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Royal Valley High School sophomores (from left) Lucas Broxterman, Noah Ensley, Maggie Schuetz and Rachael Keehn took a moment to explore their new Chromebook laptops after they were checked out to freshmen and sophomore students on Tuesday morning. The Chromebooks are part of a new one-to-one technology initiative at the school. *Photo by Ali Holcomb*

RVHS students each receive new Chromebook

By Ali Holcomb

Royal Valley High School students received a late Christmas present this week as each student was issued a Chromebook laptop as part of a new one-to-one technology initiative at the school.

"We've been dreaming about this for many years, and it's exciting that our students will have the same opportunities as others in the county," said Jim Holloman, building principal.

On Monday and Tuesday, all high school students who had returned a policy form signed by themselves and their parents received a new Chromebook with the school logo, a power cord and a carrying case.

A Google Chromebook is a laptop that utilizes software from the Internet instead of a hard drive. The machine runs on Google's Chrome operating system and all information is continually saved as students work. The laptops have built-in access to Google applications such as Gmail, Google Docs and Google Drive.

Each Chromebook has a touch screen and runs on a seven-hour capacity battery, according to Mark Haefke, district technology coordinator.

"We want you to leave the power cord at home and charge the devices in the evenings so they're ready for school the next day," Haefke told the freshmen and sophomore classes Tuesday morning before they were each assigned a Chromebook. "The screens are sensitive to light so don't leave them outside in your car or in the locker rooms."

Including the power cord and case, each Chromebook cost the district $400, and students are responsible for any damage to the equipment. Students sat through a detailed orientation on how to use the device last semester, and they will have the same device checked out to them throughout their high school career. The laptops will be checked back into the school during summer break.

"We're confident that the students will take care of their Chromebooks and that it'll give them a sense of ownership," Holloman.

In-service days in the district this past year have been used to prepare teachers on the new technology and how to use Google Classroom, which is an application that allows teachers to post assignments, make announcements and answer questions related to the specific class they are teaching. Students can also submit their homework by signing into the application, Haefke said.

"Most teachers are utilizing Google Classroom in one of their classes this semester, and the goal is the expand that to more classes next year. We already have one teacher who is completely paperless and several other teachers who are almost there," Holloman said. "But we also have many students were are ahead of our teachers when it comes to new technology."

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City OKs bond issue for HCH

By Brian Sanders

Holton Community Hospital's plans to build a new health clinic in Hoyt received a boost from the Holton City Commission on Monday.

During the commission's first meeting of 2015, commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the City of Holton to issue approximately $3.6 million in health care facilities revenue bonds on behalf of Rural Health Resources of Jackson County. The bond issue is expected to be finalized by ordinance following a public hearing at the next commission meeting, set for Tuesday, Jan. 20.

RHR, which oversees Holton Community Hospital's operations, plans to use the bonds to refinance existing bonds used in the construction of the hospital, finance the construction of an addition to the hospital and finance the construction of a new clinic in Hoyt.

Todd Van Deventer, bond counsel with Piper Jaffray of Leawood, said the new bonds would likely carry an interest rate between 2.84 percent and 3.09 percent.

Hospital CEO Carrie Saia, who attended the meeting with Van Deventer, announced in August of last year that RHR had purchased land north of Denison State Bank in Hoyt to build a new clinic. The new clinic would replace one operated out of a residence in Hoyt since May of 2004 and has a projected cost of $200,000, it has been reported.

Saia told commissioners that the "new construction" part of the bond issue would be used to pay for remodeling of the hospital's physical and cardiac rehabilitation departments and an expansion of the hospital's business office.

Concerning the refinancing of the existing Kansas Development Finance Authority Series 1998 bonds, Saia said RHR is currently paying an interest rate of more than 5 percent on those bonds. About $2,820,000 remains outstanding on those bonds, she said.

The range of interest on the new bonds, Van Deventer said, would be good for 10 years.

"We have commitment on those rates," he said. "It's a great market right now."

Van Deventer also told commissioners that the city would merely be acting as a "conduit" for the bonds and would assume no responsibility for paying principal and interest on the bonds. The hospital cannot issue its own tax-exempt debt without the city's assistance, he added, because it is a not-for-profit entity.

Commissioners noted that the bond issue process would be similar to one approved in November 2012, when they agreed to act as a "conduit" for the issue of $1,175,000 in taxable health care facility refunding revenue bonds on behalf of Medicalodges Jackson County. That bond issue also was used to refinance existing bonds at a lower interest rate, it was reported.

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Bond counsel Todd Van Deventer (right), representing Piper Jaffray of Leawood, and Holton Community Hospital CEO Carrie Saia met with the Holton City Commission on Monday to discuss the hospital's proposal to have the city issue $3.6 million in health care facilities revenue bonds on its behalf. Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the bond issue, which will go toward construction of a new clinic in Hoyt and refinancing of bonds used to build the hospital. *Photo by Brian Sanders*

Kansas Legislature to convene on Monday

The 2015 Kansas Legislature is set to convene at 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 12.

The Legislature consists of a 125-member House of Representatives and a 40-member Senate. Representatives are elected for a two-year term, and senators are elected for a four-year term.

Locally, Republican Becky Hutchins of Holton serves the 61st District of the Kansas House of Representatives, which includes most of Jackson and Pottawatomie counties. Hutchins is returning to the Legislature after serving the area as the 50th District representative from 1994 to 2006.

Republican Randy Garber of Sabetha was re-elected to the 62nd District Kansas House of Representatives seat in November. The 62nd District includes Jackson County townships north of 286th Road, including the cities of Netawaka and Whiting, Nemaha and Brown counties and a portion of Atchison County. Garber was first elected to this position in 2010.

Republican Dennis Pyle of Hiawatha has served as the senator for District 1 since 2004. He was re-elected in 2012. District 1 includes Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Marshall, Nemaha and Pottawatomie counties.

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Cadue removed from the Kickapoo Tribal Council

A former chairman of the Kickapoo Tribal Council has been removed from the council by vote over allegations of financial misconduct, tribal officials announced on Monday.

Clifford "Steve" Cadue, who has served as Kickapoo tribal chairman "many times during the past 30 years," was voted off the council on a "breach of fiduciary duty," according to a news release issued by the tribe. Cadue had been replaced as chairman following an Oct. 6 election in which current chairman Lester Randall was elected to the position.

Randall alleged that Cadue and a former Kickapoo Tribal Council treasurer misrepresented the tribe's fiscal year 2014 budget and "overspent" it, it was reported. It was also noted that tribal officials have contacted the U.S. Attorney General's office to review the events leading up to Friday's vote and recommend whether any legal action should be taken against Cadue.

Cadue said the vote to remove him from the tribal council was politically motivated and added that he would appeal the vote in tribal court. Topeka attorney Matthew Bergmann, representing Cadue, said the charges levied against Cadue were "unsubstantiated and without merit," it was reported.

According to the news release, Cadue allegedly "fail(ed) to appropriately modify the Kickapoo Tribe's FY 2014 budget after knowledge that the Tribe's Golden Eagle Casino's revenues fell severely short of projected revenue."

It was also alleged that Cadue "breached a fiduciary duty by executing a pledge agreement which secured the Kickapoo Tribe's minor per capita trust fund as collateral on a promissory note without Tribal Council action," the release stated.

According to tribal officials, members of the Kickapoo tribe receive a percentage of net revenue generated by Golden Eagle Casino, but percentages designated for children are placed in a trust fund until they turn 18. Randall alleged that Cadue and the former treasurer took money from the trust fund to use as collateral for a land purchase, it was reported.

"Chairman Randall noted that tribal members demand accountability from their elected leaders.

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City considers increase in Chamber funding

By Brian Sanders

In previous years, the Holton City Commission had given $10,000 to the Holton Main Street program to fulfill the city's commitment to the program and help keep it going after it lost support from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Now that Holton Main Street is no more, commissioners have recently found themselves being asked for some of the funds that had been earmarked for the program.

During the commission's regular meeting on Monday, Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce director Carolyn McKee asked commissioners to consider an extra $10,000 in funds the Chamber for 2015. Commissioners appeared favorable to McKee's request but decided to table it in light of a recent request made by Anna Wilhelm on behalf of the Jackson County Historical Society.

At the commission's Dec. 15 meeting, Wilhelm met with commissioners to discuss a possible donation to help sustain the Historical Society's activities. Commissioners suggested the possibility of sponsoring some events for the society but held off on taking any action at that time.

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THURSDAY'S FORECAST

CLOUDY AND WINDY, HIGH OF 33

Look for the complete forecast on page 2A.

Tickets now on sale for Chamber Hall of Fame

Tickets for the 10th annual Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Banquet are on sale now, it has been reported.

The 2015 Hall of Fame class, including Bill and Debra Brown, Mike Ford, Brad Stauffer and the late Jim Potter, will be honored at the annual dinner, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Boomers' Grill, it was reported.

Tickets for the dinner are $30 and may be purchased at the Chamber office or at the main Denison State Bank, The Farmers State Bank and Holton National Bank locations in Holton. The Chamber office is located in the Newman Building on the north side of Holton's Town Square.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 364-3963.

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Sheriff's deputies report several recent arrests

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

■ On Dec. 19, Jason Zabokrtsky, 22, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 19, Ronald Wieland, 27, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 19, David Waggoner, 34, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 19, Greg Shibler, 27, Delia, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of obstruction, criminal damage to property, failure to stop and report at an accident and transporting an open container.

■ On Dec. 19, Charles Moore, 23, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of residential burglary, theft by deception and criminal damage to property

■ On Dec. 19, Stephen Albright, 30, Mayetta, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and transporting an open container.

■ On Dec. 20, Gino Vicchiullo, 21, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of criminal trespass.

■ On Dec. 20, Bryan Reinke, 31, Wetmore, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On Dec. 20, Lacy Faram, 30, Holton, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

■ On Dec. 21, Larry Douglas, 53, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

■ On Dec. 22, Joseph Mullins, 45, Netawaka, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On Dec. 22, Nathaniel Cisernos, 23, Horton, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 23, George Pendleton, 40, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 23, Stephen Albright, 30, Mayetta, was arrested on two criminal warrants on charges of motion to revoke probation.

■ On Dec. 24, James Autery, 47, Wichita, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 25, Lexie Rokey, 21, Sabetha, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 25, Kaitlynn Colbeck, 21, Berryton, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 26, Brittany Ensign, 26, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 27, Dylan Myers, 23, Holton, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 28, Tanya Williams, 42, Tecumseh, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 28, Ginger Rodriguez, 50, Tecumseh, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 28, Karen Gorski, 55, Perry, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of theft.

■ On Dec. 28, Christopher Butts, 35, Holton, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On Dec. 29, Meranda Rodriguez-Gonzales, 22, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 29, Dennis Matchie, 35, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 29, Alicia Cole, 31, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Dec. 29, Linda Bame, 30, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 30, Robert Pyle, 41, Mayetta, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On Dec. 30, Nicole Molina, 32, Mayetta, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On Dec. 30, Leonardo Avila, 24, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 31, Kristina Spillman, 48, Soldier, was arrested on a charge of criminal damage to property.

■ On Jan. 1, Ivin Rodewald, 19, Hoyt, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Jan. 1, Clinton Bivins, 29, Sabetha, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Police Calls

The following calls were reported in recent days by the Holton Police Department.

■ 8:20 a.m. Dec. 11, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, welfare check.

■ 8:30 a.m. Dec. 11, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, unattended death.

■ 12:36 p.m. Dec. 11, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, 911 hang-up.

■ 1:36 p.m. Dec. 11, 400 block of New York Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 4:19 p.m. Dec. 11, 400 block of Illinois Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 1:30 a.m. Dec. 12, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 9:09 a.m. Dec. 12, Jackson County Courthouse, EMS assist.

■ 8:25 p.m. Dec. 12, 800 block of West Third Street, suspicious activity.

■ 1:50 a.m. Dec. 13, Seventh Street at Dakota Avenue, disturbance.

■ 2:48 a.m. Dec. 13, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of speeding, failure to maintain a single lane, obstructed tag and driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

■ 11:53 a.m. Dec. 13, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 2:03 p.m. Dec. 13, 500 block of East First Street, suspicious activity.

