



About 40 people attended the Legislative forum held Saturday at the Jackson County Courthouse featuring area lawmakers. In the photo above, Sen. Dennis Pyle of Hiawatha is shown at left at the podium outlining some of the bills he has introduced this session. In the photo at left, Rep. Francis Awerkamp (left) of St. Marys is shown addressing several state issues as Pyle (center) and Rep. Randy Garber of Sabetha (right) look on. The event was hosted by the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Photos by Ali Holcomb

Tracking software purchased for Holton buses

By David Powls

The Holton school board Monday evening approved the purchase of 10 computer tablets and the necessary related software to track the 10 routes of school buses and the students onboard traveling to and from school at a cost of \$31,308 for a three-year contract.

The Verizon-based tracking system idea has been discussed in the district for a couple of years following a bus accident that occurred in the Hiawatha school district.

In that Brown County accident, there apparently was some confusion regarding which students were on board the bus at the time of the accident.

Superintendent Bob Davies said the district's transportation department does a great job but keeping track of all the kids riding the buses is a real challenge.

"We lose one or two (kids) every once in a while, but not for very long," Davies said at the meeting. "This tracking system will help."

At its meeting, the school board also approved handbook material for an at-risk community pre-school program presented by Beth Smith, elementary school principal.

The board agreed to move forward with the district's application for such a pre-school

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RV considers community pre-school

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley Board of Education is considering the possibility of adding a community pre-school to the elementary school next year.

During the board's meeting Monday evening, Superintendent Aaric Davis reported that applications are now being accepted by the state for districts to receive funding for pre-school programs serving four-year-old at-risk students.

This new district program would be in addition to the district's current early childhood special education and Head Start programs on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation.

"The community pre-school would be for others to attend in a half-day setting," Davis said.

For the past several years, the state's four-year-old at-risk program has not accepted any new district applications, Davis said. As part of Senate Bill 19, however, the program has been opened up for new applications for the next three years.

If a student qualifies as at-risk, the district would receive .5 FTE per student to use for the pre-school program, Davis said. "This year that would equal \$2,003 per student," Davis said.

Students are considered at-risk if they meet one of the following criteria:

- * They qualify for the district's free lunch program.
- * They live in a single-parent household.
- * Their parent was a teenager when the child was born.

- * They are referred by the Department of Children and Families.
- * Neither parent has a high school diploma or GED.
- * Child qualifies for migrant status.
- * The child has limited English proficiency.
- * The child has lower than expected developmental progress.

"I think it's a great idea, and would be a great addition to the school system," Davis said.

To operate the pre-school, Davis said it would require at least one certified teacher and a few aides.

"It just depends on the numbers," he said.

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JH board weighs cost of FACS program

By Brian Sanders

Reinstating the Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) program at Jackson Heights High School could be somewhat costly to the district, but the Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education learned this week that there is some interest in bringing the program back.

During the board's regular monthly meeting on Monday, District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh asked the board to consider the addition of a "human services" learning pathway that would involve the reinstatement of the FACS program, an action that has been on the board's list of goals and

priorities for a few years.

The district currently offers five pathways — conceptual combinations of classes and work-based experiences that encourage students toward careers in a particular field — that include agricultural, business and marketing career fields at introductory, technical and application levels.

Initiating a human services pathway, Walsh said, would not only allow for return of a FACS program — which disappeared at JHHS in the past decade after a FACS teacher left the district and interest in the program waned to the point that it was eventually dropped — but it would also make a required

wellness course eligible for vocational weighting based on the number of students in the class.

"This pathway seems to make some good sense for some of our student needs," she added, noting that in conducting senior "exit interviews" over the past two years, graduating students have recommended that the school offer some "classes with some real-life application."

Bringing back the FACS course, however, could cost the district anywhere from \$70,000 to \$100,000 initially, based on cost estimates that Walsh said were "high." That includes the

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Presidents Day to be observed Monday

Presidents Day, a national holiday, will be observed Monday, Feb. 19. Local banks, post offices and government buildings will be closed.

The Holton Recorder will be open Monday and will proceed

with its regular deadlines and printing schedule.

Home delivery of the newspaper, however, may be delayed due to the post office being closed Monday.

Both the Jackson County

Commission and the Holton City Commission will meet on Tuesday, instead of Monday, due to the holiday.

The Jackson County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the commission chambers at the Jackson County Courthouse. Also, the Holton City Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

McDonald recounts lifelong friendship with Merle Haggard

By Ali Holcomb

Kansas native and recent Holton transplant Ray McDonald experienced firsthand the rise of legendary country musician Merle Haggard, developing a deep and lasting friendship with the man that so many admired.

"I just want people to know what a great guy he was," McDonald said of Haggard. "He was like my second father."

Throughout his career, McDonald served in a variety of roles for Haggard, including office manager, assistant and bus driver.

Born in Parsons, McDonald grew up in Topeka before his family

moved to California in 1959.

McDonald first saw Merle Haggard on "Cousin Herb's Trading Post" TV show when his family was living in Oildale, Calif.

"It was on every day from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and it was just country music," McDonald said. "Everybody watched it, and it featured good musicians like Buck Owens and Glen Campbell. When I heard Merle when I was 14 years old, I had never heard anybody sing like him before. I knew he was going to be a superstar."

One day he saw Haggard get out of a car at the house across the street from his house.

"I told my mom that was

the guy just singing on television," McDonald said. "She said, 'No it's not.' Then she leaned over my shoulder and said, 'Well, it is, and I know his mother.'"

During this time, McDonald also became friends with Buddy and Mike Owens, sons of Buck and Bonnie Owens.

After Buck and Bonnie divorced, Haggard and Bonnie cut a duet album together and eventually married, which is how Ray met Haggard when he was 14.

A few years later, McDonald's family moved to Los Angeles in June 1965.

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Merle Haggard and Ray McDonald (right) are shown posing for a photo in 2006. While living in California at a young age, McDonald met Haggard and formed a lasting friendship. McDonald worked alongside Haggard for several years, including many as his personal bus driver.

Photo courtesy of Ray McDonald



DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Quincey K. Bluford, Topeka, speeding, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$353.

Quincey K. Bluford, Topeka, speeding, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$251.

Eric D. DeVader, Topeka, driving under the influence, found guilty.

Asia M. Fairman, Mayetta, speeding, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$635.

Stephen R. Garner, address not listed, speeding, \$159.

Anthony D. Hamilton Jr., Topeka, no proof of insurance, \$908.

Kathryn R. Hazelwood, Topeka, transporting an open container, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$228.

Marco A. Maldonado, address not listed, speeding, no proof of insurance, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$583.

Garth B. Ortiz, Holton, driving under the influence, found guilty.

James M. Page, address not listed, improper safety belt or shoulder harness, \$153.

Katie Posch, Delia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$309.

Abel Reynoso, Mayetta, no seat belt, \$30.

Kasey L. Rogers, Topeka, speeding, no proof of insurance, driving under the influence, transporting an open container, refusal to submit to preliminary breath test, diversion.

Michelle L. Treglio, Topeka, registration violation, \$158.

Alexandria Vela, address not listed, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, speeding, \$233.

Michael E. Williams, Topeka, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$158.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Holly J. Goss, Topeka, possession of marijuana, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$150 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Lisa A. Guffy, Holton, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Cristo R. Hernandez, Houston, Texas, disorderly conduct, criminal littering; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; fined \$200 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. April Todack, Hoyt, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Kyle R. Wilson, Topeka, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana; diversion.

Filed
State of Kansas vs. Franklin A. Peuker, Topeka, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Destiny R. Graham, Holton, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Datin D.S. Palmer, Topeka, forgery, theft.

State of Kansas vs. Edward L. Webster, Holton, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no proof of insurance.

State of Kansas vs. Jerry M. Hopkins, Salina, two counts of theft by deception, criminal deprivation of property, giving a worthless check.

State of Kansas vs. Shaun J. Barber, Delia, conspiracy to commit aggravated intimidation of a witness or victim, attempted violation of a protective order.

State of Kansas vs. Dylan W. Zillifro, Mayetta, possession of marijuana, possession of drug

paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Jordan T. Monaghan, Holton, criminal threat.

State of Kansas vs. Duncan O. Benedict, Holton, aggravated battery, criminal threat, domestic battery, possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Nicole L. Martinez, Mayetta, attempted murder in the second degree/aggravated battery.

Small Claims

Filed
Complete Chiropractic Care Center vs. Tyler Area, seeking judgment of \$185.54 plus interest and court costs.

Complete Chiropractic Care Center vs. Tamaira Wright, seeking judgment of \$321.37 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of Aidan Templeton and Gabrielle Templeton, by and through their next friend and mother Sara Weilt vs. Kacey Templeton, sought determination of paternity plus custody and support judgment; granted.

In the matter of the marriage of Heather S. Rayls and Joseph P. Rayls, sought divorce; granted.

In the matter of the marriage of Duane C. Clemons and Alicia L. Clemons, sought divorce; granted.

CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 15

*8 a.m. Holton Municipal Court at Holton City Hall.

*Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

*Marcia Jager of Farmers Insurance will celebrate 10 years of service with cookies and punch at the office, 307 Montana Ave., Suite C, Holton. Anyone who comes in between February and March will be eligible to enter into a drawing for a tablet.

*4 p.m. WMS OTL Scholars Bowl at Wetmore.

*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. St. Benedict at JH.

*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball vs. Riverside at Holton.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS 8th grade boys basketball vs. Hiawatha at RVMS.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS 7th grade boys basketball vs. Hiawatha at RVES.

*Thrive! Jackson County introductory class, held at EUM Church in Holton. Dinner at 5:45 p.m., class from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

*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, Feb. 16

*No classes for Holton High School students due to regional wrestling taking place at the school.

*Marcia Jager of Farmers Insurance will celebrate 10 years of service with cookies and punch at the office, 307 Montana Ave., Suite C, Holton. Anyone who comes in between February and March will be eligible to enter into a drawing for a tablet.

*5:15 p.m. WHS basketball

vs. Frankfort (PN).

*The Kansas Commission on Veteran's Affairs Office Mobile Services will visit the We-Ta-Se American Legion Post 410 parking lot of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

*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, Feb. 17

*8 a.m. Jackson Heights and Royal Valley forensics at RVHS.

*8 a.m. JHMS boys basketball play-in game, location TBA.

*8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Statewide Women in Ag workshop, held at Corning Community Center. For more information, call the Nemaha County Conservation District at 785-336-2186, ext. 110.

*The Samuel Linscott DAR Chapter will meet at 10 a.m. at the Denison State Bank conference room at the main bank. Entry is the northern door of the bank.

*6:30 p.m. Holton Daddy Daughter Date Night for 4th and 5th grade students.

*State music festival for Holton students.

*Valentine's Surf N' Turf and old uniform party featuring the Clearview Band, held at the Rossville American Legion hall. For more information, call 785-633-5160.

Sunday, Feb. 18

*Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Feb. 19

*Presidents Day.

*National FFA Week.

*RVMS Book Fair begins.

*No school for Jackson Heights, Royal Valley or Wetmore students.

*10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Royal Valley parent/teacher conferences (dinner break from noon to 12:30 p.m.)

*The Circleville Senior Executives will meet at noon at Circleville Masonic Hall. Fried chicken will be furnished. Please bring a salad or dessert. All are welcome.

*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball at ACCJHS.

*JHMS boys basketball quarterfinals, time TBA.

*NAMI Topeka two-family workshop classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Countryside U.M. Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Rd., Room #4, Topeka. For more information, contact Marilyn Rowland at 785-806-3049.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

*The Jackson County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton (note change of date). All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact

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Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.

FUEL PRICES

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Kansas Average	\$2.42	+\$0.073	+\$0.273
National Average	\$2.57	+\$0.037	+\$0.294
Holton Average	\$2.46		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018.

