

SALUTE
 HOLTON, KANSAS
**Hometown of
 Dixie
 Mannell**
 Holton Recorder subscriber
 for 56 years.

THE HOLTON RECORDER

Serving the Jackson County Community for 147 years

@HoltonRecorder
**Follow us
 on twitter!**


Volume 148, Issue 1

HOLTON, KANSAS • Monday, January 5, 2015

10 Pages

\$1.00

Second Saturday to feature jazz

By Ali Holcomb
 The Holton Square will be 'jumpin' this Saturday with a performance by blues and jazz musician Kelley Hunt. Hunt's performance at Complete Chiropractic Care Event Center is part of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's upcoming "Second Saturday" promotion, set for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in downtown Holton.

The theme for this month's "Second Saturday" promotion is "The January Jump" and will also include shopping specials at several downtown stores, as well as a volunteer fair for residents looking for ways to serve their community in 2015.

Kansas City-based musician Kelley Hunt will cap off the monthly promotion with a concert from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Complete Chiropractic on the east side of the Square. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold at the door. A cash bar will also be available.

The singer-songwriter has released five albums, with her sixth to be completed in May. She has performed more than 1,500 times in North America and at international

festivals. She has appeared six times on American Public Media's "A Prairie Home Companion."

Her latest CD, "Gravity Loves You," has won praises from many critics.

"Kelley Hunt delivers the goods with a voice that grafts passionate blues to scorching soul – instantly endearing her to all within earshot, as her band surrounds her in a greasy funk that completed the package and brings you back for more. "Gravity Loves You" continues this tasty tradition and ups the ante once again," according to Eric Thom of "Blue Revue."

Businesses around the Holton Square will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. that evening including JM Sewing Center, Penny's, Sarah's Enchanted Cottage, Koger Variety, The Hotspot, The Gossip, Uptown Treasures, Bandita's Western Barn, Complete Chiropractic Care Center, expressions, Quilting on the Square, Heart to Home and Famertown Antiques, which is located on U.S. Highway 75 next to Trails Café.

Continued to Page 10



Jhett's Pizza owner Luke Deeter spent part of this morning shoveling what was left of Saturday night's snow from the sidewalk in front of his pizzeria on Holton's Town Square. The weekend snowstorm brought little more than an inch of precipitation to the Holton area along with bitterly cold temperatures, the latter of which is expected to stick around for the rest of this week. See the weather forecast on Page 2 of today's *Holton Recorder* for more information.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Three new state laws took effect on Jan. 1

By Ali Holcomb
 Three new state laws took effect Jan. 1, 2015 - one phases out the state's mortgage registration fee, another removes a special vehicle category for electric vehicles and the third standardizes business filings.

HB 2643

The state's mortgage registration fee is being phased out in the next five years, and, as of Jan. 1, a new increased per-page fee is being implemented for all filings with register of deeds offices across the state.

House Bill 2643 was signed by Gov. Sam Brownback in 2014 to eliminate the state's 89-year-old mortgage registration fee.

Previously, 26 cents for each \$100 owned on a mortgage was collected. In 2015, that fee reduces

to 20 cents. For a \$100,000 house, the fee would be \$200.

In 2016, the rate will be 15 cents for each \$100 owned, 10 cents in 2017, five cents in 2018 and then eliminated altogether beginning in 2019.

While the mortgage registration fee decreases, the cost to file paperwork with the register of deeds office will increase.

Beginning this year, the cost for recording the first page of a deed, mortgage or other instruments of writing will increase from \$8 to \$12. Each additional page will cost \$8, which is up from \$4 charged in 2014. To record a town plat, a \$23 fee is being charged for each page, up from \$20 per page. Additional fees are also increasing.

Continued to Page 10

Year In Review: September through December

A number of hot topics made their way to *The Holton Recorder's* front pages in the last third of the year. Some of those are featured below.

■ September

The proposed 2015 county budget has been approved and includes a .795-mill increase to 73.664 mills for 2015. Included in the proposed budget is a five percent raise for all county employees. The last raise for full-time employees was approved in January 2014 and was \$50 a month. The year before, in 2013, the commissioners approved a \$100 raise per month for full-time employees, which was their first pay raise in four years.

The livestock barns at the old Jackson County Fairgrounds at the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and

Kansas Highway 16 were recently demolished, but through the efforts of the local Meadowlark Extension District office and area 4-H families, wood from the livestock barns has been refashioned into memorial plaques that have been decorated with other parts of the barns, or with horseshoes or older fair ribbons.

An old gasoline service station in Whiting is now listed on the Kansas Register of Historic Places because of its unique architectural style and the commercial impact it had in the small community located in the northeast corner of Jackson County. Members of the Kansas Historic Sites Board of Review approved the nomination of the service station, located at 204 Whiting St., for the state historic registry during their

meeting on Aug. 9.

Two men charged in the recent death of a Topeka police officer, Ross Lane and Randy Ridens Jr., had lived in Holton and served time in the Jackson County Jail this past year. Lane was charged with capital murder of a law enforcement officer in the Sept. 7 shooting death of Topeka police officer Jason Harwood; Ridens was charged with helping Lane escape. Meanwhile, the Holton City Commission approved a policy sending police officers to nearby funerals of slain officers such as Harwood.

Stray dogs in Jackson County will have a new temporary home while they wait to be adopted. Jackson County has entered into an agreement with Dan Degenhardt, owner and veterinarian at Banner Creek

Animal Hospital in Holton, to shelter stray dogs dropped off at the clinic by any Jackson County resident. County commissioners signed a contract late this month to pay Banner Creek Animal Hospital \$600 a month to house and adopt out stray dogs in the county.

Two Jackson County postmasters have announced their upcoming retirement. Elaine Stephenson, Soldier postmaster, said she would retire after 29 years with the U.S. Postal Service at the end of this month. Farrell Holthaus, Hoyt postmaster, announced his retirement after 32 years with the Postal Service at about the same time as the Hoyt Post Office announced it was cutting its customer service window hours.

Continued to Page 8



Motorists driving north into Holton along U.S. Highway 75 are being asked to slow down sooner on their approach to the city, according to signage recently placed along the highway by the Kansas Department of Transportation. Until recently, the speed limit along northbound U.S. 75 coming into Holton went from 70 to 45 miles per hour, but new signage lowers the speed limit to 55 miles per hour about half a mile farther south of the city; the speed limit on the way south out of town currently remains unchanged. The speed limit reduction has been placed in anticipation of the upcoming placement of a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 75 and Banner Road, it was reported.

Photo by Brian Sanders

School funding ruled "inadequate"

A district court panel has ruled that Kansas isn't spending enough money on its public schools to provide a suitable education for every child.

The ruling was made last Tuesday by a three-member judicial panel of the Shawnee County District Court. The panel didn't set a specific figure for what is "adequate" but said the evidence suggests it should be at least \$548 million more a year, or \$4,654 per student in base aid — and possibly much higher.

The state is expected to appeal the Shawnee County District Court panel's decision to the Kansas Supreme Court.

In Kansas, the current base state

aid per pupil is \$3,852. In 1992, when the base state aid per pupil system was created, the state allocated school district's \$3,600 per pupil.

In their 116-page ruling, the judges said that the state's current financing system for public education isn't "reasonably calculated." The judges were also critical of lawmakers for shifting the school funding burden from the state to the local level.

The judges ruled that, at the minimum, the state's base state aid per pupil should be about \$4,654.

Gov. Sam Brownback said he is still "digesting the full implication" of the ruling.

"I continue to believe that restructuring the school funding formula

and implementing education policy reforms is critical not only to getting more money into our classrooms but also improving student achievement. I will be working with legislative leadership to address the best path forward," Brownback said.

Kansas is currently facing a predicted \$279 million budget shortfall by July, with an additional \$436 million shortfall to close by July 2016.

In March, the Supreme Court unanimously ordered the state to allocate \$130 million into school funding to fix an unconstitutional inequality of resources for poorer school districts as part of the Gannon lawsuit.

Continued to Page 10

Christmas display damaged by shotgun

By Brian Sanders

The proprietors of a Christmas light display near Larkinburg have expressed their disappointment that someone would "shoot up" the display that has been providing area residents with holiday joy for more than a decade.

But they're also expressing their resilience in repairing the damage and vowing to come back next Christmas with a "bigger and better" display — and their gratitude to the public for the support received in light of the damage.

Debbie and Roy Calhoun said their Christmas light display, comprising

more than 50 wood-crafted and lighted displays that stretch for one-eighth of a mile, fell victim to an act of criminal vandalism sometime on Sunday, Dec. 28, two days after the display closed for the year.

A report from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office said four 12-gauge shotgun rounds were fired at the dis-

plays. Damage was estimated at between \$200 and \$500, according to the report.

However, with the exception of a "vintage Santa" display, the damage was not so extensive that Debbie, a woodworker, could not repair it.

Continued to Page 10



TUESDAY'S FORECAST
 PARTLY CLOUDY SKIES, HIGH OF 25
 Look for the complete forecast on page 2.


First Baptist Church
 Proclaiming the Way, the Truth, the Life
 www.fbcholton.com 364-3423 

Our prayer of blessing for you and your family –
"The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace."
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Sundays
 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
 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

Jessica L. Blum, speeding, \$195.
Lacy E. Hug, speeding, \$189.
Trevor Keling, securing loads on vehicles, \$208.
Clifford M. Miller, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$308.
Gregory L. Moore, registration violation, \$158.
Alden J. Needham, speeding, \$201.
Simone A. Noriega, purchase/consumption of alcoholic liquor/cereal malt beverage by a minor, diversion.
Shawn Quoetone, no seat belt, \$10.
Jessica P. Smith, transporting an open container, diversion.
Raeven R. Wishteyah, purchase/consumption of alcoholic liquor/cereal malt beverage by a minor, diversion.

known as Fritz, and Jason M. Fritz, seeking judgment of \$306.52 plus interest and court costs.
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Michael D. Wingender and Jennifer Wingender, seeking judgment of \$354.20 plus interest and court costs.
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Carol I. Buehler and Darold J. Buehler, seeking judgment of \$451.42 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Mandy L. Claggett, Hoyt, disorderly conduct; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
State of Kansas vs. Harlie M. Creamer, Holton, interference with

law enforcement-obstruction of official duty; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
State of Kansas vs. Seth A. Salazar, Holton, disorderly conduct; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

Filed
State of Kansas vs. Deborah J. Feist, Lawrence, battery.
State of Kansas vs. Patrick J. McGee, Holton, battery, criminal damage to property.
State of Kansas vs. Wade L. Wilson, Topeka, criminal trespass.
State of Kansas vs. Rodney D. Holt, Holton, possession of methamphetamine, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or re-

voked, transportation of liquor in an open container.
State of Kansas vs. Tanya L. Williams, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, registration violation.

Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of Shannon P. Sawyer and Rhonda L. Sawyer, sought divorce; granted.
Filed
State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Joseph W. Thomasson-Brown, seeking support judgment.
State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Jaime L. Garrison, seeking support judgment.

Civil

Filed
In the matter of Bandita's Nutrition Barn L.L.C., seeking appointment of receiver.
Nationstar Mortgage L.L.C. vs. Rose Jennings, John Doe and Mary Doe (real names unknown) and unknown spouse of Rose M. Jennings, seeking judgment of \$64,372.93 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage.

Limited Civil

Filed
Merittrust Credit Union vs. Susan F. Blacketer, seeking judgment of \$8,067.67 plus interest and court costs.
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Leeanna D. Acker and Rodney Acker, seeking judgment of \$8,987.41 plus interest and court costs.
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Jeremy Johnson, seeking judgment of \$274.90 plus interest and court costs.
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Samantha I. Donaldson, seeking judgment of \$401.50 plus interest and court costs.
Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Lavena M. Morfitt, also

Holton police note arrests in recent days

The following arrests were reported by the Holton Police Department in recent days.
Sharity Kranz, 29, Holton, was arrested Dec. 13 on charges of speeding, failure to maintain a single lane, obstructed tag and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
Michael Watkins, 28, Holton, was arrested Dec. 17 on a charge of violating a protective order.
Racheal Dudoit, 24, Holton, was arrested Dec. 17 on charges of domestic battery and endangering a child.
Nicholas Bryant, age not listed, Holton, was arrested Dec. 18 on charges of illegal registration, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked and possession of a controlled substance.
Susie Beckwith-Essman, 24, Silver Lake, was arrested Dec. 20 on a Jackson County warrant on a charge of criminal trespass.
Rodney Holt, 49, Holton, was arrested Dec. 22 on charges of driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, attempting to elude, transporting an open container, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, possession of narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Crystal Nesbitt, 29, Holton, was arrested Dec. 28 on a Jackson County failure to appear warrant.

Nemaha County

The following reports were released by the Nemaha County Sheriff's Department in recent days.
Arrests
Michael Vogel was released Dec. 8 on \$500 OR bond with court set for 4 p.m. on Dec. 18.
Martel L. Lewis, 24, Seneca, was booked into Nemaha County Jail on Dec. 9 on a charge of probation violation. Lewis remains in custody.
Jennifer L. Lake, 29, Seneca, was arrested on Dec. 11 by Seneca police on a charge of driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked. Lake was released later that day on \$1,500 surety bond with court set for 9 a.m. on Jan. 28.
Melissa A. Barg, 35, Pawnee City, Neb., was arrested Dec. 12 by sheriff's officers on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Barg was released Dec. 13 on \$1,000 surety bond with court set for 10 a.m. on Jan. 13.
Joshua E. Rookstool, 27, Centralia, was arrested Dec. 13 by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officers on a charge of felon in possession of a firearm. Rookstool was released Dec. 15 on \$5,000 surety bond with court set for 10 a.m. on Dec. 23.
Marcel A. Lewis, 26, Bern, was arrested Dec. 16 by sheriff's officers on a Nemaha County failure to appear warrant. Lewis was released on \$601 OR bond with court set for at 11 a.m. on March 13.
Calvin D. Kernell, 51, Sabetha, was arrested Dec. 17 by Sabetha police on a Nemaha County warrant on a charge of criminal threat. Bond was set at \$5,000, and Kernell remains in custody.
Dagan K. Solberg, 19, Seneca, was arrested Dec. 18 by sheriff's officers on a Nemaha County failure to appear warrant. Solberg was released later that day on an OR bond with court set for 10 a.m. on Jan. 13.
Harvey G. Webster Jr., 22, Sabetha, was arrested Dec. 20 by sheriff's officers on a Nemaha County warrant on charges of forgery and possession of stolen property. Webster was released Dec. 24 on \$6,000 OR bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 5.
Joann B. Garascia, 37, Topeka, was booked into Nemaha County Jail on Dec. 22 on two Nemaha County warrants on charges of probation violation. Garascia was released Dec. 23 on \$25,000 OR bond for each warrant with court set for 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 8.
Janice A. Creamer, 50, Sabetha, was arrested Dec. 23 by Sabetha police on a charge of domestic battery. Creamer was released later that day on \$500 surety bond with court set for 4 p.m. on Jan. 15.
Nicholas T. Nichols, 31, Wetmore, was arrested Dec. 23 by sheriff's officers on a Nemaha County

warrant on charges of aggravated assault and domestic battery. Nichols was released later that day on \$6,500 surety bond with court set for 10 a.m. on Jan. 22.
William Vogel was transferred to the custody of the Kansas Department of Corrections on Dec. 29.
Incidents
Sometime between Dec. 8 and 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 10, an unknown person took an 18-foot car trailer from the 400 block of Railroad Street in Centralia. Loss was estimated at approximately \$2,000.
Between Dec. 15 and Dec. 18, an unknown person or persons forced entry into a residence at 367 64th Road, Centralia, and removed food items. Loss was estimated at approximately \$105.
At approximately 1 p.m. on Dec. 24, an unknown person took a 1996 Chevrolet pickup without permission from a residence at 2382 Kansas Highway 63, Seneca. It was recovered at approximately 5:30 p.m. on the same date, abandoned in the parking lot of the AC Church in Sabetha. The vehicle was undamaged and returned to the owner.
Accidents
At about 7:25 a.m. on Dec. 10, Christian M. Tollefson, 17, Hiawatha, was driving a 2001 Ford Ranger west on 216th Road just east of S Road when the Ranger left the roadway, overcorrected and rolled into the north ditch. Tollefson was ejected from the vehicle, and he and a passenger, Andrew Tollefson, 5, Hiawatha, were taken to Sabetha

Community Hospital by Sabetha EMS. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.
Brandon W. Frye, 34, Oneida was driving a 1992 Ford pickup east on 120th Road about 3/10 mile east of U Road at about 7:10 a.m. on Dec. 11 when Frye swerved his vehicle to miss a dog, lost control and struck a bridge rail. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.
At about 11:10 a.m. on Dec. 11, Marilyn D. Wiegand, 45, Seneca, was driving a 2005 Chrysler Town and Country south on Q Road a quarter-mile north of 184th Road when the vehicle struck a donkey in the roadway. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.
Shayla Rosine, 21, Centralia, was driving a 1997 Nissan Altima north on E Road at about 6:35 a.m. on Dec. 13 when the Nissan struck a deer about a quarter-mile south of 24th Road. Less than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.
At about 5:40 p.m. on Dec. 13, Jerry L. Bailey, 63, Fairview, was driving a 2008 Volvo semitrailer south on W Road when he misjudged a stop sign at U.S. Highway 36 due to fog and the Volvo crossed the highway, striking a 2011 Chevrolet Suburban driven east on U.S. 36 by Peter Rosa, 48, Hiawatha. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.
Justin R. Mars, 20, Vermillion, was driving a 2001 Chevrolet pickup east on 24th Road at about 2:50 a.m. on Dec. 14 when Mars' vehicle

Continued to Page 5

HERE WHEN YOU NEED US.
We've provided comprehensive solutions for home and businesses for over 60 years. Call us—we're here 24/7.

