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Lower levy will generate more in county taxes

By Ali Holcomb With a \$5.79 million increase in county valuation, a slight decrease in the county mill levy will still generate an additional \$267,000 in county taxes next year.

and cities can levy property tax revenues based on the rate of inflation.

The total budget proposed for the county, however, increased by \$410,371, more than \$267,097, due to the addition of carryover funds, according to Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick.

The county's maximum budget authority for the proposed budget totals \$15,641,270, which includes \$7,528,515 for the general fund, \$3,694,775 for the road and bridge department and \$2,692,467 for the sheriff's office.

The county's budget for rock is increasing from \$620,000 to \$1,146,000, it was reported. A total of \$300,000 has been transferred from other accounts to the rock budget so far this year because of the large need.

The rock budget increase for 2021 is being funded with monies from other accounts, including the rock hauling budget, which was set at \$300,000 last year. Since there will be two quarries in the county next year, the county will not be paying independent truckers to haul rock, it was reported.

A decrease in fuel prices this past year has also allowed the road and bridge department to save back some funds, it was reported.

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Brenner, Zwonitzer seek commission post

Janet Zwonitzer Incumbent Republican Janet Zwonitzer, 65, Holton, is seeking re-election to the Second District Jackson County Commission seat.



Zwonitzer was first elected to the county commission in November 2012 and is currently serving her second four-year term. "There have been many positive changes and accomplishments in the past eight years, however, there are still challenges and projects to resolve and improvements to make," Zwonitzer said.

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Dan Brenner Dan Brenner, 64, of Holton is seeking election to the Second District seat on the Jackson County Commission in the Nov. 3 general election.



Brenner, an Independent who currently serves on the Holton City Commission, will face incumbent Republican Janet Zwonitzer in the election. The second district includes Banner and Franklin townships, as well as the city of Holton. "I think it's time the county receive better representation. Representation that will work to lower property taxes, stop excessive spending, fix our county roads and aggressively pursue economic development for our county," Brenner said.

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Lt. Col. Shawn Plankinton of the Kansas Army National Guard was one of the featured speakers at last Friday's 9/11 remembrance ceremony in Linscott Park. Plankinton, a native of Holton encouraged those present at the ceremony to continue to remember the date — Sept. 11, 2001 — just as they would remember other notable historical dates. An article on the 9/11 remembrance ceremony appears on Page 2 of today's Recorder.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Heights students adapting to mask policy

By Brian Sanders Students and staff in the Jackson Heights school district are learning to make the best of a bad situation — specifically the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, as District Superintendent Adrienne Walsh told members of the USD 335 Board of Education at their regular monthly meeting on Monday.

Walsh gave board members an update on how students and staff are adapting to a "face covering policy" that was approved by the board in August, saying that "to my knowledge, things are going well," and that there have not been any noteworthy issues with the policy, which requires students at the elementary and high schools to wear face masks to help prevent the possible spread of COVID-19, with a few exceptions as to when masks are not needed.

That policy was passed with the recommendation that the

board review it on a monthly basis for possible action to either keep or rescind the policy, but no action was taken at Monday's meeting following Walsh's report, which echoed reports from Middle and High School Principal Darren Shupe and Elementary Principal Annie Diederich that the policy was helping keep COVID-19 at bay.

"You wrestle with the question when everything's going well — do you start to pull back

some of the restrictions you have in place, or is it going well because of the restrictions?" Walsh said.

The policy makes exceptions on situations when masks are not necessary, such as when "social distancing" of at least six feet between students in classrooms or other school areas is possible. Walsh said there are such situations where students are given

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Royal Valley students back in the classroom

By Ali Holcomb After starting the school year in a hybrid model of learning due to an uptick in COVID-19 (coronavirus) cases in the school district, all in-school learners are back in the classroom and "things seem to be going well," Superintendent Aaric Davis told board of education members during their meeting Monday evening.

Davis told the board that

students and staff members are making the necessary adjustments to start the school year safely.

"We had some positive cases of the virus, but things have gotten better in the community," Davis said. "We only have six active cases in the county right now."

Davis said the he, Noah Slay, director of curriculum and instruction, and Amy Mosier, the

district's nurse, are part of a shared document that tracks students who may be getting tested for COVID or whose siblings may be getting tested or have been exposed.

"Parents are doing a good job of letting us know if they or someone in their family is getting tested," Davis said. "Right now there are only four or five students that we're keeping an eye on."

Davis said that teaching students in the classroom, as well as online remotely, has been a challenge for teachers.

"It's been extremely stressful," he said. "It's like being a first-year teacher all over again. It's a challenge for them. They are doing a great job, but it's been stressful. We're doing our best to support them."

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HHS grad eager to share hemp know-how

By Brian Sanders While Kansas farmers are now able to obtain licenses from the Kansas Department of Agriculture to grow and cultivate industrial hemp, only two Jackson County property owners had obtained licenses to grow hemp this year.

"It is not, at least on the surface, a crop that is of major interest right now in this area," said

David Hallauer, Meadowlark Extension District agent.

But for local farmers who might still be interested in the possibility of hemp as a crop option, a Holton-area native who grows industrial hemp in Barton County is eager to share her knowledge about the crop.

"I love sharing what I know, and I love helping people who want to get into this industry, be-

cause I really believe it's a good option for farmers," said Melissa Nelson-Baldwin, a 2008 Holton High School graduate who founded South Bend Industrial Hemp last year near Great Bend with her husband and brother-in-law.

Nelson-Baldwin, who also works as an independent crop research scientist, said that while the hemp industry in Kansas is somewhat new — farmers could

get licenses to grow hemp starting in 2019 — it's also an industry with a lot of promise. Much of that promise centers on the burgeoning market for cannabidiol (CBD) products, which are produced from hemp.

"CBD is the hot market right now, and you see it everywhere," she said.

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A king and queen will be chosen from these Jackson Heights High School seniors to reign over Friday's homecoming festivities, it was reported. Queen candidates, from left on front row, are Sarah Marshall, Paige Deneault and Amaya Marlati; king candidates, from left on back row, are Colby Doyle, Dylan Thompson and Taylor Wamego. Coronation will take place at halftime of Friday's football game between the JHHS Cobras and Centralia.

Photo courtesy of Jackson Heights High School

Mail-in ballot application inside

An application to request a voter ballot by mail for the Nov. 3 general election can be found on page 8 of this edition of The Holton Recorder.

The completed application must be returned to the Jackson County Clerk's Office by mail (400 New York Ave., Room 201, Holton KS 66436), in person (second floor of the Jack-

son County Courthouse), by fax (785-364-4204) or by email at jacountyclerk@yahoo.com

The deadline to request an advance ballot by mail is Oct. 27.

The application will also be included in the Sept. 23 edition of The Recorder.

Oct. 13 is the last day to regis-

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9/11's significance noted at ceremony

By Brian Sanders
There are certain dates in history where people will always remember where they were, what they were thinking and what they were doing on those particular dates, as Holton native Shawn Plankinton, a lieutenant colonel in the Kansas Army National Guard, pointed out on Friday.

"I'm sure some of you remember July 20, 1969, as we all watched Neil Armstrong land on the moon," Plankinton told a crowd of about 60 gathered in Linscott Park on Friday morning. "You remember where you were. You were sitting in front of that nine-inch, black-and-white TV."

Plankinton, a 1989 graduate of Holton High School, reminded those in the crowd of three other such dates. One was the assassination of President John Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, and another — although he noted not many were still around to remember it — was Dec. 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

And then there were the events of the day that brought the crowd to Linscott Park that morning — the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Plankinton said he was working in Topeka on that particular day and didn't quite believe the report that an airplane had flown into one of the World Trade Center's two towers in New York City.

"In my mind's eye, I'm thinking, some guy in a small plane had run into a building, only to go to the TV and watch the second plane hit," he said. "I can tell you where I was, who I was with, how I was feeling and how quickly that shock turned to anger."

But as Plankinton noted, the events of that day brought people in this country closer together. He recalled watching people walking away from the World Trade Center's towers, covered in ash and dust, helping each other.

"It wasn't what race you were. It wasn't your political affiliation. We were all Americans," he said. "I remember how hard it was to find a flag that day and subsequently thereafter, be-

cause we were all Americans. We weren't trying to identify differently."

Another speaker at Friday's 9/11 memorial, Kansas VFW Commander Kenneth Allred, agreed and noted that the country has changed since the attacks that occurred 19 years ago that morning, leaving 2,977 people dead.

"When the terrorists attacked us 19 years ago, their hope was to weaken America and dampen our spirit," Allred said. "Instead, Americans united and proved that not only would we not be defeated, but that we were stronger than ever."

Delbert Boling of Mayetta's American Legion Post 423, named for Master Sergeant Bernard Deghand, reminded those present of the four passenger jets that were hijacked by 19 representatives of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda terrorist organization on Sept. 11, 2001, and flown into the World Trade Center's towers, the Pentagon or a field near Shanksville, Pa.

The final destination of the last of those passenger jets, United Airlines' Flight 93, was "never definitively determined," Boling reminded those present, because passengers on that plane learned of the fate of the other three planes and were able to stop their hijackers from flying the plane into and destroying their presumed target of either the U.S. Capitol or the White House.

Friday's commemoration of the events of 9/11 was organized by John Chiles, a military veteran and a member of Holton's two veterans groups, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1367 and Mary L. Bair American Legion Post 44. Representatives of those two groups and the Deghand Legion post were on hand to assist Chiles in conducting the ceremony.

Chiles noted that some members of the Holton VFW post were absent from the ceremony because they were assisting with the funeral of former Jackson County Sheriff Don Collins, recalled by Chiles as "very instrumental in years and years of service to the people."



Jeremy Watkins is the new executive director of Vintage Park in Holton, taking over the position on Aug. 31, it was reported. Watkins said the assisted living facility is at about 90 percent capacity.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Watkins leading Vintage Park

By Ali Holcomb
Jeremy Watkins is serving as the new executive director of Vintage Park in Holton.

Watkins, who lives in Atchison, spent the last 10 years working for Walmart in St. Joseph, Mo., the last six as assistant manager.

"It's a new venture for me," Watkins said of his new role at Vintage Park. "What drew me to this opportunity was its stability and a chance to better my family. It's always been easy for me to sit down and take care of the older generation. I enjoy spending time with them."

Watkins is a native of Sugar Lake, Mo. and recently completed a Kansas operators course to receive certification to operate an adult care home.

"I've enjoyed meeting everyone and learning how COVID is handled," he said. "Dealing with COVID at Walmart is different than here where people can't leave the building. The residents have

been great though, and I like hearing their stories."

Watkins said visitors are allowed in the Vintage Park facility at this time with a prescheduled appointment.

"People can at least still visit with family and friends," he said.

Watkins said the assisted living facility, located at 410 Juniper Dr., is at about 90 percent capacity.

"There's a few spots still open," he said.

Watkins began serving as the executive director at Vintage Park on Aug. 31.

"I still have a lot of things to learn and figure out, but in the foreseeable future I'd love to come up with some different and creative ways to keep our residences happy," he said.

Watkins and his partner have a blended family that includes two daughters, four sons and three dogs.