WHS scholars excel at regionals, state

By Alena Pfrang
Wetmore High School
Student Correspondent

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the Wetmore High School Scholars Bowl team competed at regionals, which were held at Randolph-Blue Valley. There was a total of 12 teams competing; two pools of six.

Pool A consisted of Hartford, Randolph-Blue Valley, Linn, Wetmore, Waverly and White City.

Axtell, Junction City-St. Xavier, Miltonville, Hope, Melvern-Marais Des Cygnes Valley and Atchison-Riverbend International made up Pool B.

The top three teams from each pool advanced to the championship round. While the top three teams overall advance to state, only the top two teams receive regional plaques.

Overall, there was plenty of competition at regionals. The six teams that proceeded to the championship round were Linn, Junction City-St. Xavier, Wetmore, Axtell, Riverbend and Hartford.

The round result revealed that there was a close four-way tie between Wetmore, Junction City-St. Xavier, Atchison-Riverbend International and Axtell.

After an agonizingly long wait, the officials presented Linn as first, Junction City-St. Xavier as second and Wetmore as third.

Once they heard that they were advancing to state, the WHS Scholars Bowl team couldn't believe it.

"I was ecstatic that the students would be recognized for their hard work this year," said WHS Scholars Bowl coach Thelma Strathman.

It had been a decade since Wetmore last went to State Scholars Bowl. This will be their fourth time ever competing at state. Wetmore competed at state in 2005, 2006 and 2008.

"I was mostly happy for Mrs.



Wetmore High School's Scholars Bowl team took fourth place in the state competition for Class 1A-Division II schools. Team members include, front row, from left: Alyssa Montgomery, Ally Davis, Alena Pfrang and Savannah Bryant; back row, from left: Joel Hutfles, Curtis Bloom and coach Thelma Strathman.

Submitted photo

Strathman because it has been a little while since Wetmore has gone to state," said junior Curtis Bloom.

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On Saturday, Feb. 10, the Wetmore High School Scholars Bowl team had an early start to a four-hour trip to Ransom to compete at the Class 1A Division II State Scholars Bowl competition.

Although many of the team members were up late at the King and Queen of Courts dance the night before, they were ready to begin the long car ride. Tagging along with the team were Coach Thelma Strathman and Athletic Director Anissa Bloom. Equipped with plenty of snacks and beverages, the travelers began their journey to Western Plains High School.

Accompanying Wetmore at state were Linn, Junction City-St. Xavier, Rexford-Golden

Plains, Beloit-St. John's, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell, Logan, Tescott, Hutchinson-Central Christian, Rolla, Kiowa-South Barber and Argonia.

Junior competitor Joel Hutfles said, "The trip was tiring, but the experience was definitely worth it."

After the teams were provided a nice meal, all of the teams and their supporters headed to the auditorium. Starting with Rexford-Golden Plains, each team headed up to the stage for a brief introduction of the team members and their coach. Then all of the teams headed off to the preliminary rounds.

In the preliminary rounds, there were two pools of six. The top three of each pool advanced to the championship round. These teams were Wetmore, Junction City-St. Xavier, Rexford-Golden Plains, Beloit-St. John's, Rolla, and Linn.

Once the teams completed the finals round, the results were

analyzed. Linn took first with four wins and one loss. Tied for second with three wins and two losses were Rolla, Rexford-Golden Plains, and Wetmore.

In the end, Rolla took second, Rexford-Golden Plains took third, and Wetmore took fourth. "I was simply amazed by the amount of knowledge possessed by high schoolers across the state," Anissa Bloom said.

The top three teams received plaques and medals, while fourth place won only medals. Wetmore was delighted to receive fourth place medals as it was a tough and close competition. This is the highest placing that Wetmore has ever received in a state scholars bowl competition.

Scholar's Bowl sponsor Thelma Strathman was enthused by the excellent finish of her team,

"I am tremendously proud of the team's effort and their success. They did a great job staying focused and they refused to give up," Strathman said.



Wetmore High School seniors Myrna Crismas (left) and Rob Ballenger were named King and Queen of Courts during Friday's winter courtwarming festivities at WHS. The Cardinals played Blue Valley-Randolph that night, but the Cardinal varsity boys and girls teams both lost to the visiting Rams.

Submitted photo

Courtwarming caps Wetmore spirit week

By Lauryn Scott
Wetmore High School
Student Correspondent

Wetmore school celebrated King and Queen of Courts in style. To start spirit week off, Wetmore School began with "Aloha Day." Students wore leis, beach wear and flowered shirts. On "Two-day" students dressed as a squad or as a famous duo. Throwing it back, Wednesday was "Decades Day." The 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's were all represented. Thursday was "Famous Person Day." Finishing the week off right, Friday was "Red and White Day" which allowed students to show off their Cardinal Pride.

Beginning the day of Feb. 9, 2018, Wetmore Student Council and Cheer Squad came together to hold a school-wide pep rally for the King and Queen of Court candidates. These candidates included Robert Ballenger, Myrna Crismas, Jill Henry, Chanler Morfitt, Alena Pfrang, Josephine Shumaker, and Kyler Vance.

The pep rally began with the "Fight Song" followed by the cheer "Get Fired Up." Both basketball teams were announced as their coaches gave speeches about their seasons so far. Scholar's Bowl was then introduced and recognized on their making it to state. The King and Queen of Court candidates were then announced and brought to the center of the gym to play games set up for them by Student Council. These games included balloon tennis, the Angry Birds cannon competition, and the pie face showdown.

The winners of balloon tennis were Jill Henry and (Homecoming King) Ethan Osterhaus who acted as an escort. The Angry Birds cannon competition was also swept away by Henry and Osterhaus. Finally, the pie face showdown was knocked out of the park by Henry and Osterhaus giving them the title of the win-

ners of the pep rally.

Later that evening, Robert Ballenger and Myrna Crismas were crowned the King and Queen of Courts. Ending the night, Wetmore High School had its first Winter Formal in two years. The dance ran from 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The candidates begin the evening by dancing to "Good Old Days" by Macklemore featuring Kesha.

Throughout the night many line dances and slow dances took place. Candidate Alena Pfrang felt that the dance was a success.

"It was great to see so many people dancing," Pfrang said.

Student Council stayed after the dance was over to clean up the dance's decorations.

Student Council sponsor Connie Hutfles said she was proud of the student council. "I felt the kids all did a great job," she said.

Community Calendar...

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the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.

*Wetmore army representative during lunch hour.

*4 p.m. HMS Scholars Bowl at Riverside.

*5:15 p.m. WHS basketball at Troy.

*6 p.m. Royal Valley Boys and Girls Club Indian taco dinner.

*6 p.m. Beck-Bookman Library Board of Directors meeting at Beck-Bookman Library.

*7 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall (note change of date).

*The Caregivers Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) will meet every third Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holton Community Hospital care room. For more information, contact Zennie McClintock at 364-9696 or Amy Spiker at 364-3164.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

*4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Holton parent/teacher conferences.

*No ACE for Holton students.

*6 p.m. RVMS Site Council meeting.

*7 p.m. WAC Booster Club/Site Council meeting.

*WHS TVL music at Troy.

*70th annual Jackson County Conservation District meeting, held at First United Methodist Church in Holton. Dinner will be held at 6 p.m., followed by entertainment, the business meeting and award presentations at 7 p.m.

*Holton Alateen, a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism, meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

*The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Purple Heart Profile info being sought

The Holton Recorder plans to publish more profiles of Purple Heart Medal recipients from Jackson County and welcomes information about the county's military veterans who have received the medal but have not yet been profiled in this special series.

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OPINION

Enoy the Winter Olympics!

The 2018 Winter Olympics at Pyeongchang, South Korea runs from Feb. 8 to Feb. 25 and features 102 events in 15 sports. A total of 2,952 athletes from 92 National Olympic Committees are competing.

Enjoy watching the many athletic events while you can!

Try as everyone might, however, it's impossible to fully enjoy the Olympics knowing that they are being held just down the street from one of the U.S.A.'s biggest adversaries - North Korea.

Due to the state of bad relations between North and South Korea, concerns were raised over the security of these Olympics.

It's impossible to remove politics from the Games completely, but it's OK to go ahead and try.

The Olympics give us a glimpse of what the world might be like, if all we had to worry about was some healthy world competition.

Since the 1936 Berlin Olympics, or earlier, dictators like the infamous Adolf Hitler have tried to exploit the Olympics with various degrees of success.

Remember the ill-fated Tito regime in Yugoslavia at the

1984 Sarajevo Games?

How about Communist China's 2008 spectacle in Beijing that demonstrated that concerns over its oppression in Tibet and human rights violations at home trumped a good sports show?

What about the Olympic Committee's decision to treat the murder of Israeli athletes in Munich in 1972 as not important enough to put the rest of the Games on hold?

The flag-waving and torch-lighting Olympics are inherently political and always vulnerable to possible exploitation.

But we love them, anyway.

The notion that Olympics can help bring about lasting, positive change in the world is still a good dream for citizens of the world to have.

Mixing sports, nationalism and concepts of international cooperation will always lead to uncomfortable moments like when the North Korean dictator's sister got sustained applause and an otherwise rousing welcome at the current Olympics.

That the Olympic Games continue on is reason enough to celebrate. go U.S.A.!

David Powls

By Lee Hamilton

Have you already made up your mind about how you're going to vote — at least by party — in this year's important elections? I hope not.

Because to serve our nation well at this troubled time in its political history, you should be looking for certain qualities in the politicians you favor.

Ideology, party affiliation, positions on key issues — these are important considerations, but this year demands more from us as voters.

To explain why, I need to spend a little time talking about the current political environment.

It is the most agitated I've seen in decades. The electorate is badly divided; the parties are split internally and vis-à-vis one another; the national mood is sour; our democratic institutions are unproductive; and our political leaders cannot seem to cooperate with one another, much less engage substantively on the crucial issues we face as a nation. Not surprisingly, politicians face a restive, discontented electorate.

This year's dynamics don't



bode well for improvement.

Republicans have staked their claim to votes on tax cuts, abandoning more traditional concerns such as the deficit and the national debt.

Even though they control the government, they're having trouble getting many things done. Democrats, meanwhile, are moving leftward, and hoping for a November backlash against President Trump.

In general, momentum in both parties seems to be moving toward the extremes, fueling a political debate that rejects the middle ground. This is discouraging.

At the national level, the parties seem more interested in their opponents' unconditional surrender than in carrying on a debate that enlightens voters and attempts to sway opinion.

One wonders whether we can ever find the will to negotiate and compromise on difficult issues. Yet we have no choice if we're to move forward as a large and diverse nation.

Which is why I believe we face a huge responsibility as citizens this year.

We may each be certain in our own biases and policy and party preferences, but it is time to step back and ask how we revive the system at a time when people are so discouraged by politics,

our institutions, and our politicians.

And the answer, I believe, is that we have to look for politicians who want to build consensus, act constructively, and instill a sense — both in their colleagues and among ordinary voters — that we're all in this together.

We need leaders who can rise above the polarization and divisiveness that current politicians have done so much to exacerbate, and instead begin focusing on cooperation, collective purpose, and the common good.

Our institutions are badly in need of repair. Making them work better, which is urgent, will not happen with scorched-earth politicking.

It can only come from political leaders who embrace bipartisanship and the traditional values of democracy: pluralism, free speech, and tolerance for opposing points of view.

We want to find politicians who respect and look for the facts, not simply the facts as they wish them to be. We need to examine candidates' rhetoric with great care, and understand that it's easy to state a problem and then lapse into meaningless generalities when it comes to solutions.

By contrast, it's hard — but vitally important in this climate

— to speak with clarity and thoughtfulness not just about what needs to be done, but about how to help make it happen.

Politicians who are blatantly unrealistic as they pander to voters' prejudices — "I'll balance the budget in three years!" I heard one say the other day without telling us how — do not deserve our attention.

Instead, we should be looking for politicians who can move us beyond our current paralysis. Who are open to different opinions and ideas, will work hard to bring together people of different points of view, and who seek opportunities to discuss public issues forthrightly rather than dodge them. Who prefer to answer hard questions, rather than just give a big speech and then leave the room.

