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Candidates file for spring election

By Ali Holcomb

Jackson County residents seeking election to area school boards and city councils this spring have until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 27, to file.

Positions one, two, three and seven on Jackson Heights, Holton and Royal Valley school boards will be included on the April 7 ballot.

Incumbents Shelby Patch (position three on the Holton board), Boone Smith (position two on the Royal Valley board) and Neal Keeler (position three on the Jackson Heights board) have filed for the election. Orin Marshall of Holton has also filed for position two on the USD 336 Board of Education, which is currently held by Denise Sweet.

Current school board members

whose seats are up for election include:

* USD 335 – David Allen (position one), Melinda Wareham (position two), Neal Keeler (position three) and Konrad Coe (position seven).

* USD 336 – Cindy Stavropoulos (position one), Denise Sweet (position two), Shelby Patch (position three) and Steven Bowser (position seven).

* USD 337 – Jim O'Toole (position one), Boone Smith (position two), Pat Tuck (position three) and Rusty Douglas (position seven).

To file for a school board positions, candidates must register at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, located

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Christmas Bureau serves 762 people

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Bureau served 762 needy individuals this Christmas, and organizers are looking for a group or individuals to coordinate the event for next year.

The annual Christmas "store" was held Dec. 12 at Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton.

"We received 206 family applications that included 402 children," said Kay Smith, event organizer. "We also served 70 senior and disabled applicants."

As part of the special store, each family or individual received a bag

of home essentials, food items and toys. Senior and disabled applicants also received a pharmacy gift card.

"As a whole, everything went very well," Smith said. "We were a little low on volunteers due to sickness and other commitments."

This was the first year that organizers sought donations of completed essential bags from the public, with items including laundry soap, shampoo, soap, toilet paper and other necessities.

"Our goal was 250 bags, and we received 300," Smith said. "I think

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County receives first snow

Dreams of a white Christmas came true — a week ahead of schedule.

A pre-winter storm system moved through northeastern Kansas late Wednesday, Dec. 17, dumping up to six inches of snow on the Jackson County area, closing schools and canceling other activities for the day on Thursday. All three Jackson County schools were back in session on Friday, one day before students began a two-week Christmas holiday break.

Snowfall reports in southern Jackson County included six inches at Hoyt and five inches in Mayetta, while about four inches of snow was noted on Holton's Town Square and in the northern parts of the county. Neither the Holton Police Department

nor the Jackson County Sheriff's Department reported a great deal of activity due to the snow, it was noted.

The snow caused the cancellation of a Jackson Heights Middle School and High School Christmas concert scheduled for that evening. It also forced the postponement of a Holton High School wrestling meet with Sabetha High School; a make-up date for the meet has yet to be announced, school officials noted.

A white Christmas is not in the forecast for this Thursday, although there is a slight chance for some snow on Tuesday, the National Weather Service reported today. For more information, see the weather forecast on Page 2A of today's *Holton Recorder*.

Recorder to print one edition each week during holidays

The *Holton Recorder* will publish one edition of the newspaper instead of two this week and next, it has been announced.

The Christmas week edition will be published today. 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



The birth of Jesus is celebrated each Christmas.

Year In Review: January through April

As the year 2014 draws to a close, *The Holton Recorder* takes its annual look back at the year that was in Holton and Jackson County. Highlights from the first four months are listed below, with the remainder of the year to be covered in two upcoming issues of *The Recorder*.

January

Some restrictions to the new concealed carry law regarding Kansas municipal buildings have been put in place for Jackson County employees. As of Jan. 1, any member of the public, as well as any county employee, with a concealed carry license is allowed to carry a gun throughout the first and second floors of the Courthouse.

Holton Community Hospital's first baby born in the new year of 2014 arrived at 5:16 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2. Weighing 8 pounds, one ounce and measuring 20 1/4 inches long, Harper Mildred Hawk was born to proud parents Lindsey and Ben Hawk of Effingham. This is the first child for the young couple.

The Holton USD 336 Board of Education continues to work toward determining a bond issue for a new elementary school building project. The board met early this month to review some ideas with members of the Hollis and Miller architectural firm regarding building options that

have been discussed before finalizing a plan and preparing to approve a resolution for a bond issue election, to be held in May.

During their first meeting of 2014, members of the Holton City Commission were presented with several options for amending the city's schedule of fines for traffic infractions and misdemeanors, showing some favor toward raising the city's fines by 30 percent. But with concerns that raising the fines by 30 percent may still be too moderate an increase, commissioners opted to delay action on the matter.

A former Jackson County employee accused of embezzling more than \$15,000 from the county was sentenced to four years probation. Janette Fund, charged with stealing \$15,326.97 from the county's noxious weed, landfill and recycling department between April 2011 and July 2013, was given a total underlying sentence of 40 months in combined prison and jail time, suspended in favor of probation by District Court Judge Micheal Ireland.

The Jackson County Commission petitioned state lawmakers to retain the state's mortgage registration fees. Commissioners adopted a resolution in support of keeping the fees in place. Proposals to eliminate the registration fee are being discussed at the state level, but commissioners

argued that the fee is "an important revenue source for counties and is one of a very few streams counties have to finance essential county services."

For the second year in a row, the budget for the Jackson County jail is in the black. After operating in the red for several years, cuts and cost-saving measures have been put in place to make the department more efficient, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse. The sheriff's office and the jail were operated as separate entities beginning October 2004.

Walmart is "early in the planning process" of planning to build a new, larger facility in Holton, according to a company spokesperson. The Holton Planning Commission approved a preliminary plat for construction of a new facility on property located at the southern edge of the city despite protests from some who expressed concern that the new store would be detrimental to businesses on Holton's Town Square.

After more than 30 rounds of spelling competition that included 92 words, Alyssa Henry, an eighth-grade student at Jackson Heights, was named champion of the Jackson County Spelling Bee. The bee lasted an hour and 40 minutes, the last hour

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Items still sought for annual dinner

By Brian Sanders

A few food items — mainly fruit and vegetable salads — are still needed in order to make the annual Community Christmas Dinner this Thursday a success, according to dinner organizer Freda Galer.

"What I need are the salads. I've only got about six salads," said Galer, who estimated that another 20 fruit and vegetable salads will be needed for the annual dinner, set from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Thursday at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

Other food items needed include six gallons of green beans, six gallons of sweet potatoes and five more pies. Everything else, Galer said, is on hand, including volunteers to help set up the Family Life Center for the dinner and serve food, although another volunteer is being sought to help with deliveries.

Galer is also hoping for a bigger turnout than last year's record turnout of more than 400, and so far, she said, it's looking like it could happen.

"Several have told me they'll be bringing the whole family," she said. "At Christmas, I think a lot of people wait to see what's going on, but when it's time for the dinner, we get plenty."

The dinner is open to the public, regardless of age, religious affiliation, income bracket or residence.

"It's for anybody in the community who wants to get out at Christmas, or would like to have a little company," Galer said.

Anyone requesting a dinner to be delivered to their home is urged to call Galer at 364-4160 before 10 p.m. Wednesday, and she may also be contacted at that number for more information about food donations or volunteer work with the dinner. Cash donations are also being accepted to help defray the dinner's costs; contact Francis DeVader at 364-2507.

Teen pleads guilty in abuse case

By Brian Sanders

A Topeka teen has changed his plea to guilty regarding child abuse charges in connection with an April incident involving a 7-month-old Holton boy, according to Jackson County District Court records.

Sentencing for Koylen McKinney, 18, was set for 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23 in district court after McKinney, during a Dec. 12 pre-trial motion hearing in advance of a scheduled mid-January trial, pleaded guilty to charges of aggravated battery, abuse of a child and aggravated endangerment of a child. McKinney had originally pleaded not guilty to the three charges in September.

Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller said McKinney could face from 62 to 69 months of prison time on the battery charge, from 31 to 34 months on the abuse charge and from five to seven months on the endangerment charge. Those sentences could run

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TUESDAY'S FORECAST
PARTLY CLOUDY SKIES, HIGH OF 39
Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

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10:30 a.m. - Worship
5:00 p.m. - Prayer Time
5:15 p.m. - RISC
6:00 p.m. - Sr. High Youth
Other activities available throughout the week.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Christopher A. Bullard, transporting an open container, \$228.
 Debra M. Chandley, child restraint violation, \$168.
 Laura K. Coop, speeding, \$189.
 Jaime J. Gonzalez, improper stopping, standing or parking on roadway, transporting an open container, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, operating a vehicle without liability insurance, diversion.
 Dominique M. Larkins, purchase/consumption of alcoholic liquor/cereal malt beverage by a minor, diversion.
 Tricia A. Nioce, speeding, \$201.
 Aiden R. O'Brien, speeding, \$165.
 Christopher A. Pugh, speeding, \$222.
 Demetric S. White, reckless driving, \$308.

Limited Civil

Dispositions
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Katherine Harris and Dakota Harris, sought judgment of \$1,238.44 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jennifer J. Bontrager, sought judgment of \$887.50 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Mindelle F. McCrory, sought judgment of \$694 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Marsha R. Moore, sought judgment of \$540.93 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Chelsea Wohler, sought judgment of \$3,855.16 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Marlin R. Gier and Christie L. Gier, sought judgment of \$793.43 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Lesley King, sought judgment of \$859.68 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. James A. Watkins, sought judgment of \$630.50 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Aleah Stone and Gary Stone, sought judgment of \$7,489.24 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Charles Abrams and Breann Abrams, sought judgment of \$100.43 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jan Johnson and Richard Johnson, sought judgment of \$227.29 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$64.13 plus interest and court costs.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Sarah N. Milleson, sought judgment of \$154 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Gary D. New and Karlene New, sought judgment of \$412.72 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Amy L. Mick and Dean Mick Jr., sought judgment of \$356.93 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Sherrei K. Boyke, sought judgment of \$204.18 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Ashley Brownell, also known as Ashley Spaar, sought

judgment of \$195.60 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Gwen A. Keehn, sought judgment of \$402.73 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Denison State Bank vs. January D. Gustafson, sought judgment of \$361.01 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Denison State Bank vs. Gonza Wahquahboshkuk, sought judgment of \$329.97 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.
 Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Michaela Wingender, sought judgment of \$4,195 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Denison State Bank vs. Terri A. Hrudka, sought judgment of \$1,159.74 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Galt Ventures L.L.C. vs. Kelly J. Tannahill, sought judgment of \$530.39 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Topeka Ear, Nose and Throat P.A. vs. Amber Keithley and Jeremy Keithley, sought judgment of \$94.76 plus interest and court costs; granted.
 Holton Dental vs. Kristina Drewel, sought judgment of \$233.08 plus interest and court costs; granted.
Filed
 Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Kimberly Thomas, seeking judgment of \$4,527.37 plus interest and court costs.
 Heartland Veterinary Clinic P.A. vs. Amy Boster, seeking judgment of \$220.68 plus interest and court costs.
 Heartland Veterinary Clinic P.A. vs. Vickie Wilson, seeking judgment of \$735.24 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal Dispositions
 State of Kansas vs. Kyle J. Tyler, Holton, possession of oxycodone;

sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Martin R. Knoxsah, Mayetta, unlawful distribution of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 60 days in jail, placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Christopher M. Ray, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 20 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Allin D. Taylor, Holton, criminal threat; sentenced to nine months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Charles H. Robinson, Richards, Mo., possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 13 months imprisonment and fined \$5,000, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Cassey O. McKinney, Mayetta, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
Filed
 State of Kansas vs. Micah E. Frasher, Valley Falls, furnishing alcoholic liquor to a minor.
 State of Kansas vs. Lori L. Hall, Topeka, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prostitution, no drug tax stamp, possession of marijuana.
 State of Kansas vs. Jason E. Delg, Topeka, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, promoting prostitution, no drug tax stamp, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal trespass.

State of Kansas vs. Jesse L. Razo, Mayetta, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft.
 State of Kansas vs. Shawna L. Stoldt, Mayetta, domestic battery.
 State of Kansas vs. Nicholas T. Nichols, Wetmore, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding.
 State of Kansas vs. Travis M. Ketrion, LaCrosse, Wis., possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 State of Kansas vs. Lacy E. Hug, Hoyt, domestic battery, disorderly conduct.
 State of Kansas vs. Tyler R. Wynkoop, Mayetta, domestic battery, disorderly conduct.
 State of Kansas vs. Kyle J. Davidson, Hoyt, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.
 State of Kansas vs. Tanner W. Talbot, St. Joseph, Mo., two counts of contributing to a child's misconduct or deprivation.
 State of Kansas vs. Theresia M.A. Turner, Topeka, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, transportation of liquor in an open container, registration violation.
 State of Kansas vs. Andrew W. Davis, Lawrence, identity theft, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, forgery, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

Domestic Dispositions
 David J. Swann vs. Terri A. Swann, registration of foreign support order granted.
 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Jacqueline E. Coffelt, sought support judgment; dismissed.

Sheriff's officers report recent arrests

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department has reported the following arrests:
 ■ On Dec. 4, a 16-year-old female from St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a juvenile warrant from another state.
 ■ On Dec. 4, Samantha French, 26, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.
 ■ On Dec. 4, Chrystal Blake, 27, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.
 ■ On Dec. 5, Shawn Harris, 46, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of motion to revoke bond.
 ■ On Dec. 5, Justin Tootle, 31, Atchison, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.
 ■ On Dec. 6, Charles Moore, 23, Holton, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
 ■ On Dec. 6, Richard Meltz, 31, Delia, was arrested on a charge of domestic battery.
 ■ On Dec. 6, Mark Fruechting, 51, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and transporting an open container.
 ■ On Dec. 7, Travis Ketrion, 32, La Crosse, Wis., was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure

to appear.
 ■ On Dec. 8, Corey Reed, 27, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On Dec. 8, Megan Heinsohn, 23, Manhattan, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.
 ■ On Dec. 8, John Criqui, 45, Whiting, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and transporting an open container.
 ■ On Dec. 11, James Seaman, 31, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On Dec. 11, Kristin Moore, 21, Topeka, was arrested on two criminal warrants on probation violation charges.
 ■ On Dec. 11, Martez Clark, 25, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On Dec. 12, Todd Erwin, 50, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended. Erwin was also arrested on Dec. 14 on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.
 ■ On Dec. 13, Angel Moorshead, 33, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.
 ■ On Dec. 13, Brandon Ebbs, 30, Soldier, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of theft.
 ■ On Dec. 14, Darrick Wells, 39, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

■ On Dec. 15, Robert Leeper, 26, Topeka, was arrested on a domestic case warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 ■ On Dec. 17, Sandra Silver, 50, Holton, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and refusing to submit to a breath test.
 ■ On Dec. 17, Curtis New, 25, Hoyt, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of motion to revoke bond.
 ■ On Dec. 18, Zuri Bartlett, 21, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

Correction

A word was misspelled in a recent "Letter to the Editor" submitted by Sharon McDonald of Holton.
 At the end of the letter, a sentence should have read "KPERs doesn't give raises and Medicare health and drug programs normally go up yearly, as do medication costs."
 The Recorder apologizes for the error.

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39/31 Partly cloudy skies during the morning hours will give way to cloudy skies	35/28 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper 20s.	48/37 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 30s.	38/22 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the low 20s.	34/24 A few clouds. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid 20s.
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The Jackson County Courthouse, Senior Citizen Center, Noxious Weed Dept., and the Landfill & Recycle Center will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25 and Friday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. They will all resume regular business hours on Monday, Dec. 29, 2014.

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Members of Hoyt's United Methodist Church recently presented a live nativity scene on the church's south lawn. Submitted photo

State gas average falls 13 cents

Average retail gasoline prices in Kansas dropped 13 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.22 per gallon on Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 1,329 gas outlets in Kansas. This compares with the national average that fell 10.8 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.42 per gallon, according to gasoline price monitoring Web site GasBuddy.com. Including the change in gas prices in Kansas during the past week, prices on Sunday were 74.5 cents per gallon lower than the same day a year ago and are 49.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The average price per gallon in the Holton area this morning was \$2.23.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Wednesday, Dec. 24th – Close at 12 Noon
Thursday, Dec. 25th – CLOSED
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MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra McClain

5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 21-27, 2009

Holton High School alumnus Brad Askren has always had an entrepreneurial spirit. That attitude has taken Askren on many career paths across the United States and has now landed him as the co-owner of Blue Collar Hot Sauce, a gourmet hot sauce company located in Colorado. The company's three varieties will find their way to the shelves at Ron's IGA in Holton next week, it has been reported.