For more information about Vintage Park, call 364-5051.

Circleville man charged with DUI manslaughter

By Brian Sanders
The death of a North Dakota teen in a utility vehicle accident this past July has resulted in criminal charges against a Circleville man, according to Jackson County District Court records.

Wyatt M. Olberding, 21, has been charged in district court with involuntary manslaughter while driving under the influence, classified as a level 4 person felony.

Olberding has also been charged with driving under the influence, reckless driving and transporting an open container, all misdemeanors, in connection with the early Sunday, July 5 accident about two miles northeast of Netawaka that left Iziah Martinez, 13, dead and Olberding and four others injured.

Olberding was arrested by Jackson County Sheriff's officers on Sept. 9 and released on \$10,000 bond the next day, it was reported. His first appearance in district court is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9, according to court records.

According to a sheriff's report, Olberding was driving a 2020 model Honda "side-by-side" UTV west on 318th in the

early hours of July 5 alongside another UTV when the Honda reportedly hit a hole in the road half a mile west of S Road, went out of control and overturned on the south side of the road. Martinez, a passenger in the Honda, was ejected.

Sheriff's officers received a report from a Horton police dispatcher of the accident soon afterward. Efforts to revive Martinez using CPR were unsuccessful, and he was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

Olberding and four other occupants of the Honda — Dalton E. Chartier, 20, of Holton; and Savon Lewis, 22, Michael A. Gabbard, 22, and Lane T. Rodvelt, 22, all of Horton — were taken to Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka by ambulance, all with debilitating injuries.

No information has been released regarding the driver of the other UTV, how many passengers — if any — were on the other UTV or how fast the two UTVs were going at the time of the accident.

Second COVID-19 death reported

The Jackson County Health Department reported on Monday that a second county resident had died from COVID-19 (coronavirus) while noting that the number of active cases in the county had declined in recent days.

The health department's most recent update of COVID-19 cases, released on Monday, listed a total of 223 confirmed cases in the county since the pandemic began. A total of 215 recoveries were also noted, along with a second death attributed to COVID-19. The current number of active cases is now six, it was reported.

Jackson County Health Officer Angela Reith noted that the person who died from COVID-

19 complications was older than 65. The other COVID-19-related death in Jackson County occurred in late May.

The number of active cases marked a decline from the beginning of the month, when Reith's office was following 22 active cases. That number had fallen to 12 in the health department's Sept. 9 report, then to six on Monday.

Statewide, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported a total of 49,899 positive COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began, along with 2,572 hospitalizations and 534 deaths. A total of 408,482 negative COVID-19 tests have also been reported by KDHE.

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Target	149.07	+0.63
Hershey	144.34	-0.16
Walmart	137.36	+0.04
Phillips 66	58.05	-0.32
US Bancorp	37.32	-0.55
Pfizer	36.96	-0.05
Deere & Co.	215.77	-2.56
United Parcel	161.53	+1.39
Apple	115.54	+0.18
Facebook	272.42	+6.27
Goodyear	9.62	-0.15

Source: New York Stock Exchange reports. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$4.32
Corn	\$3.28
Milo	\$3.91
Soybeans	\$9.20

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020. 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	\$1.97	+\$0.027	-\$0.369
National Average	\$2.19	+\$0.016	-\$0.365
Holton Average	\$1.99		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Monday, Sept. 14, 2020.

5 Years Ago

Week of Sept. 13-19, 2015
Jackson County Senior Services Director Cheryl Hamlin has announced that she will retire at the end of November. Amanda Spalding of Holton will serve as her replacement.

The Holton High School cross country team's first meet at its new home course at Banner Creek Reservoir was held on Thursday, Sept. 10, it was reported. Holton coach Darin Stous said that runners felt pretty comfortable with the new course in the inaugural meet and that he got a lot of positive feedback from visiting teams as well.

For the second year in a row, Levi Eigenman, age 9, had the fastest turtle at the annual Mayetta Pioneer Day turtle race.

A group of Royal Valley Middle School students organized a book drive and collected 300 books for area children placed in foster homes, it was reported. Sixth-grade students Paige Weddle, Marissa Jackson, Sondra Priest and Jessica Marney held the book drive at the school for a week and a half.

10 Years Ago

Week of Sept. 13-19, 2010
Dr. Jerry Young, D.D.S., has introduced a new team to his practice in Holton. Dr. Ben Rutherford and Dr. Carrie Peterson, who both work together in their Topeka dental practice, have expanded their services to the Holton area.

Royal Valley Middle School teacher Nathan McAlister has been named the 2010 National Preserve American History Teacher Of The Year by the Gilder Lehrman institute of American History, it has been announced.

Five-year-old Macen Beasley of Holton took second place in the girls division of the pedal tractor pull competition in the Kansas State Fair recently. Beasley will compete in national competition later this month in South Dakota. She is the daughter of David and Lacy Beasley of Holton, the granddaughter of Kevin and Deb Helus of Holton and David and Debbie Beasley of St. Joseph, Mo., and the great-granddaughter of Marvin and LaVeta Bengtson of Holton.

Holton Optimist Club President Joel Hutchins recently presented the club's Teacher Of The Year Awards, honoring Alex Bartel, agricultural education and science teacher at Holton High School, and Carol Hummel, developmental reading teacher at Central Elementary School in Holton.



In 2002, this week's "Blast From The Past" was named the champion in the miniatures exhibit at the county fair. Be the first to identify her by calling The Holton Recorder at 785-364-3141 and receive a coupon for a FREE Sonic Blast! Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Steve and Diane Kathrens, who were correctly identified first by Jennifer Shaw. Winners may pick up their Sonic coupon at The Recorder office.

15 Years Ago

Week of Sept. 13-19, 2005
This weekend will mark the 25th anniversary of the annual French Market held in Holton. The event began with roots in the open-air bazaar of New Orleans' French Quarter, and this weekend, many participants will do their part to help that city in light of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The largest tree growing in Jackson County is probably the big cottonwood tree located northeast of Soldier on land owned by Rodney and Sherry Durst. The Durst cottonwood, named the winner in the recent "largest tree growing in the county contest," was measured at 25 feet, 5 inches in circumference.

During Jackson County's recent sesquicentennial celebration, Carry Nation (played by Dee Petree) caused quite a rancous as she gathered a sign-

carrying contingent, took a hatchet to a "whiskey" barrel and quoted Bible verses before getting arrested by Police Chief Gale Gakle for disturbing the peace.

The wall clock hanging in the Jackson County Courthouse has been in place since about 1880. It was reported that local residents would often stop by the Courthouse in the early days here to set their pocket watches to the clock while in town on other business. The clock traditionally provided the official time for the county, it was reported.

25 Years Ago

Week of Sept. 13-19, 1995
Justin Rice, 12-year-old son of Dean and Cathy Rice of Holton, hit the big league of cowboy poetry on Saturday night, Sept. 16, when he joined seasoned performers Jim Hoy, Jack Dewerff and John Markley for the finale to the annual French Market crafts festival in Holton. Rice has been a crowd pleaser at the annual Jackson County Fair talent show since his first performance there five years ago.

Holton High School juniors have discovered that this year will be different in terms of trying new things. The students will have the opportunity to try the Internet and email for the very first time. Teachers Alan Beam (American history) and Karen Ford (American literature) both said they feel that this new technology, which took much planning, is worth all the time and effort.

Michelle (Massey) Cawby is a new faculty member in the Holton USD 336 Special Education Cooperative, it has been announced. Cawby will teach in the interrelated classroom at Holton's Central Elementary School.

50 Years Ago

Week of Sept. 13-19, 1970
An old jail dating back to Wetmore's pioneer days has been restored as a community landmark and attraction for visitors, it has been reported. The Levick-Barrett Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, led by president Isla Nott, cleaned, painted and furnished the jail as it might have been 80 or 90 years ago. The jail is one of the oldest buildings in town, but its actual age is unknown.

Mary K. Arold, daughter of Kathryn Arnold of Holton, was recently sworn into the Women's Army Corps Student Officer Program, it was reported.

Carole Phillips, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan R. Phillips of Mayetta, has been invited to participate in the home economics honors program at Kansas State University in Manhattan, it has been announced.

Request for two salvage yards in Havensville tabled by council

The Havensville City Council's Tuesday, Sept. 8 meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Travis Peters. Those present in addition to Peters included council members Tasha Lara, Chris Niehues, John Niehues, Monna McNally and Josh Mapes; Dan Costlow, police officer; Maye Wegner, city clerk; and Dona Flowers, Mike Pinick and Roger McNally.

A request from Pinick to put two salvage yards in town, one at 214 West St. and one at 608 Cleo St., was added to the agenda. The request was tabled until the city attorney could be contacted, since an ordinance is being drafted to prevent the placement of salvage yards within city limits in the future.

The city's complaint/compliment/suggestion form was read regarding dilapidated

structures and weed control on unowned properties.

John Niehues' motion to approve the Aug. 11 meeting minutes as submitted was seconded by Lara and approved unanimously. Lara's motion to approve the bills as presented was seconded by Chris Niehues and approved unanimously.

There were no late utility payments. Costlow submitted the city's police report.

The council heard a maintenance report and discussed mowing at Havensville Rural High School.

Council members learned that a survey of the alley from North Street to Croy Street east of Kansas Highway 63 should be completed this week.

John Niehues' motion to put a notice in the October billing opening the brush dump to larger trees from Oct. 1 through Jan. 31,

2021, was seconded by McNally and approved unanimously.

Chris Niehues' motion to submit the request of stipulations for annexation of streets split with the county was seconded by Mapes and approved unanimously. John Niehues will hand-deliver the request to Westmoreland.

McNally made a motion to post help wanted ads for a codes enforcement officer and maintenance person. The ads will be published and applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Chris Niehues' motion to approve Standard Traffic Ordinance 2020-02 was seconded by McNally and approved unanimously.

Mapes' motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was seconded by Chris Niehues and approved unanimously.

Brenner...

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Brenner has lived in Jackson County for 31 years. He received an associate of arts degree from Highland Community College and a bachelor of arts degree from Kansas State University.

He has owned and operated Diamonds by Design Inc. for 20 years. He owned Brenner Corporation from 1997 to 2007 and was a former broadcast executive from 1980 to 1997.

Brenner has served on the Jackson County Commission for the past seven years, and he said the county commissioners need to develop an aggressive plan to address the current conditions of county roads.

"Every road needs evaluated," Brenner said. "The dirt roads need to have a crown in the middle, the ditches need to be cleaned so water will flow and tubes need to be cleaned and unclogged," he said. "Rock needs to be put in the road and not on the side, and they need the appropriate grading."

Brenner said the county needs to cut out the washboard rippling in the road and not just cover it up.

"Water running down the middle or any part of the road is unacceptable. We can't just throw up our hands and say 'It's always been this way,'" Brenner said. "Tractors and mowers need to cut the grass and weeds along the easements too. We need to approach this aggressively. Our citizens deserve better. Our paved roads need to be maintained as well and potholes need to be fixed."

Brenner said he thinks the county's current tax rate should be lower.