MCElroy's
PLUMBING • HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING
785.266.4870 • www.mcelroys.com

Local 5-Day Forecast

Tue 1/6	Wed 1/7	Thu 1/8	Fri 1/9	Sat 1/10
25/5 Partly cloudy skies. High around 25F. Winds NNW at 10 to 20 mph.	9/2 Windy with a few clouds.	34/9 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper single digits.	20/13 Sunny. Highs in the low 20s and lows in the low teens.	27/18 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the upper teens.
Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 5:18 PM

AmericanProfile
// CELEBRATING THE AMERICAN SPIRIT //

Kansas At A Glance

BRING CUSTOMERS INTO YOUR PLACE OF BUSINESS!
You Could Be Advertising In This Prime Spot!

Call Allen, Shannon, Marlo or David
at The Holton Recorder (785) 364-3141
and reserve this spot as a weather sponsor today!

CITY OF HOLTON - NOTICE

The City of Holton will pick up discarded Christmas trees without ornaments or tinsel from Monday, Jan. 5 through Friday, Jan. 9, 2015. Please have your tree out to the curb or street edge by 7:00 a.m. on these days. Only Christmas trees will be picked up. No brush, leaves or trash will be picked up at this time.

Shane M. Jones
COUNSELING YOU CAN TRUST

Areas of expertise:
• Marriage & Relationships
• Depression
• Anxiety
• Addictions
• Grief-Loss

Shane Jones, L.S.C.S.W.
2704 N. Topeka Blvd., Suite D Topeka 785-266-7732
5040 Bob Billings Parkway, Suite B Lawrence 785-832-8838

www.shanemjones.com
MasterCard VISA

January Special

Buy 3 months, get 1 month free.
Buy 6 months, get 2 months free.
Buy 12 months, get 3 months free.

Keep your resolutions this year!
Join now and save!
Call for details or to set up an appointment
785-364-5775

For new and rejoining community members. Start-up, rejoin, and keyless entry fees apply. Effective Jan. 2, 2015 through Jan. 31, 2015.

LifeCare
FITNESS CENTER
Community HealthCare System, Inc.
416 Colorado, Holton, KS 66436
Ph: 785-364-5775 Web: www.chcs-ks.org

CASEY'S GENERAL STORE

is accepting applications for **all positions** at our new location on U.S. Highway 75 in Holton! Applications may be picked up and turned in at 208 W. Fifth Street.

ALL POSITIONS OFFER:

- Competitive Wages
- 401k Plan
- Stock Purchase Plan
- Flexible Schedules
- Friendly Work Environment
- Advancement Opportunities
- Transfer Opportunities

FULL TIME POSITIONS ALSO OFFER:

- Paid Vacation Days
- Paid Sick Days
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Short-Term Disability
- Flexible Spending Accounts
- Critical Illness Insurance
- Accident Insurance
- Employee Assistance Program

PART TIME POSITIONS ALSO OFFER:

- Dental Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Limited-pay Medical Insurance

208 W. 5th St., Holton 364-0129
www.caseys.com

After Christmas Sale Continues!
1/2 Price!
See us for...

Wilton • Nordic Ware • All sorts of Kitchen Gadgets • Buttons • Yarn • Flour Sack Towels • Photo Albums • Guest Books • Boxed Greeting Cards • Picture Frames • Helium Balloons • Model Kits • Camille Beckman • San Francisco Soap Company • Habersham Wax Pottery • Party Paper Goods • Puzzles • Flags • Easels • Barkeepers Friend • Umbrellas • Back Scratchers • Religious Gifts • And oh, so much more!

Regular Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 am-6 pm Sat.: 9 am-5 pm

KOGER VARIETY
415 New York, Holton, Kan. 364-3321

MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives
by Kendra McClain

5 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 4-10, 2010

Kallie Schumaker and Tami Shoemaker of The New York Hair Affair in Holton opened for business on Monday, Jan. 4 on the west side of the Square.

Preliminary plans for a storm water retention cell project spearheaded by Holton residents received the Holton City Commission's approval during a special meeting held Monday, Dec. 28.

New City of Holton utility poles are standing tall on 246th Road and other locations outside the city. The old poles, damaged in the December 2007 ice storm, are being replaced and given to anyone interested in obtaining one.

Jackson County Commissioners Roger Coverdale, Roy Hallauer and Larry Fenske recently accepted the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties award, which honored Jackson County for having the second best loss ratio in its premium size.

Valerie Olberding, RN at Jackson Heights, is a recipient of a \$987 Healthy Habits for Life grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation, it has been reported. Olberding is one of 57 school nurses or program administrators from across the state who received grants to promote healthy lifestyle choices to their school-aged children.

10 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 4-10, 2005

During next week's meeting, the Jackson County Commission will conduct a number of annual reorganization duties. One thing among them that has not been done in decades is redrawing commission district lines to give each district a similar population.

"Miss Muzzie" is one lucky dog. She survived a Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6, fall through thin ice on a small pond at the home of her owners, Lee and Connie Stewart or rural Hoyt, then fought for about two hours to stay alive before she was pulled out. Had it not been for the efforts of Hoyt's volunteer fire department and a helpful neighbor, John Noller, she would not have made it out of the frozen pond alive.

Chicago Bears strength and conditioning coach Russ Riederer retired on Monday, Jan. 10, after 13 years working with the team. Riederer and his family will move back to his hometown of Holton. The Holton native was named one of the top athletes of the 20th century in northeast Kansas, it was reported.

Holton senior Blake Raaf has been selected for the 2005 Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game, it has been announced.

Eli Morris was the first baby born in 2005 at Holton Community Hospital. He was born at 7:22 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5. His parents are Lewis and Ginny Morris of Muscotah.

25 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 4-10, 1990

Plans to broaden U.S. Highway 75 north from Topeka to Holton were announced Wednesday morning, Jan. 3, in a press conference at the Statehouse in Topeka. The expan-

sion of U.S. 75 to four lanes is part of the Kansas Comprehensive Highway Program's major modification category.

Three area men were recently commended for the length of their employment at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Topeka. December service anniversaries included Allan L. Simmons of Soldier and Melvin F. Smith of Hoyt, both 10 years, and Terry L. Meyer of Soldier, 15 years.

Several Jackson County football players have been honored by "Kansas Sports" magazine in the January 1990 issue, it has been reported. Honorees include Matt Hundley, Ryan Coyle, Darren Shupe and Matt Wheeler, Jackson Heights, and Jason Stavropoulos, Brian Meerpohl and Bill Utz, Holton.

While residents of Merry Manor Nursing Home in Holton prepared to celebrate the new year on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 2, one of its residents, Martha Ann Peasley, prepared to celebrate her 100th birthday. Peasley did not have any children of her own, but she was very close with her nieces and nephew. Her oldest sister, Stella McKinsey, had three children, Mary Starr, Bessie Swain and Vern McKinsey.

50 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 4-10, 1965

A greeting card from President and Mrs. Johnson and greetings from governor-elect Wm. Avery were among the high spots of the 92nd birthday of twins Arrena Ferguson and Arrilda Perry of Holton on Wednesday, Dec. 30. The twins said that the White House greeting was printed in gold.

The Toggery in Holton held a January clearance sale that featured boys' sweaters for \$4.16, men's all weather coats for \$12.86, boys' ivy slacks for \$2.86 and men's suits for \$46.46.

It was not a Happy New Year at the Holton Community Sale barn where cattle were stolen the night of Jan. 1. Cattle thieves made away with 22 head of mixed yearlings, it was reported.

The Big B Thriftway Food Mart in Holton sold a 10-pound bag of sugar for 98 cents, 10 grapefruits for 39 cents, four half-pound packages of vegetables for \$1 and pork roast for 19 cents per pound.

Ivan R. Spiker, formerly of Seneca, has announced that he will open a new retail store handling tractor and implement parts about the middle of January. The store will be located on the east side of the Holton Square and will be dubbed Tractor and Implement Parts.



George Cochren (right), a resident at Medicalodges Jackson County, recently received a Christmas basket and a "thank you for your service to our country" from Gary Sawyer of Holton VFW Post 1367's Men's Auxiliary. Members of the auxiliary recently delivered baskets of fruit and snacks to local veterans at their homes and at area assisted living facilities, it was reported.

Submitted photo

NEWS BRIEFS

■ The Hoyt Senior Citizens will meet at noon Monday, Jan. 12 in the Hoyt Community Building for a ham-and-beans, cornbread and potluck lunch. Brenda Baker will entertain the group after lunch.

■ The St. Cecilia Music Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 at the home of Mendy Armstrong. There will be a salad supper (those with names ending in L-Z are asked to bring salads) and a gift exchange.

■ The Beck-Bookman Library Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 to discuss "The Ghost Map" by Steven Johnson. Orin and Lenora Marshall will lead discussion, and Sharon Beaman will provide a "classic moment." The Marshalls and Esther Ideker will provide refreshments.

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

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

■ 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: "Gentleness is everywhere in daily life, a sign that faith rules through ordinary things: through cooking and small talk, through storytelling, making love, fishing, tending animals and sweet corn and flowers, through sports, music and books, raising kids — all the places where the gravy soaks in and grace shines through. Even in a time of elephantine vanity and greed, one never has to look far to see the campfires of gentle people." — Garrison Keillor

■ When submitting items for the News Briefs section, please submit them no sooner than three publications of *The Holton Recorder* for placement. Briefs listings are a free service provided by *The Recorder* as space allows.

Accidents investigated

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

■ At 6:53 a.m. on Dec. 5, Steven Simpson, 35, Denison, was traveling south on W Road near 166th Road when he lost control of his vehicle and it left the road and struck a fence owned by Gayle Stithem of rural Hoyt. Simpson's 2000 Chevrolet sustained damage to its hood, front right quarter panel and right side that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 8:26 a.m. on Dec. 6, Stephen Albright, 30, Mayetta, was driving north on Landon Road near the county line between Jackson and Shawnee counties when he allegedly fell asleep at the intersection at T Road. The vehicle left the road and struck a corner fence post.

Albright's 2014 Honda sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 6:43 a.m. on Dec. 10, Shelly Simon, 46, Topeka, was traveling north on U.S. Highway 75 near 198th Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Simon's 2011 Mazda sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 6:10 p.m. on Dec. 11, Brandi Davis, 40, Horton, was traveling south on U.S. 75 near 278th Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Davis' 2003 Dodge sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:02 p.m. on Dec. 18, Frida Kiefaber, 46, Soldier, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 16 near J Road when she lost control of her vehicle and it entered a ditch on the south side of the road. Kiefaber's 2010 Lincoln sustained damage to its front bumper and rear left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 8:25 a.m. on Dec. 19, Brian Lake, 36, Mayetta, was traveling west on 158th Road near T Road when his vehicle left the reportedly ice-covered road and went through a six-strand barbed wire fence. The fence was owned by Darrel Chance of rural Mayetta.

Lake's 2006 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper and all along its left side that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 7:37 p.m. on Dec. 21, Joshua Barger, 23, Hoyt, was traveling east on Seventh Street near Annetta Avenue in Hoyt when, according to the accident report, Barger fell asleep and then awakened just before his vehicle struck a parked vehicle.

Barger's 2000 GMC sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. The parked vehicle, a 2008 Ford, was owned by P1 Group Inc. of Lawrence. It sustained damage to its front left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:32 p.m. on Dec. 24, Mary Bowser, 55, Holton, was traveling south on Q4 Road near 262nd Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Bowser's 1999 Dodge sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

THANK YOU

A great big thank you to each and every one that made my birthday a celebration. I appreciate all the cards, the special "80th" birthday postcards, the personal good wishes, phone calls, and the earlier get-well cards and wishes. A special thank you goes to my wonderful "5" girls that arranged the surprises.

Jack Beightel

26th Annual Wichita RV Show

Special Show Prices
\$8 ADULTS \$1 CHILDREN

JAN. 7TH - 11TH

Wednesday, Jan. 7	4pm-9pm
Thursday, Jan. 8	4pm-9pm
Friday, Jan. 9	12pm-9pm
Saturday, Jan. 10	10am-9pm
Sunday, Jan. 11	12pm-6pm

Kansas Coliseum Pavilions • I-35 & 85th St N., Exit #17

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

General Public Transportation

Monday thru Friday • 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

1-866-727-8187

Serving Jackson County
First Come - First Serve
This project funded in part by the
KDOT Public Transit Program.

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](http://JohannesFamilyAuction.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.

GALLOWAY, WIEGERS & BRINEGAR, P.A.

520 Main Street
Seneca, KS 66538
785-336-0021
jason@gwblaw.net
gwblaw.net

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

1114 Broadway
P.O. Box 468
Marysville, KS 66508
785-562-2375
Fax: 785-562-5348

Kids' Coloring Activity

January

Winter Time Poem
by Mary Ryer

Icy fingers, icy toes,
Bright red cheeks and
bright red nose.
Watch the snowflakes
as they fall,
Try so hard to count
them all.
Build a snowman
way up high,
See if he can
touch the sky.
Snow forts,
snowballs,
angels, too,
In the snow,
so white and new.
Slip and slide and
skate so fast.
Wintertime is here
at last.

Brought to you by these Sponsors:

Sonic Drive-In
Drs. Rutherford & Peterson

Holton Family Health Center
Holton Walmart

holtonrecorder.net

OPINION

We have a good school funding formula in Kansas

Shawnee County District Court ruled recently that the State of Kansas is inadequately funding the state's K-12 public schools.

The court's ruling reaffirmed what many Kansans, especially those in the education field, already believed.

In the lawsuit known as the Gannon case, the district court's ruling said the state cannot, and should not, rely on local option taxation to ensure that all Kansas children are receiving an adequate, fair and equal education opportunity in the state.

Local option budgets allows individual school boards and voters the option to raise additional local tax funds to supplement a district's regular general fund budget.

Originally, local option budgets were allowed for individual districts to cover the costs of things above and beyond what the state would fund.