Jackson Heights High School principal Gary Herman has announced that he will step down from his position at the end of the 2009-10 school year, the USD 335 board of education learned last week. Herman has been with the district since the 2002-03 school year, it was reported.

The Grinch visited the city of Mayetta on Friday, Dec. 18, as vandals damaged an inflated Christmas light display at a residence off U.S. Highway 75. Eight inflated lawn displays were damaged and two were stolen right off the highway, according to homeowner Judy Hasty.

Dale Scheidegger of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) recently presented Royal Valley High School student Riley Sorden with first place honors in the local Voice of Democracy essay contest.

10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 21-27, 2004

Elaine Nielson, principal at Cen-

tral Elementary School in Holton. Nielson recently received notice that a butterfly tagged by Holton fifth graders on Sept. 16, 2002, was recovered in El Rosario, Mexico on March 2, 2004.

The Jackson County Commission agreed on Monday, Dec. 20, to participate in the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks enhanced Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP) for one year. The commission debated whether participation would be a positive or negative thing for Banner Creek Reservoir, but shortly afterward, the Holton City Commission made its decision that it would be a positive for the city and its two lakes.

The best Christmas light displays in Holton have been chosen. The top three winners in the residential and business categories will get a rebate on their electric bills. First place in residential lighting went to the home of Tim and Norma Little, second place to Cheryl and Howard Larson and third place to Jay and Cindy Watkins. First, second and third places in the business category went to Ginger Snips, Lasting Impressions and Jan's Ladies Apparel, respectively.

Holton Community Hospital personnel will enter the new year working on new projects and changes in the hospital's floor plan, it has been reported. One of the new programs that will eventually be implemented at the hospital is a Medical/Health Career Exploring program, according to HCH Administrator Jim Fairchild. This program will allow participants to hear speakers on various aspects of

the health care profession.

25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 21-27, 1989

A holiday message of peace is etched in colored lights on the side of a barn near Denison. The front yard of the Binkley home near the barn is flooded with light proclaiming holiday greetings.

What began four years ago as a local businessman's concern over the plight of the farmers has blossomed into a statewide program recognized by a national organization. In the past few years, Help the Farmers Inc. has aided thousands of rural families with boxes of food, clothing and advice. One such office is located in Wetmore, supervised by Clara Niehues. Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) volunteers at the Wetmore location are Glynda and Lee Noe.

Carl Reiff of Netawaka has been selected to join the Cargill Hybrid Seeds Circle of Excellence of outstanding sales and service to area farmers, it has been announced.

Possible addition of a respiratory therapy department to its list of services was discussed by the Holton City Hospital board of trustees on Dec. 20, though no action was taken.

Kristi Lutz, a student at Royal Valley High School, was elected as the Chapter Sweetheart for the Royal Valley Future Farmers of America Chapter on Nov. 21, it was reported. She is the daughter of Betty and Bruce Lutz.

Forty-two students in Kansas State

University's College of Business Administration have been listed in the 1990 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Deena Folk of Holton is among the honorees.

50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 21-27, 1964

A uniform grading scale will be implemented by the teachers of the Holton junior-senior high school, it was announced this week by Superintendent Jack Sloan. With this new scale, work graded 94 to 100 percent will be A, 87 to 93 will be B, 79 to 86 will be C, 70 to 78 will be D and work below 70 will be failing.

Holton Supermarket held a Christmas sale that featured turkey hens for 37 cents per pound, Tom turkeys for 29 cents per pound, two tins of peaches for 45 cents and a one-pound bag of cranberries for 27 cents.

On Friday, Dec. 18, nine Holton boys paid a visit to a neighbor and showered him with Christmas gifts. The neighbor was Hugh Johnson, and the boys are neighborhood youngsters who, with Johnson's permission and encouragement, use his backyard for a variety of games ranging from football to "playing soldier," as their own neighborhood consists of small yards mostly devoted to gardens.

The children in Mrs. Miller's first grade class at Colorado Elementary School enjoyed a pinata on Tuesday morning, Dec. 22. The Mexican Christmas custom was brought to school by Leslie Chandler.

Penney's in Holton advertised last-minute gifts for Christmas such as men's action sport shirt for \$2.98 and women's cloud soft Bemberg gowns for \$3.98.

Holiday greetings from Rep. Jenkins

By Lynn Jenkins
U.S. House of Representatives

Our nation is faced with many challenges, but this time of year we turn our focus to the holidays and spending time with family, friends and loved ones. I ask that you please remember and thank the members of our armed services who are away from their families this holiday season as they sacrifice to protect our way of life. Safe travels and Merry Christmas!



Lawrence Town Hall Meeting
Thank you to everyone who attended my recent town hall meeting in Lawrence. We had a great turnout and discussed a number of issues including tax reform, the recently passed appropriations, harmful EPA regulations, the president's executive action on immigration reform and the federal debt.

It was important to hear all of your concerns, as my first priority will always be to listen to Kansans and get their advice on the important issues facing our country.

Naval Academy Appointment
I recently had the extreme privilege to announce that Elyjah Lyons from Parsons High School has received a Fully Qualified Offer of

Appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy! I am proud to have nominated Elyjah and wish him well as he joins some of the best and brightest in our nation at the U.S. Naval Academy. Congratulations, Elyjah!

Legislation for Rural Providers
Thank you to LaMont Cook, CEO of F.W. Huston Medical Center in Winchester, and other area leaders for visiting with me about rural health and my recent legislation that was signed into law. HR 4067 will delay Medicare's enforcement of unreasonable and inflexible direct supervision rules for outpatient therapy services at Critical Access Hospitals

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M. McCoy, MD - Jan 29

Phys Med / Rehab
S. Velour, MD - Jan 6

Podiatry
T. Gateley, DPM - Jan 16
K. Hobbs, DPM - Jan 27

Psychiatry
D. Heredia, MD - Jan 2, Jan 5, Jan 8, Jan 9, Jan 12, Jan 15, Jan 16, Jan 19, Jan 22, Jan 23, Jan 26, Jan 29, Jan 30

Surgery
S. Hu, MD - Jan 2, Jan 16
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LAND AUCTION INVITATION TO BID

The Jerry & Lois Johannes Family is accepting sealed bids on the following Nemaha County real estate:

TRACT 1 - Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 12 East in Nemaha County, Kansas, including the homestead (tract 6), containing approximately 630 acres. While this section is currently pasture and hay meadow, much of it could easily be made into tillable cropland.

TRACTS 2-5 - represent Tract 1 broken into individual quarters:

TRACT 2 (alternatively) - The SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 12 East in Nemaha County, Kansas, less the homestead (tract 6), which consists of approximately 148 acres.

TRACT 3 (alternatively) - The NE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 12 East in Nemaha County, Kansas which consists of approximately 158 acres.

TRACT 4 (alternatively) - The NW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 12 East in Nemaha County, Kansas which consists of approximately 157 acres.

TRACT 5 (alternatively) - The SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 12 East in Nemaha County, Kansas which consists of approximately 157 acres.

TRACT 6 (alternatively) - A 10 acre tract located in the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 12 East in Nemaha County, Kansas featuring a 3-bedroom home built in 2004, with outbuildings and fencing for a feed lot.

TRACT 7 - A 75 acre tract of highly productive bottomland located in the South 1/2 of the SW 1/4, in Section 22, Township 5 South, Range 12 East in Nemaha County, Kansas.

You are invited to bid on any one or combination of the tracts listed. To view the property, specifically the home, please contact Galloway, Wieggers & Brinegar to schedule an appointment. An open house will be held Saturday, January 3, 2015, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Bid sheets can be obtained by contacting Galloway, Wieggers & Brinegar or by visiting the website: Johannes Family Auction.com. Bids must be received by 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 12, 2015. Seller reserves the right to accept any bid, reject all bids or invite certain bidders to a subsequent private auction.

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OPINION

Remember "The Interview"

The term "global economy" appears to be taking on an extended definition in recent days, as Sony Pictures Entertainment announced it would not be releasing its latest comedy movie called "The Interview" after all.

The new movie reportedly portrayed the graphic assassination of current North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un. Sony officials say they were pressured to not release the movie.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation said Friday there's enough evidence to conclude that the North Korean government itself was responsible for a cyber attack on Sony Pictures Entertainment, which ultimately led to the movie being shelved.

The company was hacked by a group identified as "Guardians of Peace" last month over the new film, it was reported.

Sony canceled the Christmas Day release after several of the largest movie theater chains in the country announced they would not show it in response to a threat that referenced the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack.

The incident has been considered a matter of national security and is being investigated by the FBI and the NSA.

"As a result of our investigation, and in close collaboration with other U.S. government departments and agencies, the FBI now has enough information to conclude that the North Korean government is responsible for these actions," the agency's statement read. "We are deeply concerned about the destructive nature of this attack on a private sector entity and the ordinary citizens who worked there. Further, North Korea's attack on SPE reaffirms that cyber threats pose one of the gravest national security dangers to the United States."

According to the FBI, their conclusion was based in part on the technical analysis of the data deletion malware that was developed by North

Korean actors, the identification of IP addresses associated with North Korean infrastructure and connection between similar tools used in a cyber attack carried out by North Korea on South Korean banks and media outlets in March 2013.

"North Korea's actions were intended to inflict significant harm on a U.S. business and suppress the right of American citizens to express themselves. Such acts of intimidation fall outside the bounds of acceptable state behavior," FBI's statement continued. "The FBI takes seriously any attempt - whether through cyber-enabled means, threats of violence, or otherwise - to undermine the economic and social prosperity of our citizens."

In a global economy, in my opinion, as unpopular as it may be, it is important for people in the United States, for example, to be aware that not everyone in the world believes "freedom of expression" grants unlimited poetic license to make jokes about assassinating current world leaders.

On the flip-side, how popular would it have been in America to have a North Korean film maker promoting a new comedy about assassinating the current American president and naming him by name?

In North Korea, even the hint of criticism against Kim Jong-Un can land a person in prison for a very long time. It is reportedly a serious offense to even crumple up a newspaper with any of the leader's images.

In a global economy, cultures are going to overlap. We really don't appreciate how good we have it in America most of the time.

Even in America, however, there are boundaries of decency that should not be crossed, even in the name of free expression. We would do well in America to remember "The Interview" even though it appears we will never ever actually get to see it.

David Powlis

LETTER: Affordable Care Act making a difference

Dear editor,
Living in a rural community and working in a family farming operation shouldn't limit availability and affordability of healthcare. Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, it no longer has to.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) is already making a difference in the lives of millions of rural Americans, including families right here in Kansas. Prior to the ACA, many rural families had a hard time finding affordable insurance coverage, paying an average of nearly half of their costs out of their own pockets. Family farmers, in particular, sought off-farm employment simply to ensure their family could access affordable health care insurance.

Today, thanks to the ACA, families in Kansas can choose from a variety of affordable insurance plans and many will qualify for financial assistance to help them pay for coverage. To sign up, visit healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 if you need help. Sign up between Dec. 16 and Jan. 15 for coverage that starts on Feb. 1. And for those who enroll between Jan. 16 and Feb. 15, coverage will begin on March 1. But don't wait too long to sign up for health insurance coverage - the last day to sign up during this open enrollment period is Feb. 15.

Even if you already have coverage through the Marketplace, it pays to go back and review your plan. You may be able to find a plan that saves you money, offers more services or includes more doctors. In fact, eight in 10 current Marketplace enrollees can get coverage for \$100 or less in 2015 after tax credits.

In addition to providing affordable health insurance options for rural families, the ACA also does things to address the underlying challenges to staying healthy in rural America. Insurance companies are now forbidden from denying you coverage if you have a pre-existing condition

and they are required to cover preventive care. That's good news for rural Americans who, on average, suffer from higher rates of chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure than those living in urban areas.

It also expands support for the National Health Service Corps, which offers scholarships and loan repayment to doctors and nurses in return for practicing in rural communities. More than 3,500 Corps members now serve in rural areas, and an average of 86 percent of them will remain in their communities even after completing their service. These investments help keep a steady stream of young, motivated doctors and nurses in rural America. That's a good thing because while one in five Americans lives in a rural community, just 10 percent of doctors practice there.

The ACA also invests significantly in expanding services at community health centers, where 7.5 million rural Americans get access to primary

and preventive care. That comes on top of the more than \$3 billion USDA has invested since 2009 to strengthen health infrastructure in rural areas, build rural hospitals and health clinics, and expand access to health care in remote areas through telemedicine.

The Affordable Care Act gives hardworking rural families in Kansas the financial security and peace of mind they deserve. It makes rural communities stronger and rural families healthier. Remember you can sign up at healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 for more information.

Patty Clark
State Director
USDA Rural Development
and
Adrian Polansky
State Executive Director
USDA Farm Service Agency
Topeka

BBB: Don't let fraud, rip-offs ruin your holidays

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) sees scams all year long, but in December, scammers are out in full force, taking advantage of people's generosity and hectic schedules. Don't let fraud and rip-offs ruin your holiday. Better Business Bureau has teamed up with the fraud prevention team at Western Union to fill you in on some holiday scams to watch out for and ways to prevent fraud all year long.

Holiday Scams to Look Out for This Year

- **Ho Ho Hold On!** Be careful when making purchases or planning holiday travel using free bulletin board sites like Craigslist. Scammers can make ads sound legitimate, but be wary of sending money to individuals you haven't met in person. One particularly heartbreaking holiday fraud is the "puppy scam." If you are asking Santa for a new pet for Christmas, be especially careful ordering online or answering ads.

- **Seasonal Not-So-Dream Job:** Looking to make some extra money over the holidays? Be cautious of seasonal work-from-home jobs like gift wrapper, and never send money for an employment opportunity. They should be paying you, not the other way around.
- **Stranded at the North Pole?** A family member is traveling and gets stranded by weather? Could be the "emergency scam" with a holiday twist. Before you send money to the North Pole, verify that it's a real emergency.
- **Money and Mistletoe Don't Match Up:** Who doesn't want someone special under their mistletoe at Christmastime? Online dating sites see a surge in December, but scammers are lurking, too. Never send money to someone you haven't met face-to-face.
- **Don't Give to the Grinch:** Before you give to charity, make sure it's a legitimate organization and one that you can trust. Go to give.org to see free reports from BBB Wise Giving Alliance.
- **Tips for a Safe and Scam-Free**

Holiday Season

- Learn about scams. There are several major types of scams and, at this time of year, fraudsters just put a holiday spin on their usual pitches. Learn more at BBB Scam Stopper at bbb.org/council/bbb-scam-stopper and sign up for our Scam Alerts so you hear about scams when we do.
- Test your scam smarts. Western Union, a BBB National Partner, has put together a Fraud Quiz at westernunion.com/us/ to help you test your knowledge of scammers' tricks and techniques.
- Be cautious of email sales pitches and social media ads. It's easy to spoof the logo, email or website of popular brands and stores. Rather than clicking on links, go to your browser and type in the name of the company. For more online safety tips, check out at stophinkconnect.org/.
- Dealing with a new company or merchant? Check their BBB Business Review first to see what others have experienced. Find free reports

on more than 4.5 million businesses at bbb.org.

- Make a New Year's resolution to be scam-smart in 2015. Western Union has fraud information for more than 140 countries at wu.com/fraudawareness.

Better Business Bureau, Inc. (BBB) has been assisting U.S. consumers and businesses since 1912 and is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing trust in the marketplace. Accountability, education and recognition of business role models are key components to the BBB's mission.

Today BBB serving Nebraska, South Dakota the Kansas Plains and Southwest Iowa is supported by approximately 10,000 Accredited Businesses that have voluntarily committed to adhere to BBB's Standards of Trust. Consumers are encouraged to visit bbb.org for Business Reviews on over 4 million companies or to report complaints and possible scams.

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The adaptable coyote...

By Jim Hoy

The coyote is one of my favorite prairie animals. They are not, however, strictly prairie beasts.

Native to the plains and southwestern regions of the United States and Canada and northern and central Mexico, coyotes began expanding to the east and south in the 19th century.



Before the first half of the 20th century, they had reached as far east as Connecticut. Today they range from Panama to Canada and are found in every state of the Union except Hawaii.