"Excessive spending needs to stop," he said. "I will be aggressive and try to lower our taxes. The current county commission has wasted too much money. They have spent more than \$600,000 on the old John Deere building north of town and took \$8,000 worth of tax dollars from the county. This didn't need to happen. They could have repaired the current county shop instead of buying or wasting taxpayers' money."

Brenner said he has four specific goals if elected that include reducing property taxes, improving county roads, reducing

wasteful spending and boosting economic development for the county.

"I have more than 25 years of experience in operating multiple businesses successfully," Brenner said. "Also, with my experience in city government, I believe I can be a part of a successful solution to the county's problems. When I was first elected to the Holton City Commission, the city was in deep debt. Seven years later, we are close to paying it off and fixing our city's needs."

Brenner is serving, or has served, on several boards and organizations including the Holton Community Hospital Board, the Holton Community Hospital Foundation Board, Ronald McDonald Charities, Friends of Banner Creek, American Cancer Society, Highland College Alumni Board, First United Methodist Church, Holton Main Street, Better Business Bureau, USD 501 Youth Friends and Youth Friends mentor and Credit Union One of Kansas.

He and his wife, Marcia, have four adult children.

Frankfort defeats Wetmore in 8-man

By Michael Pows

The Wetmore Cardinals football team traveled last Friday to Frankfort for its second 8-Man Division II game in 2020. Frankfort defeated the Cardinals, 50-0.

For Wetmore, Kael McQueen had seven unassisted tackles and two assisted tackles, five receptions for 41 yards and two rushes for three yards. Brayden McQueen had one assisted tackle. Storm Hackler had two unassisted tackles one reception for

four yards and two rushes for 10 yards. Tyler Wommack had two assisted tackles. Eric Bloom had two unassisted tackles, four assisted tackles and for rushes for three yards and Skylar Murrow had two unassisted tackles and three assisted tackles.

The Cardinals had two first downs, 22 rushes for seven yards, 13 passes and six completions for 45-yards, one interception, 31 punting yards, two fumbles and one lost, six penalties for 35-yards and 52 total

yards of total offense.

Frankfort had nine first downs, 20 rushes for 204-yards and averaged 10.2-yards per carry, eight passes and four completions for 77-yards, one fumble and none lost, two penalties for 20-yards and 281 total yards of total offense.

Frankfort scored 30 points in the first quarter and 22 points in the second quarter.

The Cardinals will be back in action on Sept. 25 at home against Pike Valley.

Public Notice

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USD 336 – HOLTON BOARD VACANCY NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2022, of a vacancy in the membership of the Holton Board of Education of Unified School District No. 336, Jackson County, Kansas, and that such vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Holton Board of Education until the next general election not sooner than fifteen (15) days following publication of this notice.

Such vacancy exists by reasons of the resignation of Orin Marshall, who represented school board member voting district #2.

The process the Holton Board of Education of Uni-

fied School District No. 336, Jackson County, Kansas, will utilize:

- 1) Potential Board of Education members must live in Board of Education voting district #2 and submit a letter of intention to join the present Board of Education and submit answers to the following questions below in #2 by noon, on October 9, 2020 in person, by email or by mail to:
Tracie Hanson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
515 Pennsylvania Ave.
Holton, KS 66436
t.hanson@holtonks.net
- 2) Submit answers to the following questions:
a. Why do you want to be a Holton Board of Education member?
b. What is the district doing well?
c. What could the district be doing better and how would you suggest it approach this

or these changes?

- 3) Potential Board of Education members must be present in person or via Zoom to answer any further questions asked at the regularly scheduled Holton Board of Education of Unified School District No. 336, Jackson County, Kansas, meeting held at 6 p.m. (CST) at the Holton High School Library on October 12, 2020.

By order of the Board of Education, Unified School District No. 336, Jackson County, Kansas, August 15, 2020.

The signature of the clerk of the board of education appears as follows:

/s/ Deirdre S. Folk
(Clerk, Holton Board of Education)

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS Proceeding Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the Estate of Jane Proctor, Deceased

Case No. 2020-PR-26

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Charles D.

Proctor, surviving spouse of Jane Proctor, Deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Jackson County, Kansas, to-wit:

An undivided 1/5th interest in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 26, Township 7, Range 13, Jackson County, Kansas,

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death, and title to such be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your

written defenses to the Petition on or before October 7, 2020, at 8:30 A.M., in the City of Holton in Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Charles D. Proctor, Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:
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Law allowing campaign signs on public right-of-way locations 45 days before election should be scrapped

A state law that allows political campaign signs to be placed on public right-of-way locations 45 days before elections is a bad law that should be abolished as soon as possible.

The Kansas Legislature approved the campaign sign exception and it was signed into law in 2015. The justification for this law has never really been explained and the law change itself is not widely known or understood. It adds confusion to a longstanding ban on political signs and other signs in public right-of-way areas.

The law "prohibits any city or county from regulating or prohibiting the placement of, or the number of political signs on, unpaved right-of-way for streets or county roads on private property during the 45 days prior to, and the two days following, any election."

Cities and counties may regulate the size and a set-back distance for the placement of signs so as not to impede sight lines or sight distance for safety reasons, the law states.

The city of Holton prohibits signs from being attached to utility poles, it was reported this morning.

The state legislators championing this poor piece of legislation must have figured this new law might help them get re-elected.

Maybe they theorized that if they couldn't get any residents to allow their signs in their yards, then at least they could put their signs on public right-of-ways.

So starting Sept. 19 this month, political campaign signs are going to pop up about everywhere.

Areas between city sidewalks and street curbs in most towns and cities are public right-of-way land that municipalities have access to so they can perform public utility work, if needed, and can also authorize private utility work, too. Right-of-way locations in rural areas generally are located along roads. Other public right-of-way areas include unmarked backyard alleys.

Land on the other side of the sidewalk in most towns and cities is private property owned and controlled strictly by residents. Residents can control which campaign signs, if any, are going to be placed on their property, but they don't generally have the same full control on the public right-of-way locations, by law.

Political campaign signs do not belong on public land and they don't belong on public right-of-way locations.

The placement of political campaign signs on public right-of-way locations has been illegal at all times for many years, up until now. Citizens knew the law and followed it. Now it is different. Nobody follows these laws anymore. And nobody gets fined for not following them.

It used to be that you could tell who someone was supporting at an upcoming election by the campaign signs they allowed in their yards or elsewhere on their property.

Kansans don't need or want more politics in their lives. We want less.

If a politician can't convince a property owner to put up a campaign sign for them, then how do they expect to get elected? *David Powls*



LETTER

Dear editor,
Have you heard? People of all ages protest against anything at all?

Our older generation protested the Vietnam War while the others protested against the burning of draft cards. Who was right?

We sent our children to Iraq and somewhere in the Middle East, where they were to dress like Muslims though they weren't. Why?

My dad's generation protested Martin Luther King's "I've Got A Dream" only because they did not understand the dream of a man of color! Why, Dad?

Did the world mourn this loss? I did. Somebody lost their daddy and husband... two months later, a lady named Ethel Kennedy and children lost a husband and father and that man had a dream too! Didn't he?

Black lives matter, as does all our lives. "Come on people, love your brother right now." Young Blood, 1964.

**Darla and Pam Hanks
Holton**

Hamilton: Some of best orators in politics

By Lee H. Hamilton

I was talking to a friend not long ago who was pretty down on politics in all its forms. "I actually find real enjoyment in politics," I told him. He asked if I was nuts.

No, I said, there's a lot of pleasure — even joy — to be found in participating. Case in point: getting the chance to listen to gifted speakers.

For many years, I was fortunate to have a seat on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, which gave me a chance to observe some of the best orators in the nation.

For instance, there was Hale Boggs from Louisiana, the outstanding Democratic leader who tragically disappeared on a plane flight in Alaska in 1972. He was, in many ways, like an actor — he spoke with complete confidence, enjoyed commanding a crowd and reveled in the performance; you could listen and relax in the knowledge that you were in the hands of a master.



I also remember Carl Albert, from Oklahoma, who was House Speaker in the 1970s. He never referred to notes; he always appeared to be speaking extemporaneously — though I sometimes thought he must have practiced a great deal. One of his great gifts was that he had an impressive grasp of many different pieces of legislation, and so he could speak knowledgeably and cogently on any of them.

John Lewis, the Georgia congressman and civil rights icon, had a marvelous, booming voice. People couldn't help themselves: when he took the floor, they stopped whatever they were doing to listen.

He had a gift for elevating any particular issue to a higher plane that called on people to remember the best in their nation and in themselves, which may be why, whenever he came into the House well to speak, young staff members would gather in the back of the chamber to listen to him.

Republican John Anderson of Illinois took a different approach. He wasn't so much an orator as a debater, a politician of high intelligence who enjoyed the intellectual challenge of politics. As a result, he was a superb debater with a great

fondness for the verbal give and take as he faced off against an ideological opponent. He mastered every subject he took on and defended his positions with wit and verve.

So did John McCormack from Massachusetts, who was House Speaker during the 1960s. Very quick on the draw, he would turn to his adversary in debate and say something like, "I hold the gentleman in minimum high regard," to the amusement of everyone around. He, too, loved being in the fray; he would readily relinquish the Speaker's chair so he could go down to the floor and throw himself into verbal combat.

Edith Green, from Oregon, had been a schoolteacher and then a lobbyist for the state education association before coming to Congress, and she carried those skills with her to the House. In a sense, she made the House her classroom, and when she had the mic, she was engaging but firm as she battled to advance women's issues and social reform.

Mo Udall of Arizona took a different approach: He always spoke with humor and tried to make his listeners see the lighter side of things. He believed you should have a good time while

you participated in serious subjects; he had a memorable ability to come up with just the right anecdote to illustrate the points he wanted to make. He made you want to listen because it was so enjoyable to do so.

Despite their different approaches, these people — and other great speakers — were articulate, spoke fluidly and clearly and showed great confidence and ease. They obviously enjoyed it. They were people who strove to make themselves understood, without showing the effort involved.

So, while oratory may come in different packages, the chance to watch great communicators at work gives you a better sense of who they are, why they have succeeded, and why our multi-faceted political system is so interesting, engaging and important.

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

MOLLETTE: Some advice and wishing you a great day

By Glenn Mollette

Work hard. You feel better and have more money working than if you are doing nothing. Your job is not forever. Visualize the work you want to do and then move your life toward that kind of work.

This may require training. Working a low-level paying job in the profession or industry of interest to gain knowledge will help. Be flexible, realizing the work you are doing now is preparing you for other opportunities.

Working jobs you don't enjoy will still provide valuable lessons for wherever you want to be later in life. You will also have some money while figuring it out.

Save money. This is never easy or pain free. Saving money means sacrificing today in order to have some money later in life. Life passes by quickly. Millions of Americans cannot come up with \$5,000 for an emergency.

An old rule for saving money is give 10 percent away to your church or favorite charity, save 10 to 20 percent and live on the rest. Those percentages and numbers can be tweaked to fit your life, but the idea of having discipline will help you establish a plan of action.

Don't spend more than you make. If your outgo is more than your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall.

Keep learning. Training is more available than ever before.



Online education is accessible if you have Internet. If you don't, try to find your way to the public library. They have computers.

