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Holton USD 336 parent survey.

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Holton parent survey touted

By Brian Sanders

Getting families in the Holton USD 336 school district more engaged in the schools their children attend and improving communication between parents and school officials are key points of a survey that school officials are asking district families to take.

Holton USD 336 Superintendent Bob Davies said that as the district goes through its accreditation process, school officials are looking for input from district families.

"This survey is kind of a way to start the process and figure out what we are doing well, what can we do better and how do we help ourselves get better," Davies said. "The best way to find out is to ask our parents and our constituents."

The survey may be taken by filling out the survey on Page 8 of today's Holton Recorder, then turning it in at the district office, or it may be taken online at the district's Web site, www.holtonks.net.

"Just tell us how we're doing," Davies said of the survey. "Take the time to fill that out. We'd love to have the information."

Davies also noted that he would like to share the results — not just with the school board, but with the community at large — and use them to improve the district as a whole, not just during the accreditation process but throughout the school year.

"The whole state is going through a metamorphosis in looking at accreditation, and one of the things we as a district have noticed is that we've got to get families involved," he said. "We've got to get people thinking that they can come and talk to us. We can't do it on our own. We've got to get parents involved, and if they're asking for help and we can help them, great."

One of the survey's themes is communication between the district's teachers and its families, whether via traditional media or by the Internet and social media.

Davies said that communication varies by each particular school, noting that at the elementary level, children are more apt to take notices home in their backpacks and parents will get them and understand their importance.

"By high school, if we hand them something and tell them to take it home," he added, "it might not even make it out the door before it hits the ground."

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Pre-school program approved at RV

By Ali Holcomb

Royal Valley will offer a new community pre-school this fall after board members approved the program at their meeting Monday evening.

In order to staff the new program, the board also agreed to advertise for a pre-school teacher position.

Superintendent Aaric Davis said that he is confident the district's application will be accepted into the state's pre-school at-risk program, which would reimburse the district .5 FTE per at-risk student enrolled in the pre-school program.

Based on this year's funding levels, .5 FTE is \$2,003 per student.

Davis estimated \$50,000 to hire a pre-school teacher and \$19,000 to hire a teacher aide assistant.

"Talking to Noah Slay (RVES principal), I think we can repurpose one of our current aides so the year-to-year cost that would come out of general operating expenses would be \$50,000," Davis said.

Davis said if the district had 15 pre-school students who qualified for at-risk, the district would receive an estimated at \$30,000.

"We could have more or we could have less. We can't really predict that today," he said.

If the district decided to charge a fee for students who did not qualify as at-risk, a \$100 a month fee could generate an estimated additional \$9,000 a month for the program, Davis said.

"So we'd be spending \$10,000 to \$15,000 in general funds to operate a pre-school," he said.

Supplies and other curriculum would be paid out of the district's capital outlay and textbook funds.

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RVES spring concert

Royal Valley Elementary School's third and fourth-grade students held their spring concert Tuesday night in Hoyt. Under the direction of Melissa Kimble, the students performed a variety of songs, including "Who Let The Dogs Out," shown in the photo above. At left, fourth-grade students performed "It Is To Laugh," which featured several students telling jokes throughout the song.

Photos by Ali Holcomb

Holton's sixth-grade class to stay at HMS for now

By David Powlis

The first order of business at the Holton school board meeting here Monday evening was the unanimous 6-0 vote on a motion to leave the sixth-grade class at the middle school next year, while that proposal and other related improvement plans for the middle school can be studied further.

The last order of business at the meeting, which was held at the high school library, was the unanimous 6-0 vote to hire the law firm of McAnany, Van Cleave and Phillips to "assist the district in matters concerning the elementary building project."

The "MVP" firm has six offices in the Midwest with the closest one at Kansas City. Superintendent Bob Davies said after the meeting that the firm was hired to help the district resolve some construction issues regarding the new elementary school, namely the elevated copper in the water lines, a roof drainage issue that is believed to be damaging the new school's gym floor and some problems with the new carpeting in the new school.

School patron Scott Misenhelter attended the meeting with some questions about what has been an ongoing discussion by the board and community about possibly moving the sixth grade class out of the middle school to the annex building at the elementary school campus.

Misenhelter asked if the sixth graders currently rotate to different teachers during their regular class day like the seventh and eighth graders. He was told that they do.

He was also interested to know if the board was developing plans that can solve overcrowding issues at the middle school.

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Concerns with backup power discussed at Heights

By Brian Sanders

For new Jackson Heights USD 335 facilities director Robin Caudle, the biggest concern about the district's buildings and equipment is a lack of a backup power source in case of a power outage.

Caudle told members of the USD 335 Board of Education during their regular monthly meeting on Monday that even though the district's backup generator is working fine on its own, the wiring that connects the generator to the district's buildings poses "a fairly significant issue" that will not likely come with a cheap fix.

"Effectively, we have no backup generator if we have a power outage," Caudle told the board. "I don't know how long it's been this way. Apparently it's been a while from looking at the wires."

The backup generator is necessary to provide "fire suppression" and emergency lighting to school buildings when outages occur, Caudle said. But without a line of communication between the generator and the school buildings — notably the high school building, where a computer that can test the generator is located — the buildings are at risk, he added.

Caudle told board members he discovered the problem after noting that the generator, which is scheduled for testing every Tuesday morning, was not being tested. After repairing a transfer switch to the generator, he said, further attempts to test the generator were repeatedly met by an error message, "failure to acquire."

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Funds still needed for spray park in Mayetta

By Ali Holcomb

One "last, big push" for funds is still needed to cover the cost of the spray park planned for Mayetta's city park, it was reported.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held last Sunday afternoon for the future home of the 40-foot by 50-foot spray park, and committee members are still seeking \$21,000 this spring to purchase additional above-ground features for the park.

An initial order for spray park materials has been placed, and excavation work for the park is expected to begin this weekend.

A large hole will be dug to house a water reservoir and then pipes with be laid prior to the pouring of a large, concrete pad, it was reported.

The concrete for the project is being donated by area businesses, according to Liz Long, committee member.

Spray parks have no standing water, which makes them safer for younger children. Water from the park is also recirculated in order to reduce maintenance costs, Long said.

Mayetta's spray park will include a timer box and activator button so it's not running when it's not being used, as well as a water filter.

The spray park will be built north of the restrooms at the park since a waterline is already located there. The spray park will include 50 in-ground spray nozzles, and so far, two above-ground features have been ordered.

An additional \$21,000 is needed to purchase five more features, Long said.

"We've had some local businesses really step up recently, and we've applied for several grants," Long said.

At the start of the year, the spray park committee was notified that it had received \$20,000 from the Topeka Community Foundation.

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HES to start at 7:59 a.m. following spring break

Holton Elementary School students will be starting school a little earlier when they return from spring break.

After spring break, and for the rest of the school term, HES students will start school at 7:59 a.m. instead of 8:05 a.m., it has been reported.

HES needs to make up four hours and three minutes of classroom instruction time to meet state education regulations, the school board learned here Monday evening.

School officials reported that the earlier start time seemed to be the easiest way to make up the time since elementary kids enter their classrooms at 7:55 a.m. already.

Local school districts and area colleges and universities will all be closed for spring break from Monday, March 19, through Friday, March 23, it has been reported.

All three Jackson County school districts — Holton, Jackson Heights and Royal Valley — as well as students who attend schools in Prairie Hills USD 113 and Atchison County Community Schools USD 377 will all be out of class for a full week during the third week of March.

Jackson Heights students will also have no school on Friday, March 16, it was reported.

All state universities, as well as Washburn University, will also take spring break that week.

Students in all aforementioned schools and universities will return to class on Monday, March 26.

THURSDAY'S FORECAST

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Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

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Quality Care Close to Home

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15

*8 a.m. Holton Municipal Court at Holton City Hall.
*9:46 a.m. to 10:36 a.m. WAC 11th grade social studies state assessment.
*10:39 a.m. to 11:29 a.m. WAC 10th grade ELA state assessment.
*10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. WAC 5th grade science state assessment.
*3:30 p.m. RVHS spring sports pictures.
*4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jackson Heights parent/teacher conferences.
*Wetmore advisory seminar.
*Wetmore Cardinal Kiddos.
*6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jackson Heights FFA Alumni cattle sonogramming workshop, held at Holton Livestock Exchange, 13788 Kansas Highway 16, Holton. For more information and to RSVP, contact Kelsey Pagel at 364-6302 or 364-2195.
*6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Holton High School 22nd annual lift-a-thon, held at the HHS main gym, free to the public.
*7 p.m. Wetmore spring play practice.

*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. (use 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, March 16

*No school for Jackson Heights students.
*RVMS Jump Day #3.
*RVMS STEAM Day.
*11 a.m. Annual ham and bean luncheon at First Christian Church, Holton. Free-will offerings will be accepted.
*5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Lenten dinner held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta.
*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, March 17

*St. Patrick's Day.

*10 a.m. Vintage Park of Holton's first annual leprechaun hunt, 410 Juniper Dr., Holton, for children ages 4-7 and 8-12.
*10 a.m. The Samuel Linscott DAR will meet at the Denison State Bank conference room.
*4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hoyt United Methodist Church annual baked potato bar, held at the church, 405 Highland Ave., Hoyt. Free-will donations will be accepted.

Sunday, March 18

*Attend the church of your choice.
*9:30 a.m. Circleville United Methodist Women recognition in the church fellowship room. Church service will begin at 10 a.m.
*5 p.m. Jackson County Democrats soup supper, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex south of Holton. Please bring non-perishable food items for YWCA Jackson County. Free-will donations will be accepted.
*Walk Kansas begins and will last until May 12. Team captains can register teams of six at www.walkkansas.org or by contacting their local Meadowlark Extension District Office.