The Kansas State Department of Education warned school districts from using LOB funds for salaries just in case local voters ever said no to the extra taxation. However, LOB funds are now routinely being used for salaries and many districts earlier received taxpayer approval for continuous LOB taxation, although courts have now ruled that is not constitutional.

Many school officials say it has become necessary to use LOB funds for salaries and other basic school needs because the state aid - base state aid per pupil to schools - has fallen from \$4,400 per student in the 2009-10 school term to the current level of \$3,852 per student.

The cuts to Kansas education started in 2009 as the United States and Kansas economies suffered through the Great Recession. Some federal education funds helped prop up the state education funds for a few years, but now have ceased.

Actions taken by the governor and the State Legislature since then indicate a belief that LOB funding should count toward the state's constitutional duty to adequately fund all public schools.

"The LOB portion of the Kansas school finance formula is not so sufficiently designed today, nor was it structurally originally intended, to stand as a fail-safe funding mechanism that would assure each and every K-12 student the education our Kansas constitution commands and is designed to ensure," the district court judges wrote.

The district court ruling will likely be appealed to the Kansas Supreme Court. In the meantime, the Legislature (with the backing of the governor) may seek to overhaul the school funding formula in the upcoming legislative session.

The state started messing with the school funding formula in 2008 when the recession hit, when it stopped making its full equalization payments to school districts in non-metropolitan areas of the state - called the poorer districts. The Kansas Supreme Court ordered the state to restore that funding in 2014.

It seems to me that the place to start is for the state to fully fund the state aid formula that we already have.

Not so long ago, Kansas had a good K-12 education formula - and was proud to fully fund it.

David Powls

Letter: One in five Kansas kids lives in poverty

Dear editor,
Today, one of five Kansas kids lives in poverty, and we know that number is even higher among our youngest children.

For the first time, 50 percent of Kansas schoolchildren are participating in free and reduced school meals. When school is out for holidays or during the summer, families struggle.

The Federal Summer Feeding Program, which provides money to host food sites during the summer months, is available to all Kansas families. Out of 105 Kansas counties, Jackson County ranks in the top 10 for the least participation in the state.

I'm writing for two reasons.

First, the Kansas State Department of Education is hosting a summit Jan. 26 in Wichita to hear from community leaders, non-profits, educators, faith-based organizations and others across the state who may wish to host sites in communities.

The details below provide more information, and we hope you'll share this with your community. We need your voice, and anyone driving more than 175 miles will be given a free night's stay to lessen the hardship of traveling.

Second, and most importantly, as a lead voice and steward in your community, we would love to learn from you why there is such little participation in this free program.

What are the barriers in Jackson County to raising the bar for everyone? Is it lack of awareness about the program, or is it something more

significant?

We hope to work with you on a story exploring the challenges our communities face and the role this program might play in helping families who can't afford the basics in life.

The Summer Feeding Program Summit will be held 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at the Kansas Leadership Center-Kansas Health Foundation conference center, 325 E. Douglas Ave. in Wichita.

Register by visiting <http://www.enrolly.com/wichita/jsp/course.jsp?categoryId=10002&courseId=KHFSFS>

Contacts are Denise Kahler, director of communications and recognition programs with the Kansas State Department of Education, (785) 296-4876, dkahler@ksde.org, and Blythe Thomas, Kansas Health Foundation, (316) 491-8419, BThomas@khf.org

The conference is free of charge and lunch will be provided. For those individuals who live more than 175 miles from Wichita, the Kansas Health Foundation will provide one night's lodging on Jan. 25 at the Ambassador Hotel.

Participants will be responsible for any other hotel charges (i.e., room service, etc.). Be sure to mention the Kansas Summer Meals Summit when making your reservations. You will need to provide a credit card number in order to guarantee your reservation: (316) 239-7100.

Lindsey Spiess
Kansas Health Foundation
(316) 491-8487

Welsh families to be explored

At one time, the Welsh community of northeast Brown County was quite prominent with surnames like that of Evans, Picton, Davies and Johns dotting the landscape.

At 7 p.m. Jan. 15, members of the public are invited to a free presentation by local historian Hillis Bowen as he recalls those Brown County days in the 19th and 20th centuries.

The presentation will be held at the Brown County Genealogical Society's research center at 116 S. Seventh St., across the street west from the Brown Courthouse in Hiawatha. This presentation is not only just about families but also about Welsh stories and traditions.

NEK-CAP offering parenting classes

NEK-CAP, Inc. in Holton has announced that it will offer "Parenting the Love and Logic Way" classes starting in January.

This six-class session parenting course, developed by the Love and Logic Institute, was designed to help parents find specific answers and actions for some of those difficult moments in child rearing. These simple techniques are effective with all children, from toddlers to teens.

This six-class session will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, starting Jan. 21 and running through Feb. 25, at the NEK-CAP Office, 130 S. Iowa St. in Holton. All six sessions will be required for participants to receive the certificate.

This workshop is open to all adults and teenage parents, although no child care will be provided. Classes will be facilitated by family development advocates Kori Anderson and Donna Wilhelm.

Seating is limited and pre-enrollment is needed in order to ensure that adequate enrollment exists to hold the scheduled session. If the workshop should be full, NEK-CAP will attempt to contact prospective participants in regard to the next available workshop session. If inadequate pre-enrollments are received, the workshop will be cancelled for this location.

Cost for this course is \$10 for the book, which is a requirement of the course.

For more information or to pre-register by Jan. 19, contact Kori or Donna at 364-4055.

Sen. Pyle assignments announced

Kansas Sen. Dennis Pyle (R-Hiawatha) has been assigned to two Senate committees for the 2015 session of the Kansas Legislature, Senate President Susan Wagle (R-Wichita) announced recently.

Pyle will serve as chairman of the Committee on Local Government. The committee will meet on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Pyle also will serve as a member of the Committee on Education. The committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday unless otherwise noted.

For committee room assignments, please visit www.kslegislature.org

Home fires most devastating, Red Cross says

In 2014, the Red Cross in Kansas helped more people affected by home fires than all other disasters combined. Local volunteers responded at all hours of the day with food, blankets and comfort to help more than 2,145 people with nowhere else to turn after home fires from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1, 2014.

The Red Cross also provided financial support to 657 households after home fires to help replace lost belongings and begin the long road to recovery. Nationally, the Red Cross responds to a disaster in the community every eight minutes and the vast majority of these are home fires.

"While tornadoes, floods and hurricanes tend to dominate the headlines, people often underestimate the frequency and devastation caused by home fires, and that's where the Red Cross comes in," said Jill Orton, region executive. "Our work doesn't end after the smoke clears, every day local volunteers are helping people to recover and get better prepared."

Curbing Deaths and Injuries from Home Fires

Because of the high number of home fires in this country, the Red

Cross launched a campaign this year to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent during the next five years. The organization is asking every household in America to take two simple steps: check their existing smoke alarms and practice fire drills at home.

Since the campaign launched in October, the Red Cross, in partnership with fire departments and community groups nationwide, has already reached more than 29,000 people by installing 17,000 smoke alarms. These efforts have already saved five lives nationwide. In Kansas, the Red Cross has reached 326 people by installing 155 smoke alarms.

Other Notable Disaster Responses

In addition to home fires, the Red Cross responded to numerous other disasters this year, including the Baxter Springs tornado.

Nearly 90 committed Red Cross disaster responders answered the call for help after the devastating tornado hit on April 28. Red Cross workers opened one shelter where people who were displaced had a safe place

to sleep. Disaster response teams served 6,781 meals and snacks and distributed nearly 4,560 relief items.

The Red Cross' work is made possible by the generosity of the American public. You can help people affected by disasters big and small by making a gift to Red Cross Disaster Relief.

Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters. You can donate by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Your donation helps provide food, shelter and emotional support to those affected by disasters.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission.

Outdoor winter activities for kids not always safest

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Outdoor activities in the winter help kids stay active. Some common and fun activities kids engage in while playing outside may not be the safest ideas. To ensure the safety of your children during winter months, the National Institute of Health recommends the following:

- Check on them regularly to make sure they are warm and dry. Allow them to come inside for a warm

drink, especially younger children.

- Dress children in several layers. This way if they get too warm, they can take off a layer.

- To avoid frostbites, have children wear ear warmers and waterproof mittens. Hats are also necessary since most of the body's heat can be lost through the head. Without wearing proper clothing, a child may suffer hypothermia, a condition in which the body's temperature falls below normal. Frostbites occur when the skin or outer tissues become frozen.

- Have children wear waterproof

snow boots. Make sure they have enough room to wiggle their toes.

- Avoid building tunnels or forts. These can collapse and cause suffocation, especially if an adult is not around.

- Snowball fights can cause injuries if the snow is hard-packed or if it contains a rock or other hard objects.

- Supervise children at all times when ice skating or snowboarding.

Enjoy the fun winter brings while keeping your children safe.

Sac & Fox Casino announces renovation project

Sac & Fox Casino has announced that it is launching a renovation project on the interior of the property. Work will be scheduled during the overnight hours to minimize impact on the casino's guests, it was reported.

Beginning Jan. 5, Sac & Fox will be closed from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday. This is a temporary change in business hours. Management expects the casino to

resume its normal 24 hours of operation in mid-February.

The casino will remain open throughout the daytime and evening hours. Only late night players will be affected.

Bruce McClure, general manager, is optimistic about recent changes at Sac & Fox Casino. In recent months, the casino has upped the ante with a busy promotional schedule. In addition, the casino has brought in na-

tionally acclaimed entertainers and recording artists.

McClure said, "Exciting changes are in the air. The upcoming renovations will support our brand, to be the cleanest and friendliest place to play."

Sac & Fox Casino is located on U.S. Highway 75 near Powhattan. The casino has been serving players in northeast Kansas since 1997.

Several students benefiting from ESU scholarships

More than \$3.72 million in scholarship funds are helping more than 1,600 Emporia State students from Kansas, 17 other states and 16 foreign countries realize their educational dreams during the 2014-15 academic year.

Students from this area who received scholarships are:

- Alex Lierz of Holton: Dr. S. Winston Cram Memorial Scholarship; E.L. and Irene Hopkins Family Scholarship; and Virginia Butterfield Work Scholarship.

- Joshua Ballenger of Wetmore: ESU Hornet, Presidential, Foundation, Transfer Scholarship.

- Elizabeth Blevins of Mayetta: Hornet, Foundation, Presidential, Transfer Scholarship.

- Kayla Schneider of Effingham: Hornet, Foundation, Presidential, Transfer Scholarship; and LeRoy J. Schnitker and Kala Musick Biology Scholarship.

- Cassidy Holt of Holton: Hornet, Foundation, Presidential, Transfer Scholarship; and McPherson Family Scholarship.

- Kyrstie Miller of Holton: Hornet, Foundation, Presidential, Transfer Scholarship; and Memorial Union Scholarship.

- Tara Lierz of Holton: Hornet, Foundation, Presidential, Transfer Scholarship; Mildred Fulhage Music Scholarship; and Virginia Endly Memorial Scholarship.

- Tiffani Williford of Hoyt: Mildred Fulhage Music Scholarship.

- April Lemon of Holton: Richard L. and Mary H. Stauffer Scholarship.

- Jeffrey Heitzman of Holton: Richard W. and Inez K. Owen Scholar-

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

Dec. 28, 2014, the first Sunday after Christmas, found us worshipping at Buck's Grove Methodist Church. Sandy Hefty played the prelude and Faith Hefty lighted the altar candles.

John Hefty asked for announcements and led in the call to worship and opening prayers.

As Sandy provided the music, the congregation sang "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "Angels From the Realms of Glory," "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" and "Silent Night, Holy Night."

John read scripture from Isaiah 61:10-62:3 and Galatians 4:1-7. Psalter reading was Psalms 148.

During the children's message, John asked, "Why do they call us Methodist?" He explained that John Wesley and his brother Charles formed a Holy Club where they could worship as well as study together. John taught them his methodical ways of study and work, thus they came to be called "Methodists."

The special was provided by Marcus and Brooklyn Bauman (grandchildren of LeRoy and Linda Rieschick) who sang "Happy Birthday

Jesus." Becky, Brooklyn and Nate Bauman sang a beautiful song, also.

John's sermon was titled "Walking With God." This was taken from Luke 2:21-40. We are all placed in the right time and place to carry out God's work. We must remember who we are, heirs and children of God. It is our job to talk to people about God and let the Holy Spirit fill them that they may come to church and learn more about Him. God is the same God that He has always been. We need to pray and be devoted to our God.

Prayer: Faithful God, by whose Spirit all people and places become holy, lead us by that Spirit today. We have come to celebrate a birth that offers us rebirth. Unite our hearts and minds in a chorus of praise, that the life of the church might be quickened and renewed and refocused. May your faithful people become a crown of beauty in your hands. Amen.

Offertory ushers were Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick. Worship service ended with the song "Come Oh Lord." Benediction: We are gifted to become a blessing to others.

Tweets by The Holton Recorder prove popular

During the week of Dec. 15 - 19, *The Holton Recorder's* Twitter account (@holtonrecorder) had 954 total views, five new followers and three retweets.

The two most popular tweets were posted Tuesday, Dec. 16, during the Royal Valley High School girls basketball team victory against the Riverside Cyclones. One of those posts was viewed 265 times and retweeted three times.

A post on Dec. 18, which included a link to several new videos posted on *The Holton Recorder* website, www.holtonrecorder.net, was also viewed by many.

THE HOLTON RECORDER

Serving the Jackson County community for 148 years

ESTABLISHED 1867

Published semi-weekly at 109 West Fourth Street, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas 66436. Periodical postage paid at Holton (Kan.) Post Office. phone: (785) 364-3141; toll free: (888) 364-3141; fax: (785) 364-3422; e-mail: holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com

Postmaster: Send address changes to the Holton Recorder, P.O. Box 311, 109 West Fourth Street, Holton, Kansas 66436. USPS 247-840

Subscription rates: One year in Jackson County \$42.50 (41¢ per issue); elsewhere in Kansas \$49 (47¢ per issue). Out-of-state, \$55.50 (53¢ per issue). Prices include tax. Single copy, \$1. Subscriptions may be transferred but not refunded. For information about online only subscriptions, go to holtonrecorder.net.

*Even when it upsets and overwhelms us,
truth above all.*



STAFF

Editors and Publishers: David and Connie Powls

Advertising Sales: Shannon Schmilke Marlo Lloyd and Allen Bowser

City Editor: Brian Sanders

County Editor: Ali Holcomb

Sports Editor: Kelly Brecknitch

Advertising Design: Leslie Paine

Business Office: Kendra McClain & Michael Powls

Pressman: Tom Robb

RECORDER SUBSCRIPTION FORM

New _____ Renewal _____ Gift _____

Jackson County Residents - \$42.50 (41¢ per issue)

Elsewhere in Kansas - \$49 (47¢ per issue)

Out of State - \$55.50 (53¢ per issue)

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Mail to The Holton Recorder,
P.O. Box 311, Holton, Kan. 66436
Thank You

OBITUARIES

Nemaha County...

Continued from Page 2

veered left about half a mile west of B Road, going off the roadway and striking a concrete barrier. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated. Mars and a passenger, Devin Rempe, 18, Onaga, were taken to an area hospital by private vehicle.

■ At about 9:45 a.m. on Dec. 19, Dillian R. Kaster, 20, Seneca, was driving a 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 east on Kansas Highway 71 half a mile east of M Road when the rear passenger tire broke off the Dodge. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.

■ Edna M. Perry, 72, Goff, was driving a 2003 Ford Taurus west on Kansas Highway 9 at about 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 when the Ford struck a deer in the road about a quarter-mile east of V Road. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.

■ At about 10:50 p.m. on Dec. 25, Emily E. Strathman, 16, Wetmore, was driving a 2006 Buick south on W Road just south of 184th Road when the Buick got too close to the edge of the roadway and she overcorrected, and the vehicle went into the east ditch and overturned. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.

