



Nick Kramer, district fisheries biologist with Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, is shown above submerging a fish habitat on the north side of Banner Creek Reservoir on Tuesday. The habitats, known as Georgia Cubes, are made of artificial, plastic materials and are designed to help young fish survive predators. Habitats are being installed at both the reservoir and Prairie Lake this week.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Town Square tree report given

By Brian Sanders

The ornamental pear trees that were planted around Holton's Town Square as part of the Heritage Walk project in the early 1990s have certainly matured since 2005, when Kim Bomberger of the Kansas Forest Service first reported to Holton city officials that the trees were in "good condition."

Bomberger's return to the Square in February to review the situation with the trees — particularly those on the north side of the Square where overgrown roots are causing damage to curbs and sidewalks — resulted in a report that details why the roots are causing that damage and offering to help the city if it chooses to replace the curbs, sidewalks and trees.

That report was given to the Holton City Commission on Monday, with Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee telling commissioners that immediate action was not necessary.

"I wanted the commission to be able to read it and at some meeting in the future, we'll probably talk about it again,"

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New fish habitats added at area lakes

By Ali Holcomb

New fish habitats are being installed at Banner Creek Reservoir and Prairie Lake this week in order to help increase the survival rates of smaller fish, it has been reported.

Nick Kramer, district fisheries biologist with Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, spent Tuesday submerging "Georgia Cubes" around the reservoir as part of a new program.

The three-foot square cubes were developed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources as an ideal

habitat for fish.

"The El Dorado Correctional Facility makes 900 cubes for the state each year, and then the biologists divide them up to lakes and reservoirs that we feel need more fish habitats," Kramer said.

Fifty-one feet of corrugated drain pipe is fastened to the PVC pipe frame of each cube to form the habitat.

"They were trying to develop an artificial habitat to maximize surface area," Kramer said of the design. "There's a lot of nooks and crannies for the fish."

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Holton designates acre of Prairie Lake grounds as pollinator area

By Brian Sanders

The K-16 Chapter of Quail Forever's plan to plant a "pollinator area" at Holton's Prairie Lake will benefit more than just quail, the Holton City Commission learned on Monday before approving the plan.

Greg Tanking, Holton street superintendent and a member of the Quail Forever chapter, proposed planting perennial flowers in an area near the entrance to the Prairie Lake grounds that will be designated as a pollinator area, designed to encourage growth of the area's quail population.

"One of our big pushes is to try to fix the habitat," Tanking said. "The theory is, if you get the habitat back right, the birds

will come back."

Commissioners unanimously approved the plan to designate an area of approximately one acre at the lake grounds as a pollinator area, noting that it would also benefit the area bee population, especially with the upcoming addition of beehives at another part of the lake grounds.

After a recent review of the Quail Forever chapter's budget, Tanking said the chapter had "a little bit of money to spend" and wanted to find an ideal spot for the placement of a pollinator area. That spot, he said, was "right inside the gate" to the Prairie Lake grounds that, at present, is "just a mowed area."

In the first year or two after

planting, Tanking said the pollinator area would look "a little bit rough," but once flowers have taken over the area, it will benefit the area's quail population.

"Pollinators are a really good brooding area for quail, because where there's flowers, there's bugs, and where there's bugs, baby birds can thrive," he said.

The pollinator area would also encourage the growth of beehives that are going to be placed at the Prairie Lake grounds by members of the Lucky Stars 4-H club at the end of the month, Tanking said. The Lucky Stars received the commission's blessing last

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Students lead parent-teacher conferences at RV middle school and high school

By Ali Holcomb

Spring parent-teacher conferences at Royal Valley's middle school and high school looked a little different this year with students taking the lead during the conferences.

At a recent USD 337 Board of Education meeting, board members received information on all the conferences held Feb. 19.

"We changed our format at the middle school and high school to focus more on plans after high school and student strengths and weaknesses," said Superintendent Aaric Davis.

With the help of teacher advisors, students led their own parent conferences, discussing

their learning, and depending on their grade level, elaborated on their GPA and their future career track and began the enrollment process for next year.

At the middle school, 58 percent of families (131) participated in conferences, which is an increase from 30 percent noted last spring.

"They almost doubled the participation rate," Davis said.

Board member Ann Kelly participated in the middle school conferences, and she said she's eager to get feedback from other parents on the change.

"The students did a good job of presenting. They used their

Chromebooks and made a Power Point. They had everything well laid out," Kelly said. "I was really impressed with the process and the product. But to make an appointment at the school just for my child to read me a Power Point isn't necessarily what I want to experience at a conference. But I'm curious to know what other people thought."

At the high school, 77 percent of freshmen parents (49), 62 percent of sophomore parents (41) and 54 percent (34) of junior parents attended the spring conference.

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Historical society's Founders Day program to feature Marci Penner

Considered the leading authority on rural Kansas communities and tourism, Marci Penner of the Kansas Sampler Foundation has been announced as the featured speaker at the Jackson County Historical and Genealogical Society's 39th-annual Founders Day program, it has been reported.

Penner, who founded the Kansas Sampler Foundation in 1993 with her father, the late Mil Penner, will share some of the 4,500 unique places to visit in Kansas at this year's event, scheduled for Thursday, April 5 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 401 Cheyenne Drive in Holton.



The program, "Exploring The Nooks And Crannies Of Kansas," will draw upon Penner's knowledge of Kansas communities, some of which is featured in her most recent book, "The Kansas Guidebook 2 For Explorers." Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the dinner.

A native of Inman in McPherson County, Penner graduated from the University of Kansas and then earned a master's degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Wisconsin. She spent five years in the Philadelphia area as an elementary guidance counselor before

returning to the family farm near Inman in 1990.

Penner and her father founded the Kansas Sampler Foundation as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization in 1993, authoring three Kansas guidebooks in the early 1990s, and she also authored the "8 Wonders Of Kansas Guidebook" and "Kansas Weekend Guide II."

As the foundation's executive director, Penner continues to maintain the foundation from the farm that has been in the Penner family since 1874. She has won several awards for her work, including the Native Sons

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Royal Valley Middle School seventh and eighth-grade students participated in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) Day on Friday at the school. Groups of students rotated through superhero-themed activities. In the photo above, students (from left) SahBi Potts, Lexi Koch and Andrea Clements worked on building a superhero using old computer parts as part of one of the activities.

Photo by Ali Holcomb


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Civil

Dispositions
Stormont-Vail HealthCare Inc. vs. Board of County Commissioners for Jackson County, Kansas and Dustin Chism, sought judgment of \$39,579.39 plus interest and court costs; summary judgment granted to Jackson County.

Filed
Jackson County Sheriff's Office vs. 2006 Pontiac G6, VIN 1G2ZG558X64122031, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Jackson County Sheriff's Office vs. 1999 Toyota Camry, VIN 4T1BG22K6XU870218, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

The Loren Porterfield Testamentary Trust vs. Carolyn S. Hudson, seeking judgment of \$20,756.07 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage.

Jackson County Sheriff's Office vs. 2014 Chevrolet Impala, VIN 2G1WB5E39E1185688, Taurus Millennium G2, SN TIT27961, 9 mm pistol with magazine, holster and 13 rounds and \$707 U.S. currency, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Limited Civil

Dispositions
City of Denison vs. Mary E. Tessendorf, doing business as Tessendorf Fencing, sought judgment of \$1,429.51 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jeremy J. Andrews, sought judgment of \$690 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Zibell waives preliminary hearing

A Holton man charged with child-related sex crimes involving a girl under the age of 14 has waived his right to a preliminary hearing on the charges, it was reported on Monday in Jackson County District Court.

Chaz A. Zibell, 19, will face arraignment on six counts of sexual exploitation of a child and one count of aggravated indecent solicitation of a child at a hearing on Friday, April 27 after Topeka defense attorney Pedro Irigonegaray said it was in Zibell's best interest to do so.

According to court documents, the charges against Zibell stem from alleged activities that reportedly occurred between July and November of 2015. It was alleged that Zibell possessed child pornography and solicited a 13-year-old girl for pornographic pictures.

Zibell was arrested in September of last year on the charges but was released on \$15,000 bond, according to court documents.

During Monday's hearing, Irigonegaray noted that one of the exploitation charges — generally referred to as possession of child pornography — is an "offgrid felony" that carries a mandatory "hard 25" sentence.

Defendants in criminal cases are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Accident noted

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accident:

■ At 6:48 p.m. on March 6, Tye Shupe, 30, Circleville, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 16 near D Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Shupe's 2011 GMC sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Todd Heideman and Jean Heideman, sought judgment of \$105.56 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed
Denison State Bank vs. Derek J. Darnell and Kori D. Gwinn, seeking judgment of \$249 plus interest and court costs.

Denison State Bank vs. Jessica L. Cowser, seeking judgment of \$425.14 plus interest and court costs.

Synchrony Bank vs. Justin Mitchell, seeking judgment of \$449.44 plus interest and court costs.

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Jon L. Seeley, seeking judgment of \$8,324.20 plus interest and court costs.

Citibank N.A. vs. Shelly D. Mulanax, seeking judgment of \$5,625.09 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Dispositions
Complete Chiropractic Care Center vs. Tyler Area, sought judgment of \$185.54 plus interest and court costs; satisfaction and release of judgment ordered.

Domestic

Dispositions
In the matter of the marriage of Rebecca L. Watson and Norman R. Watson, sought divorce; granted.

In the matter of the marriage of Cole J. Schmitz and Taylor S. Schmitz, sought divorce; granted.

Filed

In the matter of the marriage of Melinda Lafferty and Danny Lafferty, seeking divorce.

In re the marriage of Ronneena S. Brickell and Justin W. Brickell, notice of registration and request for income withholding order filed.

Marriage Licenses

Christopher B. Chapman, 22, Mayetta
Marizona A. Winter, 23, Topeka

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 22

*HHS band trip to Chicago.

*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, March 23

*HHS band trip to Chicago.

*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 24

*HHS band trip to Chicago.

*9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Atchison Funky Junk flea market held at the mall in Atchison. For more information or to reserve a vendor booth, contact Susan Turnbull at susant@cityofatchison.com.

*1 p.m. Mayetta Easter Egg Hunt, held at Mayetta Christian Church for toddlers to fourth-graders.

*10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Holton Ball Association sign-ups, held at Holton Parks and Rec center, 211 W. Fifth St., Holton.

*6 p.m. Holton Community Theatre double feature: "Fishing For Fate" and "Late Sunday Afternoon, Early Sunday Evening."

Held at Penny's event center, 409 New York Ave., Holton.

Sunday, March 25

*Attend the church of your choice.

*11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stand Tall and Breathe Easy benefit for Dagan Ruckman and Oakleigh Correll, held at Heritage Hall at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex (new fairgrounds). Pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, desserts and drinks will be served for a free-will donation.

*2 p.m. Holton Community Theatre double feature matinee: "Fishing For Fate" and "Late Sunday Afternoon, Early Sunday Evening." Held at Penny's event center, 409 New York Ave., Holton.

Monday, March 26

*Jackson County Commission meeting, 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public.

*8 a.m. JHMS NEKL Scholars Bowl at Bishop Seabury.

*Wetmore Miss Kansas presentation.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at 9 a.m. at the Hoyt Community Building parking lot the fourth Monday of every month.

*7 p.m. Wetmore spring play practice.

*7:30 p.m. USD 337 Royal Valley Board of Education meeting.

*NAMI Topeka two-family workshop classes will be held

North Jackson Jets club meets

By Brooke Slipke

The North Jackson Jets 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on March 11. President Kolby Rethman called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance and 4-H pledge were led by Kolby Rethman. The roll call was answered by "What you are doing for spring break?"

Club members talked about club t-shirt ideas. It was decided to move the decision to the April

meeting.

The club discussed ideas for more fund-raisers. Club leader Phyllis Slipke gave the results of County Club Day. Then April Slipke gave her "Bubblegum Dish" demonstration and Devin Bloom did a project talk about his dog project.

The meeting was then adjourned by Kolby Rethman. Refreshments were brought by the Bloom family.

Washburn Tech awards scholarships

Two Washburn University Institute of Technology students from Jackson County are recipients of scholarships for the current semester, it has been reported.

Graphics technology student Derek Blanchard, Mayetta, was awarded the Chartwells Scholarship.

Andrew Harrison, Holton, is

the recipient of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Scholarship. Harrison is a student in the locomotive diesel technology program.

The selection process is based on grades, attendance and instructor recommendations. All scholarship recipients were honored at a ceremony in the Washburn Tech Conference Center.

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Phillips 66	95.10	+0.70
US Bancorp	52.60	-0.20
Pfizer	36.33	+0.00
Deere & Co.	159.99	+0.46
United Parcel	108.03	-0.43
Apple	175.24	-0.06
Facebook	168.15	-4.41
Westar Energy	50.41	-0.29
Goodyear	28.04	-0.04

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$4.13
Corn	\$3.37
Milo	\$2.75
Soybeans	\$9.49

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, March 20, 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	\$2.37	-\$0.004	+\$0.230
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Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, March 18, 2018.

