

## 2018 Legislative session convenes

■ *School funding to be a dominant issue*

By Ali Holcomb

The 2018 Kansas Legislature resumed Monday, and members of both the House of Representatives and Senate are back at work tackling a variety of issues at the state level.

School funding will be a dominant issue for lawmakers after the Kansas Supreme Court ruled last fall that state school funding was inadequate under the state constitution.

This will be the second Legislative session for Republican Francis Awerkamp of St. Marys, who serves as the representative for District 61 in the House, which includes Jackson and Pottawatomie counties.

"I will focus on learning more about the details of education funding, KPERs and the government-funded health services," Rep. Awerkamp said. "These three categories consume around 90 percent of the state's budget, and the layers of complexity in each category require continual research to understand them at a level which allows me to cast educated votes, and, hopefully to develop improvements."

Awerkamp said he plans to continue to vote according to how he campaigned.

"I will always vote to defend life, the family and parents' rights. I will always defend our Second Amendment rights," he said. "Regarding government spending, including education, infrastructure, and the many services the government funds and administers, I'll continue to promote and vote for legislation

that results in better government, not simply more government, and gives each of us some confidence that our government respects both the rule of law and your hard-earned tax dollars."

Republican Senator Dennis Pyle of Hiawatha represents District 1 and has served in the Senate since 2005. The first district senator represents most of Jackson, Pottawatomie, Nemaha, Brown, Doniphan, Atchison and a portion of Marshall counties.

Sen. Pyle says there are a variety of issues surrounding this year's session.

"There is always the danger of tax increases as there are many who refuse to 'live within their means.' State revenues are again running ahead of projections," Pyle said.

Pyle said that the Lansing prison is being discussed in Legislative meetings and whether a new state prison could be bonded or paid for with a lease purchase option.

"Also, there will most likely be another attempt to expand Medicaid," he said. "The measure was vetoed last session, and the veto override failed as well."

In addition, Pyle expects possible debate on medical marijuana.

"There are also many watching the current case surrounding the abhorrent issue of dismemberment abortion, whether or not the courts find a 'right to abortion' in the Kansas Constitution. Depending on the

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**Jackson Heights High School agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Paul Lierz (at right in photo above) acted as auctioneer for the annual JHHS FFA hay auction, held between varsity basketball games on Friday in the school's library. A total of 87 bales were sold, raising \$5,280 for the school's FFA chapter, Lierz said. Proceeds will help fund the chapter's trips to state and national FFA conventions, the meal and awards for the chapter's awards banquet and trips to offer leadership camps, he added.**

*Photo by Brian Sanders*

## Town Square trees city topic

By Brian Sanders

Whatever people's opinions are about the ornamental pear trees on Holton's Town Square, they won't be going away anytime soon, the Holton City Commission noted this week.

During the commission's Monday night meeting, commissioners stated that discussions held at their Dec. 18 meeting regarding taking care of curb issues on the north side of the Square and possibly replacing the trees that are causing the curbs to buckle are nothing more than discussions at this point.

"We're in no way close to doing something," Commissioner Dan Brenner said regarding that discussion, in which Holton Street Superintendent Greg Tanking and City Manager Kervin McKee said the city was looking into a Kansas Department of Transportation-administered grant for curb and sidewalk repairs.

McKee said the city has received four letters from business owners on the Square about how those plans might involve replacement or removal of the trees, the majority of whom are opposed to getting rid of the

trees despite their production of messy "berries" during late fall and early winter.

"It's good to get people talking about it," he said. "The only concern that we really have is our curb."

One of the business owners, Joni White of White Law Office, said that while the trees on the north side of the Square may be causing the curbs to heave and buckle, their presence is beneficial for businesses along that side.

"People may not be aware of it, but the trees really help us out with the shade and have really

lowered our cooling costs," White said. "That may be true of anyone on the north side of the Square."

However, there is still the issue of taking care of the trees, a "problem" that Commissioner Tim Morris said the city inherited from "three different committees" — the Heritage Walk committee, which got the trees planted, the Friends of Downtown organization and the Holton Main Street organization, all three of which had managed the trees and are now defunct.

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## Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day federal holiday will be observed Monday. Financial and governmental offices will be closed, and the U.S. Postal Service will not deliver mail that day.

All three school districts — Jackson Heights, Holton and Royal Valley — have designated Monday as a staff development day, and students in those districts will not attend classes that day, it was reported.

Most privately-owned businesses, such as *The Holton Recorder*, will be open during regular business hours on



Monday.

Some local *Recorder* subscribers may experience a full one-day delay in the delivery of their Monday newspaper, due to the holiday.

## Update on Honor Flight given at Heights meeting

By Brian Sanders

Plans for a seventh Jackson Heights-hosted Honor Flight this spring are up in the air at the present time, the Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education learned during their regular monthly meeting on Monday.

District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh told board members that in addition to rising airline ticket prices for high school student "guardians" and other support staff who accompany veterans of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars to Washington, D.C., special tickets that allow the war veterans to travel to the nation's capital at no cost are not yet available.

Furthermore, Walsh said,

an executive director with the national Honor Flight program said those special tickets, or "E-passes," as provided by Southwest Airlines "wouldn't be ready for awhile." That, she added, may make it necessary for the Jackson Heights Honor Flight program to raise even more funds to facilitate an Honor Flight this coming spring.

"If we had to pay for all the fares, we'd be about \$10,000 off," said Walsh, who noted that the district's Honor Flight fund has a balance of about \$16,700. Those funds, it has been reported, come entirely from private donations.

Walsh had previously reported that the last time the district program conducted an Honor Flight, in September of 2015, the total cost of the trip

was about \$10,000. However, Southwest — the national Honor Flight program's official airline — had raised fares significantly in the meantime, it was noted.

On Tuesday, Walsh said she planned to contact Southwest directly to get information about the "E-passes," particularly if and when they would be available — or if the district would need to conduct more fund-raising activities.

"I don't know when they're going to be available for sure," she said. "I'm sort of on hold right now, waiting for those to become available."

Walsh also noted that the Jackson Heights Honor Flight program, or "hub," could apply for financial assistance from the national Honor Flight program,

which would provide "the equivalent of the E-passes" for any future flights.

"We've never done that before, because the E-passes have always been sort of our way of doing things," she said. "But I'm still hopeful. I still plan to stay on it."

In other business on Monday, the board discussed a pair of draft calendars for the 2018-19 school year, noting in particular the differences in the school year's starting date and expressing preference for a calendar that had a later start date. No action was taken on adopting a calendar during the meeting, as Walsh said she wanted to review the options with district staff first.

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**About 2,000 geese have called Banner Creek Reservoir their home the past few weeks. Despite the eight inches of ice that cover most of the lake, the geese have kept an area warm and open on the north side near the dam.**

*Photo by Ali Holcomb*

## RV FCCLA club members working to reduce poverty

By Ali Holcomb

Several grants and donations to Royal Valley organizations and programs were approved during Monday evening's board of education meeting.

One such grant was \$500 to the RVHS FCCLA club as club members are working to help reduce poverty at the local, national and global levels.

Club member Lindsey Bowden and sponsor Monique Litherland attended the board meeting and presented information on the project, which includes partnering with Thrive! Jackson County.

Bowden explained that the Thrive! program is offered to families in Jackson County that fall below the poverty line. The 18-week program is held at the Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton and teaches families how to manage money wisely and other life skills.

Bowden said that the FCCLA

club has catered a meal for the Thrive! program on the first Thursday of every month since October and will be providing additional meals in February and March. Each meal serves between 40 to 50 people. Meals have included chili, pulled pork and lasagna.

Club members have also provided child care four evenings during Thrive!

Basic need items were collected by FCCLA members and given to the families, and the club adopted two of the families for Christmas.

Bowden and others gave presentations at Thrive! about meal planning on a budget and on myths about poverty.

Several businesses donated items for the meals, but Bowden also wrote and recently received a \$500 Disney Be Inspired grant.

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**THURSDAY'S FORECAST**  
A.M. RAIN & SNOW, HIGH OF 26  
Look for the complete forecast on page 2.





# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Thursday, Jan. 11**

\*9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topeka farm show, held at Kansas Expocentre, One Expocentre Dr., Topeka. For more information, contact Traxexpos at 800-949-3976.  
\*11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Highland Community College Holton Center enrollment.  
\*12:30 p.m. Wetmore DLT.  
\*4 p.m. HHS JV Scholars Bowl at Jeff West.  
\*4 p.m. WHS Scholars Bowl at Washington County.  
\*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. Xavier at JH.  
\*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball at Hiawatha.  
\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball at ACCHS.  
\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball at ACCES.  
\*WMS basketball at Centralia, time TBA.

\*6:30 p.m. The Beck-Bookman Library book discussion group will meet at the library in Holton to discuss “Leaving Time” by Jodi Picoult. Cindy Meyer and Sandee Morris will provide refreshments; Meyer will lead the discussion.  
\*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Use the south door.  
\*Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 362-7021.

**Friday, Jan. 12**

\*RVES character recognition assembly (kindergarten and first grade at 2:30 p.m., grades 2-4 at 2:50 p.m.)

\*Wetmore Academic Letter Recognition seminar.  
\*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, Jan. 13**  
\*9 a.m. Royal Valley Power Lifting meet.  
\*Jackson Heights V/JV NEKL Scholars Bowl at Valley Falls.  
\*7 p.m. Circleville Saddle Club annual meeting, held at the Circleville Lodge Hall. A potluck will precede the meeting at 6 p.m.  
\*Native American Singers and Dancers trip to Bartlesville, Okla.  
\*WHS TVL basketball at Onaga, time TBA.

**Sunday, Jan. 14**

\*Attend the church of your choice.  
\*2 p.m. Jackson County Democrats election year kick-off meeting, held at old PBP bingo hall (16277 Q Rd., Mayetta).  
**Monday, Jan. 15**  
\*Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
\*No school for Jackson Heights, Holton, Royal Valley or Wetmore students.  
\*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball at St. Benedict.  
\*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball vs. Perry-Lecompton at Holton.  
\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball vs. Riverside at RVMS.  
\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball vs. Riverside at RVES.  
\*6 p.m. Holton USD 336 Board of Education meeting.  
\*7 p.m. RVES PTO meeting.  
\*WHS TVL basketball at Onaga, time TBA.  
\*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka, on every third Monday of the month.  
\*NAMI Topeka two-family workshop classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays through March 26 at Countryside U.M. Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Rd., Room #4, Topeka. For more information, contact Marilyn Rowland at (785) 806-3049.

## School Lunch Menus

**Jackson Heights**  
**Monday, Jan. 15:** No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16:** Breakfast – Cheese omelet, oatmeal square, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken crispito, tortilla chips, broccoli, refried beans, fruit and milk.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 17:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Baked chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, whole-wheat roll (9-12), lettuce salad, fruit and milk.  
**Thursday, Jan. 18:** Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Sloppy joe on a bun, potato wedges, bell peppers and cucumbers, fruit and milk.  
**Friday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Country steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, biscuit, lettuce salad, fruit and milk.  
**Holton**  
**Monday, Jan. 15:** No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16:** Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Taco soup or chicken crispito, tortilla chips, salsa and refried beans, fresh

fruits and vegetables and milk.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 17:** Breakfast – Scrumptious coffee cake or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Corn dog or hamburger on bun, green beans, tater tots, Snickerdoodle, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.  
**Thursday, Jan. 18:** Breakfast – Chicken biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken quesadilla or yogurt and oat muffin plate, chips and salsa (9-12), fresh broccoli and carrots, fresh fruit and milk.  
**Friday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Pizza or turkey and cheese sub, seasoned corn, garden salad, fresh fruit and milk.  
**Royal Valley**  
**Monday, Jan. 15:** No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16:** Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pork rib on a bun, french fries, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 17:** Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.  
**Thursday, Jan. 18:** Breakfast

– French toast sticks, fruit and milk; Lunch – Turkey and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.  
**Friday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken quesadilla, salsa and sour cream, corn, salad, fruit and milk.  
**Wetmore**  
**Monday, Jan. 15:** No school (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16:** Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Cheese quesadilla with salsa, refried beans, corn, pineapple and milk.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 17:** Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, spinach garden salad, seasoned green beans, mandarin oranges and milk.  
**Thursday, Jan. 18:** Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Chicken noodle soup, rabbit food and pickle spears, banana, whole-grain garlic cheddar biscuit and milk.  
**Friday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Spaghetti and meat sauce, steamed broccoli, peaches, whole-grain Italian bread and milk.  
*Note: Menus subject to change.*

## Jackson County 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.  
Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made by 9:30 a.m. same day.  
Reservations and cancellations may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.  
Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 15 through Friday, Jan. 19 are as follows:

**Monday, Jan. 15:** Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16:** Swiss steak, baked potato, Japanese mix vegetables, five-cup salad and bread and margarine.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 17:** Pork cutlet, baked sweet po-

lows:  
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## PBP Elder Center Menu

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.  
The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
Enrolled tribal members age 50 and older may eat for free. Non-member seniors or non-seniors will be charged a fee for meals.  
Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158<sup>th</sup> Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-

0040.  
Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 15 through Friday, Jan. 19 are as follows:  
**Monday, Jan. 15:** Closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day).  
**Tuesday, Jan. 16:** Philly cheesesteak, veggies, chips and fruit.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 17:** Broccoli cheese soup, ham sandwich, crackers and fruit.  
**Thursday, Jan. 18:** Pork roast, potatoes and carrots, bread and butter and fruit.  
**Friday, Jan. 19:** Fish sticks, coleslaw, fried potatoes and fruit.