■ Gary E. Kramer, 54, Seneca, was driving a 1988 Chevrolet truck west on 120th Road at about 9:40 a.m. on Dec. 26 when a fire started in the truck's engine compartment and cab just east of Kansas Highway 187. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.

■ At about 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 28, Howard R. Hill, 67, Odell, Neb., was driving a 2010 Ford pickup east on U.S. 36 when the pickup struck a deer about a quarter-mile west of Y Road. Hill was taken by ambulance to Sabetha Community Hospital for treatment. More than \$1,000 in damage was estimated.

Fernkopf

Louise Irene Fernkopf, 90, of Holton, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at Holton Community Hospital, where she had been for less than a day. Due to her failing health, she had resided with her daughters, Anna and Mary, for the past year.

She was born March 24, 1924, near Holton, the daughter of John M. and Hazel Ray Schlodder.

Louise attended the Hazel Grove Grade School. She was an active member of the Parallel 4-H Club and Christian Endeavor of the Pleasant Grove United Brethren Church. She graduated from Wetmore Rural High School, receiving a normal training teacher certificate. She taught school at Pea Ridge and Circleville Elementary schools.

She volunteered as a primary Sunday School teacher at the Pleasant Grove United Brethren and Circleville United Methodist churches for a total of 14 years. She served as an officer and did volunteer duties for the Recreation Club and Senior Executives of Circleville, the Jackson Heights Endowment Board, and the Jackson County Historical Society.

Louise was a board member of the Circleville Elementary School District for nine years, and member of the Jackson County School Board Association. She retired as clerk of the Jackson Heights School District on Dec. 31, 1985, after 20 years of service.

She was a member of the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Holton.

Louise made more than 100 quilts for her family, made hundreds of crocheted items, and especially enjoyed making felt Christmas ornaments for her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Louise married Clyde Fernkopf on Feb. 11, 1949, in Holton. He died June 13, 1968. She was also preceded in death by her parents in March of 1968; a daughter, Neva Fraley, on Aug. 14, 2011; and a brother, Johnny Schlodder, in 2004.

Survivors include her daughters, Anna Wilhelm and husband Virgil, Holton, and Mary Boyles and husband Steve, Topeka; her sons, John Fernkopf and wife Jane, Topeka, and Fred Fernkopf and wife Sheila, Holton; her son-in-law, Arle Fraley, Topeka, and her sister, Mary Ann Nissen, Wetmore. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Michael Wilhelm, Edwardsville, Ill., Eric Wilhelm, Portland, Ore., Brad Boyles, Oak View, Mo., Barry Boyles, Topeka, Mark, Paul and Carl Fernkopf, Topeka, Jolene Bextel, Rose Hill, Brandy Fraley, Topeka, Sherri Farwell, and David Fernkopf, Topeka; 10 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way; one foster great-grandchild; and seven nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Holton Community Hospital for their caring support this past month.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Holton Cemetery. Louise will lie in state until service time at the funeral home. The casket will remain closed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Jackson Heights Endowment Fund, and may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be sent to chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

Holton Recorder 1/5/15 ▲



Redmon

Donald Dean "Don" Redmon, 83, passed away Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

He was born June 30, 1931, at Emmett, the son of Homer and Mary O'Connor Redmon. He grew up in the Emmett, Delia, Rossville and Silver Lake communities and graduated from Silver Lake High School. Don served in the United States Army.

Mr. Redmon was a farmer and had been a salesman. He was a member of Jimmie Lillard Post No. 31 of the American Legion in Rossville and was a past Commander. He took pride in serving on the funeral detail team.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Carl, John and Lee Redmon; and sisters Margaret Ballard and Mary Ann Bryant.

On May 21, 1950, he was united in marriage to Louise Martinek in Silver Lake. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include his son, Mike Redmon, Rossville; two daughters, Linda Esquivel and Donna Porter, both of Topeka; brothers, Ed and Lloyd Redmon, both of Topeka, and Theron, Gene and Billy Redmon, all of Valley Falls; sisters, Anna Lou Lahey, in California and Monica Olson, Topeka; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys. Interment with Military Services will be held in the Czech-Moravian Cemetery, Rossville. Mr. Redmon will lie in state after 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, Jan. 6 at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys where the family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center and sent in care of Piper Funeral Home, 714 Maple St., St. Marys, KS 66536. Online condolences may be sent to www.piperfuneralhome.com

Holton Recorder 1/5/15 ▲



Squires

Charlene Minner Squires, 95, Onaga, previously of Holton, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, at Deseret Healthcare in Onaga.

She was born Nov. 28, 1919, in Soldier, the daughter of Charlie and Myrtle Bailey Minner. She graduated from Soldier High School and later attended Central Business College in Kansas City.

Mrs. Squires worked as a bookkeeper in the County Engineer's Office at the Jackson County Courthouse and later for the State of Kansas (Fiscal Management).

She attended Lakeview Faith Pentecostal Church in Holton. She also volunteered as a foster grandparent at Head Start in Holton.

She married Merwin Clair Squires on June 6, 1948. He died Aug. 20, 1995. She also was preceded in death by a brother, Francis Minner.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda G. South and husband John, Topeka, and Lois C. Boyd and husband John, Circleville; five grandchildren, Isaac, Heather, Derek, Matthew and Benjamin; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Interment followed in Holton Cemetery.

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

Holton Recorder 1/5/15

McCulley

Robert Derrell McCulley Sr., 89, Holton, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014 at Medicalodge Jackson County.

He was born May 15, 1925, in Passover, Mo., the son of James Martin and Francis Gertrude Hedrick McCulley. He graduated from Corning High School in 1943.

Mr. McCulley owned and operated Emporia Auto Machine Shop and then owned and operated Wetmore Grocery Store. He later worked as a parts and service manager for Robert's Ford and as a car salesman for Rex Barnes Motors, both in Holton. In later years he owned and operated Bob's Auto Sales in Wetmore and Yesterday's Antiques in Holton.

He was a member of the Christian Church, Charter Member of Wetmore Lions Club, past Boy Scout Master Troop 157 and a former member of the Eagles Club.

He married Dona Marie Wittenbach on July 18, 1948, in Hiawatha. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Robert D. McCulley Jr., Holton, and Rodney A. McCulley, Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters, Rebecca J. Eisenbarth and husband Chuck, Holton, and RoxAnna J. Jones and husband Casey, Aurora, Colo.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jimmie Spaulding and Tressie Shaffer; a brother, Gerald M. McCulley; and a grandson, Brian Eisenbarth, in 1982.

Private family burial will be held in Wetmore Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wetmore Lions Club or Holton Boy Scout Troop 64, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

Holton Recorder 1/5/15

Guidelines for obituaries

When submitting obituaries to *The Holton Recorder* for publication, please remember that we can print a 2-inch-by-3-inch photo of the deceased for a \$12.50 charge. Pictures of the deceased may be e-mailed to *The Holton Recorder* at holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com or bring the photo to the *Recorder* office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton to be scanned in a timely manner.

When e-mailing photos, please make sure the resolution is at least 640 pixels by 480 pixels.

Jackson County Livestock Association
2015 30th Annual Livestock Exposition
Saturday, Jan. 24
Jackson Co. 4-H Fair Building, Holton, KS
9-11 a.m. - Vendor/Exhibitor Set-up
11 a.m. - Doors Open To Public
Noon-Lunch • 5 p.m. - Steak Dinner

Quality Monuments
75 Highway In Holton
Call Linda for information. 785-364-4454
mon.design.linda@gmail.com
Hours Mon. Through Fri. 8:00 to 5:00

EXPERIENCE THE QUALITY
Free Estimates • Free On-Site Consultations
Call Today! 800-374-6988
72 x 160 x 18
Custom Built the Way You Want It!
Specializing in Complete Post-Frame Buildings
ENGINEERED • STRENGTH • DURABILITY
QSI Quality Structures, Inc.
Specializing in Complete Post Frame Buildings
www.qualitystructures.com



Larkin

Willie J. "Bill" Larkin, 79, Denison, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka.

He was born Aug. 29, 1935, in Delaware, Okla., the son of Theodore and Lela Mae Pullum Larkin.

Mr. Larkin was a foreman for Midwest Construction for 35 years, working all over Kansas. He and his wife moved to Denison in 1975.

He married Mary F. Wall on June 7, 1955, in Sedan. She died Jan. 11, 2012. He also was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Larkin.

Survivors include three daughters, Sherry Edington and husband Glen, Holton, Marla Shupe and husband LeRoy, Circleville, and Lori Ellis, Denison; a son, Steve Larkin, Denison; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Larkin was cremated and no services or memorial designations are planned. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements.

Holton Recorder 1/5/15

Heart Gifts & Décor to Home
South Side of Square - Holton
Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9-5 • Sat. 10-2 • Sun. & Mon. Closed
www.Facebook.com/HeartToHomeKS • 785-362-7111

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

- Humbag
- Meaningless talk
- Conceit
- Not studied
- Megabyte
- When born (abbr.)
- Placed on a golf ball stand
- Melekeok is the capital
- Mischievous
- Mason's mortars
- Spain's former monetary unit
- Small fries
- Article
- Capital of Yemen
- Type of Theater companies
- Plastic, paper or shopping
- Electronic countermeasures
- Language along the lower Yenisei River
- Institute legal proceedings against
- Beam
- Old World buffalo
- Latch onto
- Physical therapy
- Conditions of balance
- Half pro
- Resounded
- Sales event
- Separates seating areas
- N.M. Pueblo people
- Bridge building degree
- Fullback
- Peyote
- Afflict
- Rests on one's knees
- Having negative qualities

CLUES DOWN

- Besmeat
- Genus dasyprocta
- A male ferret
- Unit of volume (abbr.)
- Italian hors d'oeuvres
- N.W. German city & port
- Signal sounds
- Adult females
- _, denotes past
- Gas usage measurement
- Fishhook point
- Mauna __, Hawaiian volcano
- In a way, thrusts
- Grimm brothers birthplace
- Withered; dry
- Genus salvia
- About senator
- Livestock enclosure
- Work units
- Hebrew name meaning dog
- A tumor composed of muscle tissue
- Satisfy to excess
- Third mast
- A horse's strut
- Tree producing gum (Arabic)
- Armour carried on the arm
- Winged goddess of the dawn
- Ego
- Hesitancy
- Young woman of society
- Founder of Babism
- Mark (abbr.)
- Jeans maker's initials

FEBRUARY SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW PAYABLE

Do the dead speak?
Author & Psychic Medium
John Edward
MARCH 22nd, 2015 - 3:00PM
Orpheum Theatre
200 N. Broadway
Wichita, KS 67202
Get Tickets TODAY!
(855) 755-7328
JohnEdward.net
SelectASeat.com
(A Reading Not Guaranteed)

IS YOUR INSURANCE AGENT FREE TO GET YOU A BETTER DEAL?
ONLY AN INDEPENDENT AGENT HAS THE FREEDOM YOU NEED.
With access to many different providers, independent agents have more options at their fingertips. They have the freedom to competitively shop around for you and put together a plan that suits both your needs and your budget.
Find your local independent agent and find a better deal at TrustedChoice.com
Trusted Choice INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS

SPORTS *Monday*

2014 Jackson County sports year in review



Royal Valley's Macy Putnam (shown above, left) and Caitlin Burns (right) look on as teammate Jaycee Worrell (middle) returns a serve in state competition. The Panthers made the most of their first state tournament appearance, taking third in Class 4A-DII in 2014 as part of a historic season.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

RV volleyball claims first state trophy

Making history is not an easy thing to do. The Royal Valley volleyball team found that out this past season. Yet, after recording the most wins in program history through the course of the regular season, the Panthers were not content to stop there.

In sub-state competition, Royal Valley had to face off against a Jeff West team it had lost to three times previously in the season, but the Panthers were undeterred as they broke through and qualified for the state tournament for the first time in the 41-year history of the volleyball program at RVHS.

Jeff West, ranked second in the state in Class 4A-DII for the better part of the season, didn't just roll over, though, and the Tigers pushed the Panthers to the brink, but players like Hannah Beam stepped up time and again. Jeff West also made some timely mistakes, but that didn't make things that much easier.

"We knew it was going to be tough facing them again. We just knew we had to keep ourselves up, stay with them and work hard against them," RVHS senior Hannah Beam said.

After staying with (and ahead) of Jeff West the majority of the match, taking down Atchison to claim a sub-state title was a relative cakewalk for the Panthers.

Royal Valley handled Atchison in straight sets to punch its ticket to the 4A-DII state tournament in Salina and proceeded to pack a lot of entertainment into their first ever

weekend at the state tournament.

While the Panthers faced an uphill climb after a loss to Baldwin in their first match of pool play, the players answered the call and refused to go down without a fight.

Facing Holcomb in its next match, Royal Valley looked in control after a 25-14 win in the first set. The Longhorns pushed them to the brink in the next two, though, before RVHS picked up the 25-14, 23-25 and 25-23 victory.

The team's future got even more cloudy in the final match of pool play against TMP-Marian, as the Monarchs took the first set handily and looked well on their way to a sweep in straight sets before the Panthers came through in the clutch.

Down 21-16 in the second set, the Panthers scored 11 of the next 15 points to pick up the win and force a decisive third set.

Both teams rallied furiously with their tournament lives on the line, but Royal Valley's blocking picked up at the net and helped the team come out victorious, as did an ace from Beam to end the match in a 16-25, 27-25, 29-27 victory for RVHS.

Royal Valley seemed so stuck in the drama, that coach Denise Visoscky even joked about it in the third-place match against Iola the following day.

"I called a timeout and tried to get them relaxed a little bit and told them, 'I know your fans all came to watch you play and your parents, but we really don't have to make this go

three' and they all laughed about it," Visoscky said.

Indeed, the Panthers didn't need three sets to take down the Fillies of Iola, winning 25-22 and 25-22 to claim a third-place trophy at the state tournament.

While Royal Valley fell to eventual state champion Clay Center in the semifinals, the team came back strong to capture its first state trophy. The ending may not have encapsulated the excitement of the weekend for the Panthers, with an Iola error wrapping up the win for RV, but Visoscky said she didn't believe that changed how her players felt about rewriting the program record books.

"I think all of that compiled and it hit them hard as soon as that ball was served out of bounds and they were pumped," Visoscky said. "I'm so proud of all of our kids that were here, all of our JV kids, too, for building such a great program this year and having success at every level."

Included in the list of accomplishments for Royal Valley this past season were the most wins in a season (26), first sub-state championship, first state-appearance, first state trophy and first banner(s) to hang in the gym.

Holton's volleyball team didn't have the same type of historic success to celebrate this past season, but the Wildcats had a good deal of success themselves.

While Royal Valley cracked the top

10 rankings later in the season, Holton was a stalwart of the top 10 for most of the season on the way to a 21-13 campaign and runner-up finish in the Big Seven League standings.

The Wildcats were tripped up by another state-ranked team (Rock Creek) in sub-state competition, but will also return a lot of talent to try and come back stronger in 2015.

Wildcats Hayley Thompson and Megan Rhule made the All-League team, while the Panthers were represented by Beam and Jaycee Worrell. Sarah Beam and Johnson were honorable mention picks for the All-League team. For Jackson Heights, Hannah Williams was the only player to be recognized, earning honorable mention All-League status.

RV's Hannah Beam and Johnson also made the All-State Tournament and All-State teams in Class 4A-DII.

Royals end drought, nearly claim WS title

Saying 2014 was a year to remember for Royals fans is underselling it just a bit. For a success-starved fan base like Kansas City's, the past year was an honest-to-goodness oasis in the middle of a vast desert.

Not only did the Royals come a few runs short of claiming their first World Series title since 1985, but the manner in which they did it seemed fitting for the franchise. Kansas City defied logic as it ended the longest active playoff drought in professional sports, being the first playoff team ever to finish last in MLB in both home runs (95) and walks (380).