Unlike their wolf relatives, coyotes are quite adaptable. They thrive in grasslands, in farming areas, in woodlands and even in cities. Coyotes have been seen, for example, in cities from Los Angeles to New York City. Obviously, the burgeoning human population of this country hasn't been a hindrance to their survival.

Not only are they adaptable, but coyotes are opportunistic (one might say indiscriminating) when it comes to mating. Within their own species coyotes are monogamous, with a male-female pair staying together for years, even for life. But they also occasionally interbreed with both dogs (the coydog) and wolves (coy-wolf).

Coyotes here in the Flint Hills litter and raise their young (usually half a dozen or more pups, born after about a two-month gestation period) in a den, often dug into the side of a draw. Or they will co-opt a badger hole and enlarge it. Wildlife biologists say that only about five to 20 percent of young coyotes survive their first year.

Coyotes are chiefly carnivores, although their diet isn't limited to meat. They like watermelon and will eat nuts and berries if game is scarce.

We have a pear tree in the little pasture behind our backyard, and when the pears ripen and start dropping to the ground, we will occasionally have a coyote come out of the timber, come up and get a pear, then take it back about halfway to the trees, sit on his haunches, eat the pear, then come back for another. Once he has satisfied his sweet tooth, he goes back into the timber.

The main diet of coyotes consists of rats, mice, insects and rabbits. They also eat deer, chiefly fawns, although

a pack will occasionally run down a grown deer. They have also been observed to take turns chasing jack-rabbits, which run in a large circle, until they have tired it out enough to catch it.

They prefer fresh kills over road kills or other carrion. Birds are a favorite prey, from small ground nesters to wild geese. Coyotes also like the taste of domestic chickens, but the opportunity of satisfying that taste has greatly diminished since very few farms today keep chickens.

Whether or not coyotes kill baby calves is a controversial topic. Most cattlemen think they do, while many wildlife professionals think they don't. They believe that coyotes eat stillborn calves, but cattle raisers counter that coyotes will distract a cow away from her newborn calf, which will, especially in cold weather, die if it's not immediately licked off.

There is no doubt, however, that coyotes are the bane of sheepmen. Not only lambs but full grown sheep are a mainstay of a coyote's diet in sheep country. Some years ago I spent a summer teaching at Idaho State University. While there I met an old-time cowboy who carried on the old frontier rivalry between cattle ranchers and sheep herders: "Sheep meat don't hurt a coyote," he said. More about coyotes next time.

Note: Jim Hoy is a professor of English at Emporia State University and co-author of the Plains Folk column.

HHS correspondents submit stories to The Recorder

By Hanna Strader

HHS Correspondent

Can you write what's right? Students in Karen Ford's 21st Century Journalism class are writing stories that have a chance to be published in *The Holton Recorder*.

"It gives the students a real world audience as they're practicing their journalism skills of interviewing, editing and writing," Ford said.

Ford stated that she has been working with *The Holton Recorder* for almost as long as she has been teaching.

"It's A Wonderful Life" wins reader poll

Our new website, www.holtonrecorder.net, poses a regular poll question to all our readers. Our most recent question was "What is your favorite Christmas movie?"

A total of 56 readers participated in the survey. Of those polled, 27 percent said their favorite was "It's A Wonderful Life," while 23 percent enjoy "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" the most.

"Elf" received 11 percent of the votes, and "The Polar Express" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" tied for fourth place, each receiving nine per-

Recorder's twitter gets 2,860 views in week

During the week of Dec. 8 - 12, The Holton Recorder's Twitter account (@holtonrecorder) had 2,860 total views, eight new followers and 17 retweets.

The two most popular tweets were posted Friday, Dec. 12, during the Holton High School girls basketball

game against the ACCHS Tigers. One of those posts was viewed 644 times and retweeted three times.

A post on Dec. 11, regarding the Holton wrestling team's first home dual, was also viewed by many and retweeted two times.

Other students had similar thoughts. Mikaela Mayhew, freshman, said the assignment "helped us understand the world of journalism and writing."

The students were asked what their honest thoughts on the project were, and after a brief pause from all three individuals, they gave their answers.

"The assignment can be difficult if you are running out of time," Carly Raney, freshman, said. "Because then you're rushing it. It's difficult if you can't come up with a topic, but it

is interesting to interview people as part of the process of getting information for the story."

While some students will see their writing published in *The Holton Recorder*, not all of them will.

"If *The Holton Recorder* can't use them, students can still keep their stories in their String Books, and, if we can, we'll post them on the Holtonian online paper at holtonian.com," Ford said.



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OBITUARIES



Strader

Bonnie Jeanne Strader, 83, Holton, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at Holton Community Hospital.

She was born May 31, 1931, in Circleville, the daughter of Jess Lee and May Irene Wilkerson Askren. She attended Circleville schools and had lived in the Jackson County area all of her life.

Ms. Strader was a waitress for many restaurants in and around Holton, including Trails Café and S&A's, formerly Sharp's Diner. She also worked with her second husband as co-owner and bookkeeper of Strader Drilling.

She was a member of Circleville Christian Church and O.E.S. at Circleville.

She married Howard Johnson in 1948 in Circleville. They divorced. She then married James Strader Sr. on July 19, 1966, in Topeka. They divorced.

Survivors include four sons, Robert D. Johnson and wife Barbara, Washington, Ricky D. Johnson, Holton, Jay E. Johnson and wife Sherree, Ozark, Mo., and James A. Strader Jr. and wife Betty, Holton; a daughter, Judith G. Johnson Miller, Wichita; a stepdaughter, Carolyn Isles, Holton; two brothers, Don Askren and wife Renae, Circleville, and Dale Askren and wife Ilah Rose, Holton; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Jeanne Loy, in 1991.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Circleville Christian Church, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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BRIEFS

■ The Holton Community Hospital Auxiliary will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting at noon Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 in the physician's lounge at HCH.

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

■ 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.

■ 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 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.

■ 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.

■ Quote of the day: "Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white.'" —Bing Crosby



Burch

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

He was born Feb. 18, 1931, at Scott City, the son of Jay and Dorothy Hamblen Burch. He graduated from Plattsmouth High School in Plattsmouth, Neb., and earned an associate of arts degree in law enforcement.

Mr. Burch served in the U.S. Navy for 15 years and was a Korean war veteran. He also served three and a half years in the U.S. Army National Guard in Kansas and Missouri, and five years in the U.S. Air Force. He later worked in law enforcement for 15 years, first as a patrolman, then as an undersheriff. He was also appointed to the First Kansas State Task Force.

He was a member of Horton First Baptist Church and American Legion Post 400 in Topeka, and a former member of the Kansas Sheriff's Association.

He married Emma Nadene Denny on Oct. 8, 1950, at Gardner. She died Dec. 2, 1998. He also was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Survivors include two sons, Keith Burch, Palm Bay, Fla., and Brian Burch, Wetmore; seven daughters, Carol Beaman, Soldier, Cathy Ehrsam, Stonewall, Okla., Tresa West, Pueblo, Colo., Sheri Burch, Bastrop, Texas, Patricia Elliott, Mexico, Mo., Rebecca Burch, Ozawkie, and Dawn Quinn, Bolivar, Mo.; a sister, Frances Morrison, Orlando, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Monday morning at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with military honors followed in Wetmore Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jackson County Friends of Hospice, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Memorial contributions may also be sent to youcaring.com

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Anderson

Doris J. Anderson, 74, Holton, died Monday, Dec. 22.

Funeral services will be held Friday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. A full obituary will be printed in the Monday, Dec. 29 edition of The Holton Recorder.

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County officers report recent traffic mishaps

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department has reported the following accidents:

■ At 7 a.m. on Dec. 3, Matthew Ball, 39, Hoyt, was driving a 2003 Honda south on S Road near 102nd Road when the Honda struck a deer in the road. Ball's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was estimated at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 6:15 a.m. on Dec. 18, Vila Lamberson, 53, Mayetta, was driving a 2002 Ford west on 114th Road near U4 Road when she lost control of her vehicle on the snow packed road and it struck a utility pole. The Ford sustained damage to its hood, top and all along its right side that was estimated at more than \$1,000. The utility pole was owned by Leavenworth-Jefferson Electric Cooperative.

Thanks for reading The Holton Recorder!

Dedeke

Iva June Fail Dedeke, 71, Denison, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014.

She was born Feb. 11, 1943, in Chanute, the daughter of Ivan J. Fail and Helen Bernice Hollibaugh-Benefiel. She graduated from Altoona High School in 1961 and attended beauty school in Miami, Okla.

Mrs. Dedeke worked at Olga's Beauty Shop in Leavenworth in 1962. She later obtained her CNA and CMA certificates and worked at various places in Easton, Horton, Tahlequah, Okla., and Branson, Mo. She was of Sioux Native American heritage.

She married Walter Dedeke on Oct. 20, 1963, in Leavenworth. He survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Tonia Nelson, Easton; a son, Terry Dedeke, Walnut Shade, Mo.; six grandchildren, Jennifer Culbertson-Hayes and husband Tyler, Jeremy Culbertson, Alyson Nelson, Aden Nelson, Christopher Dedeke and Tyler Dedeke; four great-grandchildren, Landon Hayes, Lyra and Larkyn Hayes and Alana Culbertson; three brothers, Ivan L. Fail, John Fail and Larry Fail; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ivan and Bernice Fail.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Valley Falls Christian Church in Valley Falls. Burial was held in Bethel Cemetery, Easton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andrea Schmeissner Nursing College Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088.

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Members of the Holton VFW Post 1367 Men's Auxiliary delivered baskets of fruit and snacks to homes of local veterans, as well as veterans living at Vintage Park, Medicalodges Jackson County, The Pines and Glenn Moore Meadows. Shown from left are Gary Sawyer, Bernie Hennis, Hal Cochren, Eric Hallauer and Larry Savage as they entered Vintage Park to visit veterans there.

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- Platform
- Gambling town
- Vietnamese offensive
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- Load anew
- Bile
- A wooded valley
- Soap opera
- Cervus nippon
- Belong to he
- Women (French)
- Olive, motor and mineral
- Norse goddess of death
- Military award
- Annexes
- One who adorns book pages
- Affirmative
- Fricative
- Coal blacks
- Faculty of sight
- Leans
- Low, sideless cart
- Locomotion limbs

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- Lactic
- Burn residue
- Offer for sale
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- Lost weight
- Soundest mind
- Sound repetition
- Sew up the eyelids of falcons
- Allays sorrow
- Repose
- Mirish
- Devised a new phrase
- One who feels regret
- War encirclements
- Burn the surface
- "The Jazz Singer"
- Process of achieving #7 down
- Miscellaneous collection
- Express sorrow
- More foolish
- Queen of Sparta
- Associating by treaty
- Served
- Satisfy
- Frozen rains
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- Murre genus
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SPORTS *Monday*



Heights sophomore Hannah Williams (shown above, right) pulls up for a short jumper in Friday's home game against Oskaloosa to close out the first half of the season. Williams was one of 10 Cobras to score in the game, helping JH pick up the 55-19 victory over the Bears.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Cobras close out first half of basketball with two big wins

Going into the break with a win is big for any team, but to top that off the Jackson Heights boys basketball team closed out its final game of the first stretch of the season with a stellar fourth quarter that helped it secure a 68-41 victory over Oskaloosa at home last Friday.

"They were playing really hard, Oskaloosa was, and we were having a hard time pulling away from them," JH coach Chris Brown said. "We had a fairly comfortable lead at halftime, but certainly we weren't pulling away from them and then it was the fourth quarter when we really just turned on the jets defensively. They had a hard time scoring and we were able to extend it and win pretty easily."

Both teams battled foul trouble early in the game and had to go deep to their benches and Brown credited the Cobras' bench players for stepping up big when needed.

"Seth Holliday came in in the first half and had 11 points, hit three threes and we had to have them. We were in foul trouble and we had to have some production from the bench and we finally had that," Brown said.

In addition to Holliday's big night, Zane Richter and Wyatt Olberding came through again and combined for 40 of the team's 68 points, though their impact doesn't stop there.

"They're both shooting well, but they're also both doing other things; rebounding, passing and really leading our team," Brown said.

On top of battling foul trouble early, Brown said his team quickly found out how tough a task they had in trying to shut down Oskaloosa's guards, who he said might be one of the best tandems in the Northeast Kansas League.

Luis Rodriguez poured in 20 points for the Bears, but no other Oskaloosa player scored more than six points on Friday night.

In that pivotal fourth quarter, Brown said his team stopped fouling and played lock down defense by controlling the boards, limiting second chance points and contesting all of Oskaloosa's shots on the way to a 27-point victory.

Heading into the break with a win gives the Cobras (3-1) a good feeling and the team will now have some time off to relax before returning to practice

on Dec. 29 and getting ready for the first game of 2015 at Valley Falls on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Dec. 19, 2014

Oskie.: 9-20-11-1-41
JHHS: 15-23-15-15-68

Individual statistics:

JHHS: Richter 8 (3) 6-9 25, Olberding 4 (3) 4-6 15, S. Holliday 4 (3) 0-0 11, Jacobsen 2 2-2 6, Strube 2 0-0 4, Slocum 0 2-5 2, Sauvage 1 0-0 2, Dohl 1 0-2 2, Roles 0 0-2 0. Totals- 22 (9) 14-26 68.

Oskie.: Rodriguez 6 8-10 20, Van Houtan 1 (1) 3-4 6, Hopkins 3 0-0 6, Sharp 2 1-2 5, Cross 1 0-0 2, Pfau 1 0-2 2, Willits 0 0-1 0, Koch 0 0-1 0, Whalen 0 0-1 0. Totals- 14 (1) 12-21 41.

There wasn't as much uncertainty in the girls game, as Jackson Heights jumped out to a big lead early on the way to a 55-19 victory over Oskaloosa.

After opening up a 13-2 lead in the first quarter, the Cobras let the Bears hang around in the second quarter, but the second half belonged to Jackson Heights. The Cobras allowed their

opponents to score a total of five points in the second half.

In addition to playing strong all-around defense, Jackson Heights had a very balanced offensive attack on Friday, with six players scoring at least six points in the game. Katelyn Strube led the team with 11 points, while Jessica Keehn (10 points) also finished in double digits.

Following the Christmas break, the Cobras (2-2) will return to action on the road against Valley Falls on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Dec. 19, 2014

Oskie.: 2-12-4-1-19
JHHS: 13-13-20-9-55

Individual statistics:

JHHS: Strube 2 7-12 11, Keehn 3 (2) 2-2 10, Abel 3 (1) 0-0 7, Allen 3 0-0 6, Thomas 3 0-1 6, Williams 3 0-0 6, Wells 2 0-0 4, Gibson 1 0-0 2, Rieschick 1 0-0 2, Wareham 0 1-2 1, Cattrell 0 0-3 0. Totals- 21 (3) 10-20 55.

Oskie.: Bassett 1 3-6 5, Miller 1 2-7 4, Brooks 1 1-2 3, Hickman 1 1-2 3, Ragan 1 0-1 2, Courter 1 0-2 2, Wright 0 0-1 0. Totals- 6-7-21 19.

Royal Valley teams take care of business against SFT

While the Royal Valley girls basketball team faced a self-imposed uphill battle in the first stretch of the season after an 0-2 start, the Lady Panthers built up steam and made some progress, including a 66-39 victory on the road at Santa Fe Trail before the Christmas break on Friday, Dec. 19.

There is a lot of climbing yet to do, but the Panthers have found a good place to make camp as they head into a short hiatus, according to coach Corey Katzer.

"I just thought it was really important for us as a program to head into Christmas break over .500, no matter how we did it," Katzer said. "After starting 0-2, to go into Christmas break with a three-game winning streak is good for the kids' confidence and just to continue what we started the last two previous games."

What Royal Valley did the last two games was build up big first half leads on the way to victories and the formula held true against the Chargers. Like last Tuesday's game with Riverside, the Panthers held a commanding lead at halftime and the outcome was never really in doubt the rest of the way.

Santa Fe Trail shares some similarities with the Cyclones and Katzer noted that allowed Royal Valley to take advantage on the defensive end.

"I think us coming out and being able to put a full court pressure defense on Santa Fe Trail had an effect on their young guards," Katzer said.

Pushing the pace and forcing turnovers from the young Charger guards helped the Panthers build a 22-point lead by halftime. That defense also forced Santa Fe Trail to switch from man defense to a zone early, which just played more into the Panthers' favor as well as forwards like Kate Hanson have been playing.