Community colleges and trade schools are within financial reach of most Americans. Utilize your time efficiently. Do you really have time to piddle two or three years just taking classes? Make your class time financially reasonable and useful.

Online education opportunities have exploded. Taking a class that adds to your skills and life is better than aimless hours of television or social media.

Be healthy today. Health, like a retirement account, is not something you can put off to another day. Have annual blood work done. Keep moving. Live an active lifestyle. Sitting in a house all day is not good for anyone. Find safe places to walk and move. Eat your vegetables and fruit every day and cut way back on your fried foods and red meat.

Don't give up. As long as you have life, you have hope. You may have gone through job loss, divorce, life devastation, disease and more. Here is a word for you today. I believe in the power of a good word applied to a person's life.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11.)

Will this work for you? Prosperity, hope and a future? Take hold of these words and have a great day.

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American author and columnist. Learn more about him online at www.glenmollette.com

ISERN: Origin of old folk song told

By Tom Isern

Oh the farmer comes to town with his wagon broken down

But the farmer is the man who feeds them all

If you'll only look and see, then I think you will agree

That the farmer is the man who feeds them all

Well, yes, we do have to agree that the farmer is the man who feeds them all. Because given what we have learned about the capacity of indigent peoples to manage landscapes for food production, there is no clear line between farming and hunting and gathering.

So, the farmer feeds them all, but who would sing a song like the one I just quoted the first stanza of?

This is an old folk song that still has some currency. I know it appears annually in the summer camp songbook of the Farmers Union of North Dakota because I have students at North Dakota State University who learned the song at camp.

On the other hand, people like me who took some ag econ



in college are a little sheepish about "The Farmer Is The Man." We were taught that this sentiment is called "farm fundamentalism."

That it represents an old-fashioned attitude which gets in the way of efficiency and enterprise. Farmers should forget about being "the man" and just be regular business people.

I have sung "The Farmer Is The Man" over the years without knowing its certain origins. I have said this is an old traditional song popular in the days of the Farmers Alliance and the People's Party of the 1890s. It had a resurgence in currency during the agricultural discontent of the 1930s. Other than that, origins and history of the song were fuzzy.

No longer. Having done some deep searching, I can say without doubt that the song, "The Farmer Is The Man," was presented to the public precisely on Jan. 14, 1874. Its author was a man named Knowles Shaw.

Knowles Shaw, born in Ohio, was an old-time evangelist who preached across the Midwest until eventually making his way to Kansas. He is best remembered as a hymn writer, the composer of the gospel standard, "Bringing In The Sheaves," and in his time was known as "the singing evangelist."

On arriving in Kansas he found an eruption of farm fundamentalism in progress. Farmers, discontented with prices, credit and transportation, were organizing in local associations called "granges." The granges affiliated to form the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, its members known as "Grangers."

Shaw must have liked the evangelical fervor of the organized farmers because under his name, in the Osage Mission Journal of Jan. 14, 1874, appeared a poem titled, "The Farmer Is The Man That Feeds Us All." Given Shaw's propensity for singing, I am certain he sang this poem.

As did, soon after, multitudes of Grangers attending grange

rallies, and other newspapers reprinted the song for their convenience. The Granger movement faded, but during the 1890s, the Populists spread the song from Georgia to North Dakota and all places agricultural.

Shaw's song differs a bit from the version we know today. The first two lines have more feet in them, but Shaw's is unmistakably the original version of the popular folksong, informing us across the centuries.

We may say what e'er we can
Yet, the farmer is the man

Yes, the farmer is the man that feeds us all

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

LETTER

had often represented police officers and who wanted to show appreciation for them.

Royal Valley Elementary School students in Hoyt have been writing "thank you" notes and coloring pictures since the beginning of this new school year. Justin Moore, the elementary school principal, is planning to have a short presentation outside at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18 by the flagpole at 101 W. First Street in Hoyt to present these tokens of appreciation.

A representation from the following Jackson County law enforcement agencies will be in attendance: Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police, City of Hoyt Police and Jackson County school safety officer.

I am a wife of a law enforcement officer, involved with law enforcement since 1977, and I know what these men and women go through on a daily basis and how times have changed over the years. This is absolutely a time when we need to be showing our appreciation for the men and women in blue.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

**Danni Stallbaumer
Hoyt**

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*Even when it upsets and
overwhelms us, truth above all.*



Wildcats to host the Kaws

■ Both teams off to 2-0 starts

■ Holton hangs 55 on Chapman

By David Powls

It will be a battle of two 2-0 teams Friday when Perry-Lecompton comes to town to play the Holton Wildcats.

The Kaws beat Hiawatha last Friday 47-7 and a week earlier beat Jefferson West 54-6.

The Wildcats rolled to a 55-13 win at Chapman last Friday and a week earlier won at Seneca over Nemaha Central 15-13.

The Wildcats and Kaws are both coming off successful seasons from a year ago when Holton won the first contest against Perry-Lecompton 14-7 but lost to the Kaws in November's Class 3A state regional playoff round 35-21.

The Kaws went on to reach the 3A state championship football game but lost that game to Andale.

Holton's game at Chapman last Friday were pretty much a blowout from the beginning, which was a little unsuspected since Chapman won at Sabetha the week before.

A 31-yard pass reception from junior quarterback Kale Purcell to senior Canon Karn set up Holton's first score of the game on the team's first offensive drive.

The Wildcats scored two minutes into the game on a three-yard TD run by Karn. The PAT by junior Matthew Lierz was wide to the left, leaving the score at 6-0.

Chapman could not move the football on its first possession and punted on fourth down, which turned out to be indicative of most of the rest of the game against Holton's first team defense.

Karn gained six yards on first down for Holton and senior Addison Hundley gained two on second down. On third down, Karn broke loose off the left tackle and ran untouched for a 76-yard TD with about 7:20 left in the first quarter. The PAT by Lierz was wide right and the score was 12-0.

The Irish had better success moving the football on their second drive. Senior QB Trevor Erickson completed a 17-yard pass to junior Eli Riegel for a first down. Then Erickson passed to senior Jon Jenkins for a 10-yard gain and another first down.

With 4:00 left in the first quarter, senior running back Lawrence Smith took a pitch and scrambled 25 yards to the Holton eight-yard line and another first down.

Following a quarterback sneak play that netted just one yard, Erickson tried to complete a pass on the next play but was intercepted by Holton junior Jake Zeller.

Zeller returned the ball 94 yards down the left sideline before being tackled at the Chapman five-yard line. From there, senior fullback Konnor Tannahill scored on a one-yard run and Lierz booted the PAT to make the score 19-0 with a minute still left in the first quarter.

Chapman was also stunned on its next offensive series when Holton's Karn intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for another Wildcat touchdown. The PAT by Lierz was good and Holton took a 26-0 lead with 45 seconds still left in the first quarter.

Holton's scoring parade continued on the team's next offensive possession when Hundley ran the ball in for a nine-yard TD. Again, the PAT by Lierz was good and Holton led 33-0 with 10:47 left in the second quarter.

After that, the two teams traded punts, but back in possession of the ball after that, the Wildcats scored with 6:57 left in the quarter on an 11-yard quarterback keeper around the right end by Purcell. The PAT was good by Lierz, making the score 40-0.

A little later in the second quarter, Holton started sending in second-team offensive and defensive players who seemed to hold their own against the Chapman first strings.

With 3:43 left in the second quarter, junior Slater Skaggs broke loose for a 30-yard TD run. The PAT by Lierz was good, making the score 47-0. Lierz played quarterback on the drive.

With 22 seconds left in the second quarter, Chapman got on the scoreboard on an 11-yard TD pass from Erickson to Jenkins. The PAT by Jenkins was no good, making the score 47-6 at halftime.

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JH Cobras beat visiting ACCHS here in Monday tilt

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights High School's varsity football team started the week and the season with a 41-6 home win over visiting Atchison County Community High School, giving Cobra Head Coach Caleb Wick and his team a boost of confidence going into homecoming activities later this week.

"I thought it was a good starting point for us with everything that has gone on so far this year," Coach Wick said. "We have a lot of work to do, but I am happy with the starting point."

That starting point was led by Cobra quarterback Jason Bosley, who scored five touchdowns on the night, four of which came on the ground as part of a 167-yard rushing total for the JHHS junior.

Monday was the first day that Jackson Heights was eligible to play varsity football following a 14-day team COVID-19 (coronavirus) quarantine that caused the Cobras' first two scheduled games for the 2020 season to be put on hold.

The Tigers saw a similar situation happen in recent days, but with the team they were scheduled to play last Friday — Pleasant Ridge, which got put into its own two-week quarantine. The Cobras were eligible to play starting on Monday, and Atchison County was happy to oblige.

"I want to thank (ACCHS) for giving us an opportunity to play a football game," Coach Wick said of the Tigers, who claimed a big 42-0 victory over Horton a week earlier to start the season.

The Cobras struck first in Monday's game when Bosley ran a quarterback sneak for 25 yards into the end zone, with a follow-up PAT kick from junior Ryan Schumann bringing the score

to 7-0. The Tigers' next drive was stopped on a Cobra interception by junior Grant Amon, and Jackson Heights upped the score to 13-0 on a two-yard TD run from Bosley, followed by a failed conversion attempt.

The second quarter saw a Tiger drive interrupted by sophomore Julian Butto's "pick-six," an interception returned 66 yards for a touchdown, followed by a 15-yard TD pass from Bosley to Amon on the next Cobra possession with a PAT kick, bringing the Cobras' halftime score to 26-0.

"Jason played a good first game of the season," Wick said of Bosley. "He was able to get to the open field and use his speed. I also thought he threw some good balls to receivers."

Bosley scored another pair of touchdowns in the third quarter, one from four yards out with a successful two-point conversion from sophomore Alex Browning and one from 37 yards out with a PAT kick from Schumann, while ACCHS got its only score on a six-yard TD run by sophomore Ty Crossland with a failed conversion attempt late in the fourth.

Wick said the Cobra ball carriers "ran hard all night long" and the defensive line was good in its first game of the year, but there is still plenty of work for the Cobras to do to be ready for the rest of the season, particularly with the quarantine setting the team back by two weeks.

"We aren't going to get ahead of ourselves after one performance," he said. "We need to keep focusing on getting better in each practice and see where the season takes us."

In total, the Cobras posted 344 offensive yards, 295 of which were on the ground, while all but 45 of the Tigers'



In the top photo, Jackson Heights quarterback Jason Bosley (7, center) broke free for a touchdown run early in Monday's football game between the Cobras and the ACCHS Tigers, with several Cobras, including Taylor Wamego (75), Colby Doyle (70) and Dylan Thompson (10) ready to provide protection for Bosley. In the photo above, Atchison County's Ty Crossland (34, center) attempted to move the ball downfield but was stopped by the Cobras' defensive line.

Photos by Brian Sanders

169 offensive yards were on the ground.

The Cobras lost one fumble during the game, but Amon, Butto and senior Dylan Thompson were able to pick off three Tiger passes during the game.

Penalties were low during the game, with the Cobras only penalized 10 yards on two flags while the Tigers were penalized

five yards on a single flag early in the game.

