate time frame and warm seasons in the best time frame to maximize their production.

If you want to get even more technical, start taking pasture measurements. A ruler or grazing stick and production data for specific forage species, combined with appropriate grazing height suggestions can give you a really good idea about how much grazing you can expect from an area.

All of these tools can help you not only manage the forage resource for the current season, but help you maintain stands in to the future.

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Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards

May 28 was a beautiful morning this Memorial Day Sunday. Steve Banaka was the greeter and lighted the altar candles as the recorded "Hymn Of Promise" played at Netawaka United Methodist Church. Verona Grannell handled the recorded music, and Marilyn Banaka was worship leader. She gave the welcome and announcements.

Joys shared were that the Grannells' great-grandson is celebrating his second birthday. Mary Edwards attended Circleville High School Alumni, celebrating 60 years since graduating.

Prayers of concern were raised for Glenn Oxandale, who suffered serious injury to his leg and hip in an accident while working with cattle Saturday. Condolences and prayers are for the family of William Hill, who died last week. He was Margaret Pagel's father.

Marilyn led the responsive call to worship and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The hymn of praise was "America." Other songs were "God Will Take Care Of You" and "The

Obit guidelines

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Battle Hymn Of The Republic." Pastor Younghwan Won led the congregation in a Memorial Day liturgy written by John Hunter of Scotland. The congregational prayer was read in unison, followed by silent prayer, the pastor's prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Marilyn read the scripture, Joshua 14:6-12, the land of Hebron given to Caleb. Pastor Young's sermon was "The Loyalty Of Caleb.'

When we think of Memorial Day, are we thinking of a day off from work, to have picnics or do as we please? If we think a little harder, do we remember it is also a day of remembering, of flowers and flags and other special tributes to soldiers and others who have sacrificed so much for the freedom of our country and other countries as well?

In Joshua 14, the men of Judah went to Joshua at Gilgal and Caleb reminded Joshua that Moses had promised the land of Hebron to him (Caleb) many vears ago.

Caleb was 40 years old when he was promised the land, and

now at age 85, said the Lord had kept him alive and healthy for 45 years, and he could still fight and win over the enemy. So, ever since that day, Hebron has belonged to Caleb and his descendants because he followed the Lord wholeheartedly. There

Caleb didn't give up but remained loyal to Israel and to God. We honor soldiers of the past and those of today who are loval and dedicated to our coun-

try. We enjoy freedom because of brave, loyal men and women. We have salvation because of Jesus and His sacrifice for us. Let us strive to be peacemakers.

Netawaka Senior Citizens met on Thursday, May 25, for their carry-in lunch and meeting. Ten people attended, and six stayed for a game of pitch.

David and Jan Beightel of St. Louis, Mo. spent Friday night with Mary Edwards. They all attended a picnic Friday evening held by the class of 1967 at Circleville Park for the 50-year anniversary of the closing of Circleville Rural High School.

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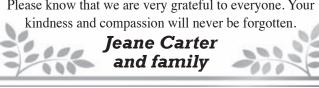
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done has given us comfort in our bereavement. Please know that we are very grateful to everyone. Your



was rest from war.

Me America, Jesus, Keep Near The Cross" and "The Battle Hymn Of The Republic."

Joyce presented the children's message by showing and telling how a deck of cards can be related to the gospel.

Betty Bernritter's special was a poem by Jan M. Nelson titled "Heart Of A Soldier."

Joyce read the gospel from John 17:1-11. She titled her message "Sacrifice." This Memorial Day, we remember those who showed us their priorities by giving the supreme sacrifice. Men and women of the armed forces fought and died so we could have freedom.

Memorial Day is also a day to honor and remember our loved ones who have gone before us and who sacrificed their time and money to carry on the reason people came to this great country in the first place – freedom of religion.

Even though all of these sacrifices are important, the greatest sacrifice of all was made by Jesus. One of the last things Jesus said was, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing."

Just like Jesus forgave the thief and those who crucified Him, He forgives us today. All of us can spend eternity in heaven with Jesus if we only ask for His forgiveness and ask Him to be our Lord and Savior.

Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick received the morning's offering and the service closed by singing "God Be With You Until We Meet Again.

Immediately after the service, Wayne and Therese Rieschick auctioned quilts, pillows, afghans and other items. Buck's Grove members and friends appreciate all that contributed to the successful auction. God bless.



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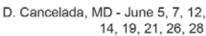
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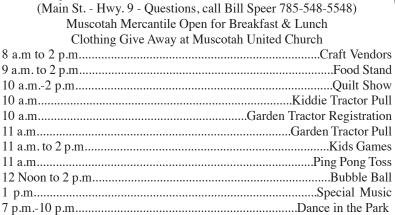
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Soldier News

By Sondra Hill

We have had a busy May so far. The cousins met at Boomers' the first Wednesday of May. Those present were Rosie Boling, Joyce DeVader, Ramona Robinson and me. We will meet in June at Burger King.

My son-in-law, Melvin Sinclair, died at the end of March. My alumni, which was Soldier High School, held its banquet the Saturday night before Mother's Day. There were 89 present. I really enjoyed seeing people I hadn't seen since last year. The meal was delicious and the program with Ellen and Rodney Durst was very good.

On Mother's Day, Noah and I went to the home of Lorri

and Brad Trimble as Sarra Mahoney graduated from Jeff West. She is planning to go to The University of Kansas in the fall.

After the graduation, Lorri and Brad had a reception in their backyard. Rex and Cheryl Hill were also there.

Noah Hill graduated from the eighth grade at Jackson Heights on Tuesday evening, May 16. Christina Hill, Avery Robbins, Lorri and Brad Trimble and Sarra Mahoney also attended. With all the rain, Noah has

been busy keeping up with the mowing. My last day of school was Wednesday, May 24. I was busy getting ready for the memorial weekend.

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, June 5 through Friday, June 9 are as follows:

Monday, June 5: Bar-

becue pork with bun, scalloped corn, spinach salad and strawberries and bananas.

Tuesday, June 6: Berry good chicken, baked potato, cooked cabbage, fresh fruit and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, June 7: Baked potato bar with chili, cheese, broccoli, frito chips, cranberry sauce and cake.

Thursday, June 8: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, Japanese vegetables, fruit pie and hot roll and margarine. Friday, June 9: Chicken salad, croissant roll, carrot salad, pea salad and baked apples.

as follows: Thursday, June 1: Liver and onions, potatoes

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Menus listed for the week of Thursday, June 1

through Friday, June 9 are

Monday through Friday.

and gravy, dinner roll and Meals at the Prairie fruit. Band Potawatomi Elder

Friday, June 2: Ham and beans, cowboy bread, carrots and fruit.

Monday, June 5: Fettuccine alfredo, shrimp and mushrooms, breadsticks and broccoli Normandy.

Tuesday, June 6: Chicken and waffles, fried okra and fruit.

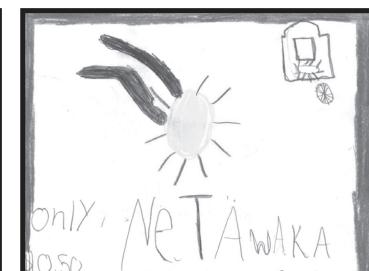
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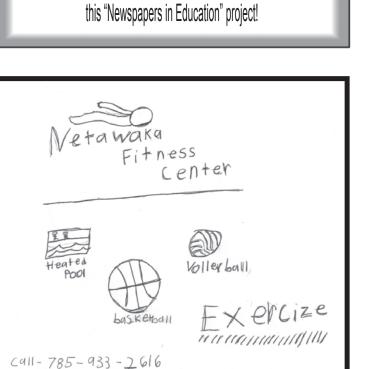
Thursday, June 8: Grilled salmon, mango salsa, carrot rice pilaf and fruit.

Friday, June 9: Barbecue ribs, pea salad, chips and fruit.



