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Oren Holle, organic farmer south of Bremen, explains the cover crop planted near his home. The mix of seedlings — cowpeas, sunn hemp, mung beans, radishes, oats and others — help renew the field for wheat.

Holle takes national stage to make the case for soil health

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Bremen organic farmer Oren Holle was recently among producers invited to speak at a national roundtable on soil health in Washington, D.C., organized by U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall of Kansas.

The event included U.S. Health and Human Services

Secretary Robert Kennedy Jr., who is drawing mixed reviews for his Make America Healthy Again, or MAHA, effort.

Holle holds out hope that the recent roundtable was a step in the right direction toward soil health as an underlying factor in a healthier nation.

“Promoting healthy soil to produce healthy crops that are naturally resistant to the growing list of yield- and

quality-robbing pests should become a priority,” he said in his comments at the gathering.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins was also a special guest at the event.

While conventional and organic farmers and farm businesses were represented, Holle said, it was “a great opportunity to include the

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Prairie Valley Vet Clinic buys Pony Express clinic

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Prairie Valley Vet Clinic, Blue Rapids, has purchased Pony Express Veterinary Clinic from Drs. Russ and Regina Breshears, who have operated it 28 years. The changeover will be Aug. 19.

Dr. Tony Hawkins, owner of Prairie Valley Vet, said

the Marysville clinic will operate under Prairie Valley Vet’s name.

“It will be two separate locations of the same business,” Hawkins said last Thursday.

Dr. Bryant Karlin, who began work at Prairie Valley Vet Clinic in June, will be the main practitioner at the Marysville location, and Hawkins will be the main

practitioner at the Blue Rapids clinic.

Regina Breshears will work part time with small animals at the Marysville location.

Haley Hobbs, who offers dog grooming at the Blue Rapids clinic, will move to the Marysville clinic and will be there full time.

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Group supports asphalt overlay for safer road

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A delegation of about 15 Axtell area residents told Marshall County commissioners Monday that the best solution for the condition of 30th Road north of the town is an asphalt overlay.

The group was armed with statistics and information about the number of people who live on the road, the number of people who drive on the road, the number of new homes along

the road, the dust that hangs over the playground at the school, the assessed valuation of the area served by that portion of 30th Road and the amount of taxes paid in the area.

The residents urged commissioners to change their minds about a vote last week that would stop an asphalt overlay of 1.6 miles on 30th from the city limits north to Granite Road.

Commissioners voted 2-1 last week to stop the project

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Liquor question set for Nov. 4 ballot

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Marshall County voters will consider a special question in the Nov. 4 general election that would remove a food sales receipt requirement from the sale of alcoholic liquor by the drink.

County commissioners adopted a resolution Monday that provides for the election.

The question will read: “Shall sale of alcoholic liquor by the individual drink in Marshall County be allowed in public places without a requirement that any portion of their gross receipts be from sales of food?”

According to the resolution, Kansas voters approved a constitutional amendment that removed the prohibition against the

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A mid-1800s military spur and other items found in grassland where mounted Army units likely once camped just west of Marysville.

Teacher: The magic of digging up the past

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When history teacher Garrett Seuser set out to explore an area west of Marysville and another place near Hollenberg, his metal detector struck gold...and brass and lead, silver and iron.

On a small parcel of

land west of Marysville, there was a military spur. Digging gently, he found a scattering of pewter trouser buttons, bullets, coins among other small items.

They date to before the Civil War.

“That’s the magic of this, you just never know what’s...going to come up,” Seuser told about 40 people

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