

# Toys for Tots drive to help 63 families

By Brian Sanders

Jack Pittaway of the Holton VFW Post 1367 Riders spent Tuesday morning at the Holton National Guard Armory with some of his fellow veterans putting toys into a big red bag — just like kids imagine Santa Claus would do the night before Christmas.

These toys — cars, teddy bears, dolls, sports equipment, puzzles, games and telescopes, to name a few — were going into bags to help less fortunate children in a five-county area, including Jackson County, however. And Pittaway and a few other members of the VFW Riders were happy to do it.

The toys were collected from private donations and from drop boxes placed around the area for the Toys for Tots program, which the VFW Riders and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve brought to Jackson County for the first time this year.

Pittaway said the toy drive for needy children received more than 300 donations to serve 63 families this year — and he's hoping for a lot

more next year.

"I expect it to grow to maybe 300 families next year," he said. "And then, the year after, maybe 1,000 families. I'm not sure if the people up north of here know how to take advantage of this program, but I'm hoping they will."

Pittaway noted that bringing Toys for Tots into Holton to serve Jackson, Jefferson, Nemaha, Brown and Pottawatomie counties takes a little of the load off Gunnery Sgt. Max Coons, who coordinates the Topeka Toys for Tots distribution going on this week at the Armed Forces Reserve Center at Forbes Field. It's Coons' third year of involvement with the program, and his first year of being in charge of it.

"It's part of our unit's mission," Coons said.

Indeed, Toys for Tots originated with a Marine Corps Reserve unit in Los Angeles in 1947, and the first year was enough of a success that the Marine Corps adopted it and

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Gunnery Sgt. Max Coons (left) of the U.S. Marine Corps and Jack Pittaway of the Holton VFW Riders stuffed red bags full of toys and other "stocking stuffers" at the Holton National Guard Armory on Tuesday morning in preparation for distribution through the Toys for Tots program. This is the first year that the program, involving the collection and distribution of new toys to children in need during the Christmas season, has been done in Holton, Pittaway said, but the first time has been a huge success.

Photo by Brian Sanders

# Snow, drizzle expected

By Ali Holcomb

The National Weather Service in Topeka has issued a winter weather advisory in effect from 6 p.m. today until 9 a.m. Thursday.

Snow or a brief period of sleet is expected to begin this evening with widespread snow by late evening into early Thursday morning. According to projections, precipitation isn't expected to start in Jackson County until sometime between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The weather service expects the snow to gradually slow down and stop by sunrise Thursday. A period

of freezing drizzle is also possible tomorrow morning.

Total snow accumulation of one inch or more is possible, with narrow bands of three inches or more expected to develop in some areas of the region, it was reported. Any freezing drizzle accumulation will be light.

Roadways are expected to become slick and hazardous to travel and visibility may be temporarily reduced in the heavier snow bands.

For up to date information, visit [weather.gov/Topeka](http://weather.gov/Topeka). For latest road conditions, call 511 in Kansas.

# Recorder to print one edition each week during holidays

By Ali Holcomb

The Holton Recorder will publish one edition of the newspaper instead of two for the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holiday weeks, it has been announced.

The Christmas week edition will be published on Monday, Dec. 22. The New Year's week edition will be published on Monday, Dec. 29.

The Recorder office will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The office

will also close early on New Year's Eve.

The Jackson County Shopper advertising publication, published by The Recorder each week, will continue to be published on schedule and mailed to non-subscribers of The Recorder in the trade area.

As always, for up-to-the-minute local news for Jackson County, follow The Recorder news blasts on twitter at @HoltonRecorder and online at [holtonrecorder.net](http://holtonrecorder.net)

# Proposals sought for industrial park roads

By Brian Sanders

Whether streets in Holton's industrial park should be rebuilt with asphalt or concrete should be left to the engineering firm chosen by the city to handle the street reconstruction project, Holton Street Superintendent Rex Cameron told the Holton City Commission on Monday.

The commission agreed to start requesting proposals from area engineering firms interested in creating plans for the street reconstruction project at the industrial park, with Holton City Manager Bret Bauer noting that the project could get under way this coming spring. Bauer had relayed complaints received about the condition of chip-and-seal roads at the industrial park to commissioners earlier this year.

Those roads have been worn down significantly by heavy truck traffic, with Cameron noting that some trucks on those roads weigh anywhere from 40,000 to 60,000 pounds. It would be better, he added, if those

roads were replaced with "either cement or really thick asphalt," but expressed a preference for the former.

"I'd recommend concrete," Cameron said. "Chip-and-seal is not working out there."

Cameron backed up his recommendation by stating that the "life cycle" of asphalt roads "should be about 25 years before you have to do anything to them," while concrete road surfaces should last "50 years, if it's done right." But which of the two road surfaces, as well as road depth, should be used should be left to the engineers to decide, he added.

An engineering firm should also be chosen based on its experience in street construction and its estimates on how long the job would take, Cameron told commissioners. He added that local contractors would have an opportunity to bid on the project.

It had been discussed earlier this year whether city street crews could go out and do the work, but both Cameron and Bauer expressed con-

cerns that if the city were to go that route, it would do so at the expense of the city's annual street repair program. Cameron reiterated that concern on Monday, stating that even if city crews were to do any construction work as a means of keeping costs down, it would still take away from road repairs needed in the city.

"We could still go out there and put in some curbs and do some other things," he said. "But then you might plan on nothing getting fixed in town while we're out there."

The city's industrial park is located north of the city limits on U.S. Highway 75 and includes, at Cameron's estimation, about three-quarters of a mile worth of streets. The commission has reportedly earmarked \$1 million for road improvements in the park for 2015, noting an intent to pay for the improvements with existing cash rather than issuing debt to do it and pay interest on that debt later.

In other business on Monday, commissioners:

■ Noted the absence of commissioners Tim Morris and Twila White. White later arrived at the meeting in time for an executive session (see below).

■ Approved minutes from the commission's Dec. 3 meeting and budget allocations made since the meeting.

■ Met with Anna Wilhelm, treasurer of the Jackson County Historical Society, to discuss the historical society's activities and hear a request for financial assistance from the city. The matter was tabled after Commissioner Dan Brenner said he wanted more members of the commission present to discuss it, and Commissioner Erich Campbell, as the historical society's vice president, said he would abstain from voting on Wilhelm's request.

■ Approved an amendment to the city's 2014 budget concerning expenditures in the city's special park and equipment reserve funds.

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Jackson Heights Elementary School presented its school-wide Christmas program, "Christmas Is A Time To Love," on Monday evening. Shown in the photo above, kindergarten students at the school sang "Suzy Snowflake," as well as "Old Toy Trains."

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

# Christmas greetings, Santa letters inside today's edition

This edition of The Holton Recorder includes our annual "Christmas Greetings" section, which features 600 letters to Santa Claus from local kids.

Please take time to read through the more than 104 greeting cards from many of our area businesses and professional people.

Also, the letters to Santa are enjoyable to read, too.



# Property taxes now due

By Ali Holcomb

The first half of the 2014 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes must be paid or postmarked by Saturday, Dec. 20, it has been announced. Taxes may also be paid online at the Web site [www.kansas.gov/propertytax](http://www.kansas.gov/propertytax).

The second half of the taxes is due

May 10, 2015. If a taxpayer misses the Dec. 20 deadline, interest will accrue on the delinquent amount. Any personal property taxes not paid by Dec. 20 are due in full.

For information about your tax bill, contact the Jackson County Treasurer's Office at 785-364-3791 or send an email to [ja\\_county\\_treasurer@wan.kdor.state.ks.us](mailto:ja_county_treasurer@wan.kdor.state.ks.us)



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# MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives  
by Kendra McClain

## 5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 14-20, 2009

Mayetta's storm water drainage system is about to get a facelift. Several street improvements, including installation of new concrete drainage tubes, ditches and grading, will begin this month in order to "maximize drainage throughout town," it has been announced.

The Holton High School girls basketball team won their second straight game Friday, Dec. 11, at Hoyt, defeating in-county rival Royal Valley, 57-22, it was reported.

To rephrase the familiar saying about lemons: When life gives you a blizzard, make a snowman. This winter, Holton's Parks and Recreation department is offering Holton residents an incentive to do exactly that with a snow sculpture contest. Awards will be given for the most original sculpture and best traditional snowman.

Kelsey Reynolds of the Delia Early Birds 4-H Club has been selected to receive a 2009 Kansas Key Award. The award is unique to Kansas 4-H, and is given to recognize leadership, citizenship and service to 4-H programs and the community.

Some people take decorating for the holidays to a new level. This rings true in the Holthaus family, as Jody Holthaus stated that she returned home from work recently to find her five-pound Chihuahua, Ricky, hitched up to a Christmas sleigh decoration during a snowy day last week.

## 10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 14-20, 2004

Math instructor Luke Lang plus the Holton High School faculty equals a positive result. The Kansas State Department of Education recently named Lang as a recipient of the Kansas Horizon Award for his work as an "exemplary first-year teacher."

High school students from Holton and Royal Valley participated in the 2004-05 High Q academic competition on Dec. 4 at Washburn University. Students from RVHS included Andy Massey, Lane Ryan, Ryan Hufstutler, Megan Kennedy and coach Susan Hufstutler. The HHS team consisted of Richard Scheele, Robert Peters, Marc Bowser, Laura Sable and coaches Karen Ford and Connie Peters.

Holton's Lady Wildcats basketball team led the whole way Tuesday night, Dec. 14, in its 50-41 victory at Atchison County High School. It was the team's first victory in five games so far this season, it was reported.

David Schirmer was recognized as a 55-year member of the Holton Lions Club by Past Council Chair Jim Ketrone on Dec. 14, it was reported.

## 25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 14-20, 1989

Jackson Heights "elves" have opened the Santa Land Post Office in class 6A at Jackson Heights Elementary School. The post office

guarantees a one-day reply from Santa Claus with the one-cent fee for letters. Funding from the project will be turned over to the Salvation Army for special holiday projects and needs. The staff includes Rebekah Thornton, Jessica Keithline, Heather Grace, Donna Turley, Brian Meyer and Ryan Durst.

Following a year of study and discussion, the Royal Valley USD 337 school board put into motion the district's long range facilities plan by voting Monday, Dec. 11, to build an elementary school for grades kindergarten through four at a central site.

Though flooding may not be a current concern of most people in light of recent drought conditions, Jackson County's participation in the national Flood Insurance Program was made official on Monday, Dec. 11. The commission passed a resolution containing zoning and other requirements for building in floodplain areas.

After lengthy discussion at the monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, the Jackson Heights USD 335 school board voted 6-1 to become a participating member of the Kaw Area Vocational-Technical School in Topeka.

A recently opened Circleville business was recognized by the Holton Area Chamber of Commerce last week. The Double Door Cafe, owned by Judy Olson, is now open.

## 50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 14-20, 1964

Gina Bowser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Bowser, received an early Christmas present last week. Gina was the winner of the Barbie doll family and wardrobe given by the Pilot Club of Holton in connection with its scholarship fund drive.

Craig's IGA in Holton held a steak sale that featured a pound of sirloin steak for 69 cents, a pound of T-bone steak for 89 cents and a pound of club steak for 69 cents.

The Mayetta Mustangs 4-H Club were state safety winners for 1964, it was reported. Receiving the award were Dorothy Lawrence, safety committee chairman of the club, and Mrs. Carl Nelson, safety leader.

Mrs. William Volker of Kansas City has given the Beck-Bookman Library 444 volumes from her personal library and a large three-door mahogany bookcase. Many of the gift volumes are limited editions with exquisite bindings. Of special interest will be a 14-volume set of the Bible bound in wood.

The Holton Supermarket held a Christmas sale that featured a 10-pound bag of sugar for 79 cents, a two-pound bag of Ohse economy wieners for 69 cents, three tins of custard pumpkin for 25 cents and a pound of old fashioned haystack chocolates for 29 cents.

## Recent addition to your family?

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Developmental Services of Jackson County recently received a donation of \$106.91 from the Mayetta Knights of Columbus that Elizabeth Lewis (third from right), director of finance, said would help enable those served by the organization to attend summer camp. Larry Larkin (second from right), Grand Knight, presented the check. Shown from left in the above photo are Quinten Puckett, support staffer Miranda Twombly, Robbie Wood, support staffer Hattie Conger, Angel Shopteese, Lee Thomas, James Hemphill, Lewis, Larkin and programs manager Will Harder.

Photo by Brian Sanders

## HCH CEO Saia named to KHSC board of directors

Carrie Saia (pictured), BSN, MSM, CEO at Holton Community Hospital, has been elected to a three-year term on the 2015 Kansas Health Service Corporation Board of Directors, it has been reported.



This announcement was made during the corporation's annual meeting in Overland Park.

Saia, who has served as the hospital's CEO since 2012, has been actively involved with the Kansas Hospital Association and the Kansas Health Service Corporation for several years.

She has also served as the hospital's chief nursing officer and also has worked as an administrative director of inpatient units, telemetry department director, critical care department director, emergency department director, charge nurse and flight nurse during her career.

The Kansas Health Service Corporation is a for-profit subsidiary of the Kansas Hospital Association. KHSC was formed in 1984 for two primary reasons: to provide competitive, high quality products and services to KHA members and others; and to support the mission of the Kansas Hospital Association.