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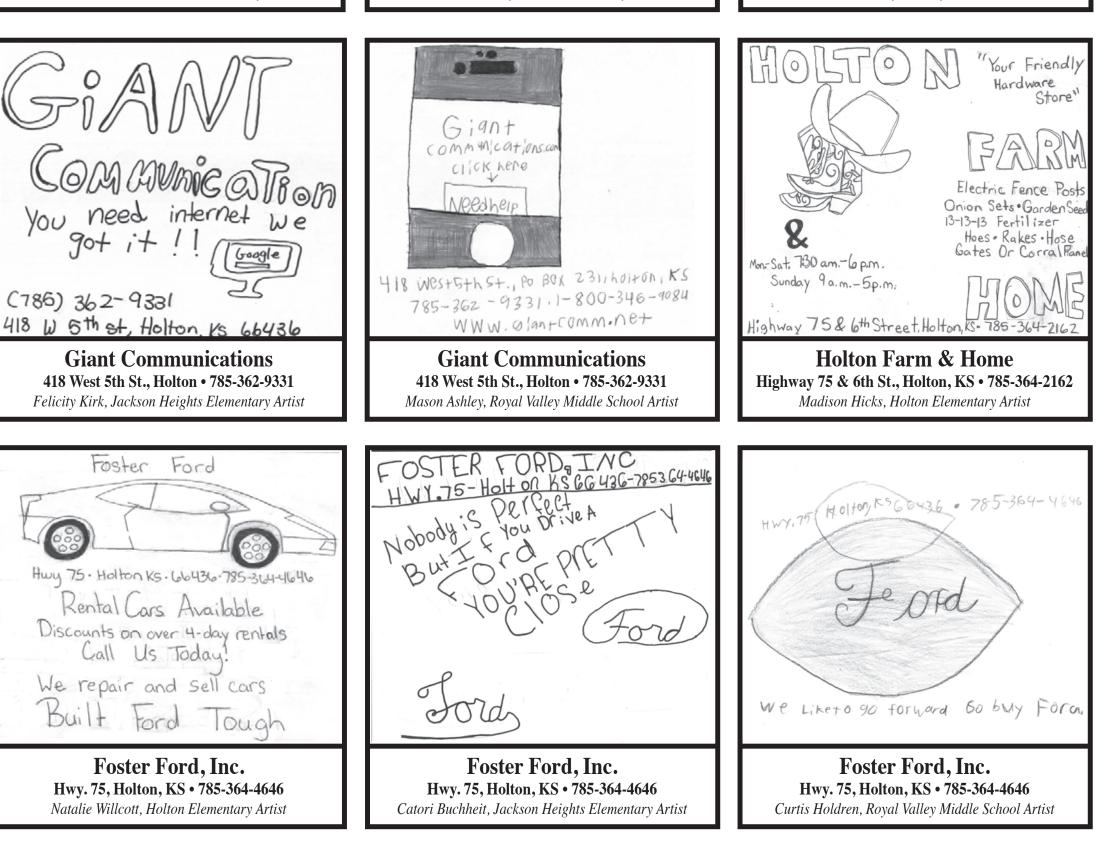
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Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernritter After all the rain we have had, it was wonderful to see the sun on Sunday, May 21.

As Denny and Donna Ashcraft played the recorded prelude, Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles.

After announcements, lay speaker Joyce Immenschuh led the congregation in the call to worship and the opening prayer. She read scripture from Acts 17:22-31 and 1 Peter 3:13-22.

Donna led those present in cross" and "Wonderful Words Of Life."

Donna's special was a history of Ascension Day, which is 39 days after Easter, and how it is celebrated around the world.

Joyce read the gospel read-ing from John 14:15-21. Her message was titled "We're Not Alone." Joyce told about

a young man buying a new refrigerator for his first apartment. Since he was starting a new job on Monday, he bought the most expensive one. He was so excited after stocking his fridge anticipating having cold milk for his breakfast. However, when he opened the fridge the next morning, the milk was spoiled and ice cream was running out of the bottom of the freezer door.

The new college graduate decided to call the store and give them a piece of his mind. After the salesman asked if the light was on in the fridge, and it was not, he then asked the young man to look and see if the cord was plugged into the energy source. There was a long pause and the young man realized he forgot to plug in his new refrigerator. He went back to the phone and said, "It doesn't really matter for as much as I paid for it, it should

have worked anyway" and he hung up the phone.

The truth is, it doesn't matter how nice or how expensive your appliance is. It won't work if it's not plugged into the source of energy. The same is true about our spiritual life. Unless we are plugged into the Holy Spirit and His power, our Christian life just won't run. It just won't make sense, it will be empty and everything will spoil and run out on the floor of life.

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He will give us all the necessary parts for a spiritual life and victory. But we can't do the work on our own. Only with the Holy Spirit will we produce what our lives are supposed to produce.

LeRoy Rieschick and Jack Bernritter were the offertory ushers and the service closed by singing "God Be With You Until We Meet Again."

Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer Church services at Mayetta Methodist Church on May 28 began with prayer from visiting minister Dan Burns. Concerns and prayers included Pastor Howard as he travels to be with the family of his brother, who died, Ann. W. on the death of her husband, Chuck Norris, who is in the hospital with pneumonia and Lea Smith with her third broken ankle. Karen Burns read a thank you from Tim Stauffer for his graduation gift.

The candles were lighted by Bud Stauffer and Randy Rickel rang the bell. Hymns sung were "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace" and "Great Is Thy Faithfulness.

Matt and Rhonda sang "Lead Me To Calvary" for a special. Karen Burns read the living word of God from 2 Corinthians 1:20. The birthday song was sung to Rhonda Burns and Bryan Stauffer. Matt shared the word of God from Romans 15:7-12 and his sermon was

titled "The Glory Of God." Mary Anderson returned home after a trip to Pea Ridge, Ark. She attended the graduation of her grandson, Jayce Anderson, from the College of the Ozarks at Holister, Mo., on Sunday, May 7. She spent time with her son, Jon, and his wife, Beth, and visiting friends in Springdale before she went to Tulsa to see her sister, Bonita, and her husband, John Watts.

On Saturday, Mary and her sis-ter attended a tea held at Parkview Baptist Church. Mary also got to spend some time with her greatgrandson, Zadik, who will be a year old on June 3.

Sharon Gabriel gave a special in church on May 21 about the meaning of Heritage Day, started by John Wesley in Aldergate, England. John Wesley was the founder of the Methodist church. The flame and cross symbol were adopted in 1968.

Mary Anderson was in Topeka on Monday, May 22, for the monthly meeting of the 21 Book Club held at Perkins Restaurant. Lisa and Karsen Smith and Mary Anderson went to Red Oak, Iowa, on Friday to put flowers out at the Evergreen Cemetery.

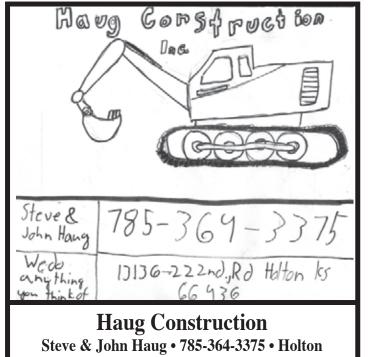
On Saturday, Darrell and Margy Brown of Topeka and June Schlodder paid their respects by going to the Denison, Netawaka and Horton cemeteries. They also visited with Donna Hallauer in Horton and toured the Horton area.

Gene and Brenda Hallauer visited June Schlodder on Friday.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer attended a graduation party in honor of Makayla Colhouer on Saturday, May 20. On Sunday, May 21, they joined other family members and friends in Topeka to celebrate the first birthday of their great-granddaughter, Tally Stauffer. On May 27, Bud and Shirley

Stauffer attended the Circleville Alumni banquet.