Hanson finished with 10 points again and Cassidy Dahl added eight more, but once again the spark that helped make the offense go was freshman point guard Tamo Thomas.

For the second game in a row, Thomas led Royal Valley in points and contributed a game-high 14 in the win over Santa Fe Trail as she continues to improve and adapt to varsity competition.

"I think Tamo (Thomas) is really starting to settle in. I think she's really getting confident with the system. She's really taking control of setting our offenses in the half court. She's doing a great job of handling the ball, limiting turnovers and distributing the basketball, which is what you want your point guard to do," Katzer said. "Her growth just

in five games has been huge and I'm really excited to see where it goes in the next five and the five after that."

It's not just Thomas either, as the Panthers have been getting balanced contributions from five to six players each night out, which Katzer said was key again in the win on Friday. Jaycee Worrell (13) points also finished in double digits, while Levanna Biggoose (9 points) came close as well.

That has been important and will continue to be in the second half of the season, especially with Royal Valley opening up 2015 with a tough stretch against Nemaha Central and Sabetha in back-to-back games.

Another thing the Panthers will need to be aware of is working on finishing strong, something the Panthers have not done in their current winning streak (though the last two games were all but decided at half time).

"My worry is, and it's not really a worry or concern, but you don't want to develop that habit of coming out flat after halftime," Katzer said.

Royal Valley has plenty of time to address that now and no school to worry about over the course of their next seven practices. Already the Panthers have taken several steps forward in their first five games, and Katzer is looking forward to see how the team handles the time off and how it comes back for competition in 2015.

"This is a really important time for us and we're really excited to see how that translates into our next five games," Katzer said.

The Panthers (3-2) will return to action at home against Nemaha Central on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Dec. 19, 2014

RV: 19-18-16-13-66
SFT: 8-7-14-10-39

Individual statistics:

RV: Thomas 5 (2) 2-3 14, Worrell 5 (2) 1-6 13, Hanson 4 2-7 10, Biggoose 4 1-1 9, Dahl 4 0-0 8, Baker 2 2-2 6, Putnam 2 0-0 4, L. Schuetz 1 0-0 2. Totals- 27 (4) 8-19 66.

SFT: Workman 2 2-2 6, Dunnaway 3 0-0 6, Watson 1 3-5 5, P. Johnson 1 2-2 4, K. Johnson 1 1-2 3, Stone 1 1-2 3, Herron 1 (1) 0-2 3, Honeyman 1 (1) 0-0 3, Deshazer 0 2-2 2, Costlow 1 0-0 2. Totals- 13 (2) 11-17 39.

After plenty of late drama in their last two games, the Panther boys took care of business in regulation on Friday on the way to a 62-53 road victory over Santa Fe Trail.

"That was probably one of our more complete games that we've had, just real balanced. We're starting to take care of the ball a little better. I'm never satisfied, but I was real impressed with the effort and the patience that they showed," RV

coach Keith Pelton said of his team.

The Panthers built up a 15-point lead by halftime and led throughout most of the game on the way to the win, though the second quarter was big as Royal Valley exploded for 22 points to take control.

In that quarter, Noah Rottinghaus in particular started to take over for Royal Valley. Rottinghaus finished with a team-high 22 points, as well as 15 rebounds and five assists, and Pelton credited his team for recognizing the advantage they had and exploiting it.

"They started getting him the ball where he could score. They knew where the hot hand was and that's kind of what took over the second quarter when we kind of got a little bit of a lead," Pelton said.

Royal Valley also limited one of Santa Fe Trail's key players, Weston Gloss, to just 14 points in the game. Tristan Tensendorf started off corraling him before getting into foul trouble, but Pelton noted everybody who came in to guard him did an admirable job on Friday night.

While some other players got loose and hit some three-pointers to keep the Chargers in it in the second half, Pelton said Royal Valley did a good job of winning the post battle to set the tone and help the team maintain control.

"We just dominated the boards at both ends of the floor. We were getting a lot of offensive putbacks," Pelton said. "I know we got three and-one's on offensive putbacks about three straight trips down the floor, which helped get that separation in the second quarter."

Pelton noted the Panthers were a little more rushed on offense in the second half, which left the door open for Santa Fe Trail, but Royal Valley eventually closed out for the win to finish the first quarter of the season 4-1.

"You always want to win going into break and they realize we still have things to work on, which is good," Pelton said.

Royal Valley will go to work over the break before resuming competition at home against Nemaha Central on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Dec. 19, 2014

RV: 14-22-11-15-62
SFT: 11-10-13-19-53

Individual statistics:

RV: Ehrhart 1 (1) 1-2 4, M. Spoonhunter 2 2-2 6, N. Rottinghaus 8 (2) 4-6 22, Roy 3 4-5 10, Barger 2 4-6 8, Tensendorf 1 1-2 3, Cullen 4 1-2 9. Totals- 21 (3) 17-25 62.

SFT: Watkins 10 (3) 2-3 25, Fischer 1 (1) 0-0 3, Gloss 5 (2) 2-5 14, Coltrane 1 (1) 0-0 3, Vandevord 0 1-3 1, Hastings 1 3-4 5, Boyd 1 0-0 2. Totals- 19 (7) 8-15 53.

HHS teams take down Riverside on the road

As Holton coach Ryan Noel put it, there were several reasons the boys basketball team could have packed it in and turned in a sub-par performance in their last game before the Christmas break at Riverside last Friday.

It may have looked like the Wildcats were heading that way early after falling behind 11-2, but the team roared back to life on the way to a 56-44 victory.

Riverside pounded the ball inside early, which was a big factor in the Cyclones opening up a 13-9 lead in the first quarter. In response, Noel said he wanted to use man pressure to speed up Riverside's guards and create some turnovers, but he credited his assistant coaches (Don Brees and Matt Hundley) for talking him into the zone defense, which served Holton well in the second quarter.

"That's kind of the difference there in the second quarter and what got us back into the game. We were able to steal a few possessions definitely in the second quarter and get them into some looks that maybe they didn't like," Noel said.

In addition to strong defense, Wildcat Trey Tanking got hot on offense in the second quarter, scoring 16 of his game-high 25 points and almost single-handedly willing Holton back into the game.

Holton's strong second half was the difference though and it started with some more defensive pressure that was influenced by the assistant coaches as they pushed the full court pressure look, which led to several empty possessions for Riverside early while Holton stretched a one-point lead into a 12-point advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

"That really kind of set the tone in the third quarter and allowed us to push the pace a little bit," Noel said. "We got some baskets in transition, which really kind of helped, not to

put the game away at that point, but it almost started to put it out of reach."

While Tanking had the big offensive night, there were a lot of contributions by committee that helped Holton pick up the win as well, whether it was what Noel called one of the best rebounding efforts of the year by the posts or the production of all three players (Parker Sides, Bryson Patch and Will Wright) who filled in at small forward on Friday.

Noel noted the team also showed a great amount of persistence to overcome a poor start and block out the distractions of the week (finals, snow day, etc.) on the way to the win, which was another step forward in the team's improvement.

"I think we're starting to get there. With the break right now maybe some of the progress that you made gets stalled a little bit, but I think the kids are motivated and we can continue to improve," Noel said. "The kids also know that we haven't reached our ceiling as a basketball team and we can continue to improve."

"We were pleased with the victory and very happy for the kids in the way in which it happened. They earned it, but most importantly I think we all know we're not there yet and we'll continue to work hard to get there," Noel added.

After the break, Holton (3-2) will return to competition against Jeff West at home on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Dec. 19, 2014

HHS: 9-16-20-11-56
Riv.: 13-11-9-11-44

Individual statistics:

HHS: Tanking 10 (3) 2-25, Beecher 4 (1) 3-5 12, Patch 2 3-3 7, Sides 2 (2) 0-0 6, Allen 2 0-0 4, Bergsten 1 0-0 2. Totals- 21 (6) 8-11 56.

Riv.: Shue 7 2-3 16, Keller 3 (1) 1-1 8, Miller 4 0-0 8, Byrd 1 (1) 0-0 3, Holland 1 0-0 2, Rupe 1 0-2 2, LaRue 1 0-0 2, Crespo 1 0-0 2, McGaughy 0

1-2 1. Totals- 19 (2) 4-8 44.

Analyzing the patterns of the team's two losses in the first stretch of the season, there was a definite formula HHS girls basketball coach Jon Holliday wanted his team to follow in Friday's final game at Riverside before the Christmas break.

"Looking back at our two losses, we weren't ready to play early and didn't get out of the chutes good early so we had to focus on that and get off to a better start, play fast and play from ahead instead of trying to play catch-up," Holliday said.

The Lady Wildcats followed that formula to a tee against the Cyclones on the way to a 58-16 victory on Friday night.

Holton utilized three different pressure defenses in the first half and had Riverside out of sorts early, building up a 34-9 lead by halftime. More important than the strong defense, according to Holliday, was the fact that it finally led to some easy points on offense to fuel the Wildcats on that end.

It wasn't too easy early on, though, as the teams were playing with a high school boys' regulation basketball that wasn't switched out until a quarter and a half into the game. While that helped some, Holliday noted the Wildcats winning the battle on the boards may have been even more important.

"We got a lot of rebounds and a lot of second chance points compared to their defensive rebounds and that's always a plus when you can out-rebound them on the offensive end to their defensive end," Holliday said.

Five players scored at least six points in the game on Friday for Holton and the Wildcats set the tone early in a game that was essentially over at halftime, with Holliday noting it was a good springboard for the Wildcats heading into the break.

"Hopefully they learned that they're capable of being a dominant team and controlling a game in all aspects. That's hopefully a confidence builder," Holliday said of the win.

The Wildcats (3-2) will now be off until 2015 when they will open the second half against Jeff West at home on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Dec. 19, 2014

HHS: 19-15-18-6-58
Riv.: 5-4-5-2-16

Individual statistics:

HHS: A. Weilert 5 (1) 0-0 11, Thompson 4 1-1 9, Tanking 2 5-7 9, Degehardt 3 1-2 7, Moore 2 2-2 6, T. Weilert 2 0-0 4, Snett 1 2-2 4, Boswell 2 0-0 4, Holaday 2 0-0 4. Totals- 23 (1) 11-15 58.

Riv.: Meers 2 2-3 6, Butts 2 0-4 4, Gray 2 0-0 4, Shue 1 0-0 2. Totals- 7 2-8 16.

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Wildcats have another strong showing in dual tournament

Holton's wrestling team continued its strong showing in duals last week, with the Wildcats taking second as a team at the Ottawa dual tournament held this past Saturday.

Similar to the Spring Hill dual tournament at the start of the season, the Wildcats were dominant in their wins, while coming up just short in two losses to Osawatomie and Valley Center.

Included among Holton's three wins, though, was a thoroughly convincing win against Baldwin, which is currently ranked second in Class 4A.

Leading the charge for the Wildcats were the usual suspects, as Lucas Lovvorn, Tyler Price, Justin Rieschick and Nathan Shields all were undefeated in dual action on Saturday. Lovvorn and Shields also won four of their matches by pin at Ottawa.

Now, Holton will go on hiatus until the team regroups in the new year for a dual on the road with Spring Hill on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Ottawa Dual tournament

Team results:

Pool 2

Osawatomie 42, Holton 35
Holton 54, Fort Scott 27
Holton 57, Topeka West 24
Holton 51, Baldwin 23

Championship

Valley Center 36, Holton 34

Individual results:

vs. Osawatomie

(106): Both teams were open.
(113): Kitana Diediker (Osaw.) won by fall over Coulter Bisel.
(120): James Clement (Osaw.) won by fall over Lucas Hogan.

(126): Brendon Chrisjohn (Osaw.) won by fall over Jameson Lutz.
(132): Justin Pool won by fall over Cody Hazlett (Osaw.).

(138): Tyler Price won by fall over Will Thompson (Osaw.).
(145): Justin Rieschick won by fall over Tristan Geiger (Osaw.).

(152): Daniel Dees (Osaw.) won by fall over Trey Haverkamp.
(160): Lucas Lovvorn won by tech fall, 15-0, over John Deidiker (Osaw.).

(170): Andy Blanton (Osaw.) won by fall over Mason Baum.
(182): Cole Wallace (Osaw.) won by fall over Kyler Tannahill.

(195): Seth Kingsolver (Osaw.) won by fall over Brandon Lehnerr.

(220): Nathan Shields had an open round.

(285): Kegan Meister had an open round.

vs. Fort Scott

(106): Frank Miller (FS) had an open round.

(113): Mannie Gonzales (FS) won by fall over Coulter Bisel.

(120): Alex Gorman (FS) won by fall over Lucas Hogan.

(126): Phillip Moran (FS) won by fall over Jameson Lutz.

(132): Derek Bollinger (FS) won by decision, 8-6, over Justin Pool.

(138): Tyler Price won by fall over Zarek Fewell (FS).

(145): Justin Rieschick won by fall over Trey Holston (FS).

(152): Trey Haverkamp won by fall over Chris Stell (FS).

(160): Spencer Baum had an open round.

(170): Lucas Lovvorn won by fall over Ben Daniels (FS).

(182): Mason Baum won by fall over Hector Torres (FS).

(195): Brandon Lehnerr had an open round.

(220): Nathan Shields won by fall over Jason Johnson (FS).

(285): Kegan Meister won by fall over Zachary Humble (FS).

vs. Topeka West

(106): Miguel Bueno (West) had an open round.

(113): Zach Campbell (West) won by fall over Coulter Bisel.

(120): Pete Hernandez (West) won by fall over Lucas Hogan.

(126): Jameson Lutz won by fall over Caleb Schmelzle (West).

(132): TJ Peterson (West) won by fall over Willie Bowman.

(138): Tyler Price had an open round.

(145): Justin Rieschick had an open round.

(152): Trey Haverkamp won by decision, 4-0, over Nik Bowers (West).

(160): Lucas Lovvorn won by fall over Ray Felton (West).

(170): Mason Baum won by fall over Ben Magathan (West).

(182): Kyler Tannahill won by fall over Gabriel Mosqueda (West).

(195): Brandon Lehnerr had an open round.

(220): Nathan Shields won by fall over Estaban Tetuan (West).

(285): Kegan Meister had an open round.

vs. Baldwin

(106): Both teams were open.

(113): Levi Green (Bald.) won by tech fall, 15-0, over Coulter Bisel.

(120): Lucas Hogan had an open round.

(126): Jameson Lutz won by fall over Griffin Wehrman (Bald.).

(132): Justin Pool won by decision, 6-5, over Ben Morgenstern (Bald.).

(138): Tyler Price won by fall over Ethan Temple (Bald.).

(145): Justin Rieschick won by fall over Taylor Peters (Bald.).

(152): Jon Pratt (Bald.) won by fall over Trey Haverkamp.

(160): Lucas Lovvorn won by fall over Ben Ogle (Bald.).

(170): Mason Baum won by fall over Justin Howard (Bald.).

(182): Joel Katzer (Bald.) won by fall over Kyler Tannahill.

(195): Joel Halford (Bald.) won by fall over Brandon Lehnerr.

(220): Nathan Shields won by fall over Wyatt Parnley (Bald.).

(285): Kegan Meister won by fall over Alex Cigard (Bald.).

vs. Valley Center

(106): Carter Noid (VC) had an open round.

(113): Mike Turkay (VC) won by fall over Coulter Bisel.

(120): Dallas Booner (VC) won by fall over Lucas Hogan.

(126): Ryan DelForge (VC) won by fall over Jameson Lutz.

(132): Justin Pool had an open round.

(138): Tyler Price won by decision, 7-3, over Tyler Boone (VC).

(145): Justin Rieschick won by decision, 12-5, over Don Boone (VC).

(152): Jace Boone (VC) won by fall over Trey Haverkamp.

(160): Lucas Lovvorn won by fall over Sam Welton (VC).