Kansas City may have had a middling start to the season, but oh did they finish. On the back of 16 wins in the first 20 games of August, the Royals made a push to the top of the AL Central standings and stayed in the thick of the playoff hunt before locking up a wildcard spot with three days left in the regular season.

While getting in was a big deal, the Royals weren't given much of a chance as they would match up with Oakland and A's ace Jon Lester in the one-game wildcard playoff. Earlier in August, Kansas City had taken five of seven in a pair of series against the Athletics, but dropped both games that Lester started by a total margin of 19-6.

As you'll often hear players and coaches say, though, the playoffs are a new season. So, while the Royals found themselves in a familiar hole, trailing 7-3 in the seventh inning of the wildcard game on the final day of September, the game would prove to be far from over.

It was an interesting contrast on the field as the Moneyball Athletics, following a spending splurge at the trade deadline that brought in Lester, were in the unfamiliar Goliath role. Heck, the Athletics' first five runs came courtesy of home runs by designated hitter Brandon Moss.

Meanwhile, the davidian Royals kept plugging away and relied upon the same things that had gotten them to that point, pitching and base running.

Kansas City's bullpen was nigh unhittable over the course of the season and nothing seemed to change in the postseason. Once the ball was handed over to Kelvin Herrera (followed by Wade Davis,

Greg Holland and surprisingly strong rookie Brandon Finnegan), the Athletics nearly went scoreless the rest of the way.

On the flip side, Jarrod Dyson stole two bases in the ninth inning before scoring the tying run on Nori Aoki's sacrifice fly and Christian Colon stole a base in the 12th inning before Salvador Perez hit his game-winning RBI single.

From there, the magic didn't stop as Kansas City went on to sweep its next two opponents (the Los Angeles Angels and Baltimore Orioles) and set a record with eight straight wins to start the postseason. The Royals swept the team with the best record in the MLB (Angels) for just the second time in postseason history (and first time since 1980).

Other records set by KC included the most extra-inning home runs (four) in one postseason, while the Royals also tied the record for most stolen bases (seven) in one game in the wildcard match-up against Oakland.

While Kansas City seemed unstoppable in its quest to be crowned MLB champions, its World Series opponent from San Francisco seemed to have the Royals' kryptonite.

The Royals took the Giants to seven games in the championship series, but they could not overcome San Francisco ace Madison Bumgarner, losing in all four games that the eventual World Series MVP pitched. San Francisco went on to win game seven 3-2 and take the World Series title.

While there was one clear villain that stood against the Royals in the postseason, there were plenty of heroes that came through for the team over the course of October. Young hitters Eric Hosmer and Mike Moustakas came through in a big way, mostly in those extra-inning wins, while outfielders Alex Gordon and Lorenzo Cain (ALCS MVP) were outstanding on both offense and defense and not enough can be said about the contributions from Herrera, Davis and Holland.

Kansas City may have ended up just short of the ultimate goal, but the team came as close to living out its yearly motto as possible. In a year in which KC was urged to "Be Royal," the team nearly claimed a crown and certainly captured the attention of a nation.

Alumni hit high marks in 2014

It wasn't just the high school athletes from Jackson County making a splash in 2014, as their collegiate counterparts also turned in some stellar performances in the past year.

Several former Cobras, Panthers and Wildcats are competing at the next level and the more that continue their playing careers, it seems the more who end up at the Division I level.

Three former Wildcats are now playing division one football, with HHS grad Jake Riederer joining the ranks at Missouri State University (DI-AA) this past fall. Riederer didn't see any action on the field while red-shirting, but he did gain recognition and earn red shirt player of the week honors over the course of the season.

Riederer's brother, Rob, and fellow HHS alum Trent Tanking (both former Wildcat linebackers) saw a lot of action on special teams this past fall for the Tulsa and Kansas State squads, respectively.

Tanking played in all 13 games for the KSU Wildcats in the 2014 campaign, recording nine tackles in total, including one against UCLA in the Alamo Bowl. He also earned a spot on the Academic All-Big 12 first time this past year.

Meanwhile, Riederer played in six games for the Golden Hurricanes and recorded one tackle on the season. Both players were redshirt freshmen this past season and will be returning and looking to make even more of an impact in 2015.

One former Wildcat parlayed a sensational 2014 campaign into a Division I opportunity as Ryann Bowser closed out her tenure with the Highland Community College women's basketball team on a tear before committing to Texas Tech for the current 2014-2015 season to continue her playing days.

Bowser and the Lady Scotties followed a NJCAA National Tournament appearance in 2013 with a run to the championship game in

2014.

Highland came up just short in an 82-72 loss to Mesa (Ariz.), but it wasn't for a lack of effort on Bowser's part as she finished the game with 15 points, five rebounds and three assists. She was named to the All-Tournament team for her efforts before being selected as an NJCAA third team All-American and she also led HCC in assists (3.5 app) last season while finishing third in scoring (9.6 ppg), helping the Scotties to the most wins in a season (33) in school history.

Not all the highlights came from current Division I athletes, though, as HHS grad Macy Wallisch also had a heck of a season for the Lady Wildcats of Baker University in 2014.

Just like Bowser, Wallisch helped her team to historic levels of success this past season and helped Baker earn a spot in the NAIA Division I National Tournament.

While it was a short trip for the Wildcats, ending in a second round loss, 78-72, to Bethel College (Tenn.), Wallisch did her best to help her team extend its stay as she poured in 12 points and collected 12 rebounds in the contest.

That was just a part of the sophomore's strong 2013-2014 campaign as she finished the year with 107 blocks, second in all of the NAIA, and was named the Defensive Player of the Year in the Heart of America Athletic Conference. She has been contributing greatly in the current season as the Baker team eyes a deeper run in the tournament in 2015.

On the wrestling mats, the Holton High School squad has had a lot of success in recent years. With some of those wrestlers moving on to the next level, some of that success is spilling over into the collegiate ranks.

A pair of Wildcats were a part of some major success at the NJCAA National Championship in 2014, as Colby Community College wrestler Hunter Price went on to place eighth

in the tournament in the 125-lb. division, finishing 3-3 in competition, and earn All-American honors.

Meanwhile, Lane Lassiter saw less time on the mat, but was on the roster for the Northeastern Oklahoma A&M team that captured the NJCAA National Championship in 2014.

The volleyball spikers weren't without their stellar showings either, as former Wildcat Christa Hill had quite the season for the Ottawa University team in the fall of 2014.

Not only did Hill stand out on her team and in her conference (Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference), where she earned Setter of the Year honors, but she also ranked 21st in all of NAIA volleyball with 1,289 total assists.

Hill earned Setter of the Week honors in the KCAC six times. Player of the Week honors three times and was also named the NAIA Player of the Week once this past season. She also tallied 114 kills, 40 aces, 268 digs and 36 blocks for a Braves team that finished 24-11 overall in 2014.

Those are just a few of the numerous strong performances Jackson County alumni had at the collegiate level in 2014.

Already, 2015 has seen its share of highlights as well with HHS alum Matt Mattox being named the new co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for the Tulsa University football team and Rylie Bowser pouring in 10 points and six rebounds for Peru State in a recent 66-51 win over McPherson. So, it seems as though area alumni are shaping up to make this year even better than the last.

The Holton Recorder will once again try to keep track of all these accomplishments and any assistance is happily accepted. If you have a child or grandchild competing collegiately or professionally, e-mail links and information to Kelly at holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com or call (785) 364-3141.

Symetra Tour event held at Firekeeper Golf Course

As the years pass, the Firekeeper Golf Course at Prairie Band Casino & Resort continues to rack up accolades.

The public course that has been voted the best in Kansas for three years running added another honor this past year, hosting the inaugural Prairie Band Casino & Resort Charity Classic Symetra Tour (feeder tour of the LPGA) event last September.

September's tournament drew more

than 130 competitors from around the world, with the UK's Olivia Jordan-Higgins winning the first-ever trophy.

The Prairie Band Casino & Resort Charity Classic was also the fifth and final event of the Potawatomi cup, a series of five tournaments over the season that paid out extra cash rewards to winner of the mini-tour. Min Seo Kwak earned the inaugural Potawatomi Cup in 2014 and was awarded the trophy following the conclusion of competition at Firekeeper

Golf Course.

Besides bringing more attention to the course, the Symetra Tour event in Mayetta also benefitted some local charities, as the Symetra Tour has contributed more than \$5 million to charitable organizations throughout the nation since 1989. The Boys and Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Folds of Honor Foundation were both beneficiaries of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort Charity Classic.



Michelle Werwie of Kenosha, Wis. (shown above, right) takes aim at the putting green during competition at the inaugural Prairie Band Casino & Resort Charity Classic this past September.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

2014 Jackson County sports year in review

Holton's successful football machine keeps rolling on in 2014 season

For many years now, the Holton football team has been almost machine-like in its efficiency. Players come and go, but the Wildcats still continue to dominate in Big Seven competition, make deep runs into the playoffs and earn numerous accolades and honors individually.

Even after seeing one of the largest senior classes in recent history graduate in the spring of 2014, none of that changed this past fall as Holton won its seventh straight Big Seven League title and came just short of the team's fourth sub-state appearance in five years. The Wildcats also moved their league-winning streak to 46 games this season with yet another undefeated Big Seven campaign.

The young team was tested early in a vaunted match-up against perennial Class 3A state title contender Silver Lake to start the season and while the Wildcats suffered some setbacks and fell 18-7 in the road contest, the defense looked as stout as ever and the team would only continue to build from there.

Holton followed up that game with a contest against 5A playoff qualifier Maize South and the Wildcats rebounded nicely against the Mavericks with a comfortable 40-21 victory that set off a nine-game winning streak for HHS.

In those nine games, the Wildcats held their opponents to just one score in six of the contests and won by an average margin of 32 points in those games.

While the Holton linemen started out as a fairly inexperienced group, they continued to evolve as a unit and lead another successful HHS ground attack. The backs also improved their blocking throughout the season and adapted well after Luis Butto missed a part of the season following a leg injury in the opening game against Silver Lake.

Butto still managed to finish second on the team with 567 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns, while fellow senior Indie Allen led the Wildcats with 1,350 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns in 2014.

On defense, the Wildcats were led

by a trio of linebackers who wreaked a lot of havoc this season, Senior Jordan Booth was all over the field and led Holton with 103 tackles this season, while junior Mason Barta seemed to be waiting in the few spots Booth wasn't, ready to deliver a punishing blow to any back who would cross his path. Barta finished with 85 tackles.

Meanwhile, Lucas Lovvorn harassed a lot of quarterbacks and running backs this fall as he tallied 66 tackles over the course of the season and led Holton with four sacks.

After rolling through league and district competition, thanks in part to the contributions of those players and many others, the Wildcats looked to be on that same pace in the playoffs with an opening 54-8 victory at home against Osawatimie in a regional match-up.

The sectionals proved a bit tougher, though, and more thanks to Holton's own doing. In a tight battle at Columbus, HHS had a chance to seal a victory on both offense and defense, but the Titans got just enough

from running back Jace McDown on fourth down with just seconds left in the game to help the home team edge out Holton 22-21 and end the Wildcats' season. Columbus went on to finish runner-up to Andale in the 4A-DII state championship.

It may have been a bitter end, but the Wildcats came a long way over the course of the season on the way to a 9-2 finish, with league, district and regional titles to show for their efforts. While the HHS players have become accustomed to playing for state titles, those accomplishments weren't too shabby in what was basically considered a rebuilding year.

Several individual Wildcats also earned All-League and All-State honors for their efforts this season, starting with senior lineman Cooper Allen being selected to the All-State third team and All-Class first time in 4A, along with All-League honors on both offense and defense.

Three other Wildcats were named honorable mention selections for the All-Class 4A team, with Indie Allen, Nils Bergsten and Mason Barta all making the cut and earning first team honors in the Big Seven as well.

Fellow teammates to make the Big Seven All-League team included Trey Tanking, Luis Butto, Dean Klahr, Lucas Lovvorn, Austin Frakes, Jordan Booth and Justin Rieschick.

While Jackson Heights and Royal Valley had a tougher go of it this football season, they too had some players recognized with postseason honors. For the Panthers, All-League selections included Tristan Tessendorf, Jack Kutina, Derrick Barger and Jarrett Roy. All-League selections for the Cobras included Wyatt Olberding and Korby Strube, who also earned honorable mention on the All-Class 2-1A team.



Cobra Wyatt Olberding (shown above, right) launches a three in the team's final game before the break against Oskaloosa. JHHS and the rest of the Jackson County teams will resume the basketball season with league match-ups on Tuesday.

Photo by Brian Sanders



Panther Macy Putnam (shown above, middle) applies some pressure down low to try and prevent Riverside from scoring in a recent game. Royal Valley did a pretty good job of that overall on the way to a 62-19 victory, part of the team's 3-2 start to the season.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

HHS wrestling has successful return to action

Saturday's winter weather couldn't deter the Holton High School wrestling team, as the Wildcats had a successful trek out to Spring Hill.

In the team's annual dual with the Broncos, Holton had no trouble in picking up a 48-24 victory over Spring Hill to start the new year.

Look for more information from the dual, including individual results, in Wednesday's edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

Ogden's Outlaws stay busy in December

Ogden's Outlaws got the club wrestling season off to a good start with a busy month of December and five total tournaments to compete in during that time.

On Dec. 6, a total of 12 wrestlers participated in the Osage City Christmas Classic and all 12 placed. In the six and under age division, Cael Puderbaugh and Drake Alford both placed first in their weight division.

In the eight and under age division, Bradlee Thompson placed first, Caden Puderbaugh took fourth, Brady Byrne finished third and Hope Blake placed second in each of their weight divisions.

Among the 10 and under wrestlers, Garret Collins and Kaden Henry took fifth, while Connon Collins and Braxton McDaniel both medaled in first in each of their weight divisions.

Finally, in the 12 and under age division, Lily Twombly placed fourth and Caemen Blake came in first in both of their weight divisions.

On Dec. 14, 16 wrestlers participated in the Gene White Memorial Tournament and 12 of those wrestlers placed. In the six and under age division, Cael Puderbaugh medaled in first, Daryon O'Toole was third and Drake Alford also took first in each of their weight divisions.

In the eight and under age division, Bradlee Thompson, Caden Puderbaugh and Hope Blake all were first-place finishers in their weight divisions, while Braxton McDaniel placed third in his weight division in the 10 and under age division.

In the 12 and under age division, Kai Allen finished first, as did Daigan Kruger and Caemen Blake came in second in their weight divisions. Meanwhile, Cole Bradford was first and Karsen Smith placed third in

their weight division in the 14 and under age division.

In another tournament on Dec. 14, two out of three Ogden's Outlaws placed at the Thunderbird Tournament. Eli Holcomb took second in his weight division for the six and under age division and Thomas Holcomb placed third in his weight division for the eight and under age division.

Then, on Dec. 20, 13 wrestlers participated in the Junction City Third Annual Bramlage Brawl, with 12 placing. Cael Puderbaugh and Drake Alford both medaled in first in their weight divisions for the six and under age division, while Caden Puderbaugh and Hope Blake did the same in their weight divisions for the eight and under age division.

In the 10 and under age division, Braxton McDaniel came in second and Tatum Lara placed fourth both in their weight divisions, and in the 12 and under age division, Kai Allen, Daigan Kruger and Caemen Blake all finished first in their weight divisions, as well as Tommy Cavanaugh taking fourth in his weight division.

Meanwhile, Karsen Smith placed 3rd and Vincent Lara was fourth in their weight divisions in the 14 and under age division.

In an additional tournament on Dec. 20, Bradlee Thompson claimed first place in his weight division for the eight and under age division at the Tom Faust Battle of the Midwest.

Coming up in 2015, Ogden's Outlaws will compete in tournaments in Manhattan, Holton, Topeka and elsewhere.