## Land Transfers...

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Kansas Warranty Deed: Kenneth R. Smith and Deborah A. Smith, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Kenneth R. Smith and Deborah A. Smith, co-trustees of the Kenneth R. and Deborah A. Smith Trust, a tract of land in the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Deborah A. Beckwith and James P. Beckwith, wife and husband, convey and warrant to Beverly Claycamp, the south half of the north half of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Lloyd E. Maloney and Suzann L. Maloney, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Benny Hooper and Lisa Hooper, a parcel of land in the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Special Warranty Deed: GNB Mortgage Company Inc. does grant, bargain, sell and convey to Michelle J. Meddock, a part of the southeast

quarter of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Guy Roger Williams and Judith Faye Williams, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Jennifer J. Haverkamp, a tract of land in the southeast corner of the southwest quarter of Section 15, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

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Lowe's	64.23	-1.09
Target	72.30	-0.90
Hershey	97.95	-0.58
Walmart	82.98	-0.96
Phillips 66	67.04	+1.95
US Bancorp	43.09	-0.36
Pfizer	30.68	-0.18
Deere & Co.	87.82	+0.35
United Parcel	109.89	-0.86
Apple	106.74	-1.49
Facebook	74.69	-2.30
Westar Energy	39.08	-0.07
Goodyear	26.51	-0.09

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014.

### GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$5.97
Corn	\$3.59
Milo	\$4.06
Soybeans	\$9.59

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014. 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

Description	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$2.40	-\$0.413	-\$0.584
National Average	\$2.57	-\$0.332	-\$0.670
Holton Average	\$2.28		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014.

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# OPINION

## It's the most wonderful time of the year

This edition of *The Holton Recorder* contains more than 104 Christmas Greeting Cards from area business and professional people and about 600 letters to Santa Claus from area children.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we also take time to give thanks for the business relationships that we enjoy all year long in our wonderful community.

The letters to Santa Claus from so many of our local children serve to remind us of the special innocence and sweetness of youth. By reading the letters to Santa, we hope you may also be reminded of some of your own fondest memories of Christmases past. It really is the most wonderful time of the year.

May the Christmas season bring you peace, love, comfort and joy!

David Powls

## JENKINS: Legislation had a number of conservative solutions

By Lynn Jenkins

*U.S. House of Representatives*  
Recently, the House of Representatives passed the FY2015 Appropriations Omnibus Bill with a bipartisan vote of 219-206. This bill will fund the government through September 2015 with the exception of the Department of Homeland Security, which will only be funded until Feb. 27, 2015. The final legislation was far from perfect, and I strongly disagree with the timeline under which it was presented before Congress.

Ultimately, I oppose the president's use of executive orders on immigration and this vote will best allow us to set up a direct challenge when there is a Republican majority in the Senate and the House. We will then have the debate on our terms, not the president's.

This legislation also had a number of conservative solutions I strongly support and have been working towards since I was first elected. It continues to curb wasteful spending and rein in regulatory overreach, and it will be particularly helpful for Kansas farmers. I was also pleased that it specifically directs the Department of Homeland Security to continue preparations to award the construction contract for NBAF.

Kansas farmers will get much needed relief from the EPA regulating their irrigation ditches and farm ponds. The EPA staff will be reduced to a 25-year low (1989) after having their budget cut by 21 percent over the past four years.

The bill cuts the IRS budget by \$345.6 million and bans the agency from targeting organizations seeking tax-exempt status based on ideological beliefs.

A significant aspect of the ruinous financial bill Dodd-Frank will be repealed, allowing our local banks to have a chance to survive and overcome this damaging regulatory burden that failed to fix a problem.

The bill provides no new funding for Obamacare, and holds the line for funding the IRS and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services — the primary agencies responsible for the implementation of Obamacare.

The bill eliminates unnecessary regulations regarding firearms and ammunition such as regulations on lead bullets; cuts funding for the president's Race to the Top initiatives which the Administration is using to implement Common Core; peels back the Administration's restrictive school lunch regulation; and increases military service members' salaries and funding for the Board of Veterans Appeals is increased by \$11 million over FY2014.

The bill also maintains all existing pro-life policy and funding provisions that have been carried in Appropriations legislation in previous years, including the Hyde Amendment, a ban on public funding for abortions in the District of Columbia and a ban on abortion funding for federal prisoners.

At the weekly press conference with Republican leaders, I highlighted a reason to hope this holiday season despite the fact that many American families are struggling in this economy. Families continue to face rising healthcare costs, and in fact, the cost for healthcare now outpaces the growth of household wages.

America's new Congress in 2015 is eager to get to work on solutions that empower all Americans and help everyone get ahead. I am confident in our efforts to pass legislation with bipartisan support and find solutions to get our economy moving and put more money in people's pockets. We intend to lead, and we hope the president's New Year's resolution will finally be to work with us.

Our nation must do more to provide for our troops when they return home. According to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, 22 of our veterans commit suicide every day.

Recently, the House passed the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act to help reduce the number of military and veteran suicides by giving our troops better access to mental health services. The legislation is named after Iraq and Afghanistan war veteran Clay Hunt, a Marine who died by suicide in 2011.

Hunt sought mental health treatment during his transition to civilian life after serving two combat tours, but tragically did not receive the timely help he needed. It is my hope that this legislation will make certain no returning soldier, who has faithfully served this country, will experience difficulties getting life-saving treatment.

In addition to this legislation, I recently hosted the first-ever Mental Health First Aid training session for veterans in Kansas. The training was designed to give folks the tools they need to not only identify a mental health issue, but also help someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis.

Recently, I spoke on the House floor in support of important bipartisan legislation to protect taxpayers' charitable donations and ensure Americans can continue donating to nonprofits, food shelters and charities on a tax-preferred basis. These are the kind of common-sense tax provisions we will be working to make permanent as we move into the new Congress in 2015.

*Note: Lynn Jenkins is a native of Holton and a graduate of Holton High School.*

## LETTER: Holton patron still has questions about new school

Dear editor,  
There is no question that space is needed in the elementary schools.

However, the whole process beginning with consultants hired (in my opinion) to sell it to us (and I'm sure well-paid when it passed) was an egregious affront to two groups of people — current taxpayers and those who had enough foresight to design and build the current facilities in such a manner that they could be built upon with ease and moderate expense.

Campaigning set up a dichotomy — you care and vote "yes" or don't care and vote "no." As with any issue of this magnitude, it's not all black and white. Many patrons care but find it an economic hardship. The people

involved in planning are far from inspiring confidence.

If the safety of the doors were an issue, they could be replaced. Two stories don't appear to cause concern, as the new building partially contains two stories.

After the bond issue passed, there was still no definitive purpose for the new addition at Colorado School. This is an important detail.

We were presented with the news that the construction bid that had been accepted was larger than the bond issue. Since then it has risen again. How can that be acceptable and is it even allowable? The contingency fund (usually for unexpected expenses) was not part of the bond issue and not approved for use by the

patrons. It appears that it might better be used to fund high school needs for which the board proposed (and told us we would have to petition to prevent its occurrence) an unconstitutional continuous levy.

As for the building itself — it should never have been subject to design without topographical survey information. Our late son's colleagues who planned the Memorial Garden at our church (First United Methodist Church) attained that information by satellite almost instantaneously.

This group does not appear to me to have their act together. I can only hope that for the sake of the patrons and students, there will be an independent project manager on site daily with his punch list.

Those of us who own property are paying dearly. Many of us are retired, living on fixed incomes. Social Security is going up less than 2 percent, Medicare raises in premiums are generally higher than the Social Security increase. KPERS doesn't give raises and Medicare health and drug programs normally go up early, as do medication costs.

There was a much more reasonable solution. Why does the Board of Education feel no obligation to be stewards of our resources?

Sharon McDonald  
Holton

## Hoorah! We're now number two behind China

By Glenn Mollette

Many of us heard the news on Dec. 4. America is no longer number 1. We are now number 2. The Chinese economy overtook our economy to become the largest in the world.

We've been the leading economic power for about 150 years but times have changed. We can now take our number one finger down or instead hold up two fingers.

I remember as a child hearing about our country being number one in everything. We were the number one economic power. We were number one in education. We were number one in the Olympics. We were the best in the space program. We were the best in making cars.

We smirked about our transistor radios made in Hong Kong although they were really good radios. We don't smirk today. If a television isn't made in Hong Kong or Japan we figure it's a piece of junk.

In 1975 I bought an American-made car. Suddenly the whole floor was pulled out from beneath me when I realized the U.S. (in my opinion) was making garbage to sell to economy conscious consumers.

It was like the car companies had thrown something together to sell to us poor young college students who were strapped for cash and wanted to make our gasoline go farther. I struggled as this car suffered numerous breakdowns. Finally, I drove a Toyota Celica and felt like I was riding in a new Mercedes.

My father-in-law at the time was an engineer for General Motors and hated Japanese cars. He also served in the military in World War II and had nothing good to say about the Japanese.

Many American cars went through a poor craftsman stage during the early 1970s, in my opinion.

Our lousy production flooded the country with Toyotas, Nissans, Hondas and Volkswagens. There are now large manufacturing plants scattered throughout America bearing these names. I realize they hire Americans and that is great but how much money really ends up across the ocean?

I think most American cars are very good today. However, we got ourselves behind the eight ball due to a lot of years of poor craftsmanship. In

my opinion. Today we are strangled due to the overwhelming retirement packages promised to retirees.

During the same era, our government was cranking out free money and food stamps. This has only increased. We became obese, smoked our lungs out while trying to find entertainment through our 400 television channels.

Our government started paying people just enough so that they did not want to work. One employer recently lamented that his biggest competitor is the federal government.

We allowed some attorneys to use the legal system by conniving with clients on how to get something for nothing. Throughout Appalachia and other parts of our nation, attorneys advertised promising their clients disability checks and other welfare compensation.

Too many Americans started buying into something for nothing. Somebody told us we didn't have to work hard or compete. We were simply entitled to the good life because we had been born.

We demanded more wages, more

generous retirement packages and gold-lined health insurance packages.

This was all great but many American corporations, strong-armed by unions, promised to pay what they really could not afford? Today they are struggling to pay retirees and cannot grow their current work force.

We must generate a new America. A total of 50 percent of the people cannot sit home while the other 50 percent carry the load. We cannot expect to collect wages when we may have contributed little into a system that is already \$18 trillion in the red and bleeding red ink every day.

We can save America but we have to put our hands to work. Too many Americans have their hands out or are pointing their fingers at others. We need to point our hands and our fingers at ourselves and do something. We need to do what we can for the sake of family, our country and ourselves. It's not what "they" can do for us. It's about what we can do to be the best, not number two.

*Note: Dr. Glenn Mollette is a syndicated American columnist and author from Newburgh, Ind.*

## LETTER

Dear editor,

As a Montgomery County farmer and president of Kansas Farm Bureau, I'm writing to thank Rep. Mike Pompeo for introducing a bill supporting farmers, American agriculture and safe and affordable food.

I'm frustrated by the attacks against genetically modified crops and those of us who use them, which is why I want to thank Rep. Pompeo for standing up for us.

For more than a decade, many of our crops have been GMOs. They're more drought-resistant, give higher yields and require less tilling of the earth, which leads to less soil erosion.

Additionally, GMOs allow us to use fewer chemicals and herbicides, saving my family money and helping to protect the environment for my children's future. GMOs also help support my family's farming operation, the rural community in which we live and provide food, fuel and fiber for a growing world population.

A state-by-state patchwork of GMO labeling could lead to an increase in grocery prices of \$400 per family per year. That's real money in our household.

Criticizing farmers for growing crops that have tremendous conservation and environmental benefits is irrational. Expecting families to pay more for foods that have repeatedly been proven safe is immoral and wrong.

Rep. Pompeo has fought for farmers and our efforts to feed the hungry in the past and will do so again in the next Congress. I'm thankful for his support.

Sincerely,

Richard Felts  
Kansas Farm  
Bureau President  
Liberty

## AG WEEK: Soft feeder market gets absolutely sick

By Matt Hines

Feeders were hit with day two and the third day of the week of down the \$3 limit lower trade Friday. Fats tried to hold on to small gains, but with cash feedlot trade from \$4 to \$8 lower and boxed beef prices still falling, the pressure was too much for them as well. Dressed sales in the North ranged from \$256 to \$257 with live sales from \$163 to \$165 throughout.

For the week, Friday to Friday, December Live Cattle was down \$2.40, January Feeders were down \$9.27 and December Lean Hogs were up \$.92. Boxed Beef, Choice was down \$7.52 and Select was down \$2.59.

Cattle slaughter from Friday estimated at 106,000 head, up 1,000 from a week ago but down 9,000 from a year ago. For the week, 566,000 head up 4,000 from the week previous but down 42,000 from a year ago. Our year to date difference remains at 7.4 percent less but with weights up total production is only down about 6 percent less than a year ago.

Three consecutive days of limit \$3 lower trade for feeders has turned a market from somewhat soft to absolutely sick. January is still holding a premium to deferred contracts but currently a \$14 discount to the cash index! Early reports from Oklahoma City and Joplin were sharply lower prices for feeders and calves in the range of \$5 to \$15 lower compared to a week ago.

January feeders have taken out the low side of the recent range bound trade, which may spur some additional selling here this week. December live cattle are still choppy but holding above the \$160 area with the next support line at \$158.