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Saturday	24		Partly sunny	High: 60 Low: 37
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Wahlmeier gets KHP promotion

Col. Mark Bruce, superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, has announced that Technical Trooper T.J. Wahlmeier of Mayetta has been promoted to lieutenant and is now overseeing personnel with the KHP's Air Support Unit.

Wahlmeier began his career with the Kansas Highway Patrol on March 22, 1998, as a member of KHP Class #31. He was first stationed in Harper County.

He transferred to Ellis County as a pilot and joined the Patrol's Aircraft Unit in 2000.

In 2002, Wahlmeier was promoted to trooper II, then in March 2003, he was promoted to sergeant. In June 2003, his title changed to technical trooper.

In 2004, Wahlmeier transferred to Topeka, continuing to serve with the Aircraft Unit. He



Lt. T.J. Wahlmeier

was promoted to lieutenant in January 2018.

In his time with the KHP, Wahlmeier has earned the Superintendent's Life Saving Award, a Superintendent's Award, a KHP Safe Pilot Award, a Commander's Commendation, the Distinguished Unit Award and a DEA Award. He has more than 4,300 hours of flight time and 24 years of flight experience. He also serves as one of the Patrol's flight instructors.

Wahlmeier is from Mayetta. He graduated from Royal Valley High School. He earned an associate of criminal justice degree, with honors, from Barton County Community College. He graduated cum laude, earning a bachelor of general studies degree with a minor in physics from Fort Hays State University.

Fenceline

Grass tetany: what you need to know

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

Factory A makes a gadget and they know down to the penny what it costs them to make that gadget. By knowing their costs, they can then price it to make a profit or try and decrease their costs to make an even bigger profit. It's pretty cut and dried for them.



Farm A produces beef calves to sell each year. They have no idea what it costs them to produce a pound of beef. Oh, they know their feed costs, land rent and animal health costs, but there are so many other things to consider. Machinery costs, depreciation and labor, to name a few.

Dr. Kevin Herbel, KSU farm management director, will be speaking at the Glacial Hills Resource center, 913 Dakota Street in Sabetha, at 7 p.m. on April 2. He will tell us about the high, low and average cost herds

in Kansas. We will discuss the benchmarks to stay profitable and how you can determine your cost of production.

Grass tetany is also called grass staggers because when cattle become susceptible they start to stagger around and will go down on their side. One of the first symptoms is general lack of coordination.

Most of the time, tetany will happen when cattle are on lush forages. While transitioning from winter to spring, nutrients, including potassium, are being pumped up from ground through the roots to support plant growth. When we have a few weeks of warm weather, those nutrients get pumped up to the plant that is above ground, actively growing. But if a cold snap or cool weather sets in, growth pauses but those nutrients remain in the plant.

With those warm weather/cold weather cycles, the potassium levels can potentially become twice the amount they normally are, leading to tetany challenges when you turn your cows out around May 1.

Since tetany is a nutritional issue, it isn't isolated to just the spring and summer when we

turn cattle out to grass. It can also happen while feeding hay. In that case, we have what might be referred to as "winter tetany" or "wheat pasture poisoning" when cattle are fed harvested winter feeds that are high in potassium.

There is no perfect mineral for preventing grass tetany. If you have extremely high potassium level, it is important to realize that a higher percentage of magnesium doesn't always mean it is better. Magnesium isn't palatable, and cows will likely walk away from straight magnesium or minerals with slightly higher levels of magnesium.

Start increasing magnesium levels about two weeks before turning out to pasture so you can gauge how much the cow might eat when she is turned out on grass. Remove all other sources of salt so that forces the cows to get salt from the mineral if the bitterness of higher magnesium restricts intake to less than the restricted amounts.

Feeding a high mag mineral during the high-risk periods such as spring and fall when the growing season can easily be disrupted will prevent the vast majority of issues.

Crops and Soils

Breaking pine wilt's disease cycle

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Crops and
Soils/Horticulture

One of the more devastating tree issues I've seen over the years has to be pine wilt. As its name implies, the disease attacks pine trees - Scots pine in particular - ultimately resulting in death of the tree.



For landowners that have planted pine trees over the years, it's been tough to see many of those windbreaks that so much time was spent planting die in such a short time.

Often thought of as a disease, pine wilt is actually caused by the pinewood nematode, a microscopic worm. The nematode isn't very mobile, but is readily spread by an insect called the pine sawyer beetle.

The beetle transports the nematode, which then feeds on pine trees, multiplying in the tree's resin canals, resulting in wilting and death in anywhere from several weeks to several months.

After both the nematode and beetle overwinter in infected

trees, they will start to emerge in early May, carrying nematodes to new trees and continuing the cycle of infection. Eastern Kansas has been a hotbed of activity for almost two decades now.

Infections are most visible from August to December. At first, you'll notice needles that turn grey or green, then yellow and brown. Sometimes, the discoloration occurs branch by branch. Other times, the tree will turn brown all at once.

Resin production is greatly reduced so wounds on infected trees won't tend to ooze much if injured with branches becoming dry or brittle. The entire tree eventually succumbs to the disease within a few months to a year.

Pine wilt can be confused with other diseases. Pine tip blight is one, but it will tend to be confined to branch ends and generally results in death of only part of the tree. Pine wilt-infected trees will result in death of the

entire tree.

If you want to compare pine wilt symptomology to other diseases, check out "Pine Disease in Kansas" by K-State Research & Extension plant pathologist Dr. Megan Kennelly. It has descriptions of our common pine diseases along with color images to help with identification. It is available upon request from any District Office or found online at www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/1722.pdf

Infected trees should be cut down and removed by April 1 to allow time to destroy infected wood by May 1 when the beetles start to emerge. Cut the tree to the ground level (no stumps). Chip or burn the wood immediately to destroy the beetles and nematodes. Do not keep pine wood around for firewood.

Need help identifying the disease you may be dealing with? Contact a District Office for assistance or e-mail me at dhal-lae@ksu.edu

Auction Calendar

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

• 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 east of Holton. 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.



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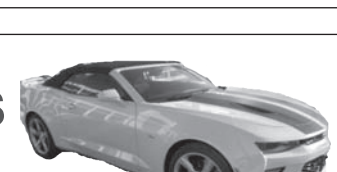


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Kobach and court system:
Appealing or alarming for voters?

OPINION

If Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach wants to be known as the gubernatorial candidate who won't be told by courts and judges what to do, then he seems to be succeeding in that regard.

Kobach did not prove the need for the state's vote-suppressing proof of citizenship requirement in the two-week trial that ended on Monday, but he did apparently manage to exhaust the patience of the federal judge who heard the case.

Maybe that's because he does not seem to have shown a good-faith effort to comply with the judge's past order to treat voters who have not provided proof of citizenship the same as other registered voters until she rules.

"I've had to police this over and over and over again," U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson, who was appointed by President George W. Bush, told Kobach during a contempt hearing in Kansas City, Kan., yesterday. "I made it clear, they're fully registered voters."

It's up to Robinson to decide whether to hold Kobach in contempt for not doing anything to let them know that. If pounding on her desk signaled a contempt finding is likely, Kobach could be in trouble, according to a report in The Kansas City Star.

Who knows, though. This just might be part of Kobach's plan on how to become the next Kansas governor.

Judge Robinson will also rule on the larger issue of the validity of the law, and whether the thousands of Kansans who've tried to register without proof of

citizenship can vote this fall.

Kobach, a Republican who has advised President Donald Trump on voter fraud and is running for governor this year, has insisted that millions of illegal votes cost Trump the popular vote in 2016. There is no evidence to back up that claim, either, by the way.

Kobach estimates that some 18,000 non-citizens are already registered to vote in Kansas. But he can definitely point to only 129 non-citizens who either registered or tried to register in the last 19 years.

He always calls these cases "the tip of the iceberg," while Dale Ho, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, calls the sum of the evidence "more of an ice cube."

To justify the Kansas law, Kobach has to prove that there is "substantial" non-citizen voting.

Kobach argues that because a single vote can change the outcome of an election, even one non-citizen participating in the process should be considered substantial.

Judge Robinson's repeated warnings to Kobach's team throughout the course of the trial also raised questions about his lawyering.

"We're not going to have a trial by ambush here," the judge told Kobach after he tried to introduce evidence that had

not been shared with plaintiffs. "That's not how trials are conducted."

However Judge Robinson rules, Kobach's supporters will thank him for doing just what he has done to fight the almost entirely imagined scourge of voter fraud.

And at the polls in August, Republican primary voters will also get to show whether that's their priority, too.

The Kansas Supreme Court has ordered the State of Kansas lawmakers – that's the State Legislature and the governor – to return the state to a fair, adequate and equitable formula in its responsibility as the primary funding source for the state's public schools.

The State Legislature recently paid about \$200,000 of state taxpayer funds for a study to determine what it would take for the state to rebound from the Gov. Brownback era and return to adequately funding the state's public schools.

The study concluded that state funding for public schools in Kansas should be increased to between \$1.7 billion and \$2 billion at this time.

The state's next governor will either follow the Supreme's Court's judgements, work to strike a compromise, or disregard the court's judgments all together.

Based on what we've seen from Kobach over the years, he's not what we'd call a follower of rules so much as he is a new rule maker.

David Powls

PLAINS FOLK: Migration of snow geese fascinating sight on the prairie

By Tom Isern

In the changing seasons of the prairies, there are certain developments that capture our attention for their continental-ity. They are sprawling events that progress up the latitudinal length of the Great Plains.

Digitalcommunications make it possible for us to follow the progression of the small grain harvest from Texas to Alberta, beginning in May when the custom harvesters get to work in north Texas.

There are the official harvest labor and grain elevator reports, and there are the many bloggers and posters from the ranks of the harvesters themselves.

Waterfowl migrations are another north-south link on the Great Plains. Birders eagerly await the massing of elegant sandhill cranes in the Platte River Valley.

Those who view waterfowl not only with binoculars but also over a gun barrel attend to the movements of snow geese. Websites and apps keep them current as to goose movements across the prairies.

Such attention by hunters to snow geese in spring dates from 1999, when the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service issues a conservation order permitting spring hunting.

The service at that time estimated the number of snow geese at 15 to 25 million, way up from a little more than a million a quarter-century earlier.

There followed liberalized regulations for shooting snow geese, allowing hunters to do things not permitted in fall hunting seasons—play recorded calls over sound systems, use unplugged magazines, and shoot bodacious numbers of birds.

A whole new industry of game guiding arose, following the



geese north. This 21st century boom in snow goose hunting leads me to say two things.

First, from the point of view of policy and life on the plains, we need to be careful about our habits of thought.

Wildlife managers and waterfowl scientists fell into certain habits of thinking about waterfowl on the plains, habits which we might call, from an analytic point of view, declensionist.

By which I mean, they assumed that human effects necessarily wrought decline and, unless something was done to stop it, destruction of wildlife.

The history of waterfowl management commonly told is one of struggle of good guys against bad guys—greedy market hunters first, and after that, profit-maximizing farmers.

Plus there was that Dust Bowl thing and the wetland crisis of the 1930s. So, backed up by federal legislation, waterfowl managers fought heroically to stabilize habitat while regulating harvest.

What they didn't reckon on was developments off their screen—how snow geese, adapting nicely to agricultural change on the prairies, and benefiting from conservation efforts, would produce a population explosion. And eat up their arctic nesting grounds.

The second thing I want to say about these geese is that in the rush to lock and load, we ought not to forget the aesthetic pleasure and the natural fascination manifest in the swirling flocks of snowy birds.

The greatest of Great Plains naturalists, Paul A. Johnsgard, in his 1978 classic, "Ducks, Geese, and Swans of the World," writes that of all the waterfowl, "snow geese are perhaps the most gregarious of all."

Hence the unfathomable flocks of glittering birds milling above our fields and marshes every year. They are the more

fascinating when we realize that a massive flock is composed of family groups, each acting as a unit, but together, in a wonderfully complex dance, composing the flock.

Somewhere in the action of that flock I see a metaphor, but I'm not sure what to do with it.

Note: Tom Isern is a professor of history at North Dakota State University and co-author of the Plains Folk column.



Shelby Fox, the letter writer below, is shown at the far right in the photo above with other Straight Arrows 4-H club members.

LETTER: Community service project enjoyed

Dear editor,

Hi, my name is Shelby Fox and I'm in the Straight Arrows 4-H Club. I'm the chairman of the community service committee, so I decided for community service we could make 100 tie blankets for the four care homes in Holton.

I got the idea because the previous year I had made blankets for a care home my great-grandma used to live at and it was wonderful volunteering and just making people's day.

So to get it started, my mom and I volunteered to go get material on Black Friday at Menards. It was \$1.49 for rolled blanket and we got 200.