STOCKS		
Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	37.49	-0.26
CenturyLink	16.54	-0.69
Lowe's	94.55	+0.84
Target	69.14	+1.96
Hershey	113.78	-0.28
Walmart	100.39	-1.22
Phillips 66	101.72	-0.34
US Bancorp	55.78	+0.38
Pfizer	36.41	-0.04
Deere & Co.	165.60	+4.49
United Parcel	129.11	-0.06
Apple	174.33	-0.02
Facebook	187.87	-0.41
Wester Energy	52.25	+0.53
Goodyear	33.89	+0.76

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

GRAIN		
Description	Price at Close	
Wheat	\$3.57	
Corn	\$3.11	
Milo	\$3.54	
Soybeans	\$8.79	

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES		
	Current	Last Mo., Last Year
Kansas Average	\$2.26	-\$0.004+\$0.046
National Average	\$2.48	+\$0.017+\$0.119
Holton Average	\$2.34	

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018.

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Saturday		Partly sunny	High: 15 Low: 3
Sunday		Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow	High: 29 Low: 9 Precip: 20%
MLK Day		Mostly sunny with a slight chance of snow	High: 18 Low: -1 Precip: 20%

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Fenceline

Not much difference in types of beef

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There is growing interest in forage-fed, “natural” beef and/or “organic” beef. As a result, several published research papers have evaluated the performance and production cost of cattle fed conventionally versus “naturally.” Summaries of some of these studies follow.



Recent Iowa State University research compared the performance of conventional feedlot based cattle finishing with “organically” acceptable cattle finishing. In this research, yearling beef steers (initial weight of 730 pounds) were allotted to cool-season pastures. The conventionally raised steers were initially implanted with Synovex-S, grazed for 89 days and then moved to a feedlot where they were re-implanted and fed corn and ground hay until marketing 96 days later.

The “organic” steers were not implanted and grazed the cool season grass and standing corn for an additional 137 days. An electric wire was moved every two or three days to allow the steers to graze more standing corn. They were then moved to the feedlot and fed corn and ground hay until marketing 114 days later.

During the 89-day grazing period on cool season grasses, the implanted cattle gained 1.9 pounds per day and the “organic” cattle gained 1.7 pounds per day. During finishing, the implanted cattle gained 4.6 pounds per day (final weight of 1,295 pounds) and 48 percent of the cattle graded choice or better.

The overall gain for 185 days for these cattle was 3.3 pounds per day. The “organic” cattle gained 0.7 pounds per day when grazing corn and 3.7 pounds per day in the feedlot. These cattle were marketed at 1,422 pounds with an overall daily gain of 2 pounds per day (340 days on trial) and 100 percent of the cattle graded choice or better.

These researchers noted that the implanted cattle probably would have graded better if they had been fed longer. They also noted that grazing cattle either on grass or corn increased their frame and thus the cattle needed to be fed to a heavier weight to reach the choice grade.

Production costs were not calculated in this trial; however, it is apparent that the “organic” cattle would have had a higher total cost of gain because of their low gains over the trial (2 pounds per day) and the fact that they were on trial for 155 days more than the conventional steers.

Recent Canadian research evaluated forage versus grain finishing with or without the use of growth promotants on growth performance, cost of production and carcass characteristics. During a 98-day growing phase, Angus-cross steers were fed grass silage with or without growth promotants (trenbolone acetate plus estradiol implants, and monensin in the feed) or supplemental soybean meal.

During the finishing phase of this experiment, steers were fed either grass silage diets or rolled barley based diets (steers originally on soybean meal supplements were fed barley based diets) with or without the same growth promotants used in the growing phase.

Two barley-based diets were evaluated: 60 percent grass silage and 40 percent barley, and 30 percent grass silage and 70 percent barley (both on dry matter basis). In this trial, no two steers were slaughtered before they had deposited at least 0.315 inches of back fat measured by ultrasound. Ultrasound determinations of back fat were conducted every 14 days when half of the steers had deposited 0.24 inches.

During the growing phase, the use of growth promotants improved daily gains and feed efficiency (gain/feed) by 13 percent and 16.7 percent, respectively. Feeding supplemental soybean meal had no effect on performance of the steers. This result might be expected since the grass silage contained 16.1

percent crude protein.

During the finishing phase, the use of growth promotants increased daily gains and the gain to feed ratio by 40.1 percent and 40.9 percent, respectively. Finishing on the 70 percent barley diet vs. grass silage improved gains and efficiency by 33.9 percent and 20.8 percent, respectively.

The intermediate level of barley (40 percent) was tested to determine if feeding grain could compensate for the withdrawal of growth promotants. Cattle fed grass silage with growth promotants tended to gain 10.3 percent faster and 36.4 percent more efficiently than cattle fed 40 percent barley diets with no growth promotants.

Over the entire feeding period, the use of growth promotants increased daily gains and feed efficiency (gain/feed) by 28.5 percent and 28 percent, respectively.

Steers fed supplemented diets (soybean and barley) gained 17.8 percent faster than steers fed forage only (grass silage). The use of growth promotants increased final body weights and hot carcass weights by 94 pounds and 53 pounds, respectively.

No carcass characteristics were affected by growth promotants in this trial. Possibly, this occurred because all animals were slaughtered at a constant endpoint (0.315 inches back fat). Barley fed steers (70 percent barley) had heavier final weights

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Attendees of the recent Community Christmas Dinner at the EUM Family Life Center lined up to get fruit packages to take home. Dinner organizer Tammy Elliott said the annual dinner served between 250 and 300, with more than 50 dinners delivered or carried out. Submitted photo

Crops and Soils

Some New Year’s resolutions worth keeping

By David G. Hallauer  
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The list of resolutions made each New Year is probably longer than I could imagine. The list of resolutions kept on an annual basis? Maybe not quite so long. To help make that “kept” list a little longer this year, here are a few gardening resolutions you might want to think about.



1. Add organic matter to the garden. Many of our gardens are well fertilized, yet they still

don’t grow great crops.

The reason could be attributed to soils. Tillage when it’s too wet or a shallow topsoil sitting atop heavy clay can both negate all the good fertility in the world because water and air can’t penetrate adequately into the soil profile. That results in the inability of soils to use water efficiently for plant growth.

To help, consider the addition of compost or implementation of a cover crop to add organic matter the garden area. Even the simple addition of a layer of leaves (just don’t get them too thick) can help when they are tilled in during the fall.

2. Consider trying a “new” vegetable crop. It doesn’t matter whether it’s a new to you crop or just a new variety – try adding something new to the garden mix

this year. Two of our most popular K-State publications have recently been updated to help you navigate the challenges associated with trying a new crop.

The “Vegetable Garden Planting Guide” is a great resource for confirming when you should plant, while providing information on everything from days to germination to frost resistance.

Don’t even know where to start with varieties? Check our “Recommended Vegetable Varieties” for a list of varieties recommended for Kansas.

3. Exercise. Health-related resolutions are often some of the most popular ones made by folks to start the new year. Did you know that gardening can actually help you keep those health-related resolutions? For example: don’t think that carrying buckets

of water (or at harvest, buckets of vegetables) or pulling weeds constitutes work? Even a gallon sprinkler can be the same as an eight-pound weight.

Can’t get your kids to eat their fruits and veggies? Try them fresh out of the garden – that might make them see peas or strawberries differently. Enhanced hand-eye coordination, reconnecting with nature, increased range of motion activities and the chance to challenge your brain power as you work on everything from garden layout to how to keep squash bugs at bay are all great activities that help both physical and mental health.

Fortunately, not keeping these resolutions doesn’t come with a huge penalty. No added organic matter doesn’t mean you won’t have a garden, but increasing organic matter might just help you increase production. They don’t have to be done perfectly to work, either.

Don’t like the new tomato variety you tried? Rest assured someone else will. Need some help to get started? Check out one of the two publications listed above or many others available from your District Extension Office and make a New Year’s resolution you’ll enjoy keeping.

Family Life

Safely store, use laundry packets

By Nancy C. Nelson  
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Family Life

Liquid laundry packets, since their 2012 debut to the United States, have become increasingly popular among consumers for their easy-to-use, premeasured doses that weigh less than liquid detergents.



While there has been improvement in how parents are storing household cleaning products, exposure to liquid laundry packets among young children remains an issue. These highly concentrated packets can cause serious harm if they are accidentally ingested or come into contact with eyes.

The American Cleaning Association recently conducted a national survey among 1,000 parents and caregivers, half with children under the age of four, which gathered insights about current laundry safety habits among parents with young children.

Forty-three percent of fami-

lies with children under the age of four reported that children can see liquid laundry packets when not in use. Always keep laundry packets up and away from kids and never let young children handle or hold them.

Nineteen percent of families with children under the age of four reported storing liquid laundry packets on an open shelf. Don’t store packets on the countertop or washing machine, even between loads.

Fifteen percent of families with children under the age of four allow their children to take part in loading liquid laundry packets into the washing machine drum. Don’t let children

play with packets.

Proper storage of all cleaning products is a daily practice that can help prevent accidents in the home. Families with children under the age of four are likely to have their children in the same room while they do laundry. Do let children help sort colors and fold or pair items.

Accidents involving liquid laundry packets can easily be prevented with safe use and storage. You can make a difference by ensuring you and your friends and family are properly using and storing liquid laundry packets by keeping them up high and out of reach of young children.

*Thank you...*

It is with sincere appreciation that we thank our children and grandchildren for the wonderful dinner, our family and friends for all the beautiful cards, gifts and words of congratulations, the phone calls and visits celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on December 31, 2017. Your kind thoughts filled our hearts with joy.

*Joe and Annette Barnes*

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# OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

## Stripping court authority not a school issue solution

As frustrating and drawn out as school-finance litigation in Kansas has been, stripping courts of their authority over the state’s public schools is not a viable option.

In a lawsuit that is now nearly eight years old, the Kansas Supreme Court has ruled that the state’s method of funding public schools is unfair and that the volume of funding is inadequate.

The courts have given the Kansas Legislature until April 30 to submit a plan to fix the issue. The courts could close the state’s public schools if the Legislature can’t adopt an equitable funding plan that includes what the court deems to be an adequate amount of money.

Estimates are that the plan will need to include as much as \$600 million more per year, an amount that many lawmakers fear will cripple the state budget. Lawmakers’ options are to increase taxes sharply or make double-digit cuts to other state services.

Some, such as Sen. Dennis Pyle, believe the Legislature should first take aim at a third option: Gut the court’s authority.

Pyle, a Republican from Hiawatha, has pre-filed a proposed constitutional amendment that, if approved, would ostensibly hand over exclusive authority for public schools, including the authority to close them, to school boards. The amendment

essentially would take away any leverage the court system has in enforcing school finance decisions.

“Parents deserve to have the decisions that impact their children and schools made by their elected school boards, not unelected judges,” Pyle said. “Decision-making is best left to locally elected officials who are closest to the people, not bureaucrats or judges in Topeka.”

Pyle’s amendment faces an arduous and uphill battle. A two-thirds vote of both houses is required to get the amendment on the ballot, and then it must be approved by voters. It’s hard to see Pyle’s amendment reaching the two-thirds standard in either the House or Senate, and it’s unlikely to come before Kansas voters.

Nor should it. The three branches of government serve the public good by providing checks and balances on one another. That’s exactly what has transpired in the state Supreme Court’s ruling in the school finance case.

The constitutional amendment effort is futile. Pyle and other legislators inclined to try to strip the court of its authority would be wise to focus their time instead on working with others in the state’s legislative branch to develop a school finance plan that passes muster with the judicial branch.

- Lawrence Journal-World

# PLAINS FOLK: The Homestead Act

By Tom Isern

Getting around our prairie country, I often encounter people who are justifiably proud of their lineage as descendants of homesteaders.



They share in our collective memory of the homesteading experience as a matter of democracy, opportunity and connection to the land.

Homesteading, we generally emphasize, too, was hard work. Attaining patent to the land required a combination of steely determination and good luck.

Not uncommonly a descendant of a homesteader in Kansas will produce a land patent certificate signed, he or she might declare and point out, by President Grover Cleve-

land. This is when I have to be tactful and say something like, “That surely is a treasure to your family.”

You see, no one has a homestead certificate signed by an American president. The personal signing of land patents by the President ceased during the administration of Andrew Jackson, decades before passage of the Homestead Act of 1862.

What I will not do here or in the presence of the proud descendants of homesteaders, is disparage the Homestead Act or the homesteading experience. Indeed, when I visited the Homestead National Monument at Beatrice, Neb., the set-up there struck me as oddly ambivalent.

The Homestead Act, after all, required claimants to accomplish “improvements” to the land, including breaking and planting it. At the monument, however, the homestead claim of Daniel Freeman has been seeded back to grass.

When I went to college, I was taught that the Homestead Act was a big mistake. In the first place, most farmers could not avail themselves of the Homestead Act.

The good land already was given out to railroads and other recipients, and so the actual settlers had to buy land. Those who tried to homestead mostly failed and gave up the effort.

Successful homesteaders generally survived by gaming the process, committing land fraud against the government. And the whole enterprise was bad because it resulted in the unjust dispossession of American Indian lands.

Now comes a trio of researchers from The University of Nebraska - Richard Edwards, Jacob K. Friefeld and Rebecca S. Wingo - who conduct a whole new assessment of the homesteading chapter in our history.

They return to the original documents and statistics, but also build a whole new base

of data drawn from digitized homestead files.

Their conclusion, in brief: the Homestead Act was important and it worked pretty well. Homesteaders patented more than 13 million acres in Kansas. Most of them, having begun proving up, achieved patent of their claims. Fraud was uncommon.

In some areas, such as Dakota and Oklahoma territories, homesteaders did displace Indians on the land, but in Kansas and many other western states, they came long after the conflict for the land was concluded.

The book by Edwards et al is Homesteading the Plains: Toward a New History, University of Nebraska Press. Recommended for all plains folk who like to brandish their homestead certificates or who just share a tie to the land.

Note: Tom Isern is a professor of history at North Dakota State University.

## MOLLETTE: Ideas for a better you in 2018

By Glenn Mollette

How did 2017 go for you? Was it a good year or a not so good year?

Regardless of what happened you can’t change 2017. The year is behind us and 2018 is ahead of us.

What can you do to make 2018 a great year?

Make a list of what you want to accomplish in the year ahead. Don’t make it so long that it’s overwhelming. Most people’s lists can go on and on and then it becomes a daunting task.

