

Holscher: Education

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Birrell said after her talk. “We’ve been blessed to have a Democrat in the governor’s office now for eight years.”

Kansas has flourished under Gov. Laura Kelly’s leadership, he said.

“The Brownback years were horrible and I don’t even want to think what it means for Kansas if Ty Masterson wins. Masterson is tied in with Trump and people are sick of his policies.”

Holscher told a crowd of about 50 people Saturday at the eMpTy Cup Coffee Bar & Bistro that Kansas’ public schools will again face cuts if her Republican opponent, Senate president Ty Masterson, is elected.

Holscher was on the first day of a tour through several counties as she campaigns toward election day Nov. 3.

A state senator from Overland Park, Holscher spoke about the need for property tax relief.

She said the federal government mandates that the state fully fund special education. But that hasn’t happened under an extremist Republican Legislature, she added, so local school districts must fund the state’s obligation and locals are forced to raise property taxes to cover the cost.

The state should adequately fund education, Holscher said, but people will continue to get the opposite under Masterson.

“Masterson has been Senate president for six years and has had a super majority to be able to address these issues, and we haven’t seen (property tax) relief,” Holscher said. “That tells me that he either doesn’t know how or doesn’t want to.”

Masterson, who has not campaigned publicly in Marshall County this year, has repeatedly blasted Holscher as a radical and recently refused to debate her again after a feisty Kansas State Fair debate.

On data centers, Holscher has called for a moratorium on them after initially voting for tax breaks for them, a vote she now says she regrets. Masterson said in the State Fair debate on data centers that “there are places where they don’t make sense and there are places where they do make

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Landoll: Workers’ bonus has ripple effect

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spent at regional businesses. The 15.52 is the percent of annual wage paid this fall and equals 8.07 weeks of pay, the company announced.

“This is a great opportunity for businesses in Marysville and surrounding communities to take advantage of the millions paid out,” a company statement said.

The manufacturer had a good year again, said president and founder Don Landoll. The bonus reflects that and helps to keep workers here, he said, producing high-quality agricultural tillage, industrial forklifts, trailers and government-contracted equipment.

Trailer sales have been exceptionally strong in recent years, making up about half

of all sales this past year and helping to make up for a slowing farm economy.

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Landoll’s incentive bonus went to 737 workers who met requirements for it, largely based on attendance.

The program was launched in 1996, when the company gathered its workers in Marysville High School auditorium for a bonus amount announcement. The first payout was in 1997.

Now the company

holds an annual announcement event on a large lot behind its headquarters at 1900 North St. The early September event had to be postponed this year due to rain, but the bonus was announced at 15.52 percent. Last year’s was slightly higher and 2024 was 18.68 percent.

About 800 workers come from throughout the region to Landoll’s plants in Marysville, Waterville and Beloit in Kansas and a small number in Brillion, Wis.

Workers hail from about 60 different zip codes to work at Marshall County’s Landoll plants.

“We’ve got a lot of good employees, and we need more,”

Landoll said, referring to an enduring shortage of labor overall in the industry. “We’ve been close to 1,000 before but we just can’t get there any more.”

The 10-year average for the bonus program is 13.40 percent. The five-year average is 15.95 percent.

“Our greatest investment has always been our people,” Landoll said. “The work ethic is unbelievable. The experience of longtime team members, the energy of new employees and the willingness of everyone to work together make Landoll stronger each year.”

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARSHALL COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

BONNIE M. RASMUSSEN, deceased, AND LAURETZ N. RASMUSSEN, JR. deceased

Case No. MS-2026-PR-000038

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in said court by Kevin Rasmussen, as the son and one of the heirs at law of Bonnie M. Rasmussen and Lauretz N. Rasmussen, Jr. deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate in Marshall County, Kansas, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 4 South, Range 9 East, thence North 1584 feet, thence East 752 feet, thence South 1307 feet, thence East 108 feet, thence South 277 feet, thence West 860 feet to the place of beginning, containing 28.22 acres, more or less, in Marshall County, Kansas; and all other property, real and personal, or interest therein, owned by the said decedents at the times of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 30, 2026 at 10:30 p.m., in said court, in the City of Marysville, in Marshall County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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THE Rabies VACCINATION

Dr. Nicole Porter, DVM

We have all seen the movie “Old Yeller”, where the hero dog Old Yeller fights off the aggressive and drooling wild wolf, while trying to protect his family and neighbors. Unfortunately, in the process he is bitten by the rabid wolf and ends up developing Rabies himself. September 28 th is World Rabies Day, which was started in 2007 to make the general world population more aware of what the signs of Rabies are, what rabies is, what animals can get the disease, how it is transmitted, and why it is SO important to protect our pets and in turn ourselves from this deadly disease.

Although the story of Old Yeller had many truths in it, not all rabid animals have excessive drooling and are aggressive. Other signs include staggering, paralysis, difficulty swallowing, seizures, fearfulness or in some cases uncharacteristically affectionate, or unusual behavior like coming out during the day when they are typically out during the night. Horses and cattle can show signs of tiredness (lethargy) and head pressing. Any neurologic sign in an animal that is not current for the Rabies Vaccine should be handled with caution, and Rabies should be a possible consideration. Never try to handle a wild animal, even if or especially if it seems friendly.

Rabies is a disease of the brain and neurologic system caused by a virus. All mammals can become infected by the virus; this includes humans as we are a mammal. In the US, the most common animals affected by rabies are skunks, racoons, and bats, but coyotes, foxes and beaver have also tested positive. In recent years cats have become the most common domestic animal to test positive for rabies. This is most likely because cats have become an increasingly popular pet, and a lot of caregivers don’t see the need for their indoor cat to have a rabies vaccine. Cats can come in contact with rabid wildlife outdoors, but they can also be exposed to rabid bats that have made their way indoors. Dogs and cattle have had significant numbers test positive, and

less frequently horses, goats, sheep, swine and ferrets have tested positive. In 2024 there were 3,834 reported/confirmed cases of Rabies in the US, this does not include animals that died from rabies that were not tested. There were 4 confirmed human cases of rabies.

How is rabies spread? The rabies virus is most commonly spread from a bite wound that introduces the saliva from an animal that is infected with the virus into the wound. However, it doesn’t just have to be a bite wound, it can be any wound that comes in contact with the saliva of an infected animal. This is why people who work around animals should try to wear personal protective equipment such as gloves and gowns if they are handling an animal that has any neurologic signs, or that is in quarantine or observation for rabies. The virus then spreads up the nerves into the brain. Once the animal or bite victim start exhibit neurologic signs, the disease is almost always 100% fatal.

Have you heard of the most recent occurrence of a large group of people that were exposed to animals with the rabies virus? The story was in the news in late August, when over 300 people in North Carolina were exposed to the rabies virus through a traveling petting zoo, in which they had 3 baby goats test positive for Rabies. The goats were thought to have been exposed by a skunk that was found in their enclosure (pen). Unfortunately, the rabies virus can only be confirmed by a test done on specific brain tissue. This test cannot be done on a live animal. 260 of the people exposed were recommended to have Post Exposure Rabies vaccines done to prevent them from developing the disease.

The good news is that Rabies is 100% preventable using an USDA approved rabies vaccine given by a licensed veterinarian. This vaccine is not only reliable, but very safe. Hopefully, after reading this article, you are a little more informed as to why it is so important to Rabies vaccinate your companion animals.

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