Here's the bottom line: Citizens today carry an extra burden — not merely to pick a politician we might favor for some reason, but to make choices that move us away from ideology and our own biases, and toward getting this country running again.

Note: Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a distinguished scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a professor of practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

PLAINS FOLK: A trip to Kyrgyzstan

By Jim Hoy

People talk about bucket lists, things they want to do before they die, like sky diving or climbing Mount Everest.

I don't really have a bucket list, maybe because I have no desire to put my life at risk in order to experience a transitory physical thrill.

Maybe bulldogging steers and riding saddle broncs in my youth satisfied that need.

Or maybe I've pretty much done all the things I thought about doing when I was younger, like experiencing cattle stations in Australia and estancias in Argentina.

Oh, I wouldn't mind seeing the Egyptian pyramids, gorillas in the Congo, or bushmen in Namibia, which I could do if I really, really wanted to.

But those are things I could more easily have done when I was younger.

At my age, I don't feel like chancing the political dangers in some countries or the physi-

cal stress of extreme deserts or tropics in others.

The one country I really wanted to experience in earlier days was Afghanistan, partly because of reading George Macdonald Fraser's comic novel Flashman, partly to see buzkaishi (a horseback game a little like polo, but played with a dead goat instead of a ball), but mainly because of its nomadic culture.

Nomads, whether on the Great Plains, in Lapland and the arctic, or on the steppes of Asia, have always fascinated me, especially horse nomads.

Unfortunately, the Russians invaded Afghanistan, and then the Americans moved in to fight the Taliban, so Afghanistan has hardly been a safe place to visit for decades.

Mongolia was my second choice, but in recent years its nomadic culture has been rapidly losing out to intensive mining and other types of development.

Last spring, my son and I decided we might go to Mongolia anyway, but Josh did some internet exploring and found out that nomads are alive and well in Kyrgyzstan.

When we found out that no visa was required for a visit to

that Central Asian former Soviet Socialist Republic (which lies west of China, south of Kazakhstan, east of Uzbekistan, and north of Tajikistan) and that we could arrange to ride horses through the mountains and nomads there, Mongolia was out and Kyrgyzstan was in.

Our first couple of days were spent in the capital, Bishkek, a city of a million people in a country of six million in a space a little smaller than South Dakota.

We were never out of sight of mountains, with many peaks reaching over 24,000 feet.

Bishkek itself wasn't bright and shining, was a little dingy, in fact, with abandoned Soviet-era apartment buildings, but there were many tree-filled parks (natural, not manicured) and plenty of evidence of art, dance, theater, painting and sculpture.

There were, in a park leading to the capitol building, three statues of famous manashis, men renowned for their ability to recite, from memory (and over several days, I would imagine), the Kyrgyz national epic, Manas.

This 1,000-year-old-plus poem, about the cultural hero

who united the 40 Kyrgyz clans, is over half a million lines long, longer than The Iliad, The Odyssey, Paradise Lost and most of the rest of the world's epics combined.

The statue that impressed me most in Bishkek was of a man named Kojomkul, who lived from 1889 to 1955.

The statue showed him carrying a full-grown horse on his back, something actually said to have been witnessed when his mount bogged down crossing a snowy pass, so Kojomkul picked him up and carried him over.

Kyrgyz horses, by the way, are as large as ours, not the ponies that Mongols ride.

This particular horse, it is reported, weighed over three-quarters of a ton.

Sound impossible? Well, Kojomkul was strong. He was the undisputed champion wrestler in all Central Asia, standing seven feet, six inches tall, weighing 396 pounds, and with hands over 10 inches long.

So maybe he did. Horseback into the mountains next column.

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

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- * U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
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U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) — member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs — recently announced his appointment to three Banking Committee subcommittees for the 115th Congress.



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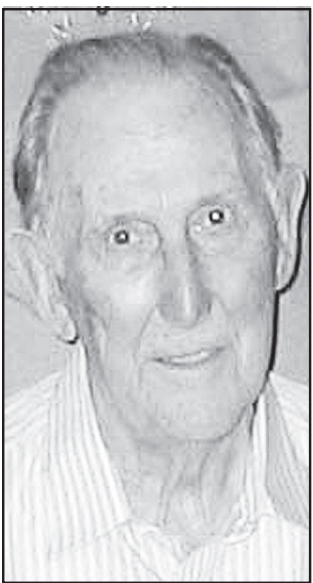
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OBITUARIES



Moser

Paul Moser, 89, of Holton, passed away on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

He was born Aug. 1, 1928, in Troy, to Fred and Goldie Dittimore Moser.

Paul was a grade school educator, coach and principal for 42 years, teaching at Whiting, Mayetta, Circleville and Jackson Heights. He established Little League baseball in Holton and was an avid sports fan and fisherman. He served as SSgt. in the Kansas Army National Guard, 154th Field Artillery, 1st Battalion, as an expert rifle and pistol marksman.

Paul was a life member of the NRA, a member of the Holton Lions Club and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Paul married Ila Rose Jenkins on Aug. 16, 1951, in Highland. She preceded him in death on March 8, 2015.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his brothers and their spouses, Raymond (Retta), Adam (Henrietta) and Harold (Floy); sisters-in-law, Jody Shea and Rita Jenkins; and a brother-in-law, Bill Jenkins.

He is survived by his son Gregg, daughter Terri (Andy), grandson Dustin, sister-in-law Wanda Jenkins, nephews, nieces and many cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. A private remembrance will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com
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Cunning-Moffitt

Adalee Marie Cunning-Moffitt, 94, Meriden, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, at her home.

She was born Nov. 8, 1923, in Meriden, the daughter of Roy and Anna Ammen Cunning. She graduated from Rock Creek High School in 1941.

Mrs. Cunning-Moffitt was a member of the Meriden Community Church, Jefferson County Historical Society, Jefferson County Genealogy Society, Platte County Genealogy Society and the NRA.

She married Vernon Clark in 1946. They divorced. She married Earl "Lee" Moffitt in 1956. He died in 2000. She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Melba Persing; and a granddaughter, Mary Kate Clark.

Survivors include two children, Beverly Clark-Goodyear, Topeka, and Carrol Clark, Piqua; four grandchildren, Tod Adams, Denison, Jason Clark, Wichita, and Matthew Clark and Sarah Clark, both of Piqua; six stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren, Amber Wells, Carbondale, Danny Adams and Ariel Adams, both of Denison, Briar Adams, Topeka, and Mya Clark Theim, Wichita; 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; nephews, Thomas Persing, Topeka, and Douglas Persing, Meriden; and a niece, Jennifer Persing, Meriden.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at Meriden Community Church. Cremation will follow. Mrs. Cunning-Moffitt will lie in state after 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 N.W. Independence Ave., Topeka, where family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association-Topeka, 3625 S.W. 29th, Suite 102, Topeka, KS 66614.

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Albright

Wanda K. Albright, 77, of Topeka, passed away on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, at Midland Hospice House.

She was a 1958 graduate of Highland Park High School, a 1982 graduate of Washburn University with an Associate of Arts degree and a 1983 graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She was then accepted into The University of Kansas' one-year Advanced Standing Program. She received her Master's Degree in Social Work, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1984. She received honors at both universities.

Wanda served on multiple boards, including the Board of Directors of Kanza Mental Health Center, representing Jackson County, the Foundry Board of Directors of Hoyt, with the group's goal of having a hospice in Jackson County. She was also a volunteer for Topekans Against Crime as a rape counselor, as well as a volunteer at the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, along with her friend Pat G.

Wanda was a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Female Executives of America and she enjoyed being a member of Phi Kappa Phi's National Honors Society. She was also trained for biofeedback and energy. Wanda was a proud lifetime member of the Cooking Club of America. She was an avid reader and greatly loved her books. Wanda was known for her good sense of humor, and that she absolutely loved K.U. basketball games. Rock Chalk Jayhawks KU!!!

Wanda belonged to Luther Place I Chapel. It was formed in 2012 with our devoted Chaplain, Tony Martin, her best friend, Betty Webster, and herself. Mid-week Bible study was also developed.

Wanda married Donald L. Keim Sr. on Aug. 31, 1958. They were later divorced. Of this union are three children, Cindy K. Keim, Donald L. Keim II and Derrick L. Keim.

Wanda married Darrel E. Albright on Feb. 20, 1966. They were later divorced in 1992. Of this union are two children, Tammy K. Albright-Cochran and Dusty E. Albright.

She had 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two precious felines, Lily and Swather.

As per Wanda's request, there will be no service. She was cremated, and interment will be held at a later date in Hoyt Cemetery. In lieu of flowers she asks that memorials be made to the C.A.T. Association, 1719 S.W. Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66604; or Heart of Jackson Humane Society, 414 E. Eighth St., Holton, KS 66436; or to the charity of your choice.

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Welch

Patricia Cannon Welch, 59, Holton, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, at The University of Kansas Health St. Francis Campus.

She was born May 2, 1958, in Charlotte, N.C., the daughter of Joe Edgar and Ruth Clementine Hearn Cannon. She had lived in the Holton community for two months to be closer to her son and daughter-in-law; she previously lived in Dallas, N.C., for most of her life.

Mrs. Welch was owner and operator of Superior Cleaning in North Carolina for six years.

She was a former member of Revival Tabernacle Church in North Carolina.

She married Steve L. Welch. He died Nov. 18, 2012. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include three sons, Adam Welch and wife Carrie, Holton, and Jack Sides Jr. and John Sides, both of Charlotte, N.C.; three sisters, Sandra Cannon, Twila Arrendale and Kelly Cannon, all in North Carolina; two brothers, Joe and David Cannon, both in North Carolina; and three grandchildren, Jack, Cheyenne and Jacob.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Holton Cemetery. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to MedicalLodges Jackson County Church Service Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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School Lunch Menus

Jackson Heights

Monday, Feb. 19: No school (Presidents Day).

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Breakfast – Western omelet, whole-wheat tortilla, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, tater tots, green beans, fruit, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit,

juice and milk; Lunch – Grilled chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, red and green pepper slices, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 22: Breakfast – Scrumptious coffee cake, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic breadstick, green beans, tossed salad, fruit and milk.

Friday, Feb. 23: Breakfast – Biscuit with egg and cheese, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, sliced cucumber and carrots, fruit and milk.

Holton

Monday, Feb. 19: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun or fruit yogurt parfait, lettuce and tomato, oven fries, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chili or chicken nuggets, tortilla chips (9-12), cinnamon roll, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Breakfast – Homemade cinnamon roll or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets or country fried beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, fresh fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 22: No school (parent/teacher conferences).

Friday, Feb. 23: No school (parent/teacher conferences).

Royal Valley

Monday, Feb. 19: No school (parent/teacher conferences).

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Breakfast – Sausage breakfast sandwich, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pork rib on a bun, french fries, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 22: Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, fruit and milk; Lunch – Turkey and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.

Friday, Feb. 23: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Cheese pizza, corn, salad, fruit and milk.

Wetmore

Monday, Feb. 19: No school (Presidents Day).

Tuesday, Feb. 20: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Hamburger on a whole-grain bun, campfire potato wedges, baked beans, peaches and milk.

Wednesday, Feb. 21: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Chili, rabbit food, pickle spears, apple smiles, whole-grain cinnamon roll and milk.

Thursday, Feb. 22: Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Chicken strips, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, fruit cocktail, whole-grain roll and milk.

Friday, Feb. 23: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Whole-grain cheese pizza, spinach garden salad, green beans, fresh Clementine, sherbet cup and milk.