Monday, March 19

*Spring break begins for all area students.
*9 a.m. Jackson County Commission meets at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton.
*The Circleville Senior Executives will meet at noon at the Circleville Masonic Hall. Corned beef and cabbage and roast beef will be served. Gary Bell and Friends will entertain. Please bring a covered dish and friends.
*7 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall.
*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka, on every third Monday of the month.
*NAMI Topeka two-family workshop classes, to 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, call Marilyn Rowland at (785) 806-3049.

Tuesday, March 20

*6 p.m. Beck-Bookman Library Board of Directors meeting at Beck-Bookman Library.
*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, March 21

*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.

Jackson County Senior Menus

Reservations for Jackson Countians 60 years and older and their spouses wishing to eat lunches under the Title III-C Nutrition program may be made daily Monday through Friday.
Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made

by 9:30 a.m. same day.
Reservations and cancellations may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.
Menus listed for the week of Monday, March 19 through Friday, March 23 are as follows:
Monday, March 19: Goulash, Italian vegetables, strawberries and bananas, ice cream and French bread.
Tuesday, March 20: Baked chicken breast, rice, cooked cabbage, cherry/

pineapple jello salad, cookie and roll and margarine.
Wednesday, March 21: Baked potato bar with baked potato, chili, broccoli, cheese, cranberry salad and cake.
Thursday, March 22: Salisbury steak, scalloped potatoes, Japanese vegetables, fruit pie and bread and margarine.
Friday, March 23: Salmon patty, macaroni and cheese, California blend vegetables, mandarin oranges and bread and margarine.

Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office, located on the second floor of the Courthouse.
*General warranty deed – Fred R. Bentley aka Fred Bentley, a single person, to Brant Morris, Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block 1, less the south 15 feet of Lot 22, town of Whiting, Jackson County.
*Quit claim deed - Fred R. Bentley aka Fred Bentley, a single person, to Brant Morris, Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Block 1, less the south 15 feet of Lot 22, town of Whiting, Jackson County.
*Executor's deed – Lynnette Dierking, executor of the will of Sharlene Kay Mitchell aka Sharlene K. Mitchell aka Sharlene Mitchell, Brown County, deceased, to Kyle Zimmerman and Kaylie Zimmerman, husband and wife, as joint tenants, the east half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, also known as 9775 214th Rd., Holton.
*Quit claim deed – Shane A. New and Kelli K. New, husband and wife, Jackson County, to the

same as joint tenants, the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 6, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., including 159.36 acres, more or less, Jackson County.
*Transfer on death deed – Shane A. New and Kelli K. New, husband and wife, Jackson County, to the same as joint tenants, the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 6, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., including 159.36 acres, more or less, Jackson County.
*Quit claim deed - Shane A. New and Kelli K. New, husband and wife, Jackson County, to the trust in their names dated Jan. 3, 2018, six tracts described as follows – land in Section 27, Township 6 South, Range 15 East; land in Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 15 East; land in Section 20, township 6, Range 15 including nine acres; land in Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 15 East; land in Section 14, Township 6 South, Range 15; and land in Section 19, Township 6 South, Range 15 East, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.
*General warranty deed – Raymond L. Brownell, a single person, to Roger W. Hower and Cynthia J. Hower, trustees of the trust in their names, dated Nov. 6, 1992, land in the northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.
*General warranty deed – Quicken Loans, Inc., Detroit, Mich., to U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma City, Okla., Lots 38 and 40, Indiana Avenue, Drake and Fenn's Addition to the city of Holton, Jackson County.
*Administrator's deed – Debra L. Sinclair, administrator of the estate of Melvin D. Sinclair, deceased, to Debra L. Sinclair, a tract of land in Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 14 East and a 45.70 acre tract of land in Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 14 East, all of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.
*General warranty deed –

Terrance M. Deters and Christy L. Deters, husband and wife, to Alexis Resseguie and Aaron Resseguie, a tract of land in Lot 33, Wyoming Avenue, Park Addition, city of Holton, Jackson County.
*Statutory warranty deed – Toni M. Anderson, a single person, to Amy M. Sender, a part of Block 2 on Fifth Street, town of Hoyt, Jackson County.
*Kansas trustee deed – Mary E. Kennedy, trustee and trustee of the Michael C. and Mary E. Kennedy Trust, dated July 16, 1999, to Christopher M. Kennedy, an undivided half interest in and to the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 7, Range 13 East and also an undivided half interest in Lot 1 and an undivided half interest in Lot 2 and an undivided half interest in the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 14 East, all in the 6th P.M., Jackson County.
*General warranty deed – Christina Annette Miller, a single person, to Jonathan Raye and Donna L. Raye, as joint tenants, the east half of Lot 44, Nebraska Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.
*General warranty deed – Mary Lou Williams and Leland Williams, wife and husband, of Shawnee County, to Kevin E. Nelson, trustee of the revocable trust in his name dated Feb. 26, 2014, land in Section 17, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.
*Quit claim deed – Clyde W. Rieschick and Theresa C. Rieschick, husband and wife, to the same as trustees of the trust in their names, dated Jan. 10, 2018, a tract of land in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 13 East; a tract in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 13 East; an undivided half interest in a tract in Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 13 East; and a tract in Section 3, Township 6, Range 13 containing 78.90 acres, more or less; all in the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

PBP Elder Center Menus

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.
The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enrolled tribal members age 50 and older may eat for free. Non-member seniors or non-seniors will be charged a fee for meals.
Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158th Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-0040.
Menus listed for the week of Monday, March 19 through Friday, March 23 are as follows:
Monday, March 19: Turkey club, potato salad and apples with peanut butter.
Tuesday, March 20: Chicken parmesan, butter noodles, Brussels sprouts and fruit.
Wednesday, March 21: Cheeseburgers, potato salad, baked beans and fruit.
Thursday, March 22: Lettuce wraps, roasted veggies, dessert and fruit.
Friday, March 23: Fish sticks, pasta salad, carrots and fruit.

MARKETS

STOCKS		
Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	37.39	+0.03
CenturyLink	17.70	-0.32
Lowe's	86.14	-1.54
Target	71.17	+0.50
Hershey	101.80	+0.80
Walmart	88.30	+0.23
Phillips 66	94.55	-0.44
US Bancorp	54.15	-0.86
Pfizer	36.75	+0.14
Deere & Co.	161.32	-2.71
United Parcel	109.33	+0.42
Apple	179.97	-1.75
Facebook	181.88	-2.88
Wester Energy	49.91	+0.18
Goodyear	28.35	-0.54

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


GRAIN		
Description	Price at Close	
Wheat	\$4.63	
Corn	\$3.54	
Milo	\$2.92	
Soybeans	\$9.70	

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES		
	Current	Last Mo. Last Year
Kansas Average	\$2.36	-\$0.052 +\$0.198
National Average	\$2.51	-\$0.050 +\$0.220
Holton Average	\$2.37	






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

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Today's Weather

Thursday		Sunny	High: 70 Low: 43
Friday		Mostly cloudy, gusty, rainy	High: 59 Low: 34 Precip: 50%
Saturday		Mostly sunny	High: 51 Low: 34
Sunday		Mostly cloudy, chance of PM precipitation	High: 59 Low: 40 Precip: 30%
Monday		Partly sunny, chance of rain	High: 56 Low: 33 Precip: 40%

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For her junior demonstration at the recent Jackson County 4-H Club Day, Christian Kucan (shown above) of the Lucky Stars showed how to create a lettuce taco. This year's event was held at Jackson Heights High School and involved the participation of 4-H club members from Nemaha County.

Photo by Brian Sanders

4-H'ers compete at County Club Day

Several members of Jackson County's 4-H clubs demonstrated their various skills at the recent 4-H Club Day, held at Jackson Heights High School, where 4-H members from Nemaha County also participated.

Those receiving top honors in their respective categories were invited to participate at Regional 4-H Club Day, to be held this Saturday at Atchison Elementary School.

Jackson County award winners included, by category:

Junior Reading: Karlie Albright, top purple; Jace Doyle, alternate purple; Brynn Shupe and Elizabeth Schuster, purple; Emberlee Allen and Alex Cannon, blue.

Senior Reading: Rebecca Eilert, top purple.

Project Talks: Lora Larison and Cole Kucan, top purple; Paden Askren and Blade Montgomery, alternate purple; Teagen Bowhay, Colby Bowhay, Ean Winsor, Josie Jager and Jackson Jager, purple; Alexandria Kester, William Beauchamp, Devin Bloom, Izzy Stephens, Phoenix Cannon, Savannah Cattrell, Adam Kahle, Tyson Parks, Bailey Kathrens, Kyler Kathrens, Kolden Ingels, Hanna Myers and Mary Leigh Myers, blue; Olivia Rickel, Darren Bausch and Kailei Mitchell, red.

Public Speaking: Jerilyn Nelson and Cailin Parks, top purple; Joel Kennedy and Jill Buck, alternate purple; Evan Fox, Samantha Wilson, Colby Doyle, Judd Nelson, Bridget Kucan and MaKennzie Kennedy, blue.

Jr. Demonstration/Illustrated Talk: Cash Robinson and Brooke Slipke, top purple; Zane Montgomery and April Slipke, alternate purple; Jarrett Abel, Gracie White, Christian Kucan and Lily Cannon, blue.

Auction Calendar

Auctions advertised in *The Holton Recorder* qualify to be included in this free auction calendar. Contact Errin at 364-3141, email us at holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net or stop by our office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton for details.

• Thursday, March 15. Starting at 7 p.m. Teresa E. Zima real estate auction. St. Marys Senior Center, 403 West Lasley St., St. Marys. For more information, contact Pearl Real Estate at (785) 456-4187, (785) 256-5174 or (785) 437-6007.

• Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24. Starting at noon both days (view cattle from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Rinkes Cattle Company/Angus Genetic Alliance bull and female sale. 25544 Q4 Rd., Holton. For more information, contact Bruce or Lynn Rinkes at 364-3517.

• Saturday, March 31. Annual Harris Auction Service spring consignment auction, held at Holton Livestock Exchange. For more information, contact Harris Auction Service at 364-7137 or the sale barn at 364-4114.

• Saturday, March 31. Corey and Kim Hoffman real estate auction. Effingham City Building, 414 Main St., Effingham. For more information, contact Stranger Creek Realty at (913) 833-4835.

Ag Week Recap

Livestock futures down; grains on the rise

By Matt Hines

Feedlot sales for the week were basically steady with last week at \$126 to \$127 live and \$204 to \$205 (mostly \$204) dressed. Beef prices continue to remain steady to higher overall supporting not only packer margins but also futures.

Net beef sales were friendly at 19,700 metric tons (MT) and actual exports were 15,800 MT, which is a neutral number. Net pork sales were 19,900 MT, which is just a shade friendly, and actual exports were on the bullish side at 23,600 MT.

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold steady to \$5 lower, with a few auctions quoting steady to \$4 higher on their offering comprised of cattle that would be suitable for grazing this summer.

For the week, Friday, March 2, through Friday, March 9, April live cattle were up \$.95, June was down \$.10, March feeder cattle were down \$1.15, April was down \$2.12, August was down \$1.02, April lean hogs were up \$.27 and May was down \$2.65. Boxed Beef-Choice was up \$1.62 at \$224.14 and Select was up \$2.62 at \$217.26.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 597,000 head, down 11,000 from the week previous but up 2,000 from last year. Beef production is at 490.7 million pounds, down 10.1 million pounds from the week previous but up 3.6 million pounds from last year. Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 2,410,000 head, down 7,000 from the week previous but up 92,000 from last year.

Livestock Futures Settlements
Monday, March 12
• April live cattle down \$.157 at \$121.55, June down \$1.02 at \$113.27.

• March feeder cattle down \$.35 at \$142.17, April down \$.57 at \$142.57, August down \$.67 at \$149.07.

• April lean hogs down \$.17 at \$67.67, May down \$.77 at \$71.22.

April live cattle continue to trend lower from their most recent peak at \$128 back in January, with the next level of support not until \$118. March feeders are below all moving averages and breaking the higher trend



that was in place since mid-December. The next support level is down around \$140 with resistance up at \$147.50.

April lean hogs have lost more than \$10 since early January and are approaching the next support level down at \$65, followed by the contract low at \$63.75, hit shortly after the contract first starting trading in October 2016.

Grains were lower to end the week after a chopping week with crop reports and updates from USDA and South American sources. Rains have been put in the Argentine forecast, which hit the soy complex the hardest. Corn had the best fundamental news this past week, yet were still pulled lower by both beans and wheat.

USDA cut ending stocks for corn by 225 million bushels (MBU) with most from an increase in exports, up 175 MBU, the balance from increase in corn used for ethanol. Export sales for both corn and soybeans were bullish this past week at 73.1 MBU and 92.2 MBU, respectively.

South American production was also the key feature last week with updates from USDA, CONAB and the Buenos Aires Grain Exchange. All featured lower estimates for Argentina's crops.

Argentina's soybean crop was down 7 million metric tons (MMT) to 47 MMT by USDA, but many private estimates were down to 40 to 45 MMT. Their corn crop estimate was down 3 MMT to 36 by USDA and down to 34 MMT by the BA Exchange. Brazil's forecasts were steady from USDA, but CONAB dropped its corn estimate by 10.5 MMT to 87.28 MMT, compared to USDA's 94.5 MMT.

For the week, Friday, March 2, through Friday, March 9, May corn was up \$.05¼, December was up \$.03, May soybeans were down \$.21½, November was

down \$.07¼, May Kansas City wheat was down \$.13¼, July was down \$.13, May Chicago wheat was down \$.10¼, July was down \$.09, May soybean meal was down \$19.30 per ton and October was down \$7.50 per ton.

Grains traded mixed throughout the day on Monday. Export shipments for the week ending March 8 were all above expectations with corn at 54.2 MBU, soybeans 33.4 MBU, wheat 14.3 MBU and grain sorghum 7.6 MBU.

Grain Futures Settlements
Monday, March 12

• May corn up \$.00¼ at \$3.90¼, December up \$.00½ at \$4.07¼.

• May soybeans up \$.01¼ at \$10.41, November up \$.06 at \$10.36.

• May Kansas City wheat up \$.01¼ at \$5.22¼, July up \$.01¼ at \$5.39.

• May Chicago wheat up \$.01¼ at \$4.90¼, July up \$.02 at \$5.07½.

• May Minneapolis wheat up \$.07 at \$6.24½, May soybean meal down \$3.20 per ton at \$370.40 per ton.

The latest six-to-10-day outlook shows above normal precipitation for most the U.S., below normal only in Texas and Florida. Temperatures are forecasted above normal in the South and Southeast and below normal for the West and Northern Plains.

May corn topped at \$3.93¼

last week, with the next resistance level up at \$3.95 and support around \$3.81. May soybeans are off \$.40 from the contract high at \$10.82½ with support not for another \$.30 down around \$10.10. May Kansas City wheat tested resistance at \$5.48, now off \$.20, with support right around \$5.00. May Chicago wheat was unable to take out the \$5.20 resistance with support down at \$4.80.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker for Loewen and Associates, Inc. of Manhattan, specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Matt is also a board member of Jackson County Farm Bureau, Market Structures Committee Chairman for American Farm Bureau and on the Agricultural Advisory Committee with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. He can be reached at (785) 289-0036.

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OPINION

RV Lady Panthers’ state basketball run impressive

The Royal Valley girls basketball team took second place last weekend at the Kansas Class 3A Girls State Basketball Tournament at Hutchinson.



In the process of doing so, the Lady Panthers had to knock off Big Seven League powerhouse Nemaha Central on the big stage at Hutchinson - avenging two losses to the Lady Central earlier in the season - along with beating a very good Hays-Thomas More Prep.

In the state championship game against Garden Plain, the Lady Panthers were leading the Lady Owls after three quarters of play.

And although the RV girls were edged at the end of the title game, they should remember that they were in just a small group of elite high school basketball teams out of the 64 total Class 3A girls teams that made it all the way to the final championship game day.

The RV girls represented their team, their school, their community and their state very well and made us all very proud of them.

Here’s some of the accomplishments of the RV team:

*First winning girls basketball season in seven years.

*First girls sub-state basketball championship in 13 years.

*Fourth girls sub-state basketball championship ever.

*First state basketball tournament win ever for girls and boys teams.

*First state basketball semifinal round win ever for girls and boys teams.

*Most successful athletic team in Royal Valley High School history.

Long after the sting of the disappointing loss to Garden Plain subsides, these are the kinds of accomplishments that the RV girls team and coaches will remember.

Personally, I was most impressed with how the Lady Panthers - and their coaches-handled all the game situations and adversities - that came their way during their state championship run - with calmness and composure.

It was clear that the coaches were always well-prepared and the players knew the game plans and worked hard to follow them in the games.

When hard work and practice pays off for young people, we need to celebrate it.

Hats off to the Lady Panthers!

David Powls

Hamilton: Reason to to be politically hopeful

By Lee Hamilton

Call me a contrarian. Or even a Pollyanna. But when everyone around me is filled with gloom and despair, seeing dire portents in every political headline, I try to find trends that encourage me.

And I’m finding them. It could be that my hopes outrun the realities. But I’m guardedly optimistic that’s not the case.

If there’s a single theme that ties them together, it seems to me that many people are beginning to view government with greater realism as to what it can do about improving the quality of life of our people.

Don’t get me wrong — there are still plenty of Americans who believe that government is best which governs least, and many others who reflexively turn to government to solve our problems. Including some who profess to dislike government.

Still, amidst all of the past year’s political turmoil — in fact, in no small part because of it — there’s been a renewed understanding that this country is a work in progress; that it’s not yet finished creating itself.



And so Americans of all ideological stripes are determined to question and challenge features of the political environment that concern them.

They’re looking at divisive issues like immigration with a dose of realism — an assessment of what should and can be accomplished — that hasn’t always been evident before.

They’re standing up for better treatment of women and confronting the costs of past assumptions.

They’re marching and protesting. They’re running for office. They’re scrutinizing public figures more carefully than in the past. In other words, there’s an energy and a vitality in the system that were hard to glimpse before.

Because politicians are pretty good at adjusting to the public mood, they’re becoming a shade less divisive, less polarized, less partisan, and maybe even less intolerant of different opinions.

I’ve even seen some strike a note of humility. It’s possible I’m reading too much into this, but I think a growing number of Americans are tired of rancor, and are reasserting their respect for a nation founded on the principles of “out of many, one” and “freedom and justice for all.”

And so there are signs of more

flexibility in political life — of politicians and ordinary Americans shying away from implacable positions.

They recognize that it’s a big country and we have to make it work. They are beginning to see, I hope, what it means to be an American citizen: that you can’t be too dogmatic, that we need to accept differences and extend to everyone the opportunity to become the best they can be.

This is crucial, because the United States is changing in dramatic ways — becoming less white, less rural and suburban, more urban, more racially diverse, possibly a bit less religious.

In many parts of the country there’s an understanding that whether we like it or not, our daily lives are affected by globalization and by forces exerted from far outside our immediate communities.

Now, there are plenty of counter-trends to everything I just said, and these get a lot of attention — indeed, they dominate our view of where the country stands right now.