With help from my brothers, we cut all the tying pieces, so

that when our club met up we could have some of it done. We finally met up and tied blankets for a couple hours. We got a lot tied but the Holton KAY's helped us tie some of them. If the Holton KAY's would not have volunteered to help, our club might not have got them done in time.

Our club got them tied and wrapped in ribbon all before Christmas Eve. That morning my brother and I delivered all the blankets to Vintage Park, Glenn Moore Meadows and The Pines of Holton since all our other club members had prior commitments.

Then that afternoon, we delivered them to Medicalodges of Jackson County. One fam-

ily from our club and my good friend came and helped deliver them since it is the biggest care home out of the four. We got lots of hugs, kisses and thank you's from the residents!

It's a great feeling when you see their faces light up because they got a gift and a visitor on Christmas Eve. I would definitely encourage you to do a project like this. It's so much fun volunteering and helping the community. I hope you decide to volunteer for your community in the month of April and every other month, too, if you want.

Shelby Fox
Straight Arrows
4-H Club
Holton

Sometimes grapefruit juice, meds don't mix

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Grapefruit juice and the actual grapefruit can be part of a healthy diet – most of the time. It has vitamin C and potassium – substances your body needs to



work properly. But it is not good for you when it affects the way your medicines work.

For example, if you drink a lot of grapefruit juice while taking certain statin drugs to lower cholesterol, too much of the drug may stay in your body, increasing your risk for liver damage and muscle break-down that can lead to kidney failure.

Drinking grapefruit juice several hours before or several hours after you take your medicine may still be dangerous. It is best to avoid or limit consuming grapefruit juice or fresh grapefruit when taking certain drugs.

Ask your pharmacist or other

health care professional if you can have fresh grapefruit or grapefruit juice while using your medication.

Read the medication guide or patient information sheet that comes with your prescription drug to find out if grapefruit juice affects your drug.

Also, read the label on an over the counter drug, which will say whether you shouldn't have grapefruit or other fruit juices with it.

For more information, see this Food and Drug Administration Consumer Update at <http://1.usa.gov/wE27vZ>.

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Terry Shockey (shown above at right) scooped cheese onto a baked potato while Joanie Dannenberg (at left) and Martha Roush (center) prepared to put more toppings on it during the recent Heart of Jackson Humane Society fund-raising lunch in the Hutchins Building.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Circleville United Methodist Church

By Sue Wichman

United Methodist Women Sunday was observed on March 18 at Circleville United Methodist Church. Guest musicians Michelle McClintock, Jim Baxter and Roy Hallauer played “Just As I Am, Without One Plea” as Thersa Wade and Helen Farley lighted the altar candles.

Following the announcements, lay speaker Joyce Immenschuh led the call to worship, the opening prayer and the psalter. Ginger Johnson read the scripture lesson, Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The hymns were “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus,” “Where He Leads Me” and “O Master,

Let Me Walk With Thee.” Dawn Duryea served as song leader and Jim Baxter graciously provided the accompaniment on the piano.

UMW president Barbara Hutchinson led the members in reciting “The Purpose.” She then gave the names of the officers and explained the work of the organization.

For the special, Michelle, Roy and Jim played and sang “Let Me Tell You About Jesus.” For a second special, Ginger Johnson played “Danny Boy,” in honor of St. Patrick’s Day. Thank you all for sharing your talents!

The title of Joyce’s sermon was “A Kernel Of Wheat.”

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

Jesus was the one kernel of wheat – He was on His way to the cross to die, be buried and resurrected to new life. Jesus went to the cross to die for our sins. Can we spread the word of God the way Jesus wants us to?

Michelle, Roy and Jim played and sang “Were You There” while Mary Jo Fernkopf and Evelyn Allen received the offering.

The service closed with “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.”

Buck’s Grove Methodist Church

By Betty Bernritter

No sun was shining on the fifth Sunday of Lent, March 18. However, inside Buck’s Grove United Methodist Church, there was a cheerful congregation.

Lay pastor Joyce Immenschuh welcomed everyone and after announcements, she led those present with the call to worship, opening prayer and psalter: Psalm 51:1-12 and Hebrews 5:5-10. Joyce read scripture from Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 5:5-10.

Donna and Denny Ashcraft played the recorded prelude as Betty Bernritter brought in the light of Christ. Donna was song leader and hymns sung were “Beneath The Cross Of Jesus,” “Where He Leads Me” and “Oh Master Let Me Walk With Thee.”

LeRoy and Linda Rieschick’s

special was a toe-tapping song, “Sweet Assurance,” by the Lundstroms.

The gospel reading was John 12:20-23 and Pastor Immenschuh titled her message “A Kernel of Wheat.” Sunday’s scripture tells about Jesus’ last time to speak in public and starts on the journey to the cross. Jesus announces His own death, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

Jesus was looking ahead to the cross and the reason He had come to earth. He was to be Savior of the world. It wasn’t time before then for Him to be glorified. At this point, Jesus explained what was going to happen at the crucifixion when He said, “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But, if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

He is saying it won’t multiply, produce a crop or be productive until it is planted. Then it will grow, multiply and produce a

great harvest. The message He is trying to get across is that He was the one kernel of wheat. He was on His way to the cross to die, be buried and resurrected to new life.

If He did this, there would be a great harvest of souls then and in the future generations. It would open the gospel for everyone, not just Jews, but for all people. He sees the cross as the way to bring them in. Kernels of wheat. That is what we are. Can we spread the word of God the way Jesus wants us to?

After the offertory prayer, Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick collected the offerings.

As the closing hymn “God Be With You Until We Meet Again” was sung, Bailey Ashcraft carried the light of Christ to the back of the sanctuary.

Bible study was held immediately after worship service. Donna provided a game that helped those present learn the books of the Bible.

Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

On March 18 at Denison Bible Church, Pastor Tom preached, “Saints: Created And Then Developed!” The responsive reading was 2 Thessalonians 3:10-15.

The problem with the church is within the church. In fact, the problems inside the church were worse than the problems outside the church.

According to the Bible, the saints are the body of Christ – the church. All Christians are called to be saints. Everyone who has received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior instantly becomes a saint. Our goal, for the rest of our lives, should be to be more Christ-like.

Becoming more Christ-like is essential to all born-again believers because we have the Spirit of God in us. But for some Christians, there is an arrested development and they slip back into their old sinful ways. They get sidetracked and settle for less than God’s best. They are undisciplined.

False doctrine can make a Christian confused or to lose their fire for Christ – they lose their joy. They don’t lose their salvation, but they’ve lost all joy in their walk. Some people live undisciplined, disorderly lives. Jesus Christ is no longer first in their lives because they’ve become too busy putting everything else ahead of Him.

Laziness has no place in the life of a believer. If we can work,

we should be working and not be supported by others. When we’re too lazy to work, we have a tendency to mooch off other people and when we’re freeloaders we’re benefiting from all their hard work. Christians should not be lazy!

Christians should also refrain from meddling in other people’s business and never gossip. When our minds and hands are idle, we can get into all sorts of trouble.

These are the symptoms of people who claim to be born-again believers and say they’re going to Heaven, but they’re not doing anything to get there. It’s not Christian! If we’ve lost our way, we need to seek help from other believers. If we know someone who has lost their way, we need to encourage them and help them to get back on track.

Our instructions are within the scriptures. We should be busy telling others about Jesus Christ and be doing His work.

Are you still on the road to your salvation or are you sitting along side the road taking a break? Taking a break is not an option when you’re on fire for Jesus!

Family and Consumer Sciences

Using Pyrex in pressure cookers

*By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Family and
Consumer Sciences*

The popularity of electric pressure cookers has brought up other safety issues besides food safety. One is about using Pyrex inside the electric pressure cooker.

According to Corelle Brands, makers of Pyrex, it is not recommended to

put this glassware in these appliances. The glass is not made to be put under pressure, and it could crack or explode. More information can be obtained by contacting Corelle Brands Consumer Care Center at 1-800-999-3436.

Homemade Play Dough Safety

Speaking of safety, here is another area that can pose problems with safety – that of homemade play dough. If you or someone you know makes homemade play dough, it is important to remember that flour is a raw food and has been linked to serious food safety problems. Iowa State University Extension offers this recipe that is cooked to heat the dough.

Homemade Play Dough
2 cups flour
1 cup salt
1 Tablespoon vegetable oil
2 ½ teaspoons cream of tartar
2 cups cold water

Mix all of the ingredients together and cook over medium heat for about five minutes stirring constantly. When finished, it will be the consistency of mashed potatoes. Divide it into three to four equal portions and add a few drops of different colors of food coloring to each. Kneading the dough will distribute the color and make it smooth. Store it in a freezer bag or air-tight container and it will keep for a long time.

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold

Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for the cowboy/traditional church service on March 18 at Circleville Christian Church.

Brody Bliss gave the welcome and announcements. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, David Allen, Max Lierz, Johnny Lynch, David Spencer, Shelly Will, Paul Davault and Kay Hallauer. The prayer for concerns and praises was given by Blair Wagner.

David Allen gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Don-

ald Askren, Mike Cochren, Jeremy Kennedy and John Ray. The prayer for the offering was given by Ron Parrett. Kay Hallauer provided the piano music as communion was served and the offering was received.

Brody Bliss used text from John 11:28-42 as he continued with his sermon series “The Resurrection And The Life.” Sunday’s message reflected on the death of Lazarus.

In our Christian walk, we have the idea that we have to remain strong even when we grieve. Even Jesus wept. He felt the sorrow of the others and wept with them.

There is a time to grieve. We grieve with hope. Then Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. When we feel that God is far from us, He is still with us. In reality, Jesus is the Son of God. He is the resurrection and the life. As Christians, we know we will be resurrected after death. The service closed by singing “I’ll Fly Away.”

Easter Sunday will be one church service at 10:30 a.m. Sunrise service will be at the church at 6:45 a.m., followed by a breakfast cooked by the men. After breakfast, an Easter egg hunt is being planned for the kids.

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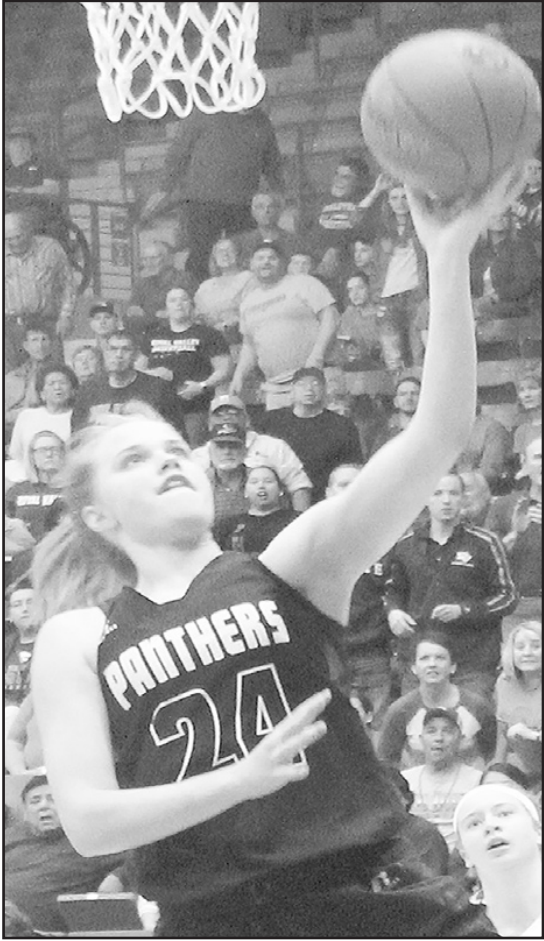
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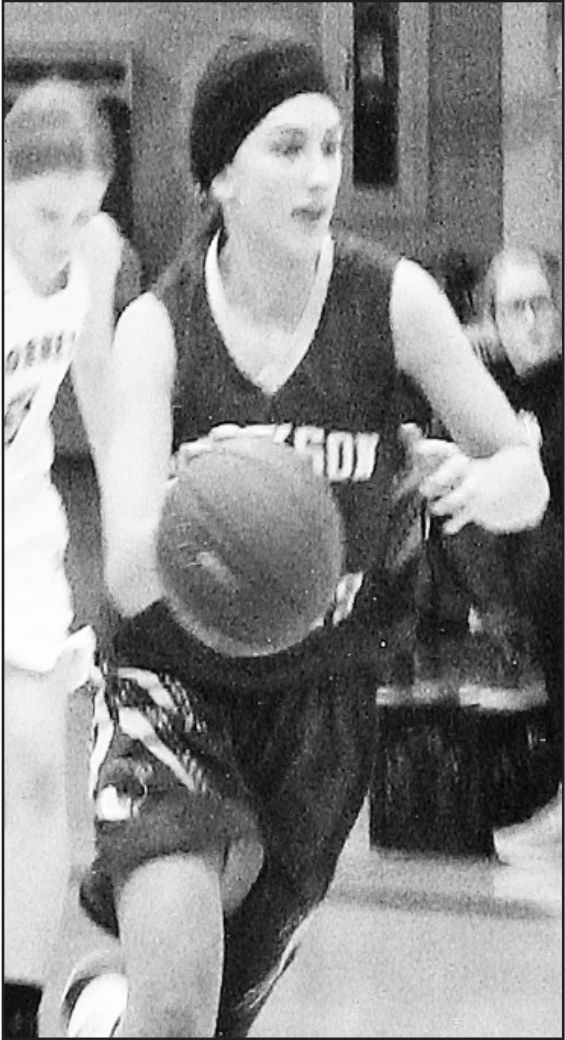
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THE HOLTON RECORDER'S

ALL JACKSON COUNTY

Girls Basketball Team

Note: The Recorder's All-County sports teams were started in 1999 with the goal of providing an extra, local way of congratulating high school student athletes who excelled in team sports, but perhaps had not been named to the All-League teams.

