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## Rep. Jenkins remains optimistic amid struggles

By SUSAN LYNN  
The Iola Register

Congress is an “incredibly difficult environment” in which to work, said Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, “but most of the drama is behind us with the recent passage of the appropriations bill to fund the government.”

Jenkins met with a small group of constituents Wednesday morning at the courthouse.

Jenkins assured U.S. veterans their benefits would remain uninterrupted in the budget that passed in mid-December. While Jenkins and Kevin Yoder voted in favor of the spending bill, their Republican counterparts, Mike Pompeo and Tim Huelskamp, voted against it.

Now in her sixth year representing the Second District in Washington, D.C., Jenkins said she is eager to get the government “back on schedule” with addressing things like the budget in a timely manner, “instead of in bite-size pieces.”

The federal government’s deadline for a budget is Oct. 1. “I’m ready to do things the right way,” she said.

She’s also ready to do away

with the acrimony that has tainted D.C. politics.

“We’re tired of brinkmanship, on both sides of the aisle,” she said of Democrats and Republicans. “It hasn’t worked, and the American people don’t appreciate it.”

As a Republican, Jenkins said she would like to “repeal and replace,” the Affordable Care Act and laid the blame for much of the country’s ills

at its feet.

As regards to raising the federal minimum wage up from \$7.25 an hour, Jenkins regarded the measure as a “job killer,” and not having a chance in the Republican-dominated House of Representatives.

Instead of higher pay, Jenkins said most Americans

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## Pennies add up for MOMs fundraiser

As local students have proved over the past few months, pennies can really add up.

Students from Jefferson Elementary and Iola Middle School donated a total \$1,064.39 on Wednesday to the MOMs group for the construction of a special-needs access playground at Riverside Park.

Girls from BLING (Building

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STATE

## House panel reviews school bill

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — A Kansas House committee heard testimony Wednesday from an overflow crowd of several hundred on legislation that would bar use of the Common Core standards for reading and math in public schools.

Supporters and opponents of the standards filled the House Education Committee meeting room and the adjacent corridor for the hearing. Chairwoman Kasha Kelley told the gathering at that start that she appreciated the respect shown by people on both sides of the issue, which was a holdover from the 2013 session.

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## A '60s REVIVAL Shout celebrates women's liberation



Letting loose with a song during Iola Community Theatre's dessert theater production of "SHOUT!" are, from left, Sabra Aguirre, Elyssa Jackson, Pam Tressler, Sara Joy Standridge and Jessica Quinhones. Above, Jackson, as a bride, does one of many solos in the show. REGISTER/BOB JOHNSON

By BOB JOHNSON  
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The women's liberation movement of the 1960s comes to life in "SHOUT!"

It's a messy, happy, turbulent time aptly portrayed by five area women whose strong voices and superb acting transport the audience to England, home of the Beatles and Petulia Clark.

The play's title refers to a magazine of the day and its advice columnist, Gwendolyn Holmes. The women heed Ms. Holmes' guidance — detailed in an off-stage voice — but less dutifully as the turbulent '60s unfold.

Sabra Aguirre, an ICT veteran with a powerful voice, is the lone American in the quintet. Others are Aguirre's mother, Pam Tressler, who also has been on the ICT stage, and three newcomers, Sara Joy Standridge, Eureka, and Iolans Elyssa Jackson and Jessica Quinhones.

A delightful part of the musical-comedy is how well the British characters have mastered their accent. "Bloody" and "bloke" are familiar UK slang terms, but they go much further in assimilating the inflections.

Anyone of age in the 1960s will fondly recall songs that are the buoying structure of the show, including "To Sir With Love," "Downtown," "Georgy Girl," "Son of a Preach-

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Larry Trester watches as the LaHarpe Rural Volunteer Fire Department's new facility is being completed. Trester is the department's chief. REGISTER/BOB JOHNSON

## A place to call home

By BOB JOHNSON  
The Iola Register

LaHARPE — Larry Trester's long-held dream is about to come true.

"We've wanted a fire barn, a place to keep all the trucks together, for a long time," said Trester, chief of LaHarpe's Rural Volunteer Fire Department.