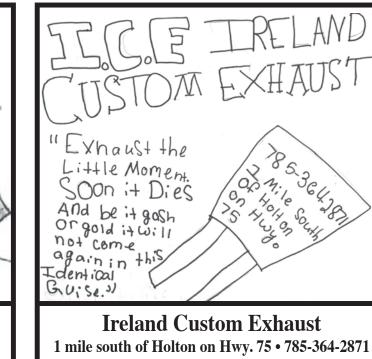
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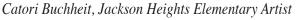


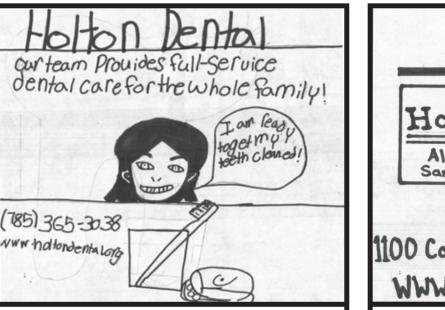


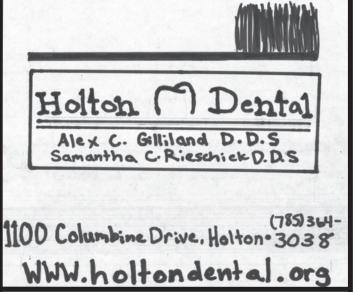


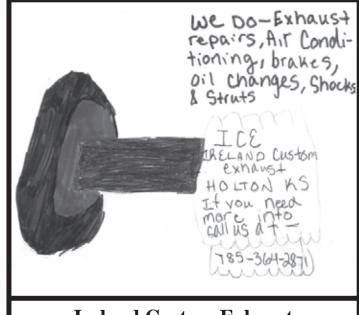
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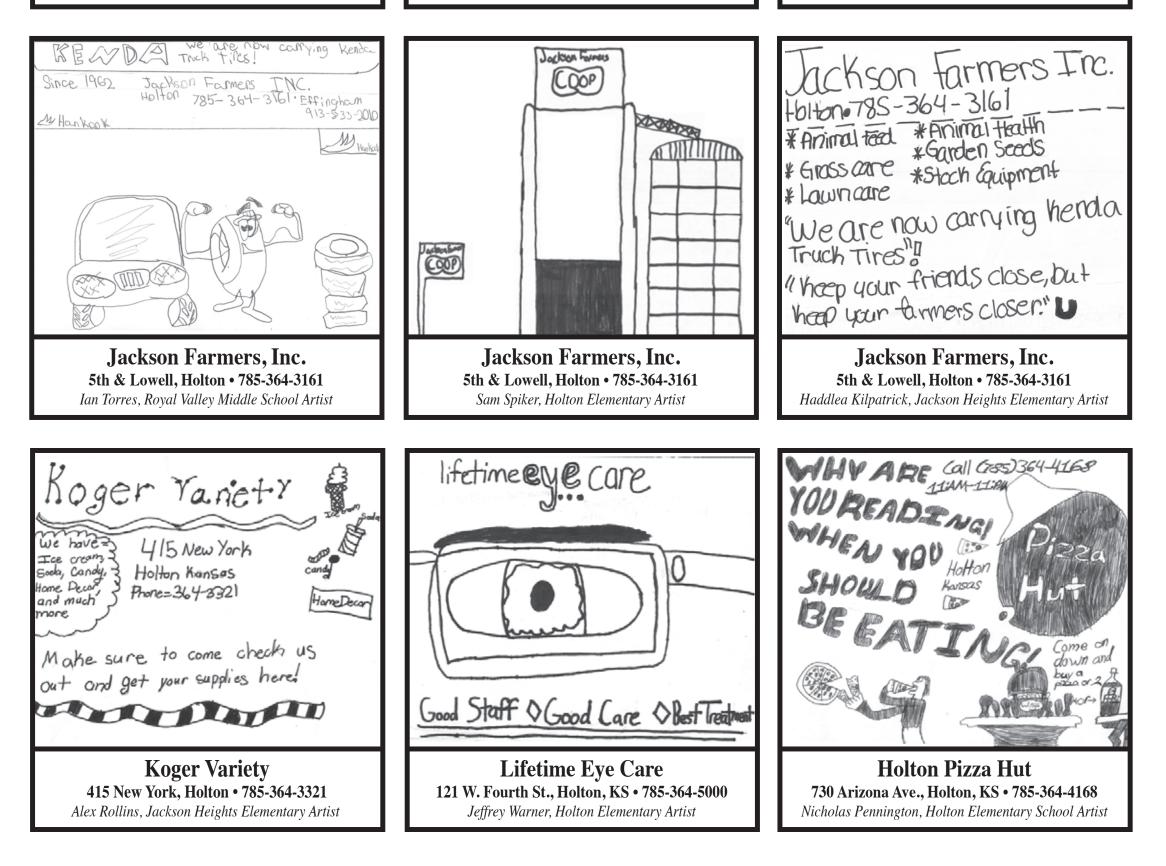


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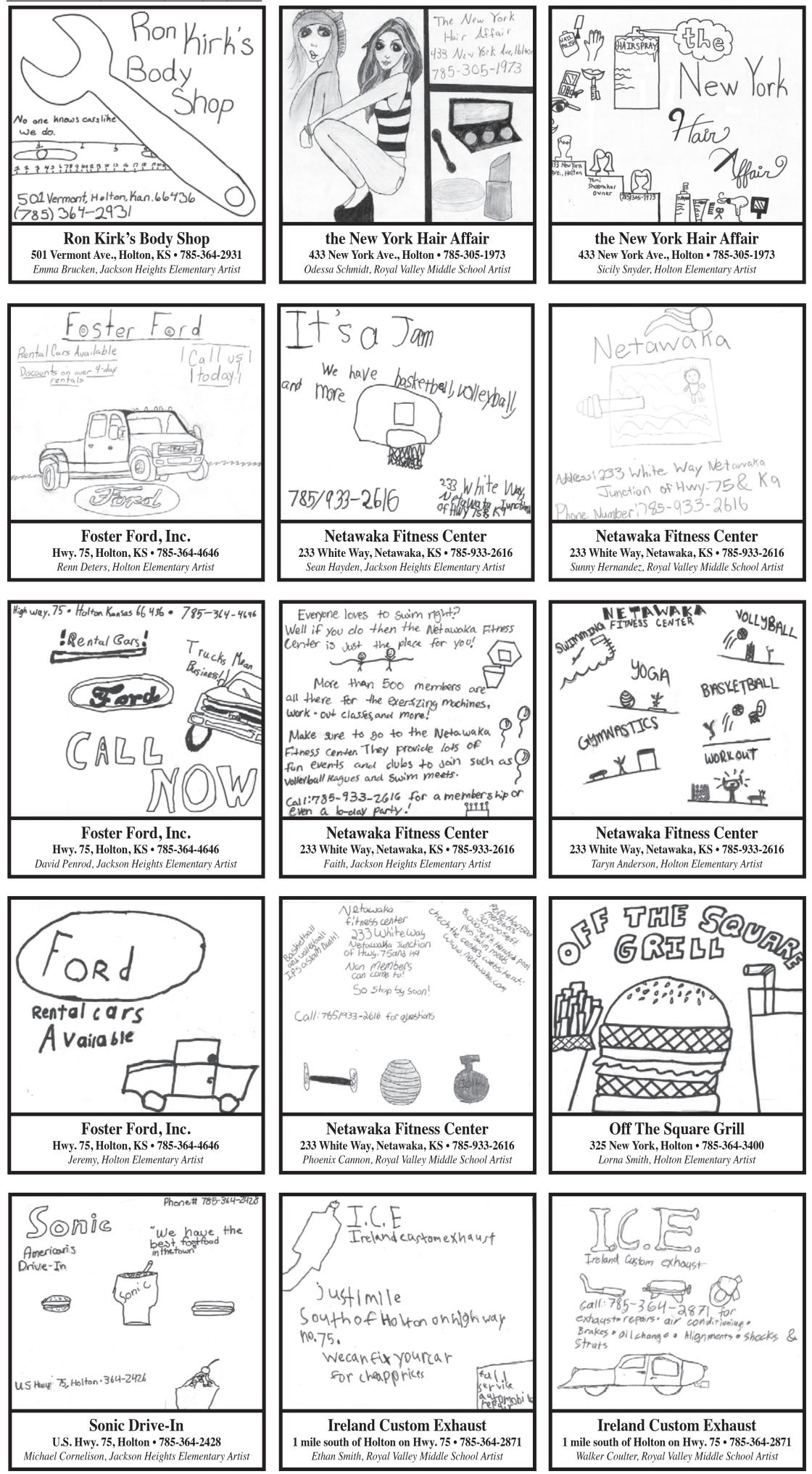
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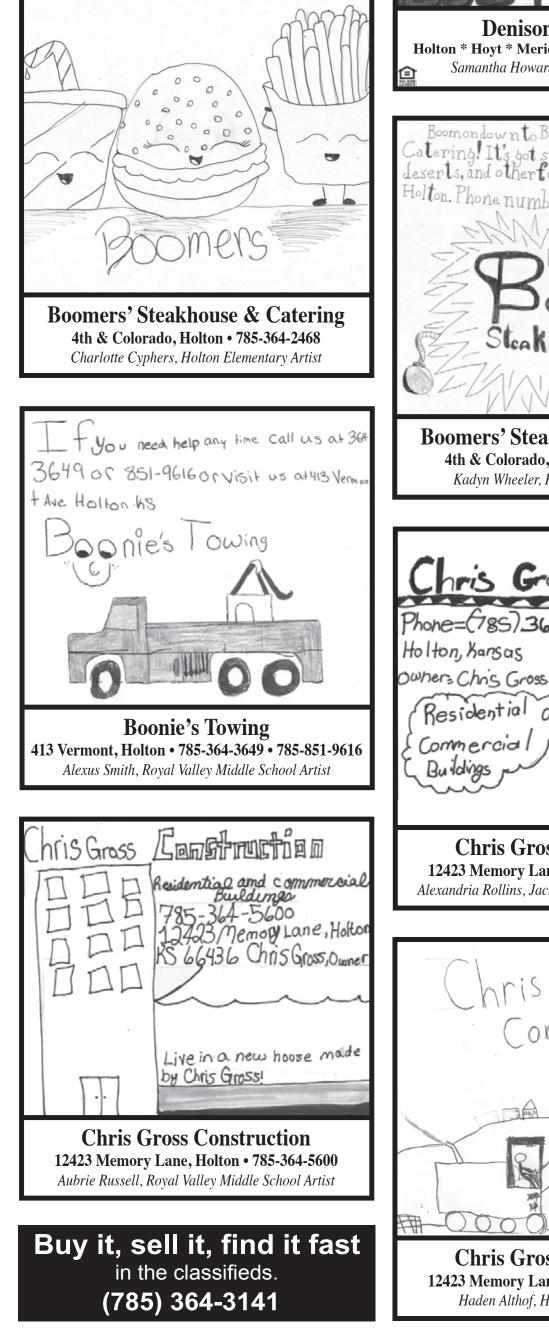