By David Powls
The three prep girls basketball teams in Jackson County combined for a 45-20 overall record this season and the Royal Valley Lady Panthers finished as the Kansas Class 3A state champion runner-up team falling to Garden Plain in the title game, 49-39.
The Lady Panthers finished with a 17-8 overall record. In the Big Seven League, the Lady Panthers were 9-6 and the fourth place team.
The RV girls punched their ticket for the state tournament with a 53-49 double overtime sub-state title game victory over Mission Valley.
In the first round of the Class 3A State Tourney, the Lady Panthers knocked off the Big Seven League Champion team – Nemaha Central – 51-48. The

Lady Thunder had defeated RV two times earlier this season.
The RV girls then beat Hays-Thomas More Prep 54-52 in overtime to advance to the state title game versus Garden Plain.
The Holton Wildcats had another successful season finishing with a 15-6 overall record. In the Big Seven League, the Lady Wildcats were 13-3 as the third place team.
In sub-state play, the Lady Wildcats lost to the Marysville Lady Bulldogs, the sub-state champ and eventual fourth place team at the Class 4A-DII State Tournament.
The Lady Cobras finished with a 13-6 overall record and were 7-4 (third place) in the Northeast Kansas League.
In sub-state tourney play, the Lady Cobras fell to Olpe 57-36 and Olpe went on to finish in

third place at the Class 2A State Tournament.
Suffice to say that this year's All-County Girls team selected by The Holton Recorder is loaded.
Here's this year's All-County picks:

***Senior Tamo Thomas of Royal Valley.**
Tamo was a 2015 All-County Girls selection as a freshman, averaging 8.3 points per game and 3.3 rebounds per game.
Tamo was also a 2016 All-County Girls selection as a sophomore. She was also a Big Seven League All-League First Team selection as a sophomore. She did not attend school at Royal Valley last year as a junior.
This year, as a senior, Tamo was a Big Seven League All-

League First Team pick.
As a senior starting player on the Lady Panthers' Class 3A No. 2 team at the state tournament, Tamo made nine three-point shots in the first two games of the state tournament. During the Panthers' three games at state this season, Tamo scored 38 points and had five steals.
Tamo was also the fifth leading scorer in the Big Seven League this season with 313 points, averaging 12.52 points per game. She also was the second best three-point shooter, making 46 of 115 for 40 percent.

***Senior Shay Tanking of Holton.**
Shay was a 2015 honorable mention pick for the All-County Girls team as a freshman.
Shay was also a 2016 All-County Girls pick as a sopho-

more. She was also a Big Seven League All-League First Team pick as a sophomore.
Shay was also a 2017 All-County Girls pick and a Big Seven League All-League First Team unanimous pick, leading the league in scoring, averaging 19.36 points per game.
This year, Shay was again a unanimous selection to the Big Seven League All-League First Team.
Shay led the league in scoring again this year with 338 points in 19 games, averaging 17.79 points per game. She was also fifth in the league in free throw shooting (67 of 100 for 67 percent), sixth in the league in steals (41), seventh in the league in field goal percentage (74 of 153 for 48.4 percent), second in the league in assists (59), fourth in the league in three-point shoot-

ing (41 of 110 for 37.3 percent) and fourth in the league in defensive rebounding (84).
Shay finished her career as the all-time leading scorer at HHS.

***Junior Kiikto Thomas of Royal Valley.**
Kiikto was a 2016 honorable mention pick for the All-County Girls team as a freshman. She did not attend school at Royal Valley last year as a sophomore.
As a junior and starting player on this year's Class 3A No. 2 team, Kiikto led the Panthers in assists at the state tournament with 16 in three games.
This year, Kiikto was also ninth in the Big Seven League in steals (48) and sixth in the league in assists (65).
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ALL-JACKSON COUNTY Girls Baskeball Team

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***Senior Marliissa Jordan of Royal Valley.**

Marliissa was a 2016 honorable mention pick for the All-County Girls team as a sophomore.

Marliissa was a 2017 All-County girls pick as a junior, finishing ninth in the Big Seven League in three-point shooting and third best rebounder on her team.

This year, as a starter on the Lady Panthers' Class 3A No. 2 team at the state tournament, Marliissa made six three-point shots, had nine rebounds and 24 total points in the three state tourney games.

Marliissa was also fourth in the Big Seven this season in steals (60) and fifth in the league in field goal percentage (36 of 68 for 52.9 percent).

***Junior Mary Broxterman of Royal Valley.**

Mary was a 2017 All-County Girls pick as a sophomore, finishing fifth in the Big Seven League in scoring and among the league leaders in rebounding.

This year as a junior and starting player on Royal Valley's Class 3A No. 2 team, Mary scored 22 points in the state championship game. She also had 48 total points in the three state tourney games, 28 rebounds and two shot blocks.

Also this season, Mary was a Big Seven League All-League First Team pick.

Mary was seventh in the Big Seven League this season in scoring (270 points in 25 games for a 10.8 points per game average), ninth in the league in free throw shooting (48 of 74 for 64.9 percent), 11th in the league in field goal shooting (105 of 226 for 46.5 percent), second in the league in offensive rebounding (86) and third in the league in defensive rebounding (112).

***Sophomore Kylie Dohl of Jackson Heights.**

Kylie was a Northeast Kansas League All-League First Team pick this season.

This year, Kylie led her team in scoring with an average of 16 points per game and also shot better than 70 percent at the free throw line and

40.3 percent from the field. Kylie also averaged 9.5 rebounds per game and three steals per game.

Kylie was a 2017 All-County girls pick as a freshman, leading her team in scoring and being named honorable mention in the Northeast Kansas League.

***Senior Bella Thompson of Royal Valley.**

This year as a starting player for the Lady Panthers' Class 3A No. 2 team at the state tournament, Bella had nine points, seven rebounds and seven assists in the three state games.

Also this season, Bella was 12th in the Big Seven League in field goal shooting (60 of 130 for 46.2 percent).

Bella was a 2017 honorable mention pick for the All-County team as a junior.

***Freshman Amaya Marlatt of Jackson Heights.**

Amaya was an impact player for the Lady Cobras, averaging 8.4 points per game and 4.2 rebounds per game. She also made 65.8 percent of her free throws and 40.3 percent of her field goals.

***Junior Lauryn Moore of Holton.**

Lauryn was a Big Seven League honorable mention pick this season.

Also this season, Lauryn was 11th in the Big Seven League in scoring (168 points in 21 games for an eight point per game average), third in the league in offensive rebounding (65) and eighth in the league in defensive rebounding (78).

Lauryn was a 2017 honorable mention pick for the All-County girls team as a sophomore.

***Freshman Saydee Tanking of Holton.**

Saydee was a Big Seven League honorable mention pick this season.

Also, this season, Saydee was 10th in the Big Seven League in scoring (172 points in 21 games for an average of 8.19 points per game.

Saydee was also 14th in the league in field goal shooting (49 of 108 for 45.4 percent). She was also seventh in the

league in three-point shooting (11 of 32 for 34.4 percent).

***Sophomore Jodi White of Jackson Heights.**

Jodi was a Northeast Kansas League honorable mention pick this season. She led her team in steals (74 total, 3.7 per game) and also averaged three points per game.

All-County honorable mention picks this season were:

*Senior Sarah Lierz of Holton. A starter on the Lady Wildcats' team, Sarah was also a 2016 honorable mention pick for the All-County Girls team as a sophomore and an All-County pick as a junior. This year, Sarah averaged 2 points, 2 rebounds and 2 steals per game.

*Junior Trinity McMahon of Jackson Heights. Trinity averaged 3.2 points per game and three rebounds per game this season. She was also a 2017 honorable mention pick for the All-County girls team as a sophomore.

*Junior Tabor Barta of Holton. A starter on the Lady Wildcats' team this season displaying good defense and good shooting from the outside, Tabor was also a 2017 honorable mention pick for the All-County girls team as a sophomore. This year, Tabor averaged 3 points and 2 rebounds per game.

*Senior Maleah Price of Holton. A starter on the Lady Wildcats' team and known for her good defensive play especially, Maleah was sixth in the Big Seven League in free throw shooting (22 of 33 for 66.7 percent). Maleah was also a 2017 honorable mention pick for the All-County girls team as a junior. This year, she averaged 4 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals per game.

*Senior Abby Williams of Jackson Heights averaged 8 points per game and 4.3 rebounds per game this season. She also made 51.8 percent of her free throws.

*Sophomore Abby Brey of Jackson Heights averaged 5.5 points per game this season, 4.1 rebounds per game and 2 steals per game.

Oliva takes reins of RV baseball

By Ali Holcomb

First-year Royal Valley High School head baseball coach Trent Oliva sees a lot of talent in this year's team with several returning letterman.

"The potential strength of this team is that we are young and have potential to improve each day with a positive work ethic and discipline," coach Oliva said. "For this team to improve throughout the year, we will have to learn from each other. I am learning more about them each day and with myself being a new coach, they are learning a system that is new to them."

For the last 12 years, Oliva was an assistant basketball and baseball coach at Seaman High School. His assistant coach at RV is Charles Nez. Oliva takes over the head coach position from Scott Termes.

Last year, the Panthers finished their season 3-11 in the Big Seven League and 4-13 overall. They lost in the first round of regional competition to Council Grove, 6-5.

Returning lettermen for the Panthers include senior Dillon Smith (outfielder, pitcher and infielder), junior Garrett Pruyser (infielder and pitcher), junior Ben Neuner (catcher, pitcher and infielder) and sophomore Isaac Neuner (pitcher and infielder).

"We are returning three pitchers that combined for 30 innings pitched from last season," Oliva said. "I expect, but don't limit, the starting roles to Isaac Neuner, Ben Neuner, Dillon Smith and Garrett Pruyser. I also believe that Tegan Ruddy, Cole Dressman and Jack Wiedmann will contribute from the mound."

Last season, Ben Neuner had a .286 batting average. He pitched 12 total innings and had an ERA (earned run average) of 9.33.

Isaac Neuner had a .167 batting average last year. He threw a total of 16 and a third innings and had a 5.57 ERA.

Smith had a .268 batting average for the Panthers last season. He pitched a total of two innings and had a 3.5 ERA.

Due to low numbers and concerns about pitch count limits, the Panthers will not have a JV baseball team this season, it was reported. A total of 15 players are on this year's team.

The team will open its season on Tuesday, March 27, with a non-league doubleheader against Wamego. The Panthers will host the games, which begin at 4:30 p.m.

"We look for Nemaha Central and Jeff West to be at the top of the Big Seven, but the league is new to me, so we anticipate all teams to be competitive," Oliva said. "I am looking forward to coaching and working with the boys at Royal Valley."



2018 ROYAL VALLEY HS BASEBALL

2018 Royal Valley High School baseball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Mar. 26	Wamego (JV)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 27	Wamego (V)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 29	Clay Center (V)	Clay Center	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 2	Santa Fe Trl. (JV)	Overbrook	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 3	Santa Fe Trl. (V)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	Perry-Lecomp. (V)	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 10	Perry-Lecomp. (JV)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 12	Nem. Central (V)	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	Nem. Central (JV)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 16	Jeff West (V)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 17	Jeff West (JV)	Ozawkie	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	Wamego JV Tourn.	Wamego	4 p.m.
Apr. 23	Clay Center (JV)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 26	ACCCHS (V)	Effingham	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 26	Wamego JV Tourn.	Wamego	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 27	ACCCHS (JV)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 30	Riverside (V)	Wathena	4:30 p.m.
May 1	Riverside (JV)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
May 3	Sabetha (V)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
May 4	Sabetha (JV)	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Holton (V)	Hoyt City Park	4:30 p.m.
May 8	Holton (JV)	Holton	4:30 p.m.
May 14-16	Regional Tourn. (V)	TBA	TBA
May 24-25	State Tourn. (V)	TBA	TBA

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Wetmore senior Jill Henry was named to the Twin Valley League's All-League Girls Second Team this season and also earned Class 1A-DII All-State honorable mention honors.



Wetmore junior Joel Hutfles was named to the Twin Valley League's All-League Boys First Team this season and also earned Class 1A-DII All-State honorable mention honors.