The building will be available by the end of March.

Tuesday morning a crew from Amish and Mennonite groups in the El Dorado Springs, Mo., area arrived in LaHarpe, with tools in hand and knowledge that comes from putting

up a good many metal buildings.

Late Wednesday afternoon the shell of the building, with three large bays facing south, was in place downtown.

A concrete floor will be poured Friday and the concrete's curing will be the only hold-up to volunteers occupying the structure.

"That will take about a month," Trester said.

Finishing the interior and putting up doors will follow the concrete pour.

The volunteers answer calls in Elm and Deer townships, with most of those who man firefighting equip-

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Quote of the day

"Always live in the ugliest house on the street — then you don't have to look at it." — David Hockney, English painter



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## Panel: Reviews school bill

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"It isn't lost on anybody that there isn't anyone who doesn't want rigorous, thought-provoking standards for our children," said Kelley, an Arkansas City Republican.

Last year, a measure to repeal Common Core failed to get out of the committee, though a bill was approved by the Senate that later died in the House. Several states have backed away from the standards or delayed their implementation.

The Kansas measure seeks to reverse a 2010 State Board of Education decision to adopt the standards for math and reading, as well as a set of science standards. It would also create an advisory group to develop new guidelines to replace the existing standards.

Witnesses had 90 seconds each to address the committee, which asked no questions and

took no action on the bill.

Critics of the standards used language such as communist, Marxist and socialist to describe the standards and the manner in which they were developed and adopted.

"This loss of local control is eminent if we don't do something," said former state Rep. Owen Donohoe of Shawnee.

Other opponents of the standards complained that they resulted in curriculum that was difficult for students and parents to understand, resulting in poorer classroom performance.

Supporters, including parents, educators and the general public, told the committee that they were stringent and that teachers welcomed the changes because it allowed them to teach students content the way it was intended.

"Kansas teachers are

moving in the right direction for learning, exploration, thinking and professionalism for our students," said Dyane Smokorowski, an Andover language arts teacher. "Denying us this progression only reduces the possibilities for dynamic classroom experiences."

Kansas was part of a multi-state consortium that developed the Common Core standards and the so-called Next Generation Science Standards to create common material that students should master.

States were able to add content to the standards, which Kansas did and rebranded as the state's College and Career Ready Standards. A contract has been made with the University of Kansas to write the assessments that students will take in the coming years to determine proficiency on the standards.



Pictured front from left are BLING members Destiny Shrum, Heaven Wagner, Selena Flynn, Marisa VanHouden, Sara Bland and MOMs representatives Lesley Skahan and Mason Skahan, along with Vegas the dog; back from left are Julie Dunler, Addison Mallette, Stacey Crusinberry and Kelly Francis. REGISTER/STEVEN SCHWARTZ

## Pennies: Students raise funds

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March 1, but more donations are always welcome — they did not include concrete work, benches or signage into the budget of the play-

ground.

Those donating \$500 or more will be recognized on a sign placed at the park.

Lincoln and McKinley elementary schools do-

nated \$419.09 and \$435.36 in pennies in fall 2013, totaling \$854.45. The total for the four schools' donations came in at \$1,918.94.

That's 191,894 pennies.