■ 4:34 p.m. Dec. 13, 900 block of New York Avenue, parking issue.

■ 2:54 a.m. Dec. 14, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 3:11 a.m. Dec. 15, 300 block of Topeka Avenue, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

■ 10:28 a.m. Dec. 15, 600 block of Idaho Avenue, theft.

■ 10:39 a.m. Dec. 15, 200 block of Vermont Avenue, welfare check.

■ 3:04 p.m. Dec. 15, Fourth Street at Illinois Avenue, assisted Developmental Services with a resident.

■ 4:10 p.m. Dec. 15, 600 block of West Fourth Street, animal control.

■ 7:48 a.m. Dec. 16, 200 block of West Fifth Street, non-injury accident.

■ 8:43 a.m. Dec. 16, 600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 9:22 a.m. Dec. 16, 100 block of South New Jersey Avenue, disturbance.

■ 11:38 a.m. Dec. 16, Third Street at Ohio Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 12:14 p.m. Dec. 16, 600 block of Nebraska Avenue, 911 hang-up.

■ 1:16 p.m. Dec. 16, 800 block of Iowa Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 1:18 p.m. Dec. 16, 500 block of Colorado Avenue, assisted staff with unruly student.

■ 7:26 p.m. Dec. 16, 300 block of West Fourth Street, stalking order violation.

■ 1:04 p.m. Dec. 17, 100 block of West Fifth Street, non-injury accident.

■ 4 p.m. Dec. 17, 100 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.

■ 5:37 p.m. Dec. 17, 100 block of New York Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of violating a stalking order.

■ 8:14 p.m. Dec. 17, 500 block of Illinois Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of domestic battery and endangering a child.

■ 9:58 p.m. Dec. 17, 700 block of Iowa Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 5:35 a.m. Dec. 18, 700 block of West Fourth Street, EMS assist.

■ 11:41 a.m. Dec. 18, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, parking issue.

■ 1:24 p.m. Dec. 18, U.S. Highway 75 at Kansas Highway 16, motorist assist.

■ 9:04 p.m. Dec. 18, 400 block of Wisconsin Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of illegal registration, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked and possession of a controlled substance.

■ 6:06 a.m. Dec. 19, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 5:24 a.m. Dec. 20, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, burglary.

■ 8:13 a.m. Dec. 20, 600 block of Arizona Avenue, burglary.

■ 11:32 a.m. Dec. 20, 300 block of West Sixth Street, non-injury accident.

■ 1:34 p.m. Dec. 20, 100 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.

■ 3:49 p.m. Dec. 20, funeral escort.

■ 4:31 p.m. Dec. 20, 400 block of Hillcrest Drive, suspicious activity.

■ 6:27 p.m. Dec. 20, 200 block of West Fifth Street, suspect arrested on a Jackson County warrant on a charge of criminal trespassing.

■ 12:16 a.m. Dec. 21, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 12:34 a.m. Dec. 21, 400 block of Colorado Avenue, alarm.

■ 2:22 p.m. Dec. 21, 200 block of Ohio Avenue, parking issue.

■ 10:36 a.m. Dec. 22, funeral escort.

■ 1:37 p.m. Dec. 22, 400 block of New York Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 9:20 p.m. Dec. 22, 400 block of Comanche Drive, EMS assist.

■ 10:04 p.m. Dec. 22, 100 block of Topeka Avenue, motorist assist.

■ 11:09 p.m. Dec. 22, 600 block of Ohio Avenue, suspect arrested on numerous traffic and drug charges.

■ 2:32 p.m. Dec. 23, funeral escort.

■ 7:53 p.m. Dec. 23, U.S. Highway 75 and Kansas Highway 16, traffic problem.

■ 12:37 a.m. Dec. 24, Topeka Avenue at Second Street, suspicious activity.

■ 2:20 p.m. Dec. 24, 800 block of Wisconsin Avenue, welfare check.

■ 4:24 p.m. Dec. 24, 400 block of Colorado Avenue, alarm.

■ 5:47 p.m. Dec. 24, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 5:54 p.m. Dec. 24, 100 block of Wisconsin Avenue, noise complaint.

■ 5:59 p.m. Dec. 24, 300 block of New York Avenue, 911 hang-up.

■ 11:49 p.m. Dec. 24, 100 block of Sin-Del Drive, noise complaint.

■ 12:20 a.m. Dec. 25, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, alarm.

■ 12:44 a.m. Dec. 25, 800 block of West Third Street, noise complaint.

■ 3:14 a.m. Dec. 25, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious person.

■ 6:13 a.m. Dec. 25, 300 block of West Fifth Street, noise complaint.

■ 7 a.m. Dec. 25, 300 block of West Fifth Street, disturbance.

■ 10:20 a.m. Dec. 25, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, alarm.

■ 10:59 a.m. Dec. 25, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 2:51 p.m. Dec. 25, 600 block of New Jersey Avenue, 911 hang-up.

■ 4:32 p.m. Dec. 25, 300 block of East Ninth Street, EMS assist.

■ 10:06 p.m. Dec. 25, 500 block of West Fifth Street, EMS assist.

■ 10:21 a.m. Dec. 26, 500 block of Indiana Avenue, animal control.

■ 1:59 p.m. Dec. 26, funeral escort.

■ 6:14 p.m. Dec. 26, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 4:19 a.m. Dec. 27, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, EMS assist.

■ 12:09 p.m. Dec. 28, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspect arrested on a Jackson County failure to appear warrant.

■ 10:37 p.m. Dec. 28, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 2:15 p.m. Dec. 29, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, disturbance.

Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed at the Jackson County Register of Deeds office:

Quit Claim Deed: Diana B. Mayo does quit claim, grant, bargain, sell and convey to Thomas N. Berry and Company, an undivided interest in the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., less road right-of-way, Jackson County, Kansas (surface only).

Quit Claim Deed: David N. Berry does quit claim, grant, bargain, sell and convey to Thomas N. Berry and Company, an undivided interest in the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., less road right-of-way, Jackson County, Kansas (surface only).

Quit Claim Deed: Martha H. Logan does quit claim, grant, bargain, sell and convey to Thomas N. Berry and Company, an undivided interest in the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., less road right-of-way, Jackson County, Kansas (surface only).

Kansas Warranty Deed: Micheal A. Ireland and Beverly A. Ireland, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Michael E. Fryberger and Sharon E. Fryberger, husband and wife, and James G. Longhofer and Brandee L. Longhofer, husband and wife, the south half of Lot 38 on Pennsylvania Avenue in the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy Quit Claim Deed: Michael E. Fryberger and Sharon E. Fryberger, husband and wife, convey and quit claim to James G. Longhofer and Brandee L. Longhofer, the south half of Lot 38 on Pennsylvania Avenue in the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Richard J. Schmeisser and Virginia A. Schmeisser, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Angela M. Lake, a tract of land northeast of the northwest corner of the south half of the northeast quarter of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas, less road right-of-way.

General Warranty Deed: Marion L. Howerton Jr. and Dana L. Howerton,

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Heights board sets Monday agenda

The Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 at the Jackson Heights High School library. District patrons are encouraged to attend.

The meeting's agenda is scheduled to begin with approval of the consent agenda, including minutes from December meetings and monthly bills and activity account reports, followed by action on a district calendar for the 2015-16 school year. Action is then expected on hiring the Karlin and Long accounting firm of Lawrence to audit the district for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Action is also expected on the purchase of a scrubbing machine for Jackson Heights Elementary School, followed by discussion of the district's HVAC maintenance agreement. Following administration and board member reports, the board is then scheduled to go into executive session to discuss teacher contract negotiations and personnel matters.

The agenda is subject to change. For more information, or to be placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting, call the district office at 364-2194.

KDOT announces top bids for road work

A Holton construction firm was named the winning bidder on a bridge replacement project in Atchison County, while a Perry firm won the contract on a Jackson County road job, the Kansas Department of Transportation announced recently.

KDOT on Monday released its list of approved bids based on December bid letting for state highway construction and maintenance projects in Kansas. Letting took place on Dec. 17 in Topeka.

Midwest Construction Company Inc. of Holton was the winning bidder on a bridge replacement project to be done at a location 4.5 miles south and three miles east of Atchison. Midwest bid $564,693.55 for the work.

Hamm Inc. of Perry also was announced as the winning bidder on a milling and overlay project on the entire two-mile length of Kansas Highway 214 in and near Hoyt. The company bid $195,498.76 for the work.

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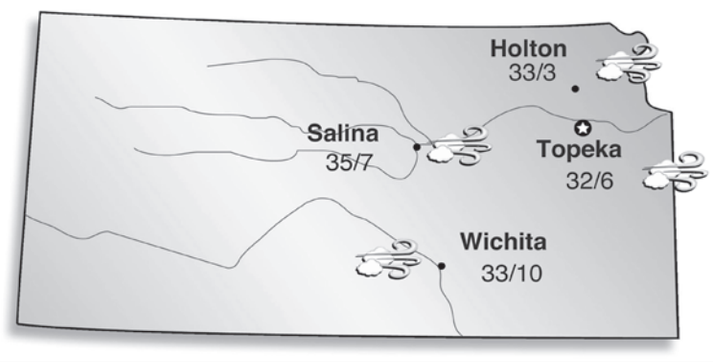

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Fenceline: A year in review

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

As the year draws to a close, it's common to review what the past year has given us! I didn't write a Christmas letter this year; I turned that over to Keith many years ago. I think that was the last time there was a Holthaus Christmas letter. He's so busy with his baking, wrapping presents and putting up decorations, he doesn't have time to write! Not!

Twenty-two million American workers produce, process, sell and trade the nation's food and fiber. But only 4.6 million of those people live on the farms – slightly less than 2 percent of the total U.S. population.

Consumers spend $547 billion for food originating on U.S. farms and ranches. Of each dollar spent on food, the farmer's share is approximately 23 cents. The rest are for costs beyond the farm gate: wages and materials for production, processing, marketing, transportation and distribution.

On average, every hour, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, around $6 million in U.S. agricultural products – grains, oilseeds, cotton, meats, vegetables, snack foods, etc., will be consigned for shipment for export to foreign markets. It all means more jobs and higher wages across the nation. U.S. agricultural exports generate more than $100 billion annually in business activity throughout the U.S. economy and provide jobs for nearly one million workers.

Agricultural land provides habitat for 75 percent of the nation's wildlife. Deer, moose, waterfowl and other species have shown significant population increases during the past several years. Nearly two million people farm or ranch in the United States. Almost 90 percent of U.S. farms are operated by individuals or family corporations. And American agriculture provides jobs – including production agriculture, farm inputs, processing and marketing, along with retail and wholesale sales – for 15 percent of the U.S. population.

A recent survey of America's young farmers and ranchers revealed that 97.2 percent planned to farm and ranch for life. And 90 percent said they would like their children to follow in their footsteps. This provides strong incentive for today's farmers and ranchers to protect and preserve the natural resources on their property. Not only is the land and its resources a farmer's lifeblood today, it represents the future for his family and its business.

America's farmers and ranchers are true professionals. Most farmers and ranchers are trained and certified in the use of agricultural chemicals. And farmers test and evaluate the soil before administering fertilizers. Farmers and ranchers don't spend hard-earned money on costly fertilizers and nutrients unless they absolutely have to; otherwise, it doesn't make good business sense.

Nearly 30 percent of today's farmers and ranchers have attended college, with more than half of this group obtaining a degree. A growing number of today's farmers and ranchers with four-year college degrees are pursuing post-graduate studies.

Thanks to modern farming techniques, America's farmers and ranchers are producing more food on fewer acres, leaving more open space for wildlife habitat. Modern farming practices free up millions of acres of wildlife habitat. Modern farming practices free up millions of acres for wildlife to live and thrive.

More than 400 Holton area residents paid a visit to the EUM Family Life Center in Holton on Christmas Day to enjoy a meal and good company at the recent Community Christmas Dinner.

Submitted photo

Land Transfers...