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All-State prep basketball awards listed

The Topeka paper's girls and boys All-State basketball teams have been announced. Some of the local schools have some All-State honors this season.

The All-State honors were as follows:

Girls

Class 4A-DII

*Senior Shay Tanking, Holton – 1st Team All-State.

Class 3A

*Senior Tamo Thomas, Royal Valley – 3rd Team All-State.

*Junior Mary Broxterman,

Royal Valley – All-State Honorable Mention.

Class 2A

*Sophomore Kylie Dohl, Jackson Heights – All-State Honorable Mention.

Class 1A-DII

*Senior Jill Henry, Wetmore – All-State Honorable Mention.

Boys

Class 4A-DII

*Senior Mason Chanay, Holton – All-State Honorable Mention.

*Senior Mason Strader,

Holton – All-State Honorable Mention.

Class 3A

*Senior Masen Spoonhunter, Royal Valley – All-State Honorable Mention.

Class 2A

*Senior Braden Dohl, Jackson Heights – All-State Honorable Mention.

Class 1A-DII

*Junior Joel Hutfles, Wetmore – All-State Honorable Mention.

HHS hosts 22nd Lift-A-Thon

Holton High School hosted its 22nd annual Lift-A-Thon on Thursday, March 15. The results were as follows:

Women's Bench

Record 170 by Casi Van Auld in 2017.

1st Carly Raney – 145
2nd Maleah Price – 110
3rd Kinleigh Rhodd – 110
4th Lauryn Moore – 110
5th Annalys Phillips – 110

Men's Light Weight Bench

Record 275 by Lane Lassiter in 2013.

1st Keegan Purcell – 210
2nd Kolby Roush – 200
3rd Cameron Smith – 200
4th Brady Boswell – 200
5th Walker Sheldon – 200

Men's Middle Weight Bench

Record 315 by Drake Ewing in 2012

1st Jayger Carson – 265
2nd Mason Strader – 255
3rd Kilian O'Connar – 250
4th Paul Kuffner – 225
5th Trey Wright – 220

Men's Heavy Weight Bench
Record 370 by Drake Ewing in 2014.

1st Clay Baumgartner – 270
2nd Richard Aquirre – 255
3rd Trasen Snavelly – 250
4th Jackson Marten – 250
5th Noah Woltje – 230

Women's Clean

Record 180 by Maggie Schuetz in 2009 and Carlene McManigal in 2011.

1st Annalys Phillips – 165
2nd Maleah Price – 145
3rd Lauryn Moore – 145
4th Carly Raney – 145
5th Danika Hickman – 135

Kinleigh Rhodd – 135
Men's Light Weight Clean
Record 280 by Ethan Holiday in 2013.

1st Cameron Smith – 225
2nd Brady Boswell – 225
3rd Ian Watkins – 220
4th Rees Robinson – 210
5th Taygen Fletcher – 205

Men's Middle Weight Clean
Record 325 by Damian Brackenbury in 2004 and Gunnar McKenna in 2011.

1st Dylan Aeschliman – 300
2nd Jayger Carson – 255
3rd Rennel Goudeau – 230
4th Paul Kuffner – 225
5th Cael Jackson – 225

Mason Strader – 225
Trey Wright – 225
Men's Heavy Weight Clean
Record 350 by Chris Luker in 2007.

1st Richard Aguirre – 285
2nd Jackson Martin – 275
3rd Ethan Brownell – 270
4th Josh Clark – 235
5th Konner Tannahill – 225

Youth hunts being offered in region

By Michael Powls

A habitat organization called Quail Forever/Chapter K-16 serving in Jackson and Jefferson Counties led by Jerry Valdez is hosting some youth hunts this year starting on April 7, 2018 and going through Jan. 1 of 2019.

The dates are as follows:

April 7 – Youth spring turkey hunt ages 12-15, location to be determined.

June 9 – Fishing derby at Banner Creek Lake, will have fishing equipment, bait and food for

kids ages 15 and younger.

Aug. 18 – Outdoor youth clinic at Banner Creek Lake, west side will have clay shoot, archery, pellet gun, slingshot and gun safety for kids ages 16 and younger, all equipment and food will be provided.

Sept. 1 – Dove shoot for kids ages 12-15, will have guns, ammo and food.

Oct. 27 – Chukar hunt at Muddy Creek game birds or Cokeley game farm for kids ages 12-15, will have guns, ammo and food.

November or December – Polinator projects for area schools, locations to be determined.

Jan. 1 – Youth doe deer hunt, rifle, locations to be determined.

Parents are encouraged to come along.

These events will be posted on the K-16 quail forever facebook page and dates may change due to weather. Call Jerry Valdez at 785-577-6127 for more information.



Members of the Holton High School Student Council released balloons last week as part of a movement at the school to raise awareness about school safety. While students throughout the country walked out of school as an anti-gun protest that day, the HHS StuCo invited the student body to reflect on school safety.

Photo courtesy of Samantha Wilson

HHS StuCo brings focus on school safety

Students across the nation spent time at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14, recognizing the importance of school safety.

While some schools engaged in protests and walkouts, the HHS Student Council invited the student body to participate in an optional movement held in the high school auditorium.

According to StuCo president Blake Harris, it was important to provide the student body with the time to reflect on the issues of school safety within the school.

Students used the quiet time to reflect on this issue and to show support for school safety.

Students had the option of

staying in their classrooms or moving to the auditorium where all remained quiet with music in the background provided by StuCo.

Students tied red yarn to their wrists to symbolize their support for school safety. StuCo released balloons afterward to spread word to the community.

Bid approved for county bridge inspections

By Ali Holcomb

A bid to complete the biennial inspections of Jackson County bridges was awarded during a recent commission meeting to Elite Engineering Services LLC of Gardner at a total cost of \$13,695, it was reported.

Dan Barnett, road and bridge supervisor, presented three bids to the county commissioners to inspect the county's 185 bridges. Four of the county's bridges require an annual inspection, and the county has one fracture critical bridge, it was reported.

Other bids received were \$15,550 from CFS Engineers of Topeka and \$18,108.50 from BG Consultants of Lawrence.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from March 5, the commission:

* Learned from Barnett that he has tested and received his

right-of-way acquisition certification through the state of Kansas.

* Heard a weekly report from Mixie Vance, noxious weed and environmental services director. Vance was expected to attend the annual Kansas Weed Conference in Wichita later that week.

* Learned from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director, that he was applying for a Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) grant to purchase and place rip rap along the shoreline of the lake in order to reduce erosion.

The grant reimburses the county up to 75 percent, and the project would have to be complete six months after receiving the funds, Kennedy said.

* Met in executive session with Sheriff Tim Morse and

Undersheriff Darrel Chapman to discuss a personnel matter for five minutes. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met with Courthouse Custodian Chad Phillips to review a preliminary contract with Superior Concrete Products for a proposed concrete fence that would be installed on the southeast corner of the building.

* Received a flag to be displayed in the Courthouse from an anonymous donor.

* Signed payroll change notices (length of service increases) for several sheriff's office employees, including Kimberly Mother, Michael Boswell, Heath Delany, Tyler Caudle, Travis Debarge, Travis Spiker and Andy Caviness.

* Adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On March 11, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy."

The birthdays for March 11 through March 17: Kiersten Harris, Tymber Neblett, Jamie Sexton, Alan Shaffer, Mary Smith and Jillian Walder, March 11; Samuel Martin and Chris McManaman, March 12; Kearstin Lester and Jim Wright, March 13; Grace Cho, March 14; Gary Slimmer, March 15; and Pete Deppe, March 17.

The anniversaries for the week were Pete and Dee Deppe, March 15, and Harry and Elaine Worden, March 16.

A joy was having Sharon and Jim Miller join the congregation for worship service. Prayers were for the family of Pauline Domer.

For special music, the adult

bell choir played "A Mighty Fortress." Those playing bells were Susan Arnold, Betty Domer, Kay Jones-Ray, Kyle Kurtz, Danette Martin, Anne McDowell, Kelly Neiman, Kristy Richards, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine. Gary Baldwin directed them.

The children's story was given by Murel Brandenburgh. She asked, "How can we measure God's love?" Can we use a tape measure or a watch? God so loved the world that He gave his only Son. The Bible says God's love goes on for eternity. We can not measure God's love, but we can experience it.

Murel Brandenburgh read the scripture Matthew 27:27-37. The sermon "Jesus' Nickname: King Of The Jews" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho.

A Korean student who was small and did not have many muscles had an American roommate. They did not get along well. The Korean student

asked advice from other Asian friends. They told him he had to speak up, be brave and share his feelings. He yelled at the American roommate and his friends. He scared them by speaking up and showing them he did have courage.

After Jesus was nailed to the cross and was crucified, they placed a sign above His head: "This is Jesus, the king of the Jews."

The closing hymn was "Freely, Freely."

Those assisting with the service were Murel Brandenburgh, liturgist; Mary Smith, organist; Daryl Jepson, acolyte; John Wilson, song leader; and John and Linda Reed, Daryl Jepson and Gary Slimmer, usher team.

On March 12, Gary and Betty Domer, Dick and Beverly Newell, John and Linda Reed and Dennis and Kim Smerchek ate supper at Fuzzy's Taco Shop in Topeka.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The fifth Sunday in Lent service at Immanuel Lutheran Church on March 18 opened with the hymn "God Himself Is Present." Divine Service I with Holy Communion was followed. Psalm 116 was read by Pastor Michael Van Velzer.

Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Jeremiah chapter 32 and the Epistle lesson from Hebrews chapter 5. Pastor Van Velzer read the Holy Gospel for the day from Mark 10:35-45. The congregation professed The Nicene Creed.

The sermon hymn was "Jesus, Refuge Of The Weary." "In The Holy Sacraments, We Share The Glory Of The Cross Of Christ" was the theme of the sermon. Jesus catechizes His disciples in the way of the cross, revealing that He will be condemned and put to death and after three days He will rise (Mark 10:33-34).

But the 12 do not understand. Instead, they argue among themselves about who will be the greatest, with James and John requesting the places of honor on either side of Jesus in His glory. However, Jesus has come to make Himself the "slave of all"

and "to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:43-45).

He shares the true glory of His cross with all who are baptized with His Baptism and with those who drink His cup of salvation, the New Testament in His blood. "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

Kevin Strube and Topher Dohl were ushers for the gathering of gifts. The offertory was sung by the congregation.

In the prayers of the church, our Holy God was asked that His pure word be proclaimed and guided that all nations will worship and praise God in this life and in the life eternal; for ministers of the word and for all the vocations in the church; for our government leaders and for all who serve for the common good; have mercy on all who are in need and grant God's blessing to all who bring forth the bounty of His creation for the good of others. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

The Service of the Sacrament with Preface, Sanctus, Agnus Dei and Words of Our Lord prefaced the distribution of Holy Communion with Elder Topher

Dohl assisting Pastor Van Velzer. The distribution hymn was "By Grace, I'm Saved." Following the collect and Nunc Dimittis, the service closed with the hymn "Abide O Dearest Jesus."

Serving Sunday were Topher Dohl, elder; McKenzie McMahon, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Nancy Schumann and Pam Schumann.

Bible study on the book of Revelation continued after the service led by Pastor Van Velzer. Sunday night Bible study met at the home of Heather Amon at 6 p.m. Mid-week Lenten service will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, continuing the theme "The Sign Of Jonah."

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Circleville

By Jeannie Arnold

Kelsey Fernkopf of Seattle, Wash., nephew of Allen and Mary Jo Fernkopf, was a dinner guest at their home on Sunday, March 11. Other guests were Kyle and Janet Fernkopf, Kent Fernkopf, Vicki and Kevin Goertzen of Andover and Lena Fernkopf and her friend, Erica, from Manhattan.

Don and Deloris Beam's children were here last Sunday, March 11, to help celebrate Deloris' birthday. Gary and Jill Beam, Denny and Denise Wheeler, Mike and Lesa Beam and Don all went to church with Deloris and then back to their home for a breakfast brunch and, of course, good conversation.

The Ayli Club met with Jane Coverdale on March 13, with the group playing four rounds of cards. All members were present. Roll call was "What was one of your most memorable St. Patrick's Day celebrations?"

Getting high score was Thelma Dick, and second high was Evelyn Spencer. They enjoyed delicious brownies and ice cream for refreshments. The next meeting and playing of bridge will be April 10 at the Cole Morris Building with Barbara Hutchinson as hostess.

Barbara and Dennis Hutchinson attended the Older Kansan's Day on Wednesday, March 14, at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. They had lunch with members of the Area Aging Councils throughout Kansas and Silver Haired Legislature. They attended the Senate Ways and Means Committee and heard testimony on HB 2419 about the KPERS trust fund for payment of the unfunded actuarial liability.



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Fish Habitat...

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The cubes quickly accumulate algae, bacteria and fungi, which helps attract small fish.

Concrete is then added to the pipe at the base of the tube, which causes the structure to sink.