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Governmental Type Funds:						
General Fund	\$ 15,622.79	\$ 293,916.27	\$ 279,389.86	\$ 30,149.20	\$ 14,242.30	\$ 44,391.50
Special Purpose Funds						
Special Highway Fund	98,435.44	17,287.71	41,037.00	74,686.15	-	74,686.15
Special Machinery Fund	16,546.00	-	-	16,546.00	-	16,546.00
Vehicle Replacement Fund	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
Business Funds						
Water Utility Fund	23,032.26	173,964.87	161,991.54	35,005.59	1,077.44	36,083.03
Sewer Utility Fund	92,171.49	108,573.48	100,546.78	100,198.19	1,193.74	101,391.93
Sewer Maintenance Fund	2,170.92	-	-	2,170.92	-	2,170.92
Sewer Reserve Fund	103,700.00	-	91,965.39	11,734.61	-	11,734.61
Solid Waste Utility Fund	33,645.70	40,192.49	39,133.75	34,704.44	3,182.81	37,887.25
Total	\$ 385,324.60	\$ 663,934.82	\$ 714,064.32	\$ 335,195.10	\$ 19,696.29	\$ 354,891.39



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SPORTS *Wednesday*

Holton to host 4A regional wrestling tourney

■ RV to compete at 3A-2A-1A wrestling regional at Silver Lake

By Michael Powls

The Kansas prep regional wrestling tournaments are set for this weekend and will decide state wrestling qualifiers.

The top four placers in each weight class at regional competition qualify for the state wrestling tournaments to be held Feb. 23-24.

Class 4A will have four regional sites for wrestling - Abilene, Arkansas City, Burlington and Holton.

Friday's wrestling action at Holton will start at 2 p.m. on three mats. Saturday's wrestling will start at 10 a.m. with championship finals expected to start at about 4:30 p.m.

Teams competing at Holton's regional will include Holton, Atchison, Baldwin, Basehor-Linwood, Bonner Springs, Eudora, Kansas City-Bishop Ward, Kansas City-Piper, Kansas City-Sumner Academy, Jefferson West, Santa Fe Trail, Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege, Tonganoxie, Topeka-Hayden and Wamego.

The 4A state wrestling tournament will be held at Salina's event center.

Class 3A-2A-1 will have four regionals - Eureka, Goodland, Hoisington and Silver Lake.

Royal Valley wrestlers will compete at the Silver Lake Class 3A-2A-1A regional wrestling tourney on Friday and Saturday. Friday's wrestling starts at 2 p.m.

Teams competing at Silver Lake's regional include Silver Lake, Royal Valley, Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy, Atchison-Riverbend International School, Burlingame, Council Grove, Easton-Pleasant Ridge, Effingham-Atchison Co Community, Eskridge-Mission Valley, Gypsum-Southeast of Saline, Herington, Highland-Doniphan West, Onaga, Osage City, Oskaloosa, Perry-Lecompton, Richmond-Central Heights, Riley County, Rossville, Sabetha, Shawnee-Maranatha Christian Academy, St. Mary's, Wabaunsee and Wathena-Riverside.

The Class 3A-2A-1A state wrestling tournament will be held at Fort Hays State University's Gross Memorial Coliseum.

Panthers roll over Riverside

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley boys and girls varsity basketball teams dominated at home Tuesday night in a league matchup against Riverside.

The Lady Panthers are now 8-5 in the Big Seven League after defeating the Lady Cyclones 76-28. Riverside dropped to 1-12 in league play.

After the first quarter, the Lady Panthers were up 23-13, and by the half, the score was 44-22 in RV's favor.

"I didn't think we played our best in the first quarter," said RV coach Kyle Porter. "We didn't run our transition as well, as we forced some passes. I think after that quarter we got our act together and stated playing up to our capabilities."

In the second half, the Panthers had 32 additional points and kept Riverside to just six points.

"We played much better and finished the game strong," he said. "We're trying to learn how to play consistently."

RV had 10 players score points during the game. The team was led by 22 points from senior Tamo Thomas.

"We emptied the bench during the fourth quarter and played everybody," Porter said. "Everybody that played scored, which is a good sign for us."

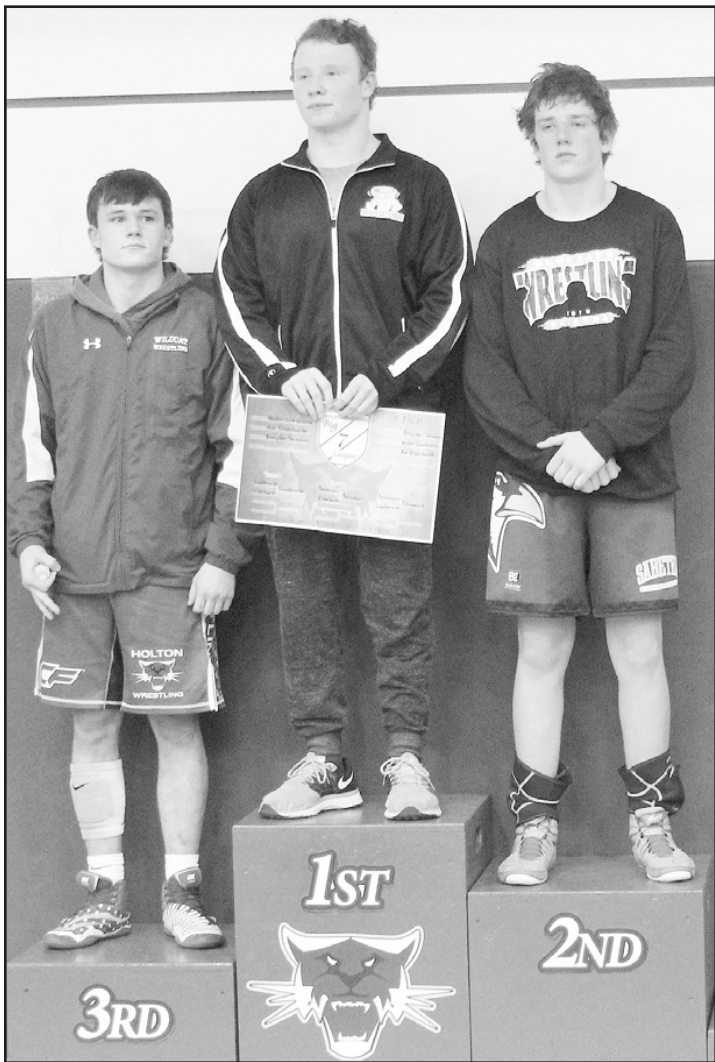
RV: 23-21-23-9 - 76

Riverside: 13-9-2-4 - 28

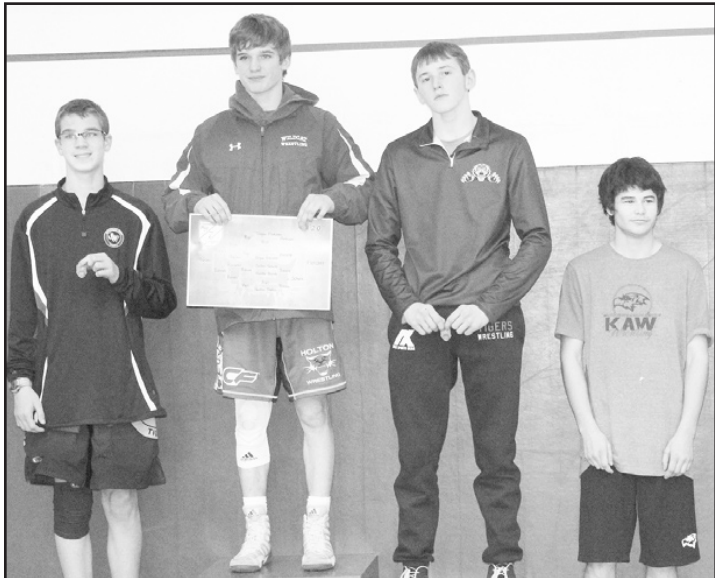
Individual statistics:

RV: T. Thomas 9 (2) 2-2 22, Broxterman 5 4-5 14, Shopteese 4 (1) 2-3 11, K. Thomas 3 2-4 8, K. Ogden 2 3-4 7, Thompson 3 1-2 7, Saia 1 0-1 2, Stithem 1 0-1 2, Fink 1 0-0 2, Williamson 0 1-2 1. Totals 29 (3) 15-24 76.

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Holton's Ace Eisenbarth, shown above at left, took third at the league tourney in the 160-pound class.



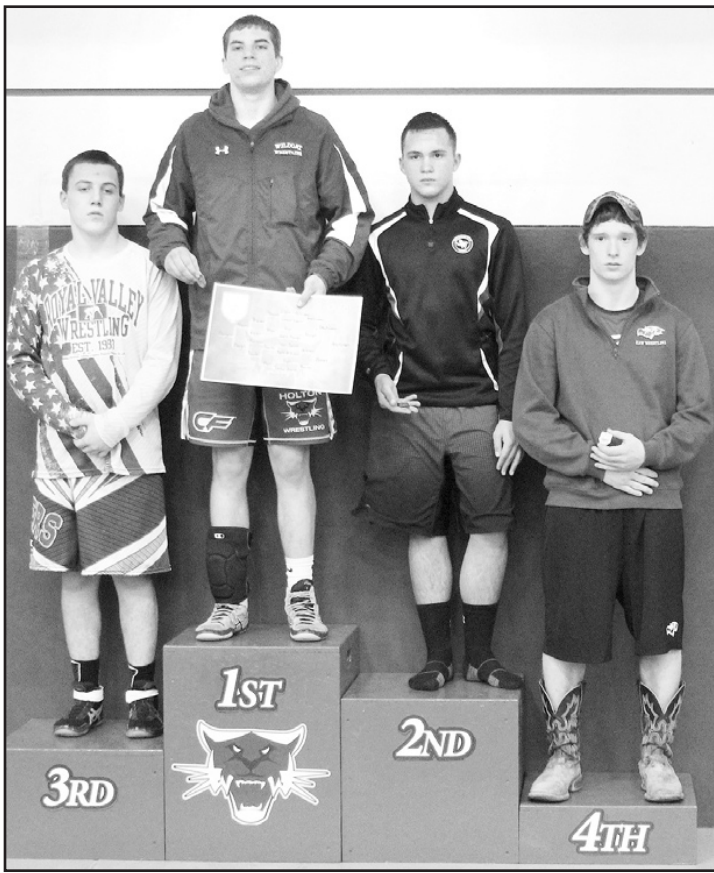
Holton's Taygen Fletcher, shown above second from left, took first in the 120-pound class.



Holton's Konner Tannahill, shown above second from left, took first in the 182-pound class.



Holton's Kolby Roush, shown above, second from left, took first place in the 126-pound class.



Holton's Dylan Aeschliman, shown above second from left, took first in the 170-pound class at the league tourney and Zach Burger of Royal Valley, shown above at left, took third.



Holton's Kyler Tannahill, shown above second from left, took first in the 285-pound class.



Holton's Jake Barnes, shown above at left, took first place in the 106-pound class.



Holton's Cael Jackson, shown above at left, took third place in the 152-pound class and Royal Valley's Karsen Smith, shown above at right, took fourth place.

Photos on this page by Michael Powls

Big 7 Wrestling League medals top 4 placers

By Michael Powls

At the Big 7 League wrestling meet here in Holton last Friday, the top four placers medaled, it was reported. Wrestling coaches say that winning your weight class at the league tourney is like being named First Team All-League in wrestling.

The top four in each weight class were as follows:

106 - 1st place - Jake Barnes, Holton. 2nd place - Dalton Kahle, Perry-Lecompton.

113 - 1st place - Kaden Dillon, Sabetha. 2nd place - Braden Woodson, Perry-Lecompton. 3rd place - Brodie Page, ACCHS. 4th place - Judson Mathis, Royal Valley.

120 - 1st place - Taygen Fletcher, Holton. 2nd place - Colton Scholz, ACCHS. 3rd place - Hunter Thelen, Jeff West. 4th place - Hunter Barnes, Perry Lecompton.

126 - 1st place - Kolby Roush, Holton. 2nd place - Beau Horn, Riverside. 3rd place - Thad Metcalfe, Perry-Lecompton. 4th place - Shane Kelly, Jeff West.