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husband and wife, convey and warrant to Jesse L. Hutfles and Connie S. Hutfles, a tract of land in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of Section 28, Township 5 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Rodney Heinen and Jennifer Heinen, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Andrew V. Renyer and Sarah M. Renyer, a tract of land in the northeast corner of the northwest quarter and the south 20 feet of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Betty L. Graves, a single person, conveys and warrants to Leslie D. Wilkerson and Rosemary A. Wilkerson, trustees of the Leslie D. Wilkerson and Rosemary A. Wilkerson Living Trust, the southeast quarter of Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., less a tract in each the west half and the east half, Jackson County, Kansas.

Trustee's Deed: John C. Tipton and Stephen L. Tipton, sole trustees of the John C. Tipton and Stephen L. Tipton Trust, convey and warrant to John Tipton and Tammy Tipton, husband and wife, a tract of land located in the southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: John Tipton and Tammy Tipton, husband and wife, convey and quit claim to John C. Tipton and Stephen L. Tipton Trust, a tract of land located in the southeast quarter of Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Keith Crispin, a widower, conveys and quit claims to Keith Crispin and Jeffrey M. Crispin, a tract of land located in the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Warranty Deed: Rochelle R. Arnold Falk, a single person, conveys and warrants to Rochelle Falk, trustee of the Rochelle Falk Living Trust, a parcel of land in the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Warranty Deed: Donald Judson Brown and Melba L. Brown, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Allison R. Forrester, the east 108 feet of the north 30 feet of Lot 6 and the east 108 feet of Lot 7 in Block 3, Vetter's Addition to the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Transfer on Death Deed: Norman L. Hinderliter and Donna J. Hinderliter, husband and wife, transfer on death to the trustee of the Norman and Donna Hinderliter Joint Revocable Living Trust, a 17.7-acre tract of land in the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and a 25-acre tract of land in the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter (except 1.5 acres deeded for school purposes) of Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., all in Jackson County, Kansas.

Warranty Deed: Joseph L. Miller Sr. and Dorothy K. Miller, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Norman L. Hinderliter and Donna J. Hinderliter, husband and wife, a 17.7-acre tract of land in the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy Warranty Deed: Richard L. Area and Judith R. Area, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Norman L. Hinderliter and Donna J. Hinderliter, husband and wife, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and a 25-acre tract of land in the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter (except 1.5 acres deeded for school purposes) of Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., all in Jackson County, Kansas.

Commission appoints fire board members

The Jackson County Commission recently appointed two residents to serve on the fire board for Douglas Fire District #3, which serves the city of Hoyt.

During the commission's Dec. 22 meeting, Damon Putnam and Jeff Stithem were appointed to that fire district's board of trustees.

Each fire board meets at least once a month to oversee the budget of the fire district. The county manages fire districts established in Holton, Whiting, Soldier, Mayetta, Netawaka, Delia and Hoyt. There is a fire district on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation that is under the authority of the tribe, not the county.

In other business, during the meeting, the commission:

• Approved a motion to rescind the motion made on Nov. 24 to allocate funds to the local ball associations without association representatives making an official request. On Dec. 16, 2013, the commissioners decided that ball association members should officially request the funds from the commissioners.

• Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action resulted from the session.

• Met with Ray Zeller to discuss work completed by an electric company recently. The company removed some trees from the road right-of-way, exposing a deep ditch on Zeller's property. He requested a guardrail be installed to protect vehicles from the large ditch.

• Met with Mike Henry, who is a fire board member for Douglas Fire District #3. Henry discussed some concerns he has with the fire board.

• Received an update from Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse on the emergency radio system.

• Agreed that it would be beneficial to the county to take the basement concrete from a recently burned house to use for erosion control.

• Discussed warning signs on high-risk rural roads with Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager. The signs are being replaced with high intensity signs with assistance from a grant.

• Met in executive session for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action resulted from the session.

• Met with Cindy Hower of Kellerman's Insurance to discuss the price of the county's property renewal, which is increasing by $23,153.

• Met with Jerry Nelson and Aaron Allen of the Jackson County Fair Association to discuss board members for the association and precautions to take to avoid fraud and fund mismanagement. Nelson also voiced concern with the condition of 214th Road.

• Discussed an invitation with Jason Claycamp, zoning administrator, to meet with the Board of Indian Affairs in February.

• Met with Bob Gay of Mayetta to discuss the Mayetta Fire District #1. Gay said the department is in good financial standing.

• Signed a request and petition to allow Rural Water District #3 to occupy a county right-of-way to bore a one-inch service line at a rural address on 214th Road.

• Adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

HMS students help Hinmans

Every Christmas, the physical education department and STUCO at Holton Middle School work together to collect canned food for the Jackson County food pantry leading into Christmas break.

Students pay two canned food items to gain entry into the middle school Christmas dance the last school day afternoon before break.

This year these two organizations also collected money for the Hinman family. Students could pay two canned food items going to the food pantry or $2 to go towards the Hinman family.

The Hinman family lost their home in a fire before Thanksgiving, and since two members of the family had attended Holton Middle School, students and teachers wanted to donate to this family.

HMS collected more than $350 in donations for the Hinman family. Donations were taken to The Farmers State Bank, where a trust was set up.

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The family of Therese Koch would like to thank everyone for their kindness with cards, food/items, plants & flowers, along with continuing thoughts and prayers. There are not enough words to express how much it means during this difficult time. She was loved very much and will be missed deeply.

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MARKETS

STOCKS

Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	33.59	+0.04
CenturyLink	38.25	-0.50
Lowe's	66.21	+0.13
Target	73.95	-0.03
Hershey	103.34	+0.36
Walmart	86.28	+0.64
Phillips 66	66.03	-1.89
US Bancorp	43.15	-0.60
Pfizer	31.45	+0.29
Deere & Co.	85.67	-0.78
United Parcel	107.43	-0.74
Apple	106.26	+0.01
Facebook	76.15	-1.04
Westar Energy	40.70	-0.13
Goodyear	27.78	+0.07

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015.

GRAIN

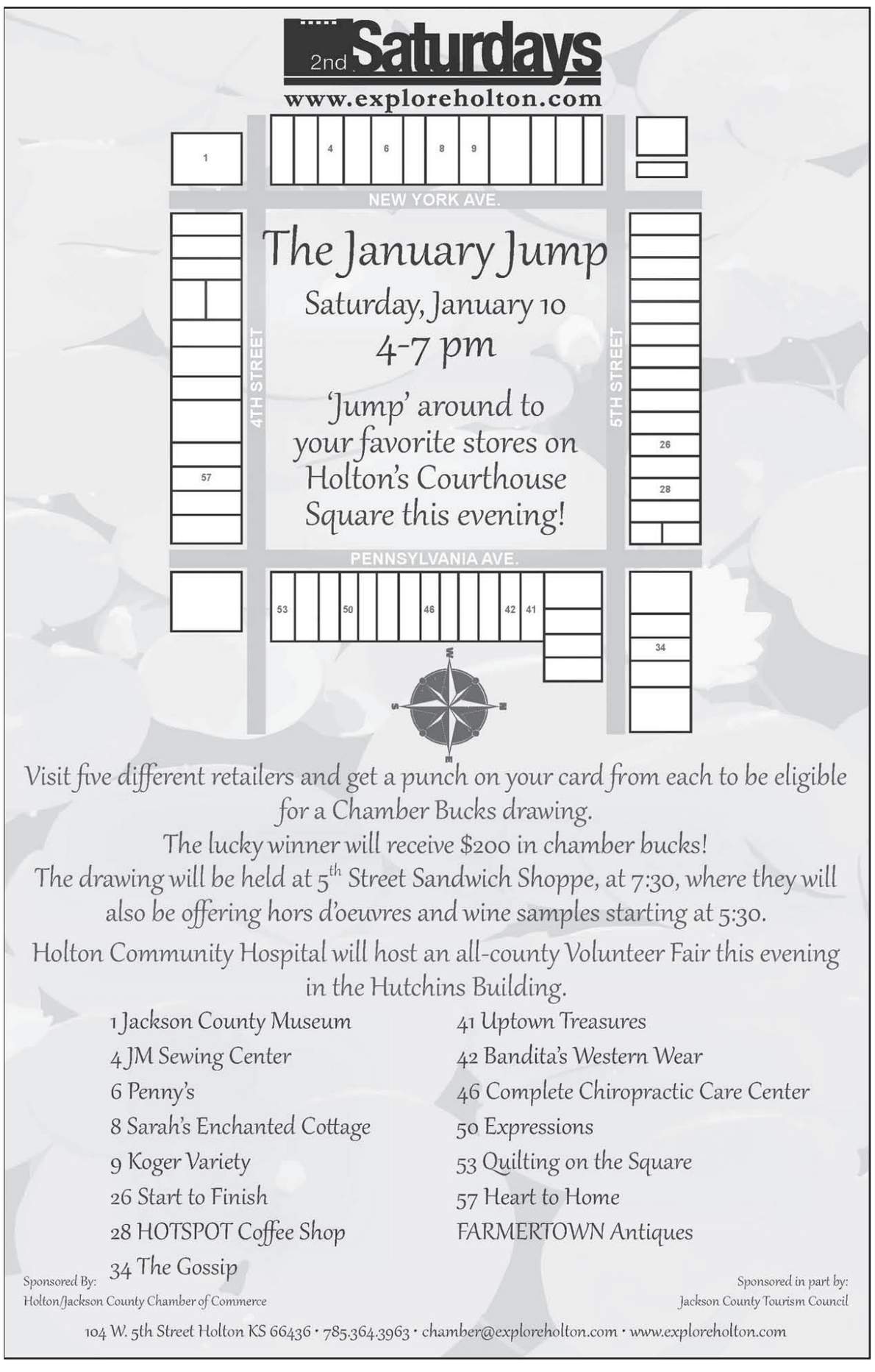
Description	Price at Close
Wheat	$5.69
Corn	$3.65
Milo	$4.05
Soybeans	$9.91

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES

	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	$1.89	-$0.654	-$1.237
National Average	$2.18	-$0.521	-$1.137
Holton Average	$1.94		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015.



OPINION

Low oil, gas prices benefit millions of people

How can we keep the prices down?

Sustained low prices in oil translate into a direct stimulus to the economy through lower gasoline prices for consumers and a guarantee that a growth cycle for the U.S. economy can happen.

The key word here is "sustained."

Low oil and gasoline prices are in effect, a consumer-spending stimulus.

Lower oil and gas prices mean more disposable income for American households.

The New York Times newspaper, citing an energy expert, estimated that the average U.S. household will see "annual savings of $120 for every 10-cent drop in the price of a gallon of gasoline."

Those savings may take some time to work their way into Americans' pockets, but they are very significant nonetheless.

When you cut in half the price to fill up your vehicle with gasoline, you are making life a lot easier for a lot of people.

When oil and gas prices go down, and stay down, a lot of other good things can start to happen in our communities. People have more disposable money available after their monthly fixed living expenses to improve their lives through better homes, for example.

When a dollar re-enters the economy in that way, it has a ripple effect. Retail stores buy more inventory, hire more people, pay better wages and each of those actions stimulate similar other ones so the money ripples like the way water does on a pond when you skip a stone on it.

Sustained low oil and gas prices in the United States mean most Americans, who have not seen a real wage increase over the past decade or three, could get a boost to their budgets by a reduction in their cost of living.

The only ones not benefiting from low oil and gas prices are the oil and gas producers and manufacturers, and people who have invested in oil and gas stocks.

It is difficult to feel sorry for the big oil conglomerates if you consider that they have recorded record profits over recent years, that they are the biggest money-making businesses in the history of business, and that there is no meaningful congressional action that will ever take place to curb their tax breaks or increase their taxes.

The oil and gas industry is also one of the biggest political lobbying groups in the world having contributed more $70 million to candidates in the 2012 election cycle.

If you have a mortgage debt, it will be easier to repay your mortgage if you pay less to drive your car or heat your house.

If companies are thinking of investing in expanding a factory or new line of software, lower energy prices will make that easier, too.

It will happen again. Oil and gas prices will rise again. Shell and some of the other oil conglomerates will roll out more of their predictable TV ads proclaiming how they are saving and protecting the environment and employing thousands of people.