Here are some ideas for you. **Focus on your health.** You can do almost anything if you have your health. Go to your doctor for a physical. Have blood work done. Find out what your numbers are then adjust accordingly.

If your cholesterol is high or your sugar level is high, you will need to exercise a little more and eat a better diet with more fruit and vegetables and less red meat.

Eating less sugar will probably be a good thing for you in 2018 as most Americans eat too much sugar. I had my blood work done about four days after

Thanksgiving.

Everything came back good except my sugar level was 106, which is a little high. It needs to be in the 90s. However, I ate at least four pieces of pie over the Thanksgiving holiday.

When you go to have your blood work done don’t go right after a blowout-eating holiday.

Remember if you have your health you feel like doing something. You can work hard, sell pencils, work retail, work your garden, mow your grass and enjoy life.

A lot of sick people have money but they can’t enjoy their money because they threw away their health. Things still happen. Our bodies are flesh and blood and you can lose your health even being a fitness nut. However, your chances are better if you at least try. Keep walking, keep moving your body, be active.

My father was actually very unhealthy in his eating habits. He was overweight and ate any and everything. He wasn’t big on desserts but was big on anything fried, red meat and lots of squirrels and rabbits.

He was a hunter. He made it to 85 and one of the reasons I believe he did was become he kept moving. He was out in the hills about three days before he died and shot a rabbit from his truck to eat for dinner.

**Find ways to keep moving and things to keep your interest.** Winter months are tougher for most Americans so be creative in your efforts to keep body and mind active.

**Make and Save Money.** You can’t take money with you but you can enjoy it here and then leave some for your family. America’s economy is coming back. There are more jobs now than we have seen in awhile. Some corporations who moved their work to other countries will bring some of their jobs back to America.

Any jobs they bring back will be more than we have had the last 16 or so years. There is work to be done in America. You might have to drive or move to another town but there is money to be made if you are willing to work.

Even if you have to work two jobs you can earn a paycheck in America. Every time you get a paycheck, put some money aside in your bank. Eventually buy some stock in a mutual fund or preferably an index fund.

Unless you have a crisis in your life, leave your saved money alone and keep adding to it. Eventually you will have enough for hard times and good times. Even if you can only save \$20 a paycheck this is better than nothing and even a small amount will add up.

**Pursue one or two interests in 2018.** Fourteen months ago, I started taking violin or I should say fiddle lessons. I enjoy it. It’s something to do. I write these columns. It’s something to do. I like to travel. It’s something to do. I hope to write a book in 2018. It’s something to do.

I try to do only what I enjoy but that’s not easy because not everything is enjoyable. There are some parts of life that are tedious, trying and just a pain. This is why you need to pursue a personal interest or two. Do something you want to do.

Of course there is always more. You have a closet or a garage you need to clean out. You have chores and more chores to get done and most everybody does.

Find time for God in 2018. Most Americans believe in God but spend very little time in spiritual pursuits. When all your friends have walked away and even your family and other loved ones are no longer there for you there is a friend who sticks closer than all others.

There is only one person who can make 2018 a great year for you. Go look in the mirror and look this person over.

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

## Online survey results shared

Many people have participated in *The Holton Recorder’s* recent online polls at [www.holtonrecorder.net](http://www.holtonrecorder.net) and on Twitter.com. Results include:

\* Do the Chiefs have a shot at going to the Super Bowl?

A total of 48 people voted prior to Saturday’s play-off game, and 56 percent (27 votes) said ‘yes,’ and 44 percent (21 votes) said ‘no.’

\* Will you make a New Year’s resolution this year?

A total of 15 people voted and 60 percent (9 votes) said ‘no,’ and 40 percent (6 votes) said ‘yes.’

\* What’s your favorite part

about fall?

A total of 103 people voted in this poll earlier this year, and 44 percent (45 votes) said their favorite part is cooler weather.

Additional votes included 26 percent (27 votes) for football, 13 percent (13 votes) for Halloween, 11 percent (11 votes) for pumpkin-flavored items and 7 percent (7 votes) for new fall television shows.

The current online poll at [www.holtonrecorder.net](http://www.holtonrecorder.net) asks readers “What do you think should be the top focus during the 2018 Kansas Legislative session?”

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,  
Congratulations for the well deserved awards from the Kansas Press Association for your fine newspaper!

We particularly note that a first place award was for your support of Purple Heart veterans in Jackson County. Thank you for recognizing these great people!

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responses resulting in veteran contacts and jobs, and homes for others in our properties.

You, your staff and your other advertisers should be proud of the community asset and Jackson County resource that is your paper.

Best wishes for continued success and a Happy New Year.

**Phil and Wendy Connor**  
Veterans of Kansas  
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## GARDENER’S CORNER: Indoor winter tasks

By Sandra M. Siebert

Winter has at last seen fit to grace us with her presence. The extended autumn was quite nice. I got many gardening tasks done and feel that I am almost “caught up.”

I had hoped to get a few more tasks done before the ground froze, but the temperature has plunged much lower than I anticipated. I have no hope that the spade will cut into the ground any time soon. The forecast calls for lows below zero and no highs above freezing for a while.

We’ve got hedge wood piled in our wood rack and I’m not trying to keep anything alive under low tunnels anymore. So bring it on, winter.

Many tasks can still be done while the ground is frozen. I’ve got plenty of gear to keep me warm while doing physical labor in this kind of weather, but I’m in no hurry to put it to use. Besides, I have many indoor tasks to do and a stack of seed catalogs on a table next to the



chair by the fire. It’s time to plan for a new season. I’ve already gone through the stash of seeds in the refrigerator, so I have a list of what I need.

While I order everything online, I still value the “hard copy” catalogs. I curl up in the comfy chair by the fire and page through them, looking for my standard varieties and wondering what new varieties will catch my eye. I make lists of which catalog has the best prices on the standards, and which catalog has that new vegetable, herb or flower I want to try. The lists always wind up being far too long, so I go through them again, and again, weeding. Yeah, the weeding never ends.

So far I’ve gone through only a few of the catalogs stacked on the table, but I’ve already found some “new” things to try. That includes a beautiful carrot that (according to the photograph) exhibits a bright purple with a small white core. The deep, rich color indicates the carrot is rife with certain nutrients that help prevent numerous ailments, including cancer.

Carrots provide a good portion of the nutritional “rainbow,” as they come in orange, purple, yellow, white and red-orange. The purple varieties

tend to exhibit that color only near the surface, having a large central portion of orange or yellow. This new variety, which the catalog calls Black Nebula (I also find the name appealing), is mostly purple with a small core of white. Beautiful.

Growing carrots has always been a challenge because Kansas soils don’t produce the greatest carrots in the world. The tight soils make it difficult to grow long, straight carrots. Yet I persist. Digging in sufficient amounts of compost, and loosening the soil to a depth of 10 inches or so right before planting helps.

Growing shorter varieties also helps. Our soils don’t make the sweetest carrots, but they are still quite palatable. I keep trying because I am stubborn and do not concede defeat easily, and the carrot crops keep getting better.

We’ve been eating a lot more carrots, so even though they are relatively cheap to buy, I feel there is some value in continuing to perfect my carrot-growing. It is important to me to have some homegrown on the table, even if just a few. That is a purely emotional reason, I admit. Still valid, though, I feel.

At the urging of my husband,

rutabagas are on this year’s seed-need list, and I’ll be sure to have plenty of seed for collard greens. I planted rutabagas very late this past year and still harvested a nice crop of small, tender roots in fall and early winter. So they seemed pretty easy to grow.

Can I grow decent spring-planted rutabagas, though? We’ll see. Like all of the other members of the cabbage/mustard family, they are best when matured in cool weather. A cross between turnips and cabbage, rutabagas have a milder flavor than turnips, being almost sweet. They look a lot like the purple-topped turnips, but are cream-colored instead of white.

Once I get my seed lists done, I’ll pull out the garden maps and start planning where everything will grow. The reason for this is crop rotation. I try to avoid planting things from the same family in one spot two years in a row, and preferably don’t plant again until the third year. This reduces problems from soil-borne diseases, and soil-dwelling pests.

The difficulty in that is figuring out how to keep the crop rotation going when I plant lots more of the cabbage family than any other family except the nightshades. I manage, but it makes the planning process more difficult.

I already know without the maps, though, where peas and sweet potatoes will grow. The peas and some beans will grow where I dug sweet potatoes this fall because I’ve already got the chicken wire fences up to keep rabbits from eating the young plants.

That saves time because I didn’t have to take them down in the fall and don’t have to put them up again somewhere else. Sweet potatoes will go where some of the peas and beans grew, for the same reason.

I wish all decisions were that easy. But where would be the challenge in that?

Now, it’s time to curl up with a few good seed catalogs and enjoy the winter weather.

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# OBITUARIES

### Johnson

Betty Jean (Fitzgerald) Johnson, 82, of Nortonville, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 at the Nortonville Christian Church, with the Rev. Bob Carter officiating. Family will receive friends from noon until service time at the church. Mrs. Johnson will be cremated following the service and burial will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation, Jefferson County Hospice and Old Town of Oskaloosa and may be sent in care of O'Trimble Funeral Home, P.O. Box 267, Nortonville, KS 66060. Words of comfort and remembrance may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com)

Betty Jean was born on April 22, 1935, in Farmington to John and Mae Eva (Freeborn) Fitzgerald. Mae died in 1940 due to complications with pneumonia. John married Bessie V. Ward and together they raised Betty, her two brothers, John Fitzgerald Jr. and Charles Fitzgerald, and her stepbrother, Miles Murray. Betty graduated from Effingham High School (ACCHS) in 1953. She attended Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan. She wed Clifton Johnson on Aug. 1, 1954, at Farmington Christian Church.

Betty worked for Atchison Daily Globe; the Naval Base in San Diego, Calif.; the Army Base at Fort Leavenworth; and Jefferson County North School District as a bus driver. Betty had many talents and hobbies including ceramics, quilting, sewing, upholstery, painting and gardening.

Betty and Cliff raised eight children: Cheryl Sanders (Nortonville), Cindy Edwards (Nortonville), Patty and Roger Mosby (Horton), Brenda Foster (Nortonville), Bob Johnson (Nortonville), Mickey and Sheila Johnson (Nortonville), Liz and Edward Rostetter (Circleville) and Kathy Johnson (White Bear Lake, Minn.).

Betty is preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Brenda; two granddaughters; and one grandson. She is survived by her husband, Clifton Johnson; seven children; 28 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren (soon to be five).

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### Schumaker

Fred Schumaker, 93, Whiting, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, at Horton Community Hospital.

He was born Aug. 17, 1924, in Kansas City, Mo., the son of Wilhelm and Freda Steinle Schumaker. He grew up in the Sabetha area.

Mr. Schumaker moved to the Whiting area in his late teens to farm with his father until serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. After his service, he returned to the Whiting area to continue farming.

Survivors include a brother-in-law, Kenneth Dale Thornton, Whiting; a sister-in-law, Maxine Schumaker, Holton; two nephews, Larry Thornton and wife Cindy Thornton and Dennis Schumaker and wife Gay, all of Whiting; a niece, Debbie Schumaker, Holton; seven great-nieces and nephews; and nine great-great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Willie Schumaker; a sister, Hilda Thornton; and a niece, Cindy Kay Oxandale.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12 at Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton, where family will greet friends from 1 p.m. until service time. Burial with military graveside rites will be held in Springhill Cemetery, Whiting.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mission Village Living Center, sent in care of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary, 909 Central Ave., Horton, KS 66439. *Holton Recorder 1/10/18*

### Levier

Anthony "Bob" Lee Levier, "Ob-Na-Sah," 30, Mayetta, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at his home after a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 13, 1987, in Emporia, the son of Maria Levier-Patterson. He graduated from Royal Valley High School in 2006 and also attended Washburn University.

Mr. Levier worked for the Prairie Band Tribe in construction and building maintenance and was a housing supervisor.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Drum Religion.

Survivors include his mother, Maria Levier-Patterson; his grandparents, Dolly and Michael Richard; a brother, Antjuan; three sisters, Amiya, Anabella and Tina Levier; and Tina Levier's children, Andree, Alek and Aven, all of Mayetta.

Drum services will be held Friday evening at the Danceground Building. Burial will be held Saturday afternoon in Wah-wak-sum Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. *Holton Recorder 1/10/18*

## Circleville UMC

By Sue Wichman

Epiphany Sunday was observed at Circleville United Methodist Church on Jan. 7. The congregation was thankful for the warmer temperatures after the bitterly cold weather last weekend.

Caleb Duryea lighted the altar candles to begin the worship service. Lay pastor led the opening prayer, the psalter and the Epiphany reading. Mary Jo Fernkopf read the scripture lesson, Genesis 1:1-5 and Acts 19:1-7.

The hymns were "Jesus Loves Me," "We Three Kings" and "Spirit Song." Dawn Duryea was song leader, using the recorded accompaniment.

Both Charlotte's children's message and her sermon were based on Matthew 2:1-12. The wise men journeyed to Bethlehem in search of the baby Jesus. They presented Him with gifts of gold, incense and myrrh, gifts worthy of a king. They knew He was the Son of God, the answer to their spiritual quest.



### Rezac

Ernest E. "Ernie" Rezac, 85, Silver Lake, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018 at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton.

He was born Oct. 28, 1932, at Emmett, the son of Ernest W. and Ruby Steele Rezac. He grew up in the Rossville community and attended Twin Rose Country School. Ernie graduated from Rossville High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from Feb. 10, 1953, until Jan. 18, 1955.

Ernie was a farmer and stockman all of his life. He raised cattle into his 80s.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Nancy Dickerson, in 1986.