Dicks to celebrate 60th anniversary

Ronald and Ilene Dick of 1957, at the home of Ilene's par-Holton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ilene Hoffman and Ronald Dick were married on June 9,

ents of rural Ozawkie. Their children are Lori Gillis of Holton, James Dick of Topeka and the late Jodi Kay.



What now for Wetmore High School's Class of 2017?

By Desiree Fund WHS Student Correspondent The school year is coming to a close for the students at Wetmore High School, but most importantly, the class of 2017 is graduating. With graduation sneaking up on

the Wetmore senior class, many are asking themselves, "What now?'

While some students such as Dakota McQueen, Rachel Bloom and Walker Uhl know their plans after high school, others aren't quite sure of what their future holds.

"I am very excited to continue my basketball career at Culver Stockton College, where I will also be majoring in pre-med," McQueen said.

Bloom will be continuing her education at Washburn University and majoring in radiological technology.

Uhl plans to join the workforce along with Alex Potter after graduation. Both seniors plan to become welders

Trenton Rowland, Aaron Achten and Garret Evans will be rooming together in Topeka while attending Washburn Tech. Kyle Bloom is planning to attend Southeast Community College with an eye on becoming a land appraiser, while Dez Fund will move to Bakersfield, Calif., where she will be attending Bakersfield Community College and major in English.

However, students like Steve Brooks aren't really committed to any plans after graduating high school

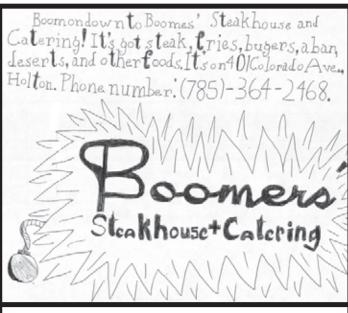
Steve Brooks admits, "I'm not sure what I'll be doing, but I hope I'm happy with whatever happens in my life after high school.

Currently, Brooks is employed at Casey's in Holton and hopes to eventually have a mechanics career.

The class of 2017 will soon go separate ways and begin to fulfill separate goals. However, they will always be proud alumni of Wetmore High School.



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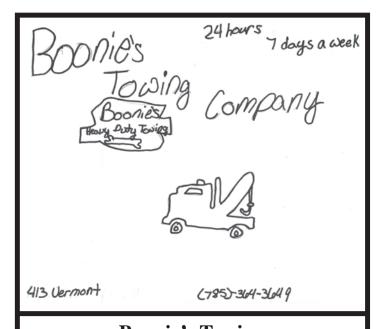
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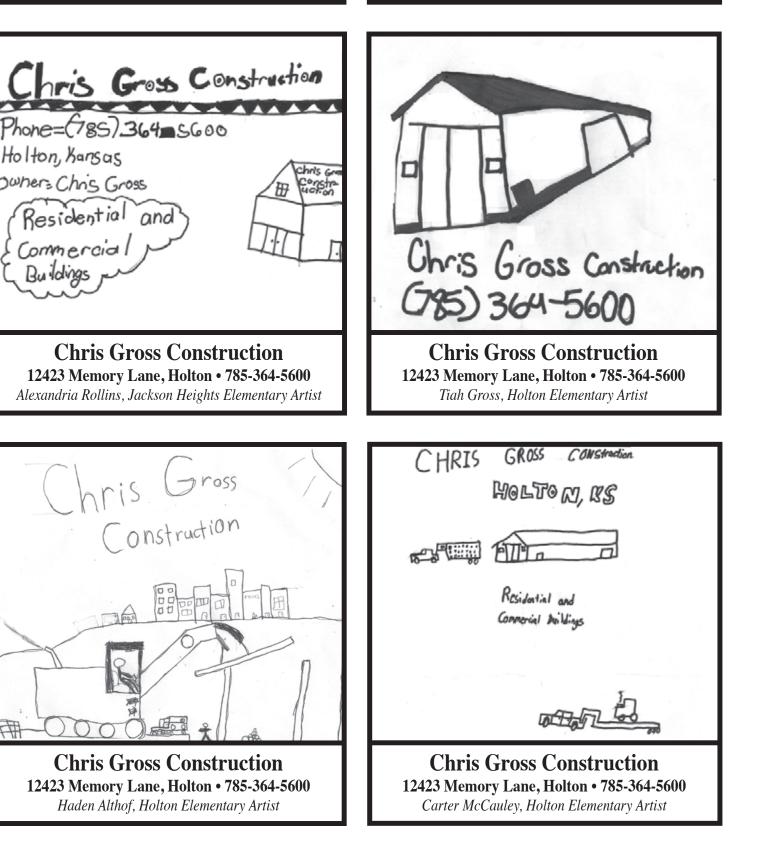
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Look for more state track photos in next Monday's

SPORTS Wednesdayphotos in next Monday's
edition. Thanks!Local tracksters medal in 14 events



RV's Kate Hanshaw, shown above, third from left, competed in the 3,200-meter run at the 3A state track meet over the weekend, placing 11th.



Jackson Heights' Faith Little, shown above, third from left, placed seventh in 800-meter run at the 2A state track meet. She also was a member of the Cobras' 4x400 meter relay that placed seventh and the 4x800 meter relay that placed fourth.



Jackson Heights' Sydney Raborn, shown above, placed seventh in the 2A state javelin.