The sad part of the oil and gas story is that many Americans would gladly pay a little more at the gas pumps if they could be assured they were supporting American-owned oil companies and not oil companies with Middle East interests or owners who routinely proclaim their hatred for the U.S.

David Powls

PLAINS FOLK: Coyotes more adaptable than wolves

By Jim Hoy

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

Native to the plains and southwestern regions of the United States and Canada and northern and central Mexico, coyotes began expanding to the east and south in the 19th century. Before the first half of the 20th century, they had reached as far east as Connecticut. Today they range from Panama to Canada and are found in every state of the Union except Hawaii.

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

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

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

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

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

The main diet of coyotes consists of rats, mice, insects and rabbits. They also eat deer, chiefly fawns, although a pack will occasionally run down a grown deer. They have also been observed to take turns chasing jackrabbits, which run in a large circle, until they have tired it out enough to catch it.

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

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

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

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

U.S. ECONOMY: How government can foster growth

By Lee H. Hamilton

Recent economic news has been broadly reassuring. Retail sales are strong, November saw the best job gains in three years, the federal deficit is shrinking, the stock market is robust, and the Fed is expressing enough faith in the economy that an interest rate bump next year is considered a certainty.

Yet the public remains unconvinced. This is partly because perceptions haven't caught up to reality. For many middle- and lower-class families, economic circumstances have not changed very much.

Average wages, adjusted for inflation, have not risen in keeping with the good economic news. The median net worth of households is actually a bit less than it was in 2010, just after the official end of the recession — and the gap between the wealthy and the rest of us is wider than ever.

Strong numbers do, however, offer one unambiguous piece of good news: The pressure on policy makers to focus on near-term or immediate problems has eased, which means they can now focus on the fundamental question of economic growth. That's where their attention should turn.

A strong economy that is growing for everyone, not just the people at the top, offers many benefits. The quality of people's lives improves. Political problems become more manageable. More people have greater economic opportunity. There's more social mobility and more tolerance of diversity.

Because the economy is always at or near the top of voters' concerns, the temptation for the policy-maker is to support another tax cut or the next move to stimulate the economy in the short term. Now is the time for policy-makers to resist this and try to understand the large forces — technology, automation, globalization — that drive our economy.

As Princeton economist Alan Blinder, political strategist Al From and others have pointed out, the key is to concentrate on creating the environment in the country for sustained, non-inflationary economic growth.

To begin with, we have a chance to get our fiscal house in order and pursue long-term deficit reduction. This is a crucial early step for government to take in creating a sound environment for economic growth.

This means modernizing entitlement spending and shaping a tax-reform package that focuses on investments to boost productivity and help the economy to grow for everyone, through research and development, job training, upgrading skills as well as technology, and reducing outsourcing.

At the same time, it means eliminating public subsidies to individual enterprises. That money can be spent on boosting the economic skills of ordinary Americans through education and training.

Policies aimed at strengthening our education system from pre-kindergarten to graduate school, and at promoting lifelong learning and a workforce capable of upgrading its skills to meet changing needs, will have a far more salutary effect on our economy than singling out politically connected enterprises for tax and other benefits.

There are other steps government policy-makers can take to improve broad economic growth. We need to expand trade through open markets and simplify the regulatory structure so that it protects Americans without burdening companies beyond reason. And we must address our nation's deferred infrastructure needs, which hinder the smooth functioning of every business that relies on transporting its goods.

The same applies to reforming government itself. A government that does not work well — that wastes money, fails its regulatory responsibilities, and cannot make timely decisions — undermines economic growth. You can see this, for instance, in our current inability to pass comprehensive immigration reform: We cannot increase economic growth without the people our labor force needs, from mathematicians and engineers to migrant farm workers.

Finally, policy-makers need to remember that economic growth means providing a ladder out of poverty for the truly needy. Providing opportunity for low-income Americans through the Earned Income Tax Credit and programs to upgrade their skills is vital. No one who works full time should be poor in this country.

Free, competitive markets are the best way to deliver goods and services to Americans. Government must not get in the way of that system. Nor should it stand idle. The right response by government to our economic challenges is not to focus on the immediate economic problems of the day, but to invest in economic growth for all.

Note: Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

LETTER: Mail delivery will be delayed unless there is congressional action

Dear editor,

On Jan. 5, 2015, overnight delivery of first class mail ended throughout the country, unless there is congressional action, a ruling by the Postal Board of Directors or PMG action to postpone the changes.

A total of 82 postal mail processing centers are slated for closure starting Jan. 10, 2015.

The closures will cause delay of mail, loss of good living wage jobs in our community and also cause an adverse economic impact to the communities that depend on good service. The cut in service will cause hardships for the public and small businesses, destroying jobs and breaking down the efficient and affordable delivery network by driving away mail and revenue.

On Jan. 5, the USPS was slated to lower "service standards" to virtually eliminate overnight delivery – including first-class mail from one address to another within the same city or town as well as the many towns serviced by the Postal Processing Center.

All mail (medicine, online purchases, local newspapers, newsletters of community and religious organizations, bill payments and invitations) throughout the country will be delayed.

Our entire community will lose business opportunities associated with e-commerce, which relies on the speedy delivery of goods ordered online.

We need the public to send a message to the Postmaster General, the Postal Board of Governors, the President of the United States and Congress: Stop the new "Changes in Standards" and stop the 82 closures scheduled for 2015.

Although 170 House members and 51 Senators called for a one-year moratorium on the reduction in service and the closure of the mail processing centers, Congress failed to pass the necessary legislation in December 2014.

Here are the phone numbers and addresses:

- Postal Board of Governors: 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20260; 202-268-4800.
- Postmaster General: 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260; 202-268-4264.
- Congressional Members: Capitol Hill Switchboard Phone: 202-224-3121.
- President of United States: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20500; 202-456-1414.

Thank you.

Chauncey Madere
American Postal Worker
Union District
Coordinator
Hiawatha

LETTER: Pyle questionnaire manipulative, misleading

Dear editor,

I recently received a post card questionnaire from Sen. Dennis Pyle requesting the public's opinion on six questions facing the Kansas Legislature during the 2015 Session.

As I perused the questions, a great number of concerns jumped to my mind. First and foremost was that these questions were being asked without proper and very important background information being given and they were clearly manipulative and leading.

Question one regards funding for our state's public schools, and it errantly states that we currently spend $12,000 per student. First of all, this is totally false. According to the Kansas Association of School Boards, the 2014-15 Kansas Base State Aid Per Pupil is set at $3,852, an amazing $14 increase from the 2013-14 school year. As an educator, I can promise that the cost of educating each student increased far more than $14 per student.

Now what Sen. Pyle fails to address in stating his figures is the fact that his figures include aid paid to districts for bonds and interest, the cost of special education and contributions to Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERS). This becomes a very misleading number when people don't know or understand how school finance works. The simple fact of the matter is that in 2009 the Base State Aid Per Pupil was $4,400 and today it is $3,852.

Question two regards changes to how Kansas Supreme Court justices are appointed. The goal is to give the governor more power in who is appointed to the Kansas Supreme Court. This is an attempt to strike at the Kansas Supreme Court for ruling that the Kansas Legislature has failed to adequately fund public education not once, but twice. Perhaps instead of cutting taxes to wealthy individuals and corporations, the Legislature and governor should have restored the funding to schools that was cut to make it through the recession in 2009.

Question four regarded the use of taxpayer funds for "contract lobbying." This is clearly an attempt to silence groups like public sector labor unions from hiring lobbyists to work on behalf of their members. This would impact police officers, fire fighters, educators, basically anyone who is employed by the public sector and represented by a labor union. Only those who work in the private sector could have lobbyists. This would not bode well for our state's schools. The goal is to silence the public sector employees in order to pave the way to privatization of public sector services.

Question five in the survey claims that taxpayer funds are used to pay membership dues and fees to associations. First and foremost, this is not true! Currently, members of groups like the Kansas National Educators Association (KNEA) have the option to have their dues withheld from their paycheck. Let's make this perfectly clear – it is their paycheck we are talking about after taxes. It is the individual employee's choice in how to allocate their own money. After taxes are withheld, that money is no longer public money, it is the property of the individual employee. I believe it to be an individual's right to choose how they want their own money used. Now, if this was happening on a pre-tax basis, then yes we would have a different discussion.

As it stands, I do not see where the state has any right to dictate how I spend my paycheck and to whom I make payments. I believe that the Legislature has already infringed on my right to determine where my money is allocated by making it illegal for me to have any contributions to my association's political action fund withheld as part of my dues. It is my money, it is my right to chose where it gets spent.

The remaining questions were open-ended asking about priorities for the upcoming session and other issues and concerns that we might have. Not once did it raise question with the governor's pet projects like KanCare that is a dismal failure. Our local small town hospitals will not survive if changes are not made to this program. The process is far too slow, reimbursement rates don't meet the cost of care and people are stuck waiting weeks for care they urgently need.

My greatest concern is that the public is being misled because people are not hearing the truth of the matter. I encourage the public to educate themselves on what is happening in our state and how these things impact all of us and the future of this great state. We simply cannot continue in this path of irresponsible tax cuts and a dwindling state budget. Sooner or later we will all suffer.

Michael W. Hill
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OBITUARIES

Utz

Donald "Don" Clair Utz, 69, of Frederick County, Va., died suddenly Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at Winchester Medical Center in Winchester, Va.

Mr. Utz was born in 1945, in Horton, the son of Margaret Utz and the late Corliss Utz. He was a graduate of Holton High School, Class of 1963, and Kansas State University, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Dairy Food Processing.

Mr. Utz was a veteran, having served in the United States Army Reserves. He retired as COO of Manufacturing Operations for Maryland/Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative on Dec. 31, 2014, after 45 years in the dairy business. Previously he was a general manager with Valley Milk Products in Strasburg, Va.

He married Barbara Bower on June 18, 1966, in Holton and enjoyed 48 years of marriage to his high school sweetheart.

Surviving with his mother and wife are his daughter, Gina Woodall and her husband, Eric, of Sterling, Va.; son, Christopher Utz and his wife, Anne Marie, of Winchester, Va.; four grandchildren, Melanie Woodall, Andrew Woodall, Maggie Utz and MaryGrace Utz; and his brother, Kenneth Utz and his wife, Charlotte, of Holton.

While Don was passionate about business, his pride and joy was his family, especially his four grandchildren who adored Grandpa. He loved outdoor adventures with his wife and close friends, including hiking, biking and sightseeing in the national parks. For those who knew Don, he was always there to offer a helping hand, whether it be cooking and feeding the homeless at Jubilee Kitchen, ringing bells for the Salvation Army or assisting a neighbor in need.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at Omps Funeral Home, Amherst Chapel, Winchester, Va. A funeral service will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester, with the Rev. Dr. Richard Reifsnyder officiating. There will be a reception following the service at the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Jubilee Kitchen, 116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601.

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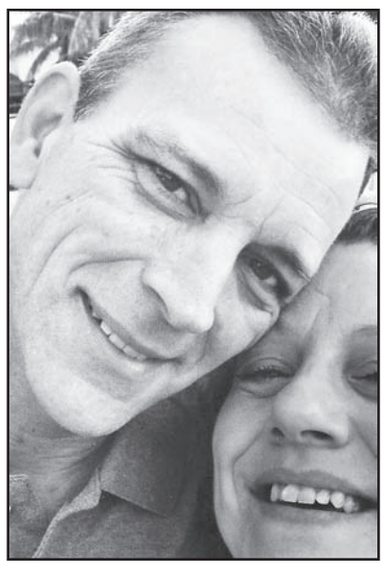

Bawden

Brian Kennett Bawden, 48, Holton, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2015.

He was born Dec. 14, 1966, the son of Kennett D. and Clara M. Barton Bawden in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Vo-Tech in Manhattan.

Mr. Bawden was an electrician/journeyman.

He was a member of IBEW 226.

He married Cheri Flach on July 1, 2014, in Holton. She survives.