On Dec. 13, 1952, he was united in marriage to Martha Wood in Rossville. They just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include his son, David (Vicki) Rezac, Delia; his daughter, Janice (Dennis) Prior, Rossville; a brother, Darrel Rezac, Rossville; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Rossville Cemetery. Mr. Rezac will lie in state and the family will receive friends on Friday, Jan. 12, from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys. Interment will be held in Rossville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Croix Hospice, sent in care of Piper Funeral Home, 714 Maple St., St. Marys, KS 66536. To leave online condolences please go to [www.piperfuneralhome.com](http://www.piperfuneralhome.com)

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### Scheid

Anthony "Tony" L. Scheid, 66, Holton, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, at Holton Community Hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 26 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Holton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Tony Scheid, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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## Applications for LIEAP assistance to be accepted

Applications will be accepted for participation in the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) starting Tuesday, Jan. 16, and continuing through March 31, it has been reported.

To qualify for LIEAP, applicants must be living at their addresses, be personally responsible for heating and cooling costs and have a combined gross income that does not exceed 130 percent of the federal poverty level.

To meet the poverty level guideline, the maximum gross monthly income before taxes for each household must be \$1,307 for one person, \$1,760 for two, \$2,213 for three, \$2,665 for four, \$3,118 for five, \$3,571 for six and \$4,024 for seven; add \$453 for each additional person after that.

Westar Energy representatives will assist LIEAP applicants with their applications at several locations across the state. In northeastern Kansas, those locations include:

- Atchison: Project Concern, 504 Kansas Ave., from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 19; Catholic Charities, 502 Kansas Ave., from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 19; and Salvation Army, 926 Commercial St., from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19.

- Topeka: Salvation Army, 1320 S.E. Sixth Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16; Community Action (Avondale East), 455 S.E. Golf Park Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25; and Catholic Charities, 234 S. Kansas Ave., from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30.

- Lawrence: Lawrence-Douglas Co. Housing, 1600 Haskell Ave., Room 187, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17.

- Manhattan: Shepherd's Crossing, 621 Humboldt St., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Applicants are advised to bring utility account numbers, proof of income and Social Security numbers for all members of the household to application sessions, it was reported.

## Fenceline...

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(43 pounds) and hot carcass weights (38 pounds) than silage fed cattle. In addition, barley fed steers had higher marbling scores and quality grades.

An evaluation of production costs for this trial showed that feeding a forage based diet without implants or ionophores reduced total production cost by 31 percent. However, due to their lower hot carcass weight and quality grades, these forage-fed, "natural" steers would need to receive a 16 percent premium to be economically competitive with cattle finished conventionally.

In summary, these recent trials suggest that producing "natural" beef (no growth implants or feed additives) will necessitate producers receiving a significant price premium to make them economically competitive with conventional production and finishing systems. Producing "natural" beef significantly reduces performance and thus carcass weight when compared to conventionally raised beef.

Many people purchase "natural" or "organic" beef because of perceived health and nutrition and/or safety benefits. However, there are no conclusive studies to prove that "natural" beef is healthier or safer than other types of beef.

According to a report published by the American Council on Science and Health in 2003, "natural" and "organic" produced beef products do not differ from conventionally raised beef in terms of nutrition or safety.

## Immanuel Lutheran

By Esther L. Ideker

The baptism of our Lord was observed at Immanuel Lutheran Church at worship on Jan. 7. Following the opening hymn, "Away In A Manger," Divine Service 1 was followed with Psalm 29 spoken responsively.

The readings were by Elder Topher Dohl from Genesis chapter 1 and Romans chapter 6. Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the Holy Gospel from Mark 1:4-11. The congregation professed The Nicene Creed.

The sermon hymn was "What Child Is This?" The sermon theme was "The Word Became Flesh: John 1:1-18, We Have Seen His Glory!" These five words will change our lives forever.

We all suffer from some kind of blindness. Just because we witness a rainbow 1,000 times doesn't mean we've seen its beauty. We can plant a garden and fail to see the splendor of its flowers. And we can attend church, sing Christmas carols, feel faithful and festive, hold our candles, and still never see Him. That would be Jesus.

God invites us to see, really see, Jesus. John saw Him and said, "We have seen His glory." John doesn't stand at the back of the room or listen to someone describe Jesus. John pulls out his bifocals and his binoculars. John gets out his telescope and his microscope. John focuses and fixes his eyes and sees Jesus.

"See the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." It is only when we understand that the cradle points to His death on the cross for us that we see Jesus. That's because Christ's greatest glory is to love us, forgive us and come to us right where we are.

If you can't find the power to face your problems, it's time to face Him. If you're overwhelmed with shame and sadness, it's time to take a look. If you need a savior from sin, a friend who loves at all times, and a redeemer who restores and renews, it's time to open your eyes and join the faithful in saying "We Have seen His

glory." Amen.

The offering ushers were Travis Amon and Topher Dohl. In the prayers of the church, may we daily die to sin and daily rise again in our baptismal grace; grant power to the preaching of the gospel and the office of the ministry; for all who defend our land; for those who are ill, lonely and bereaved, especially the Coufal family as they gathered for John Coufal's memorial service on Thursday; and for those who partake of the Lord's Supper. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Installation of officers of the congregation followed with Inga Klahr, Heather Amon, Deanna McAllister, Topher Dohl, Kristi Dohl, Tex Manuel II, Travis Amon and Doug Amon installed and commended by Pastor Van Velzer.

Elders Topher Dohl and Travis Amon assisted Pastor Van Velzer with the distribution of Holy Communion. The distribution hymns were "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" and "Angels From The Realms Of Glory." After the congregation sang the Nunc Dimittis, Pastor Van Velzer gave the benediction. The service closed with the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God."

Assisting at the service were Topher Dohl, elder; Brantley Dohl, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Deanna McAllister and Samantha Mellies.

Pastor Van Velzer began a study of the book of Revelations at the adult Bible class session. Family Game Night was held at the church from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with free-will donations accepted for the Ukele family of Sabetha sponsored by Janet Amon.

Immanuel Ladies will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 with Esther Ideker leading the Bible study "Jesus Christ, Above All. Opening will be "Favorite Bible story and reflections." Projects are installation of officers, donation to Lead a Child (Children's Christian Concern Society) and mite month. Lavon Keehn will be hostess.

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### Soil Health Workshop

**Monday, January 22, 2018; 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**

**Family Life Center - Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, KS**



Kris Nichols is a world-renowned leader in the movement to regenerate soils for healthy food, people and a planet by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from agricultural production, sequestering carbon in soil, and providing abundant and nutritious food.

Her current focus is to address current and future agricultural needs by exploring the similarities between the soil and gut microbiomes.

At the workshop she will be discussing farm management impacts on soil biology for soil regeneration to build resilience and improve nutrient density.



Lance Gunderson, is the Director of Soil Health and New Test Development at Ward Laboratories in Kearney, NE.

Lance will explain what the Haney test is and what we can learn from it. He will introduce the different components of the test along with how producers can use some of these measures to help make impactful management decisions of their farms.



Jimmy Emmons is from Leedey, Oklahoma. He and his wife, Ginger, operate a third-generation family farm. They have a 2,000 acre diverse operation that includes wheat, soybeans, cover crops, irrigated dairy alfalfa hay, wheat-corn rotation and a cow-calf operation. They started no-till about 15 years ago and are doing on farm research of cover crops. He serves on the Dewey County Conservation Dist. Board since 2007 and serves on the board of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts.

Agenda:
9:00 a.m. Doors Open - Coffee and Refreshments
9:30 a.m. Kris Nichols "Soil Biology Regenerates Soil to Improve Resilience and Human Health"
10:30 a.m. Jimmy Emmons - No-till, Cover Crops, and Companion Systems.
11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Free—Need to make meal reservation by January 17, 2018.)
12:15 p.m. - Lance Gunderson - The Haney Test: What is it and what can we learn?
1:15 p.m. - Kris Nichols - Continued
2:15 p.m. - Jimmy Emmons - Grazing and why we need animals in the system.
In order to know how much food to prepare, please call for your seating and meal reservation (785)364-3329, ext. 136. by January 17, 2018.
Sponsors include: Jackson County Conservation District, SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education), Arbor Seeding - Shane New, KDA-DDC. "Funding provided by the KDA-DDC through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan."
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# SPORTS *Wednesday*

Following Perry, Rossville matches...

## Panther wrestlers to host Eudora, Silver Lake Thursday

*By David Powls*  
The Royal Valley varsity wrestling team will host Eudora and Silver Lake teams for Panther senior night on Thursday evening, starting at 5:30 p.m., it has been reported.

Then on Saturday, Jan. 13, the Panthers will compete at the St. Marys Dual Tourney, starting at 9 a.m.

At a Jan. 4 “mixer” at Perry-Lecompton with Atchison, three Royal Valley wrestlers went undefeated, according to RVHS Head Coach Doug Spencer.

\*Junior Karsen Smith, in the 152-pound class, went 2-0.

\*Junior Bryce Garrison, in the 160-pound class, went 3-0.

\*Senior Brian Shane, in the 285-pound class, went 3-0.

At the Jan. 6 Rossville Invitational Tournament, featuring wrestlers from 17 teams, Shane took second place in the 285-pound class and Smith took fourth in the 152-pound class, coach Spencer reported.

In addition, sophomore Judson Mathias (113-pound class), sophomore Zach Burger (170-pound class) and sophomore Nathaniel Howerton (182-pound class) all brought home fifth place finishes and freshman Quo-Jon Tye (in the 106-pound class) placed sixth.

Sabetha took the team title at Rossville with 164 points, followed by Riverside (148.5), Santa Fe Trail (143.5), Perry-Lecompton (135.5), Riley County (131), Rossville (127.5), Clay Center (119), Shawnee Mission East (105), Wellsville (107.5), Royal Valley (88), St. Marys (69), Doniphan West (45), Pleasant Ridge (43), Maur Hill (34) Topeka-Hayden (31), Republic County (28) and Atchison County (27).

Here’s a rundown of how the Panthers did at the tourney:

\*106: Freshman Quo-Jon Tye lost to Seager, MH, in a 5-0 decision; lost to Woodson, PL, by

fall in 1:59; and lost to Seager, MH, in a 5-0 decision for sixth place.

\*113: Sophomore Judson Mathias lost to Page, AC, by fall in 3:02; lost to Kahle, PL, by fall; and won by fall over Lackey, DW, in 2:50, for fifth place.

\*126: Sophomore Caleb McEntire lost to Gugleman, Sab., in 7-3 decision; beat Culbertson, Ross., in a 10-7 decision; and lost to Kin, SME, in a 13-5 major decision.

\*138: Sophomore Joe Lemke lost to Alquist, CC, by fall in 1:27; beat Joice, AC, by fall in 2:35; and lost to Jeanneret, SFT, by fall in 4:44.

\*152: Junior Karsen Smith beat Osborne, CC, SV-1, 9-7; lost to Hurla, Ross, in a 9-1 major decision; beat Johl, Riv., in a 4-1 decision; and lost to Brownlee, Sab., 0, in a 4-0 decision, for fourth place.

\*160: Junior Bryce Garrison beat Koontz, AC, by fall in 0:23; lost to Speer, DW, by fall in 2:37; beat Brown, SME, in 15-5 major decision; and lost to Humbert, MH, in 5-0 decision.

\*170: Sophomore Zach Burger lost to Geier, Riley Co., by fall in 0:41; beat Taylor, Well., by fall in 2:23; beat Malm, MH, by fall; lost to Geier, Riley Co., by fall 0:20; and beat Roberts, SFT, by forfeit, for fifth place.

\*182: Sophomore Nathaniel Howerton beat Schultz, CC, in a major decision, 14-6; lost to Robb, PL, in a major decision, 18-10; lost to Miller, SME, in a major decision, 13-5; and beat Juhl, Riv., on forfeit, for fifth place.

\*220: Junior Nate Buchtel lost to Randles, SFT, by fall, in 3:51; beat Reynolds, RC, by major decision, 17-3; and lost to Rignell, Riley Co., by fall.

\*285: Senior Brian Shane beat Duncan, Riley, Co., by fall in 2:31; beat Miller, DW, by fall; and lost to Strahm, Sab., by decision, 7-0, to take second place.



Royal Valley senior Darius Frisby (No. 3 in white jersey) drives the lane for a shot against Jeff West in a game played Jan. 5. Sophomore teammate Komesh Spoonhunter (No. 45) trails the play.

Photo by Michael Powls

## Panthers sweep ACCHS

■ Friday’s games to take place at Sabetha

*By Ali Holcomb*  
Both the Royal Valley girls and boys varsity basketball teams took home wins last night from the ACCHS Tigers.

The Lady Panthers won 46-44 and improved to 4-3 in the Big Seven League and are 5-3 overall. The Lady Tigers dropped to 2-5 in Big League play.

Both teams scored nine points in the first quarter, with the Lady Tigers taking the lead 23-19 at the end of the first half. “Effingham played really well offensively and defensively,” said RV head coach Kyle Porter. “They took away our big post, and we had to find other ways to give her the ball and find other players to score.”

In the third quarter, the Panthers added eight points and kept the Tigers to just four. RV exploded in the last eight minutes with 19 points to take the win.

“Our shots fell,” Porter said of the fourth quarter. “For the first three quarters, we couldn’t buy a basket. During that last quarter, we told them to keep playing one possession at a time and the shots will fall and we can go on a run.”

ACCHS had seven three-pointers during the game and were led by Jaycee Ernzen, who

had 24 points.

“We struggled offensively, and we needed a game like this where we didn’t play our best basketball offensively, but we found a way to get it done,” Porter said. “I was so proud of our effort down the stretch, and we can use this as a confidence booster.”

The Lady Panthers were led by senior Tamo Thomas, who had 15 points, and junior Mary Broxterman, who had 13 points.

RV: 9-10-8-19 – 46  
ACCHS: 9-14-4-17 – 44  
Individual statistics:  
RV: T. Thomas 7 (1) 0-2 15, Broxterman 6 1-3 13, Jordan 3 0-0 6, Thompson 3 0-2 6, Ogden 1 0-0 2, Albright 1 0-0 2, K. Thomas 1 0-1 2. Totals 22 (1) 1-8 46.  
ACCHS: Ernzen 6 (4) 8-10 24, Beien 3 2-3 8, Appel 2 (2) 0-0 6, Parnell 1 (1) 2-2 5, Appel 0 1-2 1. Totals 12 (7) 13-18 44.