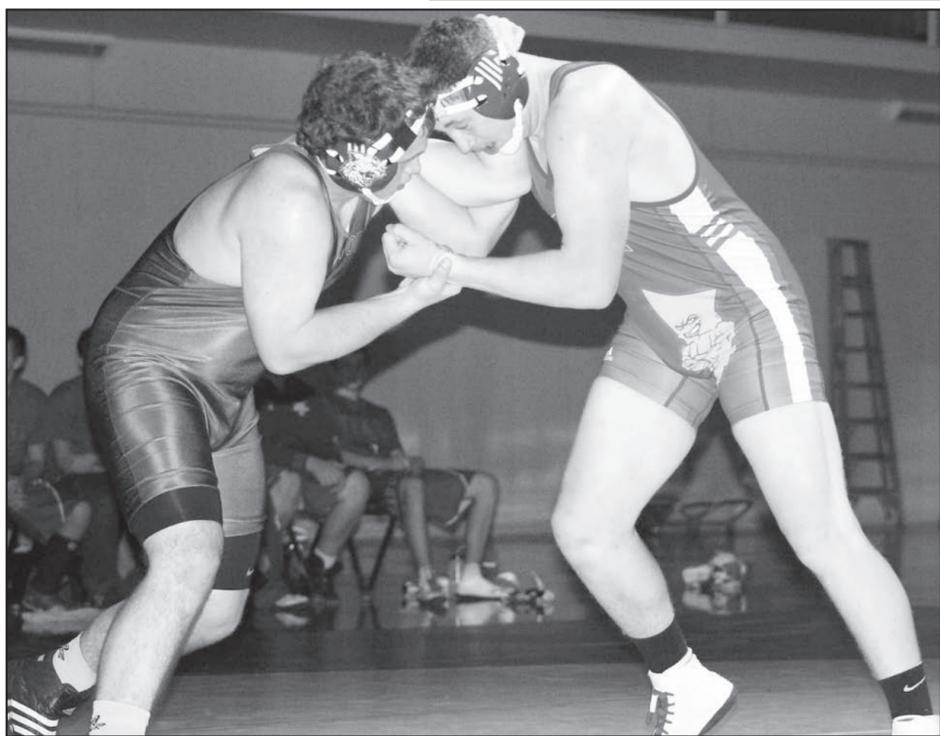
(170): Mason Baum won by fall over Peyton Stoffer (VC).

(182): Caleb Karlowski (VC) won by decision, 14-9, over Kyler Tannahill.

(195): Brandon Lehnerr won by major decision, 10-1 over Brett Hamm (VC).

(220): Nathan Shields won by fall over Adam Hess (VC).

(285): Corey Sibley (VC) won by decision, 5-1, over Kegan Meister.



Holton's Nathan Shields (shown above, left) grapples with his opponent from Santa Fe Trail at a recent dual. Shields has had a strong start to the season and was solid for the Wildcats again at the Ottawa dual tournament, picking up four wins and getting them all by fall.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

RV wrestlers stay on the grind at Tonganoxie tournament

Over the weekend, the Panther wrestling team headed to Tonganoxie for tournament competition on Saturday.

While the Panthers were adapting to the new tournament, some of the wrestlers were still adapting to varsity competition as Royal Valley saw some mixed results overall.

There was good news and bad news for Royal Valley preparing for competition last week, as Garrett Rodewald and Blake Garrison returned to the team, but the Panthers found out they would be without Zack Lux (concussion) at the Tonganoxie tournament.

In just his second varsity tournament ever, Rodewald won three matches (all by pin) and had one of the top individual performances for Royal Valley, taking fourth in the 160-lb. weight class.

Compared to Rodewald, sophomore Jacob Box is a seasoned veteran. In reality, Box (182-lbs.) was competing in just the third varsity tournament of his career and he also took fourth at the Tonganoxie tournament.

Noah Hart was also one of the top placers for the Panthers, though Hart's fifth-place finish illustrated some of the pros and cons of the tournament format coach Jason Puderbaugh saw in action for the first time.

At Tonganoxie, competition was split into round-robin pool wrestling to set up the championship brackets. While Hart lost just one match on Saturday, because it came in pool competition he ended up wrestling for fifth place.

There were several matches some of the Royal Valley wrestlers would like to have back, but Puderbaugh noted the Panthers did make some strides in improving on the mat.

"It just felt like we were doing a better job of pulling off bottom, getting to our feet and not giving up a whole lot of pins," Puderbaugh said.

While there are still some improvements to be made, like wrestling in the neutral position, Puderbaugh said the RV wrestlers had some positive takeaways from the weekend tournament.

"Overall, to sum it up, it was good experience for us. It was great to see all the different schools, good to get all the matches and it was good to get the mat time for all of our young wrestlers," Puderbaugh said.

Entering the Christmas break, Puderbaugh said the Panthers will hope to keep getting stronger and get some wrestlers back from injuries in 2015, like returning state qualifiers Matthew Bailey and Charles Todd, as well as go to work fixing and improving some things as the Panthers prepare for the rest of the season in 2015.

Royal Valley will get back on the mats at the Seaman dual tournament in Topeka on Saturday, Jan. 10.

Randy Starcher Memorial Invitational

Team results:

1. Shawnee Heights 262.5, 2. Tonganoxie 216.5, 3. Louisburg 179.5, 4. Oskaloosa 128.5, 5. KC Bishop Ward 119.5, 6. Frontenac 98, 7. Doniphan West 90, 8. Royal Valley 74, 9. Jayhawk-Linn 73, 10. Atchison 68, 11. KC Piper 48.5, 12. Olathe Northwest 47

Individual results:

RV

(106): Tewin Roush won two matches, lost three matches and took sixth.

(106): Dalton Ware won one match, lost four matches and came in seventh.

(120): Tim Martin Jr. won three matches, lost two matches and finished fifth.

(138): Jerry Coan won two matches, lost three matches and placed sixth.

(145): Noah Hart won four matches, lost one match and claimed a fifth-place finish.

(152): Cedrick Williams won two matches, lost three matches and took seventh.

(160): Garrett Rodewald won three matches, lost two matches and was fourth in his weight class.

(182): Jacob Box won two matches, lost three matches and finished fourth.

(195): Blake Garrison won two matches, lost three matches and came in seventh.

Big Seven League girls basketball standings

Team	League	Overall
Sabetha	4-0	5-0
Nemaha Central	3-1	3-2
Holton	3-1	3-2
ACCCHS	3-2	3-2
Royal Valley	2-2	3-2
Hiawatha	2-2	2-2
Perry-Lecompton	2-3	2-3
Jeff West	1-4	1-4
Riverside	0-5	0-5

*Standings as of Dec. 22, 2014

NEKL girls basketball standings

Team	League	Overall
Valley Falls	4-0	4-1
Maur Hill	4-1	4-1
JCN	3-1	3-2
Pleasant Ridge	3-1	4-1
Jackson Heights	2-2	2-2
Horton	2-2	2-2
Immaculata	1-4	1-4
McLouth	1-4	1-4
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Holton senior Lucas Lovvorn had another solid outing for the Wildcat wrestling team over the weekend, helping HHS to a runner-up finish at the Ottawa Dual Tournament on Saturday. The top-ranked wrestler at 160-lbs. in Class 4A has been living up to the billing as Lovvorn picked up five more wins and ended the day with a perfect record. Lovvorn nearly had a perfect score as well at the dual tournament, winning four of his five matches by fall, with the fifth win coming by tech fall.



Royal Valley freshman Tamo Thomas continued her stellar debut for the Lady Panther basketball team with a tremendous showing on the court this past week. The first year player only led the RV girls in scoring in wins over Riverside (62-19) and Santa Fe Trail (66-39), while averaging 15 points per contest. In addition to scoring 16 points against Riverside, she also collected three rebounds and two assists before closing the first half of the season with a game-high 14 points in the win over the Chargers last Friday.

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Year In Review...

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of which saw Henry spelling head-to-head against Jackson Heights seventh-grader Alyssa Montgomery.

The Jackson County Commission is seeking a new contract with Heart of Jackson Humane Society for the handling of stray dogs picked up in the county. But in the new contract, county commissioners noted they would like to see the humane society's services extended to county taxpayers who live in Holton's city limits.

Local propane customers have been feeling a chill in recent days as supplies of the heating fuel have gone down while prices have skyrocketed from \$2 per gallon earlier in the month to \$3.50 later in the month, but some local propane suppliers are optimistic the high prices won't last long. The shortage was attributed to the heavy use of propane in drying out wet fall harvest crops.

A Holton man charged with embezzling from Mayetta Rural Fire District 1 pleaded guilty to the charge in federal court. U.S. Attorney Barry Grissom said Richard P. Bontrager, 67, pleaded guilty to one count of embezzlement in connection with the theft of \$427,042 from the fire district over a five-year period. Bontrager had been the fire district's treasurer between 2008 and 2013, over which time period the alleged embezzlement occurred.

February

Community HealthCare System of Onaga has offered to sell land to Holton USD 336 for construction of a new school if a bond issue for that construction passes in May. Holton Superintendent Nancy Meyer said Meyer confirmed on Friday that CHCS, which owns and operates the Holton Family Practice clinic on the west side of Holton, has offered to sell land located south of the clinic to the school district at a cost of \$65,000.

Jackson Heights High School alumnus Tyler Ahlgren was named as a preliminary contestant for the "American Idol" TV series, appearing on a couple of shows this month. Ahlgren, who also performed at the previous summer's Country Stampede, was eliminated early in the competition after forgetting the lyrics to a song he was to perform, but he vowed to give the competition another shot.

Jackson County received a monstrous amount of snowfall on Feb. 4, with Holton's 12-inch snow total just three inches short of the city's all-time record, set in 1955. Hoyt reported a total snowfall of 13.5 inches, it was reported. The storm, accompanied by gusty winds and subzero wind chills, shuttered schools and many businesses in the county.

When the Holton Main Street program first started here, both the City of Holton and Jackson County pledged five years of \$10,000 in financial support each to the downtown economic development group. Both the city and the county have made good on that pledge, but with Jackson County's reduction of financial support, program leaders asked the Holton City Commission to consider increasing its funding of the program.

Casey's General Store, which has been in business in Holton since 1986, is planning to open a second store on part of the existing Jackson County Fairgrounds, a spokesperson for the Ankeny, Iowa-based convenience store chain said. Plans and a timeline for construction of the new store will not be finalized until after this year's Jackson County Fair, the spokesperson said.

In school news, the Jackson Heights school board took action to bring the high school building into compliance with a state fire marshal's recommendation to replace the fire alarm control panel in the high school office and install new doors separating the gym from the high school's industrial education area. Also, the Jackson County Commission agreed to allow county workers to haul several loads of clay dirt to the Holton High School football field in exchange for dirt for an upcoming bridge replacement project.

A telephone survey on the upcoming Holton elementary school

bond issue revealed a 50/50 split between supporters and non-supporters, Holton board members noted this month. The board also voted to approve a \$21.5 million bond resolution for construction of a new elementary school on land adjacent to the current Colorado Elementary School site.

During the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's annual Legislative Breakfast, Kansas Reps. Richard Carlson and Randy Garber and Kansas Sen. Dennis Pyle updated area residents on a controversial Kansas House of Representatives bill authored with the intent of preserving the rights of business owners to exercise their religious convictions, but interpreted by many as an attack on the state's gay and lesbian population.

The Jackson County Commission expressed concern with the Heart of Jackson County Humane Society's dog adoption policy, as well as the county's current contract with the agency. At present, the local humane society will only shelter homeless dogs from rural areas of the county, not from the cities, unless each city has a contract with the humane society. A few cities have individual contracts with the society for its services.

The Holton High School wrestling team earned the Kansas Class 4A State Team Wrestling Championship at Salina over the weekend for the second year in a row. Lucas Lovvorn also won an individual state title in the 152-pound competition.

The Royal Valley High School FFA Chapter received a \$2,500 grant from Monsanto during its chapter re-chartering ceremony this month. The club was reinstated this year after it was disbanded in 2005. Kim Mitchell serves as the club's advisor. Mitchell also teaches agricultural and plant science courses that were added to the district's curriculum this school year.

March

Holton resident Carolyn McKee has been named the new executive director of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. An employment contract was extended to McKee by the Chamber board for the open position. McKee has lived in Holton since 1978 and has worked for USD 336 for the past 15 years in a variety of roles, including paraprofessional, tutor and substitute teacher.

Plans for the new road behind Holton Community Hospital are moving forward after concerns from landowners were addressed by Jackson County Commission. A hearing was held on the proposed road that will run west and east off P Road to the rear entrance parking lot of the Family Practice Associates clinic. Frank Gilliland has donated land to HCH in order for the county to build a road that would serve as a second entrance to the hospital.

Jackson County property owners who are delinquent on their taxes may be subject to the county's upcoming tax sale. Documents on the tax sale were filed and presented to real estate property owners who have not paid their taxes in three years. Lienholders and other lenders were also notified. A total of 38 tracts in Jackson County, representing about \$102,000 in back taxes, were listed in a public notice.

Improvements to Mayetta's city park will continue thanks to a \$5,000 Jackson County donation. Commissioners met with Mayetta Mayor Jonathan Wimer and Mayetta residents Darrel Chapman and Dan Whiteman, who requested \$10,000 to make several improvements to the city's park.

Eligibility requirements for health insurance will not change for Royal Valley faculty and staff members after the USD 337 school board took action on the issue. Throughout the school year, board members have discussed the financial impact the Affordable Care Act could have on the district next year and in the future.

Holton resident Trent LeDoux, a former member of the Kansas House of Representatives, is being charged with bank fraud, it has been reported. A federal grand jury reportedly handed down an indictment that charges LeDoux with money laundering, al-

leging he placed \$27,000 in loan monies into his personal campaign account.

Even though the Kansas Department of Transportation had yet to issue a ruling on how access from U.S. Highway 75 to a proposed new Walmart store in Holton would be granted, the Holton City Commission voted to approve a final plat for construction of the store and an adjoining gas station. Commissioner Erich Campbell asked fellow commissioners to wait on a vote since KDOT had not yet given developers the green light on an access point off U.S. 75.

The county's burn policy is being modified by the Jackson County Commission in hopes of giving residents more time to burn if conditions are permissible. Commissioner Ed Kathrens said he was contacted by a resident who said he was frustrated that property owners aren't allowed to burn their land or brush after the winds have died down in the evenings.

Jackson County's assessed valuation is up \$3 million, according to information recently released by the Jackson County Appraiser's Office. Valuation notices for 2014 were mailed on Feb. 28 to Jackson County land and property owners. The assessed value of all land and buildings in the county was set at \$84,419,115 for 2014, which includes \$24,924,354 in assessed value for land and \$59,494,761 in assessed value for buildings.

The superintendent search continues for Holton USD 336 and the school board may now consider the possibility of promoting a current school administrator to that district leadership position. Superintendent Nancy Meyer, who announced her retirement effective at the end of the current school term, said there had been about 10 applicants for the Holton superintendent position. The school board, however, had chosen not to interview any of the applicants.

An accident involving a tractor north of Holton claimed the life of a Holton man, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse. Alan H. Schlotter, 64, sustained fatal injuries when the tractor he was operating on land near his home about four miles north of Holton "rolled down a terrace," Morse said. Schlotter was found by a family member after the accident had happened, it was noted.

April

Twila White defeated incumbent Hal Cochren for position five on the Holton City Commission by a 12-vote margin during Tuesday's spring election. A total of 202 Holton registered voters out of 2,159 (about 9.35 percent) voted in the election, it was noted. It was White's second candidacy for a commission position. Bob Dieckmann ran unopposed for position three.

A Topeka man charged with the December rape and attempted murder of a Holton woman is set to stand trial in September after pleading not guilty to charges against him in Jackson County District Court. Filip Chase Joseph Rosario, 35, pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted capital murder, two counts of aggravated criminal sodomy, two counts of rape, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated battery and criminal threat, all felonies.

Springtime finds many Jackson County property owners burning grassland and brush, and recent weeks have kept local fire department personnel very busy. According to Holton Fire Chief Kevin Ingels, 250 controlled burns occurred simultaneously on March 29, which is a new record for the county. During that weekend, county firefighters were dispatched to a total of 35 fires in the county.

The Holton City Commission approved an update to its municipal water conservation plan that clarifies action for the city and its water customers to take if and when water supplies begin to dwindle. Commissioners noted the updated plan clearly defines the three stages where conservation measures are necessary and adds a recommendation to better educate

the city's water customers on what to do when the city is under one of the three water conservation stages.