Other survivors include his mother, Clara Bawden, Topeka; seven children, Christopher Bawden, Hoyt, Stephanie Kerr, Holton, Charles, JoAnna, Barbara and Nicholas Bawden, all of Emmett, and Micheal Anderson and wife Angel, Leavenworth; a brother, David Bawden, Topeka; and three grandchildren, Michelle, Michael Jr. and Mackenzie. He was preceded in death by his father, Kennett.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Interment will follow in Delia Cemetery. A rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Wednesday with visitation to follow until 8:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society of Topeka, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. *Holton Recorder 1/7/15*

Bone

Kathleen Mae Lewis Bone, 95, Mayetta, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Sabetha.

She was born April 3, 1919, in Circleville, the daughter of Zelie N. and Cora Friend Lewis. She grew up in Holton and graduated from Holton High School in 1937.

Mrs. Bone worked in the Trailways Bus Depot-Café and then in the medical offices of Drs. Roy and Ernest Moser on the east side of the Square and later in the old Holton Hospital for 3 1/2 years. She later worked for USD 337 in food service for 30 years. She and her husband lived in Mayetta for 50 years, and she moved to Hoyt after his death.

She was a member of Mayetta Christian Church, where she served as a teacher and church treasurer for several years. She was a member of the Holton Hospital Auxillary, several genealogy societies and a charter member of the Jackson County Historical Society.

She married Richard J. Bone on Aug. 23, 1941, in Olathe. He died Dec. 10, 1985. She also was preceded in death by a son, Gerald Bone; two brothers, Lloyd and Nelse Lewis; and three sisters, Opal Knibbs, Claridel Deeter and Ruth Corbit.

Survivors include a daughter, Nancy Johnson, Topeka; three sons, Richard "Dick" Bone and wife Patty, Robert Bone and wife Judy and Ronald Bone and wife Linda, all of Mayetta; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Holton Cemetery. Mrs. Bone will lie in state beginning Thursday afternoon. Family will greet friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Saturday prior to services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackson County Historical Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. *Holton Recorder 1/7/15*

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■ The 114th United States Congress is the current meeting of the legislative branch of the U.S. federal government, composed of the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. It is scheduled to meet in Washington, D.C. from Jan. 3, 2015, to Jan. 3, 2017, during the final two years of Barack Obama's presidency.

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Show appreciation for law enforcement

The National Fraternal Order of Police has partnered with C.O.P.S. and law enforcement associations across America to schedule a National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Friday, Jan. 9.

In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that citizens recognize the difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen in public service, it was reported.

Can you imagine going to work each day and wondering if you'll survive your shift and see your family that night? Most people can't. But in law enforcement, this is a fact of life.

Each day 780,000 police officers across our country put on a badge and go to work knowing they may face extremely dangerous situations. Yet, they go to work anyway.

Being a law enforcement officer is not just a job, it is a calling. The pay is not high, the hours can be terrible and there is sometimes little appreciation for what you do. Yet, police do it anyway.

What the public doesn't see is the lengths law enforcement take to keep our communities safe. On average, between 105 and 203 officers die in the line of duty each year, 50,000 officers are assaulted in the line of duty each year, 14,000 officers are injured in the line of duty each year and more than 300 officers commit suicide each year.

There is no other profession in the world, except possibly the military, where you will find these kinds of sobering statistics.

Being a law enforcement officer truly is a very difficult job. You must be professional, courteous, caring and yet be ready to protect the public at all times. You must be prepared to make life and death decisions at a moment's notice.

You take an amazing amount of abuse at times but have to view this abuse as just "part of the job." You do not have the liberty to express your emotions during many situations.

Law enforcement officers play such an integral part in our society; without them, chaos would reign. Have you ever thought about what you would do if you were in trouble – a car accident, a home invasion, an assault – and you did not have someone to call for help?

No matter how much criticism law enforcement takes, they continue to do their job, and do it well. They are the guardians of our way of life and they deserve our support.

This Friday, Jan. 9, citizens who appreciate law enforcement and are discouraged about the negative attention being given are encouraged take time to show their support.

Support can be shown in a number of ways:

- Thank a police officer.
- Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement.
- Send a card of support to your local police department or state agency.
- Share a positive story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media.
- Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement.
- Organize an event or a rally in support of your law enforcement officers.

Five regional workshops set for farmers' markets

Kansas farmers' markets across the state are doing much more than just providing a fresh food source. The farmers offering their produce, as well as the consumers taking advantage of the farm-fresh offerings, are also stimulating the local economy.

There are now 130 active farmers' markets in Kansas, compared to the 26 in operation in 1987. The growth in this sector helps provide Kansans with more revenue and more high-quality food choices.

To help assist current or prospective market vendors, five regional workshops will be held sponsored in part by the Kansas Department of Agriculture's From the Land of Kansas trademark program.

"Expanding local markets allows Kansans the opportunity to boost their local economies. Farmers are able to develop relationships with their consumers, and consumers can be comforted knowing where their food was grown," said Stacy Mayo, From the Land of Kansas trademark program director.

"Selling food directly to consumers through farmers' markets provides growers a chance to tell their farm's story, but has its own set of legal, safety and financial parameters," said Londa Nwadike, consumer food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension and the University of Missouri.

Dates and locations are as follows:

- Jan. 30 - Hays, KSU Ag Research Center, 1232 240th Ave, Hays, KS 67601.
- Feb. 7 - Atchison, Highland Community College-Atchison campus, 1501 W. Riley Street, Atchison, KS 66002.
- Feb. 21 - Chanute, Sanders Hall, Neosho Co. Community College, 800 West 14th Street, Chanute, KS 66720.
- March 7 - Pratt, Pratt Area 4-H Center, 61 Lake Rd, Pratt, KS 67124.
- March 20 - Olathe, Kansas State University, 22201 W. Innovation Dr., Olathe KS 66061.

The early-bird deadline to register for these events is Jan. 15. A fee of $20 a person will cover the costs of the conference, including lunch. A $5 charge will be added to participants who register after Jan 15.

Registration forms can be found at www.FromtheLandofKansas.com/FMConference.

Workshop topics will vary by location. Highlighted topics include vendor best practices, creating a healthy working environment, safe food practices, sales tax and Kansas webtax online and accepting non-cash payments.

The workshops will start at 9 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. Regional workshops are supported by a K-State Research and Extension Epsilon Sigma Phi Endowment Grant, From the Land of Kansas and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

From the Land of Kansas is Kansas' agriculture trademark program. The program's goal is to identify and help businesses that grow, produce, process or manufacture products in Kansas.

In addition, the program works with and supports restaurants using Kansas products and retailers selling Kansas products and ingredients. The From the Land of Kansas website is a tool to help consumers discover Kansas food and agricultural products, services and experiences from the farm all the way to the fork.

Follow the program's story and meet its members on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Holton woman arrested after raid on 'drug house'

A Holton woman was arrested yesterday after a search warrant was issued at an alleged "illegal drug distribution house" near a Holton school, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant just after 7 p.m. Tuesday night at 907 Pennsylvania Ave. as a result of a police investigation.

Robin Alison Deo, 26, was arrested at the scene.

"Some of the items seized at the scene were items believed to be LSD, narcotics, marijuana, a firearm, U.S. currency and drug paraphernalia," Morse said.

Deo was arrested on charges of distribution of marijuana within 1,000 foot of a school, felony possession of a hallucinogenic drug, possession of drug paraphernalia with the intent to distribute, possession of opiates, felony criminal possession of a firearm, misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful use of a communication device in the commission of felony drug distribution.

Deo was also arrested on three charges of endangering a child. Bond is pending at this time.

Additional charges may be issued and further arrests can be expected in this case, Morse said. The Holton Police Department assisted in serving the search warrant.

NEWS BRIEFS

■ The Mayetta Senior Citizens will meet at noon Thursday, Jan. 15 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church for a potluck lunch. Cheryl Yingst of Holton Community Hospital will speak on "The Care and Management of Diabetes." Guests are welcome.

■ 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.

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

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

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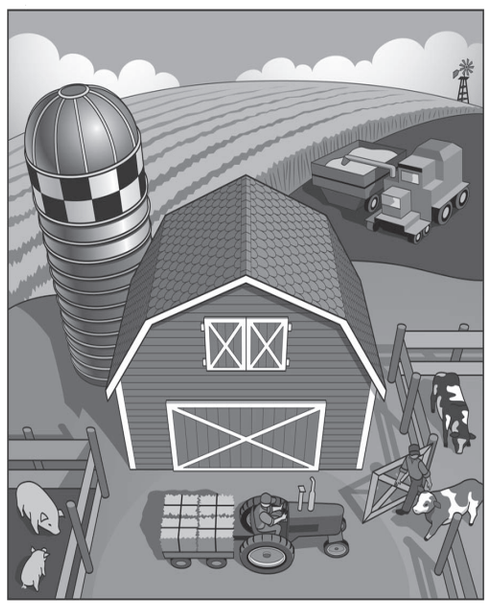

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SPORTS *Wednesday*

HHS girls cruise early, hold off rally for win over Jeff West

After a strong start on Tuesday night, the Holton girls had to weather a bit of a storm in a league match-up against Jeff West at home. While the Tigers rallied and muddied the game up in the second half, the Wildcats gritted it out to pick up a 45-30 victory.

While the second half saw the game get much closer, the first half went about as well as it could for the first game back from break. Holton was harassing Jeff West on the defensive end and going hard to the ball as well as holding its own on the boards against a Tigers team with a height advantage.

"We had some good practices over the break and I thought it carried over Tuesday night," HHS coach Jon Holliday said. "We just have to continue to find a way to do that on a consistent basis."

The game got off to a slow start, but the Wildcats used that to their advantage as they built up a 9-2 lead by the end of the first quarter. Then, Holton really got in a rhythm at the start of the second.

Following a basket from Jeff West's Olivia Brees to start the second quarter, Holton proceeded to go on a 13-0 run and take an 18-point lead.

Holton's aggressive defense seemed to be frustrating the Tigers and it led to some transition scoring opportunities for the Wildcats, with Courtney Boswell leading the charge. Boswell had a strong finish to the first half and led Holton with 12 points in the game.

After speeding things up, though, Holton got a little lax on the defensive end as Jeff West started to gain a little traction on the offensive boards and cut into Holton's lead, which was 26-12 by the end of the first half.

"It felt like we were really good and then all of a sudden we felt like, 'okay, we have this one in the bag,' and we just hit the cruise control," Holliday said. "When you get your foot on their throat, you have to keep stepping on it."

Jeff West cut into the cushion Holton had built for itself early in the second quarter and remained the aggressors in the third quarter. The Tigers started the second half by forcing a Holton turnover, which seemed to be an omen for the sloppy play that would follow.

Holton struggled to get set on offense and rushed its shots while also losing some of its intensity on the defensive end, especially in regards to rebounding, which is something Holliday said his team can't afford to do.

"A couple of times we just let them throw it up and go get it on the offensive boards and we can't allow that to happen on a regular basis," Holliday said. "We're not going to win very many battles in height, so we're going to have to do a better job with our feet, boxing out and creating some space for us to rebound."

After keeping Brees in check for most of the first half, the Tigers' star forward did most of her damage in the second half on her way to a game-high 18 points. A lot of those points came at the free throw line, which is something else that Holliday said drained some of the Wildcats' offensive momentum in the second half.

The Wildcats could not create a rhythm in transition because of the foul situation and in turn they were trying to rush when they did get into their offensive sets.

In the fourth quarter, Holliday noted his players did a good job of correcting those issues and started to move the ball around in order to create some good looks on offense. Ashlyn Weilert then hit a big three halfway through the quarter to extend Holton's lead to 11 points and Shay Tanking followed suit not much later.

"Ashlyn's shot was in rhythm. Shay's shot was in rhythm. We did some good things at that point in time that allowed us to get into shooting position, that allowed us to catch the ball and have time to set our feet and kind of relax a little bit," Holliday said. "If you're relaxed, you're going to shoot the basketball better. You're not going to be near as tense."

Those threes were a dagger to the Tigers as Jeff West was forced to foul late while Holton milked the clock and made its free throws to secure the 45-30 victory.