Jackson Heights' Lane Slocum (shown above, right) slashes to the basket during a 68-41 win over Oskaloosa prior to the break.

Photo by Brian Sanders

UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

TUESDAY, JAN. 6: HHS Boys Basketball vs. Jeff West - 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Jeff West - 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. Valley Falls - 5 p.m. @ Valley Falls; JHHS Girls Basketball vs. Valley Falls - 5 p.m. @ Valley Falls; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Nemaha Central - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Nemaha Central - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt

FRIDAY, JAN. 9: HHS Boys Basketball vs. Nemaha Central - 4:30 p.m. @ Seneca; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Nemaha Central - 4:30 p.m. @ Seneca; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. McLouth - 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; JHHS Girls Basketball vs. McLouth - 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Sabetha - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; HHS Wrestling vs. Basehor-Linwood - 6 p.m. @ Holton

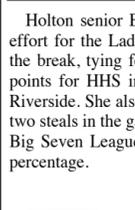
SATURDAY, JAN. 10: RVHS Wrestling - Seaman Varsity & JV Tournaments - 9 a.m. @ Topeka

Sponsored by
THE Farmers State Bank
 209 Montana Avenue • Holton, KS 66436
 Phone 785.364.4691 • Fax 785.364.4330
 Hometown Banking with Your Neighbors and Friends
 www.fsbks.com

State Farm™ ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Royal Valley junior Noah Hart has helped carry the load for the Royal Valley wrestling team so far this winter as one of the most experienced wrestlers currently on the mat for the Panthers. Injuries have sidelined all of RV's other returning state qualifiers and Hart has certainly done his best to make up for their absences. Currently, the junior wrestler holds a team-best 13-2 overall record this season and he has already claimed one individual title at the Shawnee Mission Northwest Tournament.



Holton senior Emily Degenhardt turned in a solid effort for the Lady Wildcats' basketball team before the break, tying for the game-high by pouring in 11 points for HHS in a 58-16 win on the road against Riverside. She also grabbed four rebounds and forced two steals in the game and is also currently fifth in the Big Seven League with a 52.6% field goal shooting percentage.



Gus Suarez • State Farm Agent • Holton, KS
 North Hwy. 75 (Across from Farm & Home)
 Bus: 785-364-3890 • www.gussuarez.com

THANKS FOR READING THE HOLTON RECORDER!

Year In Review...

Continued from Page 1

Jackson County is in a "good" cash position and has no outstanding debt, according to an audit report presented to the Jackson County Commission. Mike Peroo of Overland Park, the county's auditor, met with the commissioners to present a summary of the county's financial report for 2013. On Dec. 31, 2013, the county had a cash position of \$13,425,316, which is a nine percent increase from \$12,341,178 in 2012.

Some Holton Main Street-sponsored activities such as Jazz on the Square and Cruise Night may be taken over by the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce in 2015 after Main Street disbands, members of the Main Street board of directors noted this month. With 2014 and the end of the downtown promotion group approaching, Main Street board members decided earlier this year to stick to a schedule of events planned out for this calendar year.

A Topeka teen accused of abusing a 7-month-old Holton boy pleaded not guilty to child abuse charges in Jackson County District Court this month. As a result, District Court Judge Micheal Ireland set a three-day trial in January for 18-year-old Koylen McKinney, who has been charged with aggravated battery, abuse of a child and aggravated endangerment of a child related to an April incident in Holton. McKinney waived his preliminary hearing and right to a speedy trial.

The Holton school district is looking at turning the Jackson County Fair Building into a bus storage facility across from the soon-to-be-built Colorado Elementary School. During a special meeting, the USD 336 Board of Education approved the purchase of the Fair Building and five plots of land owned by the Jackson County Fair Association for a total of \$255,000. The five plots include land directly north of the Fair Building.

■ October

The Holton school district has finalized the purchase of all houses on the west side of the 500 block of Colorado Avenue, where a new school will be built over the next two years. Superintendent Dennis Stones has given area contractors and others an invitation to salvage materials from the houses on that block. School board members later noted that hazardous materials testing was needed before what was left of the houses could be demolished sometime next year.

Misconceptions about utility bills are fueling internet rumors, the Holton City Commission noted, adding that the best way to quash misconceptions and rumors is to keep the public better educated about how bills are calculated. Commissioner Twila White this month relayed concerns from Holton residents whose recently received utility bills they thought were too high and asked if the city could explain the billing process better to city utility customers with such concerns.

Holton resident Becky Hutchins has announced that she will run for the 61st District seat in the Kansas House of Representatives in the coming fall elections. Hutchins, a Republican, served as the state representative for the 50th District from 1994 to 2006 and said she would seek the 61st District seat after Rep. Richard Carlson announced that he would not seek re-election.

It's a piece of Holton's history that has undergone several changes, hosted a U.S. president and several other famous people, and it's about to celebrate its 125th anniversary. An anniversary celebration is coming up for Hotel Josephine, which was built in 1889, opened in January of 1890 and is now owned and operated by John Chiles and Lori Ford, who are planning a wide variety of celebratory activities.

Royal Valley High School FFA officers broke ground on a new greenhouse after receiving a \$10,000 grant from America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The greenhouse is being built for ag students at RVHS and will allow them to grow vegetable crops and bedding plants, calculate fertilizer applications, plan layouts for maximum yield, perform propagation practices and experience many aspects of running a horticulture business.

A Mayetta teen charged with three counts of aggravated indecent liberties with a child will not be tried as an adult in Jackson County District Court. Magistrate Judge Blaine Carter denied a motion to try Weston Hasty, 16, as an adult on the three charges based on incidents that reportedly occurred at a Mayetta day care center in June. Hasty's case, filed as a juvenile, will return to district court on Nov. 20 for a status hearing.

Brad Stauffer, Mike Ford, Bill and Debra Brown and the late Jim Potter have been selected as the 10th round of inductees into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, it was announced this

month. They will be honored at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015.

Jackson County farmers are finishing up this year's fall harvest, and yields for both corn and soybeans are said to be average or above, according to David Hallauer, Meadowlark Extension District crops and soils specialist, who said some areas of the county have received more moisture than others. Cooler temperatures and rains have prevailed this spring and summer, helping this year's crop to flourish.

Members of Holton High School's FFA chapter scored well at this year's national FFA convention, with its horse judging team taking national champion honors and its parliamentary procedure teams also ranking among the nation's best. Back home, Royal Valley High School's volleyball team captured the third-place trophy at the state volleyball tournament, the first such tournament the school's team has attended.

■ November

Holton High School alumni Lynn Jenkins and Pat Roberts were re-elected to their respective U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate posts, while Becky Hutchins returned to the Kansas House in the fall election. The election also saw Sam Brownback returning to the Kansas governor's position in spite of poll predictions that opponent Paul Davis would unseat Brownback.

After nearly a year of negotiating with the Holton City Commission and dealing with the Kansas Department of Transportation's road safety issues, Walmart has been given the go-ahead to build a new, larger store at the south city limits. The commission approved the final plat for an approximately 70,000-square foot store and gas station at the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and Banner Road after the retailer learned from KDOT that a traffic signal would be put at that location.

Although the results of a study on whether the trial of a Topeka resident charged with the December 2013 rape and attempted murder of a Holton woman should be held in a different location are not yet complete, Jackson County District Court Judge Micheal Ireland tentatively set the trial for March 2015. Chase Rosario's trial had been set for mid-September in district court, but Ireland agreed to continue action based on a change-of-venue motion by Rosario's attorney.

The Holton school board is asking patrons for approval of a "continuous" mill levy for the school district's capital outlay fund, instead of a "renewable" one. The board approved a motion to seek a "continuous and permanent annual tax levy (for capital outlay) in an amount not to exceed 8 mills." The board's practice up to this time has been to seek approval for the capital outlay mill levy for five-year increments.

Same-sex couples can now apply for a marriage license in Jackson County, it was reported after the Kansas Supreme Court issued an order lifting a ban on the practice approved by voters in the 2005 general election. As of yet, no same-sex couples have sought a marriage license in the county, District Court Clerk Colleen Reamer noted.

Holton residents are responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks in front of their homes, and as the Holton City Commission noted this month, that includes restoring sidewalks that have been removed due to construction or demolition. Commissioner Tim Morris asked for clarification of that responsibility after a December 2013 fire that destroyed a house in the 700 block of New York Avenue, the sidewalk in front of the house was removed while the lot was cleared.

The cause of a Nov. 24 fire that destroyed a mobile home southeast of Denison and claimed the life of a person reportedly inside it — tentatively identified as Timothy W. Michael — is still under investigation, according to Sheriff Tim Morse. The Jackson County Sheriff's Department received a report from a motorist of a fire in a mobile home belonging to Michael approximately 5 1/2 miles southwest of Denison that evening.

House fires were also noted this month at the homes of Andrew and Breann Hinman of rural Holton and at the home of the Bill Simmons family in Holton. Family members and friends have begun recovery efforts in earnest for the two families, it was reported.

Attendance at the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner was down again, according to dinner organizer Freda Galer, but those who came to the dinner were thankful for the food and hospitality. This year's total was below last year's count of 255 diners, which Galer said at that time was "the smallest turnout I think we've ever had." It was also below the total of 262 diners at the 2012 dinner and well below the average

of 300 dinners served at the community Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

■ December

The Holton Optimist Club has disbanded after serving the community's youth for 41 years. The club's absence has especially been noted this holiday season as members are not selling fresh Christmas trees at the former Jackson County Fairgrounds. The sales have served as a fund-raiser for youth sports for more than 30 years. "It was not one thing that caused the club to disband, it was a myriad of things," said club member Becky Hutchins.

Jackson County has fewer "deficient" bridges than most other northeast Kansas counties, according to information released by Norm Bowers, Kansas Association of Counties local road engineer. Bowers outlined the number of deficient bridges in the state and discussed the "off-system bridge replacement program" available to help replace some of the bridges. "Deficient" bridges are unable to handle their original legal load limits because of outdated design or deterioration.

Crewmembers from the Jackson County road and bridge department have completed several projects this year with funds from the special .4 percent sales tax, it was reported. The Jackson County Commission reviewed road and bridge projects completed this year with funds from the special countywide retailers' sales tax approved by voters in August 2012. Upon first approval in 2005, the special seven-year tax was split between economic development and road and bridge repairs.

Alcohol poisoning is being suspected as the cause of death for a Valley Falls man who was discovered Dec. 11 in a hotel room in Holton, according to Patrol Sgt. Steve Frederick of the Holton Police Department. Sam Barrow, 43, was found dead by police in a room at the Super 8 Motel in Holton after police were called to the hotel at 8:30 a.m. that day for a welfare check, Frederick said.

Jackson County's most wanted fugitive, Roy Hector Wahquahboshkuk Jr., was captured by Jackson County Sheriff's deputies in the early morning hours of Dec. 15 in Holton, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse. The Jackson County Sheriff's Office received numerous tips concerning the whereabouts of Wahquahboshkuk, wanted on various drug charges, over the last several months.

The Holton VFW Post 1367 Riders organized its first "Toys for Tots" campaign and was able to collect toys and other items that helped 63 families in a five-county area, it was reported this month. It was also reported that the annual Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Store helped 762 families during this holiday season.

In Jackson County District Court, Jason Seematter of Wetmore pleaded no contest to two charges of lewd and lascivious behavior in connection with a September incident in Hoyt,

and Koylen McKinney of Topeka pleaded guilty to child abuse charges in connection with an April incident involving a 7-month-old boy. Both Seematter and McKinney face sentencing on Jan. 23.

Whether streets in Holton's industrial park should be rebuilt with asphalt or concrete should be left to the engineering firm chosen by the city to handle the street reconstruction project, Holton Street Superintendent Rex Cameron told the Holton City Commission. The commission agreed to start requesting proposals from area engineering firms interested in creating plans for the street reconstruction project at the industrial park; the project could get under way this coming spring.

The Jackson County Commission has adopted a resolution to raise the county's bed tax rate from three to five percent. Earlier this fall, members of the Jackson County Tourism Council, which directly benefits from the tax collected, asked the commissioners to consider increasing the rate. Since 1997, an ongoing bed tax has been collected in the county from all hotels, motels and "tourist courts" with more than two bedrooms.

Once again, the Community Christmas Dinner was a huge success, with more than 400 dinners served, according to dinner organizer Freda Galer. Approximately 401 people were served at the annual dinner, which was in its second year at the Evangel United Methodist Family Life Center after being held for several years at St. Dominic Parish Hall. Galer said an additional 10 dinners were delivered to people who were unable to make it to the dinner, totaling 411.

Royal Valley Senior of the Month



Royal Valley's senior of the month for January is Lydia Johnson. Lydia is the daughter of Daniel and Beverlie Johnson.

She has been active in volleyball, cross country, track and power lifting. Lydia has also been a member of FCA, SADD, Panther Pals, and is the current FCCLA president. Following graduation, Lydia plans to pursue a degree in nursing. Lydia received a \$25 gift card from the Royal Valley Student Council for her continued leadership at RVHS.

Sponsored by
Mayetta Oil
13487 162 Rd., Mayetta
785-966-2721

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

David Borcharding, David A. Borcharding, Maribell Borcharding, Maribell Borcharding, et. al.;

Defendants.

Case No. 14CV43 K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure (Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Jackson, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered **14CV43**, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **10:00 AM, on 02/02/2015, at the front door of Jackson County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Jackson, State of Kansas, to wit:

EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 13 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M.. JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3, THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER 257.50 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 17 SECONDS EAST 845.83 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 257.50 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 17 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE 845.83 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

SHERIFF OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____
Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542
Eric M. Lemp, KS # 26178
Kelli N. Breer, KS # 17851
Kozeny & McCubbin, L.C. (St. Louis Office)
12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141
Phone: (314) 991-0255
Fax: (314) 567-8006
Email: elemp@km-law.com
Attorney for Plaintiff

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTH-

Motorist arrested after shooting from his vehicle

By Ali Holcomb

A case of "road rage" appears to be the motive behind an incident on New Year's Eve that involved a man shooting a firearm from a moving vehicle at motorists in southern Jackson County, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office received a report early Wednesday evening of a man firing a pistol while driving just north of 94th Road and U.S. Highway 75, Sheriff Morse said.

"The alleged road rage incident began near 46th Street in Topeka and continued into Jackson County," Morse said. "The suspect was driving a 2001 gray Honda north on U.S. 75 and was preventing a black Tahoe from passing."

Cory D. Huff, 51, Topeka, was driving the Honda, and according to witnesses, he was driving erratic and then allegedly brandished a firearm, Morse said.

"The suspect had a black automatic

pistol, and he fired a round at two occupants in the Tahoe," Morse said. "Witnesses said four to six shots were fired. We're still investigating and looking for shell casings on the highway."

None of the bullets struck the Tahoe or any other vehicles on the road, Morse said. No injuries were reported, and after shooting the firearm, Huff and his vehicle headed south on the highway back to Topeka, leaving the scene of the accident.

After interviewing witnesses and those who were shot at, Morse and deputies located Huff at his residence in Topeka where he was arrested on two counts of intentional second degree attempted murder. A firearm, ammunition and other items were seized at his residence during his arrest, Morse said.

The Shawnee County Sheriff's Office assisted in the arrest and investigation.