But as I survey the country and speak to different groups, I keep getting glimpses of the more hopeful trends I outline. So the question I come away with is, can they be sustained,

nurtured and enhanced?

And there, I’m afraid, I’m less hopeful. Because the answer depends upon the quality of our political leadership.

For the most part, I don’t see our most prominent leaders stepping forward with the determination to move the country in a more unified direction.

We’ve always risen to the challenge of deep-seated, fundamental change in the past, but that doesn’t mean we always will.

So where does that leave us as citizens? I think it falls to us to push the hopeful trends forward, to make them so obvious that they can’t be ignored. If we’re not at a crossroads, we’re certainly not far from one, and in the end, it’s up to each of us which direction we’ll take as a nation.

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.

MOLLETTE: Americans needs Easter story

By Glenn Mollette

Americans are waiting and hoping. We’re hoping for something and we aren’t exactly for sure what we are hoping for.

Internally, it’s always the hopes of something better around the corner.

Many of us grew up believing that if we worked hard, tried hard and stayed with it that life would work out and eventually become easier.

The unfortunate dilemma that many Americans are facing is life is not any easier.

Medical care continues to be an escalating crisis. Premiums steeply rise with an increasing cost regardless if you have a medical card.

Retirees are less and less retired. Old people are seen working everywhere trying to earn a few dollars to buy groceries or pay rent.

Social Security tells us we can expect to draw fewer dollars in the future. State governments are in trouble from Illinois, to California, New Jersey, Connecticut and Kentucky.

They among others are shuffling to figure out how to pay government retirees and their

retired school teachers. Most retirees are now facing giving up some retirement pay and paying an increasing medical care cost.

Education continues to escalate in cost. Public Universities are demanding \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year and that’s just for tuition.

Housing, food, books, transportation all increase the cost of education after high school. Most of America’s families don’t have \$100,000 lying around for a college degree. College loans are crippling America’s young people plus the back breaking interest payments.

In recent years we have been made aware of America’s water shortage. Towns and counties across America are struggling with old debilitated infrastructures, leaky pipes, mismanagement of funds and contamination.

In the meantime America’s pastime has moved beyond baseball and has become devouring each other.

Social media and other outlets seem to have given everyone a place to say and do it all and it’s not making us better.

Congress has never gotten along and political parties have always gone for each other’s jugular vein.

Today, it’s worse. Social media, cable news, email and a zillion blogs, online news sources and more make it a point of distributing only the worse, even if it’s fake.

While all this is going on we are still spending billions in Afghanistan to try to keep control of a country that nobody can control.

I wonder how much money we would have if we didn’t spend trillions on other nations?

How much money would we have for our state government retirees and school teachers if our state governments didn’t raid and spend what these workers contribute on other projects?

There is nothing right about that nor is it right that our government spends our Social Security dollars on wars and whatever else they please.

Easter is almost here and it’s coming just a bit early it seems this year. It’s not too early for Americans because we need to once again hear about victory over death and defeated living. The only real way that people can overcome adversity is to believe they can.

We have a lot to work out in this country. We need to work together to solve our mental health issues.

We have to secure our schools and other vulnerable areas of society. We can fight all day about our issues and point fingers but we need to point them at ourselves first before pointing at others.

Blaming everybody, a President or the Russians is getting us nowhere.

I was out in a country church

not too long ago and they were singing an old time song with some of these words included, “It’s not my brother or my sister but it’s me ol’ Lord standing in the need of prayer.” There’s plenty of fault to go around. We elect people who promise one thing and do another.

Yet, as Easter approaches we have to remember there was only one perfect person who ever lived we are told, in the Bible, and that was Jesus. Of course, he was nailed to a cross.

That is exactly what we would do to Jesus today in America. We would nail him to a cross just as quickly as they did 2,000 years ago. If we didn’t do it physically, we would do it via television, talk radio, fake news and all the rest.

The beautiful part of Easter is that the grave could not contain Jesus. He came back to life. Millions of people around the world have grasped this promise individually in faith and hope. It’s time for America to believe again. We need new life individually and as a nation. Easter is about all of this.

The story is about victory over death and the grave. The story is about victorious living. It’s a good story. Americans need a good story.

Note: Glenn Mollette is the author of 12 books. His column is read in all 50 states.

Rep. Garber: Local school districts to blame for any underfunded public schools

By Rep. Randy Garber

In the last issue, we focused on the key words “suitable provision” within our Kansas Constitution.

Our Supreme Court interprets these two words to mean “equitable and adequate.”

Since the Gannon lawsuit was filed in 2010, the day Sam Brownback was elected as Governor, the measurement for determining “equitable and adequate” has changed with each of the last five Supreme Court rulings, in my view.

So, who filed the Gannon lawsuit against - in my view - Kansas taxpayers? Four school districts filed the original Gannon Court case in 2010 (note: not the original school funding lawsuit): Dodge City, Wichita, Hutchinson, and Kansas City of Wyandotte County. However, 80 of the state’s 286 total school districts have contributed money to Schools for Fair Funding – the entity that has paid millions

of school district dollars to the lawyers that sue us, the tax payers) - and the State Legislature.

If funding is inadequate, are local school boards maximizing their local funding options?

School boards are authorized (directly prior and after the end of the Block Grant plan that expired fiscal year 2017) taxing authority for what is called the local option budget (LOB) up to 33 percent of a formula-based number that allows for the ‘Supplemental General State Aid.’

School districts have a maximum level of local taxes they can raise through increasing property taxes (mill levy).

That maximum level is not being utilized by many districts, which means they are taxing their patrons less than what they could.

Simply put, the school districts mentioned previously choose to sue all Kansas tax payers, in my view, in order to increase its funding instead of simply requiring the taxpayers in their district to pay more to educate their own children.

Many school districts are charging lower local taxes while suing to get more funds from

taxpayers outside their district and around the state – i.e. your income and sales taxes are being diverted to pay for their lower property taxes.

The four schools that were part of the original lawsuit are not currently using their maximum taxing authority.

If these four districts needed more funds for teacher raises or classroom enhancements, the money is already available today - without any more lawsuit wins or increased state funding.

These four schools would need only to increase their local property tax rates to the statutory maximum levels and be subject to a 30-day protest petition.

These districts are suing you instead, in my view.

In essence, by not maximizing their local funding authority, their actions indicate they would prefer everyone else in Kansas pay more for their schools rather than ask their local voters/patrons.

Here’s the current fiscal year breakdown of the available LOB the four districts currently suing you have available:

*Dodge City, USD 443 - \$1,714,253 unused taxing au-

thority;

*Hutchinson, USD 308 - \$1,036,782 unused taxing authority;

*Kansas City, USD 500 - \$5,183,549 unused taxing authority;

*Wichita, USD 259 -- \$11,422,696 unused taxing authority.

And, they can make these increases without a lawsuit.

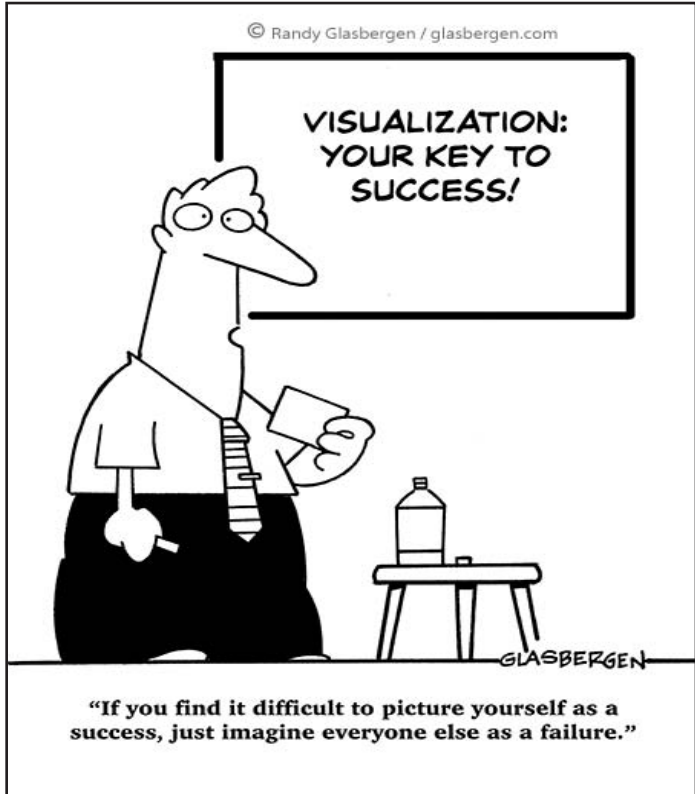
The total amount of unused LOB funds available to all the Kansas School Districts in 2017-2018 is \$82,201,110.

Many districts, though representing themselves as underfunded, are not utilizing their maximum taxing authority to increase their own funding.

They need to start filling their budget holes by taxing their own citizens.

If they don’t need the money, then don’t raise taxes! If it is needed, then the school boards need to first look at LOB options that currently exist before using your tax dollars to pay attorney fees to be part of the on-going lawsuit which essentially, in my view, sues every Kansas taxpayer.

The bottom line: We should all



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Richard Lee Stanley, 71, Holton, died Saturday, March 10, 2018.

He was born Dec. 19, 1946, in Culver, the son of Viola and Lewis Stanley.

He married Janet A. Granzella on Nov. 12, 1967. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Michael Stanley and wife Jessica, Topeka, Gary Stanley and wife Michelle, Fort Worth, Texas, and David Stanley and wife Kari, Salina; a brother, Larry Stanley and wife Francis; a sister, Carol Murphy and husband Jim; grandchildren, Amanda and Charley Hernandez, Ashley Stanley, Amber Stanley, Zach Florez, Dylan, Nick, Morgan, Chris, Mason and Courtney Stanley, Tiffani and Dustin Stanley and their mother Christie Opat; great-granddaughters, Saniah Moss and Arianna Stanley; nieces Tammy Arnold and Sarah Murphy; and a nephew, Jimmy Murphy.