Despite the ups and downs in the game, Holliday said he saw a lot of good things from his team. There is plenty still to work on, too, but he is okay with that. The energy level was good on Tuesday and he said the Wildcats (4-2) will need that again on Friday as they get ready for a big test against Nemaha Central on the road. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 6, 2015
JW: 2-10-8-10—30
HHS: 9-17-7-12—45
Individual statistics:
HHS: Boswell 12, A. Weilert 8, Moore 7, Tanking 7, Degenhardt 5, Thompson 2, Holaday 2, T. Weilert 1, Uhl 1.
JW: Brees 18, Slimmer 4, Murdie 4, Biggs 2, Becker 2.
Team statistics:
Rebounding: HHS- 24 (Thompson 8, Boswell 4, A. Weilert 3); JW- 23 (Brees 6, Murdie 6, Slimmer 3, Broxterman 3).
Assists: HHS- 13 (Boswell 6, A. Weilert 3, Sweet 2); JW- 1 (Slimmer 1).
Turnovers: HHS- 18; JW- 24.

Holton's Trey Tanking (shown above, right) floats a shot attempt over the outstretched arms of a Jeff West defender in the second half of Tuesday's game. Tanking was strong all-around and helped the Wildcats get going in transition in the second half on the way to a 74-44 win over the Tigers.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Wildcats start strong in 2015 with blowout win over Tigers

Call it an omen. Call it good timing. Call it hard work paying off. Whatever you want to call it, Wildcat Trey Tanking's steal and ensuing three-point play to start Tuesday's basketball contest between the Holton and Jeff West boys certainly seemed to set the tone for the rest of the game, a 74-44 victory for HHS.

From the start, Holton coach Ryan Noel has maintained an intense focus on the defensive end of the court and he said the Wildcats kept that up over the winter break. While it took a little time to get back in a rhythm in the first game of 2015, Holton eventually clamped down and corralled the visiting Tigers.

"In our practices over break we demanded an awful lot out of them and they met some of those demands. They worked really hard," Noel said. "Really, I wanted to see if we were close to getting into shape and I thought we were. I wanted to see how hard we could play and I thought they played real hard on the defensive end, so I was pretty pleased."

Both teams didn't give up much in the first quarter, but that gave way to a game of "anything you can do, I can do better" in the second quarter. Trey Tanking hit a three early on, but Jeff West's Grady Middendorf answered with back-to-back threes to bring the Tigers to within a point, 21-20.

From there, the game changed drastically as Holton's Garett Beecher slashed to the basket for two points out of a timeout that was just a drop in the bucket of the offensive outpouring that was to come as the Wildcats closed out the first half on an 18-5 run to take a 39-25 lead into halftime.

After a cold start from beyond the arc, Beecher quickly heated up in the second half on his way to a game-high 38 points, winning the battle with co-league scoring leader Jacob Dickey, who had 15 points in the game for Jeff West.

"No one ever sees the hours that he puts in, but it's a credit to him and all that time spent in the gym when no one's in here that he can have a little bit of success and a fun night when people are here," Noel said of Beecher.

The outcome of that individual battle helped the Wildcats win the war, too, and Noel also credited Tanking for the lockdown defense he provided when he switched to guarding Dickey later in the game.

Tanking also fueled the Wildcats' transition game, which picked up in the second half, and both players' successful nights helped their teammates as well, which Noel said was a big part of that critical run at the end of the first half.

"I thought we started making some shots in that run and I thought we shared the ball well. We got other people involved and I think that was important," Noel said.

While the Wildcats got into some foul trouble, with starting forward Indie Allen drawing his fourth foul just 15 seconds into the second half, that didn't deter Holton's defensive effort.

Noel noted the Wildcats got key contributions from Kaden Brandt and Aaron Bain off the bench to help the team continue to execute its game plan.

While Holton had a challenge in negating the height of one of the teams with the most collective size it has seen this season, Noel noted the HHS players did a better job of that in the second half while nearly hitting their goal of holding the Tigers to 42 total points.

"We just wanted to be good defensively. We wanted to limit them to one shot, box, board and run the floor. We thought we could have an advantage there," Noel said. "We didn't do that in the first half very well. Their goal at halftime was to rebound better and get baskets in transition in the second half, so I thought they achieved that."

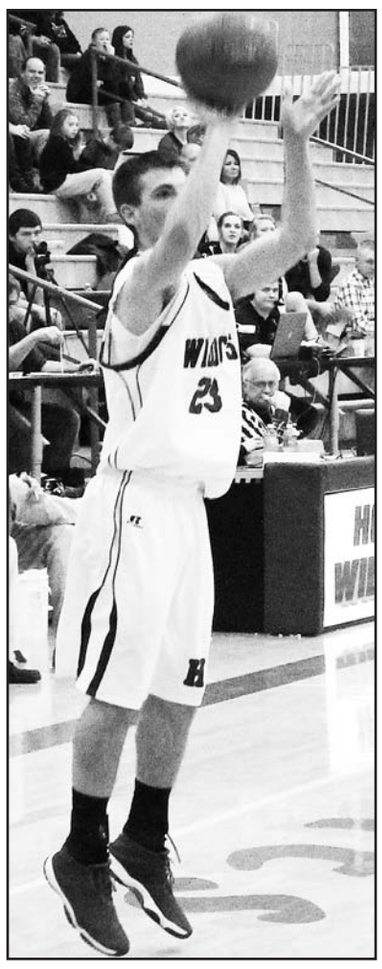
All of the Wildcats were also more aggressive in driving to the basket in the second half and started to draw some fouls on the Tigers to get points at the free throw line as well.

Beecher hit a three to extend the Wildcats' lead to 19 points as the third quarter drew to a close, which might well have been the finishing blow as Holton added 19 more points in the fourth quarter while Jeff West could only muster eight, allowing HHS to pick up the 30-point win on its home court.

Even with a good start to the second half of the season, Noel said there is still work to be done. The Wildcats haven't shied away from it yet this season, but Holton will have one of its biggest challenges on Friday as HHS (4-2) travels to Seneca to take on Nemaha Central. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

"I think we took some strides Tuesday evening and that's important for us to move forward because there are some goals that we're trying to meet and we're not there yet," Noel said.

Jan. 6, 2015
JW: 9-16-11-8—44
HHS: 13-26-16-19—74
Individual statistics:
HHS: Beecher 38, Tanking 16, Bergsten 8, Allen 3, Sides 3, Patch 3, Wright 3.
JW: Dickey 15, Middendorf 14, Overstreet 6, Mickens 4, Livingston 2, Brown 2, Schmidt 1.
Team statistics:
Rebounding: HHS- 27 (Bergsten 4, Allen 4, Beecher 4, Brandt 4, Sides 4); JW- 20 (Livingston 5, N. Schmidt 3, Middendorf 3, Overstreet 3, Mickens 3).
Assists: HHS- 17 (Tanking 7, Beecher 4, Wright 3); JW- 9 (Mickens 3, Overstreet 3, Dickey 2).
Turnovers: HHS- 8; JW- 13.



HHS guard Garett Beecher (shown above) lines up a three-pointer in the game against Jeff West. Beecher finished with a game-high 38 points on Tuesday.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Jackson Heights teams earn split on the road at Valley Falls

If you listened very closely after Tuesday's contest between the Jackson Heights and Valley Falls boys basketball teams, you might have heard a faint sigh of relief coming from the Cobras' locker room after a 56-39 win on the road.

After Heights was unable to get over the hump against the Dragons in three meetings last season, this year's squad got quite a cathartic win on Tuesday.

"It's a lot of new faces on the court, but I think you could tell that these guys wanted this one pretty bad," JH coach Chris Brown said. "It was nice to get that monkey off their back and get a win against them."

Jackson Heights started 2015 strong as it built up a 10-point lead over Valley Falls in the first quarter. After that, though, the Cobras eased off the gas and allowed the Dragons to catch up as the teams were separated by a mere five points entering the fourth quarter.

The Cobras are quickly gaining a reputation as finishers, though, and closed out with another strong fourth quarter to pull away for the 17-point win.

"The defense just went up to another level. We struggled in the half court all night. They're a very good half court team. Finally, in the fourth quarter, we were able to get some steals to get in transition and we were very efficient in transition," Brown said.

One key factor in allowing those opportunities was the play of Cobra forward Lane Slocum. Brown noted Valley Falls had a clear height advantage in the game, but the Jackson Heights senior didn't allow that to affect him as he battled down low all night and to allow the Cobra guards to take those chances and create some of the opportunities in the fourth quarter.

"He was very physical. He scored. He rebounded. He took a charge. He controlled the middle for us and that helped the guards go be aggressive, go shoot the gap and get some steals," Brown said of Slocum.

Slocum poured in eight points for Jackson Heights on the night, while the team was once again led in scoring by Zane Richter. Richter had an efficient night, finishing 12 of 19 from the floor and pouring in a game-high 28 points. Korby Strube also finished in double digits, adding 10 point for JHHS.

It was a good start to 2015 for JHHS and one that Brown hopes sets the tone for a busy month of basketball. The win also helped illustrate just how important physicality can be for undersized team like Jackson Heights.

"We saw that size is important in basketball, but it's certainly not everything and when you're up against someone bigger than you, you have to match their physicality at least," Brown said. "You can't let them be more physical than you and Tuesday night we did that. We were very physical down to our guards, really gave great effort and that ended up being the difference."

Jackson Heights (5-1) will now get set to host McLouth on Friday with games starting at 5 p.m.

Jan. 6, 2015
JH: 16-13-11-16—56
VF: 6-16-13-4—39
Individual statistics:
JH: Richter 12 (4) 0-1 28, Strube 3 (2) 2-4 10, Slocum 4 0-0 8, Olberding 1 (1) 2-2 5, Jacobsen 1 1-2 3, Holliday 1 0-0 2. Totals- 22 (7) 5-9 56.
VF: Allen 9 1-2 19, Haag 5 0-3 10, Gatzemeyer 3 2-2 8, Liewer 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 3-7 39.

JV
Jackson Heights 48, Valley Falls 35

C-Team
Valley Falls 51, Jackson Heights 15

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The Lady Cobras had a rougher go of things in Valley Falls on Tuesday and while Jackson Heights got a consistent effort throughout, it just wasn't quite enough to overcome the balanced attack of the host Dragons.

With the Cobra post players held in check through most of the night, Valley Falls was able to keep pulling away on the way to a 51-34 victory. JHHS (2-4) will now head back home for a contest with McLouth starting at 5 p.m. on Friday.

Jan. 6, 2014
JH: 9-9-6-10—34
VF: 16-11-15-9—51
Individual statistics:
JH: Keehn 3 (1) 4-5 11, Abel 4 (3) 0-0 11, Wells 1 3-6 5, Thomas 2 0-1 4, Gibson 1 0-0 2, Strube 0 1-2 1. Totals- 11 (4) 8-14 34
VF: Watson 7 2-4 16, Brown 3 4-4 10, Kearney 2 3-3 7, Jepson 2 (1) 0-0 5, Harrington 1 3-6 5, Frakes 2 0-2 4, Coleman 1 0-0 2, Gish 1 0-0 2. Totals- 19 (1) 12-19 51.

JV
Valley Falls 48, Jackson Heights 33

Wildcat Taryn Weilert (shown above, left) pulls up for a jump shot during the third quarter of Tuesday's Big Seven League contest against Jeff West. While Holton struggled offensively in the third quarter, the team did enough in the end to pick up a 45-30 victory over visiting Jeff West.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Panthers, Wildcats turn in stellar performances so far

With the second half of the high school basketball season picking back up on Tuesday, now seems like a good time to see where the area teams stand compared to their league competition.

For the Holton and Royal Valley boys, 2014 saw the teams succeed (both are tied for second behind co-league leaders Sabetha and Nemaha Central) in very different ways.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 3-1 start in league competition (3-2 overall) on the strength of team shooting as HHS leads the Big Seven in both three-point shooting percentage (44%) and free throw percentage (71%).

Meanwhile, the Panthers (3-1, 4-1 overall) have excelled on the defensive end of the floor and are second behind only Sabetha in fewest points allowed (39.6 per game) so far this season.

In addition to their strengths as a team, the Wildcats and Panthers have gotten some strong individual contributions as well, starting with Holton's Garett Beecher currently leading the league in scoring with 17 points per game.

Royal Valley's Noah Rottinghaus isn't far behind (fourth), contributing 15 points per game for the Panthers, while Trey Tanking is also in the top 10 for Holton with an 11.2 point scoring average.