The Cobras (1-0 in the Northeast Kansas League and overall) are now preparing for Friday's homecoming game against visiting Centralia (1-0 in the Twin Valley League and 1-1 overall).

"To get ready for this Friday, we need to buckle down working on fundamentals and

our offensive timing," Wick said. "Centralia is going to be big and physical, and we are going to have to match that physicality."

The Tigers (1-1 in the NEKL and overall) will travel to McLouth (0-2) on Friday.



The photo above was taken at the start of the varsity girls cross country race at the Banner Creek Reservoir course here last Thursday.

Photo by Michael Powls

Wildcats, Cobras, Panthers, Cards, Tigers all run at Holton CC meet

By Michael Powls

The Holton Wildcats cross country team hosted its home meet last Thursday, Sept. 10.

This was the second meet of the season for the Wildcats and it was the first meet for the Royal Valley Panthers, Jackson Heights Cobras, ACCHS Tigers and the Wetmore Cardinals.

Varsity Girls Team Scores

1. Hiawatha 58 points, 2. Perry-Lecompton 89 points, 3. Holton 89 points, 4. Royal Valley 109 points, 5. Cornerstone-Topeka 111 points, 6. McLouth 117 points, 7. Maur Hill/Mount Academy 124 points and 8. Jefferson West 151 points.

Varsity Girls Results

1. Kate Madsen, Hiawatha 22:17.56.
3. Annie Allen, Jackson Heights 23:13.24.

6. Cheyenne Hittle, Royal Valley 24:07.21.

9. Shelby Phillips, Jackson Heights 24:11.96.

10. Hannah Ent, Holton 24:22.85.

17. Piper Robinson, Holton 25:09.62.

21. Grace Selley, Holton 25:43.14.

25. Breana Jewell, Royal Valley 26:04.

26. Katelyn Ingels, Holton 26:24.09.

29. Sydney Stithem, Royal Valley 26:47.09.

30. Grace Utz, Holton 26:56.46.

31. Amanda Smith, Royal Valley 26:57.30.

32. Shanokwe Price, Royal Valley 27:42.31.

39. Rylie Nichols, Wetmore 28:18.96.

42. Kati Woltje, Jackson Heights 28:59.50.

46. Callie Coleman, Royal Valley 29:18.15.

47. Paige Deneault, Jackson Heights 29:36.52.

48. Kaitlyn Claycamp, Wetmore 29:45.75.

51. Catrina Smith, Royal Valley 31:44.59.

Varsity Boys Team Scores

1. McLouth 33 points, 2. Perry-Lecompton 76 points, 3. Hiawatha 77 points, 4. Royal Valley 124 points, 5. ACCHS 133 points, 6. Abilene 156 points, 7. Holton 159 points, 8. Jackson Heights 174 points and 9. Jefferson West 191 points.

Varsity Boys Results

1. Daniel Little, Jackson Heights 17:52.99.
9. Logan Rose, ACCHS 19:28.88.

10. Calvin Ogden, Royal Valley 19:31.34.

12. Rylan Pittaway, Holton 19:33.37.

16. Antonio Hopkins, Royal Valley 19:47.12.

19. Nate Linck, Jackson Heights 19:54.98.

20. Rees Robinson, Holton 19:56.31.

21. Kael McQueen, Wetmore 19:58.62.

22. Haeden Forbes, ACCHS 19:58.97.

32. Eric Bloom, Wetmore 20:49.82.

34. Quinton Nelson, Royal Valley 21:06.31.

35. Ben Rush, ACCHS 21:06.65.

38. Nathan Shupe, Holton 21:23.12.

39. Garrett Hammer, Royal Valley 21:26.27.

40. Isaac Hale, Royal Valley 21:26.62.

42. Caleb Miller, ACCHS 21:36.92.

43. Connoer Simmers, ACCHS 21:41.12.

47. Austin Smith, Wetmore 21:59.40.

50. Jaemon Smith, Royal Valley 22:12.34.

53. Carson Taylor, Holton 22:25.43.

55. Noah Hill, Jackson Heights 22:31.68.

57. Daniel Coleman, Royal Valley 22:37.50.

58. Landon Kennedy, Holton 22:38.77.

60. Lee Wellman, Holton 22:50.84.

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Holton High School's girls golf team — from left, Lilly Kimberlin, Hannah Newell, Coach Connor Bechard (in mask), Olivia McAsey and Katina Bartel — celebrated the team's win at the Holton JV invitational on Monday at Holton Country Club. Submitted photo

HHS girls third at Riley County volleyball tourney

By Ali Holcomb
The Holton High School Lady Wildcats took third place on Saturday in a four-team tournament hosted by Riley County High School.
Holton went 2-2 during the tournament, which was the team's first tournament of the season.
Jefferson County North won the tournament that also included Riley County, St. Marys and Holton.
During the tournament, Holton defeated St. Marys, 19-25, 25-23 and 25-23, and then fell to Riley County, 25-18 and 25-22.
The Wildcats then fell to JCN, 25-13 and 25-19, but rallied to take a third-place finish by defeating St. Marys, 26-24 and 25-20.
Riley County Tournament Scores
Riley County def. JCN: 25-13

and 25-19.
Holton def. St. Marys: 19-25, 25-23 and 25-23.
Riley County def. Holton: 25-18 and 25-22.
JCN def. St. Marys: 25-23 and 25-19.
Riley County def. St. Marys: 23-25, 25-23 and 25-21.
JCN def. Holton: 25-13 and 25-19.
Holton def. St. Marys for a third-place finish: 26-24 and 25-20.
JCN def. Riley County to win the tournament: 25-14 and 25-9.
JV
Holton's JV team competed at the Rossville quad meet on Thursday and then hosted a JV tournament on Friday.
Scores from the JV tourney in Holton include:
Silver Lake 2 def. Holton: 25-23 and 25-16.
Silver Lake 1 def. Holton: 25-

7 and 25-20.
Wamego def. Holton: 25-22, 16-25 and 25-19.
Scores from the Rossville quad include:
Holton def. Rossville: 17-25, 25-22 and 15-12.
Wamego def. Holton: 25-18 and 25-20.
Silver Lake def. Holton: 25-14, 24-26 and 15-11.
Freshmen
Holton's freshmen volleyball team took first place at the Marysville tournament on Saturday.
Scores:
Holton def. Rossville: 25-10 and 25-11.
Holton def. Marysville: 25-5 and 25-7.
Holton def. Sabatha: 25-16 and 25-12.
Holton def. Seaman: 25-17 and 25-16.

JH cross country pleased with first races

By Brian Sanders
Jackson Heights junior Daniel Little crossed the finish line ahead of all others in his first meet of the season last Thursday at the Holton meet with a time of 17:52.99, almost half a minute ahead of second-place Justin Hodge of Hiawatha.
"Daniel is motivated to have another great season. He's worked hard and prepared his body in the off-season. He's maturing as a runner, and that showed in this meet," JHHS Head Cross Country Coach Brad Alley said of Little, who won every cross-country race he ran last year except for the Class 2A state championship at Wamego, where he finished fourth.
Coach Alley said Little was "extremely patient" in the first mile of the race and "didn't get caught in the trap of going out too fast with some of the younger runners." Instead, Little battled with five other runners in the first two miles of the race before pulling ahead.
"He showed his strength and training in the last mile, where he separated from the rest," Alley said. "He's talented, and he wants to do well."
Alley also noted the work of freshman Nate Linck, medaling in his first cross-country race with a 19th-place finish.
"He's dual-sporting this year,"

Alley said of Linck. "With a little more training, he will be seeing some top-10 finishes this year."
On the girls' side, Alley took pride in having two runners finish in the top 10 — junior Annie Allen in third with a time of 23:13.24, and senior Shelby Phillips coming in ninth with a time of 24:11.96.
"I couldn't have been happier for Annie and Shelby," he said. "Both of these girls dealt with injuries last year, and it was good to see them in the top 10. Shelby came into the season a little behind in her conditioning, so I look for her to just keep getting better as we increase our volume."
As for Allen, another state medalist from last year, Alley cited her work in "the long off-season" to improve on last year's successes.
"She put herself in the top three at the beginning and was able to stay there for the race," Alley said of Allen. "If she can remain focused and committed, I think she can have a big year."
Alley said he was pleased with all of his runners' efforts in their first meet of the year — the first chance to compete after a long spring without a track season.
"Talking with a few of the runners after the meet, we realized it was the first competitive race for them in

almost 11 months," he said. "That's crazy to think about. Sometimes it can be difficult to get back into that racing mentality. For that reason, I was awfully proud of our kids."
Up next for the Cobra cross-country runners is a Thursday afternoon run at Onaga, which Alley said provides a challenge for his team with its "long gradual inclines."
"This group has been a really good practice team up to this point. If we continue that I think we will see massive improvement throughout the year," he said. "We will start some light hill work for the first time this season. We won't hit those too hard as we are trying to remain healthy. Our kids will be ready."

Lady Wildcats win JV golf meet here

By Brian Sanders
Holton High School's girls golf team won its first tournament of the year as a four-member team at a Monday junior varsity tournament at Holton Country Club, where two Lady Wildcat golfers placed in the top three.
Holton junior Katina Bartel's score of 48 edged out senior teammate Olivia McAsey and Topeka-Seaman's Jade Thomas by one stroke to take the top score at the tournament, while Thomas edged out McAsey for second-place honors in the nine-hole tournament.
Wildcat Head Coach Connor Bechard said this was the first time in his two years as the team's coach that the 'Cats could participate as a full team — and the result was a first-place, three-person finish, thanks to the efforts of Bartel, McAsey and junior Lilly Kimberlin, who finished with a 61.
"It was an outstanding performance from all our golfers," Coach Bechard said.

Monday's tournament also marked the first time out for Holton junior Hannah Newell, who finished with 68 strokes.
"Hannah just started this year, and this was her first tournament," Bechard said. "So far, she has really enjoyed it and has worked hard to be able to compete in tournaments. I'll be trying to find a few more tournaments for her this season."
Bechard said the team's first-place finish was remarkable because the greens on the course had just been sanded, making playing conditions "difficult," but that did not stop Bartel, McAsey and Kimberlin from making a 25-stroke improvement on their score from last year's home tournament.
"I thought our girls adjusted really well and were able to maintain their short game consistently," he added.
Up next for the Lady Cat golfers is a nine-hole varsity tournament at Paola Country Club, where Bartel and

Kimberlin took first place in a two-person JV scramble to start this season.
"It will be a good opportunity for us, as we have already seen that course this season," Bechard said. "We still need to work on developing consistency around the greens with our chipping and putting. That is what is going to allow us to improve our scores from this point forward."
Scoring
Team scores: 1. Holton 158, 2. Silver Lake 160, 3. Seaman 165, 4. Shawnee Heights 177, 5. Ottawa 180, 6. Tonganoxie 189, 7. Jefferson West 191.
Individual scores: 1. Bartel (Holton) 48, 2. Thomas (Seaman) 49, 3. McAsey (Holton) 49, 4. Day (SL) 52, 5. Adams (Seaman) 52, 6. Fieger (SL) 53, 7. Hefflin (SH) 54, 8. Kruger (SL) 55, 9. Golder (Seaman) 47, 10. Reynolds (Ottawa) 57.
Other Holton scores: Kimberlin 61, Newell 68.