By Michael Powls Local high school track and field athletes earned medals in 14 events at the Kansas State Track and Field Championships for All Classes held over the weekend at Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium. The top eight placers were awarded state medals in each event.

Royal Valley senior Lucas Broxterman earned three state medals, taking sixth in the Class 3A 300-meter hurdles, fifth in the 3A long jump and fourth in

the 3A high jump. Holton senior Mason Strader also earned three state medals, taking eighth in the 4A 800meter run, second in the 4A 1,600-meter run and fifth with the Wildcats' 4A 4x400-meter relay team.

Jackson Heights sophomore Faith Little earned three state medals, taking seventh in the 2A state 800-meter run and as a member of the Cobras' state 2A 4x400-meter relay team that placed seventh and the Cobras' state 2A 4x800-meter relay that placed fourth.

Jackson Heights freshman Kylie Dohl earned two state medals as a member of the Cobras' fourth-place 4x800 meter relay team and the Cobras' seventhplace 4x400 meter relay team.

Holton senior Spencer Baum earned state medals as part of Holton's 4x100 meter relay team that placed sixth at 4Å state and Holton's 4x400-meter relay team that placed fifth at 4A state.

Other local state medal winners were as follows:

*2A girls javelin - Sophomore Sydney Rayborn, Jackson Heights, seventh place. *2A boys 800-meter run – Ju-

nior Dalton Chartier, Jackson Heights, seventh place.

*2A boys triple jump - Senior Wyatt Olberding, Jackson Heights, sixth place. *2A girls – 4x400 relay, Jack-

son Heights, seventh place.

*2A girls – 4x800 relay, Jack-son Heights, fourth place.

*3A boys javelin – Senior Kenny Aitkens, Royal Valley, eighth place.

¥4A boys 4x100-meter relay – Holton, sixth place.

*4A boys 4x400-meter relay

Holton, fifth place. "Overall, we had a great state showing by everyone," said HHS head coach Mark Middlemist. "Regan Baum had a tough field in the 100-meter hurdles but competed well and now knows what to expect next

year. Same was true with Andrew Harrison. Not his best, but

sometimes state competition

Coach Middlemist said the boys 4x100 meter relay team

ran a 43.36 Friday and a 43.7

"Miles (McClintock-Strozier), Jayger (Carson), Bryson (Patch) and Spencer (Baum) took sixth place. They ran two really good races, one to get to the finals and the other in the finals," Mid-dlemist said. "It was a loaded

The boys 4x400 meter relay team of Jayger, Bryson, Spencer and Mason Strader ran 3:27.46 on Friday to qualify for the finals and then 3:27.82 Saturday for fifth place, Middlemist said. Mason ran a 4:26.14 in the 1,600 meter run, which broke his own record," Middlemist said. "The second place finish was a great race by Mason. He ran almost the perfect race, just

makes you tight.'

Saturday.

field."



a little short.' Royal Valley's Lucas Broxterman, shown above, third from left, placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles at the 3A state track meet. Broxterman also placed fourth in the 3A state high jump and fifth in the 3A state long jump.

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Holton's Spencer Baum, shown above, second from right, was a member of the sixth place 4x100 meter relay at the 4A state track meet. Baum was also a member of the Wildcats' 4x400 meter relay team that took fifth at state.



Holton's Andrew Harrison, shown above, placed 15th in the 4A state discus throw.

Photos by Michael Powls



Local athletes shine at state

Holton's Mason Strader, shown above, second from right, battled for running position early on in the crowded 1,600-meter run field at the 4A state track meet over the weekend.

At the finish line, Strader is shown at left just behind the winner in the race.

Strader, placing second in the race, broke his own school record.

Strader also placed eighth in the 800-meter run at the 4A state meet and was a member of the Wildcats' 4x400 meter relay team that placed fifth at the 4A state meet.

Photos by Michael Powls





State track results

Continued from Page 10 In the 800-meter run, Middlemist said, Mason placed eighth in 2:00.76, "running a really good race in a really tough field.

"To make it to state is a big accomplishment," said Jackson Heights head track coach Brad Alley. "It is even more difficult to medal at state, no matter the number on the back of the medal.

"We came home with 12 medals. Only one of those came from a senior," coach Alley said. "There is a lot to be excited about with this group. It was a weird year with rescheduled meets, sicknesses and injuries. To their credit, they didn't use that as an excuse and continued to battle throughout the season all the way to the state meet.

"Many of them performed their season best on the biggest stage," Alley said. "That is the goal of any season. They should be proud of their accomplishments this season and excited about next year.'

Here's what coach Alley had to say about the Cobras' individual performers:

Sydney Raborn placed in the javelin. Syd threw her personal best at the biggest stage. You can't ask for more than that. She came in ranked outside of medal contention and competed at a high level. She was only 1 inch from tying the school record in her event. It could be a record that is in danger next year. Erika White competed in the Javelin. She threw over 100' again. That is big for consistency. This was her first year throwing, and will look to have a big year for us next season. Grace Roles threw her personal best in the discus at state. Her confidence in this event has grown and will continue to grow. Evan Fox - I think Evan was our first pole vaulter to jump at state in 30 years. Big accomplishment for him and our young pole vault program. He made two jumps at state and will be a valuable piece to our track team next season. Wyatt Olberding battled injury all year. He didn't jump at very many meets but was talented enough to medal at state despite those issues. Girls 4x800 Relay - MaKenzie Kennedy, Karley Dieckmann, Kylie Dohl and Faith Little ran their season best at state and the team was our highest finisher at fourth place. Huge accomplishment for these girls. MaKenzie ran a terrific first leg, and really set us up to be in the race. Karley ran one of her most competitive races and she and Kylie held their ground. Faith was able to bring us home. Boys 4x800 Relay - Mark Mavrovich, Xavier Fritz, AJ Mock, Dalton Chartier - This group of guys competed well. It was a big accomplishment for them to make it to state. AJ Mock stood out in this group, running his best split of the year. He really matured as a runner this year. Girls 4x400 Relay - Abby Williams, Kylie Dohl, Jodi White and Faith Little. We battled sickness and injury all year with this group of girls. They proved, when healthy, that they are one of the best 4x400 relay teams in the state. They were able to make the finals and the medal stand despite those issues. Dalton Chartier ran his personal best in the 800M. It was good enough to place and get a medal at state. He committed himself this year and was rewarded for his work. He will be

an important leader for us next year in both cross country and track.

Faith Little battled injuries the last three weeks of the season. She was tough enough to make it to state in four events, two relays and two individual events (1600M and 800M). Faith placed in the 800M. She started the race looking like her old self. But in the last 200M, her body wouldn't let her go like she wanted to. She will get healthy and be ready for a solid cross country season. Faith came home with three state medals to add to her impressive collection.

Kylie Dohl did not make the finals in the 400M, but really competed well and did come home with two state medals in the relays. She is a valuable asset to both of those groups.

Notes: Comments from RVHS head track coach David Boucher were not available by press time. The following results are for state events involving local athletes. The results include name, grade, school, place and time/distance recorded.

Class 1A

Boys shot put 1. Gilbert Peters 11, South Gray, 52'02". 15. Trent Rowland 12, Wetmore, 41'09".

Boys triple jump 1. Kian Coffey 12, Stockton,

1. Elizabeth Kettler 10, Hiawatha, 11:50.45. 11. Kathryn Hanshaw 11, Royal Valley, 13:12.10. 12. Victoria Caplinger, ACCHS, 13:13.35.

Boys 300-meter hurdles 1. Jace Ruder 11, Norton Community, 40.10. 6. Lucas Broxterman 12, Royal Valley, 40.86.

Boys high jump 1. Tony Kinser 12, Hugoton, 6'08". 4. Lucas Broxterman 12, Royal Valley, 6'02".

Boys long jump 1. Colin Budke 12, Beloit, 22'02.50". 5. Lucas Broxterman 12, Royal Valley, 20'07".