The Royal Valley boys team took the lead early during its game at Effingham against ACCHS and never looked back, winning 63-37.

The Panthers are now 3-4 in the Big Seven League and 3-5 overall. The Tigers are 1-6 in the league.

RV took the first quarter 15-10 and added 20 points in the second quarter. At the half, the Panthers led 35-17.

“I still think we started a little slow and settled for outside shots, but once we moved the ball inside, we made some good shots and opened up the

outside shots a little more,” said RV head coach Keith Pelton. “I think we did a better job in the second half. We’re making strides.”

Royal Valley had 18 points in the third quarter and kept the Tigers to seven. In the fourth quarter, the Tigers outscored the Panthers 13-10.

“There’s still areas we want to improve and get better at,” Pelton said. “ACCHS was a lot more aggressive at the boards earlier against us.”

Royal Valley’s win was a team effort, with nine Panthers scoring during the game. Masen Spoonhunter had 16 points for the Panthers, who were also 7-7 at the free throw line.

“We’ve added some depth, and they are gaining more confidence on the varsity floor,” Pelton said. “Everybody who stepped on the floor for us did something good.”

The Panthers will travel to Sabetha on Friday for a Big Seven League game. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.

RV: 15-20-18-10 – 63  
ACCHS: 10-7-7-13 – 37.

Individual statistics:  
RV: M. Spoonhunter 7 2-2 16, Neuner 3 2-2 8, Hale 4 0-0 8, Knossah 4 0-0 8, Fenske 2 (2) 0-0 6, Mills 2 2-2 6, Wamego 2 1-1 5, Shopteese 2 0-0 4, Spoonhunter 1 0-0 2. Totals 27 (2) 7-7 63.

ACCHS: Boos 3 5-8 11, Lawrence 2 2-4 6, Miller 1 2-2 4, Smith 1 1-2 3, Kramer 1 1-2 3, Billings 1 0-0 2, Scoggins 0 2-2 2, Smith 1 0-0 2. Totals 10 13-20 37.

## HHS girls now tied for 1st in Big Seven

*By David Powls*  
The Holton girls moved into a tie with Nemaha Central for first place in the Big Seven League Tuesday night at Sabetha with a 42-31 victory over the host Bluejays.

The win moved the Lady Wildcats up to 7-1 in the league and 8-1 overall. Nema-ha Central has the same record.

The Sabetha girls dropped to 4-3 in the league – and tied with Royal Valley for fourth place.

Holton continued to have good scoring production from senior Shay Tanking. Tanking had 24 points in the game, along with six rebounds, six deflections, three steals and three assists.

Junior Lauryn Moore also reached with double figures in scoring with 10. Moore also led the team in rebounds with 12.

Junior Sarah Holaday also had a good game collecting six rebounds, as did senior Maleah Price with five rebounds.

“We stretched the lead to 18 points in the third quarter but then got impatient,” said HHS head coach Jon Holliday. “After that, we executed very well and started shooting layups and missing free throws. We rebounded well throughout on both ends. Sabetha is a scrappy team that muddies the water and we fell into the trap for about four minutes. It was a great game for us to be part of.”

The Lady Wildcats made 8 of 25 field goals and 3 of 10 three-pointers, shooting 31.4 percent from the field.

The team also made 17 of 26 free throws for 65.4 percent, had 36 rebounds, 17 deflections, seven steals and 14 turnovers.

The Lady Bluejays made 7 of 27 field goals and 3 of 10 three-pointers for 31.4 percent.

They also made 8 of 10 free throws, had 27 rebounds, three steals and 14 turnovers.

On Friday, the Lady Wildcats will host another league foe, Hiawatha (1-6 in the league and 1-6 overall).

Next week, the Lady Wildcats will compete at the Basehor tourney.

### Holton 42, Sabetha 31

Holton 11-16-8-7 – 42  
Sabetha 8-6-7-10 – 31  
Holton – Shay Tanking 6 (1) 9-13 24, Lauryn Moore 2 6-8 10, Sarah Lierz 0 (1) 0-0 3, Tabor Barta 0 (1) 0-1 3, Maleah Price 0 2-4 2. Totals 8 (3) 17-26 42.  
Sabetha – Krebs 4 (2) 4-4 14, Michael 2 (2) 0-2 10, Payne 2 1-2 5, Schuette 1 (1) 0-0 3, Wertenberger 1 0-0 2, McAfee 0 1-2 1. Totals 7 (3) 8-10 31.

## Wildcats edged at Sabetha

*By David Powls*  
The Holton boys dropped to 3-5 in the Big Seven and 4-5 overall with a 41-36 loss at Sabetha on Tuesday evening, ranking them just below the middle of the league pack.

Meanwhile, the Sabetha boys improved to 5-2 in the league and 5-3 overall, ranking them third in the league behind Nemaha Central (8-0 league and 8-1 overall) and Perry-Lecompton (6-1 in the league and 7-1 overall).

The Wildcats were led in scoring by senior Mason Chanay. Chanay went 8-8 at the free throw and tallied 19 points.

“We lost three of the four quarters again and kind of reverted back to some bad habits that I thought we had gotten past,” said HHS head coach Ryan Noel. “Defensively, we weren’t assignment sound late and their best shooter got free a couple of times and he converted on our mistake.”

Coach Noel said Chanay continued to score the ball well.

“He’s having a really good streak as of late,” Noel said. “Even more impressive was that their post had zero points in the game. He’s a better young man than he is a player, which says an awful lot about him.”

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## Cards split at Axtell

■ TVL tourney at Onaga next week

*By Michael Powls*  
Wetmore junior Joel Hutfles scored 24 points and senior Ethan Osterhaus scored 16 as the Cards won at Axtell last night, 48-45.

The win evened the Cards’ record at 3-3 in the Twin Valley League. The team is 3-5 overall. Axtell dropped to 1-4 in the league and 2-6 overall.

Last night’s game was close throughout. Wetmore led 11-10 after the first quarter and 21-17 at halftime. The second half was virtually a tie.

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**Wetmore boys 48, Axtell boys 45**

Wetmore 11-10-14-13 – 48  
Axtell 10-7-15-13 – 45  
Wetmore - Hutfles 11 2-4 24, Osterhaus 6 (1) 1-4 16, Hladky-Bailey 2 (2) 1-2 7, Bloom 0 1-2 1. Totals 19 (3) 5-12 48.

Axtell – Buessing 4 (1) 4-4 15, Koch 3 (1) 4-6 13, Porting 2 2-3 6, deKoning 1 0-0 2, Buessing 1 0-0 2, Buessing 1 0-2, Buessing 0 1-1 1. Totals 12 (2) 11-14 45.

After momentum shifts from one girls team to the other in the first half at Axtell last night, the Lady Eagles outscored the Lady Cards 23-4 in the third quarter, which proved to be the difference as Axtell won 52-36.

The Twin Valley League moved the Axtell girls up to 3-2 in the league and 3-5 overall while the Wetmore girls dropped to 2-4 in the league and 4-4 overall.

Axtell led 12-6 after the first quarter, but Wetmore owned the second quarter with a 15-8 scoring edge. The halftime score was 21-20 with Wetmore leading.

Axtell got 12 points from sophomore Kinsey Feldkamp, 11 from sophomore O. Kuckelman and 11 from junior Hanna Schmitz.

The Lady Eagles made 16 of 41 field goals, 4 of 9 three-pointers and 9 of 13 free throws.

Next week, Jan. 13-20, the Wetmore teams will compete at the TVL tourney at Onaga.

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The Wetmore Lady Cardinals beat the Onaga Buffaloes 43-12 last Friday at Onaga.

The Lady Cards led going into halftime 25-11. In the second half, the Lady Cardinals outscored the Lady Buffaloes 18-1.

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**Wetmore 43, Onaga 12**  
Wetmore – 11-14-11-7 – 43  
Onaga – 6-5-1-0 – 12  
Wetmore - Jill Henry 5 (3) 0-0 13, McKayla Henry 4 0-0 8, Shumaker 3 (2) 0-0 8, Bloom 3 0-2 6, Strathman 1 0-0 2, Flowers 2 0-0 4, Crisman 1 0-0 2. Totals 19 (5) 0-4 43.  
Onaga – Krohn 2 0-0 4, Ames 1 1-3 3.

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**Wetmore 55, Onaga 30**

Wetmore – 19-13-8-15 – 55  
Wetmore – Hutfles 6 2-2 14, Osterhaus 5 5-7 15, McQueen 2 3-6 7, Vance 1 0-0 2, Hladky-Bailey 3 (2) 0-0 8, Ballenger 1 0-0 2, Bloom 3 1-2 7. Totals 21 (2) 11-17 55.

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The Lady Cardinals lost to Doniphan West in a very close game at home on Jan. 2. The final score was 43-42.

In the first half, Wetmore led going into halftime 24-17. In the second half, the Lady Cards were outscored by the Lady Mustangs 26-18.

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**Doniphan West 43, Wetmore 42**

Doniphan West – 7-10-9-17 – 43  
Wetmore – 12-12-10-8 – 42  
Doniphan West – Leach 2 10-16 14, Smith 2 8-10 12, Rush 0 (2) 0-0 6, Olson 1 (1) 1-6 6, Whetstone 0 (1) 0-2 3, Wilson 1 0-0 2. Totals 10 (4) 19-34 43.

Wetmore – Jill Henry 0 (4) 2-2 14, McKayla Henry 2 2-4 6, Shumaker 2 (1) 3-6 8, Bloom 0 3-4 3, Strathman 3 2-7 8, Flowers 1 1-2 3. Totals 12 (5) 13-25 42.

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Twin Valley League Basketball Standings (As of Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018)			
Boys			
Team	League	Overall	
Doniphan West	6-0	8-0	
Clifton-Clyde	6-1	9-1	
Hanover	5-0	7-0	
Centralia	5-3	6-3	
Valley Heights	3-2	3-5	
Linn	3-3	4-3	
Wetmore	3-3	3-5	
Frankfort	2-4	2-8	
Blue Valley-Randolph	2-5	2-7	
Onaga	1-3	2-7	
Axtell	1-4	2-6	
Troy	0-4	0-6	
Washington County	0-5	1-8	
Girls			
Team	League	Overall	
Centralia	7-1	8-1	
Frankfort	5-1	9-1	
Clifton-Clyde	5-2	7-3	
Hanover	4-1	6-1	
Valley Heights	4-1	5-3	
Axtell	3-2	3-5	
Doniphan West	3-3	4-4	
Washington County	2-3	4-5	
Wetmore	2-4	4-4	
Blue Valley-Randolph	2-5	3-5	
Onaga	0-4	0-8	
Troy	0-4	0-6	
Linn	0-6	0-7	



Royal Valley junior Emily Albright (No. 1 in white jersey) defends against a Jeff West ball handler in the Jan. 5 game.

Photo by Michael Powls



# Cobras tangle with Jeff North

## ■ Friday’s games at Horton

*By Brian Sanders*

During Tuesday night’s varsity basketball games between the Jackson Heights High School Cobras and the Jefferson County North High School Chargers at JHHS, two previously undefeated teams picked up their first losses of the 2017-18 season — the Lady Cobras and the Charger boys.

The JCN girls’ 52-41 victory over the Lady Cobras effectively put both teams into a three-way tie for first place with Valley Falls, all of whom have 5-1 records in the Northeast Kansas League. However, Jackson Heights Head Coach Dan Shupe said his team is more concerned with the game in front of them than where they are in the league.

“We don’t focus on where we’re standing in the league as much as we do on improving and playing well,” Coach Shupe said. “But anytime you work hard to get where you’re at, and you haven’t had a blemish on your record yet, it stings when you get that first one.”

In the first half, the Lady Cobras and the Chargers played mostly back-and-forth ball, with JCN taking a scoring advantage of one shot per quarter, going into halftime with a 28-24 lead. “I couldn’t have asked for a better first half of play,” Shupe said. “We knew it was going to be a battle throughout, but we were right there within striking distance.”

In the second half, however, Shupe noted that the Cobra offense “went a little stagnant,” allowing the Chargers to increase their lead through the rest of the game.

“We were missing shots, and they got their hands on some balls and blocked some shots,” he said. “They made the shots when they had to, to spread the lead out, and we missed some opportunities at the basket to recover.”

The Chargers were led in scoring by sophomore Josie Weishaar, whose 19 points included four from beyond the three-point arc, and senior Annabelle Vaught, who posted 15. For the Cobras, sophomore Kylie Dohl again led the team, this time with 15 points, followed by junior Karley Dieckmann with nine.

Defensively, Shupe cited the work of the team as a whole, but also said that Dieckmann, Dohl and freshman Jodi White did well.

“We’ve just got to shore up some things and make some adjustments,” he said.

The Lady Cobras will look to improve their record on Friday when they travel to Horton to take on their Charger team, currently at sixth place in the NEK League with records of 2-4 in the league and 4-4 overall after a Tuesday night home loss to Valley Falls.

“It should be another good game,” Shupe said. “Horton’s a tough team, a physical team. Those type of teams always give us a good fight.”

**Scoring**  
JCN 11-17-13-11 52  
Jackson Heights 9-15-9-8 41  
Jackson Heights: Dohl 5 (1) 4-6 15, Dieckmann 4 (1) 0-0 9, Brey 2 (1) 0-0 5, Williams 1 3-4 5, Marlatt 0 3-6 3, Kennedy 0 2-2 2, White 1 0-2 2. Totals 13 (3) 12-20 41.

JCN: Weishaar 7 (4) 1-2 19, A. Vaught 7 1-4 15, Noll 3 1-2 7, Kait Schneider 1 4-4 6, Jobbins 1 1-2 3, M. Vaught 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 (4) 8-14 52.

JV: Jackson Heights 40, JCN 38 (double OT).

The previously unbeaten JCN Charger boys took a 60-49 hit at the hands of the Cobras, resulting in both teams settling into a tie for second place in the NEK League with season records of 5-1 and overall records of 6-1.