Holton hosts middle school cross country

A middle school cross country meet was held at Banner Creek Reservoir in Holton on Thursday, Sept. 10, and was hosted by Holton. Team scores, top results and local individual results were as follows.

3. Jefferson West 59.
4. Hiawatha 65.
Individual Scores
1. Cameron Boswell, Hiawatha, 12:15.12.
2. Brayden Peek, Holton, 12:20.63.
6. Lucas Batz, Holton, 13:36.56.
8. Owen Clayton, Holton, 13:56.06.
9. Carter Meerpohl, Holton, 14:08.79.
14. Devin Smith, Atchison County, 14:49.54.
17. Eli Murphy, Royal Valley, 15:18.06.
22. Nick Tracy, Royal Valley, 16:26.91.
33. Logan Heineken, Holton, 21:48.85.
39. James Criqui, Royal Valley, 27:38.44.
7th Grade Girls
2 MILE RUN
Team Placings:
1. Jefferson West 15.
Individual Scores
1. Emma Vogal, Oskaloosa, 14:44.99.
10. Brooke Slipke, Jackson Heights, 17:38.31.
13. Rylie Doran, Holton, 19:12.92.
18. Liliana Avendano, Holton, 20:20.21.
19. Sarah Lake, Royal Valley, 22:11.97.
20. Taylor Bienhoff, Royal Valley, 22:39.72.
22. Christian Kucan, Holton,

- 23:25.98.
8th Grade Girls
2 MILE RUN
Team Placings:
1. Hiawatha 15.
Individual Scores
1. Eva Cortes, Holton, 14:15.97.
5. Elayna Smith, Royal Valley, 15:47.85.
6. Rebekah Caplinger, Atchison County, 16:05.35.
7. Leah Wilson, Atchison County, 16:47.12.
15. Dakota Hittle, Royal Valley, 17:47.19.
16. Stormy Lake, Royal Valley, 17:47.53.
17. Jenn Buck, Jackson Heights, 17:55.52.
19. Lora Larison, Holton, 18:03.98.
22. Anna Falk, Atchison County, 18:22.94.
23. Rosalyn Cline, Holton, 18:34.89.
29. Avery Handke, Atchison County, 20:48.41.

- 7th Grade Boys**
2 MILE RUN
Team Placings:
1. Hiawatha 24.
2. Royal Valley 31.
Individual Scores
1. Konner Chandler, Hiawatha, 13:20.72.
3. Jacob Warner, Holton, 13:53.84.
4. Boomer Foster, Atchison County, 16:48.52.
5. Darren Bausch, Royal Valley, 16:48.87.
8. John Young, Royal Valley, 17:47.81.
10. Phillip Apel, Holton, 19:07.33.
11. Adam Kahle, Royal Valley, 19:39.43.
13. Jeven Smith, Royal Valley, 20:18.59.
15. Monte Mitchell, Holton, 22:42.43.
18. Alex Murphy, Royal Valley, 30:00.24.
19. Garrett Jewell, Royal Valley, 30:15.50.
8th Grade Boys
2 MILE RUN
Team Placings:
1. Holton 41.
2. Perry-Lecompton 55.

Cross Country results given

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62. Tyler Wommack, Wetmore 23:04.49.
64. Wyatt Rollins, Jackson Heights 23:18.90.
72. Alex Edwards, Jackson Heights 37:02.12.
Junior Varsity Girls Results
1. Gracie Gallagher, Holton 26:39.84.
7. Averi Shupe, Holton 31:54.43.
8. Angelica Pol, Holton 32:03.28.
10. Hayley Harman, Royal Valley 33:45.90.
11. Elizabeth Goombi, Holton 33:51.18.
Junior Varsity Boys Team Scores
1. Royal Valley 51 points, 2. Abilene 52 points, 3. Perry-

- Lecompton 61 points, 4. Holton 67 points and 5. Hiawatha 98 points.
Junior Varsity Boys Results
1. Triston Cotteo, Abilene 20:48.85.
2. Walker Coulter, Royal Valley 21:19.87.
3. Carson Blackwood, Royal Valley 21:23.43.
5. Dalton Ashcraft, Holton 22:25.09.
6. Kyle Riley, Royal Valley 22:25.52.
9. Jeffrey Warner, Holton 22:59.49.
11. Logan Jewell, Royal Valley 23:02.82.
16. Dagan Ruckman, Holton 23:25.18.
18. Trevor Bowser, Holton

- 23:38.71.
22. Rolando Lopez, Holton 24:01.71.
23. Kurt Shumaker, Wetmore 24:20.68.
24. Weston Schultejeans, Wetmore 24:22.37.
27. Brayden McQueen, Wetmore 24:28.90.
31. Nolan Tomlinson, Holton 25:04.75.
34. James Schuetz, ACCHS 25:28.59.
35. Fred Apel, Holton 26:26.33.
40. Jack Wiedmann, Royal Valley 27:18.72.
43. Gideon Burnworth, Royal Valley 27:58.90.

Holton football to host Kaws

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The Irish scored their second TD of the game with 1:37 left in the third quarter on a 15-yard run by junior Trevor Mead. The PAT by Jenkins was good, and the score moved to 47-13, which it where it stood after three quarters of play.
Holton's Skaggs scored his second touchdown of the game with 3:39 left to play on a 13-yard run. Zeller, now in at quarterback, passed to sophomore Charlie Gilliland for the two-point conversion, bringing the score to 55-13.
Holton had 11 first downs in the game to 10 for Chapman. Holton rushed the football 49 times for 351 yards while Chapman rushed 40 times for 253 yards. In total offense, Holton had 383 yards to 276 for Chapman.
In penalties, Holton had just two for 25 yards and Chapman had just three for 30 yards.
Ten Wildcats rushed the football in the game. Karn had 101 yards on five carries, Skaggs 63 yards on eight carries, Tannahill 56 on seven carries, Fletcher 49 on six carries, Hundley 27 on five, Purcell 22 on two, sophomore Caleb Hernandez 16 on four, Lierz 14 on four, sophomore Griffin Davies nine on five and junior Cayden Jackson one on three.
Defensive point leaders in the game for Holton (tackles, tackle assists, etc.) included

Skaggs, Lierz, Karn, Zeller and Tannahill.
"I thought we had made some progress. It was a good experience to play someone new on the road," Holton head coach Brooks Barta said Monday morning after the game. "I thought our front seven really played well. Our secondary struggled with adjustments and reading their keys. We need to trust our keys and keep our eyes in the right places. We need more experience and work in our secondary. Perry is a very complete team. Defensively, we are going to have to work hard on playing in space. Being in good position gives us a chance to break on balls and leverage open field tackles."
"Offensively, we need to improve our execution and fakes," coach Barta said. "Perry will be very physical up front on offense and defense. They are a very experienced football team. Our inexperience presents us with our own challenges. We think it will be a fun game."
Chapman limited fan attendance at last Friday's game to four tickets per player on both teams and also recommended that fans wear facemasks and practice social distancing.
Holton will not be limiting fan attendance at this Friday's game but recommends that facemasks be worn and that as much social distancing takes place as possible.

UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17: HHS Cross Country — 4 p.m. @ Hiawatha; JHHS Cross Country — 4 p.m. @ Onaga; RVHS Cross Country — 4 p.m. @ Hiawatha

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18: HHS V Football vs. Perry (Senior Night) — 7 p.m. @ Holton; JHHS Football vs. Centralia (Homecoming) — 7 p.m. @ Jackson Heights; RVHS V Football vs. Christ Prep Academy — 7 p.m. @ Royal Valley

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19: HHS V Volleyball Tourn. — 9 a.m. @ Rossville; HHS JV Volleyball Tourn. — 9 a.m. @ Santa Fe Trail; RVHS Volleyball Tourn. — TBA @ Humboldt

MONDAY, SEPT. 21: HHS 9th Football vs. Manhattan — 4:30 p.m. @ Manhattan; HHS JV Football vs. Sabatha — 4:30 p.m. at Sabatha; JHHS JV Volleyball Quad — 5 p.m. @ McLouth; RVHS JV Football vs. Christ Prep Academy — 4:30 p.m. @ Royal Valley

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22: HHS V/JV 9th Volleyball vs. Royal Valley — 5 p.m. @ Holton; JHHS V/JV Volleyball Tri. — 5 p.m. @ Valley Falls; RVHS Volleyball vs. Holton — 5 p.m. @ Holton


WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23: HHS V Girls Golf — 3 p.m. @ Paola Country Club

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24: HHS JV Cross Country — 4 p.m. @ Royal Valley; JHHS V/JV Volleyball Tri. — 5 p.m. @ Mission Valley; JHHS Cross Country — 4 p.m. @ Royal Valley; RVHS Cross Country — 4 p.m. @ Royal Valley


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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jackson Heights junior Daniel Little took first place at the Holton cross country meet on Thursday, Sept. 10, with a time of 17:52.99, which was about 30 seconds ahead of the second place finisher.




Jackson Heights junior Annie Allen took third place at the Holton cross country meet on Thursday, Sept. 10, with a time of 23:13.24.



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Tracking attendance is a challenge, Holton B.O.E. learns

By David Powls
Keeping an accurate daily attendance record for students in the Holton school district this fall is an all-day task due to COVID-19 concerns, the Holton school board learned here Monday evening.

extra work.
“Custodians are working really hard,” Mike Porter, maintenance director, reported to the board.

office, as outlined in the public notice.
Those interested will be asked to attend in person or by Zoom the 6 p.m. meeting of the school board set for Oct. 12 at the high school library.

official school enrollment count day is Sept. 21.
Districtwide, enrollment is down about 75 by headcount and by 53 by full time equivalency (FTE) weighting used by the state for state aid purposes, it was reported.

players for any infractions that would disqualify them from operating commercial motor vehicles for the district.
*Approved the purchase of two football locker room exterior doors from Topeka Foundry and Iron Works Co. Inc. - one for \$7,585 and the other for \$7,798.

school and high school teams from Jackson County schools only that would be hosted by HHS. That summer league did not take place but local teams did participate in a multi-county summer volleyball league at the Netawaka Family Fitness Center.

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of Jackson County

will meet on September 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the Jackson County Commissioner’s Chambers for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2021 Expenditures and Amount of 2020 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2021 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Table with columns: FUND, Prior Year Actual for 2019, Current Year Estimate for 2020, Proposed Budget for 2021. Rows include General, Debt Service, Road & Bridge, etc.

Table with columns: Other District Funds, Prior Year Actual 2019, Current Yr Estimate 2020, Proposed Budget Year 2021. Rows include Adrian Cemetery, Brick Cemetery, Buck's Grove Cemetery, etc.

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

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Zwonitzer..

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appreciate the opportunity to continue to do so.”

Zwonitzer has lived in Jackson County for 28 years. She graduated from Wetmore High School, and she also has a Kansas Association of Counties Excellence in Leadership accreditation.

She owned Lee’s Flower and Gift Shop for 13 years and Zwonitzer Propane for 12 years.

She served as a Holton City Commissioner for 18 years, including nine years as mayor.