Boys javelin

1. Carter Swindale 11, Osage City, 185'03". 8. Kenny Aitkens 12. Royal Valley, 159-02.

Boys pole vault

1. Johnathan Ball 12, Hois-ington, 14'. 12. Garrett Hicks 11, Royal Valley, 11'06".

Class 4A

Girls 100-meter hurdles

1. Jewell Bolden 12, Andover Central, 14.27.15 . Regan Baum 10, Holton, 17.46, in prelims.

Boys 800-meter run

1. Matt Wilson 12, Paola, 1:55.77. 8. Mason Strader 11, Holton High School, 2:00.76. Boys 1,600-meter run

1. Ethan Kossover 12, Maize South, 4:25.79. 2. Mason Strader 11, Holton High School, Boys 4x400-meter relay 1. Paola, 3:23.41. 5. Holton, 3:27.82 - Bryson Patch 12, Spencer Baum 12, Jayger Carson and Mason Strader 11. Boys 4x100-meter relay 1. Piper, 42.77. 6. Holton, 43.72, Miles McClintock-Strozier 12, Bryson Patch 12, Jayger Carson 10 and Spencer Baum 12.

45'07.502.8". 9. Curtis Bloom 4:26.14. 10. Wetmore, 40'11".

Girls 800-meter run 1. Halle Johnson 11, Bennington, 2:19.89. 7. Faith Little 10, Jackson Heights, 2:23.25.

Girls 1,600-meter run 1. Halle Johnson 11, Bennington, 5:12.18. 9. Faith Little 10, Jackson Heights, 5:38.11.

Girls 4x400-meter relay

1. Heritage Christian Academy, 4:11.13.7. Jackson Heights, 4:17.72 – Abby Wiliams 11, Jodi White 9, Kylie Dohl 9 and Faith Little 10.

Girls 4x800-meter relay

1. Bennington, 10:06.78. 4. Jackson Heights, 10:26.73, MaKenzie Kennedy 9, Karley Dieckmann 10, Kylie Dohl 9 and Faith Little 10. Girls 400-meter dash

1. Aubry Donley 10, Lincoln, 58.78.13. Kylie Dohl 9, Jackson Heights, 1:04.35 in prelims. Girls discus

1. Alyssa Miller 12, Hill City, 141'04". 11. 9, Jackson Grace Roles Heights, 98'07". Girls javelin

1. Bailee Swift 12, Chase County, 141'08". 7. Sydney Raborn 10, Jackson Heights, 123'. 13. Erika White 11, Jack-102'08". son Heights Boys 800-meter run

1. Caleb Carrasco 12, Stanton County 1:57.61. 7. Dalton Chartier 11, Jackson Heights, 2:02.17.

Boys 4x800-meter relay 1. Yates Center, 8:19.61. 14. Jackson Heights, 8:49.58, Mark Mavrovich, Austin Mock, Xavier Fritz and Dalton Chartier.

Boys triple jump

1. Chandler Stiawalt 12, Ness City, 45'05.75". 6. Wyatt Olberding 12, Jackson Heights 42'06.25"

Boys pole vault

1. Kaden Meitler 12, Smith Center, 14'. 11. Evan Fox 11, Jackson Heights, 11'.

Class 3A

Girls 1,600-meter run 1. Celia Biel, Hutchinson-Trinity, 5:20.30. 11. Victoria Caplinger, ACCHS, 5:52.55. Girls 3,200-meter run

Boys 400-meter dash

1. Corey Minks 10, Maize South, 50.04. 14. Bryson Patch 12, Holton, 52.55, in prelims. Boys discus

1. LeeRoi Johnson 11, Tonganoxie, 180'03". 15. Andrew Harrison 11, Holton, 127'11".

Team scores:

Class 1A boys - 1. South Gray, 93 points.

Class 1A girls – 1. Centralia, 47.5 points

Class 2A boys – 1. Plainville, 88 points. 29. Jackson Heights, 5 points.

Class 2A girls 1. – Blue Rapids/Valley Heights, 76 points.

21. Jackson Heights, 11 points. Class 3A boys - 1. Hugoton, 62 points. 20. Royal Valley, 13 points.

Class 3A girls - 1. Nemaha Central, 71.33 points.

Class 4A boys - 1. Andale, 59.5 points. 13. Holton, 16 points.

Class 4A girls – 1. Andale, 72 points.



Class 2A

Ireland... **Continued from Page 1**

in track and basketball.

But his first choice of career after his school days were over was education. After graduating from Kansas State University in 1971 with a degree in physical education, he taught and coached at Southwestern Heights in Plains, Winfield High School and Piper High School in the Kansas Ĉity area.

It was at Piper where Ireland fulfilled his dream of being a football and baseball coach, taking the baseball team to state competition one year. But Beverly said her husband wanted to raise his children in Holton, the community where he himself was raised, and he also wanted to provide a better life for his family than he could get as an educator.

"It was really tough back then for teachers," she said. "His brother Lawrence was an attorney, and that influenced him to change his career."

Ireland then pursued a juris doctorate of law degree from the Washburn University School of Law. He earned that degree in 1980, going on to get his start as an assistant Jackson County Attorney under J. Richard Lake and set up his own practice, Ireland Law Office, in Holton.

In 1984, he was elected to the first of five terms as Jackson County Attorney, winning re-election in 1988, 1992 and 1996 before stepping aside. He would successfully run for the position again in 2004.

Then, in 2006, he was appointed by Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius to replace Tracy Klinginsmith as District Court Judge for the Second Judicial District.

"Someone told me that he would really explain things to defendants, so that they really understood what was going on," Beverly said. "He would repeat it until they got it. But he liked - so many strikes and you're out."



Ireland himself aptly summed up the way he viewed criminal defendants to The Holton Recorder in 2004.

"Every case is different, and every defendant is different," he said. "There are three kinds of defendants - good people who stupidly did something wrong for the first time, people who have been in trouble enough that they need some jail time, and outlaws. They go to prison."

Attorneys, judges and others who worked with Ireland were always sure about one thing when dealing with him, as Bev-erly noted: "You knew where you stood with him."

Others who worked with him concurred.

"He brought an interesting blend of discipline and humor to the bench," Lake told *The Recorder* in 2015. "We've been close for many, many years... I had great admiration for Mike and his abilities and his people skills.'

Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller also described Ireland as "a force to be reckoned with in the courtroom."

"His no-nonsense communication style never left you wondering where he stood on the issues, yet there was never a doubt that he had a heart of gold, always striving to do what he believed to be right," Miller told The Recorder in 2015. "He mentored many a young attorney, including myself, and helped mold me into the person and professional I am today."

But Ireland never lost his passion for making sure young people in Holton received a good education and led good lives. Beverly said he would anonymously give students financial assistance so that they could have class rings and letter jackets, and he made several financial contributions to his alma mater.

"He had a big heart," she said. "And he would go up to the schools and teach when he was asked."

Ireland also retained a love of sports and did whatever he could to promote athtletics at HHS, Beverly noted. He worked with Mark Wilson in the announcer's booth at HHS football games, providing color commentary, and he would referee basketball games with Mark Middlemist.

"He loved to stay active in sports," she said. "Even after working hard all day as a county attorney or a judge, he'd still go and be a referee.

Beverly said her husband had even spoke about plans to return to the classroom someday after retiring from the bench. But those plans went unfulfilled, as Ireland died on Aug. 29, 2015, a few days after he suffered a cardiac arrest at the Jackson County Courthouse.

Ireland was remembered during Saturday's alumni banquet with an introduction and presentation of the Alumnus of the Year award from his classmate and longtime friend, Steve Watkins. Mike and Beverly's son Mark accepted the award, which Beverly said Mike would have appreciated.

"I believe he was watching," she said.



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North Jackson Jets hold May meeting

By Brooke Slipke The North Jackson Jets 4-H Club held its meeting on Sunday, May 7. Vice President Kolby Rethman called the meeting to order.

The 4-H Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. Roll call was "what you are looking forward to this summer.'

Treasurer Olivia Yingst updated club members on the bank account. Olivia and Brooke Slipke gave a council report.