"We have a lot of manmade impoundments in Kansas, and as they age, some of that original fish habitat ages and deteriorates," Kramer said. "These cubes, as well as cedar trees, give smaller fish a refuge and protects the young."

Since the cubes are made of artificial, plastic materials, they have a long shelf life, Kramer said.

"A cedar tree will last maybe five years as a fish habitat if you're lucky. They break down pretty fast," he said. "The cubes will last a long time as long as the screws hold them in place and boaters don't crash into them."

The cubes are submerged in groups of three in water that is 10 to 15-feet deep.

Kramer is submerging 30 fish habitats at Banner Creek and 15 at Prairie Lake this week.

The habitats are free to the county and the city and are

funded in part by a grant from the bureau of reclamation, as well as the KDWP, Kramer said.

In addition to the Georgia Cubes, John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director, said that a local bass club donated and also installed several Mossback fish habitats at the reservoir.

The Mossaback habitats are made of recycled plastic and are shaped liked trees.

Penner...

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and Daughters' Distinguished Kansan of the Year award, which she received in 2005.

The program will follow the meal served by Bailey's Cafe. The menu consists of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, rolls, beverages and apple crumb pie.

Tickets for the event are \$30 and must be purchased by Wednesday, March 28. They are available at Denison State Bank on New York Avenue in Holton, by calling 364-4991 or by email at jacobistsoc@gmail.com



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Pollinator Area...

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September for the placement of two hives at the south side of the lake grounds near the dam, it was reported.

Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee said a fence has been placed around the area where the hives will be located, and Tanking added that signs are in place to alert people to the presence of bees in the area.

In other business on Monday, McKee told commissioners that an increase in the city's residential trash pickup rate was likely to occur later this year after a representative from

Waste Management, which handles residential trash pickup in Holton, said the company was "not going to be able to continue the same price that we have enjoyed for more than a decade."

The current rate for residential trash customers is \$10 per month with a limit of three barrels or containers, while residents age 65 and older pay \$7 per month with a one-barrel limit. McKee said the Waste Management representative noted those were the lowest rates of any WM residential trash customers in "three states."

Custom WM-owned containers may also be a part of any contract negotiations, McKee added, noting the WM representative's request that trash collection workers not have to deal with "odd-sized barrels" in the future.

Commissioners also: ■ Approved minutes from the March 5 meeting and budget appropriations made since that meeting.

■ Approved renewal of a drinking establishment license for El Milagro Mexican Restaurant.

■ Approved the appointment of Judy Olson to the Beck-Bookman Library board of directors.

■ Received a report from Kim Bomberger of the Kansas Forestry Service regarding the condition of the ornamental pear trees around Holton's Town Square.

■ Heard an update on construction of the fitness trail at Countryside Park, where Tanking said recent rains have slowed progress.

■ Received copies of the latest edition of Kansas Government

Journal from City Clerk Teresa Riley.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 7:20 p.m. All five commissioners were present, including Robert Dieckmann (mayor), Dan Brenner, Mike Meerpohl, Tim Morris and Twila White.

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TRACTORS AND ACCESSORIES

2015 JD 6150M MFWD/ H360 LOADER/BUCKET & GRAPPLE, 20 SP, LH REVERSER, 3 HYD, 3 PT, RH DOOR, 42" RUBBER, 1390 HRS

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JD 520 NF, FACTORY 3 PT, NEW RUBBER 1940 IH B, NF, 12 VOLT, RUNS GOOD, ENGINE #8-10-J

1941 FARMALL H, NF, PRE-WAR SN# 85529

1993 AGCO 7600 2 WD, 24 FWD 12 RVRS TRANS, 90 HP, 5 CYL, AIR COOL, C&A, DUAL HYD, 540 & 1000, 3 PT 4600 HRS SER# 001059

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COMBINES

GLEANER, F2 W/JD 16' FLEX HEAD MISC. PARTS FOR JD CORN HEAD

VEHICLES

2004 CHEVY 4X4, ¾ TON, AT, W/HYDRA BED, 84,000 MILES, ONE OWNER, LATE LOWELL MOSER 1966 GMC 5500 W/16" GRAIN BOX W/HOIST, 250 6 CYL, 4 & 2 SPEED 1999 MERCURY SABLE, 4 DR, 3.0, AT, 144,000 CHROME GRILL GUARD FOR DODGE CHROME GRILL GUARD FOR FORD 2002 FORD RANGER 4X4, EXT CAB, V6, AT, GOOD RUBBER, 175,000 2000 CHEVY 2500 LS 2WD, AT, PS, PW, AC, GN BALL, NEW RADIATOR, 350 GAS, BODY ROUGH, RUNS GOOD 1987 TOYOTA EXT CAB, 4X4, 5 SP, FLAT BED, 220,000 1993 GMC 2WD, V6, AT, PS, PB, GOOD TIRES, 1 YR BATTERY, 152,000 1979 CHEVY C70 TANDEM TAG AXLE, 366, 5+2, 20"X52" STEEL BED, W/TWIN CYL, 3 REAR DUMP GATES 1996 CHEVY 2500, 4X4, GAS, AT 1983 DODGE ¾ TON, 4X4, 318, FLAT BED, AT, 39,000 MILES 1995 FORD F150 XLT EXT CAB 2WD, 5.8, AT 1961 CHEV. C60/13'BED 2--DAIHATSU HIJET MINI TRUCKS 4X4, 80K KILOMETERS, NO TITLE 1987 TOYOTA 4X4 4SP 2012 HONDA CIVIC SEDAN EX 4D 134,000 MILES, VIN#2HGFBF82CH586179

1984 CHEVY 4X4 M1028 1 1/4 TON MILITARY TRUCK, 42,000 ORIGINAL MILES, NO RUST, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND 6.2L DIESEL ENGINE.

SEMI TRUCKS & TRAILERS

2006 KENWORTH T600, C13 CAT, 12 SPEED, AT, SINGLE SLEEPER, 900,000, LOT OF WORK DONE IN 2017

2001 PETERBILT

VIN#1XP5D69X21D540035

907,000 MI

1988 FORD F800 DIESEL DUMP TRUCK W/9' BED, RUNS GOOD

TRAILERS & CAMPERS

2000 TITAN 7X24 STOCK TRAILER, 2 DIVIDER GATES

2008 TITAN 7X20 GN STOCK TRAILER, CENTER SLIDE, GOOD TIRES, SILVER, WOOD FLOOR 6X16 BUMPER HITCH STOCK TRAILER

TRAVALONG 20+5 FLAT BED TRAILER W/TANDEM DUALS, PINTLE HITCH W/RAMPS

(2) PU BED TRAILERS

2003 LAYTON BY SKYLINE 25' 5TH WHEEL CAMPER/SLIDE OUT, NO TITLE

WW 16' BUMPER HITCH TRAILER COOSE 20' GN STOCK TRAILER

TITAN 7X18' GN STOCK TRAILER, 14 PLY TIRES

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

1948 LACROSSE 21' SEMI LOWBOY

CASE 580B BACK HOE/LOADER, DIESEL

NISSAN ENDURO 50 FORKLIFT W/FORK POSITIONERS AND ROTATOR, GAS

CAT D4H DOZER/ 6 WAY BLADE, OPEN STATION, 95HP, EARLY 90'S

2005 TREX 6X16 TELE-HANDLER/ JD 4540 ENGINE, 3266 HOURS, 6000 LB., 36' REACH

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AMERICAN STEEL SPAN 40X40X20 QUONSET 23 GA GALVALUME, NEVER ERECTED

22' VAN BOX

SKID LOADER & ATTACHMENTS

2011 CASE SR200 SKID LOADER, 1010 HRS

2004 BOBCAT S250 SKID LOADER, C&H, 3700 HRS

BOBCAT 72' DEMOLITION GRAPPLE BUCKET

80" SKID STEER TOOTH BUCKET JD WORKSITE PRO 4" X 48" PALLET FORKS

PRO TACH 3 PT HYD WIRE WINDER DOUGLAS WELDING WIRE WINDER FOR POST

HOLE DIGGER

HYD TREE SAW 2014 TREE TERMINATOR BOBCAT 642, GAS, RUNS GOOD SN#5014-M-20074, SHOWS 2814 HRS

UNUSED LOW HYD AUGER 750 W/12" AUGER

UNUSED STOUT BRUSH GRAPPLE, 72-8

UNUSED STOUT BRUSH GRAPPLE, XHD 84-6

UNUSED STOUT ROCK BUCKET GRAPPLE, 72-3

UNUSED STOUT TREE AND POST PULLER

UNUSED STOUT FULL BACK PALLET FORKS, 48"

UNUSED STOUT ADD-ON FORK GRAPPLE

HAY AND HAY EQUIPMENT

AC 7' SICKLE BAR MOWER, TWIN WHEEL PULL TYPE

NH 489 9' SWATHER, GOOD SHAPE

JD 450 9' SICKLE BAR MOWER

NH 116 14' HYDRA SWING SWATHER

BRAMCO BALE BUMPER

JD 530 BALER W/MONITOR

MF 1560 BALER

VERMEER 605 L BALER

NEW IDEA 5 BAR RUBBER MOUNTED TEETH SIDE DELIV-ERY RAKE, BELT GROUND DRIVEN

HYDRAULIC BALE BUMPER

HOMEMADE ELECTRIC BALE SPEAR FOR FLAT BED

NH 456 9' PULL TYPE SICKLE MOWER

HESTON 500 SELF PROPELLED SWATHER, W/12' HEAD, WISCONSIN GAS ENGINE, RUNS GOOD

JD 704 12 WHEEL RAKE

2003 JD 567, MEGA WIDE, NET WRAP, 1000 PTO

2007 MF 1835 INLINE SQUARE BALER, NEEDS RIGHT KNOTTER

VERMEER R23 TWIN HAY RAKE

OWATANA 4520 SP SWATHER, 16' HEAD

JD 435 BALER W/MONITOR

CASE IH 8465 BALER

FERRIS WHEEL BALE LOADER

OWATANA 596 FIXED CHAMBER BALER

2017 PIERCE WIRELESS ELECTRIC OVER HYDRAULIC TRUCK BALE SPEAR

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

1990 FORD F700 DSL, AT, W/2008 MEYER SIDE DELIVERY

FEED BOX (30) 24' FREE STANDING FEEDLOT PANELS

10X20 ALL STEEL LIVESTOCK SHELTER, NEW

SEVERAL WIRE HOG PANELS (10) ROUND CALF HUTS

DIAMOND S CALF CRADLE, 10' ADJUSTABLE ALLEY, (2) 8' WING GATES

(3) SQUARE POLY CALF HUTS (10) 6-10' PIPE GATES

8' OBLONG GALVANIZED TANK 3' HD METAL WATER TANK

BAR-6 1800 LB CAKE FEEDER

POWDER RIVER SQUEEZE CHUTE (2) 30' ELEVATOR METAL FEED BUNKS

IH 1050 GRINDER/MIXER

(4) 200 LB SS HOG FEEDERS

SELF CATCHING HEAD GATE 8' STOCK RACK

4' WALK-THRU GATE 3 FARRROWING CRATES

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FENCING

SEVERAL LARGE CORNER HEDGE POST

(3) ROLLS 48" WOVEN WIRE, NEW SEVERAL HUNDRED HEDGE LINE & CORNERS

(200) NEW 6' T-POST

(20) 20' 6 BAR CONTINUOUS PANELS W/CONNECTORS

(30) PIECES 4"X21' PIPE

(40) PIECES 4"X10 1/2' PIPE

(2) NEW ROLLS RED BRAND WOVEN WIRE

MACHINERY

JD 5' 3 PT ROTARY MOWER

JD 2 ROW FRONT MOUNT CULTIVATOR

JD 4 ROW FRONT MOUNT CULTIVATOR

(8) YETTER FURROW OPENERS

ACE HI PRO PUMP

NEW IDEA MANURE SPREADER, RE-BUILT

3 PT POST HOLE AUGER

2014 HOWSE 7' ROTARY MOWER, 3 PT, LIKE NEW

IH 4800 24' FIELD CULTIVATOR, W/HARROW ATTACHMENT

RHINO 3PT POST HOLE DIGGER W/12" AUGER

IH 800 6 ROW PLANTER

(16) YETTER TRASH WHEELS FOR KINZE PLANTER

JD 8300 DRILL

KRAUS 18' DISK

IH 37 10' WHEEL DISK

JD PTO MANURE SPREADER

JD 3-SECTION HARROW

1000-GAL. TRANSFER TANKS W/PUMP ON SKID

JD 12' FIELD CULTIVATOR, 3 PT WILLMAR 500 DRY FERTILIZER SPREADER

WIL-RICH 24' FIELD CULTIVATOR, WALKING TANDEM W/HARROW

IH 6000 CONSER-TILL 13' DISK CHISEL

GREAT PLAINS 500 GAL. SPRAYER, TANDEM AXLE, 45' BOOMS W/FOAM MARKER, ELECTRIC SHUT-OFF, ACE PUMP

SPEED KING 240 BU SEED TENDER, 2 COMPARTMENT, ELECTRIC DRIVE CONVEYOR, ROLL TARP, EXTRA DRIVE MOTOR

250 BU GRAVITY WAGON

AC 7' 3P SICKLE MOWER

OLIVER 242 12' DISC/CYL. 3PT POST HOLE DIGGER/ 2 AUGERS

4 WHEEL WOODEN GRAIN WAGON (GOOD)

2 SETS 4 WHEEL RUNNING GEARS 5' 3 PT ROTARY MOWER

WIL-RICH 2500 30' FIELD CULTIVATOR

IH 496 24' DISK

LAWN & GARDEN

JD 185 HYDROSTAT W/42" DECK

JD 178 HYDROSTAT W/38" DECK, NO HOOD

CUB CADET LT 1042 42" DECK 5X8 LAWN MOWER TRAILER

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SEVERAL RODS AND REELS (100) 24" - 36" EVERGREEN TREES, 5 VARIETIES

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2008 GRASSHOPPER 723K 61", 1133 HOURS