“The kids are excited that this win put us back in the hunt for a league title,” Cobras Head Coach Chris Brown said of Tuesday’s game. “They’re well aware now of how important every game is.”

The game hinged on a 19-3 first-quarter run by Jackson Heights that included all four of the Cobras’ three-point shots.

“We shot well, I think,” Coach Brown said. “We just smothered them defensively and they didn’t have many good looks at the basket. That’s a credit to our guys and a total team effort on the defensive end.”

The second and third quarters were more of a back-and-forth game, Brown said.

“They would go on a run, and we would go on a run,” he said. “We just kept a comfortable lead the entire time.”

In the fourth quarter, however, the Chargers attempted a comeback, with Brown noting that JCN “hit a couple of threes, and we turned it over too many times.” But the Cobras’ lead was sizable enough that the Chargers weren’t able to get too close.

“Every time they got close enough to make us nervous, we always responded and got a couple of buckets,” Brown said.

Three Cobras shot their way to double-digit totals on the night, led by junior Lane Thomas with 14 points, going 5-for-10 from the field and 4-for-8 from the free-throw line, followed by senior Braden Dohl and junior Levi Olberding with 12 each, Olberding hitting two of six from three-point range.

For the Chargers, senior Boston Lane led with 18 points, going 3-for-17 from the floor and 12-for-13 from the free-throw line, followed by senior Brayden Summers with 16, including seven of nine shots from the floor and two of five shots from the charity stripe.

Defensively, Dohl led in rebounds with eight, followed by Thomas with six, while Thomas and sophomore Cooper Williams grabbed three defensive steals each. Williams also picked up four defensive deflections on the floor and “had a good night coming off the bench,” Brown said.

The Cobras will head to Horton on Friday to take on a Charger team that beat Valley Falls 42-36 at home on Tuesday and currently holds a 2-4 NEK League record and a 2-6 overall record on the season.

“They always play us tough,” Brown said of Horton. “We’ve had really good teams that went there and barely escaped with a win. So we’re going to have to play well.”

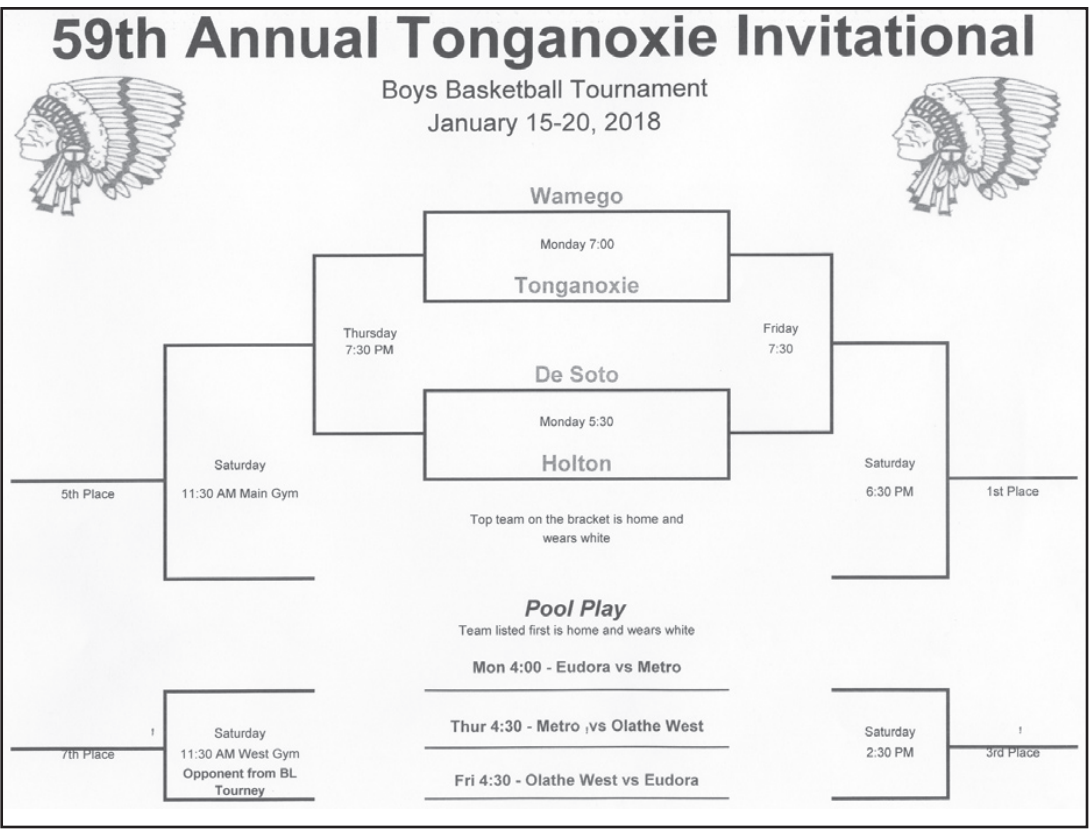
After Friday’s game, the Cobras will prepare for action in the Nemaha Central High School Thunder Classic Jan. 16-20 in Seneca. Tournament schedules will appear in Monday’s Recorder.

**Scoring**  
Jackson Heights 19-13-16-12 60 (5-1/6-1, T-2 w/JCN)  
JCN 3-14-13-19 49 (5-1, 6-1, T-2 w/JH)

Jackson Heights: Thomas 5 4-8 14, Dohl 5 2-4 12, Olberding 5 (2) 0-0 12, Holliday 3 (1) 1-2 8, Rethman 2 (1) 3-5 8, Cooper Williams 1 2-4 4, Niehues 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 (4) 12-23 60.

JCN: Lane 3 12-13 18, Summers 7 2-5 16, Gill 3 (1) 0-0 7, B. Fowler 2 (1) 0-0 5, McAfee 1 1-2 3. Totals 16 (2) 15-20 49.

JV: Jackson Heights 66, JCN



## ■ Holton boys basketball

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**Sabetha 41, Holton 36**  
Holton 7-11-10-8—36  
Sabetha 8-9-11-13—41

Holton – Mason Chanay 5 (1) 8-8 19, Mason Strader 2 (2) 0-0 6, Zane Moylan 3 0-0 6, AJ Haussler 2 (1) 0-0 5. Totals 15 (3) 8-10 41.

Sabetha – Stallbaumer 6 (3) 1-1 16, Gruber 5 1-3 11, Stapleton 1 2-2 4, Dyke 2 0-0 4, Cox 1 0-0 2, Burger 0 2-2 2, Garber 0 2-2 2. Totals 15 (3) 8-10 41.

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The Wildcats will compete next week, Jan. 15-20, at the

59th annual Tonganoxie Invitational along with Wamego, De Soto and the host team in bracket play. Holton will play De Soto at 5:30 p.m. on Monday and Wamego will play Tonganoxie at 7 p.m. on Monday. First round losers play Thursday. First round winners play Friday.

Pool play also part of the tourney, featuring Eudora, KC Metro and Olathe West. Those teams play one game on Monday, one on Thursday and one on Friday. Tourney finals are set for Saturday.

## AGRICULTURE WEEK

*By Matt Hines*

Live cattle futures gapped lower and then limited lower to end last week. Cash feedlot trade was thin during the week, a few head in Nebraska selling at \$122.50 live and \$194 to \$195 dressed.

By midday Friday, trade picked up in Kansas at \$1 lower than the week previous at \$122 live and \$2 lower in Colorado and Nebraska at \$121 live, along with \$193 dressed.

Compared to two weeks ago, steers and heifers were mostly \$2 to \$8 higher as buyers were back in the seats ready to fill orders. There were still several auctions nationwide that didn’t have sales this week due to the holiday or the bone chilling polar vortex that encapsulated much of the country this week.

Demand was moderate to good for all weights of feeder cattle as most buyers could find a ready home for nearly all weights and classes, especially those that will finish before that ever so elusive June live cattle contract. The extremely cold weather of the past week has tempered the flesh condition on those fleshier calves enough to make them more attractive for buyers.

For the week, Friday, Dec. 29 through Friday, Jan. 5, February live cattle were down \$.70, April was down \$1.57, January feeder cattle were down \$.62, March was down \$.70, February lean hogs were down \$.35 and April was up \$.42. Boxed Beef–Choice was up \$.66 at \$209.51, Select was up \$.93 at \$202.32 and Pork Carcass Cutout was up \$.85 at \$79.07.

Cattle slaughter from Friday was estimated at 118,000 head, matching a week ago Friday and up 5,000 compared to last year. For the week, the total was 541,000 head, up 39,000 from the week previous but down 2,000 from last year.

Hog slaughter from Friday was estimated at 439,000 head, down 24,000 compared to the week previous but up 5,000 compared to a year ago. For the week, the total was 2,151,000 head, up 49,000 from the week previous and up 64,000 from last year.

Cash feedlot trade was reported on Monday at \$120 live in Texas, Colorado and Nebraska. The gap lower and limit lower finish on Friday for February live cattle futures took out the two-week higher trend.

Monday’s gap lower and triple-digit lower trading took out the recent lows from mid-December near \$118. The next area of support is down near \$114 and then the \$110 area. Resistance was hit last Thursday at the 50-day moving average, now at \$123.50.

January feeders did not gap lower either day, but did fill the gap left from a week ago Monday, finding support at \$145.40 with resistance near \$151.

February lean hogs are still choppy but up near the top of the three-month long trading range from \$66.25 to the contract high at \$73.30.

## ■ Cards

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The Wetmore boys also lost to Doniphan West on Jan. 2. The final score was 80-59.

In the first half, the Cards got outscored 39-20. In the second half, Wetmore tied the Mustangs 39-39.

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Doniphan West 80, Wetmore 59  
Don. West – 21-20-18-21 – 80  
Wetmore – 9-11-17-22 – 59

Doniphan West – Smith 9 (2) 7-10 31, Ridout 6 5-7 17, Watts 2 (3) 0-0 13, Blevins 0 (4) 0-2 12, Holzhay 1 1-2 3, F. Penny 1 0-0 2, G. Penny 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 (9) 13-21 80.

Wetmore – Huffles 8 4-4 20, Osterhaus 4 (1) 3-3 14, McQueen 4 (1) 1-2 12, Vance 1 1-3 3, Hladky-Bailey 0 (2) 0-0 6, Ballenger 2 0-0 4. Totals 19 9-16 59.

Northeast Kansas League			
Basketball Standings			
<i>(As of Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018)</i>			
Boys			
Team	League	Overall	
Maur Hill-Mt. Acad.	6-1	7-1	
Jackson Heights	5-1	6-1	
Jefferson Co. North	5-1	6-1	
McLouth	3-3	4-4	
Pleasant Ridge	3-4	3-4	
Horton	2-4	2-6	
Valley Falls	1-5	2-6	
Oskaloosa	0-6	0-8	
Girls			
Team	League	Overall	
Valley Falls	5-1	6-2	
Jackson Heights	5-1	6-1	
Jefferson Co. North	5-1	6-1	
Pleasant Ridge	4-3	4-3	
Maur Hill-Mt. Acad.	3-4	3-4	
Horton	2-4	4-4	
Oskaloosa	1-5	3-5	
McLouth	0-6	1-7	

Big 7 League			
Basketball Standings			
<i>(As of Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018)</i>			
Boys			
Team	League	Overall	
Nemaha Central	8-0	8-1	
Perry-Lecompton	6-1	7-1	
Sabetha	5-2	5-3	
Jefferson West	5-3	5-4	
Royal Valley	3-4	3-5	
Holton	3-5	4-5	
Riverside	2-5	3-5	
ACCHS	1-6	1-7	
Hiawatha	0-7	0-7	
Girls			
Team	League	Overall	
Nemaha Central	7-1	8-1	
Holton	7-1	8-1	
Jefferson West	6-2	7-2	
Sabetha	4-3	4-4	
Royal Valley	4-3	5-3	
Perry-Lecompton	2-5	2-6	
ACCHS	2-5	3-5	
Hiawatha	1-6	1-6	
Riverside	0-7	1-7	

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# Circleville Christian

*By Jeannie Arnold*  
Rena Askren served as greeter at the door for the 9:15 a.m. service on Jan. 7 at Circleville Christian Church. Brody Bliss gave the welcome, announcements and the opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of David Allen, Max Lierz, Johnny Lynch and Paul and Sue Davault. The prayer for concerns and praises was given by David Allen.  
Ron Parrett used text from Matthew 26:28 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Mike Cochren, Jeremy Kenney, John Ray, Larry Self Jr. and Allan Simmons. The prayer for the offering was given by David Allen, Kay Hallauer provided the beautiful piano music as communion was served and the offering was received.

Brody Bliss used text from Luke 2:39-52 as he continued with his sermon title “Who Is This Man?” His message was about the adolescent years of Jesus. Jesus was a perfect child. He was very purposeful in His mission. He knew why He came down to earth.  
Jesus was a perceptive pupil. He grew in His wisdom and knowledge. Jesus was perplexing. He knew what His purpose was. Jesus was peaceable in His upbringing. He grew in His relationship with God.  
We all need to be more like Jesus as we grow and learn in our Christian faith. The service closed by singing “I’m So Glad I’m A Part Of The Family Of God.”  
Several people attended the annual church meeting that was held at noon following the second service.