Monday's Dec. 15 Livestock Futures Settlements:

- December Live Cattle -\$0.07 @ \$161.97, February -\$0.42 @ \$161.75.
- January Feeders -\$3 @ \$222.60, March -\$3 @ \$218.25.
- February Lean Hogs +\$.02 @ \$83.27, April +\$.47 @ \$84.82.

Moving over to the grains, we were higher for most of the day Friday led actually by the corn market this time instead of soybeans. DDGS are very tight domestically with prices up some \$20 to \$50/T compared to just a very short weeks ago.

China has booked some U.S. DDG and rumors are swirling that Ukraine might have to default on corn sales to China and China close to lifting the ban on U.S. corn, the last being the furthest from true so far. Syngenta reported late Friday that China is very close to lifting the ban MIR 162, but their CEO has made similar comments in the past as well.

Last week's rally got some more cash corn moving and basis has started to weaken as we enter the typically slow time to move cash grain in the holiday season. Basis has also weakened for soybean meal with South American values still at a discount to U.S. values.

Russian and French wheat offers continue to decline in price along with U.S. values making our values still some \$40/T or \$1.09/BU premium.

For the week, Friday to Friday, March Corn was up \$.12½, January Soybeans were up \$.11¼, March Kansas City Wheat was down \$.05 and March Chicago Wheat was up \$.12½.

Export shipments reported Monday were in line with expectations for wheat and soybeans but 10 MBU short of expectations for corn at 21.5 MBU inspected for export. NOPA November crush was released also

coming in at a hefty 161.2 MBU compared to October's 157.9 and last November's 160.1 MBU, expectations though were up at 165.4 MBU.

Grains were mixed to start this week with corn holding on to positive ground while soybeans gave back 9 to 10 cents. Wheat raced higher to start the week as traders continue to bounce the rumors of Russian exports declining.

Monday's Dec. 15 Grain Futures Settlements:

- March Corn +\$.01 @ \$4.08 ½, New Crop December +\$.01 @ \$4.32¾.
- January Soybeans -\$0.07¼ @ \$10.39½, New Crop November -\$0.08¼ @ \$10.11½.
- March Kansas City Wheat +\$.12¼ @ \$6.47, July +\$.13 @ \$6.53¼.
- March Chicago Wheat +\$.12½ @ \$6.19, July +\$.12½ @ \$6.20¼.

March corn broke through resistance last week and above the \$4 mark brought in some additional buying. There is a gap sitting up at \$4.23 to \$4.27, which is also the 50 percent retracement area.

January soybeans are pushing the \$10.50 lid again with support at \$10.30. March Kansas City wheat has support at \$6.13¼ and last week's low of \$6.10½. March Chicago wheat pushed through and closed above the \$6.10 area of resistance with more at \$6.30 and support around the \$5.80 area.

*Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Hines works for Loewen and Associates of Manhattan. He and his family live west of Holton.*

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## OBITUARIES

### Wanke

Martha S. (Wehner) Wanke, 92, of Topeka, passed away Monday, Dec. 15, 2014.

Martha was born in Germany, married Henry H. Wanke in 1948, and was a homemaker.

Martha was a member of The German-American Club of Topeka, of Mother Teresa Catholic Church, volunteered at Let's Help of Topeka and was a certified lay minister in South Dakota. Martha enjoyed spending time with her family, travelling with Henry, playing bridge, reading both in German and English, knitting, crocheting, painting and jigsaw puzzles.

Martha is survived by her husband, Henry; five children, Hilde Wagner, Portsmouth Va., Chearie Donaldson (Dan), Topeka, George Wanke (Tess Banion), Lawrence, Erika Tipton, Topeka and John Wanke (Sara), Katy, Texas; 15 grandchildren, Thad (Kiersten) Millard, Todd Wagner (Mandy), Kevin Wagner (Lauren), Paige Herman (Todd), Schaun Donaldson (Jenifer), Heather Scherer (Lee), Hilary Campbell (Josh), Colin Wanke (Lindsey), Lisa Tipton, Karen Tipton, Briana Booth, Jenaye Wanke, Karalyn Wanke, Daniel Wanke; 11 great-grandchildren, Davis Millard, Audrey Millard, Gresham Wagner, Christian Wagner, Luke McCarvel, Brooklyn Donaldson, Jaq Donaldson, Kyra Scherer, Melina Scherer, Zack Nitcher and Flynn Campbell; a brother, Hans Wehner (Barb), Germany; two sisters, Elly Lamprecht (Albert) and Hilde Krischer, all in Germany; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today with a parish rosary being recited at 5 p.m. at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 N.W. 46th St., Topeka, KS 66618. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church. Interment will follow in St. Aloysius Cemetery, Meriden.

Memorial contributions may be made to The German-American Club, P.O. Box 67022, Topeka, KS 66667; or Mother Teresa Catholic Church. Online condolences may be sent to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com)

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### Burch

Jack K. Burch, 83, Soldier, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014 at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. A full obituary will appear in Monday's Recorder.

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## Guard's 2nd Battalion to note 135 years of service on Friday

The Kansas National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 130th Field Artillery will celebrate its 135th birthday this Friday, Dec. 19, it was reported.

The historic battalion is headquartered in Hiawatha with subordinate units located in Clay Center, Holton, Lenexa, Marysville, Ottawa and Paola. The battalion, which holds the lineage and honors of the 130th Field Artillery Regiment, traces its heritage to the formation of the 1st Kansas Artillery in 1879.

Soon after he took the oath of office in January 1879, Gov. John P. St. John appeared before the Kansas Legislature in an urgent appeal for the reorganization of the state militia. Many of the governor's constituents agreed that something should be done to improve the efficiency of the state's military force and quite a bit of independent action followed during the spring and early summer.

Civil War veterans and men who served in the Indian campaigns were among the leaders in this movement, which resulted in the organization of a number of independent companies that petitioned state officials to become units of the organized militia.

Olathe, Gov. St. John's hometown, honored its leading citizen by calling its new infantry com-

pany the "St. John Rifles." Another rifle company was organized at Winfield during the summer and residents of the town were so enthusiastic that they went on to enlist recruits for a battery of light field artillery.

The Winfield Courier of Oct. 23, 1879, reported 40 men had been accepted. These men were mustered into service on Dec. 19 as the St. John Battery, Kansas State Militia. Guns were issued early in the spring of 1880 — two muzzle-loading pieces of pre-Civil War vintage.

The unit or soldiers from the battalion have served in every conflict since the Civil War. The battalion was mobilized for service along the Mexican Border, World War I and II, activated for duty in May 1968 at the time of the Pueblo incident, Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and most recently in July 2009 as the first Field Artillery Battalion to deploy to the Sinai in Egypt as Multinational Forces Observers.

Smaller elements of the battalion also served in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, Operation Jump Start along the U.S.-Mexico border in 2007 and multiple times for National Guard Civil Support within the confines of Kansas for floods, winter storms and severe weather recovery. The regiment has been awarded streamers for the

Meuse-Argonne, Alsace, Lorraine, the Aleutian Islands, the European Theatre, Iraq Campaign and Iraq Occupation.

Their current weapons system is the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, the newest member of the Multiple Launch Rocket System family. The HIMARS is a highly-mobile artillery rocket system offering the firepower of MLRS on a wheeled chassis. The battalion converted to HIMARS in April 2011.

The battalion currently has positions open for those wanting to serve their state and nation. Anyone wishing to join the Army National Guard will earn a competitive salary for part time service and may be eligible to receive other compensations and benefits such as enlistment bonuses, reenlistment bonuses, college funding and incentive pay.

Service in the National Guard provides additional benefits including tuition assistance, the Post-9/11 GI Bill, National Guard Scholarships, ROTC, Student Loan Repayment Program, inexpensive health coverage from TRICARE Reserve Select, dental insurance, life insurance, Thrift Savings Plan and retirement benefits after 20 years of service. For additional information contact a local recruiter at [kansassarmynationalguard.com](http://kansassarmynationalguard.com)

## Graduate from WU school of nursing



Briann Tuck



Kiersten Luthi



Christina Wilhelm

Briann Tuck, Hoyt, and Kiersten Luthi and Christina Joyce Wilhelm, both of Holton, received bachelor of science in nursing degrees at Washburn University's commencement exercises held Friday, Dec. 12 in Lee Arena, Petro Allied Health Center, on the Washburn campus.

Baccalaureate students were also honored during a recognition and pinning ceremony that same day at White Concert Hall on the WU campus.

Tuck's parents are Larry and Pat Tuck of Hoyt. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Luthi is the daughter of Russell and Katrena Luthi.

Wilhelm is the daughter of Kevin and Brenda Wilhelm.

## NEWS BRIEFS

■ Buck's Grove Methodist Church will hold Christmas Eve services at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24.

■ The Mayetta Senior Citizens will meet at noon Thursday, Dec. 18 in the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church basement for their Christmas dinner and meeting. Royal Valley's fifth-grade band will entertain after lunch. Everyone is welcome.

■ Debbie and Roy Calhoun are hosting their 10th annual Christmas Light Display between Y and Z roads on 222nd Road. The display, featuring 26,000 lights and more than 50 displays, will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 26. The public is invited.

■ The Jackson County Health Department at Third Street and Pennsylvania Avenue in Holton has a coat rack available. Donations of new or gently used and clean coats are being sought in all sizes, infant

through adult. Those needing coats may walk in and get one for free.

■ Beck-Bookman Library will host a Library Christmas Boutique during library hours until Saturday, Dec. 20. Proceeds from the sale of donated items will benefit the library. For more information call the library at 364-3532.

■ Holton Alateen, a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in the library (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave.

■ The Heart of Jackson Humane Society shelter is located at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 364-5156.

■ A community Bible study on the book of Acts and "God's Work in the Church" will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at 704 Banner Road in Holton. Contact Rhett Totten at

364-2881 for details.

■ 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 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 362-7021.

■ The Heart of Jackson Humane Society is seeking donations of several items for continued operations, as well as more volunteers to walk dogs at the shelter. For more information, call the shelter at 364-5156 or stop by the shelter at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton.

■ Quote of the day: "The excellence of a gift lies in its appropriateness rather than in its value." — Charles Dudley Warner

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## Holton First Baptist

By Shirley M. Cameron

On Sunday, Dec. 14, the congregation at Holton First Baptist Church sang "Joy to the World" as the candles were lit. The lighting of the Advent Candle followed, led by Ashley Oswald and Trish Fassnacht, lighting the "shepherd's candle." Josh Eaton was a part of this ceremony the past two Sundays.

"The Song of Christmas" was the cantata sung by the choir, directed by Jan Bissitt. Narrators were Brian, Lisa and their daughter. Soloists were Melanie Woltje, Lindsay Alley and Brian Spalding.

Songs sung were "We Have a Savior," "The Night That Christ Was," "Let Heaven and Nature Sing," "My Soul Magnifies," "Love Reaches 'Round the World," "He's Here," "Worship You" and "End of the Beginning." Scriptures appropriate to each song were shared by the narrators, and Pastor Tim shared in closing. The music and Biblical account of the birth of Christ were all awe-inspiring and honoring the Lord.

Pastor's closing thoughts — "This is what love is, that Jesus Christ gave His life for us. He allowed the Roman soldiers to drive nails into his hands and feet and to be hung on Calvary's cross so mankind could be forgiven. His death was not the end. He arose on the third day, when we celebrate Easter. He's a living Savior, sitting at the right hand of the throne of God, making intercession for us. Our lives will end in death, but when we trust Jesus, we will be

resurrected to living forever.

You see "The Best is Yet to Be" for all believers! "For God so Loved the World that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16.

The thoughts shared in this column are but a feeble effort, but to be there was just wonderful and we were blessed. Wish you'd been there? The next best thing is if you'd get a DVD or CD for \$1 if you fill out the form available in the foyer at the welcome center. All messages are recorded each Sunday as well, for any who aren't able to worship with us any given Sunday.

We're appreciative of all the time, energy and talent of everyone who had a part in presenting the cantata.

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### Thank You

The family of Doris Mulroy would like to say thank you to our family and friends for the flowers, cards, food, visits and most of all prayers. The kindness shown to Doris and our family has been extremely comforting.

*Eldon Mulroy and family*

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# SPORTS *Wednesday*



Panther Levanna Biggoose (shown above, middle) pulls up for a short jumper in the second half of Tuesday's game against Riverside. Utilizing a familiar offense has given Royal Valley a more patient, controlled attack, according to coach Corey Katzer, and it helped the Panthers pick up a 62-19 victory over the Cyclones.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

## RV girls' defense proves too much for visiting Riverside

Prior to the start of the season, RV girls basketball coach Corey Katzer noted it would take some time for the Panthers to adjust to the new defense he was implementing.

Katzer even went so far as to say that Royal Valley would not be fully adjusted before Christmas. Well, with one game left before the Christmas break, the Panthers came very close to executing the defense as their coach envisioned as Royal Valley suffocated the visiting Riverside Cyclones on Tuesday on the way to a 62-19 victory.

"Tonight was as close as they've been, which with one game to go before Christmas break, I think we're on schedule," Katzer said.

From the opening tip, the Panthers gave Riverside very little room to operate on the offensive end. While blanket coverage is a term that usually applies to football, it could easily describe what Royal Valley was doing to Riverside on the defensive end.

"It set the tone for everything and got them out of sorts, which is what we wanted," Katzer said.

Royal Valley covered their entire half of the court and let the Cyclones get down the floor in very few instances in the first quarter. On top of that, the Panthers got a patient and balanced attack on offense from the beginning to pull ahead big and never look back.