132 - 1st place - Derrick Karn, Riverside. 2nd place - Conner Gilliland, Holton. 3rd place - Braden Mitchell, Sabetha. 4th place - Mitchell Root, Perry-Lecompton.

138 - 1st place - Luke Horn, Riverside. 2nd place - Lawson Henry, Holton. 3rd place - Kody Gibson, Jeff West. 4th place - Grant Roush, Perry-Lecompton.

145 - 1st place - Scott Resler, Riverside. 2nd place - Brandon Brownlee, Sabetha. 3rd place - Joel Guess, Perry-Lecompton. 4th place - Joel Scott, Jeff West.

152 - 1st place - Kamden Brownlee, Sabetha. 2nd place - Kinstin Juhl, Riverside. 3rd place - Cael Jackson, Holton. 4th place - Karsen Smith, Royal Valley.

160 - 1st place - Brayden Seimears, Riverside. 2nd place - Walker Lowdermilk, Sabetha. 3rd place - Ace Eisenbarth, Holton.

170 - 1st place - Dylan Aeschliman, Holton. 2nd place - Taelur Barnes, Jeff West. 3rd place - Zach Burger, Royal Valley. 4th place - Grant Shaver, Perry-Lecompton.

182 - 1st place - Konner Tannahill, Holton. 2nd place - Hayden Robb, Perry-Lecompton. 3rd place - Kaedin Juhl, Riverside. 4th place - Tanner Ukele, Sabetha.

195 - 1st place - Jacob MacKnight, Riverside. 2nd place - Carson Ukele, Sabetha. 3rd place - Nate Buchtel, Royal Valley. 4th place - Killian O'Connor, Holton.

220 - 1st place - Brian Shane, Royal Valley. 2nd place - Austin Rollett, Holton. 3rd place - Dawson Dick, Riverside. 4th place - Collin Rossillon, Perry-Lecompton.

285 - 1st place - Kyler Tannahill, Holton. 2nd place - Elliott Strahm, Sabetha. 3rd place - Kyle Bonham, Perry-Lecompton. 4th place - Jacob Smith, Riverside.

Wildcats win 2 vs. ACCHS

By David Powls

Both Wildcat varsity basketball teams picked up wins at home against ACCHS here Tuesday night.

The Holton girls won 64-28 and the Holton boys won 57-41.

"Our interior passing was probably the best it's been," said HHS head coach Ryan Noel after the boys game. "Our guards did a nice job of using our posts."

Four Wildcats scored in double digits - Mason Strader (15), Mason Chanay (13) Zane Moylan (12) and AJ Haussler (10).

"This game was a good example of scrappy defense in the second half," coach Noel said. "Congrats to Zane Moylan for getting his first dunk in a high school varsity game."

Holton improved to 6-7 in the Big Seven and 8-9 overall. ACCHS is now 1-12 in the league and 2-15 overall.

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Jackson Heights Cobra basketball teams split games with Dragons

By Brian Sanders

The first games of a three-date road trip for the Jackson Heights High School Cobras varsity basketball teams ended in a split on Tuesday with Valley Falls, with the Cobra boys easily outdoing the Dragons 53-35 while the Lady Cobras sustained a 36-31 loss.

The Lady Cobras (7-4 in the Northeast Kansas League, 12-5

overall) got off to a good start in the first half against the NEK League-leading Lady Dragons (11-1 league, 15-2 overall), taking a 16-14 lead in the first half of Tuesday's game, which Jackson Heights Head Coach Dan Shupe said was "a good defensive game on both sides."

But in the end, it was Valley Falls' defense that held the Cobras to three points in the

third quarter and allowed their offense to come out ahead.

"Valley Falls is very deliberate in their offense, and they are very patient, pending their high skill level on both sides," Coach Shupe said. "Our goal was to get them out of their pace and play more at our pace of play. We did that at times, but not consistently enough."

Shupe said the Lady Cobras

were able to contest shots well throughout the game, but the third quarter was the turning point.

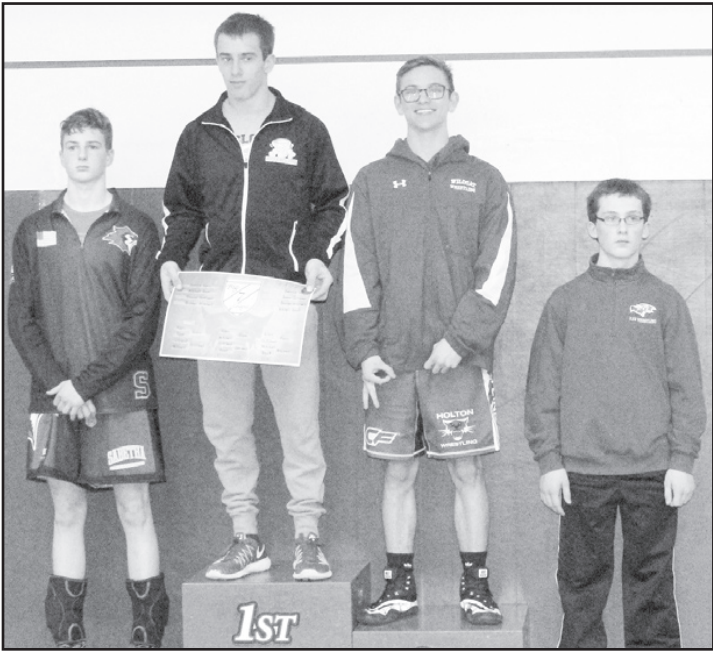
"When you get behind Valley Falls, they really utilize the clock to benefit them," he said. "And we fell behind a couple of possessions, which allowed them to play at their pace. We had opportunities close to the basket, but we just couldn't

finish with the contact."

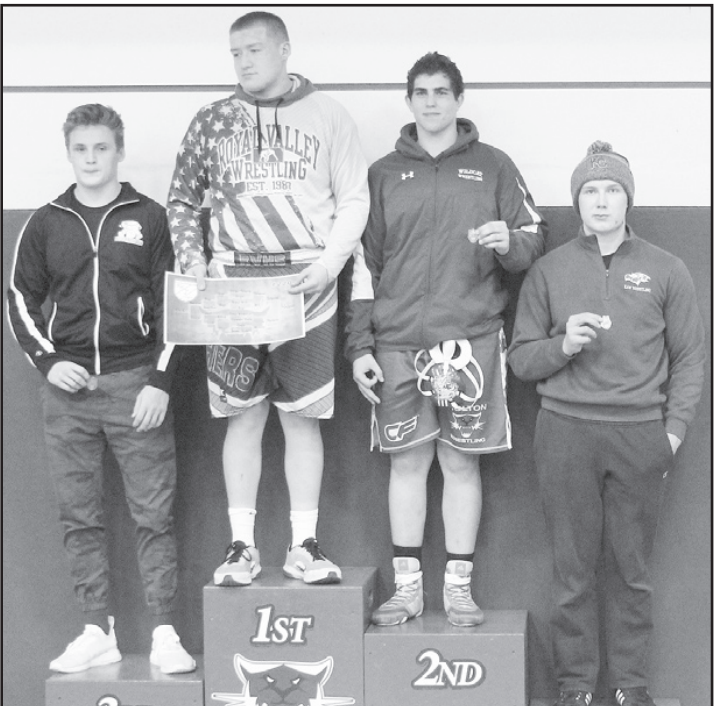
The Lady Cobras were unable to get past a two-possession deficit throughout the fourth quarter, and the Lady Dragons outscored them 13-12 in the frame to get the win.

Amaya Marlatt led the Lady Cobras in scoring with eight points, followed by Kylie Dohl with seven.

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Holton's Conner Gilliland, shown above third from left, took second in the 132-pound class at the league wrestling tourney.

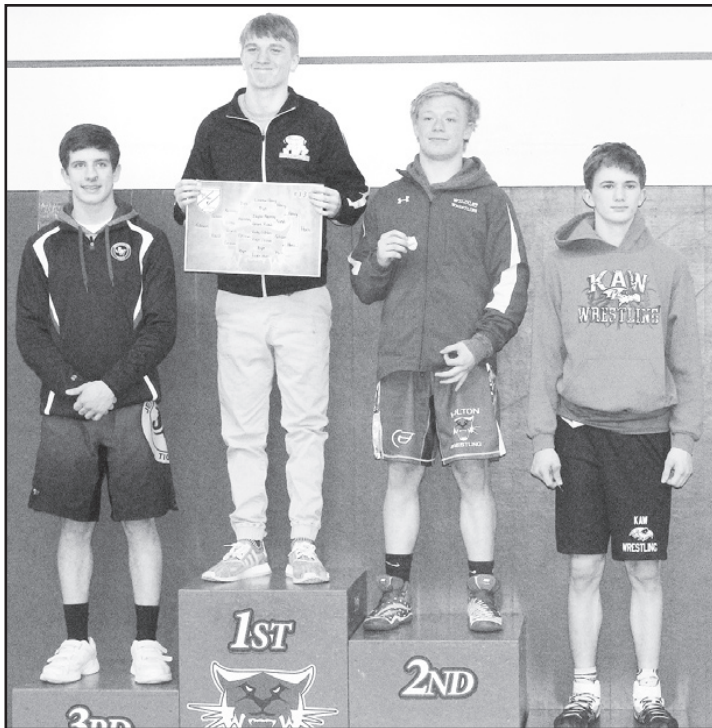


Royal Valley's Brian Shane, shown above second from left, took first in the 220-pound class. Holton's Austin Rollett, shown above third from left, took second.



Royal Valley's Nate Buchtel, shown above at left, took third in the 195-pound class and Holton's Killian O'Connor, shown above at right, took fourth.

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Holton's Lawson Henry, shown above third from left, took second place in the 138-pound class.

RV sweeps Riverside

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Riverside: Miller 3 (2) 2-3 10, Brewer 3 1-2 7, Hawkins 2 (1) 0-0 5, Whitten 1 1-2 3, Huff 0 2-4 2, Murphy 0 1-3 1, Byrd 0 0-2 0. Totals 9 (3) 7-16 28.

The RV boys team also found success last night, winning 82-44 against the visiting Cyclones.

RV is now 5-8 in the league and Riverside drops to 3-10.

During the first quarter, the Panthers had 18 points and kept the Cyclones to six points.

"We came out well and concentrated on getting the ball inside and that gave us some confidence," said RV head coach Keith Pelton. "It just steamrolled from there."

At the half, RV had a commanding lead, 44-20.

Both teams had high-scoring third quarters with RV scoring 25 points over Riverside's 20 points. RV took the last quarter 13-4.

"Riverside played hard, but they didn't have an answer for us inside," Pelton said.

Eight players scored for the Panthers. Senior Masen Spoonhunter had 25 points, and Pak Hale had 16 points, including four three-pointers.

"Our assists haven't been very high so we thought this would be a good game to make sure everyone was involved," he said. "Things become a lot more open when we move the ball. We found easier shots."

The Panthers will head to

Meriden on Friday for a league matchup against Jefferson West. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.

RV: 18-26-25-13 - 82
Riverside: 6-14-20-4 - 44
Individual statistics:

RV: M. Spoonhunter 10 (1) 4-4 25, Hale 6 (4) 0-0 16, Knoxsah 3 (1) 4-5 11, Frisby 4 (1) 1-1 10, Cumpston 3 1-3 7, B. Neuner 3 0-0 6, Mills 2 (1) 0-0 5, K. Spoonhunter 1 0-0 2. Totals 32 (8) 10-13 82

Riverside: Miller 11 (3) 3-6 28, Maddox 2 (1) 0-0 5, Anderson 1 2-4 4, J. Libel 1 (1) 0-0 3, Richter 1 0-0 2, Webb 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 (5) 5-10 44.



Royal Valley's Judson Mathis, shown above at right, took fourth in the 113-pound class.