Holton is about to become the second Kansas city to be recognized as a "Purple Heart Community," and Jackson County will become the first county in Kansas to receive the same designation, it has been reported. A special ceremony has been scheduled for April 21 at the Jackson County Courthouse to note proclamations of the city and county as "Purple Heart Communities," a recognition of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

After multiple special meetings and interviews with several candidates, the Holton school board's search for a superintendent has come to an end. The board unanimously decided to hire former Sabetha superintendent Dennis Stones as superintendent starting in the 2014-15 school year. Stones will take over for Nancy Meyer, who is retiring, on July 1.

If the \$21.5-million bond issue for the Holton school district passes in the May 6 election, it would be about two years before a new school for students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grades would be ready for those students, according to USD 336 Superintendent Nancy Meyer. The bond issue would ultimately be offset by the state covering 55 percent of construction costs on a new building to replace the existing Colorado Elementary School, Meyer said.

Plans to build a new Walmart at the southern edge of Holton remain on hold until the retailer responds to a request from the Kansas Department of Transportation to access the store's proposed site from Banner Road, it was reported. Kimberly Qualls, public affairs manager for KDOT, said Walmart's initial plan to access property south of Taco Bell from U.S. Highway 75 poses safety concerns.

More than 100 area residents turned out to continue to show their support for former U.S. Senator Robert Dole, regardless of whether they voted for him as a Congressman, a Senator or a presidential candidate. In return, Dole showed his gratitude — and his sense of humor. He was accompanied by Congresswoman and Holton native Lynn Jenkins in his visit to the Jackson County Senior Citizens Center.

The Jackson County Commissioners have allocated \$2,500 in county funds to a summer bookmobile program planned for the northern part of the county. Ange Allen and Luke Schreiber, members of the non-profit organization CommunityCORE, met with commissioners to explain the summer project and to request financial support. Recently, a 33-foot camper/trailer was purchased and donated to CommunityCORE for use as a bookmobile.

Prices for student meals will increase by five cents next year at Royal Valley USD 337. School board members unanimously agreed to raise both breakfast and lunch meal rates for students, as well as increase adult breakfast meals by 55 cents and adult lunches by 25 cents. The increases will enable the district to meet all the requirements from the United States Department of Agriculture's Paid Lunch Equity tool.

Jenkins...

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(CAHs) and other small, rural hospitals in 2014. We also discussed rural education and other issues that impact Winchester.

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Crops and Soils

Christmas season is a time to pause

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Crops & Soils/Horticulture

Each fall, I make a mental note to avoid cramming too much into what is always a busy Thanksgiving through Christmas time frame. Sadly, my mental notes seem to get quickly lost!



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Pause for a minute as children and grandchildren are home for Christmas break to show and tell them a little more about your operation and your passion for it.

Slowing down isn't easy. It puts us a little further behind. Maybe it even makes us "miss" an opportunity to fit one more thing in to a day. Still, it's important.

It gives us a chance to recharge. It gives us a chance to pass along a little more wisdom about how we do what we do. It gives us a chance to advocate for our industry/profession/hobby/passion and tell the world the truth about it. It gives us a chance to reflect on why we do what we do — and feel blessed for the opportunity.

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Members of the Holton High School Jazz Ensemble performed "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Soul Bossa Nova" and "Grovin' Hard" during the school's recent winter concert. Those pictured include (from left) Madison Beightel, Cassidy Smith, Trent Milburn, Jacob Gillie, Blayne Folk, Chelsea Klahr and Michael Nelson. The group was under the direction of Jayme Malsom, who is shown in the background.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

Circleville By Jeannie Arnold

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson went to the Christmas music show in Topeka of Shoji Tabuchi on Monday, Dec. 15. He is from Branson, Mo., and plays the violin, but plays all types of music, along with his cast of entertainers.

Barbara Hutchinson attended the book discussion group on Friday, Dec. 19, at the Rossville Public Library. The book discussed was "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson and Kenny Wykert attended the memorial funeral service at Mercer Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 20, of Gary Lee Nott, who recently lived in Texas. Dennis and Gary were in the 1962 graduating class of Circleville High School.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson ate dinner at Bailey's Restaurant in Hoyt on Saturday evening, Dec. 20, taking advantage of the fried chicken special. Joining them was Marsha Morris, Barbara's sister from Topeka.

Lori Burdick and Afton and I went to Circleville on Saturday, Dec. 20, to finish up our Christmas shopping. I

guess we weren't the only ones doing last minute shopping because we saw Connie Woltje, from Circleville, in one of the stores finishing up hers, too. The traffic was totally crazy, but we survived the day.

Don and Deloris Beam had their family all home on Sunday, Dec. 21, to celebrate Christmas. They had a wonderful time. Deloris says, "There is nothing like family."

We have certainly enjoyed having Judy Olson open the holiday house in Circleville this year, selling all that wonderful Christmas candy and other holiday items. Kathy Dyer was the winner of the contest for guessing how many Christmas light bulbs were in the jar. She guessed 171 and was the only person with the correct answer. Kathy's prize was a basket full of assorted yummy candy.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Bonnie Strader. Bonnie died on Dec. 21 in Holton. She grew up in the Circleville area and graduated from Circleville High School. Survivors include brothers, Don Askren of Circleville and Dale Askren of Holton, along with many other relatives in the area.

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

Services at Buck's Grove Methodist Church for Dec. 21, fourth Sunday of Advent, began by the prelude and lighting of the altar candles by Amariah Allen.

Amariah also lighted the Advent candles and her mother, Ericka Allen, read scripture.

Pastor Charlotte Milroy led in the call to worship and opening prayers.

Donna Ashcraft was song leader as we sang hymns "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Lift Up Your Heads You Mighty Gates" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

Denny Ashcraft provided the recorded music.

Scripture was 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 and Romans 16:25-27. Psalter reading was Luke 1:7-55. The children's message and the sermon were taken from Luke 1:26-38. The title of Charlotte's sermon was "His Agenda."

Does God have a house? Does God have to be in a certain

church? No, God tells us that He has His house in Heaven, where He has a place for each of us. He does not dwell on earth in a house, as He is too big for a dwelling on earth.

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Don Boling and Wayne Riechick acted as offertory ushers.

Charlotte, with Donna's assistance, offered Communion. The closing hymn, "Let There Be Peace On Earth," was sung as the light of Christ was carried to the back of the sanctuary.

There was no Bible study, as everyone pitched in and cleaned the church.

KHP and KDOT promote safety during the holidays

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays around the corner, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Transportation are urging motorists to practice safety on the roadways this holiday season. More people will be traveling, impaired drivers could be encountered and winter weather is always a threat this time of year.

Impaired drivers are dangerous any time of year, but with the winter holidays, more instances of impaired driving occur due to Christmas and New Year's parties, and other celebrations with family and friends.

Winter weather can create substantial problems on the highways throughout the winter months. This presents a challenge for motorists trying to travel through the holiday season.

KDOT maintains KanDrive, a great travel information portal, which can be accessed at www.KanDrive.org. Drivers can also call 5-1-1 from any phone in the state for road conditions, closures, work zones and weather information.

Motorists can contribute to a safer traveling experience by using the following tips:

- * Prepare your vehicle for winter travel by replacing your wiper blades, ensuring your tires have good tread and checking your vehicle's fluids, exhaust system and other mechanical equipment.

- * Clean frost and snow off all windows, mirrors and lights, and use your headlights for visibility.

- * In adverse conditions, accelerate and brake gently and increase your following distance between you and other vehicles.

- * Steer in the direction you want to go if your vehicle loses traction and begins to slide.

- * Allow for more time when traveling to and from work, home, school or other activities.

- * Always wear your seat belt, and properly secure children in the appropriate safety seats.

* Do not use cruise control when you are traveling in wet or snowy conditions.

* If you're involved in a non-injury crash that involves non-hazardous materials, move your vehicle out of the lane of traffic to protect yourself as well as other motorists.

* Always make sure you designate a sober driver for a safe ride home from your holiday festivities.

If you see a suspected impaired driver, or if you need help on the highways call KHP at *47 or Kansas Turnpike at *582. Elsewhere you can call 911 for an officer to help you.

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Crop	Base Acres	CC Yield	2014 Corn Yield: 211 bushels, Ag Lime: 2012
Corn	28.4	130	2014 Certified Tillable Acres: 63.02
Soybeans	28.4	38	2014 Taxes: \$689.04 Taxable Acres: 78.33

Terms: 10% down auction day with balance at closing. Possession at closing, on or before February 13, 2015. Government payments for 2014 go to Seller. 2015 payments to Buyer. 2014 Taxes paid by Seller. 2015 Taxes paid by Buyer. Property sells subject to any right-of-way or easements of record. Mineral rights owned by Seller remain with the land. Closing costs and title insurance will be divided equally between buyer and seller. Loan policy, if any, paid by buyer. Property will be sold where is, as is, non-contingent on Buyer financing, to the highest bidder, subject to seller's confirmation. Announcements of auction take precedence. Barnes Realty is agent for the Seller.

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Public Notice

(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014.)

Public Notice City of Holton Planning Commission

Public Hearing on Home Occupation Request

On January 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Holton City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania Avenue, Holton, Kansas, the City of Holton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Home Occupation Business.

The requested occupation is for a dog grooming business located in an R-1, Single Family Dwelling

District, at 317 East 5th Street in Holton, Kansas. More specifically described as follows:

North 20 feet of the West 70 feet of Lot 53 and the West 70 feet of Lot 55 on Vermont Avenue in the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

A copy of this notice has been mailed to all property owners of lands located within 200 feet of the above described property.

Any interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing.

Kerwin L. McKee
 Assistant City Manager

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Election...

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on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. Candidates can register by paying a \$5 filing fee or file by petition by obtaining signatures from a certain percentage of registered voters.

To determine whether you qualify as a candidate for a specific position on a school board based on where you reside, contact your local school district office or the county clerk's office. A map of each voting district and the boundaries of each school board position is also available at the

county's website, <http://ks-jackson.manatron.com>.

Several city council and mayoral positions in Jackson County's cities — Circleville, Delia, Denison, Holton, Hoyt, Mayetta, Netawaka, Soldier, Wetmore, Whiting — will also be on the spring ballot.

Position one is the only seat on the Holton City Commission that will be included in this election. Incumbent Tim Morris is the only candidate who has filed for this position so far, according to the city

clerk's office.

To file for a city council or mayoral position, candidates must register with their city clerk by paying a \$5 filing fee. They may also file by petition by obtaining a certain amount of signatures from registered voters.

Four people interested in the same position will cause a primary election, it was reported. That election would be March 3.

For more information about the election, call the Jackson County Clerk's Office at 785-364-2891.

Christmas Bureau...

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giving people specific items that were needed gave them more focus and direction. It went very smooth."

More than 25 bicycles were also given away during the event, Smith said.

"We had one adult applicant who received a bike and his bike had just broke recently," Smith said. "It was going to cost him \$100 to repair it, and he didn't have the money. It was really amazing to watch him receive a new bike. He was so grateful."

Smith said that all the organizers

are thankful for the businesses and groups that donated time, money and toys for the event.

"Everything came together wonderful," she said.

This is the last year the Evangelical Serving Team is coordinating the Christmas Bureau, and team members are actively seeking a person or team to take on the leadership role in 2015.

"We're looking for someone else to spearhead it," Smith said. "It's a lot of work, but we still plan to be

involved in other ways."

The EUM Church will still be available to host the event each year.

"We start working on the store in January and begin writing grant applications in February," Smith said. "It's a faith-based ministry so we're hoping that someone feels led to take over next year's event. We'll help walk them through the process."

For more information, contact Smith at 785-364-8162 or Sandy Allen at 785-851-0276.

McKinney...

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concurrently or consecutively, she added.

McKinney was arrested in April on the three charges after an incident that reportedly occurred at the Southview apartment complex in which a 7-month-old boy was reported to have difficulty breathing and was unresponsive. At the time of the incident and his arrest, McKinney was 17 years old, but he agreed in August to waive his juvenile status and be tried as an adult.

The infant was airlifted to a Kansas City hospital after the incident, where he remained in critical condition for several weeks, it was reported. Miller said the infant "continues to suffer from his permanent and debilitating injuries," adding that more details of his condition will likely be released at McKinney's sentencing hearing.

On Nov. 25, prosecutors filed a motion for "aggravated upward departure" in McKinney's sentencing, which Miller said could have "up to doubled his presumed sentence" and could only be imposed by a jury. By changing his pleas to guilty, McKinney "avoids that possibility," she added.

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Tess Austin, 7, couldn't resist the fallen snow in front of the Jackson County Courthouse Thursday morning and decided to build a snowman. All three Jackson County school districts cancelled classes that day due to the snow. Photo by Ali Holcomb

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Optimists disperse club funds before disbanding

By Ali Holcomb

The Holton Optimist Club allocated \$7,560 in donations before members disbanded the club this fall, it was reported.

In March, club members agreed to donate \$500 each to Holton FFA, Holton Middle School basketball and Jackson Heights Middle School basketball.

In August, \$500 was donated by the club to Tools for School and \$100 to the Jackson County Kids' Closet.

The remaining funds in the club's account were dispersed to the following agencies or groups in November:

- * Holton Parks and Recreation — \$1,000.
 - * Colorado Elementary School (milk money for kids with no milk ticket) — \$250.
 - * Central Elementary School (milk money for kids with no milk ticket) — \$250.
 - * Jackson Heights third grade dictionary money — \$100.
 - * Royal Valley third grade dictionary money — \$200.
 - * Holton third grade dictionary money — \$300.
 - * Food pantry — \$500.
 - * Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Bureau — \$500.
 - * Tools for Schools — \$500.
 - * Meadowlark Extension Office to purchase 4-H awards — \$360.
 - * Jackson County Kids' Closet — \$500.
 - * Jackson Heights High School basketball — \$500.
 - * Holton High School basketball — \$500.
- The Holton Optimist Club disbanded this fall after 41 years of serving youth in the Jackson County community.

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Schools Celebrate the Christmas Season With Music



Jackson County's schools have provided ample opportunity this month to hear the sounds of the holiday season, as played and sung by (clockwise from top left) Royal Valley's sixth-grade choir, Royal Valley's fifth-grade band, Holton Middle School's seventh and eighth-grade band, Jackson Heights' fifth-grade band, Jackson Heights' second-grade chorus and the HHS Singers.

Photos by Kelly Breckunitch, Ali Holcomb and Brian Sanders

Heideman earns BSN at Newman

Alysia Heideman of Netawaka (pictured) was one of 26 candidates recognized by Newman University of Wichita for the bachelor of science in nursing degree during Newman's fall 2014 nurses' pinning ceremony, held Dec. 12 on the Newman campus.



The event is a tradition in the nursing discipline that dates back approximately 130 years in the United States. At Newman, the director of nursing places nursing pins on graduate candidates' lapels as a symbol of their completion of the baccalaureate of science in nursing (BSN) program. The Newman pin is unique to the university, and was designed by the first graduating BSN class at what was then Kansas Newman College.

The fall 2014 nursing degree candidates included 23 who completed the Newman traditional BSN program, and three students who completed the RN-to-BSN completion program.

The ceremony included a brief address by Director of Nursing Teresa Vetter, M.S.N. Vetter referred to a 2010 report on the future of nursing that calls for nurses to take an active role in transforming health care.

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MONDAYS-TRIPLE POINTS 9 AM-NOON!!
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TUESDAYS -
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WEDNESDAYS
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"Hot Seat" Drawings every 15 minutes, 10:15pm-11pm to win a Bundle Package, which consists of a 1-night cabin stay, 2-buffets, \$50 in Promo Cash, \$50 in CASH, and \$50 in Promo Cash for the month of February.

THURSDAYS-TRIPLE POINTS 9 AM-NOON!!
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FRIDAYS
"Spin the Wheel" Drawings hourly 4pm-2am to "Spin the Wheel" to win up to \$150 in Promo Cash or CASH. "Hot Seat" Drawings start at 11pm.

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Submitted photo

Mayetta Methodist Church

By Karen Burns

On Dec. 7, the candle lighters at Mayetta Methodist Church were Cody and Corey Smith. The bell ringer was Caliber Miller. The usher was DeLaina Miller. The scripture was read from Philippians 4:4. The children's message was "Get Ready." The sermon title was "Call to Joy?" with the text coming from I Thessalonians 5:16-24. The service of Holy Communion was celebrated.