In addition to the points in transition, the Panthers hit some jump shots and three-pointers when they were open as the change in offense continues to

pay off. Royal Valley's guards were also aggressive going to the basket, which is something Katzer has been asking for from the start.

Katzer knows it will take some time for the team to become fully comfortable in that mentality, especially with a freshman starting point guard in Tamo Thomas and a senior in Jaycee Worrell adapting to share some of that load as well, though both had big games for the Panthers on Tuesday.

The second quarter was more of the same as Royal Valley kept its foot on the gas, while Riverside continued to get flustered. Royal Valley closed the second quarter on a 20-2 run to take a 47-13 lead at the break.

"What you always hear is we want to wear them out going into the fourth quarter. My theory is why can't you wear them out going into the second quarter? Why can't you get them so discombobulated that they don't want to handle the ball anymore in the second, third or fourth quarter? I think tonight was kind of an example of that," Katzer said.

The Panthers had just four turnovers to the Cyclones' 19 in the first half and Royal Valley didn't let up in the second half.

To illustrate just how well things were going for Royal Valley, Riverside managed to get a steal and force a rare RV turnover early in the third quarter, but Kate Hanson stole the ball right back and went up for an easy two to extend the Panthers' lead.

Even the JV players that came in

during the fourth quarter, with the running clock in effect and a win all but assured for RV, held their own and kept attacking as Royal Valley went on to collect a 62-19 victory.

"You don't ever expect to go out and win by 40. If you do, you're fooling yourself, but you have an expectation of how you should play and we met that expectation," Katzer said.

Royal Valley (2-2) will now travel to Carbondale to wrap up the first half of the season against Santa Fe Trail, with games starting at 4:15 p.m. on Friday.

**Dec. 16, 2014**  
RV: 9-4-4-2-19  
RV: 25-22-11-4-62

**Individual statistics:**  
RV: Thomas 5 (4) 2-4 16, Hanson 5 4-6 14, Worrell 4 (1) 3-4 12, Biggoose 4 1-2 9, Wahwassuck 2 0-0 4, Dahl 1 1-2 3, Putnam 1 1-2 3, Schuetz 0 1-2 1. Totals- 22 (5) 13-22 62.

**RV:** Butts 3 (1) 0-1 7, Perry 2 0-0 4, Meers 0 2-2 2, Henry 1 0-1 2, Schmile 0 2-2 2, Gray 1 0-0 2. Totals- 7 (1) 4-7 19.

**Team statistics:**  
Rebounds: RV- 27 (Biggoose 7, Hanson 6, Putnam 3, Thomas 3); Riv.- 16 (Perry 5, Myers 3).

**Assists:** RV- 11 (Worrell 3, Thomas 2, Hanson 2, Biggoose 2); Riv.- 2 (Perry 1, Myers 1).

**Turnovers:** RV- 12; Riv.- 27.



RV guard Lexi Baker (shown above, middle right) corrals a rebound while surrounded by several teammates early in Tuesday's home game against the Cyclones, which sums up the swarming nature of the Panthers in the game as they overwhelmed Riverside on the way to a victory.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

## Panthers victorious once again in overtime, defeat Cyclones

Clearly, the Panthers did not get enough basketball in last Friday as they followed up a double overtime win over Hiawatha with another win in extra periods against Riverside on Tuesday night.

This time, the RV boys needed just one extra session as they held off the Cyclones at home for a 49-46 victory.

Both teams got off to a slow start on offense, as Royal Valley opened up a slim 8-4 lead after one quarter. While Riverside's methodical offensive approach played into its slow start, the Panthers themselves were stagnant on offense as coach Keith Pelton said there was a lot of standing around that may have led to some wasted opportunities.

"I think we weren't getting where we were supposed to go. We weren't cutting hard early. I thought we did a better job of that later, but they were active. They're long. The take up a lot of space, so it was kind of hard to get some of those cuts in there and when we got them spread out a little bit, I think we got that," Pelton said.

Riverside exploited that in the second quarter as the Cyclones swung the turnover battle in their favor and used that to fuel a 15-2 run that put them up 17-10 in the second quarter.

Panther Derrick Barger hit a three with one and half minutes left in the quarter to end that run, but Riverside maintained an 18-13 lead going into the locker room at halftime.

"We got them down early and we just let them come back and then it's a game the rest of the way, so I'm telling them when you get somebody down, you have to execute better," Pelton said.

After halftime, Royal Valley seemed to have learned its lesson as the Panthers played with more

purpose and better execution right away in the second half. They put their hard hats on and went to work in the post in the third quarter to gradually fight back and retake the lead.

Royal Valley moved the ball around a lot more to open up some scoring opportunities in the low post, with Tristan Tessendorf and Jarrett Roy in particular taking advantage. With one minute left in the third quarter, RV went back ahead and took a 28-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

"We just started sealing. We started stepping into bodies there to get them into the open area instead of floating," Pelton said.

In the fourth quarter, though, the Panthers and Cyclones were neck-and-neck as neither team held a lead larger than two points in the final quarter of regulation.

Roy and fellow forward Joe Cullen battled foul trouble in the fourth quarter, which limited Royal Valley's post-scoring. Then, after Roy picked up his fourth foul, Riverside's Bryer Miller knocked down a three-pointer to give the lead back to the Cyclones.

The teams traded the lead back-and-forth from there, with most of the points coming at the free throw line with both teams in the bonus, though some clutch dribble-drives are what ended up sending the game to overtime.

After Miller missed two free throws with under a minute left, he followed that up on Riverside's next possession with a slash to the basket for two to put the Cyclones ahead 41-39.

Noah Rottinghaus then came through in the clutch for Royal Valley as he followed suit and drove to the hoop for the game-tying basket with 10 seconds left.

In the extra period, the junior

came through again. As the teams remained locked in a free throw battle and seemed destined to stay tied at 45-45 and head to another overtime, Rottinghaus created and hit a step-back jumper with 18 seconds left to give Royal Valley a 47-46 lead. He drained two free throws after that to score the Panthers' final four points and help the team pull out the 49-46 victory.

Royal Valley's defense also helped the team grind it out in the end as the Panthers battled for more loose balls in the second half, including Barger forcing a late turnover in overtime that helped secure the win.

"You can hang your hat on that later in the season, remember we grinded this out. Sometimes you just need those," Pelton said. "Yeah, I'd like to have a blowout every night, but sometimes you don't learn things from those as you do when you have to grind it out like this."

The Panthers (3-1) will now get set to travel to Carbondale and take on Santa Fe Trail in their final game before Christmas break on Friday. Action will start at 4:15 p.m.

**Dec. 16, 2014**  
RV: 4-14-9-14-5-46  
RV: 8-5-15-13-8-49

**Individual statistics:**  
RV: N. Rottinghaus 8 2-8 18, Tessendorf 4 2-6 10, Roy 1 5-7 7, Barger 1 (1) 4-6 7, Cullen 2 2-4 6, Ehrhart 0 1-2 1. Totals- 16 (1) 16-33 49.

**RV:** B. Miller 4 (1) 3-10 12, Shue 4 3-6 11, McGaughy 2 6-9 10, LaRue 2 (1) 0-0 5, A. Miller 2 0-0 4, Keller 1 (1) 1-2 4. Totals- 15 (3) 13-27 46.

**Team statistics:**  
Rebounds: RV- 33 (N. Rottinghaus 9, Tessendorf 9, Cullen 8); Riv.- 22 (Keller 10, Shue 4, LaRue 3).

**Assists:** RV- 6 (Barger 3, Roy 3); Riv.- 8 (B. Miller 3, Shue 2).

**Turnovers:** RV- 15; Riv.- 18.

## Jackson Heights splits road games with Pleasant Ridge

In a nice rebound effort on the road, the Jackson Heights boys basketball team took control early in a Northeast Kansas League showdown with Pleasant Ridge and held off a second half charge by the Rams on the way to a 65-45 victory Tuesday night.

"We started off okay and then we had a great second quarter, probably the best quarter we've played of the year," JH coach Chris Brown said. "Unfortunately, we followed that up with the worst quarter we've played in the third quarter and let them right back in the game, but I was proud of the way we kind of finished them off in the fourth there."

That second quarter was indeed something, as the Cobras exploded for 20 points to take a 35-16 advantage into halftime. While leading scorer Zane Richter (23 points) did more of the same against Pleasant Ridge, Brown said his team showed good balance on the offensive end Tuesday night as Westin Jacobsen and Wyatt Olberding also finished in double figures and the Cobras got some good contributions off the bench as well.

"That helps so much when you can get a little bit of variety in the way you're scoring," Brown said.

Jackson Heights controlled the tempo in the first half, allowing the Cobras to build a big lead, though Brown said the second half taught his team a good lesson about consistency moving forward.

"They came out and they punched us right in the mouth. All of a sudden, we realized we need to play hard every second and we can't take anything for granted. Once we did, it went really well," Brown said.

Now, the Cobras will try to keep the string of positives going and end the first half of the season with another win as Jackson Heights (2-1) gets set to host Oskaloosa for the last game before Christmas break on Friday. Contest will start at 5 p.m.

**Dec. 16, 2014**  
JH: 15-20-13-17-65  
PR: 10-6-20-9-45

**Individual statistics:**  
JH: Richter 23, Olberding 15, Jacobsen 11, Slocum 7, Strube 4, Holliday 3, Dohl 2.

**PR:** Haack 16, DeMaranville 9, Jones 6, Holmes 6, Schmalstieg 4, Morris 4.

Another slow start plagued the Lady Cobras in league action on Tuesday, but they put together a furious finish to come up just short in a 53-51 loss on the road against Pleasant Ridge.

While the Cobras fought until the end, digging themselves into early holes is a practice coach Dan Shupe would like for his team to shake, as he noted it hinders his team's chances for success.

It certainly hindered Jackson Heights on Tuesday night as did the players' passive nature on the court, with Shupe noting a lack of aggression also contributing to the team's slow start.

"Sometimes our kids are a little bit too

nice on the floor. We have to be more of the mindset of taking it to other people instead of sitting back and watching how the game progresses," Shupe said.

Several Cobra players picked up the intensity in the second half, as Shupe noted players like Becca Gibson and Katelyn Strube were strong down the stretch, along with Jessica Keehn turning in another solid all-around performance with a team-high 18 points.

"I thought in the second half the kids executed things and when things started rolling our way a little bit, the advantage started turning and the kids started playing harder, positive things started happening," Shupe said.

In the end, it wasn't enough to overcome the negatives of the first half, but Shupe said this loss was still a positive learning experience for his players and the Cobras (1-2) will now try to come back and end the first half

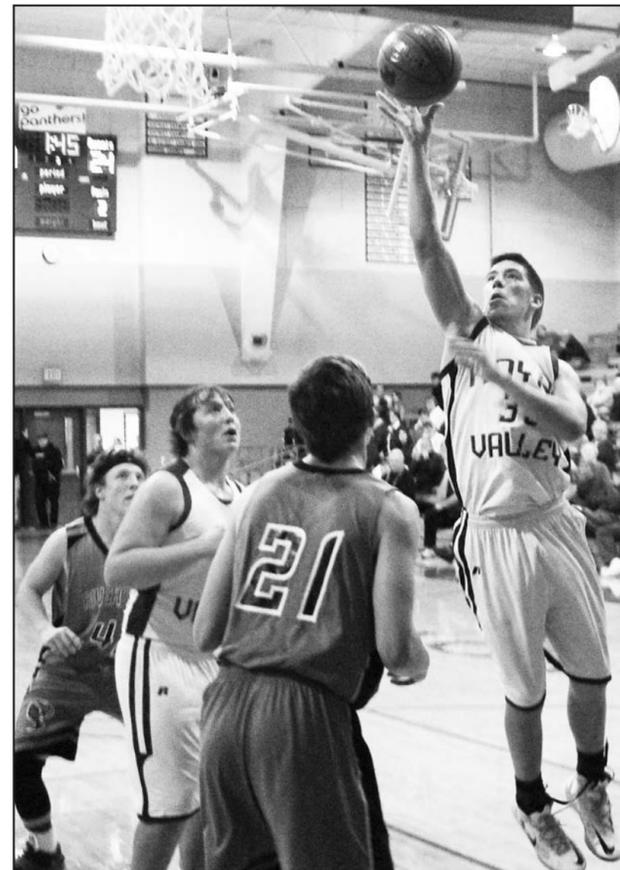
on a positive as the team gets set to host Oskaloosa on Friday with games starting at 5 p.m.

"Even though we didn't win the game, it was still a step forward in the right direction and hopefully we can come into Christmas break in a positive way and continue to improve for the second half of the season," Shupe said.

**Dec. 16, 2014**  
JH: 7-9-12-23-51  
PR: 14-12-13-14-53

**Individual statistics:**  
JH: Keehn 5 (4) 4-4 18, Gibson 4 1-1 9, Allen 2 4-7 8, Abel 2 (1) 3-3 8, Strube 2 2-6 6, Wareham 1 0-0 2. Totals- 16 (5) 14-27 51.

**PR:** Ewert 6 (5) 3-4 20, Carpenter 6 3-7 15, Heim 2 2-2 6, Simons 0 4-5 4, Swinford 1 0-0 2, Bradford 1 0-2 2, Wagner 1 0-0 2, McKinney 1 0-0 2. Totals- 18 (5) 12-10 53.