### TRUCKS

2012 Ford F150 Lariat, Crew Cab, Auto., 5.0L V-8, Sync, 4x4, Leather, Heated & Cooled Seats, Memory Seat, Keyless Entry, Loaded, local trade, 30K miles.....	\$33,988
2012 Ford F350 Lariat, Crew Cab, Auto., 6.7L Diesel, Sync, Leather, Heated & Cooled Seats, B&W turnover ball, 4x4, Dual Rear Wheels, Loaded, 1 owner, local trade, 32K miles ..	\$44,288
2012 Ford F150 XLT, Crew Cab, Auto., 5.0L V-8, 4x4, Sync, Power windows, seat & locks, 1 owner, local trade, 36K miles.....	\$27,488
2011 Ford F250 XLT, Crew Cab, Auto., 6.2L V-8, 4x4, Power Windows, locks & seat, 1 owner, local trade, B&W turnover ball, 101K miles .....	\$19,988
2011 Ford F350 Lariat, Crew Cab, Auto., 6.7L Diesel, Sync, Leather heated & cooled seats, 4x4, B&W turnover ball, Dual Rear Wheels, Loaded, 1 owner local trade-in, 96K miles..	\$37,488
2011 Ford F250 Lariat Crew, Auto., 6.7L Diesel, 4x4, leather, heated and cooled seats, power windows, locks, seats & mirrors, loaded, very clean truck, 34K miles .....	\$42,688
2011 Ford F150 STX, Super Cab, Auto., 5.0L V-8, Nice, local trade, 60K miles .....	\$19,988
2011 Ford F150 XLT, Crew Cab, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Sync, Power windows, locks & seat, 53K miles .....	\$22,988
2011 Ford F150 XLT, Super Cab, Auto., 5.0L V-8, 4x4, Sync, Power windows, locks, very sharp, 1 owner, local trade, 42K miles .....	\$23,988
2011 Ford Ranger XLT, Super Cab, Auto., 4.0L V-6, Tonneau Cover, Bedliner, Power locks, Keyless Remote, 30K miles .....	\$16,988 or \$269 mo.
2011 Toyota Tacoma SR5, Super Cab, Auto., 2.7L 4 cyl., Rear View Camera, Power locks, very low mileage, 13K miles .....	\$19,988
2010 Ford F150 Platinum, Crew Cab, Auto., 5.4L V-8, 4x4, Leather, Power Running Boards, Heated seats, Power windows, locks & seats, Sync, local trade, 49K miles .....	\$31,888
2010 Ford F150 XLT Crew, Auto., 5.4L V-8, 4x4, Sync, power windows, locks & seat, very clean, 1 owner, local trade-in, 63K miles.....	\$22,988
2010 Nissan Frontier, Ext. Cab, Auto., 4.0L V-6, 4x4, Power windows & locks, Nice truck, local trade, 54K miles .....	\$17,488
2008 Ford F150 XLT, Crew Cab, Auto., 5.4L V-8, 4x4, Power windows & locks, Bedliner, 74K miles .....	\$20,988
2008 Dodge Ram 2500 Laramie, Crew Cab, Auto., 4x4, 6.7L Cummins Diesel, Leather, Loaded, local trade-in, 84K miles .....	\$28,988
2008 Dodge Dakota Laramie, Quad Cab, 4.7L V-8, Auto., 4x4, leather, power windows, locks & seat, very sharp truck, 72K miles .....	\$17,988 or \$299 mo.
2008 Ford F150 XL, Reg. Cab, Auto., 4.2L V-6, 1 owner, local trade, good work truck, 130K miles .....	\$6,995
2008 Ford F150 XL, Reg. Cab., Auto., 4.6L V-8, 1 owner, local trade, clean vehicle, only 50K miles .....	\$11,988 or \$249 mo.
2008 Ford F150 XL, Super Cab, Auto., 4.6L V-8, local trade, Nice truck, 83K miles .....	\$10,988 or \$229 mo.
2007 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Classic, Crew Cab, Auto., 5.3L V-8, Power windows, locks & seat, 142K miles .....	\$10,988
2006 Ford F150 XL, Regular Cab, Auto., 4.6L V-8, Bedliner, Nice clean truck, 76K miles .....	\$7,995
2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, Reg. Cab, 5-speed manual, 4.3L V-6, good gas mileage, only 86K miles .....	\$7,995
2003 Dodge Ram 1500, Reg. Cab, Auto., 3.7L V-6, Auto., local trade, 94K miles.....	\$5,988 or \$159 mo.
2001 Ford F150 XLT, Crew Cab, Auto., 4.6L V-8, Power windows, locks & seat, 119K miles .....	\$7,488
1998 Chevrolet S-10, Reg. Cab, 5-speed, 2.2L 4 cyl, Bedliner, 120K miles.....	\$3,488