No services are planned. Biglow Funeral Directors of Wichita is in charge of arrangements.

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Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer

I will apologize for some of the following news being a week old, but my computer was out of order last week and I couldn't send in my news.

Church services on March 4 at Mayetta Methodist Church began with prayer by Pastor Howard. Announcements were that Good Friday services will be held on March 30 at the church. Prayer concerns continue for the Brenner family, Lassiter family and the world in general.

The bell was rung by Liz Smith and the acolyte was Randy Rickel. The call to worship came from Psalms 34:1, 3, 4. Hymns sung were "I Surrender All," "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Where He Leads Me." The special was "The Family Of God."

Karen Burns read the living word of God from 1 Corinthians 9:24. Mary Anderson assisted Pastor Howard with communion. The title of the sermon was

New, revised Medicare cards to be mailed soon

A new Medicare card that does not include the cardholder's Social Security number on it, allowing cardholders to keep their information more secure and help protect their identities, will be mailed soon, it was reported.

For Kansas residents, new cards will be mailed starting this June, and cardholders are asked to keep in mind that mailing everyone a new card will take some time, as some cards may arrive in the mail sooner than others.

Cardholders are asked to make sure their mailing addresses are up to date. To make address corrections, contact Social Security at ssa.gov/myaccount, call toll-free (800) 772-1213, or TTY at (800) 325-0778.

Cardholders are also asked to beware of anyone who contacts them about their new Medicare cards. No one will ask for personal or confidential information to send new Medicare numbers and cards.

Also, gender and signature lines will not appear on new Medicare cards.

Once cards are mailed, card-

holders may also access their new Medicare number on a Medicare Summary Notice or through My-Medicare.gov, it was reported.

If you are a Medicare cardholder, please keep the following in mind:

- Your new card will automatically come to you. You don't need to do anything if your address is up to date. If you need to update your address, follow the instructions above.

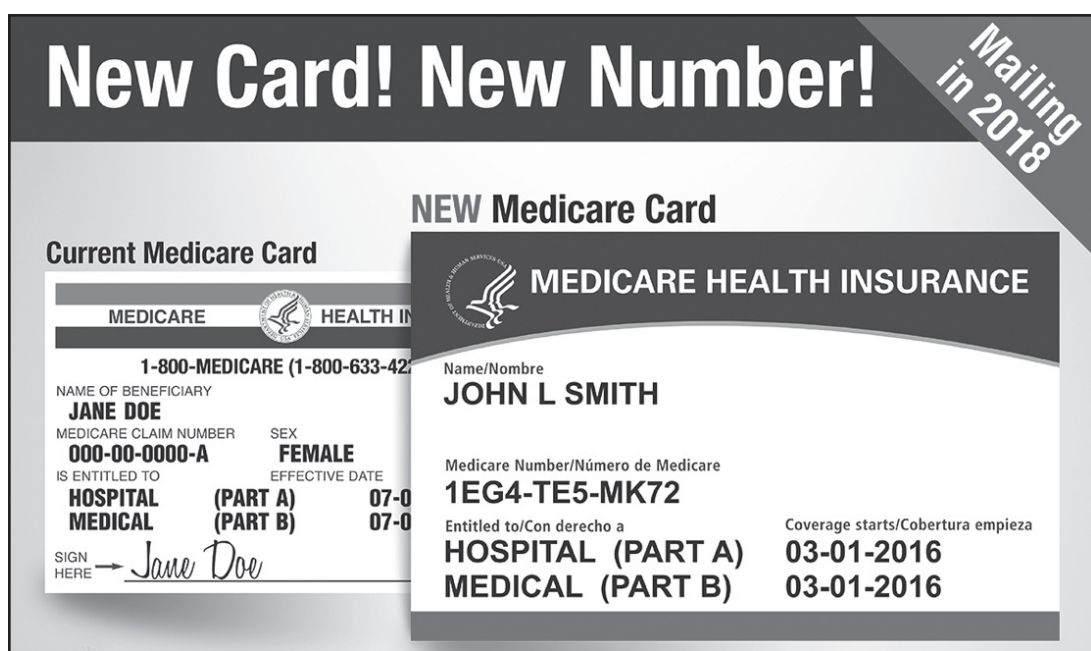
- Your new card will have a new Medicare number that's unique to you, instead of your Social Security number. This will help protect your identity.

- Your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.

- Your new card is paper, which is easier for many providers to use and copy.

- Once you get your new Medicare card, destroy your old Medicare card and start using your new card right away.

- If you're in a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO), your Medicare Advantage Plan ID card is your main card for Medicare — you should still



keep and use it whenever you need care. However, you also may be asked to show your new Medicare card, so you should carry this card, too.

- Doctors, other health care providers and facilities know

it's coming and will ask for your new Medicare card when you need care, so carry it with you.

- Only give your new Medicare number to doctors, pharmacists, other health care providers, your insurers or people you trust

to work with Medicare on your behalf.

- If you forget your new card, you, your doctor or other health care provider may be able to look up your Medicare number online.

Delia council hears recommendation on water tower bids

*By Isabel Bogowith
Delia City Clerk*

Delia Mayor Don Trimble called the March 5 meeting of the Delia City Council to order at 7:02 p.m.

Those present included Trimble and council members Evelyn Shibley, Dean Scott and Molly Robb, along with City Treasurer Nikki Dohrman, City Attorney Scott Hesse, City Clerk Isabel Bogowith and visitor Linda Dohrman, representing Delia Pride. Not present for the meeting were council members Zacary McCullough and Denise

Meltz.

Bogowith read the minutes from the January meeting. Shibley's motion to approve the minutes as read was seconded by Scott and approved. Bogowith then read the minutes from the February meeting. Robb's motion to approve the minutes as read was seconded by Scott and approved.

Treasurer Dohrman presented the financial report. Robb's motion to pay bills and accept the report as presented was seconded by Shibley and approved.

Linda Dohrman, representing

Delia Pride, told the council that David Perry will replace the Delia Gymnasium lights with LED lights for \$4,400. The city's portion of that will be \$330, Dohrman said.

Bogowith noted that Kelsey Palmer of St. Marys Computers and Printing replaced the drum unit and cleaned the city's printer. It is now in good working order.

Bogowith talked with the council about getting a debit card in the city's name. Robb's motion to get a debit card in the city's and Bogowith's name was seconded by Scott and approved.

Bogowith spoke to the coun-

cil about the bandstand being used for a wedding. Council members discussed the matter. Trimble noted that the storm doors at the Community Center cellar are deteriorating and need repaired.

Bogowith read a letter from Louis Funk, representing Bartlett and West Engineers, encouraging the city to not pursue bids for water tower inspection and repair on their own, but to go through Bartlett and West. Council members discussed the pros and cons of Funk's request. Bogowith said she will check into other companies and ask Rita Clary of the Kansas Rural Water Association for a recom-

mendation.

Bogowith said she spoke with Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick about increasing Delia's highway fund to repair roads. For every one mill levy increase, Delia's budget would increase by approximately \$525.

Robb's motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Shibley and the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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RV junior Mary Broxteman, shown above shooting, scored 22 in the title game.



RVHS girls head coach Kyle Porter, shown above kneeling in the team huddle during a timeout in the title game, had his team well-prepared for the big game.



RV senior Bella Thompson, shown above at left with the basketball, was a key contributor to her team's success this season.



RV senior Tamo Thomas, shown above with the basketball, was also a key contributor to her team's success this season.

Two Dohls, White and Holliday picked for All League basketball



Shown above, left to right, are Brady Holliday, Braden Dohl, Kylie Dohl and Jodi White. Photo by Brian Sanders

- The Northeast Kansas League has announced its All League basketball picks, it has been announced.

First Team Girls All League
*Lindsey Heim, Pleasant Ridge
*Regan Kirkwood, Valley Falls
*Heather Ronnebohm, Maur Hill-Mount Academy
*Josie Weishaar, JCN
*Kylie Dohl, Jackson Heights

Second Team Girls All League
*Annabelle Vaught, JCN
*Allison Kearney, Valley Falls
*Kaitlyn McAfee, Horton
*Ravyn Jobbins, JCN
Rachel Frakes, Valley Falls
Honorable Mentions
*Julie Miller, Pleasant Ridge
*Drew DeLong, Valley Falls
*Haylee Weissenback, McLouth
*Jaden Courter, Oskaloosa,
*Daspin Bruning, Horton
- *Kaitlyn Schneider, JCN
*Lauren Kocour, MHMA
*Jodi White, Jackson Heights

Jackson Heights sophomore Kylie Dohl was an Honorable Mention All Northeast Kansas League team member in 2017.

The Northeast Kansas League has also announced its All-League boys basketball picks.
First Team Boys All League
*Braden Dohl, Jackson Heights
*Boston Lane, JCN
*Zach Schwinn, MHMA
*Brayden Summers, JCN
*Colton Kocour, MHMA

Second Team Boys All League
*Noah Trader, Pleasant Ridge
*Garrison Pope, McLouth
*Hunter Aspinwall, Valley Falls
*Jared Thibault, MHMA
*Hunter Reed, Oskaloosa

Honorable Mention
- *Jonah Willits, McLouth
*Heath Knopp, Oskaloosa
*Cole Bottom, Horton
*Breydon Bargary, Pleasant Ridge
*Bryce Fowler, JCN
*Nathan Pickerell, Valley Falls
*Brady Holliday, Jackson Heights
*Jack Caudle, MHMA

The Maur Hill-Mount Academy Ravens won the NEK boys league this season with a 13-1 record and went on to take fourth at the Class 3A state touney at Hutchinson.