HHS Wildcats win two from ACCHS

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The Wildcats will host Sabetha next Tuesday for senior night.

Holton boys 57, ACCHS 41
Holton 14-14-16-13—57
ACCHS 10-16-9-6—41
Holton - Wright 0 1-2 1, Strader 5 (1) 2-4 15, Chanay 4 (1) 2-5 13, Moylan 3 (2) 0-0 12, Haussler 1 (2) 2-2 10, Forrester 1 4-4 6. Totals 14 (6) 6-11-57.

ACCHS - Navinsky 0 1-2 1, Montgomery 1 (2) 1-2 9, Miller 0 1-2 1, Smith 1 (3) 2-2 13, Boos 1 2-2 4, Smith 4 (1) 2-2 13. Totals 7 (6) 9-12 41.

The Holton girls improved to 10-3 in the Big Seven and 12-5 overall with the win over ACCHS.

The Lady Tigers are now 4-9 in the league and 7-10 overall.

"We played a good game and we were solid in shot selection and shot the ball at a high percentage," said HHS head coach Jon Holliday afterwards. "The game is pretty easy when the ball goes in the hoop. Production was good off the bench. It was a good game to hopefully gain some confidence."

Coach Holliday said it had been a "tough six-game stretch" for the team that lasted a month.

"Six games in a month isn't very many in that stretch of the season and now we are going to play four games in nine days as a comparison," coach Holliday said.

Holton girls 64, ACCHS 28
Holton 9-22-22-11—64

ACCHS 8-9-9-2—28
Holton - Flewelling 1 0-0 2, Shay Tanking 2 (2) 3-3 13, Barta 2 0-0 4, Hickman 3 1-1 7, Rhodd 1 0-0 2, Saydee Tanking 5 (1) 4-5 17, Price 4 0-0 8, Holaday 2 1-3 5, Moore 2 2-2 6. Totals 22 (3) 11-14 64.

ACCHS- S. Johnson 2 0-1 4, G. Appell 2 2-4 6, K. Parnell 0 2-2 2, J. Ernzen 0 5-5 5, K. Beien 5 1-1 11. Totals 9 10-13 28.

Cobras split games at Valley Falls

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Up next for the Lady Cobras, who stay in third place in the NEK League standings, is a Friday road trip to take on McLouth, currently at the bottom of the league with a 0-12 record and 3-14 overall.

"We're going to continue to play at a high level with a lot of energy," Shupe said on going up against McLouth, who lost 35-28 at Maur Hill-Mount Academy on Tuesday. "This group is very focused on finishing the regular season strong and seeing what we can do in the postseason."

On the boys' side, the Cobras held on to a tie with Jefferson County North for second place in the NEK League, boosting their league record to 9-2 and their overall record to 12-5 with the 53-35 win over Valley Falls. The Dragons remained at the bottom of the league, falling to 1-11 in the league and 3-14 overall.

Cobra Head Coach Chris Brown said his team came out fast early, "which is always what we want," and the Cobras got off to a 16-9 first quarter lead before running into foul trouble in the second quarter and allowing the Dragons to close the gap to 24-20 at intermission.

"The biggest issue in the second quarter was Braden

Dohl picking up his third foul," Coach Brown said. "We are obviously a much different team with him on the bench. But I thought the boys did a good job of hanging on and getting through the second as well as possible without our big man."

In the second half, the tide turned back in favor of the Cobras, who went on a 16-4 run in the third quarter with a pair of treys from Kolby Rethman and the return of Dohl to the game.

"It really was as simple as getting Braden back in the game," Brown said. "With him in, he drew the defense inside and allowed our shooters more room to operate on the outside."

Dohl led the Cobras with 14 points on the night, followed by Brady Holliday and Lane Thomas with 11 points each. Brown also cited Holliday as the top defensive man, with some "huge steals" in the third quarter that propelled the team to the win.

On Friday, the Cobras will travel to McLouth to take on a Bulldog team that's currently sitting at fourth in the NEK League standings with a league record of 7-5 and an overall record of 10-7 after losing 64-45 to Maur Hill on Tuesday. The Cobras beat the Bulldogs earlier this season at home, and Brown said his team is looking for a sweep.

"McLouth gave us a great game the first time around," he said. "We have to expect the same type

of game going to their place. If we can stop them from a three-point line, we will have a great chance to win."

The Cobras are also preparing for substate play after a Feb. 20 road game against JCN and a season-ending home game against Horton on Feb. 23.

"I think everyone is focused and ready to get better each game, knowing we will have to be playing our best ball to advance during substate," Brown said.

Girls Scoring
Valley Falls 10-4-9-13 36
Jackson Heights 11-5-3-12 31
Jackson Heights: Marlatt 3 2-2 8, Williams 3 1-1 7, Dohl 2 (1) 1-2 6, McMahon 2 (1) 0-2 5, Brey 2 0-0 4, J. White 0 1-2 1. Totals 12 (2) 5-9 31.

Valley Falls: Frakes 5 2-3 12, Kearney 3 (3) 2-2 11, Kirkwood 2 2-2 6, Wildeman 2 0-2 4, DeLong 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals 13 (4) 6-9 36.

JV: Jackson Heights 30, Valley Falls 23.

Boys Scoring
Jackson Heights 16-8-16-13 53
Valley Falls 9-11-4-11 35
Jackson Heights: Dohl 6 (1) 1-1 14, Holliday 4 3-3 11, Thomas 4 (1) 2-3 11, Rethman 3 (3) 0-0 9, Cooper Williams 2 0-0 4, Olberding 2 0-0 4. Totals 21 (5) 6-7 53.

Valley Falls: N. Pickerell 4 3-6 11, Lockhart 3 (1) 3-3 10, Aspenwall 4 0-1 8, Brosa 2 0-2 4, D. Pickerell 1 0-0 2. Totals 14 (1) 6-12 35.

JV: Jackson Heights 42, Valley Falls 39.



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Showing a balance in her hands for the quarter ending January 31, 2018 as required by statutes.

County General	3,186,199.70	Sheriff	1,112,296.85
Juvenile Intake	93,949.87	Capital Outlay	4,010,388.02
Grants	112,943.34	Technology	21,177.75
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Technology/Clerk	6,765.52	Road & Bridge	1,832,265.15
Noxious Weed	72,410.31	Elderly	68,024.21
Bond & Interest	95,151.21	Auto	13,065.41
Tourism	50,060.31	911	81,037.00
Sp Parks & Recreation	126,005.23	Special Alcohol	106,884.66
Sp Road Mach Outlay	750,874.73	Weed Cap Outlay	119,353.53
Elderly Bus Replacement	36,720.89	VanSwer Principle	75,048.00
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Attorney Training	7,552.77	Unclaimed Legacy	1,000.00
Disbursement	211,240.89	Victim Grant	-13720.48
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Tax Account	166,479.27	Commercial Vehicle	5,855.34
Motor Vehicle	40,760.66	Recreational Veh	567.07
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Drivers License	569.50	Cemetery	1,717.57
Rd & Br 4% Sales Tax	546,027.70	Sales Tax	743.34
Janette Fund Restitution	-2,809.26	Auto Tag Fee	3,696.96
Inmate Welfare	27,005.03	Schools	45.30
Fire	2,922.34	Grant-Juv Intake	38,715.00
Long & Short	-128.72	Game	-41.50

Total cash on hand as of January 31, 2018 \$13,382,108.28

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

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Gardener's Corner

Remember that thyme at the fair?

“By Sandra M. Siebert
There’s rosemary, that’s for remembrance.” (Ophelia, in Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”)
Shakespeare did not invent the idea that rosemary symbolized remembrance. Many centuries before Shakespeare was but a gleam in his parents’ eyes, people used rosemary herb to signify remembrance, as well as to aid the memory.



Ancient Greek scholars twined rosemary in their hair as they studied for exams. At one time, brides were crowned with rosemary to help them remember their former lives. Rosemary once covered corpses to signify remembrance of the deceased. It also probably served to overpower the smell of decaying flesh with its piney-lemony-minty fragrance. Rosemary also might have prevented disease from traveling through the air from the corpse to living mourners.

For rosemary is antiseptic. French hospitals once burned rosemary with juniper berries to improve the air quality and prevent infections. And people burned it in their homes to prevent black plague. Today we can diffuse rosemary essential oil to do the same – although most of us are not yet concerned about the black plague. However, it will work against colds and flu and other common airborne illnesses.

And the memory thing? Rosemary is indeed helpful in improving cognitive function. It is under study as a potential treatment for Alzheimer’s disease. To stimulate your nervous system, but not in the way caffeine forces it into overdrive, have a cup of rosemary tea. It will “wake up” the nervous system gently without force, most likely by improving blood flow to the brain. I’ve taken to drinking a delightful cup of rosemary tea every day. Inhaling its fragrance, either from the fresh

plant or the essential oil also can clear the head of cobwebs.

Rosemary has so many uses, not the least among them is waking up our food. Stuff a baked chicken with fresh rosemary. Chop up rosemary and add it to potatoes. Add it to soups and stews and tomato sauces. I grind dried rosemary and cover salmon fillets with it before baking; or place sprigs of fresh rosemary on top of the fish. Bake it into bread, or cornbread. Use it to season roasted vegetables. Toss it into anything and everything. This morning I mixed it into my poached eggs.

Rosemary is a perennial, except where it’s not, like in Kansas. I’ve planted the so-called “hardy” types of rosemary. Died during the winter. I’ve planted it on the south side of the house, close to the building, and covered it in deep mulch as cold weather hit. Nope.

The only time rosemary survived winter in my garden was when we had three exceptionally warm winters in a row. By the end of their last summer, they were amazing small shrubs. In fact, it became a slight problem because, expecting the plants to die during their first winter, I planted them fairly close to the steps leading from our back door. Eventually I had to keep pruning them back to keep the steps clear.

But since then the rosemary dies during winter. I plant a few in the garden each spring, and plant one in a pot to bring inside during the winter. When the weather starts falling into the 20s, I harvest the whole plants and dry the branches (except for the potted plant).

The dried rosemary and the potted rosemary almost get me through the winter.

I can go on about rosemary, but I want to finish out the line from “Scarborough Fair,” “parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme” that I started on in my last column. So it’s time for thyme, which grows as a true perennial in Kansas.

Thyme is a small woody plant, barely reaching eight inches tall in my garden.

Aesthetically, it works best planted en masse, which is especially attractive when the plants bloom in May. Honey bees and all sorts of small pollinators love the nectar provided by thyme flowers. When the thyme blooms, the garden is literally abuzz with activity.

Thyme has an aromatic flavor that plays well with many other flavors. It can be found in recipes for quite diverse cuisines - Cajun, Creole, French and Greek. It flavors cheeses and liqueurs and is excellent in eggs, tomato sauces, soups, stews and vegetable dishes.

Like rosemary, thyme has antiseptic properties. A friend of mine adds thyme to her tea in winter to help repel colds. Make a strong infusion of sage and thyme as a foot soak for athlete’s foot. Or use the infusion as a mouthwash (before soaking your feet!). The essential oil thymol found in thyme is antiseptic and is an ingredient in certain mouthwashes.

In the Middle Ages, they burned thyme in courtrooms to prevent the spread of “jail fever” and other diseases. Research has shown that diffusing essential oils of some plants, such as thyme, can prevent transmission of airborne illness.

Harvest thyme and rosemary regularly to encourage fresh growth, and so you can use them frequently. Rosemary comes in several forms from narrow uprights, to bushy forms, to prostrate and trailing forms. Thyme also comes in a few forms and “flavors.”

You can find lemon thyme, lime, spicy orange, oregano, lavender, coconut and nutmeg flavored thymes, and probably many more. I love my caraway thyme, which is one of the many creeping forms.

Fairies love thyme, as well. Plant thyme to encourage them to live in your garden. Use several forms of this small plant to create a fairy garden with your children, grandchildren or any child you know.

Take some thyme, and take some time to learn about thyme. And don’t forget the rosemary.