Royal Valley's Tristan Tessendorf (shown above, right) goes up for two of his 10 points in the team's 49-46 overtime victory over Riverside on Tuesday.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

# HMS, JHMS and RVMS girls basketball close the season with strong showings

With the middle school girls basketball season recently wrapping up, several Jackson County teams found themselves in position to potentially go out on top.

Three of the five teams from Holton, Royal Valley and Jackson Heights were playing for league titles at the end of the season and while all but one came up just short of that goal, there were some pretty strong finishes all around.

Holton's eighth grade team was the one squad to take that league title, though the Wildcats ended up sharing it with the Blue Jays of Sabetha after falling short in their showdown in the final game of the season.

Coach John Deitrich said the stakes might have weighed a little heavy on his team and pushed them to overcompensate early in the game, but the Wildcats quickly adjusted and came back to force two overtimes before falling 26-21 in Sabetha.

Those losses to the Blue Jays were the only two in league play for Holton and while Deitrich noted it might not feel like the team earned a share of a league title, he was still proud of what the Wildcats accomplished.

"That was as enjoyable as anything because we showed toughness and we showed resilience handling the pressure and we gave ourselves a chance to win at the end," Deitrich said.

An example of that tough mentality was exhibited in the Wildcats' practice routine, as Deitrich noted the team voted to forgo afternoon practices even when the time became available, electing to go to work early in morning practices throughout the season.

Deitrich noted those players continued to show growth as well after a strong seventh-grade season and adapted to their roles well this winter.

"Our big kids developed into pretty effective ball players in the post, that's Regan Baum and Lauryn Moore, and we developed a couple of shooters and a good point guard, with (Abbigail) Hundley and Sarah Holliday being shooters and Tabor Barta being the point guard," Deitrich said.

While Deitrich said this is one of the best defensive teams he's coached, with the players adapting quickly to the man-to-man defense, he was also quick to point out just how strong the Wildcats were on the offensive end as well, especially in transition.

"We ran the floor well offensively

and we were beating people down the court with our big kids and our little kids and we had some real good opportunities for the offense," Deitrich said.

Those two traits combined should set up the eighth graders well as they transition to the high school level and Deitrich said he expects some of them to be contributing to the varsity squad in the very near future.

Holton's eighth grade "A" team finished the season 12-4 and tied for first in the Big Seven League, while the "B" team was 1-13 this winter.

Holton's seventh grade squad also had a chance to play for a league title in the season finale against Sabetha, but the Blue Jays were the Wildcats' kryptonite this season as they provided Holton with their only two losses.

That meant the seventh grade squad ended up taking second in the league, but not before giving Sabetha everything it could handle.

"They battled and they played an exceptional game and really made that a competitive game right down to the final buzzer," coach Brian Hickman said.

In the final match-up with Sabetha, Hickman said his players did a good job of correcting the turnover issue that plagued them in the first meeting this season.

Playing in a tough environment in a physical game, Hickman said the Wildcats held their own, though they also learned the importance of being strong on offense as Holton couldn't finish some shots and fell just short in the 17-13 loss.

Though it was a tough note to end the season on, Hickman noted the final game against Sabetha helped to illustrate the tremendous growth of the seventh grade team over the course of the season, including the "B" team.

With the "B" team improving so much, and getting a 27-17 win over Sabetha in the final game, that allowed the Wildcats to build some depth and pushed the team to keep improving over the course of the season.

"Early on, there was a real wide gap there, but they really closed the gap and it helped make us all better because we had better practices that way," Hickman said.

Getting better was the overarching goal of the season and Hickman noted the seventh grade players made several strides, from the "B" team improving to nearly every player scoring over the course of the

season. Patience was a major theme, too, as Hickman noted he wanted the players to focus on limiting turnovers and handling pressure in game situations.

Guest speakers in practice helped motivate the Wildcats in their strong final push as well, like HMS student teacher (and hopeful Olympic high jumper) Briar Ploude, who gave several pep talks during the stretch run.

In the end, the Wildcats had the right effort and attitude as the "A" team finished 12-2 and second in the Big Seven League, while the "B" team was a perfect 12-0.

"I was just really proud of the girls for how hard they worked and how much fun we had this season," Hickman said.

Jackson Heights was the third and final team to have a shot at league championship glory as the Cobras entered the season-ending NEKL tournament as the third seed.

If not for running up against the bane of their basketball season (Valley Falls) in the semifinals, the JHMS team just might have captured it, too.

While the Cobras fell behind in all three games of the tournament, they came back in two of them and nearly did against Valley Falls in the closest game they played against the Dragons all season, a 30-23 loss.

Against McLouth, the Cobras really ramped up the defense to carry the team to a 26-17 victory and a third-place finish.

"Our pressure ended up getting to them. We came back in the second quarter and just kept right on pressing," coach Mark Fenton said. "By the end of the third quarter, we had kind of worn them down. That's kind of what we like to do."

Defense was the bread and butter of Jackson Heights all season long and Fenton noted the players did well in working in the man-to-man set-up and used it to get two big wins over eventual league champion JCN and to secure the three seed in the final game of the regular season, winning on the road against Pleasant Ridge.

The Cobras had good athletes and good effort throughout the season, with the "A," "B" and "C" teams all putting together strong seasons and Fenton said he hopes the players will keep up some of those habits as they take the next steps in their playing careers.

"The kids just go out each game and we just want to teach them to

give it all they can on the court," Fenton said.

Jackson Heights gave a lot and that led to the "A" team finishing 12-4 overall and third in the league, while both the "B" (13-0) and "C" (5-0) teams went undefeated on the season.

For Royal Valley, the end of the season was about going out on a positive note. The eighth grade was looking to close out strong after some tight, heartbreaking contests against the top teams in the league (Holton, Sabetha), while the seventh grade team was playing not to finish last in the league.

Coach Bill Higley noted the teams were pushed going into those games against Hiawatha and the Panthers responded in a big way.

"We were playing for pride and we certainly didn't want to be in last place. Those girls had a great week of practice and we ended up winning 27-14," Higley said of the seventh grade squad.

The eighth grade team won by 20 in the team's previous meeting and won handily again as the players' evolution over the course of the season was on full display.

"I think our team chemistry improved and I think that's a huge factor," Higley said. "As the season went along, we worked an awful lot on our character and who we are as people and how we trust one another and respect one another. I think as they grew as teammates and became closer and closer, those types of things really helped the girls to enjoy themselves more, to help them accomplish more and work harder."

Particularly, the eighth grade illustrated that in their final match-ups against co-Big Seven champions Sabetha and Holton in the teams' final meetings, falling by a combined five points in those games.

Higley also noted this group didn't shy away from work and while some frustration may have set in at times this season, he said all of the players were eager to get back to work and come out stronger the next time.

"They were persistent. When they lost, they weren't happy about it and they wanted to get right back at it and get back out on the court," Higley said.

There was improvement all around for the Panthers as the eighth grade team finished the season 8-6 overall and tied for fourth in the Big Seven, while the seventh grade squad ended up 2-12 after winning its final game.

**Individual statistics:**  
Holton: Allen 2 0-0 4, Bergsten 3 0-1 6, Tanking 2 0-0 4, Beecher 6 2-2 14, Wright 0 1-2 1, Patch 2 0-0 4, Sides 3 (2) 0-0 8, Brandt 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals- 19 (3) 3-5 44.

Hayden: McGreevy 2 3-4 7, Meier 14 5-9 33, Head 2 1-1 5, Heinen 3 0-0 6, Hammes 2 2-3 6, Anderson 1 0-0 2, Engroff 0 2-2 2, Canfield 2 2-2 6, Lopes 0 1-4 1. Totals- 26 16-25 68.

# Wetmore, ACCHS battle tough foes

If there was a theme for the teams from Wetmore and ACCHS this past week, it was tough competition. The basketball teams from both schools drew tough league matchups, while the ACCHS wrestling team competed in a tournament of champions. The level of difficulty was certainly high.

Still, some of those teams managed to find some success, not the least of which was the Tigers' wrestling team. Atchison County finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the 25-team tournament hosted by Eudora and three individual Tigers earned medals at the competition.

Bratton Forbes was runner-up in his weight class while both Dillon Weaver and Hunter Ostertag finished fourth and ACCHS will now be off through the Christmas break.

Full results for the Atchison County wrestlers at the Eudora tournament are listed below.

## Eudora Tournament of Champions

**Team results:**  
1. Mill Valley 332.5, 2. Baldwin 275.5, 3. Maize South 248, 4. Lansing 212.5, 5. De Soto 184, 6. Louisburg 177, 7. Rossville 154, 8. Tonganoxie 152, 9. Spring Hill 137, 10. St. Marys 133.5, 11. Buhler 127, 12. Wellsville 122, 13. ACCHS 118, 14. Ottawa 115, 15. Prairie View 112, 16. KC Bishop Ward 83.5, 17. Lawrence 82.5, 18. SM South 79.5, 19. Eudora 77, 20. KC Summer 73, 21. Fort Scott 64, 22. Holcomb 58, 23. St. Thomas Aquinas 31, 24. KC Piper 28.5, 25. St. James 21

**Individual results:**  
ACCHS (106): Karl Scholz had three byes, lost two matches and did not place.

(120): Hunter Ostertag had a bye, won five matches, lost three matches and took fourth.

(126): Kaelob Jones had two byes, lost three matches and did not place.

(132): Hunter Evans had a bye, won one match, lost three matches and did not place.

(138): Nick Hager had two byes, won one match, lost two matches and did not place.

(152): Dylan Birkinsha had a bye, won two matches, lost two matches and did not place.

(160): Mike Regan won two matches, lost three matches and did not place.

(182): Dillon Weaver had two byes, won four matches, lost three matches and came in fourth.

(195): Jacob Handke had three byes, lost a match and did not place.

(220): Bratten Forbes won six matches, lost two matches and finished second.

(285): Ryan Harshaw had a bye, lost four matches and did not place.

On the court, the ACCHS girls basketball team had some ups and

downs last week, starting with a road win at Royal Valley in which Katie Sullivan poured in 14 points for the Lady Tigers while point guard Lillie Holtgrave helped facilitate the comeback with 11 points and five assists in the 47-41 victory.

Holtgrave continued her strong week in a home contest against Holton last Friday, pouring in a game-high 22 points, but it wasn't quite enough as the Wildcats outgained the Tigers and pulled away down the stretch in a 63-50 loss for ACCHS.

Atchison County (2-1) will now get ready to close out the first half of the season by going back on the road for a league contest against Jeff West this coming Friday. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

For the Tiger boys, the week was a little more stressful as Atchison County just couldn't keep pace with its two opponents from Jackson County.

Last Tuesday, ACCHS hung around early at Royal Valley, but eventually faded in the second half in a 51-25 loss.

Meanwhile, there was no way for the Tigers to keep up with Holton last Friday as the Wildcats started on a blistering pace and also locked down Atchison County on the defensive end in a 66-37 loss. Guard Lane Bowen was the only ACCHS player to score in double digits in both games.

Atchison County (0-3) will look to pick up its first win of the season on the road against Jeff West this coming Friday, with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

Just like the ACCHS girls, the Lady Cardinals of Wetmore had an uneven week as well. Wetmore got off to a good start with a double-digit win over Troy (52-42) last Tuesday, with Dakota McQueen pouring in a game-high 24 points.

Then, Wetmore ran into a tough Centralia squad and remained competitive in the home league match-up last Friday before falling in the end by a final score of 46-32.

To close out the first half of the season, Wetmore (2-2) will have another tough test as the team travels to Washington County, ranked second in Class 2A, for a game on Friday. Action will start at 4:45 p.m.

Both match-ups were tough for the Cardinal boys last week as Wetmore just couldn't keep pace with Troy (73-26) or Centralia (49-19) in a pair of losses.

The Cardinals (1-3) will try to end the first half with a win as they go up against Washington County on the road Friday, with games starting at 4:45 p.m.

# Wildcats fall in tough match-ups with Hayden

So far this season, the Holton girls basketball team has shown a tendency to play to the extremes. The Wildcats have been either hot or cold in their first four games with little middle ground.

Monday was a particularly brisk night on the court and while the team overcame an icy start to compete with Hayden in the second half, Holton could not overcome its rival in the end in a 57-39 loss.

After the offense came alive in a win against Atchison County last Friday, HHS coach Jon Holliday was looking for that same type of effort against Hayden on Monday, knowing his team would need it to have a chance against the third-ranked team in Class 4A-Division I.

"That was what we were going to have to do to have a chance in that game," Holliday said. "They're a very good basketball team. They're a hungry team and at this point in time we're not quite there yet."

Holton fell behind early after a slow start on the offensive end and Hayden took advantage. The visiting Wildcats missed several lay-ups and turned the ball over, allowing Hayden to pull ahead, and the second quarter was almost a carbon copy of the first.

"It was just kind of the same case. We were playing okay. We didn't shoot the ball very well. We turned it over too many times and that's just a recipe for disaster when you're playing against somebody of that caliber," Holliday said.

Sure enough, Hayden won the turnover battle and the battle on the boards to gain control early, though the second half was a much more competitive one.

If Holton had not been down 14 points at halftime, Hayden would've been sweating a little more as HHS picked up the pace in the second half and held its own with Hayden in the final two quarters.

"We just played better basketball. We were more aggressive," Holliday said. "We were real tentative early in the first half against their pressure. If you're going to get pressed, you have to attack the pressure. If you're going to play passive, they're going to make you pay."