The Jackson Heights boys took second in the league at 10-2 and the Jefferson County North Chargers were third at 10-3.

The Valley Falls Lady Dragons took first place in the NEK girls league with a 13-1 record.

The Jefferson North Lady Chargers took second in the league at 11-2 and the Jackson Heights girls were third at 8-4.

ESU women's basketball coach to rejoin Schneider staff at KU

■ Jory Collins is a Holton native

Holton native and Emporia State University women's basketball head coach Jory Collins, shown in the accompanying photo, is trading his ESU black and gold for the crimson and blue of the University of Kansas, it has been reported.

After eight seasons of leading the Lady Hornets to winning records, Collins has joined the women's basketball program at KU as an assistant coach to Brandon Schneider. Collins and Schneider previously worked together as coaches at ESU, guiding the Lady Hornets to a NCAA Division II National Championship in 2010.

Collins, son of the late Donnie Collins of Holton and Cindy Collins of Holton, is a 1997 graduate of Holton High School, where he excelled in football and basketball for the Wildcats. He received his bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 2002 and a master's degree in educational administration in 2006, both from ESU.

"I couldn't be happier that Jory is joining our coaching staff," Schneider said. "He obviously has first-hand experience with our philosophy and approach, but I also believe he will bring a fresh perspective to our team. He is a tremendous teacher of the game and an outstanding recruiter. He will make a positive impact in all phases of our program."

Collins took over as ESU women's basketball head coach in 2010 after three seasons as an assistant coach under Schneider, who at that



time left for Stephen F. Austin University in Texas. In his time as head coach, Collins has racked up an overall coaching record of 199-58 with the Lady Hornets.

His accomplishments with the Lady Hornets include seven 20-win campaigns, five MIAA Tournament Championships, seven conference title games, six NCAA Tournaments and six trips to the NCAA Sweet 16 including a berth in the 2015 NCAA Division II Final Four.

The Lady Hornets rolled to a fifth-straight MIAA Tournament title in 2017 and a sixth-straight trip to the NCAA Division II Sweet 16. Collins is 34-9 in postseason play, with a 20-3 record in the MIAA Tournament and 14-6 mark in the NCAA Tournament. Collins is 38-20 against teams in the WBCA Top 25 and the Lady Hornets went 17-10 against top 10 teams in his eight years as

ESU's head coach.

Collins was a member of the Lady Hornet coaching staff for 10 seasons before becoming head coach and Emporia State advanced to the NCAA tournament in nine of those seasons. Starting in 2000-01, he was involved in almost every aspect of the Lady Hornet program. He served as a practice player while a student/volunteer assistant from 2000-03.

He returned to the program as a graduate assistant in 2004 after a year as a fifth grade teacher at Lowther South Intermediate School in Emporia. As a graduate assistant, he was responsible for the Lady Hornets strength and conditioning program, travel, film exchange and coordinating the fall and spring individual workouts.

He returned to the Lady Hornet bench for the start of the 2006-07 season as a volunteer coach and was promoted to full assistant in the spring of 2007. In addition to his recruiting efforts, Collins has been in charge of different aspects of play on the court focusing on post play in 2009-10, scouting as well as strength and conditioning as a full assistant.

"I'm excited to be able to join Kansas women's basketball," Collins said. "To be able to coach the game at the greatest basketball school in the country, in the toughest league in the country, is an opportunity you jump at as a competitor."

Collins and his wife, Casey, have two sons, Jett and Jude.



RV senior Marlissa Jordan, shown above defending in the dark jersey (No. 12), was another one of the Lady Panthers' key players both on defense and offense this season.

The Lady Panthers are shown above, at right, accepting the Kansas Class 3A Girls State Basketball Tournament Second Place Trophy after the Garden Plain game.

With 64 girls basketball teams in Kansas Class 3A, second place was a great accomplishment.
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Holton Senior of the Month



Holton High School's senior of the month for March is Mason Chanay. He is the son of Jeff and Kelly Chanay. Mason participates in FFA, Unity Task Force, Student Council, Cross Country, Basketball, and Track at Holton High School. He also serves as the Senior Class Vice-President. Mason plans to attend Washburn University next year to study Environmental Biology. He was presented with a \$25 gift card to Subway from the Holton High School staff for his involvement at HHS.

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Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Jackson Heights' senior of the month for March is Hanna Davault. Hanna is the daughter of Paul and Sue Davault. Hanna has participated in FBLA as president, BBBS, STUCO as treasurer, cross country, band as president, NHS and FCA. She attends Circleville Christian Church and spends a lot of time working with the children's activities. Some of her recognitions are All State Academic XC team and state and district band member. She also spends time in the elementary school as a tutor. Following graduation in May, Hanna plans to attend Kansas State University.

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Royal Valley Senior of the Month



Congratulations to Garrett Hicks, Royal Valley's senior of the month for March. Garrett is the son of Ronnie and Stephanie Hicks. He has been active in cross country, track and basketball. Following graduation from Royal Valley and Washburn Technical Institute, Garrett plans to pursue a career in heating and air conditioning. The Royal Valley student council would like to thank Garrett for his continued leadership at RVHS.

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Jackson Heights High School held its National Honor Society induction ceremony on March 6 at the high school. Those inducted included (shown above, at left) Sydney Raborn, Trinity McMahon, Curtis Niehues, Grace Linck, Faith Little and Karley Dieckmann.

Submitted photo

Gardener’s Corner

Tantalizing tomatoes; take your pick

By Sandra M. Siebert

Tomatoes. What says “summer” more than a ripe tomato fresh off the vine, still warm from the sun?



Tomatoes on burgers hot off the grill.

Tomatoes in salads.

Plates of fresh tomato slices seasoned with a little salt. Nothing better.

Bowls full of cherry tomatoes for easy snacking.

The kitchen counter covered with tomatoes to finish ripening.

Luscious, juicy, mouth-watering tomatoes.

But it’s not even spring yet. Shouldn’t I be writing about cabbages and peas and leafy greens? Why am I talking about tomatoes?

If you want to grow your own tomato transplants to put in the garden in late April or May, now is the time to get them started.

Get that packet of tomato seeds, open it up and close your eyes, imagining the tomato feast it contains. Whatever your favorite tomato varieties are, just get them started now.

Are you a fan of hybrid tomatoes? More power to you. But might I suggest that you explore the varied and wondrous world of the heirloom tomato. I’ve never been fully clear on what makes a variety “heirloom.” I just know that they’ve been around a while and have sometimes been handed down from one generation to the next in a family before hitting the market.

They also are open-pollinated, meaning that if you collect their seeds, you will get a plant that looks like its mama. Collecting seeds from hybrids is more of a crap shoot.

But aren’t heirloom tomatoes more susceptible to all the nasty tomato disease? Indeed, hybrids are bred for disease resistance. However, heirloom varieties don’t necessarily lack disease resistance. Some are susceptible, some are resistant.

The Brandywine tomato succumbs to diseases no sooner than the hybrid Sun Gold. However, my Black Plum tomatoes are toast long before the others show much sign of disease. I’m fine with that, however, as they are so productive I have plenty stashed away before they keel over. I love to roast them and will put up with their susceptibility. Besides, that means I can start cleaning up the tomato patch early.

Many people consider heirloom tomatoes the epitome of flavor. Their flavors vary from one kind to another, mixing in floral flavors, rich, deep flavors, light, bright flavors, fruity flavors and so on.

However, heirlooms don’t necessarily taste better than all of the hybrids. While some tomato hybrids have been bred for characteristics that have nothing to do with how good they taste, many also possess a fine flavor of their own.

Take the Sun Gold Cherry tomato for example, the one hybrid I grow. Even tomato-haters have tasted these golden gems and said, “Now that’s good.” The vines are so prolific that with just three or four plants I can feed multitudes. Mostly, which variety tastes best depends on your own taste.

Hybrid tomatoes do tend to produce more than heirloom. Recent field trials of 30-some tomato varieties, a mix of heirlooms and hybrids, showed that to be somewhat the case. Almost all of the heaviest producers were hybrids, as far as I can tell. The numbers I have come from trials conducted by the University of Missouri Extension Service in 2015 and 2016, in conjunction with trials conducted by K-State Research and Extension.

But I have not seen the Kansas numbers yet. It was noted that both of those years were difficult tomato seasons in Missouri and Kansas, so the numbers don’t reflect top performance by any of the varieties.

The top producer was a hybrid that’s been around a while. Maybe you grow it. Jet Star produced an average of 11.1 pounds of tomatoes per plant, with fruits weighing in at just under six ounces on average.

Next came a variety I can only assume is a hybrid because of its “modern” name, Ultrasonic, which produced an average of 10.44 pounds per plant, followed by Mt. Majesty (hybrid or heirloom?) at 10.14 pounds per plant.

However, next in line is an heirloom well known to me, Amish Paste. That variety produced an average of 9.86 pounds per plant. I love Amish Paste, which fills a full one-third or more of my tomato patch. It’s great for canning as sauce, freezing and dehydrating.

In fact, I try to dehydrate most of my Amish Paste production. I can’t describe the delectability of dried tomato slices. I eat them as snacks, as well as throw them into juicy cooked dishes. They aren’t anything special as fresh slicers, in my opinion.

For that, I rely on the Pink

Brandywine, which averaged only 3.32 pounds per plant. But I don’t need that many slicers.

A few other varieties averaged around nine pounds or more. The common hybrid Celebrity produced 8.7 pounds per plant, on average. Most of the varieties – both hybrids and heirlooms – seemed to average between three and seven pounds per plant, with some producing much less.

Again, these were two tough years for tomatoes. Who knows what the numbers would have been in optimal years.