Club leader Phyllis explained the various activities the club will be responsible for during the fair week. Kolby Bowhay gave a project

talk about his bucket calf project. Curtis Fitzgerald shared what he learned in the recent pollinator garden opportunity. Gracie White did her project talk about her sheep project.

Vice President Kolby adjourned the meeting. Recreation was engineering a building made of playing cards led by Teagen Bowhay. Refreshments were provided by the Rethman family.



Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, May 31, 2017.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Laura Michelle Farmer, natural mother of Chaley Michelle Lemmon, praying: Chaley Michelle Lemmon to be given rights of majority.

Written defenses are required to be filed on or before July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., in the Jackson County District Courthouse, Holton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard.

Chaley Michelle Lemmon

Agents visit with 650 kids during Ag Days

By Jody Holthaus Meadowlark Extension District Agent Livestock & Natural Resources

DavidHal- 🛽 lauer and I have just finished the Ag Day circuit for our dis-We've trict. seen 650 kids in the last six days! It's great to interact with them.



They are always so positive. I have learned they seem to have a problem when you ask, "Are there any questions?" You can either get a story about something that may or may not have anything to do with the current subject or you can get a question like, Where do you find platypuses?" One thing this week does every year is to reinforce that I'm extremely grateful for the people that have made educating our youth their fulltime careers! Thank you to all the teachers and their paras. My topic at the ag day was water. It's great that the kids are so aware of where their water comes from. Water is a precious resource and maybe even more so in their lifetimes

that's in the lake (algae). Just so happens there is a television ad right now that talks about growing algae as a renewable energy source. Wouldn't that be great if we could all become "algae farmers" and grow our own fuel!

Algal fuel, algal biofuel or algal oil is an alternative to liquid fossil fuels. It is estimated that this type of biofuel is probably at least 25 years away from commercial availability.

Algae were first explored as a fuel alternative in 1978 under President Jimmy Carter. Gas prices had skyrocketed, lines at the pump were endless and the govforms of algae. You may even see algae in different colors such as red, green and brown.

Algae are easy to grow and can be manipulated to produce huge amounts without disturbing any natural habitats or food sources. Algae are easy to please – all they need are water, sunlight and carbon dioxide.

So, are algae all the same? Various algae contain different levels of oil. Of all the algae out there, pond scum – algae that sit on top of ponds – is best suited for biodiesel.

Algae production has the potential to outperform other potential

ernment was looking to help ease the crisis.

The Aquatic Species Program run by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory researched high oil-output algae for biofuel. After testing more than 3,000 types of algae, the program concluded that the high-yielding plant, if produced in large enough amounts, could replace fossil fuels for home heating and transportation purposes.

More than 100.000 different species of plantlike organisms belong to the algae family. They come in various forms and colors from tiny protozoa floating in ponds to huge bunches of seaweed inhabiting the ocean.

Leafy kelp, grassy moss and We also talk about all the stuff fungus growing on rocks are all biodiesel products such as palm or corn. For example, a 100-acre algae biodiesel plant could potentially produce 10 million gallons of biodiesel in a single year. Experts estimate it will take 140 billion gallons of algae biodiesel to replace petroleum-based products each year.

To reach this goal, algae biodiesel companies will only need about 95 million acres of land to build biodiesel plants, compared to billions of acres for other biodiesel products. Since algae can be grown anywhere indoors, it's a promising element in the race to produce a new fuel.

Extracting oil from algae may seem like a grimy job. Who knows what exciting careers these kids could have!

Dorsch captured in South Dakota

A Mayetta resident, the subject of a manhunt earlier this month in connection with the alleged battery of a local woman, has been captured in South Dakota, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported.

In a press release issued early today, Morse said Michael Dorsch, 31, was captured shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday in Sioux Falls, S.D. Dorsch was being sought on an outstanding Jackson County warrant on charges of aggravated battery and child

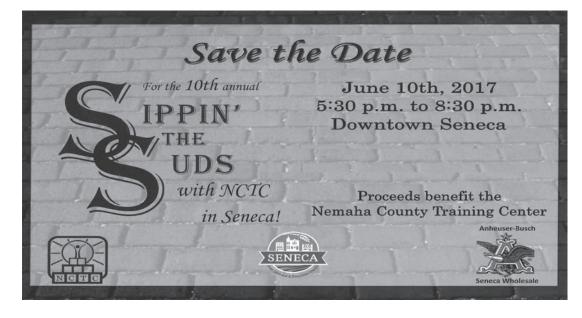
endangerment in connection tive effort between his office with an alleged domestic battery incident that reportedly occurred Thursday, May 4 near Mayetta.

Dorsch, earlier described as a Native American and considered "dangerous," was believed to have been hiding in the area of Sisseton, S.D., which is about 160 miles north of Sioux Falls. He was captured by Sioux Falls-area law enforcement in a Walmart store in that area.

Morse said the apprehension of Dorsch was a cooperaand the South Dakota Highway Patrol, the Sioux Falls Police Department, the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office and the Topeka office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Morse thanks those who provided information that led to Dorsch's capture.

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Holcomb wins 4A-DII state baseball title

In the Kansas Class 4A-DII state baseball tournament, Holcomb – the team that eliminated Holton in the first round – beat Baxter Springs 3-2 in 10 innings to earn the state crown on Friday at Soden's Grove Field in Emporia.

Holcomb finished the season with a 19-2 overall record, while Baxter Springs finished 18-5.

Rock Creek beat Nickerson 5-4 to take third place in the 4A-DII state tourney, after falling to Baxter Springs in the semi-final round, 5-3.

Holcomb beat Nickerson 2-1 in the semi-finals to advance to the title game.

Rock Creek finished 21-1 overall while Nickerson finished 20-5.

In Class 6A baseball, Overland Park – Blue Valley (16-9 overall) beat Manhattan (15-10 overall) 12-8 for the crown.

In Class 5A, Maize (22-3 overall) beat Overland Park – Thomas Aquinas (20-5) 5-4 for the state title.

In Class 4A, DI, Maize South (20-5 overall) beat Ottawa (18-6) 7-5 for the state title.

In Class 3A, Wichita-The Independent (25-1 overall) beat Marion-Lost Springs (23-2 overall) 8-0 for the title.

In Class 2A-1A, Leon-Blue Stem (18-4 overall) beat Ellis (20-1 overall) 8-5 for the title.



The photo above shows HHS head baseball coach Joe Purcell, No. 11, giving his team some instructions before they go to bat against Holcomb Thursday at Emporia in the first round of the Class 4A-DII state baseball tournament. It was the first time in school history that the Wildcats qualified for the state tourney. Holcomb beat Holton and eventually won the state tourney. Photo by Michael Powls



Rose Marie Clements of Onaga, who will display some of her quilts in the Courthouse meeting room. A variety of spinning, felting and weaving demonstrations will be held that day on the first floor of the Courthouse led by Paul Abell of The Golden Fleece. Also inside the Courthouse, the Jackson County Arts group will be presenting a "Common Threads" painted quilt exhibit. Red, white and blue antique quilts will be shown at the Jackson County Museum, located at 327 New York Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April Lemon of More Than Lemons will be hosting glass blowing demonstrations at her shop on the east side of the Square. Craft and product vendors will also be set up on the Courtyard that day. A prize wheel will be set up in the morning by KNZA, and people can sign up to win a sewing machine provided by 12423 Memory Lane Holton, KS 66436 JM Sewing Center. A welcome booth will be set up near the gazebo for participants to sign up. The Jackson County Community Band will perform from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the courtyard. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled for June 17. A special "Quilts of Valor" free-will dinner and presentation will be held on June 24 at the First United Methodist Church in Holton. Names of area veterans are always being sought by volunteers for this special event, it was reported. For more information about either event, call 785-364-4050 or visit www.quiltingonthesquare. com.

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"I always had a football or a basketball in my hand," he said. "My dad was a sportsminded person. He wasn't directly associated with sports he was a railroad worker — but he spent a lot of time with me on sports.'

He was also encouraged to pursue a career in coaching and teaching by a high school football coach who recognized that he had an interest in athletics and education. So after graduating from Bethany, he took the job at McDonald.