In cranking up the aggression, Holton was every bit Hayden's equal in the second half, but it was a little too late as the host Wildcats never trailed in the second half.

Holton flashed its potential late in Monday's game against Hayden and if the visitors had capitalized on some early opportunities it might have been a very different game. Holliday said his players knew it would be a challenge going in, though, and he hopes they glean some important information from the showdown with Hayden.

"If we truly desire to play at that level, we're going to have to understand what's involved. We're going to have to get to that point," Holliday said. "You can't just play when you're fresh. You can't just play when you feel good. You're going to have to play when you're hurt, you're going to have to play when you're tired and you're going to have to play when the chips are stacked against you."

"Once we get that mentality, we've got a chance to be pretty good," Holliday added.

For now, the seventh-ranked team in Class 4A-Division II will try to bounce back and end the first half of the season on a positive note as the Wildcats (2-2) get ready for a league showdown on the road against Riverside starting at 4:30 p.m. this Friday.

**Dec. 15, 2014**  
Hol.: 5-8-12-14-39  
Hay.: 12-15-13-17-57  
**Individual statistics:**  
Holton: Tanking 4 (1) 1-2 10, Boswell 2 3-4 7, Moore 3 0-0 6, Degenhardt 1 0-0 2, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Snepp 1 1-2 3, Sweet 1 0-0 2, A. Weilert 1 0-0 2, holiday 0 3-4 3, T. Weilert 1 0-0 2. Totals- 15 (1) 8-12 39.

Hayden: Lenherr 3 2-2 8, Lohse 5 (1) 0-2 11, Schmidt 9 0-0 18, Lawlor 3 0-0 6, Hobart 3 0-0 6, Kinman 2 2-2 6, Martinek 1 0-0 2. Team- 26 (1) 4-6 57.

Despite the challenges Holton saw throughout Monday's match-up against Hayden in Topeka, HHS coach Ryan Noel noted he was pleased with the effort he saw from his team.

While Hayden maintained a lead throughout, Noel said there was a sense that the lid would eventually come off and the Holton offense would find its stride to really make a game out of it. Instead, the wheels fell off in the fourth quarter and host Hayden pulled away for a 68-44 victory.

"I thought we competed well for

25, 26 minutes. I really liked how we fought for that period of time," Noel said.

The final quarter expounded some of the issues Holton had been having with the eighth-ranked team in Class 4A-Division I as Hayden shot 17 free throws compared to Holton's two, highlighting one of the major factors in the final outcome.

"That speaks to their level of aggressiveness throughout the game. They continued to attack us aggressively and we were more passive offensively," Noel said.

By the end of the night, Hayden had attempted 25 free throws overall while Holton had shot just five in the game. As if that wasn't enough, Marcus Meier went to work in the post for Hayden and finished with a game-high 33 points.

Going in, Noel noted Meier's size in particular would present some match-up problems for Holton and while he credited his players for taking away his angles and executing the defensive game plan at times, he also noted Meier is a talented player who adapted on the way to a big night.

Physical play was a difference in the end as Holton remained as close as they could before eventually running out of gas.

"I think they were in better shape and that showed late in the game when they were able to get up and down the floor still and we were pretty gassed," Noel said.

Even after the final result, Noel welcomed the challenge of playing Hayden, noting it is something he believes will teach his team a lot, especially regarding consistent effort and intensity.

"Our young guys, as well as our older guys, have a pretty good understanding of the level of intensity that they have to practice with to be able to play at that pace, that speed and that level of physicality. That's something we can take from this," Noel said.

This is a game Holton, ranked sixth in Class 4A-Division II itself, will learn from and it will have to be quick as the Wildcats (2-2) will close out the first half of the season with another tough contest, heading to Elwood on Friday to face off with Riverside. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 15, 2014**  
Hol.: 4-14-14-12-44  
Hay.: 8-20-18-22-68

# Wrestling correction

One Holton wrestler's showing at the Clay Center Invitational was misstated in a recent article. Justin Pool went 4-1 at the tournament and finished third in his weight class (132-lbs.). We apologize for the error.

# DELIVERING OUR BEST WISHES

Everyone here is ho... ho... hoping that all your news is good news this beautiful holiday season. We really appreciate your loyal readership.

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# County discusses road issues, vicious dog

The following are the approved minutes from the Dec. 8 Jackson County Commission meeting. During the meeting, the board:

\* Heard a weekly report from Eric Fritz, road and bridge co-supervisor, and Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager.

The men reported that blades are being used in Delia on E Road.

Commissioner Bill Elmer requested that rock be placed on 166<sup>th</sup> Road leading to the county landfill. It was also noted that Q4 Road between 110<sup>th</sup> and 118<sup>th</sup> Roads needs some rock.

\* Discussed a wooden bridge on H Road, south of 110<sup>th</sup> Road. It was reported that the bottom portion on the south end of the bridge is starting to rot. Mick said he will check on the issue. A tube also needs to be unclogged on G Road, south of 102<sup>nd</sup> Road.

Mick also reported on a phone conversation he had with Sandra Clark of the Kansas Department of Transportation concerning the county's federal exchange funds.

Clark suggested that the county submit a request for the balance of the account just in case the state budget takes the funds away next year. The funds will be placed in the special bridge fund. Elmer signed the request for reimbursement for the federal exchange funds.

\* Met with Pat Korte, director of emergency management. Korte presented the commissioners with light and siren applications to sign from the Mayetta Fire Department for Todd Stauffer, Harry Cornwell, Lance Renken, Dean Boyer and Auswell Stauffer.

Korte also asked the commissioners if there were zoning regulations that allow the county to utilize a resident's tower space for antennas and equipment. She said she will discuss the issue with the appraiser's office.

\* Accepted the low fuel bid of \$20,689 (\$2,219 a gallon for unleaded fuel and \$2,753 a gallon for winterized diesel fuel) from Knotty Pine Oil Company.

The other bid was \$20,935 (\$2.28

a gallon for unleaded fuel and \$2.77 a gallon for winterized diesel fuel) submitted by Haag Oil Company.

A bid from Jackson Farmers Inc. was received late and, therefore, was not considered by the commissioners, it was reported.

\* Met with Sherri Ladner, 911 administrator, and Jackson Sheriff Tim Morse, to discuss the work completed to put up the Whiting repeater. TBS worked 38.5 hours to put the repeater back up and charged the county \$3,800.

Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer asked for a breakdown of the labor.

\* Discussed the report of a vicious dog at large in Delia. Sheriff Morse had the dog picked up by Hamilton's Nuisance Animal Control.

\* Met with resident Scott Misenhelter to discuss the condition of 214<sup>th</sup> Road between Old Highway 75 east to Kansas Highway 16. Misenhelter stated that the road is in very bad condition and questioned the amount of rock placed on the road.

\* Met with Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager, to discuss the budgets for recycling and the household hazardous waste center and how they could be combined. Robinson also discussed ideas on how to cut some costs.

\* Heard a weekly report from Larry Holliday, Banner Creek Reservoir manager. Holliday reported that Steve Patterson requested to use the south side of the reservoir for a resting point for a tractor drive in the spring. The commissioners approved the request.

The commissioners and Holliday also discussed the park host position for 2015 and agreed to open up the position for applications.

\* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Held a hearing for the road alteration of Gilliland Lane. Donald and Anne Montgomery were present for the hearing, and they had no objections or comments about the alteration.

The commissioners approved a

motion to adopt resolution 2014-24 regarding this road.

\* Held a hearing for the road alteration of the portion of 334<sup>th</sup> Road between U and B Roads. No members of the public were present for the hearing.

The commissioners approved a motion to adopt resolution 2014-25 regarding this road.

\* Met with Brooke Smith, juvenile intake and assessment director, to discuss payroll changes for the department.

\* Discussed a potential resolution with County Counselor Alex Morrissey to raise the county's bed tax from three percent to five percent.

\* Met in executive session with Morrissey, Sheriff Morse and Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick for 35 minutes to discuss a matter of attorney/client privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Approved a motion to pay NEK Environmental Services its 2014 appropriation of \$9,700.

\* Approved a motion to allocate \$1,000 in county funds to the Jackson Heights post prom.

\* Approved a motion to enter in an agreement with Joe and Mary Doyle of Jackson County for a donation of soil.

\* Commissioner Kathrens called Jerry Nelson, vice president of the Jackson County Fair Board, to discuss concerns about the board allowing just one person to hold the treasurer, board member and custodial positions.

\* Adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

## Clarification

In a recent article outlining how the county has used the special .4 percent sales tax funds for road and bridge improvements, it was incorrectly reported that funds had been used to chip-and-seal E Road from 118th to 134th Roads.

Funds have been used to build up that road and prepare it for chip and seal next year, it has been reported. *The Recorder* apologizes for the confusion.



The Royal Valley fourth graders recently finished their parks and recreation league play. Team members included (front row, from left) Catherine Harvey, Emma Schuetz, Neveah Grubb, Andrea Clements, (back row, from left) coach Becky Schuetz, Morgyn Baker, Emma Deghand, Gracie Filbert, Abby Everts and coach Kim Clements.

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## Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards

Dec. 14 was a warm, damp morning, and we had a good number present for services at Netawaka United Methodist Church. Mary Edwards will have a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. on Dec. 24 at Whiting UMC.

In the sharing of joys and concerns, Neva Douglas enjoyed spending some time with her granddaughter and her husband in Topeka. Both of the young people have just graduated with honors from Washburn and will be going on a belated honeymoon. Patsy Jones is much better with treatment for an irritation after eye surgery. We pray for all on our list.

The Rev. Caren Loper led the responsive call to worship. The hymn of praise was "O Come, Oh Come,

Emmanuel." Fredrika and Alyssa Mullins lit the third Advent candle, the pink candle, honoring Mary. The responsive hymn was "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear."

The congregation read together the Prayer of Confession followed by silent reflection and meditation, then the Pastor's Prayer, Lord's Prayer and prayer response, "Emmanuel."

In the children's message, Pastor Caren directed that all blue-eyed people present be given a peppermint candy. Then she asked, "Is that fair?" "No!" was the answer of course. Then mints were given to everyone else as a simple lesson in justice.

Verse 3 of "Away In A Manger" was sung. Pastor Caren read Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11.

"Anticipate Justice" was the sermon. We rejoice in a God who loves justice. After shouting "Rejoice!" a

few times, we could feel the joy of the season, joy for Jesus' coming. God's people turn back to God with the promise of The Anointed One. God is glorified when all people are healed and are rejoicing.

As we rejoice, we need to give and forgive past injustices. Part of our giving can be indirect gifts, when we give to worthy charities in another person's name, honoring that person. God is with us, injustices reconciled.

Steve Banaka collected the tithes and offerings. "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing" was the departing hymn.

UMW met Wednesday afternoon with Patsy Jones. We had a good attendance including Dotty Mead from Topeka and Pastor Caren.

Advent study continues on Sunday afternoons at Jon and Cheryl Yingst's home near Whiting.

## Kientz Corner By Beverly Ramey Newell

The second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 7, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Emmanuel, Emmanuel."

The announcements were: Lite Bite was to be held at 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 10; the children's Christmas program, "Christmas Hope," was to be held at 7 p.m. on Dec. 14; the all-church caroling event will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 21; and there will be a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 23 and a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24. You are invited to attend the service that works best for you and your family and friends. The offering from both of these services will be donated to two missions: Trash Mountain Project and Fellowship and Faith Ministry.

The birthdays for Dec. 7 through Dec. 13: Chris Farmer, Dec. 7; Amanda Van Schaick, Dec. 11; and Emma Dowd, Dec. 12. The anniversary for the week was David and Kelly Neiman, Dec. 8.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He asked the children if they had watched the old movie "The Christmas Carol" on TV. It is about Ebenezer Scrooge. In the 1800s, children sold newspapers in their towns. They would say, "Extra, extra, read all about it!" Before the 1800s, the town criers would repeat the news and they would say, "Hear ye, hear ye!"

How did the people get the news about Jesus coming? They received the news by a messenger, John the Baptist. We still need messengers to tell the good news about Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Will you be a messenger for Jesus?

The concerns were prayers for Bill and Wilma Adams, who are having health issues; Bruce Lanning, who was to have a pacemaker put in on Dec. 8; Carol Smith, who is having health problems; the family of Margaret Segebrecht; and the family of Edna Jones.

Barbara Hanson read the scripture Isaiah 7:14. The sermon "Expect a Miracle" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. Do you know the song "Santa Claus is Coming to Town?" God says to be good. Christmas is not about Santa Claus. It is about the birth of Jesus, our Emmanuel. Emmanuel means "God is with us."

Jesus' birth was a blessed miracle. God chose ordinary people to be in His miracles. Let us spread the hope and joy of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

The communion elements were served by the Rev. Cho, Barbara Hanson, Ron and Linda Griffiths and Denis and Val Warkentine.

The closing hymn was "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" Those assisting with the service were Barbara Hanson, liturgist; Mary Smith, organist; Hailee Gower, acolyte; Matt Mannell, sound sys-

tem; John Wilson, song leader; and Norm and Tina Davis, Gary Domer and Gary Simmer, usher team.

On Dec. 3, there were 11 ladies at the women's gathering at the home of Judy Glasgow.

On Dec. 4, there were 16 people who attended the Pleasant Hill coffee group for breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in Topeka.