So, hybrid or heirloom, take your pick. Grow what you like, the ones that serve your needs. Mix and match. Experimenting is good.

Last year I received free seed for Black Vernissage, a small “black” tomato that I found to be quite good and which I will grow again this year. That wasn’t the case when I received free seed for Hairy Yellow Hog several years ago. I so wanted it to be good because I got a kick out of the name. But that was not to be. The taste of that particular yellow fruit was rather bland.

Keep experimenting though. You never know what you may be missing.

JHES releases honor rolls

Jackson Heights Elementary School has recently released third quarter honor rolls.

All A’s

Sixth Grade: Dawson Cochren and Felicity Kirk.

Fifth Grade: Jenna Joiner, J.W. Moore and Makinley Mulroy.

Fourth grade: Teagen Bowhay, Talen Browning, Karma Carlson, Chesnea Cochren, Jace Doyle, Emma Sides, Brooke Slipke, Lucas White and Tristan Wilson.

A’s & B’s

Sixth Grade: Lillian Brown, Emma Brucken, Michael Cornelison, Brayden Felps, Ellie Gresham, Sean Hayden, Michaela Huffles, Haddlea Kilpatrick, Samuel McKinney, David Penrod, Kryndon Proffitt and Alex Rollins.

Fifth Grade: Remington Bliss, Taylor Bosley, Emirson Fritz, Kade Holliday, Korbin Karns, Constance McAlpine, Sean Morrissey, Ava Rash, Jace Robinson and Clara Will.

Fourth Grade: Ian Allen, James Bottom, Ashlin Hackathorn, Drake Mellies, Laquita Peters, Kyson Proffitt, Alexis Richter, Paeyten Singleton, Brooke Sparks and Carter Will.

seeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child(ren).

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the Monday, April 16, 2018, at 01:30 PM. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child(ren). The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child(ren).

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the par-

ents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents’ parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as **guardian ad litem for the child(ren):** Chris Etzel, PO Box 23, Onaga KS 66521. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: **For Father:** Jason Belveal, PO Box 366, Holton KS 66436.

Date and time of hearing: Monday, April 16, 2018, at 01:30 PM

Place of hearing: Jackson County District Court, Courthouse, 3rd floor, Holton, KS 66436

s/ Dennis Reiling
Judge of the
District Court

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Netawaka United Methodist Church

By Mary E. Edwards

March 11 was a cold, dark morning as Daylight Saving Time began. There was very little highway traffic, and when the church service at Netawaka United Methodist Church was over, a strong north wind was blowing.

Patsy Jones served as greeter, Steve Banaka was acolyte and offering usher, and Verona Grannell played the recorded music.

Worship leader Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. She thanked the congregation for the gift she was given last week in appreciation of her service.

Appreciation was expressed by a congregant for answered prayer. Della and Daryl Wilson and their granddaughter, Hannah, were welcomed at Sunday’s service. It is a joy to have a toddler at church.

Marilyn led the responsive call to worship. The hymn of praise was “Victory In Jesus.” Other hymns were “God Will Take Care Of You,” “Care Chorus” and “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus.”

The Rev. Younghwan Won led the reading of the congregational prayer. The scripture lesson was John 3:16-21, and the sermon title was “Come Before The Lord.”

Pastor Young told the congregation that his hobby is garage sales. When he was younger and still living in Korea, he and his friends would go to sales featuring electronic items.

When he moved to Illinois in 2012, he discovered garage and yard sales, which still interest him. After spending a few dollars here and there at different sales, he was sometimes afraid to check his bank balance. As

we know, it is a good idea to check that balance often to avoid financial ruin.

The same is true in other areas of life. We need to check our spiritual condition. Even though we are Christians and good citizens, “small” sins tempt us all the time and we make mistakes. We are not perfect. We may be ashamed and would rather hide our shortcomings in darkness.

God loves us and would like to lead us in His right ways. He invites us to come into the light. He knows our sinful natures but welcomes us and desires to restore our relationship with Him and regain our spiritual health.

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Public Notice

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JACKSON COUNTY

GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Bull Thistle and Multiflora Rose are County Option Noxious Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the

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

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

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

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

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

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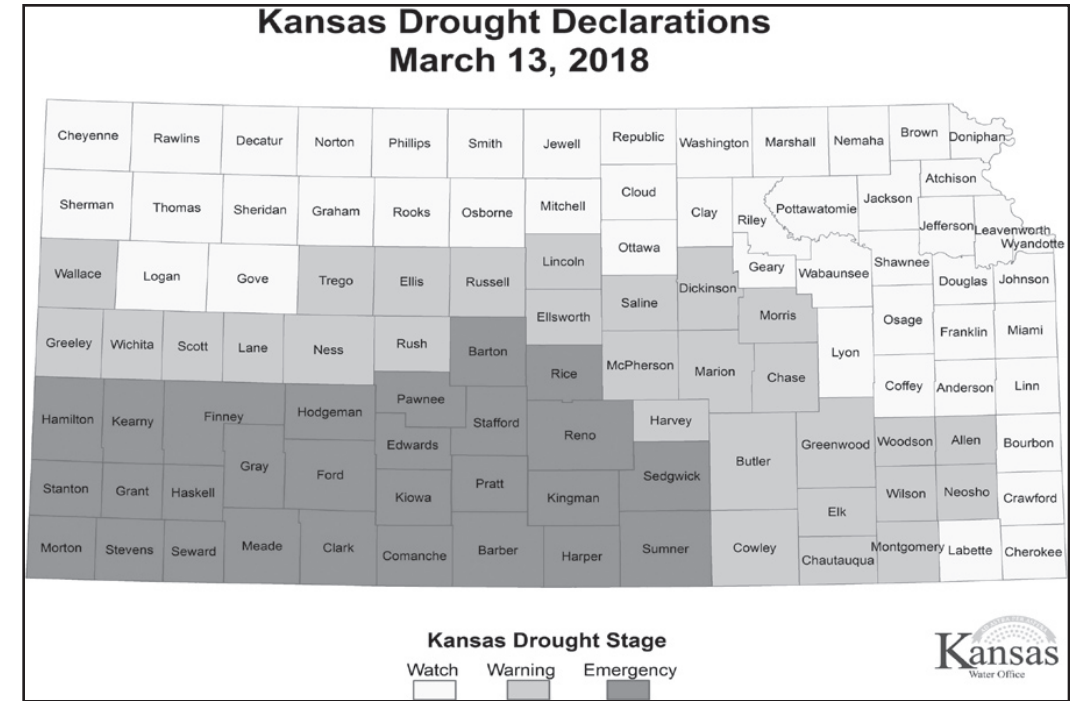
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■ Jackson in drought watch

Drought declared in KS

The entire state of Kansas has been placed under a drought declaration by Kansas Gov. Jeff Colyer, who issued an executive order yesterday declaring that all 105 Kansas counties are in either an emergency, warning or watch status, it was reported.

Jackson County and all of its neighboring counties fell under the “drought watch” designation that implies the possibility of crop and pasture damage, high rangeland fire danger and a growing threat of public water supply shortages.

The governor’s Drought Team is examining the conditions of the various stages of drought across the state, it was noted at the Tuesday press conference in which Gov. Colyer, accompanied by Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey and Kansas Water Office Director Tracy Streeter, issued the executive order.

“The entire State of Kansas has been considered in drought or abnormally dry conditions for the past several weeks,” Colyer said. “This has led to an extremely high risk of fire hazards and many have already occurred.”

The drought declaration placed 28 counties in emergency status, 29 into a warning status and 48 into a watch status. The action was recommended by Streeter, who also serves as chair of the Governor’s Drought Response Team.

Over the past six months the state-wide average precipitation was only 66 percent of normal and in January and February the state-wide average precipitation was even less, at 43 percent of normal, necessitating the drought declaration, it was noted.

“While wildfires are the most urgent concern at this point, water supplies can be dramatically impacted in a very short period of time, especially as we start to enter into spring and summer months,” Streeter said. “The Governor’s Drought Response Team will continue to monitor the situation closely as future outlooks call for drought persisting and make recommendations to the governor as necessary.”

McClaskey also remarked on the potential impact the drought could have on Kansas agriculture.

“The Kansas Department of Agriculture is committed to serving Kansas farmers and ranchers, especially during challenging times like the current drought,” McClaskey said. “Whether that means making sure regulations and

statutes are in place to move hay or working with our federal partners to gain access to additional grazing land, we stand ready to work with farmers and ranchers and all of our partners in agriculture.”

Counties who are in emergency stage are eligible for emergency use of water from certain state fishing lakes due to the Kansas Water Office (KWO) memorandum of understanding with the Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks and Tourism (KDWP).

According to KWO, the “watch” stage implies possible impacts including some damage to crops and pastures, high rangeland fire danger and a growing threat of public water supply shortages. Open outdoor burning bans may be imposed, and public water systems may ask for voluntary water use restrictions.

Kansas counties that are listed under the “watch” category include Anderson, Atchison, Bourbon, Brown, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Crawford, Decatur, Doniphan, Douglas, Franklin, Geary, Gove, Graham, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Labette, Leavenworth, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, Miami, Mitchell, Nemaha, Norton, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Rawlins, Republic, Riley, Rooks, Shawnee, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Thomas, Wabau-see, Washington and Wyandotte.

In the drought “warning” stage, crop and pasture losses are likely, with some stock water shortages and very high rangeland fire danger. Public water supply shortages may be present, and some streamflow targets may not be met.

Public water systems may impose mandatory water use restrictions. Urgent Kansas Water Marketing Program surplus water supply contracts can be authorized for municipal and industrial users. The governor may request emergency haying and grazing authorization for Conservation Reserve Program acres.