The Jackson County players are also some of the top shooters in the league as Beecher is second in three-point field goal percentage (57%) while Holton's Parker Sides ranks fourth (50%) and teammate Bryson Patch is seventh (43%).

Rottinghaus ranks seventh in two-point field goal percentage (64%), while his Panther teammate Tristan Tessondorf (55%) is 13th and Beecher is 14th (54%) Beecher is also seventh in free throw percentage (70%).

With Royal Valley's penchant for defense, it should come as no surprise that it also has several players at the top of the league in rebounds and steals this season, with Rottinghaus ranking second in the Big Seven with an average of 8.6 rebounds per game, while teammate Jarrett Roy isn't far behind with 5.2 boards per game.

Four Panthers also rank among the top 15 in the league in steals per game, including Derrick Barger (2 spg, 6th), Rottinghaus (1.8 spg, 7th), Tessendorf (1.4 spg, 10th) and Nick Ehrhart (1.4 spt, 11th). Barger is also eighth in the league currently with an average of three assists per contest.

Tanking has also ranked among the best in the league in steals with an average of 2.4 per game (5th) and Patch is not far behind (8th) with 1.8 per game. Tanking also ranks fifth in the Big Seven with an average of 3.8 assists per game while Beecher pours in 3.2 assists per game.

Rounding out the strong individual performances is the only other league leader in Jackson County, as Joe Cullen is tops in the Big Seven with a total of 16 blocked shots this season (3.2 per game).

On the girls side, the Wildcats and Panthers haven't been as dominant in one particular area but have used a well-balanced front to put themselves in the top half of the league standings currently.

Holton ranks second in free throw percentage (57%) and fourth in two-point field goal percentage (38%), while the Panthers are fourth in terms of team defense, giving up an average of 38.4 points per game this season.

Some individual performances have also carried the Holton and Royal Valley girls, starting with three of the Panthers ranking in the top 15 of scoring in the Big Seven. That includes Kate Hanson (4th, 13.6 ppg), Jaycee Worrell (6th, 11.4 ppg) and Tamo Thomas (15th, 8.4 ppg), while Shay Tanking is the lone Wildcat in that group (12th) with a 9.8 point scoring average.

Tanking (36.4%, 8th) and Thomas (35.3%, 10th) are also among the top three-point shooters, while three different Wildcats are among the top 15 in two-point field goal percentage, including Emily Degenhardt (5th, 52.6%), Hayley Thompaosn (9th, 44.4%) and Ashlyn Weilert (12th, 42.3%). Levanna Biggoose is also seventh in two-point field goal percentage, shooting 50% so far this season.

Amongst the strong performances, Holton's Courtney Boswell is the only official league leader as she has the top free throw shooting percentage (73.7%) in the Big Seven. Teammate Tanking (68.4%) isn't far behind her in fourth, while Thomas (66.7%) is fifth for the Panthers.

Seeing several Wildcats and Panthers leading the league in steals is no surprise as Worrell is second with 4.2 per game, while Boswell is third with an average of 3.6. Panther Leslie Schuetz (8th) also landed in the top 10 with 2.6 per game, while Weilert rounds it out with an average of 2.4 steals so far this season.

Tanking is the only Jackson County player in the top 10 in assists, tying for fourth with three per game, while Thompson is fourth in the league with an average of .8 blocks per game.

With three-fourths of the season left to play, it looks like the Wildcats and Panthers are in good hands and well on their way to what could be another highly competitive season and, eventually, sub-state tournament.

Holton's Hayley Thompson (shown above, middle) corrals a loose ball rebound in the midst of a group of her teammates, including Emily Degenhardt (left), Courtney Boswell (near right) and Mackenzie Moore (far right), during the first half of Tuesday's game against Jeff West.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

New year means new goals for these sports teams in Kansas

By Kelly Breckunitch

It's a new year. We have effectively "rung in" 2015. Now, that means it's time to try and uphold some New Year's resolutions.

Resolutions and the start of a new calendar year go hand in hand as many people set out goals of self-improvement, self-realization, etc.

Well, I took it upon myself to include some of the major professional sports teams of Kansas in the resolution-making tradition and below are the goals I believe the local professional franchises and college teams should try to follow through on, along with the odds of them actually doing so.

Let's start with one of the most obvious resolutions that should be made by the **Kansas City Chiefs**. If they learned anything from 2014, hopefully it will lead them to resolve to improve the receiving corps in 2014.

The Chiefs' 2014 wide receivers joined some rare company as Kansas City became just the fourth team in NFL history to go an entire season without scoring a wide receiver touchdown. The last time it happened was in 1964 with the New York Giants.

Such a long span between occurrences speaks volumes to the ineptitude of the Chiefs' receiving corp. Tight end Travis Kelce led the team in receiving with 862 yards this past season, while Dwayne Bowe recorded 754 receiving yards, but no other player crossed the 300-yard receiving mark in 2014.

After passing on wide receivers like Kelvin Benjamin (1,008 receiving yards, 9 TDS in 2014) and Jordan Matthews (872 receiving yards, eight TDs) in the 2014 draft, it's clear the Chiefs cannot remain inactive in addressing receiver needs. This is a resolution Kansas City must follow through on, so I believe there is a 95 percent chance the Chiefs will uphold this resolution in 2015.

While Kansas City's football team may have had a disappointing season in 2014, the Royals more than made up for that in the summer as they captured the attention of not only Kansas and Missouri, but the nation as well, as they broke a 28-year drought and came one win short of claiming their first World Series title since 1985.

So, in essence, the **Royals'** resolution is a fairly easy one as well, as Kansas City need only resolve to not rest on its laurels in 2015.

Getting to the postseason was a big step for the franchise, but the front office can't bank on the good will the long playoff run may have built up with the fans. This is still a group that has been spurned more often than not in the past three decades, so GM Dayton Moore and owner David Glass must show a commitment to success to get everyone to buy into the Royals.

If the end of 2014 is any indication, then Kansas City may be in good shape. Compared to previous years, it has been an aggressive offseason for the Royals much similar to the last offseason.

Kansas City addressed positions of need with the signing of free agents Alex Rios (RF), Kendrys Morales (DH) and Edinson Volquez (SP), while making a gamble by signing the recovering Kris Medlen (SP).

It's a start, albeit a potentially overpriced one, but a continued aggressive nature like this could serve the Royals well as they look to have a much shorter gap between their next playoff appearance. Moore has shown his commitment to playoff baseball in Kansas City, so I'd say the Royals have a 90 percent success rate with this resolution.

Finally, let's focus on the Division I college teams in the state and the resolutions they should be setting for 2015, starting with **Kansas State football**.

The Wildcats and coach Bill Snyder seem to be a match made in heaven, except when it comes to bowl games. Snyder has led the Wildcats to 16 bowl berths in his long tenure, but the team only holds a 7-9 record in those games.

Considering the national stage and the recruiting power of these games, the Wildcats should resolve to make the most of bowl games in 2015.

In the last 10 bowl appearances for KSU (all in the new millennium), the Wildcats only boast three wins in that span. It seems as though all the idiosyncrasies of Snyder, the little things that work so much in K-State's favor in the regular season (no turnovers, few penalties) go right out the door during bowl season when opponents have several weeks to study and prep for the Wildcats.

This resolution may be a little unfair, as the Wildcats have been pretty competitive in most of these games (including the recent 40-35 thriller with UCLA in the Alamo Bowl), but a team that continues to buck expectations in its conference should be able to hold its own against any bowl opponent. I'd say Kansas State has a 75 percent chance of following through with this resolution in 2015.

What about the Wildcats' in-state rivals on the **Kansas football** team? Well, one long-term resolution the Jayhawks should certainly be aiming for is to keep a head coach around for more than three years.

After shorts stints by Turner Gill and Charlie Weis ended abysmally, KU is hoping new head coach David Beaty has a longer, brighter future ahead of him.

With Beatty coming back to KU and Clint Bowen staying on as defensive coordinator, it looks as though there is an attempt to rebuild the Jayhawks' glory days of not so long ago (only sans Mark Mangino). Kansas showed some flashes of that during Bowen's interim stint and if Beatty can keep building on that, then it's highly likely he will outlast his predecessors. Right now, I give Kansas an 80 percent chance of following through on this resolution.

Quick resolutions for the basketball teams that plug on in 2015 should include **Kansas State** trying to buck the trend of teams faltering later in Bruce Weber's tenure (with more of his own players). Considering the Wildcats' tepid start, I would give this resolution a mere 50 percent success rate.

As for the **Jayhawks**, well, they need to resolve to know thy "Self" in 2015. Kansas head coach Bill Self has a way of molding his teams into their best possible versions by the time postseason play rolls around and KU seems to be starting to make those strides.

From Frank Mason taking charge to Kelly Oubre emerging as the dynamic player most predicted he would be (after being nearly non-existent at the start of the season), it looks like Self has the Jayhawks headed in the right direction once again, giving Kansas an 85 percent chance of fulfilling this resolution.

New Year's resolutions are easy to be focused on at the start of the year, but they take work and commitment to uphold throughout the year. Now, it remains to be seen if these teams will dedicate themselves to these resolutions in 2015.

Wildcat Will Wright (shown above, right) drives towards the basket in the second half of the game against Jeff West as the Wildcats went full throttle on the way to a 30-point victory.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Holton wrestlers start 2015 off the right way in road dual

In the midst of some winter weather, Holton's wrestling team made the trek out to Spring Hill on Saturday to resume the wrestling season.

The Wildcats made the most of the trip, overcoming a slow start to pick up a convincing 48-24 dual victory over the Broncos in both teams' return to action.

After opening the dual with three straight losses, the Wildcats' middleweights came through once again as Holton won six straight matches to take control of the dual.

In the middle of that streak was the only match-up between state-ranked wrestlers, as Justin Rieschick (#2 in 4A) bested Brad Smith (#5 in 4A) by an 8-3 margin in the 145-lb. match. Spencer Baum and Trey Haverkamp followed that up with wins by fall to put HHS in the driver's seat.

Following the win to start the new year, the Wildcats will have more dual action coming up as Holton gets set to host Basehor-Linwood in a match-up starting at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Listed below are the full results from the Spring Hill dual.

Spring Hill dual

Team results:

Holton 48, Spring Hill 24

Individual results:

(106): Noah Nemer (SH) won by fall over Arturo Reveles.

(113): Trey McCormrick (SH) won by fall over Coultor Bisel.

(120): Rivanold Tegomo (SH) had an open round.

(126): Jameson Lutz had an open round.

(132): Justin Pool won by fall over Mason Bell (SH).

(138): Willie Bowman had an open round.

(145): Justin Rieschick won by decision, 8-3, over Brad Smith (SH).

(152): Spencer Baum won by fall over Cody Brewer (SH).

(160): Trey Haverkamp won by fall over Dakota Childress (SH).

(170): Bill Slyter (SH) won by decision, 13-7, over Logan Cannon.

(182): Kyler Tannahill won by decision, 4-0, over Nick Sprague (SH).

(195): Austin Storck (SH) won by decision, 17-11, over Brandon Lenherr.

(220): Nathan Shields won by fall over RayQuon Stowers (SH).

(285): Kegan Meister won by fall over Sam Christy (SH).

JV results:

(120): Rivanold Tegomo (SH) won by decision, 5-4, over Jaime Perez.

(138): Brandon Voth (SH) won by fall over Willie Bowman.

(182): Ryan Clark won by decision, 3-1, over Nick Sprague (SH).

(195): Keegan Crotchett (SH) won by fall over Tel Wittmer.

(220): Austin Woodard (SH) won by fall over Eugene Harris.

(285): Nathan Rossmeisl (SH) won by fall over Joseph Saucedo.

RV teams come up short in tough tests against Nemaha

The Panther boys were well aware of what was waiting for them when they returned to action on the basketball court in 2015 against the Thunder of Nemaha Central on Tuesday night. In the face of that challenge, the team looked undaunted.

Royal Valley even held a slim one-point lead after one half of play in the key Big Seven match-up at home, but the Panthers couldn't make that lead hold as the Thunder came back to pick up a 59-48 victory.