On Dec. 6, there were six ladies who attended the Secret Pal brunch at the home of Barbara Hanson.

On Dec. 7, Dick and Beverly Newell attended a birthday party for their great-granddaughters, Mackensie, who turned 11 on Dec. 8, and Madalyn, who turned four on Dec. 9, at their home in Topeka.

## Public Notice

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### BEFORE THE JACKSON COUNTY APPEALS BOARD

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

#### TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 8:00 pm, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 located at 312 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, Kansas in the Senior Citizen Building to consider the following application.

Application filed by Duane Miner & Claudia Beck, requesting a Special Use Permit for placement of a Single Wide Manufactured Home on the following described real estate:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, Township 6 South, Range 13 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas. Beginning at a point 334.40 feet South of the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section; thence South 387 feet; thence West 397 feet; thence North 387 feet; thence East 397 feet to the point of beginning.

Also Known as: 26511 C Rd, Soldier, Ks 66540

The public is invited to the hearing to express their opinion on the application.

Jason Claycamp  
Zoning Administrator  
Jackson County, Kansas

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As 2014 draws to a close, you may want to look back on the progress you've made this past year in various areas of your life – and that certainly includes progress toward your financial goals. At the same time, you may want to make some end-of-year moves that can close out 2014 on a positive note while paving the way for a productive 2015.



Shannon Wright

Here are a few such moves to consider:

• **Boost your retirement plan contributions.** This actually isn't an "end-of-year" move because you have until April 15, 2015, to contribute to your Roth or Traditional IRA for the 2014 tax year. Nonetheless, the sooner you get extra dollars working for you in your IRA, the better. You can put in up to \$5,500 to your IRA (or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older) for 2014. If you are self-employed, or run a small business, you also have until April 15 to contribute to a retirement account, such as a SEP IRA or a SIMPLE plan. In addition to helping you build resources for retirement, these types of plans can offer you some tax advantages – so if you haven't established a retirement plan yet, consult with your financial and tax professionals.

• **Sell your "losers."** If you own investments that have lost value since you purchased them, you can sell them before 2014 ends and use the tax loss to offset some capital gains you may have earned in other investments. If you don't have any capital gains, you can use up to \$3,000 of your tax losses to offset other ordinary income. And for a loss greater than \$3,000, you can "carry over" the excess and deduct it from your taxes in future years. If you still liked the investment that you sold at a loss, and you want to keep it in your portfolio, you could repurchase it, but you'll have to wait 31 days to avoid violating the IRS' "wash sale" rules. Keep in mind that these suggestions only apply to investments held outside your employer-sponsored retirement account; you can't take a tax deduction on capital losses in a 401(k) or similar plan.

• **Evaluate your 401(k) investment mix.** You may be able to adjust the investment mix in your 401(k) as often as you like. So when evaluating your 401(k), make sure your holdings aren't concentrated in just a few investments, and try to determine if your portfolio is still appropriate for your risk tolerance – not too aggressive or too conservative.

Also, if your plan offers a "Roth" option, consider taking advantage of it – with a Roth, you won't be able to deduct your 401(k) contributions from your taxes, but once you retire, you won't be taxed on your withdrawals.

• **Review your insurance coverage.** If you've experienced any changes in your life in 2014 – new spouse, new child, divorce, new job, etc. – you may need to review your life insurance coverage to make sure that it's still sufficient for your needs and that you have the correct beneficiaries in place.

By making these and other moves, you can say a fond farewell to 2014, knowing that you've done what you could to help bolster your financial position – for 2015 and beyond.

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This article was written by Edward Jones, member SIPC for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

Shannon Wright  
financial advisor  
118 W. 5th St., Holton, KS  
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## Christmas light displays listed

If you or someone you know channels their inner Clark Griswold each Christmas season with hundreds of Christmas lights on their home, we'd like to know.

The Holton Recorder is compiling a list of addresses in Jackson County that exemplify the Christmas spirit.

If you know of a brightly decorated home, please call or e-mail the address to the Recorder, 364-3141 or holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com.

The following is the start of the list of homes decorated in lights:

■ Debbie and Roy Calhoun, located between Y and Z Roads on 222nd Road. The display includes 1/8 mile of lights and displays and is lit between 5:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. each evening through Dec. 26.

■ Pat and Delaney Smith residence, 416 Navajo Dr. in Holton.

■ Dennis and Joni White residence, 725 Wisconsin Ave. in Holton.

■ Jeremy Ingels family, 204 New York Ave. in Holton.

■ Albert and Roberta Olberding, 237 Searle St. in Whiting.

■ Gordon and Debbie Smith, 506 Wyoming Ave. in Holton.

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## Immanuel ladies host brunch and blessing

By Esther L. Ideker

Immanuel Ladies hosted Brunch and Blessings at 10 a.m. on Saturday morning, Dec. 13, at the Netawaka Community Building. Five tables of eight were set by hostesses Elizabeth Handke, Nancy Schumann, Pastor Geske and Trish Kelm, Lavon Keehn and Esther Ideker.

Pastor Geske served as master of ceremonies with trivia and caroling. Guests included Pam Schumann, Karen Schumann and her grandson, Krista, Kinley and Morgan Schuette and Sue Scheutte, all of Sabetha; Terry Handke, Marvin and Joyce Strube, Barb Klahr, Kathy Jones, Mike and Julie Keehn, Jennifer and Trinity McMahon, Ernie Keehn, Marj Cochren, Mary Mora, Teri Manuel, Janet Amon and Les Brandt, all of Holton; Heather Amon, Jacob Geske and Joyce Peterson, all of Whiting; and Betsy Schlossmann of Topeka.

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### JACKSON COUNTY BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2014 Jackson County Budget: The governing body of Jackson County will meet on December 29, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers Room 209, Jackson County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at Jackson County Clerk's Office, Room 201 and will be available at this hearing.

#### Summary of Amendments

Fund	2014 Adopted Budget			2014 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
General	45.193	4,380,923	6,729,863	6,981,701
Road & Bridge	25.086	2,431,786	3,346,549	3,468,049
Noxious Weed	1.237	119,952	263,124	338,424
.4% Sales Tax			308,901	345,500

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# Jackson County

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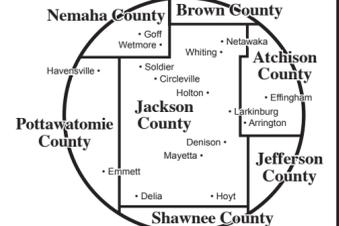
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### Employment

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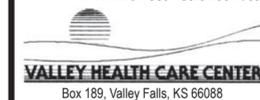
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# News from the Circleville community

By Jeannie Arnold

LeRoy and Marla Shupe traveled to Decatur, Neb. on Dec. 5 through Dec. 7 for an early Christmas celebration with their granddaughters. They stayed in a cabin on the Missouri River.

Last weekend, Dec. 6 and 7, was the mother-daughter weekend for Deloris Beam, Denise Wheeler, Diana Wilson and Donna Pool. They enjoyed a fun weekend Christmas shopping in Kansas City and just spending time together. They plan to have their VanDonge Thanksgiving-Christmas get-together on Dec. 21 at the home of Danny and Shirley VanDonge. They always hope for nice weather so the young ones can play outside.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson went to Royal Valley High School on Tuesday, Dec. 9, to see their granddaughter, Kylie Moore, play basketball. They played against ACCHS. She plays on the JV team. Also, between the boys and girls games, they honored the veterans. They had around 18 men in a line to share the recognition. Dennis also went to Hiawatha on Friday to watch Kylie play again.

Lori Burdick and I spent the day in Topeka on Wednesday, Dec. 10,

doing some Christmas shopping and just enjoying a day out together.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson went to Lee Arena at Washburn University on Thursday night, Dec. 11, to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Shelby Moore, from Washburn Tech. Her program completion certificate was Health Care Technology. The ceremony was impressive and it is a wonderful program for high school students.

Barbara Hutchinson and Kenny Wykert attended the joint meeting of the Area Agency Advisory Board and the Board of Directors on Friday morning, Dec. 12, in Hiawatha at the Aging Council Office. There was a large crowd in attendance. A discussion was held about the upcoming 2015 year, including budget projections, 2015 meeting dates and updates on Kancare and other issues pertaining to aging. Barbara is finishing up her third term of the Silver Haired Legislature for Jackson County and she will be going off this Dec. 31.

On Friday night, Dec. 12, dinner guests of Roy and Beverly Kranz were Bud and Shirley Stauffer and Floyd and June Schlodder. They enjoyed eating pizza and a lot of visiting.

Debbie Kennedy, Shawna Blackwood, Jessica Schageck and Brooke Johnson hosted a birthday party for Beverly Kranz on Saturday evening, Dec. 13.

A wonderful meal was served with a trivia game on Beverly following, where Roy Kranz had the most wrong answers. Other family attending were John Kennedy, Katie Kennedy, Adam Hughes, Carson and Madison Blackwood, Gage Schageck, John Johnson, Brynley Cowan, Tate Johnson, Charles and Doreen Kranz, Judy Robison, Jim and Leigh Kidney, Bryan Kidney, Jacob Kidney, Sue Biddison, Gus Ciaciurus, Dirk Biddison, Julia Gonzales and Donnie and Nancy Wischmeier. David and Roberta Spencer and Gary and De Herman, good friends of Roy and Beverly, also were present. It was a very enjoyable evening and much appreciated by Beverly.

Santa was ringing his bells when he entered the Country Cafe on Saturday evening, Dec. 13. He found a chair waiting for him by the brightly decorated Christmas tree and was soon busy balancing kids on his knee and asking what they wanted for Christmas this year. He gave each one a candy cane while Moms and Dads were busy taking pictures and

he told them that over at the Holiday House, in the old bank building, there was a special treat bag made up just for kids.

There was potato soup, chili and vegetable beef soup with all the fixings cooked up by Wendy and Rhonda at the cafe and there was even a plate of cookies so no one went away hungry for just a free-will donation.

Over at the Holiday House, Judy handed out those goodie bags to kids as folks came wandering in. For the parents, seeing all the Christmas candy was amazing. The biggest sellers were four-pound bags of peanut clusters. People found ornaments and gift baskets too while browsing and visiting. It was such a fun evening. Even the weather was perfect.

Santa stopped by the Holiday House at the end of the evening and when he left he was heard to exclaim, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

Barbara Hutchinson went to Marysville on Sunday, Dec. 14, to attend the funeral visitation for a neighbor and friend, Ann Ackerman, who died Dec. 12. It was held at the Kinsley Mortuary. She visited with Ann's son and daughter, Chad and Dana, while she was there.

## Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernritter

Dec. 14, third Sunday of Advent, found us going through a fine mist as we entered Buck's Grove Church.

Jack Bernritter rang the bell welcoming everyone to come and worship with us.

Althea played a prelude as Amariah Allen lighted the alter candles. Ericka Allen read scripture as Amariah lighted the Advent Candles.

Lay Servant Joyce Immenschuh gave the call to worship and led us in the opening prayer.

Althea played as the congregation sang "Joy to the World," "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" and "There's a Song in the Air."

Joyce read scripture Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-24. The Psalter reading was Psalms 126:1-6.

We sang "The Church in the Wildwood" for Don and Jean Boling's special.

The Gospel reading was John 1:6-8, 19-28. Joyce's sermon was titled "A Real Christmas Miracle." Christmas is a busy time as we decorate our homes, buy gifts, mail cards and 100 other things, but before we get on this high-speed Christmas train let's think about the true meaning of Christmas.

Joyce told a true story about a little girl ill with Leukemia without any hope to live through the Christmas season.

All she wanted was a visit from Santa. Santa visited her at the hospital and prayed with her and her family. He told the little girl he was going to ask that angels watch over her but her job was to concentrate on getting well. He told her he expected to see her this time next year at the mall. Santa knew it was risky saying that, but he gave her the greatest gift he could - the gift of Hope.

One year later at the mall, this same little girl was healthy as she climbed up to sit on Santa's lap. That was the best Christmas ever for Santa. He had witnessed, and

been blessed to be a part of, this miracle of hope.

Just as Santa gave hope to a little girl and her family, we've been given the hope of eternal life. Christmas is a time of Hope. That hope was brought to the world by the birth of a baby boy, Jesus.

From Isaiah 9:6-7, we hear these words: "For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever."

Our story shows us that God can and does perform miracles and sometimes He'll even give us a chance to be a part of the miracle. Christ is our hope. Without Him, we would have no hope and we would be miserable. Our hope is sure and steadfast. It is not a wishful dream, but an awesome assured reality. We have the hope of Heaven, and eternal life.

Jesus was born on Christmas. Thirty-three years later, He died on Good Friday. Three days later He rose from the dead. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

Hope is what we are given when we invite Jesus into our hearts and accept Him as our personal savior. Hope, that if we follow Jesus faithfully, we will spend eternity in Heaven with Him.

Don Boling and Jack Bernritter acted as offertory ushers. The service closed with "Come Oh Lord." And then, it was time to sack candy and nuts in preparation for the Wise Men to give out on Christmas Eve. The program begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The Second Midweek Advent Service was held on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. A fellowship supper preceded the service served by Barb Klahr and Kathy Jones. At the beginning of the service, time was taken to take requests of favorite Christmas carols including "What Child is This," "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "God Loves Me Dearly."