2009 GRASSHOPPER 727K, 900HRS, 61" ELECTRIC POWER-FOLD DECK

SHOP EQUIPMENT

MASTER FORCE 10" TABLE SAW & 10" MITER SAW

JET 15" PLANER

SCAFFOLDING

DELTA 6" BELT SANDER ON STAND

PRO TECH 10" BAND SAW

70 GAL DUST COLLECTOR

CRAFTSMAN 10" TABLE SAW

12" PLANER ON STAND

CRAFTSMAN 6 1/8" PLANER

MISC. WOOD WORKING TOOLS

COATES/20 TIRE MACHINE, AIR 16 GAL. SHOP-VAC

FLOOD LIGHTS

PIPE WRENCHES

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EXTENSION CORDS

CRAFTSMAN 130PSI AIR COMPRESSOR

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WELDING SUPPLIES

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AC 225 LINCOLN WELDER

CUTTING TORCH W/BOTTLES

CRAFTSMAN 41 PIECES TAP & DYE

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(2) OLD CORN SHELLERS, ONE WOODEN

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POULAN PRO CHAIN SAW, 42CC, 18" BAR

BLUE ROCK THROWER

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FARMALL SUPER C MANUAL

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215-65-17

215-55-16

225-75-16

235-65-16

205-55-16

225-60-18

235-70-17

225-55-16

SETS OF 4

215-70

INSIGHT: Flint Hills region remains in drought

By John Schlageck
Kansas Farm Bureau

Unless something changes in the moisture situation, Barb Downey and husband, Joe Carpenter will not burn their grassland in the Flint Hills this season.

The ranch couple recently reported no (moisture) run-off event in more than a year on their native grassland in Riley and Wabaunsee counties.



Every spring across the vast, open Flint Hills grasslands, fires blaze for miles. The flames lick at the blue Kansas sky as the brown, dry grass crackles, crackles and bursts into orange.

Cattlemen like this east-central Kansas couple understand that controlled burning remains a range management tool that helps maintain the economic viability of the Flint Hills. Fire remains an essential element of the ecosystem.

Long before civilization came to the prairie, fires were ignited by lightning storms and the charred prairie restored the health of the native grasses. Native Americans set the first prairie fires. They used the fire to attract bison for easier hunting.

Controlled burning by those who live on the tall-grass prairie of the Flint Hills is an annual event designed to mimic nature's match. It's part of a tradition – part of the culture of the communities and the people who inhabit this region of our state.

This annual pasture burning only occurs for a few days each year. It is not a procedure that is drawn out and lasts for weeks. Weather conditions dictate the length of the burning seasons most years.

Not every cattleman burns his pastures every year. Instead, individual ranchers and landowners survey and decide each spring, which pastures will benefit and produce a healthier, lush grass for livestock after burning. Often neighbors plan and burn together, giving them more hands to ensure a safe, controlled burn.

Because of continued dry conditions, Downey and Carpenter fear they would not be able to control the burn this season.

"It's so dry and the winds blow nearly every day," Barb says. "At the ground level, there's no

humidity in the thatch in our native grasses."

Downey believes her Flint Hills region remains in an extended drought. She's not counting on moisture any time soon unless this weather pattern turns around drastically – and right away.

For weeks the ranchers have watched forecasts the serve up the possibility of rain in the seven- to 10-day forecasts. By the time that period passes, there's nothing. No moisture for the bone-dry Flint Hills.

"The overriding reason we will not burn our grasslands this spring is because we're going to need every little bit of forage we can get our hands on," Barb explains.

"We don't care if it's last year's grass. At this point we need forage of any kind for our livestock."

Downey is the fourth generation in the ranching business. Her daughter represents the fifth. Decades of experience have provided this cattle family with the know-how and knowledge to plan for their cattle enterprise.

The current drought conditions began on their Riley and Wabaunsee county ranch back in 2005. Except for a couple of years of adequate moisture, drought has been a way of life for more than a decade.

"2012 marked the peak of this extended drought here in the Flint Hills," Barb says. "Right now, we're already worse this year than in 2012."

Continued dry conditions indicate burning this March or April would ensure little, if any, pasture regrowth. Downey and Carpenter are already operating in "drought-crisis mode." Irrigated land that would ordinarily soon be planted to corn will be planted to forage this spring.

"We're beyond the idea of burning," Barb says. "Conditions today remain too dry. We're not even receiving what I call 'band-aid' rains or brief showers, to help us along."

Some of the older cows will be culled earlier this year on the Downey and Carpenter ranch. They continue to look at options to lighten the feed load for their herd.

"We're planning for the worst, and hoping for better times ahead," Barb says. "Without continued moisture and soon – we're headed for trouble."

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

Jackson County Arts meets

Jackson County Arts met Monday, Feb. 26 at More Than Lemons. Members attending included Fred Applehant, Linda Brownlow, Kathleen Cobb, Sandy Studebaker Gilbert, April Lemon, David Schock, Mary Schock and Marilyn Spiker.

President Sandy Studebaker Gilbert called the meeting to order. Roll call was what members did on Valentine's Day.

In old business, there was discussion about grant money for the art walk.

In new business, members discussed the theme for art walk, which will be needed to obtain grant money. Cobb suggested "Art Blooms In April" for a title. Mary Schock's motion to accept this title was seconded by David Schock and the motion carried.

Lemon printed out handouts of artists scheduled on the square at this time. The art walk will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27.

Mary Schock demonstrated the use of water colors. She and David are taking a class at a gallery at Fairlawn Plaza in Topeka from artist Lila Bartel. Through the years,

they have taken classes under different instructors.

Mary showed paintings of birds, sunflowers and irises that both of them have painted. She said the advantage of using water colors, compared to oil, is that there is no odor and it is easier to use. The Schocks use HWC holbein water colors on cold press, which can be cut to fit any sized frame.

For show and tell, Cobb had an oil on acrylic painting from an impressionist class she is attending at Washburn. The painting is an echo cliff west of Dover. David Schock presented a carving of trees made from bass wood that he will paint when completed. Mary Schock had a bird carved from beech wood. They are taking a carving class in Topeka taught by Carlan D. Honaker.

Lemon showed logs made of glass with different colors inside. She is also making a beautiful glass chandelier. Studebaker Gilbert had an oil painting of a wolf. This concluded the meeting.

Jackson County Arts meetings held at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at More Than Lemons on the east side of the Square. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Thursday, March 22

No. 7 Nevada vs. No. 11 Loyola (Chicago) at 7:07 p.m. on CBS.

No. 3 Michigan vs. No. 7 Texas A&M at 7:37 p.m. on TBS.

No. 5 Kentucky vs. No. 9 Kansas State at 9:37 p.m. on CBS.

No. 4 Gonzaga vs. No. 9 Florida State at 9:59 p.m. on TBS.

Friday, March 23

No.1 Kansas vs. No. 5 Clemson at 7:07 p.m. on CBS.

No. 1 Villanova vs. No. 5 West Virginia at 7:27 p.m. on TBS.

No. 2 Duke vs. No. 11 Syracuse at 9:37 p.m. on CBS.

No. 2 Purdue vs. No. 3 Texas Tech at 9:57 p.m. on TBS.

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Lost & Found

FOUND: RED HOUND, male, 2 to 4 years old, long tail, white blaze on chest at 142nd & T Road. (785)966-2212.

Wanted

The Heart of Jackson Humane Society is seeking donations of several items for continued operations, as well as more volunteers to walk dogs at the shelter. For more information, call the shelter at 364-5156 or stop by the shelter at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton.

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CITY OF WHITING

WATER DROUGHT/ EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 163

An ordinance authorizing the declaration of one of three progressive stages of a water supply conservation and / or water supply shortage which shall conserve or curtail the use of water within the City of Whiting ("the City"); establishing three stages of water conservation measures for the City; a water watch, warning or emergency; establishing procedures and voluntary and mandatory conservation measures; authorizing the issuance of administrative regulations; and prescribing certain penalties.

Be it Ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Whiting.

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for a progressive water supply conservation program, including the declaration of a water supply watch, warning or emergency and the implementation of voluntary and mandatory water conservation measures throughout the city in the event such a watch, warning or emergency is declared by the governing body of the City.

Section 2. Definitions.

(a) "Water," as used in this ordinance, shall mean water available to the City of Whiting for treatment by virtue of the City's water rights, water supply, water supply contracts or any treated water introduced by the City into its water distribution system, including water offered for sale at any coin-operated site.

(b) "Customer," as used in this ordinance, shall mean the customer of record using water for any purpose from the City's water distribution system and for which either a regular charge is made or, in the case of coin sales, a cash charge is made at the site of delivery.

(c) "Waste of water," as used in this ordinance, includes, but is not limited to:

(1) permitting water to escape down a street, roadway or other surface intended for vehicle driving purposes, and / or any gutter, ditch or other surface drain; or

(2) failure to repair a controllable leak of water due to defective plumbing.

(d) The following classes of uses of water are established for the purposes of this ordinance:

Class 1:

Water used for outdoor watering; either public or private, for gardens, lawns, trees, shrubs, plants, parks, golf courses, playing fields, swimming pools or other recreational areas; or the washing of motor vehicles, boats, trailers, or the exterior of any building or structure.

Class 2:

Water used for any commercial, agricultural or industrial purposes, except water actually necessary to maintain the health and personal hygiene of bona fide employees of such businesses or interests while such employees are engaged in the performance of their duties at their place of employment.

Class 3:

Domestic usage, other than that which would be included in either classes 1 or 2.

Class 4:

Water necessary only to sustain human life and the lives of domestic livestock pets and maintain standards of hygiene and sanitation.

Section 3. In the event that the governing body of the City or the City's designated official determines that the City's water supply may be in subject to a shortage in supply or the governing body of the City determines there is need for conservation of City's water resources for any reason, the City may begin the progressive three (3) stage water conservation program by declaring a water watch as described in section 3(a) or, in times of need and / or duress, the governing body of the City may choose to declare any section of the program described in section 3 in effect at any time:

(a). Stage 1: Declaration of Water Watch. Whenever the governing body of the City finds that conditions indicate the probability of a drought or some other condition causing a major water supply shortage is rising, it shall be empowered to declare, by resolution, that a water watch exists and that it shall take steps to inform the public and ask for voluntary reductions in water use. Such a watch shall be deemed to continue until it is declared by resolution of the governing body to have ended. The resolutions declaring the existence and end of a water watch shall be effective upon their publication in the official city newspaper.

(b). Stage 2: Declaration of Water Warning. Whenever the governing body of the City finds that drought conditions or some other condition causing a major water supply shortage are present and supplies are starting to decline, it shall be empowered to declare by resolution that a water warning exists and that it will recommend restrictions on nonessential uses during the period of warning. Such a warning shall be deemed to continue until it is declared by resolution of the governing body to have ended. The resolutions declaring the beginning and ending of the water warning shall be effective upon their publication in the official city newspaper. Pursuant to the approval of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, therecommendedrestrictions on nonessential uses may be extended to private wells within the City limits.

(c). Stage 3: Declaration of Water Emergency. Whenever the governing body of the City finds that an emergency exists by reason of a shortage of water supply needed for essential uses, it shall be empowered to declare by resolution that a water supply emergency exists and that it will impose mandatory restrictions on water use during the period of the emergency. Such an emergency shall be deemed to continue until it is declared by resolution of the governing body to have ended. The resolutions declaring the existence and end of a water supply emergency shall be effective upon their publication in the official city newspaper. Pursuant to the approval of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, the mandatory restrictions on water use may be extended to private wells within the City limits.

Section 4. Voluntary Conservation Measures. Upon the declaration of a water watch or water warning as provided in Sections 3(a) or 3(b), the mayor (or the city manager) is authorized to call on all water consumers to employ voluntary water conservation measures to limit or eliminate nonessential water uses including, but not limited to, limitations on the following uses:

(a) Class 1 uses of water.

(b) Waste of water.