Huff is being held at the Jackson County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 29, 2014.)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Charter Resolution Number 8

A CHARTER RESOLUTION REPEALING AND RESCINDING CHARTER RESOLUTION NO. 7 AND A CHARTER RESOLUTION LEVYING A TRANSIENT GUEST TAX OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) UPON THE GROSS RECEIPTS PAID FOR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS WITHIN JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS on this 22nd day of December, 2014, that the Board of County Commissioners, after reviewing Charter Resolution No. 7, hereby finds that it is no longer prudent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS on this 22nd day of December, 2014, that the Board of County Commissioners, after reviewing Charter Resolution No. 7, hereby finds that Charter Resolution No. 7 is hereby rescinded and repealed effective sixty (60) days after final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed as provided for in accordance with K.S.A. 19-101b, in which case the Resolution shall be effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

WHEREAS, Jackson County further wishes to develop its current and growing potential for tourism based on economic development, and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the transient guest tax act, K.S.A. 1995 Supp. 12-1696, et seq., the convention and tourism committee act, K.S.A. 12-16, 101, K.S.A. 12-1697, and K.S.A. 12-1695, et seq. are non-uniform in application to cities and counties and hence are subject to charter ordinance pursuant to Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County deems that a guest tax of five percent (5%) will be more appropriate to meet the objectives of promoting tourism and convention promotion than the two percent (2%) stipulated in K.S.A. 12-1697, et seq. and K.S.A. 1696; and

WHEREAS it is presently impractical to meet the statutory requirement for the majority of a ten member convention and tourism advisory committee to be comprised of hotel and motel operators;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY CHARTER RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS;

1. That Jackson County, Kansas, under the authority of K.S.A. 19-101a and K.S.A. 19-101b (County Home Rule) hereby exempts itself from the provisions of K.S.A. 12-16, 101 and 12-1695, et seq., and 12-1697, such legislation being enacted in a manner not uniformly applicable to all counties in this State, and in lieu thereof, Jackson County hereinafter provides substitute and additional provisions to replace K.S.A. 12-16, 101 and 12-1695, et seq. and 12-1697, et seq., which is hereby made inapplica-

ble to Jackson County, Kansas;

2. That Jackson County, Kansas does hereby provide as a substitute for K.S.A. 12-1697, et seq., and as additional thereto, that the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas be authorized and empowered to establish a tax levied on all gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations in any hotel, motel or tourist court with more than two bedrooms in Jackson County, Kansas;

3. That the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas establishes the rate of tax to be levied on all gross receipts derived from or paid by transient guests for sleeping accommodations in any hotel, motel or tourist court with more than two bedrooms in Jackson County, Kansas at five percent (5%);

4. That the tax hereby levied shall be administered and collected by the Kansas Department of Revenue, and the revenue therefrom shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1696, et seq., specifically credited to the convention and tourism promotion fund to be known as the "Jackson County Tourism Council";

5. There is established a committee known as the "Jackson County Tourism Council" appointed by the Governing Body of the County, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-16, 101 and K.S.A. 12-1696 which makes recommendations to the County concerning programs and expenditures for the promotion of convention and tourism;

6. That the Board of County Commissioners exempts itself from the provision that a majority of the 10 member appointed board, known as the "Jackson County Tourism Council" be comprised of hotel and motel operators;

7. That this Charter Resolution shall be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper;

8. That this is a Charter Resolution and shall take effect sixty-one (61) days after final publication, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed as provided for in accordance with K.S.A. 19-101b, in which case the Resolution shall be effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

9. The collection of the Jackson County Transient Guest Tax shall commence on April 1, 2015 at 12:00 a.m. pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1697(e).

ADOPTED BY THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/ William Elmer
William Elmer, Chairman

/s/ Janet Zwonitzer
Janet Zwonitzer, Member

/s/ Ed Kathrens
Ed Kathrens, Member

ATTEST:

/s/ Kathy Mick
Kathy Mick, County Clerk

SEAL

Jackson County

MARKETPLACE

Reaching 22,800 Readers Each Week!

Classification:

- "Blind" ads, (those giving only the Recorder's post office box as the address for replies).
- Classified Display ads (those with borders or special typefaces).
- Antiques
- Auctions
- At Your Service
- Automobiles
- Trucks
- Motorcycles
- Recreational Vehicles
- Boats
- Business Opportunities
- Employment
- Feed & Seed
- Garage Sales
- Household Articles
- Livestock
- Miscellaneous
- Musical Instruments
- Poultry
- Rental Property
- Mobile Homes
- Farm Land/Homes
- Residential Property
- Commercial Property
- Lost & Found
- Pets
- Travel
- Wanted To Buy
- No Trespassing
- Public Notices
- Cards of Thanks
- Sporting Goods
- Heavy Equipment
- Farm Equipment
- Happiness Is...
- Personal

How to place an ad:

Call 364-3141, toll free 888-364-3141, or come by the Recorder office, 109 W. 4th, Holton, Kan., from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our deadlines are 5 p.m. on Friday for the Monday edition and 5 p.m. Tuesday for the Wednesday edition.
E-mail: holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com

Rates: Holton Recorder "COMBO" Word Classified Advertising Rates are as follows:

10 words or less - 1 insertion \$3.55
10 words or less - 2 insertions \$5.55, save \$1.50
10 words or less - 3 insertions \$7.55, save \$3.00
10 words or less - 4 insertions \$9.55, save \$4.50
All word classifieds are printed in the Recorder, Shopper and online.
Blind ads add \$2 charge.
Regular classified display ads \$7.60 per column inch.
Combo classified display ads \$10.20 per column inch.

Check your Ad!

Please check your ad the first day it appears and report any errors immediately. We are responsible for only one incorrect publication. The Recorder will not be held responsible for damages resulting from any errors.

Billing Charge:

A \$1.50 billing charge will be added to Recorder Classified Word Ads not paid in advance of publication. The billing charge is to cover the expense of preparing and mailing the bills.

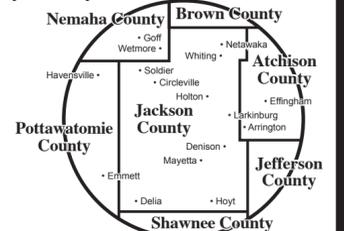
The Recorder reserves the right to edit, reject and classify all advertising at anytime. All advertising is subject to approval by the publisher.



364-3141 or fax 364-3422
toll free 888-364-3141

We Cover The County And Beyond Each Week!

When you advertise in the Holton Recorder and the Jackson County Shopper you reach every household in the county and beyond.



Next time you advertise with a display ad, tell us to "combo" your ad!

At Your Service

Jim Childs Roofing

Free Estimates
25 Years Experience
Insured
Competitive Prices
Home 364-2451
Cell 364-6101

AAA MICK TREE SERVICE. Kansas Certified Arborist. Tree care and removal. Aerial equipped. Stump Removal. Insured. Free estimates. Holton, Kan., 785-364-5088 or 785-383-6670.

ELLIS & PEREZ Carpet & Furniture Cleaning, Deluth, KS. 1-785-458-9695 or 1-785-948-2398.

GROOMING, all critters welcome! Call Tracie at 785-383-0862.

Hydraulic repair, will overhaul cylinders/replace any hose assembly. Call Tony at 785-806-1935.

TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL, aerial equipment, stump removal, free estimates, insured. Larrison Tree Service, 364-3743, Call anytime.

Special Notice

*ALCOHOL PROBLEM with family member or friend? Holton ALANON family group, Wednesdays, 7p.m., Evangel United Methodist Church, East door, go to Library, Rm.104.

*Free Bible Correspondence Course-Certificate awarded at completion. Contact: Northside Church of Christ, 555 NW 46th St., Topeka, KS 66617, phone 785-286-2124.

*Holton Alateen for young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism in a family member or close friend. Mondays, 6:30pm, Evangel United Methodist Church, east door, go to library (Room 104). Closed meeting. 227 Pennsylvania, Holton.

A consistent advertising plan with your local newspaper, informing your customers about how you can serve them, builds consumer confidence and trust in your business. Visit with The Holton Recorder advertising experts about how to grow your successful business. Simply call us at 785-364-3141. We are here to help your business reach your goals!

If you live in Jackson County and are not a current subscriber of The Holton Recorder, you are eligible to receive the FREE Jackson County Shopper mailed each week! Call our office at 364-3141 for details!

NOTICE: Don't forget to order your Holton Recorder! Subscriptions start at 41 cents per issue!

NOTICE: The Holton Recorder is a local dealer for Superior Rubber Stamp and Seal Company of Wichita. Contact The Recorder for the following supplies: Pre-inked stamps, self-inking stamps, daters, markers, name tags, awards, wall signs, plaques. 364-3141, 109 W.4th St., holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com

NOTICE: The Holton Recorder is responsible for errors in ads/legals for one time ONLY! If you see a mistake in your ad/legal, please contact us before the next scheduled run so that we may correct the error. Thank you.

NOTICE: You will be amazed at the response you get when you place an ad on this page! Prices start at just \$3.55!

Hay

FOR-SALE: Small square bales brome/prairie hay. 364-7109

FOR-SALE: Big round bales 2014 brome/prairie hay, up to 400-bales. 785-535-4814, evenings.

Lost & Found

FOUND: Female Shepard Lab cross, 8-months-old, at 100 block of New York. For more information, please contact Banner Creek Animal Hospital at 364-4560.

FOUND: Male Red Heeler mix, 1-to-2-years-old, camo collar, on 246th Road, Circleville. For more information or to claim this pet, please contact Banner Creek Animal Hospital at 364-4560.

Pets

FOR-ADOPTION: Black Lab/German Shepherd mix, female, 8-months-old. For more information on adopting her, please contact Banner Creek Animal Hospital, 364-4560.

PUPPIES-FOR-SALE: Small fuzzy breed, Lhaso Apso/Fox Terrier, \$100. 304-751-5181, near Holton.

Business Opportunities

AVOID BEING TAKEN! Before investing in classified ads on work-at-home opportunities, "Too Good To Be True" business opportunities, or advance fee loans, The Holton Recorder urges readers to contact The Better Business Bureau, 1-800-856-2417.

Employment

MARTEN TRANSPORT, a Strong-& Stable Refrigerated Carrier since 1946, is now offering DEDICATED/REGIONAL runs for drivers living in your area. Weekly Home Time. Over \$1,000/week average. Top equipment. Required: 6-months. OTR-experience, 22yrs old, CDL-A. 866-370-4476, www.drive4marten.com

WANTED: Class-A CDL driver. Regional driving, home every weekend. 2-years experience, clean driving record. 785-554-9442

Lawn & Garden

BULK 100% Decorative river rock, railroad ties, 785-851-0053.

Miscellaneous

FOR-SALE: Newspaper end rolls! \$1/pound plus tax. Great for table covers for all occasions, among other practical uses. Visit The Holton Recorder office, 109 W. 4th St./Holton or call 364-3141 to schedule pickup.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS: If you change your address, please inform The Holton Recorder, along with the U.S. Post Office, so that you can avoid missing any editions of the paper. Contact us with your new address at: The Holton Recorder, P.O. Box 311, Holton, KS 66436; call 785-364-3141; or email holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com

Rental Property

1-BEDROOM APARTMENT: Furnished, deposit required. 785-364-4676/785-408-3261

2-BEDROOM HOUSE IN HOLTON: Stove/refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. No pets/smokers. References. 364-2267.

2-BEDROOM HOUSE IN MAYETTA: Stove/refrigerator, washer/dryer hookups. No pets/smokers. References. 364-2267.

Employment

BANNER LAKE DIRECTOR

Jackson County is accepting employment applications for the position of Banner Lake Director. This is a Full-Time position with benefits. This employee will be responsible for administrative work, maintenance, grounds caretaker and supervisor of part-time employees. Hours of scheduled work are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. with the possibility of working weekends and after hours. This employee must be willing to work during special events that take place at the lake throughout the year. Applications will be accepted through January 9th. Applications are available at the Jackson County Clerk's Office. (785) 364-2891. EOE

GRADER POSITION

Jackson County Road and Bridge is accepting applications through January 16, 2015 for a Full-Time Heavy Equipment/Grader Operator position, for the northeast area of Jackson County. Applicant must have 1 to 3 years experience in Heavy Equipment operation and manual labor. Applicant must have a High School Diploma or GED and a valid Class A Commercial Driver's License. Applications may be picked up at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, Room 201, Jackson County Courthouse. Drug and alcohol testing is required. Jackson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PARK HOST

BANNER CREEK RESERVOIR

is now accepting applications for a south-side Park Host for the 2015 season. All interested parties may fill out an application at the Banner Creek office located at K-16 Hwy., Holton, KS 66436 or the Jackson County Clerk's office, Jackson Co. Courthouse. This position will remain open until filled. Jackson County is an EOE.

Rental Property

2-BEDROOM HOUSE in the country north of Valley Falls. Big yard, well water. 785-220-8996

2-BEDROOM, 1-BATHROOM, Holton. Damage deposit, no pets, references required. 785-364-3750

2-BEDROOM, 1-BATH HOME/HOLTON: With appliances, detached garage. \$565/rent, \$500/deposit. 785-969-2747

2-BEDROOM, 1-BATHROOM HOUSE, Holton: Appliances furnished, central heat/air, attached garage. No smokers/pets, references/lease/deposit. \$625/month plus utilities. 785-364-8072

3-BEDROOM, 1-BATHROOM HOUSE in Holton: \$615/rent, \$600/deposit. 785-969-2747

DUPLEX FOR RENT in Mayetta: 2-bedrooms, 1-bathroom, 1-car garage. Available in December. Please call 785-966-2217.

FARM HOUSE: 3-bedrooms, deposit, no pets/smoking, west of Mayetta. 785-771-3600

Employment

CITY OF SOLDIER

is taking applications for:
2 Part-time Positions
CITY CLERK & CITY TREASURER
FOR APPLICATIONS/ JOB DESCRIPTIONS
Call 785-834-2662
Leave a message.
Your Call Will Be Returned.
OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

CITY OF SOLDIER

is taking applications for:
2 Part-time Positions
CITY CLERK & CITY TREASURER
FOR APPLICATIONS/ JOB DESCRIPTIONS
Call 785-834-2662
Leave a message.
Your Call Will Be Returned.
OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

Rental Property

PRIVATE, RECENTLY RENOVATED office space: North side of Holton's Square, professional building, \$295/month, utilities included. Call Betsy, 785-851-9167 or 785-364-4626.

SWEETEST DEAL AROUND: Apartment for rent, Holton; clean, well-maintained, 1-bedroom, stove/refrigerator/laundry/balcony/carpot available. All your heat and water included in rent. No smoking/pets, \$450-rent. 785-341-8198.

VERY NICE DUPLEX: West side of Holton. 2-bedrooms, 1-bathroom, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, central air, 1-car garage, mowing/snow removal. \$650/month, \$450/deposit. Kevin Paxton, 785-364-2489.

Residential Property

4-BEDROOM, 2-FULL BATH HOUSE 1.5-miles off Hwy.75. 5-acres, Royal Valley schools. 26x32 Lester building. \$120,000, home 35-years-old. Call anytime, 785-966-2613.

Employment

QUALITY CONTROL AUDITOR

Alma Foods, a subsidiary of Hormel Foods, located in Alma, KS is a growing food manufacturing business and is accepting applications for Quality Control Auditor.
1st shift 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2nd shift 1:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Qualifications: (include but not limited to)
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Attention to detail, visual inspection
- Collect and record data, basic math skills
- Evaluate product against a written specification
- Dependability and good attendance required
- QC experience helpful but not required
Competitive wages starting at \$14.00/hour
Excellent benefits including 401k, with Company match, profit sharing, health, dental, and vision insurance.
Applications accepted through 01/09/2015 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-FR.
Apply with Alma Foods | 110 East 1st Street | Alma, Kansas 66401
Phone 1-800-447-2213 ext. 109 EOE

Valley View Trucking is seeking to fill the position of FULL-TIME FEED TRUCK DRIVER

Qualifications:
• Class A CDL (Kansas or Nebraska) for tractor trailer truck transport as well as an up-to-date medical card
• Prior agricultural transport driving experience preferred but will hire and train the right person
• Hard working, detail oriented, dependable and punctual
• Clean driving record with minimal infractions and traffic violations
• Pre-employment physical & drug test required
• Able to work early mornings and occasionally work extended shifts and weekends
• Be available to work 50+ hours per week if needed
We offer a competitive wage with a full range of benefits including Blue Cross/Blue Shield health and dental insurance, Simple IRA, vacation/personal/sick days, AFLAC, Life and Long-term disability insurance. Please contact HR Director Josh Burger at 785-858-4457 or email joshb@haverkampbros.com for more details. EOE



Marten Transport, a strong & stable refrigerated carrier since 1946, is now offering DEDICATED & REGIONAL runs for drivers living in your area. Wkly Home Time. Over \$1000/wk Av. Top Equipment. Req'd: 6 mos. OTR exp., 22 yrs. old, CDL-A. 866-370-4476 www.drive4marten.com

No Trespassing

TRESPASSING WITHOUT permission. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned residents of Jackson County that hunting, fishing, trapping, or shooting, or trespassing day or night is positively forbidden on all land owned, or rented or occupied by us, or on roads adjacent to lands at any time of the year, licenses or no licenses. April 1, 2014-2015. Robin Deppe, Caroline Kern, Phil and Colene Gutierrez, Roger Ackert, Gary Ackert, Gary and Rita Smutny, Joseph B. Nick, Kim Tyler, Harold Knouft and Gary, Tonya and Michelle Everhart.