After the opening sentences, the congregation sang "Once He Came in Blessing." Psalm 104:24-34 was read responsively. Pastor Jeffrey Geske read the Old Testament lesson from Deuteronomy Chapter 8, the Epistle lesson from 2 Corinthians Chapter 9 and the Holy Gospel from John Chapter 6. The first article of the Apostles with meaning by Martin Luther was professed by the congregation. The sermon hymn was "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus."

Pastor Jeffrey Geske's sermon was titled "Jesus Shows Us Our Provider." Jesus is the Bread of Life, sustaining life and eternal life. Some philosophers depicted God as a clockmaker, creating everything and then simply watching it unwind. But throughout history, God's people saw Him as the Provider of all they needed.

Before they entered the Promised Land, for example, Moses reminded God's people of his providence during their wilderness wanderings. But when we see Jesus, the Bread of Life, going to the cross for us to secure our eternal life, we recognize that "all we need for this body and life" comes to us purely by the grace of God.

When eternal life is secure in Christ, then our hearts can confidently trust in our heavenly Father each day. It is not the will of the Father that any should perish, and so he, our Provider, has provided the way of eternal life for all humanity. It is in Jesus that we see the ultimate provision of God. All we need to know about the Father we see in the Son, who said, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." (Jn. 14:11). Come, Lord Jesus, and show us the Father, our Provider!

The offering stewards were Doug Klahr and Tophir Dohl. The offertory piece was "Still, Still, Still." The congregation joined The Lord's Prayer and Luther's Evening Prayer Following the Benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring." Brantley Dohl served as acolyte and on the altar committee, Heather Amon and Karen Schumann.

The Rejoice candle of the Advent Wreath was lighted by acolyte Grant Amon at the third Sunday in Advent worship service on Dec. 14. Following the welcome and greeting time, the Jackson Heights Choir, directed by Clarissa Bergland, sang three pieces, "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming," "Make My Life a Bethlehem" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." Immanuel members, parents and friends were grateful to their choir and director for the beautiful renditions and attending the service.

Pastor Jeffrey Geske conducted the service with the confession and absolution, introit, salutation and opening prayer. The congregation joined in the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Elder Tex Manuel II read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah Chapter 61 and the Epistle lesson from 2 Thessalonians Chapter 5. Pastor Geske read the Holy Gospel for the day from John Chapter 1.

In the children's message, Pastor

Geske reminded them of how at this time of year we give glory to God for sending his Son as Savior, as the prophet Isaiah foretold. We are to share the good news through our words and actions and have reason to rejoice at this Holy Season. Pastor Geske led the children in the song "Rejoice In the Lord, Always" and "I Just Want to be A Sheep."

The sermon hymn was "Hark the Glad Sound." Pastor Geske's sermon theme was "The Glory of Jesus," based on Isaiah. In our text we heard, "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn."

Jesus is the fulfillment of these words of Isaiah. It is awesome to the glory of Jesus that, because of Him, we receive the blessing of the new covenant that is made and fulfilled in Jesus. For all that Christ has done for us, we have reason to rejoice and to celebrate His coming, His birth, His life and ultimately, His death and resurrection. Pastor Geske encouraged us to 1) Care, 2) Dare, 3) Share and 4) Pray. Tell the glory of Jesus so that the world may know that love and forgiveness of our God.

The congregation professed the Apostles' Creed and the meaning by Martin Luther. The offering stewards were Tophir Dohl and Tex Manuel II. In the prayers of the church, included were the whole Christian community around the world, all nations that there may be times of peace and our own nation and state. Remembered were those with special concerns including health and family needs and for those who are shut out. Into God's hands, we commended all for whom we pray.

The congregation joined in singing The Lord's Prayer. Following the benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Go Tell It On the Mountain." A time of fellowship followed with recognition reception for Pastor Geske and Trish Kelm on their engagement. Sunday school, Bible class and confirmation class met taught by Pastor Geske and Terri Manuel.

Advent service will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 17. A light supper will be served before the service. A Holy Communion service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 21, with Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Blessings to all our readers and The Holton Recorder staff for a meaningful Christmas!

## Denison Bible Church

By Esther Hall

It was good to see both Dave and Rose at Denison Bible Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 14, and feeling better. Our numbers were few but those who were absent were in our thoughts and prayers.

Youth Under Construction (YUC) will meet next at 2 p.m. on Jan. 3, 2015. YUC members collecting the offerings were Damien N. and Dakota J. The Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.

The Ryan P. family had the Advent reading. Special music was "Let There Be Peace On Earth" sung by George P.

Pastor Tom's message was titled "I've Got Peace Like a Christian," based on Luke 2:8-12. The way of peace is the path least traveled. The shepherds watching their sheep out in the fields were frightened when an angel of the Lord appeared to them. How many angels would it take to scare you; first one angel and then a whole sky full of them? These were heavenly angels and to find yourself in the presence of the Holy, even as a believer, would be terrifying. The shepherds were scared but the angels gave them assurance and peace enough to listen to the instruction on

where to find the Christ Child.

Peace is not a goal. Faith is the goal. To have the same peace that Christ had in the Garden of Gethsemane, we must have faith. We will find everything God wants us to have when we seek Him with a whole heart. That includes peace. After hearing the angels, the shepherds were no longer afraid and went to find the Christ; not just to see if He was really there but because of their faith they knew He would be there.

After seeing the Christ Child, the shepherds told everyone what they had heard and seen just as they'd been told to do. When we've been saved we are to become Jesus' ambassadors and should be telling everyone we meet about Jesus Christ. We are sanctified when we let the peace of God rule our hearts. There is a power at work in all of us. But when we don't deal with our fears, it goes against God. There is so much fear in the world today and not enough peace in Jesus Christ.

Our goal should be to walk by faith to achieve peace, joy and love. Do you have peace with and of God? Ask the Lord to increase your faith. Jesus Christ can give you peace!

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## Thanksgiving guests enjoyed

By Sharon McDonald

Gayle and Sharon McDonald of rural Holton were pleased to have guests for Thanksgiving.

There for the day were Sharon's sister, Karen Wirtmiller of Topeka, and Gayle's brother, James of Cameron, Mo.

Arriving on Wednesday and staying until Sunday were their daughter, Mary Elizabeth Cannon, their son-in-law, Thomas Carl Cannon, and their grandsons, Thomas Leslie (28 months) and Charlie Walker (six months) Cannon of Ada, Okla. A good time was had by all.

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## Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Ellsworth and Sandra Hewitt served as greeters at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Dec. 14. Randy Wickham opening the service by leading us in a couple of Christmas hymns. Dale Askren gave the opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of David Allen, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, Max Lierz and Randy and Brenda Wickham. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events and David Allen gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Randy Wickham used text from Philippians 2:5-11, Hebrews 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-20 and John 1:1-4 as he gave the morning sermon titled "When God Became Man." Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is the radiance of God's glory. Only God in human form could do what Jesus came to do. Jesus became obedient, even to death. Jesus humbled himself. Jesus was a servant who made

the sin payment for us.

Being a servant means being willing to give up our personal rights and opportunities in order to benefit others. Jesus the servant gave of Himself freely and completely. Jesus gave us the gift of Himself. This Christmas season, we need to focus on Christ and the true meaning of Christmas.

David Allen used text from Psalm 145 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Ellsworth Hewitt, John Ray and Jason Claycamp. Joyce Cochren provided the lovely piano music as communion was served. Dale Askren gave the prayer for the offering and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails to You."

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## Sixth Grade Choir

The sixth grade chorus from Holton Middle School performed "Goin' to Grandma's," "Christmas Round" and "A Holly Jolly Holiday" during Holton's middle and high school vocal Christmas concert on Tuesday evening in the Holton High School auditorium, led by vocal music director Randall Bond (at right).

Photo by Brian Sanders

## Toys For Tots...

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expanded it nationwide one year later. Since then, it has been reported that the Marines have collected and distributed more than 470,000,000 toys through the program.

This year, Coons said, the Topeka program — which, in addition to the five counties covered now out of Holton, also covers Shawnee, Morris, Osage and Wabaunsee counties — will be serving about 650 needy families.

"You get a lot of families that sign up, and you can definitely tell that they're down and out," Coons said. "Folks show up year after year, and you start recognizing their faces, but you can see the ones who are genuinely in need, and when they put in their requests, they'll just say, 'anything you can do to help.'"

But there's another side to participation in the program that warms his heart.

"We also get folks who make donations, and they'll say, 'when I was a kid, I received gifts from Toys for Tots, and I want to give back to the program,'" Coons said. "It's always good when you see people paying it forward."

Pittaway said he decided to get involved with Toys for Tots on a local level after participating in a program ride with the Eagles Club in Beloit and finding himself impressed with that club's dedication to children in need. He approached his fellow Riders about getting involved, and that led to contacts with Coons earlier this year.

"He said, 'let's make it happen,'" Pittaway said. "And we're making it happen."

The Holton collection and distribution point was originally intended to serve Jackson, Brown, Nemaha and Pottawatomie counties, he said, but once he saw the enthusiasm of VFW clubs in Jefferson County, the decision was made to bring that county on board.

"The Ozawie riders really supported this," Pittaway said. "They've been terrific. They brought lots of toys and cash donations, and they really made a lot of this possible."

Coons also noted that Nemaha and Brown counties were added to Topeka's Toys for Tots service area this year "because of the support we had up here." Pittaway added that if anyone who lives outside of the service area wants to participate, they can.

"We're doing some outlying areas that nobody else is taking care of," Pittaway said. "We've got toys going to Geary County this morning."

Organization and distribution was originally planned for the Veterans Club in Holton, but response to the program was more than the club could handle.

"We just kind of outgrew our intended space," Pittaway said. "The Armory came along and offered us the room we needed."

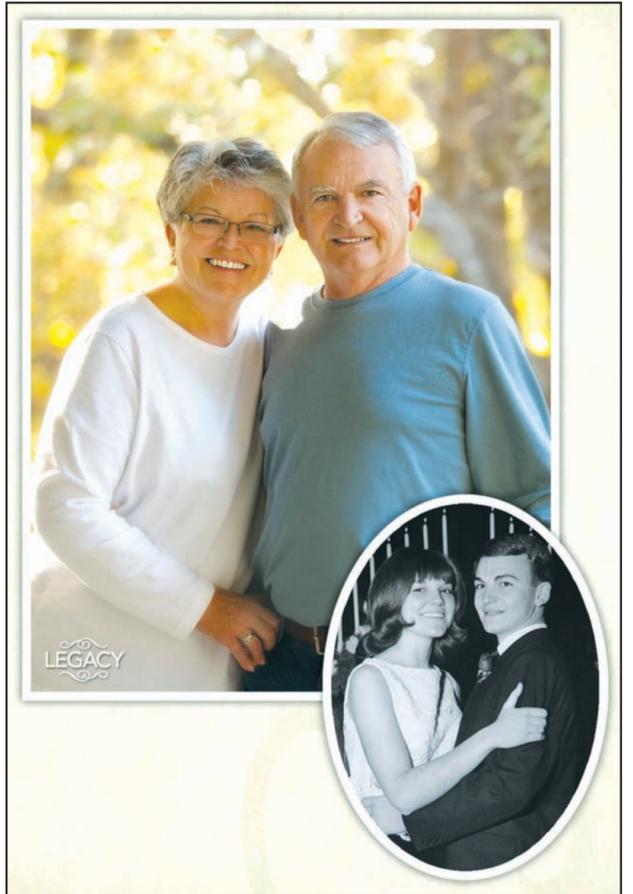
The Armory will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Saturday for distribution of toy bags to participating families, with Sunday being set aside as an extra day for families who are not able to get to the Armory any other day this week.

"All it takes is a phone call to me, and I'll meet them here anytime," Pittaway said.

And while the donation deadline for this year's Toys for Tots distribution has passed, Pittaway said the VFW Riders will accept toys and donations for the program at any time of the year.

"It doesn't have to be limited to just November and December," he said.

For more information about Toys for Tots, contact Pittaway at (785) 534-0026 or Coons at (785) 862-0923, ext. 260, or visit [topeka-ks.toysfortots.org](http://topeka-ks.toysfortots.org)



## Fletchers to celebrate 50th anniversary

Phillip Dean and Brenda Welliever Fletcher of Holton will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at the end of the month.

The couple was married by the Rev. Max Wright on Dec. 31, 1964 at First United Methodist Church in Holton.

Dean and Brenda have two sons, Brendan and his wife, Emma, of Sydney, Australia, and Brett and his wife, Carly, of Holton. They have four grandchildren, Taygen, Jayden, Madeleine and Charlotte.

A family vacation is being planned to celebrate.

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■ Approved cereal malt beverage license renewals for Your Place or Mine Catering, Off the Square Grill, Ron's IGA, Holton Country Mart, K&N Pizza Hut Inc., Haag Inc./Holton 66, Casey's General Store, Walmart, Trails Café and Catering and 7-Eleven Sales Corp.

■ Approved a retail liquor license renewal for Arcada Liquor L.L.C.

■ Set the official year-end meeting for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31.

■ Heard comment from Brenner about the city street crew having "done good" in regard to keeping fallen leaves from storm gutters.

■ Heard comment from Brenner about gasoline prices at Holton fueling stations dropping and getting closer to the average of prices in Topeka.

■ Met in two executive sessions for a total of 25 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters. No action resulted from the session.

■ Adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m.

The Holton City Commission regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at Holton City Hall. For more information, or to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting, call City Hall at 364-2721.

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