# Netawaka U.M.C.

*By Mary E. Edwards*  
Jan. 7 was a warmer day than we’ve seen for a couple weeks (about 40 degrees), but dark and damp with sprinkles of rain. It was nice to be in Netawaka United Methodist Church after the cold kept us home last week.  
Patsy Jones was the greeter. Steve Banaka was acolyte and offertory usher. The recorded “God Is So Good” played as the candles were lighted. Joys and concerns were shared. Mona Wilson and Helen Keeler were added to the prayer list.  
The hymns were “The Lily Of The Valley,” “All I Need Is You,” “Care Chorus” and “Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus.” Marilyn was in charge of recorded music.  
The scripture lesson was

Exodus 3:1-10, Moses and the burning bush. Pastor Younghwan Won’s sermon was “Take Off Your Sandals.” Pastor Young observed that Moses may have been confused about his identity because he was born a Hebrew who was raised as a prince in an Egyptian palace, but had to flee after killing an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew.  
When Moses was living in Midian and caring for his father-in-law’s flock of sheep, God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. When Moses answered God, God told him to take off his sandals as he was standing on holy ground. Then the Lord told Moses that he would be the one to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and free them from their oppression.  
Moses objected, saying,

“Who am I to lead the people? I have no power.” The Lord said, “Say to the people, ‘The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob has sent me to free you from Egypt.’”  
By taking off his shoes, Moses gave his hands and feet to God. God led the people to freedom through Moses, His servant.  
At the beginning of a new year, people often make resolutions to improve themselves or their lives. It has been said that resolutions are only good for three days and soon forgotten. If we go to God and let Him lead us, we can accomplish good things. As the back of the bulletin said, “Wise men still seek Him.”  
Pastor Young, with the assistance of Marcia Robertson, served Holy Communion.

# Mayetta Methodist Church

*By Shirley Stauffer*  
Church services on Jan. 7 at Mayetta Methodist Church began with Pastor Howard leading the congregation in prayer. Concerns and joys included continued prayers for Emma Dockweiler, prayers for Marie McKinney’s brother in Michigan, Milton Snyder, Bud Stauffer, Ilene Dick and Karen’s niece having surgery this week.  
Hymns sung were “We Three Kings,” “Fill My Cup, Lord” and “The First Noel.” The special was “Hark The Herald Angels Sing.”  
Karen Burns read the living word of God from Ephesians 1:18. Mary Anderson assisted with communion. Pastor Howard’s message was

“Time To Renew.”  
Mary Anderson went to Pea Ridge, Ark., the Friday after Christmas to see her son, Jon, and his wife, Beth. They had Christmas that night with their grandchildren, Aisha Talbert, Joyce and Kyera and great-grandson, Zadik.  
On Wednesday, Mary and Jon went to Springdale to have lunch with Jerry Stockton and Betty and Glen Shackelford. Then, on Thursday afternoon, they went to Gentry to see Mary’s cousin, Tommy Hooper.  
On Friday, Mary went to Tulsa to see her sister, Bonita Watts, who had back surgery the week before. She is doing very good. Mary came home on Saturday. The

weather was cold, but clear, so it was a good trip.  
The Stauffer family celebrated their Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 30, at the Kevin and Laura Stauffer home.  
Karsen Smith finished fourth in the wrestling meet at Rossville on Saturday.  
Recent anniversaries celebrated within the church included Mary and Charles Harden, 65 years on Christmas Day; Lisa and Kevin Smith, 31 years on Dec. 20; and Bud and Shirley Stauffer, 56 years on Dec. 31.  
We hope to have heat in the church next Sunday – we met in the kitchen this week. It was cozy, but comfortable.



Members of the Holton Elementary School PTO purchased Dash Robots for fourth-grade students. Dash Robots are real robots that advance young students’ understanding of computer science using kid-friendly block-based coding to introduce students to computer programming. The robots encourage students to continue building critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration skills. Shown above using the robots are Koblle Noel (left) and Ansley Bear.

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# Reception planned for Jacob Gillie

A reception will be held for Jacob Gillie from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Vets Club, 926 W. Sixth St. in Holton, to celebrate his recent graduation from Holton High School and to wish him well as he leaves for United States Marine Corp Boot Camp, it has been reported. Gillie ships out for boot camp on Monday, Jan. 15.  
The come and go reception will include lunch. He is the son of Marcia and Steve Gillie.

# Buck’s Grove Church

*By Betty Bernritter*  
It was a little warmer on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 7. Lay pastor Charlotte Milroy greeted everyone as they came through the double doors into a warm church at Buck’s Grove United Methodist Church.  
As LeRoy Rieschick took charge of the recorded music, Mary Ringle lighted the altar candles.  
After announcements, Pastor Charlotte led the congregation in the call to worship, opening prayer and Psalm 29.  
Songs sung were “Jesus Loves Me,” “Epiphany,” “We Three Kings” and “Spirit Song.”  
Pastor Charlotte read scrip-

# Circleville News

*By Jeannie Arnold*  
Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson hosted the Morris family Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Cole/Morris Building. There were 24 in attendance.  
Those enjoying the soup lunch were: Doug and Lisa Brown of Olathe; Spencer Brown of Kansas City; Lauren and Zack Korte of Leawood; Tim and Sandee Morris of Holton; Stephanie Morris of Holton; Katie Walker and Sadie and Cole of Eudora; Pastor Luke and Kerri Lynne Brown of Ellsworth; Marsha Morris of Topeka; Jeremy and Christy Bain and children Reese and AJ of Overland Park; Georgia Flood and Ryan Flood of Wichita; Emily Stevenson of Emporia; and Robby and Jackie Flood of Newton.  
As a treat, Sandra and Timothy Morris passed out special homemade cinnamon rolls for the group. Robby and Jackie Flood announced the expected arrival of a baby boy due in May, and Ryan Flood and Emily Stevenson announced a “save the date” for their wedding on Aug. 4 to be held in Wichita.  
After the meal, several of the group took turns telling “Memories of the historic Cole Morris Building” (remembering things from their younger days when it was the site of the Morris Grocery, owned by George T. and Edith Cole Morris, and also when it was a Beauty Shop and also an apartment).  
The building had sustained a fire that gutted it in November 2016. Although there are a few

other things to be done, it is mostly complete. It is available to be rented as a venue for the public.  
Kenny Wykert went to the home of his nephew, Larry Wykert, and family in north Topeka for a Christmas celebration on Dec. 24. On Christmas Day, he had lunch at the EUM Church community dinner and enjoyed visiting with others attending.  
Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson enjoyed a Christmas morning brunch at the home of their daughter, Denise Morarity, and her daughters, Shelby and Kylie Moore. Doug Hutchinson from Mission was also a guest. They opened presents and enjoyed just getting together. Later that day, Shelby had to go to work, so the day was cut a little short.  
Dennis and Barbara enjoyed stopping to visit at the home of Data and Don Armstrong in Holton and also the home of Tim and Sandra Morris later on Christmas Day. It was a busy day, but full of joy and celebration and good food, too.  
On Friday, Dec. 29, Marsha Morris and her grandson, AJ Bain, and Barbara Hutchinson drove to Junction City to meet family who were unable to come to the Morris family Christmas get-together. They met at the Cracker Barrel restaurant at 4:30 p.m.  
Those attending were Pastor Luke and Kerri Lynne Brown from Ellsworth, and Aaron and Megan Duree and their sons, Benjamin and Alexander, from Burlington, Colo. They visited, enjoyed dinner and exchanged their Christmas gifts.

ture Genesis 1:1-5 and Acts 19:1-7.  
Joyce Immenschuh’s special was a reading by R.R. Newbery, “It’s You.”  
The gospel reading was Mark 1:4-11 and the message was titled “Epiphany (Looking For Jesus).” We tend to receive a lot of material possessions this time of year, but let us think about the manger scene. Joseph and Mary were peasants. Everyone in Bethlehem was basically what we call poor. You don’t hang Christmas lights on houses made of dirt, mud and straw.  
The shepherds and angels were around the manger, but

the wisemen probably were not. Matthew says they entered the house where Jesus was, not the cave or stable where a manger would have been. The wisemen were so curious about God that they spent months walking through a desert wondering what they were going to find.  
The Christmas story has an amazing baby, sent by God to save all people, even you and me. Where is He in your heart? What does Christmas mean to you?  
Offertory ushers were Don Boling and Lloyd Ringle and the service closed by singing “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.”

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Chris Etzel didn't let eight inches of ice stop him from fishing at Banner Creek Reservoir on Monday. Etzel cut his way through the ice and enjoyed the warmer temperatures as he fished.

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## Hoyt council approves amended budget, discusses possible walking trail at city park

By Shawna Blackwood  
Hoyt City Clerk

The Hoyt City Council met on Dec. 5, 2017 for a meeting on the 2017 amended budget.

Present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher and council members Farrell Holthaus, Leonard Allen, Lana Dillner, Nathan McAlister and Ed Ryan. Also present were Lee Hendricks, Edward Kester, DMV, Brenda Lambrecht, Dillon Smith and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

Mayor Dreasher called the amended budget meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. There were no comments from the public regarding the proposed 2017 amended budget.

A motion was approved to accept the 2017 amended budget as published.

The budget meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Dec. 5, 2017.

Present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher and council members Farrell Holthaus, Leonard Allen, Lana Dillner, Nathan McAlister and Ed Ryan. Also present were Lee Hendricks, Edward Kester, DMV, Brenda Lambrecht, Dillon Smith and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

Mayor Dreasher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The council was previously provided minutes to review from the Nov. 6, 2017 regular meeting. A motion was approved to approve the Nov. 6, 2017 minutes with the corrections discussed.

Dillon Smith and Brenda Lambrecht with Royal Valley KAYS met with the council to discuss their intent to apply for a healthy school grant offered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield. They presented the idea of establishing a walking trail at the park with a portion of the funds. The funds would be awarded in May 2018. At this point, the discussions are preliminary, but the council agreed it is a partnership worth pursuing.

Kester presented bulk water invoices. He asked if the council would consider reducing the community building rental fees for the annual fire department's banquet on Jan. 18, 2018. McAlister made a motion to waive all fees for the banquet dinner on Jan. 18, 2018. The motion was approved.

Hendricks provided an update on the city code.

After discussion, McAlister made a motion to transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund to the VERP (Vehicle Equipment Replacement Plan) Fund. The motion was approved.

McAlister discussed the need to repaint the sign on the north

side of the city building.

McAlister discussed Royal Valley's intent to redo fiber optic lines for the school. He discussed the idea of doing the same for the city. The council discussed Wi-Fi and cable options at the community building. McAlister will discuss options and costs for this with Giant Communications.

To go along with the possible establishment of walking trails at the park, McAlister presented the idea of installing a bridge over the drainage/spillway area by the city pond.

City Clerk Shawna Blackwood presented the monthly financial report from the accountant. The council discussed long-term debt and the intent to continue making prepayments in 2018.

Blackwood discussed the safety inspection that was performed on Nov. 7 with Kenny Bryan and the Kansas Department of Labor representative. The representative noted items that need to be addressed, but it is believed Bryan has addressed all items. A formal report from the inspection has yet to be received.

Blackwood reported numerous nuisance complaints made regarding the property at 100 E. First St. After reviewing pictures of the property, the council directed Hendricks to send a letter to the property owner regarding the nuisance.

Blackwood presented a bid in the amount of \$1,425 from the Computer Doctors to replace and install new security cameras at the city office building and add an additional camera on the evidence room. After discussion, McAlister made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$1,425 from the Computer Doctors for the new and additional security cameras. The motion was approved.

Mayor Dreasher addressed the statute stating newly elected city officials are to be sworn in the second Monday in January. The

council opted to have their normal council meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 2, 2018 and also scheduled a special meeting for 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 8, 2018 to swear in newly elected officials.

Mayor Dreasher reported the need to organize the kitchen cabinets at the community building. She also said that it is likely necessary to start looking at costs and ideas for the community building floor.

Chief of Police Wentling provided the monthly police report. Wentling said that he would like to order an additional body camera. The estimated cost would be \$1,125.

Dillner said that flowerbeds had been cleaned up as part of community service projects.

Holthaus reported he would like to wait until spring to address the street areas that need resurfaced.

Holthaus provided an update on the city tree dump. A very large amount of trees that are large in size have been dumped there and Bryan is struggling to keep up with the amount, as he has to cut them down before they can be burned. Bryan had asked if he could purchase a log splitter to expedite the process. The council would like to look into the cost of renting a splitter vs. purchasing one.

The council discussed protocol for handling questions or concerns that may be posted on social media.

Ryan discussed a citizen's concern regarding police hours and accountability. The chief of police reviews and signs off on police hours. The duties of the police chief were discussed. During this discussion, Wentling said that he needs an additional filing cabinet for the police office.

A motion was approved to pay bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

## PUBLIC NOTICE: RFP RELEASE

**United Way of Greater Topeka  
Jackson Co. 2018 Basic Needs Grants**  
Jackson County nonprofits wanting to apply for a UWGT Basic Needs Assistance grant should attend an **INFORMATION MEETING** at 9 a.m. • Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at Holton Community Hospital 1110 Columbine Dr., Holton, KS 66436. Please RSVP or direct questions to Brett Martin, 785.581.0231 or bmartin@unitedwaytopeka.org  
The RFP process is open to eligible charitable organizations as designated by IRS code 170 providing services in Jackson County, Kansas.

### Royal Valley Senior of the Month



Congratulations to Shannon Nease, Royal Valley's senior of the month for January. Shannon is the daughter of Kevin Nease and Jennifer Taylor.

She has been active in student council, band, drumline, NHS, KAY Club, SADD, and JCYC.

Following graduation, Shannon plans to pursue a degree in radiology at Washburn University.

The Royal Valley student council would like to thank Shannon for her continued leadership at RVHS.

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### Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Jackson Heights' senior of the month for January is Taylor Manuel.

Taylor is the daughter of Teri and Tex Manuel.

Taylor is currently attending Washburn Institute of Technology. She currently has her certified nurses aide licenses and is working on her phlebotomy certification.

Following graduation in May, Taylor plans to continue her education at Washburn Tech to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

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### Holton High School Senior of the Month



Congratulations to Tracer Fox, Holton High's senior of the month for January.

Tracer is the son of Sara Fox-Hines and Craig Fox.

He participates in the Unity Task Force, Yearbook, Basketball and Baseball at Holton High School.

Tracer plans to further his education next year at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, to pursue a degree in Sports Management.

He was presented with a \$25 gift card to Boomer's Steakhouse from the Holton High School staff for his involvement at HHS.

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## Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell  
On Dec. 31, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Angels We Have Heard On High."

Lite Bite will be held at 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 10, and the chili feed will be held at 5 p.m. on Jan. 13.