### SUVS & VANS

2013 Ford Edge Limited, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Leather, Sync, Power locks, windows & seats, My Touch, Heated Seats, Dual Climate Control, Low miles, Certified Pre-Owned 7yr. 100K warranty, 11K miles.....	\$27,988
2013 Ford Explorer XLT, Auto., 3.5L V-6, 4x4, Sync, My Touch, Leather, Power windows, locks & seats, clean, 31K miles .....	\$29,988
2013 Ford Explorer Limited, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Leather, Sync, Power windows, locks, mirrors & seat, Sony sound system, 7-passenger, 1 owner, 28K miles .....	\$32,488
2013 Ford Flex SEL, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Sync, Leather, My Touch, 7-passenger seating, Heated memory seats, Very clean, 25K miles .....	\$24,988
2012 Ford E350 Super Duty Van, Auto., 5.4L V-8, 12-passenger, Very clean, 31K miles .....	\$19,988
2012 Ford E350 Super Duty Van, Auto., 5.4L V-8, 12-passenger seating, clean, 41K miles .....	\$18,988
2012 Ford Escape Limited, Auto., 3.0L V-6, 4x4, Leather, Power windows, locks & seats, Navigation, Moonroof, Rear view Camera, Sync, Loaded, Very low miles, Great buy, 9K miles .....	\$23,988
2011 Ford Edge SEL, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Power windows, locks & seat, My Touch, 1 owner, local trade, 40K miles.....	\$18,988 or \$299 mo.
2011 Ford Escape XLT, Auto., 3.0L V-6, Power windows & locks, Moonroof, Certified Pre-Owned 7 yr. 100K warranty, 25K miles .....	\$17,988 or \$279 mo.
2011 Ford Explorer XLT, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Leather, Heated seats, Sync, Navigation, My Touch, Moonroof, 1 owner, local trade, 49K miles .....	\$25,988
2010 Ford Edge Limited, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Leather, Heated seats, Power window, locks & seats, Dual Climate Control, 6 CD in dash changer, 1 owner, local trade, 56K miles .....	\$20,288
2010 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer, Auto., 4.0L V-6, 4x4, Sync, Leather, Power heated seats, Very Nice, 74K miles .....	\$18,988 or \$315 mo.
2009 Chevrolet Suburban LTZ, Auto., 5.3L V-8, 4x4, leather, heated seats, power windows, locks & seats, sunroof, rear head rest, DVD systems, local trade-in, 69K miles .....	\$28,988
2008 Ford Explorer XLT, Auto., 4.0L V-6, Power windows, locks & seat, Moonroof, 52K miles .....	\$12,988 or \$249 mo.
2008 Ford Escape XLS, Auto., 2.4L 4 cyl, Power windows & locks, 88K miles .....	\$9,488 or \$189 mo.
2008 Chevrolet Uplander LS, Auto., 3.9L V-6, power windows, locks & seat, 7 passenger seating, 1 owner, local trade, 78K miles .....	\$7,995 or \$211 mo.
2006 Ford Escape Limited, Auto., 3.0L V-6, Power windows, locks & seats, Leather heated seats, local trade, 115K miles .....	\$8,488 or \$199 mo.
2005 Ford Escape Limited, Auto., 3.0L V-6, 4x4, leather, power windows, locks & seat, clean vehicle, 98K miles .....	\$8,995 or \$199 mo.