Zwonitzer said two new rock quarries in Jackson County are a positive step towards improving county road.

“The addition of the rock quarries will immensely improve efficiency, productivity and be a positive for the budget,” she said.

Zwonitzer said that road and bridge department employees have been working to improve the crowning on roads, digging and cleaning ditches and addressing drainage issues across the county.

“We added one employee this year and will add another to the road and bridge department in 2021,” she said.

“These employees will work on road improvement projects and various tasks, as needed, which will help keep more grader operators in their maintainers throughout the year.”

In the past, road grader operators have been pulled from their motor graders to work on special projects, chip-and-seal projects and large maintenance jobs because there is not enough personnel to accomplish the work without pulling them off the road, Zwonitzer said.

“The county needs these road grader operators in their districts, repairing issues as they occur and giving them the opportunity to stay focused on their average 100 miles of roads they have been assigned,” she said.

Zwonitzer said the county’s budget is “lean and conservative.”

“The current tax rate is necessary to both continue the services our citizens need and expect while continuing to fund state and federal mandates,” she said.

“Our tax rate this year is basically adequate to only meet the status quo.”

She said that the county’s tax base is small compared to surrounding counties due to the more than 335 properties located on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation that are in trust and off the county tax roll.

“Most concerning is that there are at least 19 properties on 1,384 acres with a market value of at least \$4,240,810 that have been placed in trust by the federal government that are located outside the reservation boundaries. This trust property outside the reservation will continue to grow and will continue to take property off our tax rolls, putting further burden on our county property taxpayers,” she said.

“These are just facts and this will have long term effects on

future budgets.”
Zwonitzer said the tax lid imposed five years ago by the state Legislature continues to present budgeting problems for all counties.

“As the cost of doing business and purchasing equipment and supplies continue to rise, the tax lid does not allow counties to keep up with those costs,” she said.

Zwonitzer said that if she is re-elected, she would continue to focus on economic development opportunities and programs for the county.

She said she prepared a Jackson County Economic Development Marketing package, the first that had been compiled in nine years, that has been submitted to a state database that matches the county with manufacturing and business opportunities.

Zwonitzer said she also worked to get the Neighborhood Revitalization Program reinstated in the county.

“I have helped apply for a variety of grants, and we were successful in acquiring a grant through the governor’s office which I help administrate,” she said.

Zwonitzer said she’d worked closely with county business owners this past year to pursue grants and funds to help them during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Looking forward, Zwonitzer said the county commissioners need to review and redevelop a comprehensive road improvement plan.

“I will adamantly continue to strive to keep the county debt-free,” she said.

“I will continue to look into making changes in our zoning variances so that there are more opportunities to capture possible economic development throughout the county. I am always looking for ways to improve county services and public relations because I feel there are always ways to improve any business and the business of the county is no different.”

In her eight years as commissioner, Zwonitzer said she has worked through a variety of challenges and changes at the county level.

“I continue to take the budget preparation extremely serious and approach it conservatively,” she said.

She currently serves on the following organizations and boards, Evangel UMC Church (member), LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee), Jackson County CARES Economic Development Relief Committee, NEK Multi-County Health Agency Board, Banner Creek Science Center Board/Executive Vice President, Evangel UMC Jail Ministry, Kansas County Commissioners Association Board/Vice President, Chief Elected Officials Board of Kansas Workforce Development Local Area II, Jackson County Incident Command Team/COVID-19 staff member, Victim of Violent Crime Advocate volunteer, Jackson County Emergency Disaster Response Team and Dogwood Park Committee.



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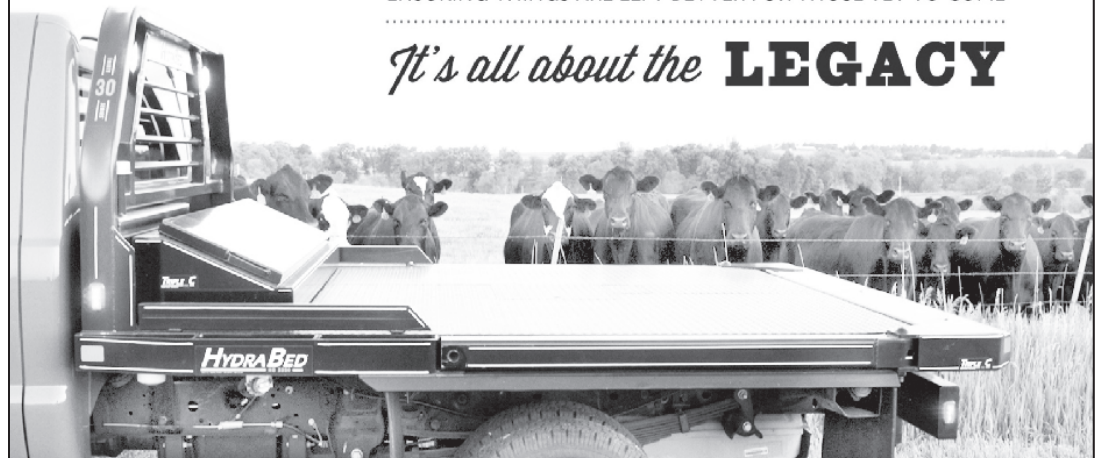
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*Read and comply with the manual. Always thoroughly read the manual for each piece of equipment. Your new tractor may function differently than your old one, for example. Then, comply with the instructions and rules.

*Follow and keep up with federal and state laws. These laws are in place to protect both you and the citizens around you, and it's best to make sure you're keeping up with changes to avoid fines. For instance, Wisconsin recently changed its lighting and marking requirements for all Implements of Husbandry (IoH) to further protect both operators and drivers on public roads.

*Always keep your slow-moving-vehicle (SMV) clean, visible and properly mounted. This is an important law. Following it can prevent rear-end collisions while transporting and potentially save a life. Road safety is so important.

*Dress appropriately. An untied shoelace, flowing long hair and stray threads from an old shirt have, in the past, led to horrendous injuries when operating farm equipment. Dressing appropriately can mean reducing risk of such injuries.

*Ensure you're well rested. Feeling fatigued when operating machinery can be dangerous. Make sure you're taking breaks from work when you need rest.

*Avoid alcohol. Even one drink can affect your ability to operate machinery. Keep alcohol out of the picture until you're done for the day.

*Maintain awareness. Stay focused. Be aware of what you are doing and where you are going.

*Adjust equipment accordingly. This means keeping all guards, shields and access doors in place when oper-

ating equipment, and making necessary alterations to equipment to fit operational conditions.

*Keep children and animals away from working areas. Farms offer a world of adventure for curious kids. To avoid any disastrous accidents, keep your child's play area separate from your work area. Know where your children are even when you are mowing the lawn. Don't let a split-second accident impact your child forever.

*Buy a rollover protective structure (ROPS) for older tractors. If an approved ROPS is not available, avoid using that tractor or consider trading or selling it through a local dealer.

*Replace all missing power take-off and rotating equipment shields. Shut off power equipment before leaving the operator's station.

*Check that lights, flashers and reflectors on machines work properly. Always use them when traveling on roadways.

*Replace "slow moving vehicle" emblems that aren't clean and bright.

*Inspect and repair farm machinery before the busy season. A well-maintained machine will operate more efficiently and reduce the chance of an injury.

*Use proper equipment and procedures when hitching and unhitching implements.

*Never enter a manure pit, grain bin or silo without following confined space entry procedures. The gases and materials in these structures kill farmers every year.

*Ensure that all workers receive specific instructions on their tasks and the machines they are operating. Be sure they read and understand all operational procedures in the owner's manual.

*Take time to learn basic first aid, CPR and emergency response.

*Do not assign jobs to children unless they are physically, mentally and legally ready to perform the job safely, follow directions and can respond to unexpected situations. This may mean waiting until kids are at least 16 years of age.



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Community Calendar

Note: All calendar events are subject to change/cancellation. Contact *The Holton Recorder* at 364-3141 or holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net for more information about placing an event on this calendar.

Thursday, Sept. 17
 *8 a.m. Holton Municipal Court at Holton City Hall.
 *RVES Book Fair.
 *4 p.m. HMS and RVMS cross country at Hiawatha Country Club.
 *4 p.m. WHS cross country at Onaga.
 *4:30 p.m. JHMS volleyball vs. McLouth.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS volleyball vs. Nemaha Central.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS 8th grade football vs. Nemaha Central.
 *4:30 p.m. RVMS football at Riverside High School (Wathena).
 *4:30 p.m. RVMS volleyball at Riverside (Elwood).
 *6 p.m. HMS 7th grade football vs. Riley County.
 *6:30 p.m. JHMS football vs. McLouth.
 *WMS football vs. Hiawatha at Sabetha.
 *WMS volleyball vs. SPPS and Onaga at SPPS.
 *7 p.m. Open AA group meeting, held at EUM Church room 105, Holton.
 *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, Sept. 18
 *RVES Book Fair.
 *Wetmore StuCo meeting during seminar.

Saturday, Sept. 19
 *The Jackson County Farmers' Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on the east side of the Courthouse in Holton.
 *9 a.m. JHMS A/B volleyball tournament at Perry-Lecompton.
 *9 a.m. HMS 7th grade volleyball tournament at Holton.
 *9 a.m. RVMS A team volleyball tournament at Perry-Lecompton.

Sunday, Sept. 20
 *4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Jackson County area community hot dog feed and food drive, held at Mayetta City Park. Please bring a can of food to help stock the Jackson County Food Pantry. Please social distance as appropriate and wear a face mask to get your food (hot dogs, bag of chips and a water). All condiments will be in individual packets and disinfectant spray will be available to wipe down picnic tables between patrons.

Monday, Sept. 21
 *The Jackson County

Commission meets at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public (enter on the south side of the Courthouse; temperatures will be checked). Contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.
 *7 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall.
 *The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on every third Monday of the month.
 *No Washburn Tech classes for Royal Valley students.
 *4:30 p.m. JHMS volleyball triangular at JCN.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS volleyball vs. Sabetha.
 *4:30 p.m. RVMS 7th grade volleyball vs. Nemaha Central at RVES.
 *4:30 p.m. RVMS 8th grade volleyball vs. Nemaha Central at RVMS.

Tuesday, Sept. 22
 *5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. RVES 1st grade Family Fun Night (virtual).
 *WHS volleyball vs. Frankfort and Linn at Blue Valley.
Wednesday, Sept. 23
 *The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 *7:30 a.m. Royal Valley FCA See You At The Pole at RVHS.
 *9 a.m. Jackson Heights FFA Land Judging at Jackson Heights.
 *FFA District Fall CDE Day - Nursery and Land Judging at Holton.
 *1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. WHS blood drive.
 *8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wetmore DLT meeting.
Thursday, Sept. 24
 *JHMS football bye week.
 *4 p.m. JHMS, HMS and RVMS cross country at Royal Valley (Hoyt City Park).
 *4 p.m. WHS cross country at Nemaha Central.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS and RVMS volleyball at Royal Valley.
 *4:30 p.m. HMS and RVMS football at Royal Valley.
 *WMS football at Perry, time TBA.
 *Wetmore advisory during seminar.