Mary and Charles Harden gave the advent reading. Our church family prayers for comfort and healing were offered for Dale Sudduth, Darlene Rawlings, Cecil Bowser and Alva Burns. Caliber Miller gave birthday money in honor of his sister, Karlie, who had to work. Her special day was Dec. 3.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer hosted a post Thanksgiving dinner for their family. Those attending were: Cindy Stauffer, Derby; Kevin and Laura Stauffer, Kenley Stauffer and Brice Carpenter, Holton; Jeff and Melissa Stauffer, Aidan and Brenna, Silver Lake; Todd, Rose, Gary and Tim Stauffer, Ellie Stauffer and Dil-

lon Kleppes, Mayetta; Rachel, Joey and Finn Whitten, Eudora; Clayton Stauffer, Lawrence; and Adam Stauffer, Laura Sable, David and Dante, Topeka.

The weekend of Dec. 6, Todd, Rose, Tim, Bud and Shirley Stauffer drove to Copper Cove, Texas, to attend the Heart of Texas Football Bowl Game between Coffeyville Community College and Trinity Valley Community College. Gary Stauffer was a starter for Coffeyville.

The Stauffers all attended the Mayetta Fire Department Christmas party on the evening of Dec. 7. Bud and Shirley Stauffer recently attended the Parade of Lights in Holton. They also went to the Royal Valley High School Christmas music program on Dec. 3. The Millers traveled to Arlington, Neb., for a family Christmas. Caliber also went hunting with his father this past weekend. The family attended the RVHS Christmas concert on Dec. 3. Karlie Miller plays in the band.

Karen Burns attended the RVHS Christmas concert on Dec. 3. Her granddaughter, Leanna Just, is a band member. To all those students who

participate, I must say that their efforts are sincerely appreciated.

The Christmas program on Sunday evening, Dec. 7, was very nice. Our church family was glad to welcome all who came to help celebrate the season.

The Bible is God's love letter to us.

On Dec. 14, the candle lighter was Tim Stauffer. The bell ringer was Cody Smith. The ushers were Randy Rickel and Todd Stauffer. The scripture was read from Isaiah 61:10. The children's message was "Surprise." The sermon title was "John: A Prophet in Utero" with the text coming from Luke 1:39-45, 67, 78-80.

Todd and Rose Stauffer gave the advent reading. The church family offers prayers of healing for Shelly Ramage.

The Stauffers attended the J. W. Bontrager Christmas dinner in Holton on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Floyd and June Schlotter and Bud and Shirley Stauffer enjoyed pizza with Roy and Bev Kranz in Circleville on Friday evening, Dec. 12.

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Amelia Jean Rostetter

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Maternal grandparents are Lori Ford of Holton and Mark Ford of Peralta, N.M. Paternal grandparents are Edward and Elizabeth Rostetter of Circleville.

Maternal great-grandparents are John and Glenna Chiles of Holton and Kevin and Nina Desbien of Topeka. Paternal great-grandparents are Clifton and Betty Johnson of Nortonville and Ellen Blackwood of Holton.

Nellie Jane Conley

Parents Jerod and Dara Conley of Havensville, with big brother Liam and big sister Cora, are happy to announce their first gift of this Christmas season with the birth of Nellie Jane Conley on Dec. 8, 2014.

Nellie weighed 7 pound and 4 ounces and was 19½ inches long.

Grandparents are Gerald and Marcia Conley of Havensville, the late Mary Jane Durst and Rodney Durst and his wife, Sherry, of Soldier. Great-grandmother is Ellen Durst of Holton.

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Fenceline

Economist predicts good beef prices in 2015

By Jody G. Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Livestock-Natural Resources

It's been a crazy week for me, running around a lot, night meetings and then trying to prepare for the holidays. I've been working on a home-made project for one of my family. Every time they come around, I have to hide the stuff. Well, I did such a good job of stowing it away, now I can't find some crucial parts of the project!



That happened one time with a catcher's mitt for Lance's birthday. We found it years later, when baseball was a distant memory!

I've had the unique opportunity to listen to Dr. Jim Robb the last two months; he's an economist with the Livestock Meat Industry Council. Lucky for us, the outlook for beef prices didn't change. He predicts good prices until 2016 and then slight erosion. He doesn't see calf prices below \$2. Barring a drought or some other disaster, things look bright and stable.

Farmers and ranchers are saving back heifers to build the herd. Although finding pasture is challenging, you can consider rotational grazing to help add a few head. We're planning our sixth grazing school for September 2015 in Iola. In the meantime, if

you have questions about rotational grazing, contact your extension agent and some help will be sent your way.

What heifers do I keep? Some newer research is showing those heifers that were born the first third of your calving season are hard to beat. They stay in the herd longer, and tend to calve in the first part of the calving season, which in turn produces heavier weaning weights. Over her life span, she can practically raise another calf by the additional weight of her calves over the long haul.

Dr. Bob Weaver spoke at our 4 Free Lunches meeting. He suggested color-coding your ear tags. The

calves in the first 21 days could have purple ear tags, those born the second 21 days could be white ear tags and the final 21-day calves could be blue. That would be a quick visual. You could compare your cow's production easily. If you saw a dinky calf with a purple tag, you would consider culling that cow. On the other hand, if you had an enormous calf with a blue tag, you would know that momma cow was doing a great job of milking. You might consider keeping her heifer calves for replacement.

My husband joined me at this meeting. He tore himself away from baking Christmas cookies, wrapping

presents and cleaning the house for holiday visitors...not! Anyway, the chat on the way home from the meeting was the possibility of color-coding ear tags for the calf crop. I think that's doable and it will be exciting to see how it works out.

One of the four free lunches is using implants in calves. The implants are used to enhance growth. Implants can be beneficial and add weight to the calves for about a \$1/head. If you are raising cattle for a natural market, you would need to be getting about \$6 more per hundred-weight to make up the difference in weight that implants create.

Consumer Price Index down in November

According to data released recently by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Midwest declined 0.6 percent in November.

The monthly decrease was largely attributable to an 8.1-percent drop in motor fuel prices. Motor fuel prices have fallen 22.5 percent in the Midwest since their recent peak in June 2014. Overall, the energy index reg-

istered its fifth consecutive monthly decline, down 4.9 percent. The indexes for food and all items less food and energy each decreased 0.2 percent.

The CPI-U for the Midwest advanced 1.2 percent from November 2013 to November 2014. Food prices increased 3.2 percent and the energy index, which includes motor fuel and household fuels, was down 2.9 percent. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U rose 1.3 percent over the year.

Among the regions, prices were down 0.4 percent in the Northeast and were 0.6 percent lower in the South and West in November. Over the year, prices increased 0.9 percent in the Northeast, 1.3 percent in the South, and 1.7 percent in the West.

The full November 2014 Midwest CPI release is available at www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains/news-release/consumerpriceindex_midwest.htm

Senior Center Menus

Reservations for Jackson Countians 60 years and older and their spouses wishing to eat lunches under the Title III-C Nutrition program may be made daily Monday through Friday.

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Wednesday, Dec. 31: Beef stew, coleslaw, fruit cocktail cake and biscuit and margarine.

Thursday, Jan. 1: Closed - New Year's Day.

Friday, Jan. 2: Salmon patties, parsley potato, peas, pineapple, lemon bar and bread and margarine.

Brunkow elected to Kansas Farm Bureau board of directors

Glenn Brunkow, a fifth-generation farmer in Pottawatomie County, has been elected to Kansas Farm Bureau's board of directors, it was reported. Brunkow replaces Nemaha County farmer Jeff Grossenbacher, who was seated to serve as vice president by the board of directors earlier this month.

"Glenn has served Farm Bureau faithfully for many years, and I know he will do an outstanding job representing our members in this new capacity," Rich Felts, president of Kansas Farm Bureau and Montgomery County farmer, says.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.

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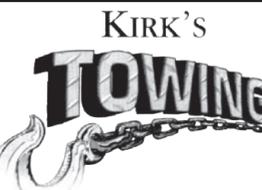
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Gardener's Corner

Moving deeper as winter settles

By Sandra M. Siebert

Early evening: dusk had settled upon the world beneath a heavy, gray sky. A thin layer of snow covered the ground, illuminating the dusk with reflected light. A few snowflakes fell and all was quiet, hushed by the gray light.



I walked through the cedar grove, wet snow and mud collecting on my boots. Every few steps I paused, listening to the stillness, the quiet among the evergreens. Here and there, a bird moved softly among the branches. Perhaps it dined on the blue berries studding the cedar branches, or it searched for the perfect spot to settle in for the night.

Tall grass rustled against my boots as I emerged from the cedar grove. Sounds of voices, neighbors calling to their children or animals, drifted through the gray light, hushed by the dusk. I approached the garden from the back "the ugly" side, where the compost heaps are exposed, slowly decomposing. Piles of finished compost mound along the back edge of the garden, now covered in white.

From the semi-wild area I enter the

cultivated land. Snow slides down the sides of the plastic tunnels housing kale, broccoli and lettuce. White trunk guards protect the fruit trees' bark from hungry rabbits.

I wandered slowly. No rush. No hurry, taking note of tasks to be done tomorrow, or the next day, or the next week.

* Dead asparagus fronds to be cut down and hauled to the compost heap.

* Check the kale and such under the low tunnels.

* Rake down the compost piled on one of the raised beds.

* Haul some mulch here. Tidy up an area over there. Stop and listen some more.

* Take a deep breath.

I consider making a list when I get back inside. The next day, I still have no list. Nothing is urgent, yet. I will save the lists for spring, when the list is too long to remember, when garden tasks move at a hare's pace instead of the turtle's slow plod.

As I race through summer's tasks I often tell myself that I must take a few moments here and there to sit in the garden and enjoy it, to take in the beauty I spend my days organizing. To encourage this, we have carved out sitting areas in the cedar trees growing just beyond the garden's edge. We - I mean, my husband - removed lower branches from one side of the trees, creating little enclaves just right for a couple of chairs.

I think, perhaps, I am getting a little better. A couple of times this past summer I took my lunch into the garden. I guess that's progress? Not much, though.

Every time we take a few moments to just be with our land we find ourselves profoundly moved.

One evening, after some spring-time pruning, my husband took a lawn chair and sat among the trees with which he had been working. He watched as colors gathered in the sky, painted by the setting sun, the quiet of dusk settling around him. He later told me that the moment felt as if he'd made a deeper connection with those trees.

Late this past fall, after a busy day, and with just a bit of time before guests arrived, I took a cup of tea into

the garden and sat as the gray light deepened. I felt completely happy. Then a meteor shot down the western sky leaving a glimmering green trail. How blessed and privileged I felt to witness such a rare event. It made me wonder: What else have I missed in all my busy-ness?

My "business attire" is jeans and a t-shirt. I go to work surrounded by trees and stones, the rustling of grasses and birdcalls are the sounds of my "office." I arrange my tasks by the cycling of the sun. Yet too often I find myself disconnected from the very thing in which I have immersed myself. Like Alice's White Rabbit, I constantly check my "pocket watch," muttering, "I'm late, I'm late, I'm late."

Late for what?

If I don't stop now I will be late, too late to witness the fleeting beauty.

I am grateful for winter, when the river of life widens and slows and I can simply drift along and watch the world shift around me. It is natural to slow down at this time, to pull inward. I sit by the fire, paging through seed catalogues, making lists. A fresh garden map hangs on the refrigerator, marked with pencil where the tomatoes will grow, and the cucumbers and peppers, melons and beans. It is all part dream and part practical; seeds must be ordered, but the flourishing garden is mainly in my imagination.

We are past the winter solstice, the longest night (which can be a 24-hour night in far northern regions) and the daylight hours lengthen a minute or two as each day passes. In a few weeks, we'll have enough light each day to encourage the kale beneath the plastic tunnels to grow again.

In a few weeks, I will start the countdown of waiting for seeds planted in plastic pots to sprout, then grow beneath lights. The calendar will fill with proposed dates for planting. The river of life will begin to narrow and speed up the current.

So when I type the last of these words, I will shrug on my coat, slip on my boots and head out to walk in the woods. I will pass by the dead asparagus fronds and say "next week." Thank you, Winter.



A flute ensemble consisting of (from left) Bethany Kenworthy, Cheyenne Hewitt, Sarah Marshall and Garrett Klahr performed during Jackson Heights Elementary School's recent Christmas concert in the JHHS gym. The concert featured performances from students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

Tips for gifting your home-canned goodies

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Giving home-preserved gifts adds a personal touch, but you do take on the added responsibility of vouching for the safety of the foods you give.



Your first measure of safety is to use tested recommendations from reliable sources. Instead of experimenting with recipes, the National Center for Home Food Preservation suggests getting creative with the way you package your home-preserved gifts.

If you use an attractive canning jar of a unique size (12 oz., for example) and you can't find canning recommendations for that size jar, be sure to use the next biggest size jar that does have canning recommendations (so in the example of the 12 oz. jar, follow the process time listed for pint size jars). Otherwise the product might be under-processed and risk spoilage or causing sickness.

Also, be aware that there are lovely jars out in the market place that are not recommended for canning. Some jars are intended for other uses, and even if they look like canning jars they may not be tempered to withstand the intense heat of canning or temperature changes that occur in taking jars in and out of canners. These jars might work well to gift beautiful dried fruits, however.

Decorative labels are available from jar manufacturers and other companies. As you label your products, remember to include the creation date, and consider telling your recipient how long the product will stay "good" (usually one year for best quality with most home-canned foods). If you have room, also include the ingredients (especially if the product contains allergens) and storage instructions like "Store in a cool, dry place and refrigerate after opening."

The National Center for Home Food Preservation is the Extension Service source for current research-based recommendations for most methods of home food preservation. The center was established with funding from the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (CSREES-USDA) to address food safety concerns of home food preservation and processing methods.

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Members of Holton High School's choirs past and present gathered during the school's recent Christmas concert in the HHS auditorium for a group performance of "O Holy Night." The choir was directed by Randall Bond. Photo by Brian Sanders

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name Josiah (Joe) A. Blake

DOB xx/xx/2007 A male

Case No. 2013-JC-000027

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Jason Lee and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child(ren) named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parents should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child(ren).

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 11:45 AM. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child(ren). The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child(ren).

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian under further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian *ad litem* for the child: **Randy M. Barker, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1012, Holton, KS 66436; Phone: 785-304-1078.** You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: **J. Richard Lake, Attorney at Law, 110 West 5th, Holton, KS; Phone: 785-364-4161.**

Date and time of hearing: Thursday, February 5, 2015, at 11:45 AM

Place of hearing: Jackson County District Court, Courthouse, 3rd floor, Holton, KS 66436

/s/ Blaine A. Carter
Judge of the District Court
ML1012

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell
On Dec. 14, the third Sunday of Advent, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming."

The Slimmer family lit the Advent candles. The congregation sang the third verse of the Advent Song.

The announcements were: Remember to sign up by Dec. 19 to go caroling from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Dec. 21; and Christmas Eve (Dec. 23) service will be held at 7 p.m. and Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) service will be held at 7 p.m.

The birthdays for Dec. 14 through Dec. 20: Marguerite Pond, Dec. 14, and Aiden Bach, Dec. 20. The anniversary for the week was Wayne and Bonnie DeBusk, Dec. 20.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

John 8:12 says, "Again Jesus spoke to them saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me

will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'" Let us follow Jesus, for He is the one true light.

For special music, Michelle Caudill and John Wilson sang "Nothing But a Child." John accompanied them on his guitar.

The joys were: Judy Glasgow and Jim Wright have a new grandson, Nash Thomas, born Dec. 4; Jim Wright's grandson, Zack, graduated from KU Engineering School with honors on Dec. 8; Brady Smith graduated from Kansas State with a master's degree on Dec. 12; and Gayle Smith graduated from Baker University with a master's degree on Dec. 14.

The concerns were prayers for Bruce Lanning, who is recovering from having a pacemaker put in, and the family of Bill Adams.

Janet Baldwin read the scripture Luke 1:30-31, 34. The sermon "Giv-

ing Up On Perfect" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. What made your Christmas perfect? Christmas brings back to us wonderful memories when we were children at Christmastime.

Many of us have family traditions at Christmas, such as making Christmas candies and cookies, singing, giving gifts, visiting elderly family members and giving to those in need. When Jesus was born, His surroundings were not perfect. Jesus was born into a stable with animals all around. Why did God choose Mary to be the mother of Jesus?