Counties in the drought “warning” stage include Allen, Butler, Chautauqua, Chase, Cowley, Dickinson, Elk, Ellis, Ellsworth, Greeley, Greenwood, Harvey, Lane, Lincoln, Marion, McPherson, Montgomery, Morris, Neosho, Ness, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Trego, Wallace, Wichita, Wilson and Woodson.

Where a drought emergency is declared, widespread major crop and pasture losses are accompanied by stock water shortages and extreme rangeland fire danger. Severe public water supply shortages are widespread with many streamflow targets not met. The governor may declare an outdoor burning ban. Public water systems may impose additional mandatory water use restrictions.

Emergency Kansas Water Marketing Program surplus water supply contracts can be authorized for municipal and industrial users.

Emergency water withdrawals from Corps of Engineers reservoirs and state fishing lakes can be authorized. Corps of Engineers emergency water assistance to municipalities is available if needed. The governor may request a USDA Secretarial disaster designation for drought.

Kansas counties declared under a drought emergency include Barber, Barton, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hamilton, Harper, Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Meade, Morton, Pawnee, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Seward, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens and Sumner.

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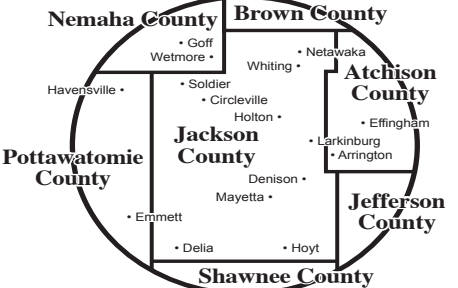
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Several fourth-grade students performed portions of several songs with familiar guitar licks during the third and fourth-grade concert at Royal Valley Tuesday night. The songs included “Bad To The Bone,” “Smoke On The Water,” “Iron Man” and “Crazy Town.”
Photo by Ali Holcomb

Royal Valley...

Continued from Page 1

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.

“I’m very confident we’ll get approved for the grant money,” Davis said. “I would really like to put this program in place.”

Board member Pat Tuck said several people have contacted her about the potential pre-school program.

“They’re excited we’re doing this, Tuck said.

Also during the meeting, the board approved a motion to hire AHRS Construction, Inc. of Bern as the district’s construction manager at risk for the construction of a new concession at Royal Valley High School.

Members of a selection committee made up of three board members recommended AHRS over Senne & Company, Inc. of Topeka after interviewing both companies.

Davis said he will now begin the negotiation process with the company to write up a CMaR contract, including fees, for future approval by the board.

In other business, the board:

* Approved consent items.

* Noted the second place finish of the high school girls basketball team at the Class 3A state tournament.

“I appreciated all the community, school staff and student support for the girls basketball team in the past week and a half,” said Cindy Broxterman, board member and parent to player Mary Broxterman. “It was great. It was like having a sixth man out there for the girls, and they really appreciated it.”

* Received a Legislative update from Davis, who noted a bill passed in the House regarding tenure.

* Discussed tentative staff appreciation plans. Board members

plan to serve ice cream sundaes to staff at each school building on various dates in May.

* Received an update on the district from Davis, who reported that “everything is in good working order.”

* Reviewed the district’s textbook rental fees. The fees are \$65 per student, \$130 for two students or \$195 maximum per family. A reduced rate of \$50 per student, \$100 for two students or \$150 per family is offered.

Several art courses and other elective courses also require nominal fees. The district has collected \$38,255 in textbook fees this school year. Davis and administrators are not recommending any changes to the fees at this time.

* Discussed the recommended K-5 English/Language Arts curriculum for the 2018-19 school year. RVES administrators and staff recommend Lucy Calkins reading series. Curriculum materials are available for public view and comment at the district office in Mayetta. The curriculum is expected to be adopted by the board at its April 9 meeting.

* Approved a lease purchase payment of \$400,136.26.

* Set Impact Aid and Title VI budget hearings for 8 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at the district office.

* Approved a three-year contract with Giant Communications at a cost of \$4,995 per month for Internet and network services. The district will be reimbursed 70 percent of the monthly cost by the government through the E-rate program and will only be responsible for an estimated \$1,500 per month.

* Approved summer maintenance projects and bids, which included painting the back-half exterior of the middle school building (\$18,587 from Sterbenz & Co. of Topeka), gym floor maintenance at all three gyms (\$7,155 from Von Lintel Refinishing Inc. of Hays)

and new ceiling grid and lights at the middle school (\$19,869.61 from Russell Pugh).

Davis said he is also looking into the cost of adding handrails and intermediary steps to the bleachers at the high school gym.

* Accepted two \$20,000 grants, \$40,000 total, from the Environmental Protection Agency to be used to replace two of the district’s older buses. Davis recommended purchasing one bus out of this year’s budget and one out of next year’s budget.

* Approved a request to provide transportation for Royal Valley students to attend Washburn Tech’s summer camp in Topeka. One camp is offered for seventh and eighth grade students, and another is offered for freshmen and sophomore students. Davis estimated the cost to transport the students to be near \$750.

* Met in executive session with for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

Back in open session, the board accepted the resignations of Doug Spencer as a coach for middle school football, middle school wrestling, high school wrestling and high school softball; and Keith Pelton as the head high school boys basketball coach.

The board also approved new contracts for Courtney Kasson as an assistant softball coach for the 2017-18 season, Adam Bryan as the district maintenance director for the 2018-19 school year and Katrenia Luthi as a first-grade teacher for the 2018-19 school year.

* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss negotiations and the district’s short-term disability carrier.

Back in open session, the board approved Standard Insurance as the district’s short-term disability carrier.

* Adjourned the meeting. Board member Jim O’Toole was absent from the meeting.

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“There’s no communication wire from that transfer switch to the generator, so I can’t run a test,” Caudle said.

Furthermore, the “leg” that connects the generator with the building is “dead,” and the generator itself is located in an outdoor junction box that was not intended for outdoor placement and is “rusted and corroded,” he said. Also, he noted that rodents have gotten into the box and chewed the insulation off the wires, rendering communication between the junction box and the school buildings impossible.

An area power company reviewed the situation and provided Caudle with two bids, including a \$5,000 bid for replacing the wiring, which he said was not likely to solve the problem. A more likely — and considerably more costly — solution, he said, would involve trenching an access road to the school, replacing wire and conduit and re-asphalting the road.

“Be aware that it’s going to be, in my book, a pretty sizable chunk of change,” he said. “Knowing what I know now, \$7,500 is not even going to be enough.”

Caudle said he would seek bids for that work and also told board members he had been too busy with the generator to follow up on a request for roof repairs at the elementary school. But with action on the generator at a standstill, he told the board he would seek new bids for the roof work.

In other business on Monday, board members accepted a \$7,386.67 bid from Sound Products of Olathe for a new sound system to be used for concerts, musicals and other formal, non-sports events in the high school gym. A separate public address system is being used for sports events in the gym and will remain in place, Middle and High School Principal Darren Shupe reminded board members.

Sound Products’ bid included

an 18-channel digital mixer, two three-way loudspeakers, amplifier and equipment rack. The company also offered supplemental bids of \$735 for a “digital snake” to connect microphones and other components to the mixer board and \$1,050 for a 40-channel mixer.

District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh said she had contacted another unnamed company after the board reviewed and took no action on Sound Products’ bid in February, but the other company withdrew its bid after it was determined that “the job was bigger than they are.”

Board members also questioned the need for the sound system, with Neal Keeler asking whether it was “a want or a need.” Walsh replied that the sound system was considered “a piece of technology that gets outdated faster and faster,” adding that it would improve sound quality at school concerts and commencement ceremonies.

Board members also:

■ Noted the absence of Board Member Melinda Wareham. Those present included Dr. David Allen, Doug Amon, Konrad Coe, Neal Keeler, Kelly Kennedy and Ed Rostetter.

■ Heard comments from Tony Rieschick about the placement of a rock that had been donated to the school for possible use as a monument near the entrance to Jackson Heights High School.

■ Approved the meeting’s agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board’s Feb. 12 meeting and monthly billing and activity account reports.

■ Approved a student charge of \$120 for the 2018 driver’s education class, which is set to begin in early April.

■ Approved a bid of \$42,681 from CBIZ Insurance of Topeka for district property and liability insurance for the 2018-19 school year. The board also noted bids of \$46,340 from Brier Payne Meade Insurance of Topeka and \$50,150

from the Kansas Educational Risk Management Pool (KERMP) through the Kansas Association of School Boards.

■ Heard a report from Walsh about recent school safety training at the elementary school and a possible facilities review by a U.S. Department of Homeland Security representative in the wake of the Feb. 14 school shooting in Parkland, Fla.

■ Heard a report from Walsh about online enrollment options for the 2018-19 school year.

■ Heard a report from Walsh about grants available for the district’s preschool program.

■ Noted that District Technology Director Vern Andrews would provide a list of technology purchases for 2018-19 at the April meeting. Board members also discussed ideas for technology purchases.

■ Learned from Walsh that Curt Tomasevich, a 2010 gold medalist and 2014 bronze medalist with the U.S. Olympic four-man bobsled team, will visit the district in early April to speak to district students.

■ Heard a report from Walsh about current and future student activities at the elementary school.

■ Heard a report from Shupe about student activities at the middle and high school. Shupe also noted that work on the “alumni board” near the school’s entrance is “pretty much complete.”

■ Met in executive session for 50 minutes with Walsh present to discuss personnel matters and teacher salary contract negotiations.

■ Accepted resignations, effective at the end of the current school year, from Deb Rash as middle and high school secretary and from Mark and Carol Fenton (teachers’ aides).

■ Approved a 2018-19 contract for Michaela McKenzie as FACS (family and consumer sciences) teacher.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 9:30 p.m.

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