Davis - Abel

Holly Ann Davis and Justin Robert Abel, both of Emporia, have announced their engagement and upcoming summer wedding.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Corey and Diana Davis of Valley Falls. The future groom is the son of Richard and Joanie Abel of Nortonville.


Holly Ann’s grandparents are Amos “Jack” and Linda West of Holton and Clarke and Marveta Davis of Valley Falls.

Justin’s grandparents are Robert and Rosemary Abel of Winchester and the late Melvin and Nora Wohlgemuth of Atchison.

Holly Ann graduated from Valley Falls High School in May 2013. She graduated from Emporia State University in May 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education. She is a first-grade teacher at Riverside Elementary School in Emporia.

Justin graduated from Jefferson County North High School in May 2012. He received a bachelor’s degree in earth science from Emporia State University in May 2016 and will earn a master’s degree in earth science in May.

The couple will be married July 7 in Wetmore and will make their home in Emporia.



The Jackson County Courthouse, Jackson County Road & Bridge, & Sr. Citizen’s Meal Site will be closed Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, in observance of President’s Day.

The Jackson County Landfill, Recycling Center, Noxious Weed, and Household Hazardous Waste Depts. will observe President’s Day on Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018.

Soldier News

By Sondra Hill
The cousins met on Jan. 1 at Jhett’s Pizza in Holton. Those present were Joyce DeVader, Rosie Boling and Mary DeVader. I completely forgot about the meeting. They planned to meet Feb. 7 at Burger King. On Jan. 9, Grandma Betty and I went to Topeka for in-service at KNI. Our next meeting was to be our Christmas party, Jan. 30. Grandma Nancy and I attended the Christmas party at

KNI. We had a good time. I had a family dinner on Jan. 28. Lorri and Brad Trimble of Meriden, Rex and Cheryl Hill and Debra Sinclair, all of Circleville, were here. We celebrated Brad’s birthday, which was Jan. 25. Noah was also

here. I attended several of Noah’s basketball games. The season is almost over. It certainly has been cold. Both Jackson Heights and Holton had a couple of snow days.

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The business of the Annual Meeting will include the election of two district members for a three-year term on the Board of Directors.

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Bank of America, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Angela Blazic; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Unknown spouse of Angela Blazic, if any; Daniel S. Blazic a/k/a Daniel Scott Blazic,;

Defendants.

Case No. 18CV3
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State Of Kansas, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees,

creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

COMMENCING AT A POINT 80 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, MCKEAGE’S FIRST ADDITION, TO THE TOWN OF HOYT, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, THENCE NORTH 205 FEET, THENCE WEST 120 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 205 FEET, THENCE EAST 120 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

ALSO DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 80 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 9 MCKEAGE’S 1ST ADDITION, HOYT, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, THENCE 120 FEET WEST, THENCE 185

FEET NORTH, THENCE 120 FEET EAST, THENCE 185 SOUTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, commonly known as 106 W 3rd St, Hoyt, KS 66440 (the “Property”)

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 13th day of March, 2018, in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Haggard...

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“The Watts riots were going on so I called up Buddy and Mike to see if Merle and Bonnie would let me live with them in Oildale,” McDonald said. “I didn’t want to live in Los Angeles plus I’d left all my friends.”

McDonald spent his sophomore year living with the family.

“We had the house to ourselves a lot because Bonnie and Merle were on the road,” he said. “We played his stereo too loud and got in trouble a few times, but he was the sweetest man. He took me and Buck Owens’ kids in as his own, and he also had four kids living across town. This was literally the start of his career. He took us fishing and cooked for us. He was very kind.”

McDonald recalls seeing Haggard in the driveway before leaving on his first country music tour, with Bonnie and Fuzzy Owens, Haggard’s manager and steel guitar player.

“Fuzzy, Bonnie and Merle got in Fuzzy’s 1953 Chrysler station wagon. They folded down the back seat and put in the amplifiers, guitars and clothes back there,” McDonald said. “Fuzzy was driving, Bonnie was in the middle and Merle was on the passenger seat. We went out to say goodbye, and they were so happy.”

Haggard came from humble beginnings. His parents moved to Bakersfield, Calif. from Oklahoma during the Great Depression in 1934, and Haggard was born in 1937.

“They moved in a Model T with the mattress on the top like the ‘Grapes Of Wrath,’” McDonald said.

Haggard’s father died when he was nine years old, and he was arrested several times as a juvenile and as a young adult. He spent time in San Quentin State Prison in the late 1950s for attempted robbery.

After prison, Haggard turned his life around and helped develop, alongside Buck Owens, the Bakersfield sound, a new genre of country music with a hard-driving sound.

Haggard’s first number-one single was “The Fugitive” in 1966 and towards the end of the 1960s, he released several other hits, including “Mama Tried,”

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that would operate five days per week.

If the state approves the district’s application, then a certified teacher for the program would need to be hired along with additional teacher aides.

“It’s the right thing to do,” Supt. Davies said of the expansion of the district’s pre-school program.

Regarding the water quality issue at the new elementary school, Davies said bottled water is still being used at the school and the water lines are still being flushed daily to dilute copper and lead mineral levels in the water.

Davies added that some progress is being made to identify the water problem. A “grounding problem” has been identified with the water lines at the school, he said. He also said some structural engineers are suggesting that the district add a “feeding line” to the water line entering the school to decrease the phosphate level in the water.

The structural engineers working with the district plan to test some of their theories soon, Davies said.

Davies also explained to the board that the district soon plans to utilize some cyber-bullying software on student and patron e-mails that utilize the district’s Internet system and “holtonks.net” addresses.

He said that before the cyber-bullying software is utilized, parents and students will be forewarned of the plan.

Some school staff said the cyber-bullying software will be able to search for key words used in email messages associated with threatening statements made to other students, to the schools and to the message senders themselves.

More details from the board of education meeting will appear in Monday’s edition.



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“The Legend Of Bonnie And Clyde,” “Hungry Eyes” and “Sing Me Back Home.”

McDonald said his favorite Haggard song is “If We Make It Through December.”

“He sang ‘Mama Tried’ to me after he first wrote it,” McDonald said. “He told me that every song just came to him, and it was a gift.”

Nicknamed the “Working Man’s Poet,” one of Haggard’s biggest hits was “Okie From Muskogee,” a political song released in 1969 during the Vietnam War that reflected the feelings of the middle class toward anti-war protesters.

“That song made his career,” McDonald said. “Most of the people around here are connected to farming, and it doesn’t matter if they’re 20 or 80, they all have been immersed in his music. He sang about the working man, mama, church and going to the bar and drinking.”

Haggard was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1994 and had 38 number one singles.

McDonald worked as a DJ for Buck Owens at his radio station for four years after high school before moving out of the area. Through the years, he stayed in touch with Merle and his family.

In 1998, while McDonald was working for Haggard putting an album cover together, Haggard’s office manager died. McDonald stepped into that role for eight months.

Three years later, McDonald began working as Haggard’s assistant for a year.

“He was under a lot of pressure at that time,” he said. “He was responsible for a lot of people, and he had a public image to maintain.”

McDonald left Haggard and began working for a company driving limousines.

“He called me in the middle of the night in 2009 and asked if I would fly to Dallas the next day and drive his band bus,” he said.

That request turned into a career for McDonald, as he drove buses for Haggard until Haggard’s death in 2016.

During that first year, McDonald said he considered quitting.

“You have to sleep all day and drive 400 to 500 miles at night. It was hard and a lot of pressure,” he said. “I went to the back of the bus, and Merle said, ‘Ray, I

understand that you’re thinking about quitting. You don’t want to die and go to heaven and stand there in front of Jesus and have Him look down at you and say, ‘You didn’t quit Merle Haggard, did you?’”

McDonald stayed and drove Haggard’s personal bus 600,000 miles in five years, visiting every state in the continental United States.

“I saw hundreds of shows, and any time he played his hometown it was special,” McDonald said. “The people there so appreciated what he’d done, and they knew that he came from nothing.”

McDonald said he marveled how giants in the country industry, like George Strait, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks and Carrie Underwood, looked up to Haggard.

“They absolutely adored him,” he said. “He was their idol.”

McDonald wrote three songs that Haggard recorded, including “Losin’ In Las Vegas” in 1989 and “I Wish I Was Santa Claus” in 2004.

“He knew it was a gift,” McDonald said of Haggard recording “Losin’ In Las Vegas.” “Every songwriter in the world wanted Merle Haggard to record their song.”

In 2001, Haggard gave McDonald the song title “It’s Too Lonesome For Me.”

“He said ‘I don’t have time to write it so I’m going to give it to you to write, and we’ll split it,’” McDonald said.

McDonald and his son did write it, and Haggard recorded it prior to his death, but it hasn’t been released.

Haggard was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2008 and died from complications from double pneumonia on his 79th birthday on April 6, 2016.

“I told him one day that he was the kindest man I’ve ever met, but that he was also the orneriest. And he just smiled at that,” McDonald said.

McDonald has lived in Holton since July, and he is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

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Appendix 4-B: Notice of Annual Meeting (for the election of two supervisors)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JACKSON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Jackson County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 21st day of February, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., an annual meeting of the Jackson County Conservation District will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1401 W 4th Street, Holton, KS 66436.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:

The supervisors of the

The terms of Jarrod Bowser and Dan Pollock are expiring.

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By /s/ Jarrod Bowser
Chairperson

Jackson County Conservation District

Attest
/s/ Roberta Spencer
District Secretary/Manager

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yearly costs of a teacher’s salary, a supplemental wage for FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) sponsorship and a food budget for the class, in addition to new equipment and teaching materials.

“I didn’t think it would cost that much to get it started back up,” board member Neal Keeler said in response to the cost estimate.

Keeler also asked whether the number of FACS courses to be offered would be “enough to keep a teacher busy all day.” Walsh replied that a FACS teacher could take over the wellness class and “make some pieces fit with some of the other openings that we have” in terms of course offerings at JHHS.

Walsh also noted that an application deadline for a human services pathway is coming up in March and said that the district could apply for the pathway, then change its mind later if it decides not to implement the pathway. No immediate action was taken by the board.

In other business on Monday, Walsh shared information with the board about the Kansas State Board of Education’s approval in December of the addition of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training in the Kansas Health Education Standards — training that Walsh said is already offered to Jackson Heights students.

“It’s nice when the state makes a change that involves something you’re already doing,” Walsh said. “It feels good to know that you’re ahead of the game because all of our kids who go through the wellness class get this training.”

Kansas students are required to have a health education credit for graduation, and while adding CPR training to the Kansas Health Education Standards does not mandate that the training is a requirement, it seeks to increase the likelihood that Kansas high school students will graduate with CPR skills, board members noted.

The new standard incorporates training in hands-only CPR, which is different from CPR certification, it was reported. It also states that training must be based on current American Heart Association standards or other nationally recognized guidelines, but schools that want to go beyond those standards may do so, according to KSDE.

Board members also:

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

■ Approved an amended meeting agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board’s Jan. 8 meeting; monthly bills and activity account reports; a bond payment of \$29,005; and a Custom Energy payment of \$12,292.50.

■ Met with Jared Beam of Brier Payne Meade Insurance of Topeka to discuss a proposal for property and liability insurance for the 2018-19 school year. Beam proposed a renewal premium of \$40,006 with a \$10,000 wind and hail deductible and a \$42,340 premium with a \$5,000 wind and hail deductible, with an agency fee of \$4,000 to be attached to either

amount. This year’s premium totaled \$49,887, board members noted. No immediate action was taken.

■ Reviewed a proposal of \$7,386.67 from Sound Products of Olathe for an upgrade of the sound system in the high school gym, including wireless speakers. No immediate action was taken on the proposal.

■ Approved the calendar for district’s 2018-19 school year, with Thursday, Aug. 16 set as the first day of school; a nine-day Christmas break; graduation on Sunday, May 19, 2019; and the last day of school on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

■ Appointed Allen and Kennedy to serve on the teacher contract negotiation team.