Section 5. Mandatory Conservation Measures. Upon the declaration of a water supply emergency as provided in Section 3(c), the mayor (or the city manager or authorized city official) is

also authorized to implement certain mandatory water conservation measures, including, but not limited to, the following conservation measures:

(a) Suspension of new connections to the City's water distribution system, except connections of fire hydrants and those made pursuant to agreements entered into by the City prior to the effective date of the declaration of the emergency;

(b) Restrictions on the uses of water in one or more classes of water use as described in section 2(d), wholly or in part;

(c) Restrictions on the sales of water at coin-operated facilities or sites;

(d) The imposition of water rationing based on any reasonable formula including, but not limited to, the percentage of normal use and per capita or per consumer restrictions;

(e) Complete or partial bans on the waste of water; and

(f) Any combination of the measures in sections 5(a-e) as the governing body of the City or authorized city official may deem appropriate and / or necessary.

Section 6. Emergency Water Rates. Upon the declaration of a water supply emergency as provided in Section 3(c), the governing body of the City shall have the power to adopt emergency water rates by ordinance designed to conserve water supplies. Such emergency rates may provide for, but are not limited to:

(a) Higher charges for increasing usage per unit of use (increasing block rates);

(b) Uniform charges for water usage per unit of use (uniform unit rate); or

(c) Extra charges in excess of a specified level of water use (excess demand surcharge).

Section 7. Regulations. During the effective period of any water supply emergency as provided for in Section 3(c), the mayor (or city manager or water superintendent or other authorized city official) is empowered to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, any water supply emergency resolution, or emergency water rate ordinance. Such regulations shall be subject to the approval of the governing body at its next regular or special meeting.

Section 8. Violations, Disconnections and Penalties.

(a) If the mayor, city manager, water superintendent, or other authorized city official or officials charged

with implementation and enforcement of this ordinance or a water supply emergency resolution learn of any violation of any water use restrictions imposed pursuant to Sections 5 or 7 of this ordinance, a written notice of the violation shall be affixed to the property where the violation occurred and the customer of record and / or any other person known to the City to be responsible for the violation and / or the correction of said violation shall be provided with either actual or mailed notice. Said notice shall describe the violation(s) and order that the noted violation(s) be corrected, cured or abated immediately or within such specified time as the City determines is reasonable for such correction, cure or abatement under the circumstances. In the event the order is not cured within the time period given in the notice, the City may terminate water service to the customer subject to the following procedures:

(1) The City shall give the customer notice by mail or actual notice that water service will be discontinued within a specified time due to the violation(s) and that the customer will have the opportunity to appeal the termination by requesting a hearing scheduled before the City governing body or a city official designated as a hearing officer by the City governing body;

(2) If such a hearing is requested by the customer charged with the violation, the customer shall be given a full opportunity to be heard by the City governing body or the city official designated as a hearing officer by the City governing body before termination is ordered; and

The city governing body or the city official designated as a hearing officer by the City governing body shall make findings of fact and order whether service should continue or be terminated.

(b) A fee of \$25.00 shall be paid for the reconnection of any water service terminated pursuant to subsection (a). In the event of subsequent violations, the reconnection fee shall be \$50.00 for the second reconnection and \$75.00 for any subsequent additional reconstructions within a 1-year period.

Section 9. Emergency Termination. Nothing in this ordinance shall limit the ability of any properly authorized city official from terminating the supply of water to any or all customers upon the determination of such city official that emergency termination of water service is required to protect the health and safety of the public or for any other

emergency as required or authorized by ordinance or as deemed necessity of the City by such city official or the governing body of the City.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the ordinance and its applicability to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section 11. This ordinance shall become effective upon its publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed by the governing body this 13th day of March, 2018.

/s/ Loren Lind
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/s/ Kristin Watkins
(City Clerk's Signature)

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Swisher shares adoption story

By Chad L. Simon
March 21 has several special meanings to Satin Swisher and her adoptive mother Dena Swisher, Holton High School special education teacher.

March 21 will mark five years since Satin was officially adopted by Dena. They refer to the day as their “Gotcha Day,” according to Dena, and it is also World Down Syndrome Day.

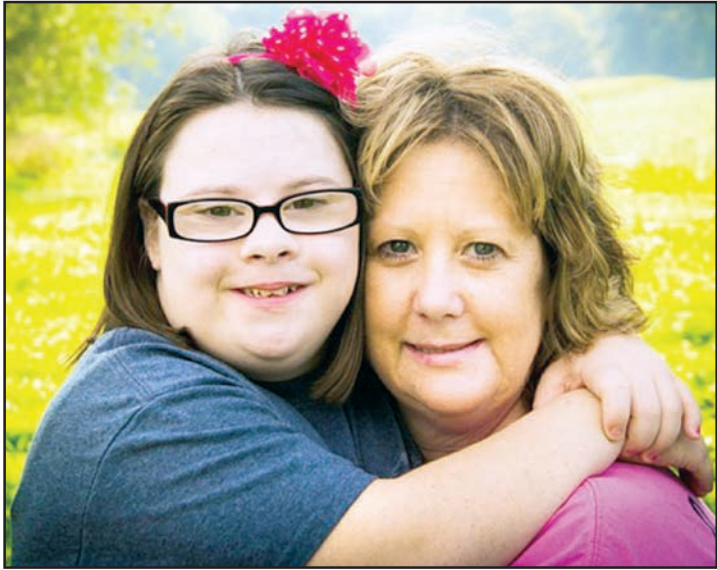
Satin is not only the 2016 Holton High School Prom Queen, she also has Down syndrome. DS is the most common genetic condition in the U.S. with more than 400,000 people living with the condition in the U.S., it was reported.

Satin’s birth mother died from cancer when Satin was just two years old. Satin lived with her father until she was 12 years old and then went into foster care with two other half siblings, according to Dena.

Satin was placed in Beth Calhoun’s home in November of 2011, and Dena was at the Calhoun’s home when Satin arrived.

“When I met Satin, it just felt right,” Dena said. “It felt like God meant for us to be together. I had always said that, at my age, the only child I would consider adopting was one that had Down syndrome. My first impression of Satin was that she was adorable. She had a contagious laugh and big smile. It is always heartbreaking when you see a kid show up at a house with all their belongings in black trash bags.”

Satin moved to Holton to live with Dena in June of 2012 after Dena got her foster-to-adopt license. However, the adoption process took more than a year before Satin officially became Dena’s daughter and Holton’s sweetheart.



Today marks five years since Dena Swisher adopted her daughter, Satin.
Photo courtesy of Dena Swisher

In Satin’s six years of living in Holton, Dena feels her daughter knows more people than she herself does, and she’s a Holton native.

“We live in a very open and welcoming community,” Dena said. “She just has the type of personality that makes you want to give her a hug. Everyone at HHS knew her name and kind of her story. She was crowned prom queen in 2016, and the look on her face was priceless.”

Adopting a 13-year-old girl can be challenging for anyone, but adopting a teen with DS and lack of communication skills can be very challenging to any parent.

“She was pretty much non-verbal when she came to me,” Dena said. “That made it difficult to know what she wanted or what was wrong. She had obviously not been nurtured and worked with as she grew up. That alone was difficult and then add some of the things

that were unique because of her special needs made it challenging at times. The behaviors she had developed were a concern as well, but I think a lot of those at that time were due to the lack of communication skills.”

While the Swishers have encountered severe challenges since their first meeting, Satin has showered her mother with love.

“Her love for me and everyone around her is unconditional,” Dena said. “Even after she has gotten in trouble for something, the first words out of her mouth are, ‘I love you.’ When I am at my worst, she puts me at my best.”

Satin showed her love to Dena in a memorable way on Dena’s first birthday together as a family.

“A friend took her to Walmart to buy my present,” Dena said. “She picked it out all by herself. I got the best jar of pickles and bottle of mustard you have ever seen.”

Pear Trees...

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McKee said of the report. “Maybe, at that point in time, they will give us some direction on what we may or may not do. At this point, I don’t have a consensus from them on what they want to do.”

According to Bomberger’s report, the trees around the Square have weathered several storms — including the December 2007 ice storm that caused irreparable damage to several trees throughout the city — as well as “other environmental factors” such as wind, drought and restricted root space, although the condition of many of the trees has declined as a result.

“With the decline of the trees and the need to repair curbs and sidewalks, this is a good time to consider the replacement of the trees while discussing the repairs needed for the curb and the sidewalk,” Bomberger wrote.

Replacing the trees has been considered by the city commission as part of a possible curb and sidewalk rehabilitation project, the cost of which could be covered by a Kansas Department of Transportation Bureau of Local Projects grant, as commissioners noted in December. McKee said the city has not actively pursued the grant at the present time.

“The commission never really gave us permission to go after it yet, because we were doing this tree assessment,” he said. “We have not explored, or even tried to apply for, that grant. We’d be at least a couple of years away from any action, if we went with the grant.”

McKee also noted that the idea of replacing or eliminating the ornamental pear trees is one that

doesn’t sit well with some business owners around the Square, while others have stated a preference for replacing the trees with a different tree variety that doesn’t shed messy “berries” during late fall and early winter.

The report singled out three trees around the Square as examples of why the trees should be replaced. One such tree, located in front of Holton National Bank just off the Square, embodies the “poor branching structure” of ornamental pear trees that could cause them to “experience branch failure in the years to come.”

Another tree, located in front of Denison State Bank on the west side of the Square, is missing a significant amount of “canopy” (upper layer or habitat zone) and with “less leaf surface to photosynthesize and create food and energy for itself,” the tree’s strength is likely to deteriorate.

Also, some of the trees on the north side of the Square exhibit epicormic sprouts, “a result of stress and sign of poor condition,” Bomberger wrote. Extensive pruning of medium and large branches on those trees to promote storefront visibility as well as age and environmental conditions have also been detrimental to those trees, she said.

“Considering that tree roots can expand two to four times the width of their canopy in unrestricted soil conditions, the pears have tolerated their limited rooting conditions well,” Bomberger said.

But in some instances, particularly on the north side, the trees’ trunks and roots have little remaining space to expand, and the

soil volume within the “sidewalk cutouts” is at its maximum for root expansion.

Removing the ornamental pears and planting different varieties of trees in the “sidewalk cutouts” would be “impossible,” given that the recommended soil volume for trees placed in restricted rooting locations is two cubic feet of soil per square foot of canopy, Bomberger said.

“Instead, a design strategy favored by several cities, university researchers and other practitioners is one where rooting space is shared (by) multiple trees,” she said.

One such example of implementing that strategy as suggested by Bomberger involves removing sidewalk bricks between the curb and the edge of the concrete sidewalk path around the Square, without cutting into the concrete sidewalk area, or replacing those bricks with materials that “must be permeable for the roots to obtain the water and oxygen that they will need for root establishment and tree growth.”

RV Conferences...

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Many of the high school’s seniors are part-time students and only 13 of 46 seniors (28 percent) participated, it was noted. Last spring, 20 percent of all high school parents attended conferences.

The high school promoted the conferences as a “student showcase” and focused on student academic and personal growth and not on grades.

“I think the high school’s conferences focused on data,” Davis said, such as GPA, class rank and credit hours.

Board president Cindy Broxterman attended the conference at the high school.

“It gave our daughter a chance to tell us what she’s looking at her senior year and after graduation,” Broxterman said. “I think a few things still need to be worked out, but I thought it was a nice change.”

Kelly said she thought the high school “fell short” when presenting the data and that there were a lot of handouts.

Board members Nathan McAlister and Linda Hegemann said they missed talking to a few teachers during the conferences and suggested adding a few more minutes to allow parents to visit with one or two teachers.

“I think the general idea is that we want students to have con-

versations with their parents, and I understand that some parents have those conversations with their kids about their goals in life, but there are a lot of parents who don’t do that,” Davis said. “We think having these conversations will help with post-secondary success.”

Board members are interested in hearing feedback from both the parents and teachers on the new format so the district can continue to work on adjusting the format.

“I think, in general, we increased the amount of people communicating with their students and the schools. I think we will go back and try to refine the process a little bit for next year,” Davis said.

The format for parent-teacher conferences at the elementary school stayed the same, and Noah Slay, RVES principal, reported that 62 percent of parents participated in the conferences. Last year, 74 percent of parents participated in spring conferences.

“During the fall conference, the elementary school puts a lot of time in to see every parent, and in the spring, the time period is shortened and they only see parents who want to come in or who they request to see,” Davis said.

In the fall, 90 percent of elementary school parents attended conferences.

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The soldiers arrived in two separate groups. The first group arrived at 12 p.m. and the second group arrived at 6 p.m.

“This was an exciting mission for the soldiers of the battery,” said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, the adjutant general. “It’s the first time since World War II they have deployed to function as a field artillery unit. It is what they train for and they were happy to do it, but now we’re grateful to have them home.”

The battery, which is based in Holton, along with other soldiers and elements of the Kansas Army National Guard, deployed in April 2017 to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield and Operation Inherent Resolve.

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