The birthdays for Dec. 31 through Jan. 6: Judy Glasgow, Dec. 31; Nick Nicolay, Jan. 2; Michelle Caudill, Clifford Hurst and Gregg Williams, Jan. 3; Dennis Smerchek and Zach Wilson, Jan. 4; and Linda Lanning, Jan. 5.

The anniversary for the week was John and Linda Reed, Jan. 2.

The concerns were prayers for Donna Hoffmeister, who has been moved to hospice, and Marguerite Pond's sister, Arlene, who is 90 years old and fell and broke her leg.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He asked the children if they were

going to make any New Year resolutions, like change something in their life such as exercise more, watch less TV and put toys away. Let us be faithful and keep our promises to God and ourselves.

For special music, Bruce Tomlinson sang "In The Bleak Midwinter." He accompanied himself on his guitar.

Michelle Caudill read the scripture Luke 2:8-20.

The sermon "Joy To The World" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. In 1719, Issac Watts wrote the words to the song "Joy To The World." In 1741, G.F. Handel wrote another music arrangement for this song. In 1848, Lowell Mason wrote another music arrangement for this song.

Psalm 89 says, "I will sing of you steadfast love, O Lord forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations."

Psalm 98 says, "O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has

done marvelous things."

This song tells us to rejoice to the Lord. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.

What will the New Year 2018 bring? God has given us each a life. May we use our life with hope, joy, love and peace in the New Year 2018.

Communion elements were served by Pastor Jin, Ella Caudill, Lauren Feleay, Molly Strobel, Sam Feleay and Andrew Patton.

During communion, Marc Serrano sang and played the guitar to the song "Precious Promise." Greg Baldwin played the piano and this song.

The closing hymn was "Joy To The World." Those assisting with the service were Michelle Caudill, liturgist; Greg Baldwin, organist; Deb and Matt Mannell, sound system; and Alfred Mannell and three other youths, usher team.

## Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

Jan. 7 was Communion Sunday at Denison Bible Church. It was a time to examine ourselves (not anyone else) and then figure out what we need to do to get on track with the Lord. Anything that gets between us and the Lord is sin. We should call it sin and ask for forgiveness.

Pastor Tom preached on "Bondage No More?" based on Matthew 27:62-66. We have never been in bondage! Really? We are in bondage if we don't know where we are spiritually and/or when we buy into religious legalism.

Most people don't realize they're in bondage to their sins. Only those people who have been set free can know that there truly is bondage. They are the born-again believers who have repented and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

In Bible times, the Sanhedrin religious leaders were ruling over the people, but Jesus was exposing them for the hypocrites they were. They didn't want the people to follow Jesus so they plotted to get rid of Him.

They used their authority and lies to have Jesus crucified. They

didn't believe that Jesus was who He said He was and they didn't want to take the chance that His followers would steal His body from the tomb, so they petitioned Pilate to seal it.

Pilate, even though he found no fault in Jesus, eventually complied with whatever the Sanhedrin asked of him. But with all the precautions the Sanhedrin and Pilate implemented, Christ rose from the dead three days later, as He said He would, and left the tomb open and empty.

Today, we are most likely living in the last of the last days. If the Lord wants to set us free, we will be free. The truth of God will set us free of bondage. If we've been given the authority to believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, we have that right to believe it, no matter what the unauthorized governing people believe.

The dominating majority claimed that Jesus was a deceiver, but in actuality, they were the deceivers. The tyranny of the Sanhedrin caused the crucifixion.

The worst kind of bondage is personal inhibiting. We're our own worst enemy when we let the devil get between us and what we

want to believe.

To say "yes" to God is liberating and ultimate freedom when we do what God wants us to do. Don't ever be put in bondage again! People didn't, and still don't, believe in the resurrected Christ. Don't be a doubter. Get into the word and do what God wants you to do.

## Auctions

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- Tuesday, Jan. 30. Starting at 11 a.m. Evelyn L. (Mellenbruch) Lewis estate auction. 13788 K-16 Highway, Holton. For more information, contact Harris Real Estate and Auction Service at 785-364-7137.

## Public Notice

(First published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018.)

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD N. BARTON, deceased.**

**Case No. 2018 PR 02**

### NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**

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DeVader, who has an interest in decedent's estate, asking that she be appointed as Administrator of the Estate of Edward N. Barton, and that she be granted Letters of Administration by this Court.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

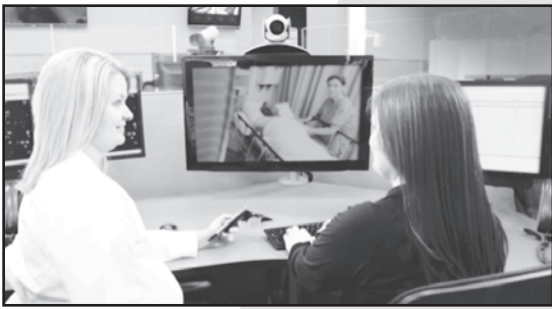
All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within the

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/s/ Joyce DeVader  
JOYCE N. DEVADER

Submitted and Approved:  
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**Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley (left) administered oaths of office to Holton City Commissioners Robert Dieckmann (center) and Twila White during Monday's city commission meeting. Dieckmann — who was also voted into a sixth year as Holton's mayor — and White were re-elected to new three-year terms during the November general election.**

*Photo by Brian Sanders*

## Holton Commission...

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"I'm hoping we can come to some solution that's good for everybody," Morris said.

Commissioners also reiterated that if the city does get the KDOT grant for curb and sidewalk work, they would not see any funds, nor would any curb and sidewalk work begin, until 2020. McKee added that the city would need to come up with a plan for a grant application, and commissioners restated a desire to work with business owners around the Square in formulating such a plan.

In the meantime, city officials and business owners said they still have to contend with "trip hazards" on the sidewalks around the Square, many of which are supposedly caused by tree roots causing the concrete sidewalks to shift. McKee said the city does not have the funds — or the responsibility — to repair all of those hazards.

"The abutting property owner is responsible for the sidewalk in front of their building, and that's the way it's always been," he said, citing the original agreement that the Heritage Walk committee had with business owners.

The Heritage Walk project, which involved the engraving of sidewalk bricks, was involved in the installation of sidewalks in the early 1990s that improved the appearance of the Square, commissioners noted.

In other business on Monday, commissioners approved an employee health insurance contract for 2018 with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas

that McKee said amounts to a 6-percent increase in costs for the city over 2017 — a good thing since the city had originally budgeted for a 15-percent increase for the year.

Commissioners also approved the annual employee life insurance policy contract with BCBS, the cost of which will be unchanged from 2017 with a rate of 28 cents per \$1,000 of an employee's annual income.

Also, commissioners approved an updated salary and wage schedule for 2018 that includes a cost-of-living allowance of 2 percent, equating to a 47-cents-per-hour base wage increase for all permanent full-time employees that totals \$44,314 in new salary money. The city had originally budgeted for a cost-of-living increase of up to 6 percent, or \$124,866.

The new schedule also included a 20-cents-per-hour base wage increase for permanent part-time employees, a 5-percent base salary increase for the city attorney, city treasurer, fire chief, animal control officer and municipal court judge, and a 2-percent flat increase for the city commission, all totaling \$3,246.80. A 5-percent base salary increase had also been proposed for the commission, but commissioners said they preferred a smaller increase.

Commissioners also:

■ Witnessed as Mayor Robert Dieckmann and Commissioner Twila White received oaths of office for their new three-year terms following their re-

election to the commission in November's general election. Dieckmann was also voted by the commission to serve another year as mayor.

■ Approved minutes from the commission's Dec. 29, 2017 meeting and budget appropriations made since that meeting.

■ Met Matt Honas, a recent addition to the Holton Police Department.

■ Announced the winners of the city's 2017 Christmas lighting contest. First place went to Howard and Cheryl Larson, second place went to Paul and Bette Jo Holzheu and third place went to Duane and Carolyn Iles, with all three receiving rebates on their utility bills.

■ Approved designations for 2018 naming all three Holton banks as official city depositories and The Holton Recorder as the city's official newspaper.

■ Heard a report from McKee about four water line breaks that city crews have repaired in recent days due to bitterly cold weather. The cast iron lines have been breaking due to the shifting of the earth in the cold, dry weather, he said.

■ Adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All five commissioners were present.

The Holton City Commission regularly meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at Holton City Hall. However, due to the next regular meeting date falling on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16.

ing this Legislative session is Republican Randy Garber of Sabetha. This district includes Jackson County townships north of 286<sup>th</sup> Road, including the cities of Netawaka and Whiting, Nemaha and Brown counties and a portion of Atchison County.

Garber can be reached by calling 785-296-7665 or by email at randy.garber@house.ks.gov. His office is Room 459-W.

Until he is confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a special post as an ambassador at-large for international religious freedom, Kansas Governor Sam Brownback said that he will remain in office and perform the duties as governor.

To contact Gov. Brownback's office, call 785-296-3232 or visit www.governor.ks.gov.

Cindy Broxterman, Pat Tuck and Linda Hegemann to the district's negotiating team.

\* Accepted the resignation of Tammy Swaim as a secretary at RVES.

\* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and for employer-employee negotiations with Davis and Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction.

Back in open session, the board offered a contract to Mary Lou Koch as an administrative assistant at the elementary school.

\* Adjourned the meeting. Board member Pat Tuck was absent.

## Jackson Heights B.O.E...

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The draft calendar that board members favored would set Monday, Aug. 20 as the first day of school, Tuesday, May 21, 2019 as the last day of school and a Christmas break that was one day longer. The other option presented by Walsh would set Thursday, Aug. 16 as the first day of school and Thursday, May 16, 2019 as the last day.

Walsh noted that one reason board members favored the later start date involved the date of high school graduation, which in previous years had coincided with Mother's Day. With the later start date, it was noted, graduation would occur a week later.

Both options recognized Monday, Aug. 13 as the first day of practice for fall sports, and Walsh asked whether school could begin closer to the first practice date since "a lot of families are basically sort of tied here" so that students could be at all practices.

Board members also:

■ Noted the absence of board members Doug Amon, Neal Keeler and Melinda Wareham. Board members present included Dr. David Allen (president), Konrad Coe, Kelly Kennedy and Ed Rostetter.

■ Approved the meeting's agenda and consent agenda, including minutes from the board's Dec. 11 meeting, monthly bills and activity account reports, acceptance of a \$988 grant from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the purchase of badminton equipment for physical education classes and acceptance of a \$2,378 grant from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the purchase of computer software.

■ Met new facilities director Robin Caudle and new head custodian John Hurst. Caudle also

talked with board members about learning the district's Ground Source system.

■ Approved changes to the district's classified handbook as discussed at the Dec. 11 meeting.

■ Approved a contract with the Karlin and Long accounting firm of Lawrence to audit the district for the fiscal year ending June 30. Board members noted the firm's \$5,300 fee marked a \$200 increase over last year.

■ Heard comment from Walsh about possible participation in the Kansas State Department of Education's Visiting International Teachers program.

■ Heard comment from Walsh about the district's participation in Jackson County Professional

Development Day, to be held Monday at Holton High School.

■ Heard comment from Walsh about middle and high school teachers' upcoming involvement in a project-based learning program at Erie High School in southeastern Kansas.

■ Heard a report from Walsh about upcoming elementary school activities, including selection of participants for the annual Jackson County Spelling Bee, set for Saturday, Feb. 3 at Royal Valley.

■ Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel matters. No action resulted from the session.

■ Adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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ruling, the issue could loom large during this session," he said.

Pyle is also proposing a constitutional amendment this session to prevent what he calls "court-ordered school closures," stating that authority should lie solely with each district's school board.

"It is in the best interest of students and student achievement to keep schools open," Pyle said. "We need to restore authority to local boards and patrons where decision making is best. If establishment judges want to make policy, then they should be elected, if not, more checks and balances are needed. Only the people have the right to amend the constitution, and the Legislature should give them the opportunity."

## RV B.O.E...

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In addition to making an impact on poverty at the local level, FCCLA collected money during homecoming, matched it and donated it to the National FCCLA IMPACT fund for hurricane relief.

Globally, RV FCCLA members partnered with the FFA club to donate funds to World Vision to help build a well in another country. FCCLA donated \$150.

Besides approving the \$500 Disney grant, the board approved a \$200 donation from the Kathleen Fox family to the RVHS library in honor of the late Dale Fox.

Additional donations approved Monday for the 2017-18 school year included:

\* \$1,000 from Farm Credit for FFA.

\* \$83.83 from Zoetis, an animal health company, for FFA.

\* \$600 from the DCCA Safe Program for JCYC.

\* \$75 from the Kansas Restaurant and Hospitality Association Pork in School program for FCCLA.

\* \$200 from the RVES PTO for the audio visual classes.

\* \$1,000 from Home Team Marketing for high school activities.

\* \$500 from Youth Service America Be Inspired Disney Grant for FFA.

\* \$200 from the Kansas Insurance Department to the high school vocal program.

In other business during the meeting, the board:

\* Approved consent items.

\* Received thank you cards from fourth-grade students and welcomed new board member Nathan McAlister to the board.

\* Reviewed board of education district goals as the district enters the second half of the school year.

\* Received a legislative update from Superintendent Aaric Davis. The governor's state budget proposal will be presented Wednesday to the Kansas Legislature.

Davis said that Lieutenant Governor Jeff Colyer has invited school superintendents to Cedar Crest, the governor's mansion, later this week to discuss funding for education.

\* Received a preliminary report on the district's audit, which was completed by Rick Moen.

Davis said he's received some conflicting information on whether the district qualifies and is allowed to use 840.6 (second prior year) or 856.6 (third prior year) for its total adjusted enrollment.

Davis said he is waiting on final information from the state before the numbers are finalized.

\* Received a bi-monthly district budget update from Davis.

\* Reviewed the Kansas Association of School Boards policy updates, as well as an updated version of the district's formal complaint policy. The policies will be approved at the board's next meeting.

\* Appointed board members

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