Our Apologies! Crossword Answers for Dec. 29



Today's Crossword Answers



Clark retiring from NEK-CAP, Inc.

Rose Clark is retiring from NEK-CAP, Inc. on Jan. 9 after many years with the agency. Clark has been a well-respected Head Start director for the agency and will be greatly missed by co-workers, families and children of NEK-CAP, Inc.



Clark has worked for NEK-CAP, Inc. Head Start for 44 years. She began her career as a Head Start teacher in Holton in 1970. She served as NEK-CAP's education coordinator for five years, and in 1986, became the agencies Head Start director.

Under Clark's leadership, the Head Start program grew from serving 100 children in five northeast counties to providing quality services to 600 infants, toddlers, preschoolers and pregnant women in a nine-county area.

The program's budget grew from \$350,000 per year to \$5 million, allowing NEK-CAP Inc. to operate 13 Head Start centers.

Clark has been active locally, regionally and nationally in her years at NEK-CAP, Inc. She served as past president of the Kansas Head Start Directors Association, Kansas Head Start Directors Association and served on numerous boards, including the Regional Head Start Association, Kansas Child Care Training Opportunities and Kansas Association for In-

fant Mental Health and the regional KVC for foster children.

She has participated in the development of Kansas Early Learning Standards in early childhood, served as a mentor for the Region VII Mentor/Protégé Program and served as a federal and state grant reviewer. She was a Head Start monitoring peer reviewer for DANYA International.

Clark has presented at regional and national Head Start conferences on the importance of developing strong

and lasting partnerships with local programs and agencies.

The Annie L. Johnson Child and Family Development Center built in 2006 in Holton was the result of Clark's ability to write and secure state and national grants. The facility was featured in a nationally known publication, Local Initiative Support Corporation, for its creative use of multiple funding sources. NEK-CAP, Inc. was one of the first Head Start programs in the nation to secure both state and federal funding for Early Head Start services.

Throughout her career, Clark has been a leader at NEK-CAP, Inc. and in the communities served by the agency. She is spoken of highly in the state of Kansas by other Head Start leaders as having a great Head Start program.

Clark has always asked, "Is it good for our children and families?" This statement has been an inspiration throughout the years, and she has passed it on to her staff at NEK-CAP, Inc.

To honor her contributions to the NEK-CAP, Inc. Head Start program, a light luncheon is being held in her honor from 11:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, at the NEK-CAP, Inc. central office in Hiawatha.

Please RSVP to Linda Grier at lgrier@nekcapp.org by Jan. 7.

Second Saturday...

Continued from Page 1

Visitors to the Square that evening are encouraged to visit five different retailers and get a special card "punched" from each business. Cards with at least five punches will be eligible for \$200 in Chamber Bucks, it was noted.

The drawing for the prize will be held at 5th Street Sandwich Shoppe

on the north side of the Square at 7:30 p.m. The restaurant will also be offering hors d'oeuvres and wine samples starting at 5:30 p.m.

County residents looking for ways to be involved in their community this year can visit the all-county volunteer fair at the Hutchins Building that evening. Sponsored by Holton Com-

munity Hospital, the fair will include information and booths from a variety of organizations and clubs that are seeking volunteers this year.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 364-3963 or visit www.exploreholton.com

The event is sponsored in part by the Jackson County Tourism Council.

School Funding...

Continued from Page 1

That money went largely to tax relief, helping school districts lower their local mill levies this budget season.

Marcus Baltzell, director of communication for the Kansas National Education Association, said that Tuesday's ruling "simply validates the current reality of the public schools in our state."

"Kansas public schools are not adequately funded," Baltzell said. "Educators who make up KNEA have consistently called for a responsible tax policy and full constitutional funding of Kansas public schools."

KNEA members believe that Legislature must increase school funding to meet the requirements of the ruling. Members also hoping for additional changes, including:

- * The restoration of funds lost due to the recession and legislatively-enacted tax cuts.

- * The adoption of an inflation measure appropriate to public education on which to base annual increases in funding.

- * Annual adjustments in funding levels to reflect changes in educational costs over time and allow districts to recruit and retain competent, caring and qualified teachers and school leaders and meet operating costs.

- * Public transparency in the movement of funds by local school districts from one budget category to another.

- * Funding increases that allow school districts to increase teacher compensation to the national average over a period of not more than five years.

- * The distribution of funds to provide flexibility to use funding increases to meet the needs of local school districts through local budget development and collective bargaining.

- * Full funding of the excess costs of special education.

- * Full funding of early childhood and all-day kindergarten programs. Jackson Heights Superintendent Adrienne Walsh said that the ruling "reaffirmed everything Kansas educators have been saying about fairness and inadequate school funding in recent years."

"The panel noted that the obligation to adequately fund education is imposed by the constitution and, therefore, cannot be ignored," Walsh said. "The panel's opinion stated that there should be a fail-safe assurance that a minimum amount of funds are provided in the event that voluntary local taxation falls short of providing those funds with the Local Option Budget. Honoring this recommendation would be extremely important with a district like USD 335 where raising one mill only generates \$17,000 while raising one mill in a nearby district would generate approximately \$250,000."

Walsh said she was also pleased to

see in the ruling that State of Kansas Retirement System for Public Employees or federal funds in the BSAPP cannot be used to offset the amount of funding required by the state to provide a constitutionally adequate education.

"It is my hope that this ruling compels the Kansas Legislature and Gov. Brownback to make public education a priority in Kansas and to continue to fund capital outlay and LOB according to the law along with continuing to increase BSAPP to align with the demands of educating today's youth," she said. "Education is an extremely important tool for our state's economy and future."

Comments from other county superintendents were unavailable at press time.

Public Notice

(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.)

DELAWARE WATERSHED JOINT DISTRICT NO. 10
Atchison, Brown, Jackson, Jefferson and Nemaha Counties
PO BOX 70
HOLTON, KS 66436
PH 785-364-4309
Email:
delawarews@embarqmail.com

Legal Notice

The Delaware Watershed Joint District No. 10 annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015, 7:00pm at Delaware Watershed Office, 125 West 4th Street on the South Side of the Square in Holton.

The five-year construction schedule will be reviewed and approved. Three board positions are up for election. Those positions are in the Wildhorse/Slough Creeks Sub Watershed, Rock-Tick-Duck-Claywell and French Creeks Sub Watershed, and Elk Creek Sub Watershed. The public is invited.

L111

Employment

FOSTER FORD MECHANIC

Diesel preference, but not mandatory. Salary negotiable. Valid driver's licence required.

Apply in person.

Foster Ford
Hwy. 75, Holton, KS
785-364-4646

New Laws...

Continued from Page 1

All pages with a mortgage are now subject to recording fee charges. Mortgage registration affidavits will no longer be free to record. They will be considered an additional page and recording fees need to be paid accordingly, it was reported.

For more information locally, contact the Jackson County Register of Deeds office at 785-364-3591.

HB 2451

This bill, which took effect Jan. 1, 2015, removes a separate vehicle registration category and a \$14 registration fee for state residents who own an "electrically propelled" motor vehicle.

Now, the registration fee for electric vehicles will be determined by measuring the vehicle's weight and then using the same weight categories currently used for other passenger vehicles. For all but the

heaviest passenger vehicles, the registration fee is \$30, it was reported.

The registration fee for electrically powered motor vehicles was last increased in 2002, from \$13 to \$14.

According to the original House bill, the Kansas Department of Revenue reported a total of 13,380 electric or hybrid vehicles registered in Kansas as of January 2014.

HB 2721

As of Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, this new piece of legislation created the Business Entity Standard Treatment (B.E.S.T.) Act, harmonizing business entity filing statutes for corporations, limited liability companies, LLCs, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships.

Secretary of State Kris Kobach said in a press release earlier this year that this act centralizes into one statute the various filing requirements for the most common

business entities.

"The B.E.S.T. Act makes it easier to find the filing rules, and it reduces confusion," Kobach said. "The business community will benefit greatly by the simplified document filing process, the standardized treatment of similar entities and the reduction of technical errors that will save time, effort and costs. This is an important step in making Kansas as business-friendly as possible."

The new law applies to all documents required to be filed with the secretary of state related to the four most common business entities: corporations, limited liability companies, limited partnerships and limited liability partnerships.

Prior to this law, each of these four entities was governed by its own separate law appearing in entirely different parts of Kansas Statutes Annotated.

Rosario likely to be tried in county

By Brian Sanders

A Topeka resident charged with the December 2013 rape and attempted murder of a Holton woman will likely be tried in Jackson County District Court this spring.

During a hearing on Wednesday, District Court Judge Micheal Ireland denied a motion for a change of venue in the trial of Filip Chase Rosario, who has been scheduled for a five-day trial starting on Monday, March 30. Ireland said the results of the change-of-venue study, sought by Rosario's attorney, Ron Evans of Topeka, showed "no reason" to move the trial elsewhere.

Rosario will also continue to retain Evans as his attorney on Ireland's recommendation, despite a written request from Rosario in November to have Evans replaced based on the defendant's claim that Evans "is ineffective as my counsel." Ireland told Rosario that few attorneys in this area could ably defend him in court and urged him to keep Evans, whom Ireland described as "a good, competent individual," at hand.

Rosario has been charged with attempted capital murder, two counts of aggravated criminal sodomy, two counts of rape, aggravated kidnapping, aggravated battery and criminal threat, all felonies, in the December 2013 incident, which reportedly occurred in Holton. He is currently being held on \$300,000 bond.

Evans had filed a motion in August to

have Rosario tried elsewhere, noting he had hired a Pittsburg State University-based firm to conduct a survey of potential jurors to determine whether the current venue is "tainted." But on Wednesday, Ireland noted the results of the survey had been returned, and those results showed "no reason to substantiate a change of venue."

Ireland also told Rosario that while the defendant would not have any direct involvement in the selection of a jury, he and Evans could ask questions of potential jurors, noting that "not everybody is a good juror for every type of case." Ireland also told Evans that he "shouldn't have trouble picking a jury" for the March trial.

Rosario also requested that Ireland reduce his bond — an action that had already been granted when Ireland cut his bond from the original \$500,000 to \$300,000 in June — but Ireland denied the request, stating that Rosario was facing "severe charges that might make (him) a flight risk." Ireland also told him that his request would be considered if filed in the

form of a motion, but no motion had been filed prior to Wednesday's hearing.

Concerning Rosario's request for a new defense attorney, Ireland said that very few local attorneys were qualified to handle "this level of a case" and asked Rosario to "be patient" with Evans, who is one of three available attorneys from the State of Kansas Death Penalty Defense Unit. All three attorneys have to cover the entire state, Ireland said, and Evans added that the other two are "too busy."

"I've missed some appointments," Evans told Ireland. "I'll do better."

Rosario had also written Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller seeking the details of a possible "plea deal," but Ireland told him that "ethically," he could only contact Miller through Evans. Furthermore, Ireland said, if a plea deal is offered, "it's basically a contract" although Rosario, through Evans, could offer a "counter-plea."

A hearing on pre-trial motions has been set for 1 p.m. Friday, March 27 in district court.

Employment

Employment

FULL-TIME EVENING CNA

Eastridge Nursing Facility at Centralia is looking for a Full-time evening CNA. Looking for someone who enjoys working with elders and is very task-oriented.

Competitive wages and benefits.

Call Eastridge at 785-857-3388 for more details or apply online at www.chcsks.org

A division of Community HealthCare System, Inc. EOE.

NOW HIRING!!

Pepsi-Cola of Topeka has immediate openings for the following positions:

PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT
FULL-TIME KEY ACCOUNT MANAGER
FULL-TIME MERCHANDISER

Great benefits include paid holidays, paid vacation, affordable health insurance, discounted product and much more! Join our winning team today! Visit our website at www.linpepco.com to review job descriptions and to apply!

(Post-Offer Drug Screen/EEO)



Employment

FITTER/WELDERS

1st & 2nd Shift

Eligible for Cash Hiring Bonus!



Integrating the brands of Mac Process, Schenck AccuRate and Clyde Process in Sabetha, KS

Seeking Fitter/Welders to join a team of dedicated employees who take pride in the equipment they build and appreciate working in a custom fabrication environment. Schenck Process is a leading manufacturer of engineered-to-order air filtration and pneumatic conveying equipment.

Best fit candidates will possess experience in a manufacturing environment with exposure to grinding, welding, fitting or blueprint reading.

To demonstrate our commitment, our Hiring Incentive Program can offer you a \$2,000 cash bonus if you join our team (see program for details).

For consideration, apply at:
Schenck Process LLC
810 S. Old 75 Highway
Sabetha, KS 66534

Or send resume to:
HR@schenckprocess.com

Or Fax resume to: 785-284-3565

Schenck Process offers a full range of benefits incl. 2nd shift wage differential, medical/dental plan, paid holidays & vacation, a 401(k) retirement savings plan, education assistance, disability & life ins., on-the-job training and more. See us today at www.macprocessinc.com

An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Public Notice

(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.)

CITY OF HOLTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF ISSUANCE OF HEALTHCARE FACILITIES REVENUE BONDS

Public notice is hereby given that the City Commission of the City of Holton, Kansas (the "City"), will conduct a public hearing on January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard at City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania in Holton, Kansas, in regard to the issuance by the City of its Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$3,600,000 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are proposed to be issued by the City under authority of K.S.A. 12-1740 *et seq.*, as amended, to provide funds for refinancing bonds issued by the Kansas Development Finance Authority for the construction of a hospital facility located at 1110 Columbine Drive, financing the construction of an addition to the hospital facility and financing the construction of a rural health clinic in the City of Hoyt, Kansas. The City further intends to lease the facilities to Rural Health Re-

sources of Jackson Co., Inc., a Kansas not-for-profit corporation (the "Tenant"). The governing body of the City will not adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such revenue bonds until said public hearing has been concluded.

Notice is further given, in accordance with K.S.A. 12-1744e, that the City intends to issue the Bonds and lease the facilities to the Tenant as set out above.

A copy of this Notice, together with a copy of the inducement resolution of the City adopted January 5, 2015, indicating the intent of the governing body of the City to issue such Bonds are on file in the office of the City Clerk, or will be as soon as completed, and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

All persons having an interest in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the time and place above specified.

Dated: January 5, 2015

CITY OF HOLTON, KANSAS

Teresa Riley, City Clerk

L111

Carpet Plus!

Is looking for the right person for a position in Sales & Customer Service

- Experience in floorcovering, interior design, or cabinets preferred, but not necessary.
- Some estimating, measuring & warehouse work involved.
- Holiday & Vacation plans, Retirement & Health Insurance benefits

Apply in person or send resume to carpetplus_top@hotmail.com

or
Carpet Plus, 1900 SW 41st Street
Topeka, KS 66609