■ Heard a report from Walsh on upcoming inservice training sessions.

■ Received a draft copy of the school’s out-of-district waiver for review with suggestions made by Kansas Association of School Boards personnel.

■ Heard a report from Walsh on elementary school activities.

■ Met in executive session for 90 minutes with Walsh present to discuss personnel and student matters.

■ After returning to open session, approved one-year extensions to the administrative contracts of Walsh, middle and high school principal Darren Shupe and middle and high school assistant principal Joel Hesel.

■ Briefly discussed possible agenda items for future meetings, including roof issues at the elementary school.

■ Adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:45 p.m.

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of
HUGH J. HODGDEN, a/k/a JERRY HODGDEN, deceased,

Case No. 18 PR 07

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court by J. Richard Lake, attorney for Robert A. Kelly, a devisee and legatee of Hugh J. Hodgden, aka Jerry Hodgden, deceased, requesting: the foreign will of Hugh J.

Hodgden, aka Jerry Hodgden, deceased, dated June 14, 2017, be admitted to probate and record in this court; no administration of the estate is necessary; the will be construed, and the following Kansas Real Estate owned by the decedent, situated in Jackson County, Kansas:

Approximately sixty (60) acre farm located in Jackson County, Kansas (described by street address as F 214th Road), with an approximate legal description of the South 60 acres of the Southeast Quarter, less road right of way, Section 15, Township 7, Range 13 East (Grant Township), with an estimated value of \$12,000.00

be assigned in accordance with the terms of the will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 26th day

of February, 2018, at 8:30 o'clock, a.m., in the District Court, in the City of 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.

/s/ J. Richard Lake

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Submitted and Approved:
/s/ J. Richard Lake

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Biblical Study Helps: This chapter is called “Saved At Birth”

By Pastor Roland Matchie
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Do fetuses, little babies, young children and those with mental handicaps go to heaven when they die? In one word, yes. The Bible declares it loud and clear.

This question along with some of the church leaders’ inability of being able to answer it with a clear definition has brought much grief and despair to those of us who have lost a young child.

We are misled in our beliefs by most philosophical teachers who tell us that we are not saved until we come to the age of accountability and are baptized. This would be at about the age of 12 years old as set by most biblical scholars.

We are taught that, when reaching this approximate age and as we become aware of our own responsibilities for our own actions as pertaining to our own right doing and our own wrong doing, we need to make a profession of our faith and be baptized in order to be saved.

The teachers put a burden on the parents of a child lost through death that was not baptized. They teach that the only way to be saved is to be baptized. Yet when an unbaptized young child dies, the teachers try to come up with an exception for the deceased child’s reason for going to heaven. This is confusing.

The teachers here are teaching works law, in that they say we have to do something in exchange for our salvation. God provided this salvation to us, free of charge, by grace, both in The Old Testament and also in The New Testament, all of this without our help.

Hopefully, the following teaching will clear up some of the discrepancies of what is being taught today.

In the study of the Bible there is what is called typology. Typology is somewhat like a symbol, a symbol is something that stands in place of, or represents sometoab, over

against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.

Verses 5 tells us that Moses was a servant of the Lord. The spiritual law part that Moses represents and the law which we try to fulfill by our own works are two different definitions of the same law. The works (flesh), law is the part of the law that must die, according to the word of the Lord. Our works of the law makes us as servants to the works law when we try to save ourselves by works instead of accepting salvation by faith through grace and becoming fellow heirs along with Jesus Christ.

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. (Rom. 4:4). The one that worketh is a servant.

Verses 6 continues on to tell us that He (God), buried him in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor. Who did God bury? The works law is who or what God buried, not Moses, the man of God. God took Moses, just as He took Elijah. This is why no man knows where his sepulchre is, there is none. We also have died to the law and where is our sepulchre? Moses appears again in the transfiguration spoken about in the Book of Matthew chapter 17. Moses appeared along with Elijah (whom God also took), and Jesus. Now a transfiguration is when a spiritual change takes place.

The Bible is telling us that Moses as representing God’s Spiritual Law is able to transfigure us into a more spiritual life, and Elijah as representing the prophets is also able to transfigure us into a more spiritual life. All of the law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah), pointed to Jesus Christ, now today Jesus has fulfilled all of the law and the prophets, everything is accumulated in him. It is Jesus you must look to for your salvation and your transfiguration.

Moses and Elijah were the types and shadows of things to come. Jesus was the fulfillment of the type and shadow, He is

the one we are looking for, He is the one that transfigures us into a spiritual life. It is into him that we must immerse (baptize), ourselves, He is the Living Water that cleanses us and makes us clean. Baptism is another type. Jesus Christ (the living water), is the fulfillment of the baptismal immersion into literal water.

In (Jn. 5:39), Jesus is speaking to the biblical philosophers and he tells them, “ye, Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”

Jesus Christ frees us from all of the works of traditions and rituals. He is the fulfillment of all of the works, no more needed. Just be obedient from the heart and not from the works of the flesh.

The Scriptural lawyers are searching the scriptures to find laws that they think they must adhere to and laws that they can burden the people with, making the people believe that by adhering to and working the works of the law they can make God happy with their works and therefore they (the people), can be saved by their merits.

Jesus is telling the lawyers that all of the scriptures are pointing to Him. There is no salvation in the working of the Spiritual Law of the scriptures. The scriptures are all pointing toward the salvation provided by Jesus Christ. When you come to Jesus Christ for your salvation, your heart will be changed and you will be compelled by the Holy Spirit to do good works.

God buried the works law in a heathen land, the land of Moab. Why? Because the works of the law is against God. The law is good, in that it points to the way of righteousness (Jesus Christ), but when we misuse it as our works to salvation, it is bad. It is a sin.

Verses 6 continues on to tell us that the works law that we converted God’s Spiritual law into, was buried over against Beth-peor. What is Beth-peor? Beth means, house, Peor is a type of heathen god. So then

this works of the law that God buried, He puts in the same category as worshipping a false god. They are buried together.

God, back then, buried the works part of the law but that did not mean that the people ceased from practicing the works law instead of resting in God’s grace. This is another Old Testament type. Even today, the works law has been buried with Christ Jesus, yet many of us still practice the works of the law as Paul tells us in Romans seven and other places.

This above story then, is a type of what is still happening today.

Here is another story that is a type of what is happening yet today.

In the Old Testament, as the people were about to enter into the promised land (a type for Heaven). The people were afraid of going through the conflicts that it takes to get there.

In (Num. 14:3), “And wherefore hath the Lord brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? Were it not better for us to return into Egypt?”

Egypt is a type of being in bondage to our government, we depend on the government (which consists of the people), (flesh), to provide our every need, instead of depending on God. If you step out in faith to God, it is to feel the wrath of the Godless poured out onto you by the laws of the government (the people), (flesh), making the evil good and the good evil. Do not despair, the world shall not overcome us but we shall overcome the world.

(Num. 14:30) – “Doubtless ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Je-phun-neh, and Joshua the son of Nun.”

”Because of your lack of faith in (Num. 14:3), it is without a doubt that ye shall not enter into the land that I have set before you. Caleb – whole hearted – capable of faith (a type of us) and Joshua (Yeshua), (Jesus) and

the faithful (us), in him (Jesus), shall be shown the way in.”

(Num. 14:31), – “But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. (God speaking).”

Remember now that this story is of things which happened in the story as being told at that time and place and is also a blueprint of things to come, in our times.

In the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy chapter one, verse 39, it tells us, in God’s own words, Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, (to Heaven), and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

The Adam and Eve story is another type of all of us. We can eat of that Tree of Life and have faith and follow Jesus and rest from the works that are already done for us and be innocent of all sin.

We also have another choice, we can eat of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil (which is wrong), and claim to know of our own carnal minds, what is good and what is evil, without God’s help and guidance. We must be of a certain age to do this, to make this decision on our own, little children are not capable of making this decision and therefore do not yet know what is good and what is evil, they have not yet eaten of that tree of knowledge of good and evil. They have not yet rejected The God that gave them life. Therefore they are innocent and will be able to enter into The Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus said we must repent of our sins and become as little children, be born again. The sin that we must repent of is the sin of rejecting God and thinking that we can make our own decisions about what is good and what is evil.

Submit yourselves to God and accept the salvation that he has provided through Jesus Christ

and let God’s Holy Spirit that he has put into our hearts make the decisions for you as to what is good and what is evil.

Being born again is to reject man’s knowledge of the Tree of Good and Evil, to become child like again in the ways that they follow a parent, they let the parent make the decisions. Same way with us, we should let our Father make our decisions. Not as if though we, in the flesh can know all spiritual things and are capable of making spiritual decisions with our carnal minds.

(Deut. 1:39), tells us that all children will enter into Heaven because they have no knowledge of good and evil. “Are ye not a child of God? Ye can be, reject your own self righteousness of good and evil (man’s own version), and put on the righteousness of Jesus Christ and let the Holy Spirit guide you, and you can become a child of God.”

There are other places in the Bible where it talks about children and their place held for them in Heaven.

Most have been expounded on in various teachings throughout and they are good teachings. I am pointing this teaching of God out because I have never heard or read where it has ever been taught. Also, I pray that it may relieve some of the grieving parents’ unanswered thoughts.

God is a good God, He will keep your little child in his loving arms next to His heart until, if you be good, and I pray you will, you will again see and get to hold your much loved child once again, for eternity, no timeouts.

We must follow God and do his commandments from the heart and in the spirit and not in the flesh.

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Davis estimated about \$80,000 in salary costs for the pre-school with a possible reimbursement of \$30,000 from the state, which would leave \$50,000 in new costs for the district.

"I think there are some ways we can get creative and utilize some existing staff for the pre-school to help reduce costs," he said.

The district could also impose a fee on the program for those students who don't qualify for at-risk funding, Davis said.

Davis said there is space available for the pre-school program and noted that the lower level classrooms built almost 10 years ago at the elementary school were built with a potential pre-school program in mind.

All school board members said they were in favor of exploring the idea of adding the pre-school to the district.

In other business during the meeting, the board:

- * Approved consent items.
- * Received a legislative update from Davis.

* Learned from Boone Smith, board member, that he would like board members to consider having the district pay for all high school juniors to take the ACT test one time.

Davis said he will research the issue further in order for the board to discuss the matter at a future meeting.

* Agreed to continue to recognize district employees who reach milestone years of service with a gift card or plaque.

* Received an update on Impact Aid funding from Davis. The district has submitted its applications for Impact Aid funding for the current school year, and participation numbers are similar to last year.

* Heard plans on summer capital improvement projects from Davis. Projects include annual maintenance of the gym floors, repainting the seventh and eighth grade wing of the middle school, replacing the ceiling grid and lights at the middle school commons area and replacing the high school and middle school kitchen floors with epoxy flooring.

* Heard an update on the process of hiring a construction manager at-risk (CMaR) in order to build a new concession stand at the high school football field.

Davis said that interested construction managers have until Feb. 20 to submit their qualifications to the district.

The board approved a motion to set a special board meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the district office to narrow

down the applicants who apply for the position.

* Discussed a new state mandate requiring districts to teach hands-only CPR as part of its health curriculum.

Davis said that CPR is already taught in some classes at the high school, and the district has 10 mannequins that allow students to practice chest compressions.

* Approved the Kansas Association of School Boards policy updates, as well as the district's formal complaint policy, as presented.

* Met in executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes with Davis and Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum of

instruction.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the board entered into executive session again for 10 minutes to discuss teacher salary negotiations.

Back in open session, the board approved contacts to Russell Hodison, high school assistant track coach; Thomas Broxterman, middle school assistant track coach; Julie Marston, middle school cheer coach; Carrie Davis, middle school librarian; Lisa Wege, fifth-grade teacher; and Nancy Mergen, long-term substitute for Brittanie Triplett.

* Adjourned the meeting. All board members were present.

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