In his first year there, he was named head coach in football, basketball and track, and in his second and third years, he accepted a reduced role in coaching football while remaining the head coach in the other sports. But he recognized that McDonald wasn't where he wanted to stay.

"I did not particularly care for the weather in western Kansas," he said with a laugh. "I got tired of the winds, the dirt, the dust, the tumbleweeds and the two-inch snows that would turn into two-foot drifts... The environment wasn't something that appealed to me. So my wife and I decided that we would look elsewhere.'

"Elsewhere" included Steamboat Springs, he said, adding that "we didn't get that far." But there was another job prospect that opened up in a small town he'd never heard of, a place called Holton.

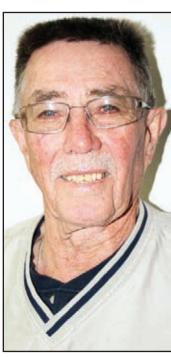
"I'd been to Topeka and Kansas City, but otherwise nowhere in this part of the state, so I didn't really know where Holton was," he said.

But he accepted the position, and he and Judy came to Holton, where they received a particularly memorable welcome from neighbor Jack Brown and his family, as well as head football coach Mike Rogers. The Browns helped the Swishers unpack their U-Haul trailer "in no time at all," he said, and Rogers invited him to play golf not long after the Swishers pulled the trailer into the driveway.

Swisher noted another invitation from Rogers that would have a profound effect on him.

"Mike showed up and said he had four high school boys that were registered to go to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp in Estes Park, Colo., and he wanted to know if we would be interested in taking them to Colorado,' Swisher said. "It was a rewarding week's experience... I met a lot of people that I'm still acquainted with today."

But what still stands out to Swisher, even today, was that the parents of those boys "entrusted somebody that they did not know" to take them to Estes Park. "I told Judy, I like this, I like the start that we have here, and I really think that we need to consider looking at this as a place where we want to raise a family," he said. "They didn't know one thing about us, and they let us put their four children in a car with us and our seven-month-old daughter and take them clear out of state. That tells me something about the people in this community." That, Swisher said, was "the big selling point" for him on Holton, and that is what's kept him and his family here for 52years. In 1965, he started at HHS as an assistant coach in football, track and basketball, moving up to head coach in the latter sport after its head coach left at the end of that first year. He would later move up to track head coach in 1973, and two years later, he took on the role of head coach of a cross-country program that was in danger of being dropped. "It was a pretty new program just three or four runners," Swisher said. "I wanted to keep the program going... I thought, well, I'd be interested in that job if they'd hire me." Which they did, without any extra pay, he said. That first year, 1975, was a bumpy one - the team would practice in the early morning at the Holton Country Club, he said, "running with flashlights" while he took off to help with the football team - but it was enough to convince the district to keep cross-country going. The dedication paid off. Next year, in 1976, the cross-country team began a seven-year run of Big Seven League championships, winning the Class 4A regional championships in 1978 and again in 1981, when the team took third in the Class 4A state tournament. Swisher also led the track team to three Big Seven League championships, in 1975, 1976 and 1980. He also took on an extracurricular role in basketball, in an officiating role, after stepping down as Holton's



head basketball coach in 1972 to spend more time with his children. He served as a basketball referee from 1975 to 2008.

"Basketball is such a long season," he said. "But after a couple of years, I was starting to miss basketball, so I got back into officiating."

In 1987, Swisher decided to step down after 15 years as head track coach, saying that hauling all the necessary equipment for track and field events around was beginning to wear on him. But as one coaching job came to an end, another opportunity to coach presented itself almost immediately.

"Golf at Holton was an existing program, I'm not sure for how long," he said.

For 30 years, starting in 1988, Swisher took control of the high school boys golf program, taking a small team and fashioning it into a powerhouse program that, starting in 1994, went on a five-year run of Class 4A regional titles.

In 1997, the team went further than ever. Swisher said that year's team started out getting beaten at its first tournament at Hiawatha by just one stroke, but after that, they honed their skills to win the team's first Big Seven League title before going on to win the Class 4A state championship.

"They were a group that comes along once in a lifetime," Swisher said of that

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championship team.

It was with golf that Swisher earned some of his more prestigious recognition on a personal level. He was named the 1996-97 Kansas Coaches Association Boys Golf Coach of the Year, and in 1998, he was named the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association's Section 5 Boys Golf Coach of the Year, then NFICA National Golf Coach of the Year.

At that point, things for Swisher were beginning to wind down. He had taught physical education and "commercial subjects" - bookkeeping, accounting, typing and shorthand – at HHS since his arrival, and in 2002, he decided to stop teaching. He also relinquished the head coach's position with the cross-country team after 34 years, in 2008.

He continued with the golf program, however, with the team earning Class 4A regional titles in 2004 and 2012 and winning the Big Seven League title from 2012 through 2015. In 2012, the team took third place at the state level.

Throughout his entire time with the district, he's also been a bus driver, handling morning routes for students.

"The average bus route is 25 miles, and the average number of school days in a year is 180," he said. "I multiplied it all up and the morning bus route totaled 234,000 miles, just driving the bus in the morning. That doesn't include activity trips... That's a lot of miles."

This year, he announced, would be his last with the district.

"I'm tired of getting up at 5:45 a.m.," he said with a laugh.

But 55 years after starting his first teaching job in northwestern Kansas, and 52 years after arriving in a once-unknown place called Holton, Swisher has earned the right to sleep in. Over the years, he estimated, he has affected the lives of 4,160 HHS students, and certainly they would agree, as would those who gave Swisher a standing ovation at this year's HHS athletic banquet for more than half a century of service.

"I'm happy with what I've done, and I feel good about it," he said.





Boy Scouts from Holton Troop 64 played taps at the Memorial Day ceremony at Holton Cemetery Monday. Those shown are (from left) Jacob Kebert, Johan Campbell and Ian Anderson with troop leader Erich Campbell standing behind them. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Election...

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In addition, Bruce Yonke (incumbent) and Carolyn Kennedy (incumbent) have both filed for two open seats on the Meadowlark Extension Board of Directors

Candidates have until noon tomorrow to file at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, which is located on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse.

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Four people interested in the same position would cause a primary election, it was reported. That election would be held Aug. 1.

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REAL ESTATE AUCTION Saturday, June 24, 2017 **Personal Property Auction begins at 10 a.m. Real Estate Auction begins at 11:30 a.m.** Location: 4575 102nd Road, Delia, KS

DIRECTIONS: From Highway 75 and 110th Road at Hovt, KS: 7 miles west on 110 Road to K Road, 1/2 mile south on K Road to 106 Road, 4 miles west on 106 Road to G Road, 1/2 mile south on G Road to 102 Road and 1/4 mile west.

From Delia, KS: 1/2 mile south on E Road and 1.75 miles east on 102 Road.

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REAL ESTATE: 11:30 A.M.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A tract in S35 T9 R13E - 7.87 acres, Jackson County, Kansas DESCRIPTION: 1984 One Owner Berm Home – approx. 1,814 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths.

Quality construction, excellent maintenance, Eubanks Custom Wood cabinets. Cabinets look brand new and there are many throughout the house. Kitchen appliances, washer & dryer stay. Office off attached garage with organized shelving & cabinets. Attic over garage for storage. 2 large bedrooms on second floor. Well water, water softener and filter system. Lagoon and owned 500-gal. propane tank. Outbuildings include 80x40 machine shed (50x40) & attached shop (30x40) with up to 12" concrete floor. USD 321 Kaw Valley Schools. Free State electric service.

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TERMS: \$15,000 down day of sale, balance in certified funds day of closing on or before July 26, 2017. Possession after closing, sellers title insurance policy and closing fee with be split between buyer and seller. 2016 taxes and previous years will be paid by seller and the 2017 taxes will be prorated to day of closing based on the 2016 taxes. (2016 taxes on 13.61 acres, \$1825.00) All inspections buyers deem necessary, must be completed before day of sale at buyers expense. The broker-auctioneer and Harris agents are representing the seller.

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