### CARS

2013 Ford Taurus Limited, Auto., 3.5L V-6, Sync, My Ford Touch, leather, heated & cooled seats, power windows, locks & seats, rear view camera, sunroof, loaded only 11K miles .....	\$23,688
2013 Ford C-Max SEL, Hybrid, Auto., 2.0L 4 cyl., Sync, leather, power windows, locks & seat, 43 MPG Wow, 21K miles .....	\$24,988
2012 Nissan Altima, Auto., 2.5L 4 cyl., power windows, locks and seat, very clean, 40K miles .....	\$13,988
2012 Ford Fusion SE, Auto., 2.5L 4 cyl., Sync., great gas mileage, 33 Hwy., 20K miles & 7 yr. 100K warranty .....	\$16,488 or \$269 mo.
2011 Ford Fusion SEL, Auto., 3.0L V-6, Sync, power windows, locks & seat, leather, nice clean car, 43K miles .....	\$14,988 or \$249 mo.
2011 Nissan Altima, Auto., 2.5L 4 cyl., Remote keyless entry, Power windows & locks, 44K miles.....	\$12,988
2009 Dodge Challenger R/T, 6 speed, 5.7L Hemi, power windows, locks & seat, local trade-in, lots of power, 57K miles .....	\$20,988 or \$349 mo.
2008 Chevrolet Impala LS, Auto., 3.5L V-6, power windows, locks & seat, clean vehicle, 57K miles .....	\$11,488 or \$199 mo.
2008 Pontiac G6, Auto., 2.5L 4 cyl., power windows & locks, 108K miles .....	\$6,988 or \$209 mo.
2008 Pontiac Grand Prix, Auto., V-6, Power windows & locks, clean car, 112K miles .....	\$7,988 or \$239 mo.
2005 Chrysler 300 Limited, Auto., 3.5L V-6, power windows, locks & seat, leather, loaded, local trade-in, 65K miles .....	\$11,688 or \$235 mo.
2004 Ford Taurus, Auto., V-6, Power windows & locks, only 99K miles .....	\$5,988 or \$199 mo.
2003 Mercury Grand Marquis LS, Auto., V-8, leather, heated seats, power windows, locks & seats, local trade, 130K miles.....	\$4,995 or \$169 mo.



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## Shout: Opens Friday

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er Man" and, in a rendition that Jackson belts out after the five get a little high on devil weed (marijuana), "Goldfinger."

The dessert theater opens Friday night at the ICT Warehouse Theatre, 203 S. Jefferson Ave. Another performance is Saturday night, followed by evening presentations on Feb. 28 and March 1 and the afternoon of March 2. Evening shows start at 7:30, with dessert served at 7 o'clock. March 2 times are 1:30 and 2 p.m. Tickets, \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, may be purchased at Sophisticated Rose, 19 S. Jefferson Ave.

**THE SHOW** is replete with humorous vignettes though sometimes they turn a tad risqué and occasionally a little melancholy.

Standridge has a background in theater and it shows.

Early on she remarks the dress she's wearing contains asbestos.

"I can't think of anything wrong with it," she says, with the sentence interrupted by coughs alluding to the ill effects of the insulating material.

"It makes me tingle," she says with a giggle, and a wiggle.

Aguirre's character has a crush on Paul McCartney and in an appearance by the Beatle she comes away with his

comb. "What's this," she asks while looking closely at the comb.

"It's dandruff. I've got Paul McCartney's dandruff," she exclaims.

In a song about breaking up, Jackson seizes on one of her exaggerated performances to point out, "I don't care what they say. Breaking up isn't hard to do. I do it all the time."

In another scene all five pretend to reach marijuana-induced levels of gratification that recalls as much about the 1960s as do their songs and costumes.

Aguirre has a soliloquy that hammers home that domestic violence was very much alive then as now.

In a quiet voice she talks about being seven months married, pregnant and having suffered abuse at the hands of her husband.

"What do I do now," she asks.

Each set of scenes is prompted by an annual issue of "Shout."

When the 1970 issue is pulled from a rack, the women "say good-bye to the '60s and hello to the '70s," allowing that "those were the days."

During the 90-minute run the women find themselves, become pragmatic in attitude and don't apologize for any self-serving moments.

Richard Spencer is director.

## Fire barn: Built

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ment pulling double duty. "We're all members of the LaHarpe department, too," Trester said, but the two departments, city and rural, are independent.

The volunteers are funded by a district-wide levy of 5 mills. Money to build the new fire barn came from reserves that have been accumulated for several years.

LaHarpe funds the city department.

The volunteers have a tanker, a pumper and three trucks outfitted to fight grass and brush fires, a relatively common occurrence in an area made up mainly of farm ground.

The trucks have been kept in various places for years. Some are outdoors near volunteers' homes and the two sensitive ones — tanker and pumper — have been kept indoors most of the time. Trester said heating costs for those two was about \$400 a month during cold weather months.

He also noted that acquisition and construction of the new fire barn, estimated at \$50,000, was partly made possible by the generosity of Don Diebolt at Diebolt Lumber and Supply, just to the southeast of LaHarpe.

"It would have been hard to do without his help," Trester said.