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Today's Weather

Thursday

1

Mostly cloudy,
rain likely

High: 70
Low: 49
Precip: 40%

Friday

2

Mostly sunny,
PM rain possible

High: 67
Low: 42
Precip: 20%

Saturday

3

Sunny

High: 71
Low: 47

Sunday

4

Sunny

High: 74
Low: 51

Monday

5

Mostly sunny

High: 76
Low: 55

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“Nashville Nights” was the theme for this year’s Jackson Heights High School prom, and students could be seen enjoying conversations before dinner was served in the decorated gym. After dinner, the tables were cleared out for dancing, with Rees Robinson providing the music.
Photo by Brian Sanders

NEKES reports on environmental activities

By Ali Holcomb

An annual report on environmental services provided to Jackson County residents last year through Northeast Kansas Environmental Services was shared during a recent Jackson County Commission meeting.

NEKES serves Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson and Nemaha counties.

Martha Smith, the director and environmental health specialist for NEKES, met with the commissioners and presented the report.

NEKES issued 53 wastewater permit applications in Jackson County last year compared to 44 in 2023.

“We permit all wastewater system work done in Jackson County,” Smith said. “The property owner goes through the permitting process. Some of those permits are for new builds and some of them are for failing systems that have to be upgraded to standards.”

NEKES also issued 48 final use permits for completed wastewater systems.

As part of the county’s planning and zoning codes, wastewater systems must be evaluated when a property is sold. NEKES completed 34 evaluations last year compared to 39 in 2023.

“We go in for lagoon checks and make sure there’s a fence that’s in good shape and no trees growing up and the vegetation is down,” Smith said. “For septic systems, we have the septic tank pumped out and check to make sure there’s no signs of past or present failure.”

NEKES also completed 13 well screens and seven consul-

tations in the county last year, which are similar numbers to previous years, it was reported.

Smith reported just one “nuisance” last year and worked with the county zoning office to address the issue.

NEKES also provides licensing for wastewater system installers and wastewater haulers.

Smith said that she is requesting a \$10,000 appropriation from the county for the 2026 budget, which is the same budget as the current year and previous years.

Commissioner Mark Pruett asked how Jackson County compares to other counties regarding the number of permits and evaluations.

“You, by far, have the most because of your zoning and building permit process,” Smith said. “You don’t issue building permits without a wastewater permit.”

She said that most of the other counties served by NEKES

don’t have that requirement or zoning regulations.

“A couple of the other counties have what we consider light zoning,” she said.

Smith said that NEKES officials are working toward having all counties use the same standards for their sanitary codes.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from April 14, the commission:

- * Received a weekly report from Scott Kieffaber, public works director.
- Commissioner Keith Kelly reported a stop sign issue at 214th and Q Roads, and Commissioner Pruett reported that he was told a stop sign was down at 254th and P Roads.
- * Met in executive session with County Counselor Todd Luckman and attorney David Cooper for 30 minutes for attorney/client privilege to discuss claims against the county. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Approved resolution 2025-11 to change the zoning designation for a piece of property from A-1 (general agriculture district) to A-2 (commercial agricultural district). The land is owned by Chris Gordon and is located near Delia.
- * Met with Jackson County Appraiser Kate Immenschuh, who discussed several zoning issues.
- Immenschuh also asked if planning board members would be reimbursed if they traveled to visit a commercial solar site. The commissioners said the members’ expenses would be reimbursed.
- * Met in executive session with Luckman and Immenschuh for 20 minutes for attorney/client privilege to discuss confidential matters regarding potential contracts. The meeting was extended 15 minutes and then 20 minutes. No action was taken back in open session.

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Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	27.29	+0.03
Lumen Tech.	3.58	+0.00
Lowe's	223.36	+2.21
Target	96.84	+0.47
Hershey	165.21	+2.15
Walmart	95.99	+0.77
Phillips 66	105.99	+0.21
US Bancorp	40.49	+0.31
Pfizer	23.80	+0.75
Deere & Co.	460.80	+0.60
United Parcel	96.71	-0.38
Apple	211.21	+1.07
Meta Platforms	554.44	+4.70
Goodyear	11.00	-0.07

Source: New York Stock Exchange reports. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$4.44
Corn	\$4.21
Milo	\$3.90
Soybeans	\$9.92

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES

Current	Last Mo.	Last Year	
Kansas Average	\$2.82	+\$0.008	-\$0.362
National Average	\$3.10	-\$0.038	-\$0.526
Holton Average	\$2.80		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Monday, April 28, 2025.

Royal Valley USD 337
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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.)

NOTICE OF FARMING AND GRAZING LEASE SALE TO BE HELD
May 14, 2025
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF
INDIAN AFFAIRS
HORTON AGENCY –
HORTON, KS 66439

farming and grazing leases on tracts of land on the Potawatomi Reservation will be received in the Office of the Superintendent, Horton Agency, until 10 A.M. **May 14, 2025** for the Potawatomi tracts and 2 P.M. **May 14, 2025** for all other tracts.

For a copy of the advertised lease packet, please contact the Branch of Realty, Horton Agency, Horton, KS at 785-486-2161 or email Miriam.Hubbard@bia.gov.

Bids are to be opened for the Potawatomi tracts at 10 A.M. at the Rock Building, 16283 Q Rd, Mayetta, KS and all other tracts at 2 P.M., **May 14, 2025** at the Horton Agency, 908 1st Ave East, Horton, KS.

INVITATION FOR BIDS under sealed and oral auction of the Farming and Grazing Lease Sale on Indian trust property, conducted by the Horton Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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