KSHL members preparing for 38th annual session

The Kansas Silver-Haired Legislature (KSHL) is busy preparing for the 38th annual session. Normally, the annual session is a three-day event held at the State Capitol in Topeka; however, because of COVID-19 concerns, this year the session has been condensed to one day, Wednesday, Oct. 7.

The meeting will be held at the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging in Topeka for those who choose to attend in person and via Zoom for those who prefer to attend virtually.

The executive board met via Zoom this past July and decided upon three issues which will be presented and debated by the committee of the whole. The issues which are favorably voted on in both the morning and afternoon sessions will then be presented to the Kansas Legislature at their 2021 legislative session, which begins in January 2021.

The issues are:
 1. Expansion of Medicaid in Kansas.

2. Full funding of the Senior Care Act (which provides limited funding for seniors who qualify, allowing them to receive services in their homes instead of moving to nursing homes). The bill was passed by the 2020 Kansas Legislature, but was subsequently removed due to the state's financial situation caused by COVID-19.

3. Continued support for the Kansas Department Of Transportation community based public transportation program and its proposed expansion throughout Kansas.

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Democrats meet

Jackson County Democrats met via Zoom on Sunday, Aug. 16 for reorganization and election of officers with 20 people attending. Officers elected were Janet Bair-Carpenter, chair; Kirk Miller, vice chair; Jane Coverdale, secretary; and Anna Wilhelm, treasurer.

Others attending were Zev Allen, Soldier; Evelyn Allen and Add Coverdale, Circleville; Virgil Wilhelm, Michael Carpenter, Mark and Vickie Pruett, Jessica Karns, Katie Morris and Rhett Murphy, Holton; Suzette McCord-Rogers and Lee Rogers, Hoyt; Jonathan Wimer, Mayetta; Stacey Wyant and Dyana Morgan, rural Whiting; and Tammie Kerwin, Delia.

Bair-Carpenter noted that Holton High School graduate Taygen Altenburg was awarded the 2020 scholarship. Altenburg is attending Wichita State University.

Precinct people are informing voters about voting deadlines and rules. They are reminding voters that the Democratic party is a "big tent" - all are welcome.

Miller, as Kansas Senate District 1 candidate, spoke with the group about his priorities: Medicaid expansion in Kansas, keeping rural hospitals open, supporting education and protecting Mother Earth.

Join future Jackson County Democratic Central Committee meetings by emailing jacodemocrats@gmail.com or call Bair-Carpenter at 364-7482.

voice in KSHL. At present, there are more than 650,000 seniors in Kansas with more being added daily.

The purpose of KSHL is to inform Kansas legislators of senior concerns and priorities and to work with the Legislature in understanding their importance to seniors.

To learn more about Kansas SHL, visit Kansas-SHL.org or contact Anna Wilhelm, Jackson County representative, PSA 9, at 785-364-4991.

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Jackson Heights...

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the option of not having to wear masks, and yet, "they're doing it anyway."

Walsh also noted that while students in earlier class levels, such as pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, are not required to wear masks except during music classes, some of those students choose to wear the masks anyway, relating an instance where she was taking her young children to school.

"I told them, 'You know, you don't have to wear the mask right now.' And they said, 'Oh, I like it, Mom,'" she said.

Board member Melinda Wareham — who had previously stated an opposition to wearing masks during the pandemic — said that students' response to the policy "shows to me how adaptable we are." Walsh agreed, but suggested a different reason why students express no opposition to wearing masks.

"I feel like the prevailing feeling right now among the kids is, 'We're just happy to be here. What do we have to do to make that happen?'" she said.

Walsh also shared with board members a list of procedures that Jackson Heights and other Northeast Kansas League schools are asking visitors at their schools to follow during the pandemic. She noted that some schools had initially set policies on gym capacity and ticket availability — "three districts felt pretty strongly about issuing so many tickets per athlete," she said — but added that in some cases, those policies had "gone a little bit by the wayside."

At Jackson Heights, fans at outdoor sports events, such as the high school football game between Jackson Heights and Atchison County being held that evening, are "encouraged" to wear face masks at the games. Walsh

noted that visitors to the games can bring lawn chairs to watch from the sidelines or watch from their cars, but no policy was instituted that limited attendance at the games.

"I didn't think we needed to do that," she said.

At indoor events, such as volleyball games, visitors are required to wear masks and "observe appropriate social distancing" while in the building, and families are asked to sit together in the gym's bleachers. Temperature checks were considered but not used at Jackson Heights, Walsh said, adding that "even in the best of times," the JHHS gym was never "packed" for volleyball events.

In other business on Monday, the board:

■ Approved the meeting's agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board's Aug. 10 meeting and

monthly bills and activity account reports.

■ Met with Shawn Carlson of Central Mechanical Construction on speakerphone to discuss a sampling of 25 heat pumps in the district's geothermal heating and cooling system. Carlson said that methanol had been detected in the system but was removed, and some improvements were also made to the system. A recommendation for gym heating and cooling will be prepared for the board's next meeting on Monday, Oct. 12.

■ Approved an updated capital outlay resolution setting the district's maximum budget authority for capital outlay at 8 mills in the school's annual budget. The board had previously agreed to renew the resolution every five years — the last such resolution was approved in 2015 — but voted to make the resolution a "continuous

and permanent" document that does not require renewal without board action, as Walsh said most school districts throughout Kansas have done.

■ Heard a report from Walsh on district enrollment numbers as of Sept. 10, which were down from last year but "looking better than they did in August." The estimated count for 2020-21 was 360 (201 at the elementary level and 159 in middle and high school), compared with 385 in 2019-20 (217 at the elementary level and 168 in middle and high school).

Estimated elementary counts for the 2020-21 school year were 35 in pre-kindergarten, 20 in kindergarten, 19 in first grade, 21 in second grade, 25 in third grade, 16 in fourth grade, 26 in fifth grade, 20 in sixth grade and 19 in virtual school programs. At the high school, estimated counts were 32 in seventh grade, 29 in eighth

grade, 16 freshmen, 21 sophomores, 27 juniors, 18 seniors and 16 in virtual school programs.

Walsh also reported that the district's virtual school program is also drawing students from outside the district, adding that at least one student from the Wichita area had signed up for Heights' program because "some virtual schools are full and not accepting kids, so they have to find a program that will accept them."

■ Received a report from Walsh on average daily meal counts in August and September.

■ Met in executive session with Walsh present for a total of one hour and 25 minutes to discuss teacher salary contract negotiations and personnel matters. Following the session, the board voted to offer a custodial contract to Annetta Browning and a part-time contract to Ronnie Smith for custodial help in food service.

Mail-in ballots...

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ter to vote in the general election, and advance ballots will start to be mailed to voters who have requested them on the next day, Oct. 14, it was reported.

Completed voter ballots can be returned by mail or by hand to a polling location on Election Day.

The Kansas secretary of state's office has offered to provide two official ballot dropboxes for each county in the state for the general election.

One will be located outside on the west side of the Jackson County Courthouse and the other will be located in front of Hoyt City Hall. The dropboxes will be monitored with security cameras and the ballots will be picked up daily, it was reported.

Advance voting will also be available at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, located on the second floor of the Courthouse, every weekday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 14 through noon on Nov. 2.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters are encouraged to wear a mask at the polls, but they are not required. Voters are also reminded to bring some form of photo identification with them to the polls that day in order to vote.

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In the photo above, Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick (left) explains some of the line items in the 2021 proposed budget to Jackson County Commissioner Ed Kathrens (right) during a special county commission meeting last Thursday.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Mayetta Christian Church

By Joyce Cochren

Bob Morse gave the call to worship and announcements as the worship hour at Mayetta Christian Church opened on Sunday, Sept. 13. The congregational reading was I Corinthians 1:18 and John 8:36.

and "Open My Eyes That I May See" were the songs of worship. "Battling The Enemy" was the morning message as the congregation continued looking at the full armor of God from Ephesians 6:10-18.

the word memorized and hidden in our hearts, it will protect us from fear and give us victory in this battle we fight every day.

Netawaka United Methodist Church

By Mary E. Edwards

Sept. 14 was a beautiful, sunny Sunday with not much traffic from Holton to Netawaka. It was a pretty drive, and the low-growing sunflowers are pretty along the neatly mowed roadsides.

justice by Pastor Kathy Williams of Holton First United Methodist Church. We pray for all those affected by the wildfires in western states, as well as the firefighters and others who are doing the hard work to get the fires under control.

seem fair, but that is what Jesus did and what He wants us to do. Jesus once said, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them."

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF: K.B. aka K.C. Year of Birth: 2017 A male

the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

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

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Alex Belveal, 111 West 4th, Holton, Kansas 66436 Telephone 785-364-0158. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney.

NOTICE OF HEARING - Publication Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Unknown Father of Keldyn Browning aka Keldyn Cruz Unknown Grandparents and Relatives of Keldyn Browning aka Keldyn Cruz and all other persons who are or may be concerned

A hearing on the State's Motion to Terminate the Parental Rights of the Unknown Natural Father is scheduled for the 1st day of October, 2020, at 1:15 p.m. in District Courtroom at the Jackson County Courthouse, 400 New York, Holton, Kansas 66436.

Date and time of hearing: October 1, 2020, at 1:15 p.m. Place of hearing: Jackson County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, 400 New York Ave., Holton, Jackson County, Kansas 66436

/s/ Mandy Dishong Clerk/Judge of the District Court

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School Menus

Jackson Heights Monday, Sept. 21: Breakfast - Sausage, egg and cheese biscuit, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, french fries, lettuce salad, sliced tomato, fruit and milk.

on a bun or hot dog on a bun, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk. Tuesday, Sept. 22: Breakfast - Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch - Chicken nuggets or corn dogs, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

fast - Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch - Pork rib on a bun, french fries, corn, fruit and milk. Wednesday, Sept. 23: Breakfast - Muffin with yogurt, fruit and milk; Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, cucumbers, garlic breadstick, fruit and milk.

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Logan Scheidel (left) and Dirk DeKoning of AHRS Construction recently prepared a cabinet for placement in one of the offices at Holton Community Hospital's new rural health clinic...

Hallauer...

Continued from Page 3A Take care of yourself. Avoid replacing sleep with an energy drink or a meal with a candy bar. Take regular breaks to stop, stretch and move around.

Family Life Prepare summer gear for next year

By Nancy Nelson Meadowlark Extension District Agent Family Life Want a great start to next summer? Spend some time now returning warm weather gear to its best possible state before you store it away.

Foods and Nutrition: Rice is nice

By Cindy Williams Meadowlark Extension District Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences What do Toyota and Honda have in common with rice? They are named after the grain.

Beaman's land recognized as Century Farm



Shown from left to right in the photo above are Elizabeth Schneider, James Nelson, Abigail Schneider, the late Donald Nelson and Donna Nelson-Schneider. The photo was taken on a "Century Farm" owned by the Nelson and Schneider families...

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Fenceline Calculated risks

By Jody G. Holthaus Meadowlark Extension District Agent, Livestock and Natural Resources These days we are in a quandary - Do you hold a public meeting or not? When we are trying to distribute some educational information that might help people with their farms, family or landscapes, we don't want to send them home with exposure to COVID-19.



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