Luke 1:37-38 says, "For nothing will be impossible with God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.'" Then the angel departed from her."

God promises to be there by our side in all conditions of our life. We are called to follow Jesus. Let us ex-

perience the love, joy and peace in our hearts when we serve God, our Father. Remember, God is with us.

The closing hymn was "Angels We Have Heard On High." Those assisting with the service were Janet Baldwin, liturgist; Marty Ransdell, organist; Mary Smith, pianist; Kristy Beatty, song leader; Hailee Gower, acolyte; Matt Mannell, sound system; and John and Linda Reed, Daryl Jepson and Gary Slimmer, usher team.

Holiday tips for diabetics

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Food, Nutrition and Finance

Holiday celebrations are all about food, and this can be very challenging for individuals dealing with diabetes. Holiday stress and bountiful food can wreak havoc, leading to impulse eating and risky blood sugar levels. To manage your diabetes through the holidays, stick to your diet and routine as much as possible, plan ahead and follow these tips:

- Monitor your blood sugar - Maintain your routine of checking your blood sugars and monitor more closely if eating frequently or at irregular times.
- Eat before the party - To avoid overeating, eat sensibly during the day before a party. Otherwise you arrive so hungry that it's hard to maintain control. It's always important to spread your carbohydrates evenly throughout the day to better manage diabetes.
- Be choosy - Look over the food offerings and don't waste calories and carbohydrates on foods that you could eat during the holidays to help track carbohydrates and avoid overeating.
- Downsize portion sizes - Trim

down your portions especially if you are not certain about ingredients in a tempting casserole or dessert. Control the amount you eat by either limiting yourself to one trip through the buffet line, or make the first trip primarily vegetables and salad, then your second helpings could be small portions of heartier, richer fare.

- Bring a healthy dish to share - Contribute a vegetable dish that contains little or no carbohydrates to ensure that you will have a least one good option. Others will appreciate the low-calorie options as well. Consider revising a favorite holiday recipe by substituting lower-calorie ingredients. For example, instead of fried onions in the green bean casserole, add roasted, caramelized onions and lower-fat mushroom sauce. For dessert, use sugar-free gelatin or puddings.
- Keep eating in perspective - Focus on the fun, not the food. Enjoy connecting with family and friends during the holiday gatherings. Spend time in conversation rather than thinking about what's on your plate. It's often helpful to keep your back to the buffet table, or move to another part of the room.
- Stay active and get plenty of rest - Holiday stress and fatigue can be reduced with adequate sleep and exercise. Physical activity, like walking or lifting weights, will reduce your stress, burn calories and help control blood sugar. Lack of sleep can influence your hunger and increase stress.



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Corn Production Management School is Jan. 16



Henry Williams (right), representing Soldier Christian Church, recently received \$50 in Chamber Bucks from Tonya Barta, president and CEO at The Farmers State Bank. The prize was given to the church for having the best religious entry in the recent Christmas Parade of Lights. Submitted photo

By David G. Hallauer
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All are important facets of your corn production system. Research continues to bring to light new technologies and management factors that you might want to consider. Those factors are the focus of K-State's 2015 Corn Production Management School. The program is designed to take an in-depth look at several current topics relevant to corn producers and

provide current research findings as well. Various KSU specialists will discuss high yield management factors, weed control strategies and fertility management, to name a few. Each program includes a sponsored lunch and afternoon tour. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with program starting at 9 a.m. The optional tour will be held following program adjournment at 2 p.m. Primary sponsors include the Kansas Corn Commission and DuPont Pioneer. The northeast Kansas school will be held Jan. 16 at the Heritage Conference Center (710 S. Ninth St.) in Atchison. There is no cost to attend, but participants are asked to pre-register by Jan. 12. Online registration is available at K-State Corn Production Management Schools (bit.ly/KSCORN-Schools) or by contacting one of the following K-State Research and Extension offices: Meadowlark Extension District, Oskaloosa Office: dhallaue@ksu.edu, (785) 863-2212; Atchison County: cladd@ksu.edu, (913) 833-5450; Brown County: mayoung@ksu.edu, (785) 742-7871; or Doniphan County: myoung5@ksu.edu, (785) 985-3623. Hope you'll plan to attend!

Farm Bill Educational Meeting
Got the Farm Bill figured out? If you do, you're way ahead of the curve! If you don't, and want another opportunity to learn a little more prior to year's end, you can do so on Thursday, Dec. 18 starting at 1 p.m. at the Jackson County Fair Building in Holton. Jackson County FSA Director David McAfee will share information on the program followed by a review of some program selection evaluation options by the Meadowlark Extension District. Hope you can attend!

Poinsettia Care
If a poinsettia is part of your Christmas, you want it to last as long as possible, right? Fortunately, modern varieties stay attractive for a long

time – if they are given proper care. Start by placing your poinsettia in a sunny window or the brightest area of the room. Avoid letting it touch the cold windowpane, though! Try to keep daytime temperatures between 65 and 75 degrees and nighttime temperatures between 60 and 65 degrees. Get above 75 and you'll shorten bloom life. Drop below 60 and you can start to see root rot. Move plants away from windows at night or draw drapes between them to avoid damage from the cold. Poinsettias are somewhat finicky in regard to soil moisture. They don't like wet feet, but if allowed to wilt, they'll drop leaves! What's a person to do?!

Examine the potting soil daily, sticking your finger one inch deep into the soil. If it is dry, water with lukewarm water until some water runs out of the drainage hole, then discard the drainage water.

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(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name Cordae Christopher Warrior

DOB xx/xx/2013 A female

Case No. 2014-JC-000061

AND

Name Jordan Xaravion Warrior

DOB xx/xx/2014 A male

Case No. 2014-JC-000062

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication

Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Samantha Warrior and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child(ren) named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parents should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child(ren).

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 09:30 AM. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child(ren). The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child(ren).

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian under further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian ad litem for the child: Alexandria S. Morrissey, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 366, Holton, Kansas 66436; Phone: 785-364-0158. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: Darla Ottensmeier, Attorney at Law, 13827 70th St., Oskaloosa, KS 66066; Phone: 785-863-2786.

Date and time of hearing: Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 09:30 AM
Place of hearing: Jackson County District Court, Courthouse, 3rd floor, Holton, KS 66436

/s/ Blaine A. Carter
Judge of the District Court

Holton Business Women's Club meets Dec. 1

By Julie Fahrmeier
The Dec. 1 meeting of the Holton Business Women's Club was held at 6:30 p.m. at Trails Café. The meeting was called to order by President Kathi Kimmi.

The program committee chairperson was Connie Brown, and other committee members were Debby Knouft and Heather Deneault. The program was given by the Holton High School jazz band.

Members collected money to be donated to the JCMS Christmas Bureau. Members will not donate items

Five local students advance

Two Holton High School students and three Royal Valley High School students have advanced in Washburn University's Tri-County Challenge, it was reported.

Those students have recently submitted a video of their business "pitch" to Washburn University in order to advance to the next round of competition.

A total of 21 students from Jackson, Brown and Nemaha counties submitted ideas for a new business and 10 finalists will be chosen to implement their idea. Those finalists will be named soon, it was reported.

to the VA Hospital this club year, but will do so again at the November 2015 meeting.

Canned goods for the local food pantry will be collected at the February 2015 meeting.

Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert volunteered to become the club's social chairperson. The club will buy a book to go to the Beck-Bookman Library in memory of former longtime member Delores Schlodder.

Door prizes of poinsettia plants were won by Julie Fahrmeier, Suzanne Meisenhelter, Carrie Saia,

Kim Tegethoff and Kathi Kimmi. There will be no meeting in January.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2, at Trails Café.

The program committee chairperson will be Pam Doyle, and other committee members will be Carrie Saia and Gretchen Snively.

Members are reminded to bring canned good items to the February meeting to be donated to the food pantry.

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 15, 2014.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Case No. 14CV71

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

The Bank of New York Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-12

Plaintiff,

vs.

James Stahoski; Kimberly L. Stahoski; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Unknown spouse, if any, of James Stahoski; Unknown spouse, if any, of Kimberly L. Stahoski; Unknown Spouse, if any, of James Stahoski; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Kimberly L. Stahoski,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

A parcel of land located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter, Thence North 89°02'14" East along the North line of said North-

east Quarter 1517.38 feet to the True Point of Beginning; Thence South 0°51'21" East 434.09 feet, Thence South 89°02'14" West 147.09 feet, Thence North 36°14'26" West 531.74 feet to the North line of said Northeast Quarter, Thence North 89°02'14" East along said North line 455.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, and subject to any easements of record

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and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 27th day of January, 2015, in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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A report from the senior center

By Dan Mehringer

On Nov. 3, Bernice Hyman was the guest of her niece, Mary Edwards, at the Jackson County Senior Citizens Center. On Nov. 4, Melvin Wells started coming to lunch at the center. We always enjoy having people join us for lunch. We have lots of fun joking with each other.

On Nov. 7, Jan Hodge and Linda Massey joined us for lunch. On Nov. 10, Bob and Linda Schafer were guests of Pat Hershey. Linda is Pat's daughter. Also, Sirena was the guest of her grandparents, Bill and Jo Ann Mick. Also on the same day, the staff provided brownies, cookies and punch in honor of Veterans Day.

On Nov 19, Shayne joined his parents, Bill and Jo Ann, at lunchtime. Also, Dean and Jo Ann Sharp were present for lunch. On Nov. 20, we had our Thanksgiving Day meal with all of the traditional food. The senior executives from Circleville were there. Also on that day, Dr. Joel

and Becky Hutchins had lunch at the center.

On Nov. 21, we were glad to see Bob Marney back from his trip. On Nov. 24, we were glad to see Mary Lou Stous back from her illness. Also, Ellen Durst had guests on that day. Ellen's son, Dennis, and her grandson, Kendrick, were at the center. Amy Clinger was a guest of Dennis.

On Nov. 26, we were happy to help Ray and Sue Hallauer celebrate their anniversary. They have been married 48 years. A new assistant cook was introduced on that day. Darien Klahr has been hired to work in the kitchen.

And now for the November birthdays: Cletamae Brown, Glynda Noe, Farrell Snyder, Jim Lovvorn, Phyllis Campbell, Mzry Hochuli, Jere Bleier, Bonnie Coverdale, Kenny Wykert, Thersa Wade and Maxine Lewis. Until next time.

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Lucky Stars 4-H Club holds December meeting

By Shayne L. Dorris
The Lucky Stars 4-H Club held its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 8, at the Jackson County Fair Building. Before the meeting began, members made get-well cards for Rodney Miller, who had a heart transplant. Josie B., Lexie K. and Emma S. led members in singing

“Happy Birthday” and “Frosty the Snowman.” After routine business was conducted, the programs began. Emma S. showed club members the correct tools to paint a picture. Lexie K. presented her prized photographs. Josie B. demonstrated how to make melted crayon ornaments. They were very pretty.

For the month of December, the junior officers led an ornament exchange. President Bridget K. read “’Twas the Night Before Christmas,” and club members passed the ornaments around. Lucky Stars had plenty of opportunities this month to get out into the community. On Saturday,

Dec. 13, members in the foods or beef project went to the Holton Meat Locker for a tour. Volunteers sang Christmas carols at Medialodges on Dec. 15. Reading project members met to decorate magazine Christmas trees on Dec. 22. There will be another meeting on Jan. 11.



Royal Valley fourth grade students Dillazon Merrill (left) and Garrett Hammer (right) help explain the “Rules For Christmas” during the school’s recent winter concert at Hoyt.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Moran: Committee assignments will benefit Kansans

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) has been selected to several key U.S. Senate committees whose jurisdictions have a direct impact on the nation’s economy and the lives of Kansans, it was reported.



Chair of the Committee on Committees Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) lauded Sen. Moran’s work to earn these appointments. “Jerry’s efforts on and off the Hill are highly regarded by me and my Republican colleagues,” Crapo said. “The GOP conference is deeply grateful for his hard work and strong leadership as NRSC chairman, which is reflected in these important committee assignments.”

In addition to continuing his membership on the U.S. Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee and the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations, Moran joins the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation which focuses on a variety of issues of importance to Kansans, from aviation and rural telecommunications to transportation and interstate commerce.

Just one month after being named the new co-chair of the Senate Aerospace Caucus, Moran said his selection to the Commerce Committee gives him even greater influence over aerospace and manufacturing policy so important to Kansas.

“It is clear that our current economic policies have not worked,” Sen. Moran said. “In January, we begin to forge a new path. As a member of the Commerce, Banking and Appropriations committees, I look forward to representing the values and interests of Kansans and advocating for pro-growth policies that create jobs and more economic opportunity for every American.”

“I’m particularly pleased to be joining the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, which focuses on many issues that have a direct impact on our state,” he added. “From transportation and telecommunications policy to consumer protection and more, we have important issues to address and I’m

ready to get to work.” In his new role on the Commerce Committee, Moran said he will work to provide valuable oversight on a wide range of issues including telecommunications, aviation, rail, highways, shipping, transportation security, science, space and interstate commerce.

“Senator Moran is a recognized and long-time advocate of U.S. aviation and of the aerospace industry in Kansas,” said John O’Leary, vice president of Airbus Americas Engineering. “He will be an important and effective member of the Senate Commerce Committee as it addresses critical aviation issues, including key priorities of the Federal Aviation Administration and other agencies that impact the growth of America’s aerospace industry.”

Additionally, Moran said he has made improving the quality of life for the nearly 250,000 veterans living in Kansas a top priority throughout his time on the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee and will continue doing so as a member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, where he is the second most senior Republican.

“There is no group of Americans I hold in higher regard than our veterans, who bravely put their lives at risk to protect the freedoms and liberties we enjoy,” Moran said. “They kept their promise to us and we must keep our promise to them.”

Area students graduate from Washburn recently

Commencement ceremonies at Washburn University were held Friday, Dec. 12, at Lee Arena, Petro Allied Health Center.

Local students graduating by hometown include:

Holton: Kiersten Luthi, bachelor of science in nursing, nursing; Heather Mast, bachelor of social work, social work; Vivian Mosier, bachelor of fine arts, art, cum laude, art; Caitlyn Rogers, bachelor of arts, psychology; and Christopher Watkins, associate of science, industrial technology.

Hoyt: Melissa Area, bachelor of health science, health service administration, allied health; and Briann Tuck, bachelor of science in nursing, nursing, cum laude.

Mayetta: Heather Ledford, bachelor of arts, psychology.

Netawaka: Amanda Mellies, bachelor of legal studies, legal studies.

Whiting: Ashley Brown, bachelor of arts, psychology, magna cum laude.

Washburn is annually ranked as one of the best colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News and World Report. Washburn University offers more than 200 programs leading to certification, associate, bachelor, master, doctor of nursing practice and juris doctor degrees through the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Applied Studies, Business, Law and Nursing.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jan. 10 - Second Saturdays - 4 p.m.-7 p.m.
 January Jump

Jan. 28 - Chamber Mixer & Open House
 6:30 p.m. • 118 E. 5th St., Holton

Feb. 5 - Holton/Jackson County Chamber Business Hall of Fame Banquet
 EUM Family Life Center
 Social: 5:30 p.m. • Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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The January Jump
Saturday, January 10
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 'Jump' around to your favorite stores on Holton's Courthouse Square this evening!

Visit five different retailers and get a punch on your card from each to be eligible for a Chamber Bucks drawings.
THE LUCKY WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$200 IN CHAMBER BUCKS!
 The drawing will be held at 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe at 7:30 p.m., where they will also be offering hor d'oeuvres and wine samples starting at 5:30 p.m.
ALSO, Holton Community Hospital will host an all-county Volunteer Fair at the Hutchins Building.

Thank You!
 The Chamber would like to take this time to thank the following for their contributions to our great community:
The First United Methodist Lady Belles Hand Bell Choir and Rainbow Connection Children's Choir for a magical and meaningful Christmas Concert; to Complete Chiropractic Care Center for donating the serene event space; and to China and my little helpers Jan Charles, Debbie Snyder, Kathy Morris and Sandy Claycamp for serving the meal.

Thank You!
 Thank you to Shirley & Nick Pool and Becky Eisenbarth for all the leg work and hours put into the Homes Tour to make it a very successful event.
 Last but not least, words cannot express how deeply grateful the Chamber is to the following families for their months of preparation to give our community a wonderful Christmas Homes Tour!
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