"I told them not to hang their heads. We still have things we have to improve on and you have to play some of the better teams to find those things out," RV coach Keith Pelton said after the game.

Once again, the Panthers were strong on the defensive end of the court and held the Thunder in check in the first half. Royal Valley didn't lose any steam in the second half, either, but Pelton noted Nemaha Central made some tough shots and if they didn't make their shots they got the offensive rebounds, drew some fouls and converted at the free throw line.

"That's how they were scoring. We just couldn't keep them off the line," Pelton said. "We can't give them second and third opportunities and then foul them on top of that."

Free throws were clearly a difference in the final quarter, as the Thunder outscored the Panthers by eight points to pull away for the win. Despite the tough loss, Pelton said he believes his team learned a lot about itself in the game against one of the co-league leaders.

"I think our kids got tougher. Hopefully, they believe they can play with a team like Nemaha now," Pelton said. "To be one of the best, you have to beat the best. That's what we have to be able to do. We've been there at the door step, we just haven't been able to step through it yet and that's what we have to work on."

If the Panthers' reaction after Tuesday's loss is any indication, they are more than willing to do that work and hungry for that next level of success. Luckily for them, Royal Valley will have another chance at a marquee win in its next game on Friday as the Panthers (4-2) get set to host the other co-league leader, Sabetha, in games starting at 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 6, 2015

NC: 7-13-18-21—59

RV: 13-8-14-13—48

Individual statistics:

RV: Roy 4 5-6 13, K. Spoonhunter 4 0-3 8, Tessendorf 4 0-0 8, N. Rottinghaus 2 (1) 1-2 6, Cullen 2 1-2 5, Barger 2 0-1 4, J. Rottinghaus 1 0-1 2, M. Spoonhunter 1 0-0 2. Totals- 20 (1) 7-15 48.

NC: Elder 4 7-8 15, Holthaus 4 4-8 12, Henry 4 0-0 8, Beck 2 2-2 6, Schulte 0 6-8 6, Allen 1 2-4 4, Oller 1 2-5 4, Rottinghaus 1 0-0 2, Winkler 0 1-3 1, Bradley 0 1-2 1. Totals- 17 25-40.

JV

Nemaha Central 50, Royal Valley 21

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While the Lady Panthers got off to a good start in their contest with the Thunder of Nemaha Central, the defensive prowess of Nemaha took its toll later in the game.

After building up a one-point lead in the first quarter, the Panthers were held in check in the second and third as the Thunder pulled away for a 50-29 victory on Tuesday.

Royal Valley (3-3) will now regroup and get ready for another tough test as the Panthers get set to host the Blue Jays of Sabetha on Friday. Action will start at 4:30 p.m. in the RVHS gym.

Jan. 6, 2015

NC: 9-15-13-13—50

RV: 10-2-7-10—29

Individual statistics:

RV: Thomas 4 (1) 1-1 10, Baker 1 3-5 5, Hanson 2 0-1 4, Worrell 1 1-4 3, L. Schuetz 1 0-0 2, Putnam 1 0-3 2, Dahl 1 0-3 2, Biggoose 0 1-2 1. Totals- 11 (1) 6-19 29.

NC: Baumgartner 5 8-10 18, McKernan 3 (3) 0-0 9, Swart 3 2-6 8, J. Macke 2 0-0 4, Schmitz 1 2-2 4, Peterson 0 3-6 3, Rottinghaus 1 (1) 0-0 3, L. Macke 0 1-6 1. Totals- 15 (4) 16-30 50.

JV

Nemaha Central 40, Royal Valley 30

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Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Beverly Kranz recently had the joy and honor to watch her grandson, Brandon DeVader, become a 2nd Lieutenant in the Kansas Air National Guard. Also attending were Debbie Kennedy, Shawna Blackwood and Jessica Schageck. They flew to Montgomery, Ala. on Dec. 17.

On Thursday, Brandon gave them a tour of Maxwell Air Force base. That evening, they attended a "Dining Out" in Montgomery. This was a very formal event, full of tradition and also humor. Friday morning was the swearing in and the honor of pinning on his bars, which all four of the ladies were able to take part in. The parade followed with the marching, music and fly over. They all enjoyed the wonderful trip.

Kathy Kranz was a breakfast guest of Roy and Beverly Kranz on Christmas Day. That evening, Roy and Beverly were invited to join John and Debbie Kennedy at their home in Topeka. After watching the children open their gifts, they enjoyed a traditional Earl and Leola Kranz Christmas dinner. Others present were Brock, Shawna, Carson and Madison Blackwood, Brandon DeVader, Jessica Schageck and Gage, John, Brooke, Brynley and Tate Johnson, Katie Kennedy and Adam Hughes.

Kenny Wykert and Bob Wykert went down to Rose Hill on Wednesday, Dec. 24, to visit Rick and Meggin DeMoss, Jay and Ashley Doshier and Jax and Ruby and Ben DeMoss for Christmas. They returned home on Dec. 26. On Dec. 27, Kenny Wykert went to the home of Larry and Julie Wykert, Olivia and Ben for a Christmas celebration. Gerald Wykert was also in attendance.

Don and Deloris Beam spent Christmas Eve with Denny and Denise Wheeler and their family at the home of Ginger and Tim Prine and family. Don and Deloris spent Christmas Day with Gary and Jill Beam and family at Auburn. Dale and Cathleen Reed and Pat Kennedy spent New Year's Eve with Don and Deloris at their home, eating, playing games and visiting. No better way to spend the holidays, than with family and friends.

Sympathy is extended to Leota and Steve Wilkerson and Deb and Harmon Rash in the loss of Leota and Deb's mother, Eva Schreiber, who died on Dec. 28 at her home at Soldier.

Sympathy also goes out to Marla and Leroy Shupe at the loss of Marla's father, Bill Larkin, who died on Dec. 31 at a Topeka hospital.

We also send sympathy to Lois and John Boyd at the loss of Lois' mother, Charlene Squires, of Onaga. She died on Dec. 31 at Deseret Healthcare of Onaga.

Area School Schedules

Jackson Heights Unified
School District No. 335

Monday, Jan. 12: 7 p.m. BOE meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 15: 4 p.m. High School Scholars Bowl @ Pleasant Ridge.

Friday, Jan. 16: FBLA District II Contest @ JCN; Little Cheer Clinic performance.

Holton Unified
School District No. 336

Sunday, Jan. 11: 5 p.m. Post Prom Committee meeting @ HMS.

Monday, Jan. 12: 6 p.m. BOE meeting; 4 p.m. Varsity Scholars Bowl @ Riverside.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: 5:30 p.m. Elementary Site Council meeting @ Central; 6:30 p.m. PTO open meeting @ Central.

Royal Valley Unified
School District No. 337

Monday, Jan. 12: 7:30 p.m. BOE meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Staff development, 9:30 a.m. late start for all students.

Saturday, Jan. 17: 9 a.m. Powerlifting meet @ RVHS.

Prairie Hills Unified
School District No. 113

Monday, Jan. 12: 7 p.m. BOE meeting.

Friday, Jan. 16: 2:45 p.m. SMS winter sports pictures.

PBP Elder Center Meals

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.

The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Enrolled tribal members age 50 and older may eat for free. Non-member seniors or non-seniors will be charged a fee for meals.

Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158th Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-0040.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 5 through Friday, Jan. 9 are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 5: Chili and hot dogs, green beans, carrot salad and fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Fried catfish, rice pilaf, carrots and biscuit.

Wednesday, Jan. 7: Beef stroganoff, broccoli, tossed salad and garlic bread.

Thursday, Jan. 8: Chicken and rice, roast beef sandwich, salad and fruit.

Friday, Jan. 9: Tuna sandwich, broccoli soup, fruit salad and yogurt.

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• Friday, Jan. 9. Starting at 10:30 a.m. Tom and Leisa Halling farmland auction. City Hall, 301 Kansas, Lancaster. For more information, contact Barnes Realty Co. at 785-742-4580.

• Saturday, Jan. 31. Starting at 1:30 p.m. Duane Kufahl real estate auction. Onaga Senior Citizens Building, 200 Bypass Rd., Onaga. For more information, contact Cline Realty and Auction at 785-889-4775.

December 2014 Weather Readings

Date	High	Low	Rain	Snow
12/1	26	9	0	0
12/2	43	14	0	0
12/3	41	25	0	0
12/4	41	33	.25	0
12/5	46	35	.05	0
12/6	35	32	0	0
12/7	42	32	0	0
12/8	52	21	0	0
12/9	33	22	0	0
12/10	33	29	0	0
12/11	39	33	0	0
12/12	55	39	0	0
12/13	55	48	0	0
12/14	58	46	.76	0
12/15	47	25	0	0
12/16	29	21	0	0
12/17	28	20	0	4
12/18	30	26	0	0
12/19	32	27	0	0
12/20	46	31	0	0
12/21	43	38	0	0
12/22	46	32	.25	0
12/23	37	32	0	0
12/24	34	26	.04	0
12/25	54	24	0	0
12/26	54	24	0	0
12/27	32	13	0	0
12/28	40	16	0	0
12/29	39	6	0	0
12/30	15	2	0	0
12/31	21	3	0	0

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Current high school seniors and returning undergraduate students are encouraged to apply. The deadline for applications is March 13.

The application is posted on the company websites www.giantcomm.net and www.jbntelco.com and is also available by contacting the companies' Holton office at 800-346-9084.

Mayetta Methodist

By Karen Burns

On Dec. 21, the candle lighters at Mayetta Methodist Church were Corey Smith and Trevor. The bell ringer was Cody Smith. The ushers were Charles Harden and Bud Stauffer. The scripture was read from Isaiah 12:2. The children's message was "Mary and Elizabeth Believe." The sermon title was "The Shout Of A Mother-To-Be" with the text coming from Luke 1:46b-56.

The lighting of the advent candle was performed by Randy Rickel and Sharon Gabriel.

The church continues to offer prayers of comfort and healing for Dale Sudduth, Darlene Rawlings, Shelly Ramage and Alva Burns.

The birthday song was sang for Shirley Stauffer, whose special day was Dec. 21.

Christmas Eve services were held at 6:30 p.m.

The Stan White family gathered on Saturday, Dec. 20, to celebrate our Lord's birthday. There was lots of good food to share and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer enjoyed the Shoji Tabuchi Christmas Show at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Bud, Rose and Tim Stauffer attended the RVHS Jazz Band performance on Wednesday evening. Bud and Shirley Stauffer enjoyed having their children and grandchildren visit on Thursday and Friday. They came to see Bryan and Cindy Stauffer, who left for their new home in Stanwood, Wash., on Friday afternoon.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, Bud and Shirley went to the Kansas Ballet Company's presentation of "The Nutcracker Suite" at Topeka Performing Arts Center. Granddaughters Aidan and Brenna Stauffer were angels in the performance.

Joshua and Miriam Burns of Littleton, Colo., were guests in the home of Alva and Karen Burns on Dec. 12, 13 and 14. They arrived on Friday afternoon and returned home on Monday, Dec. 15. It was such a pleasure to have them, not having seen them for about a year and a half. Joshua is in his second year of seminary.

Karen Burns, along with a number of other family members, were guests in the home of Matthew and Rhonda Burns in Topeka on Dec. 24. A nice meal was shared, after which all visited with Alva Burns in the Kansas Rehab Hospital.

One measure of our likeness to Christ is our sensitivity to the suffering of others.

On Dec. 28, the candle lighters were Cody and Corey Smith. The usher was Liz Smith. The scripture was read from John 17:11. The children's message was "Follow The Light." The sermon title was "Is Christmas Over?" with the text coming from Matthew 2:13-23. The special was "Away In A Manger" led by Pastor Howard, David Oakley and Karen Burns.

The church family continues to offer prayers for healing and comfort for Dale Sudduth, Marvin Long, Darlene Rawlings, Shelly Ramage and Alva Burns.

God works through us to meet the needs of those around us.

Floyd and June Schlodder spent Christmas Day in Topeka in the home of Lalo and Kathy Ramirez. Also present to share the day were Darrell and Margy Brown. After dinner and the opening of gifts, they all enjoyed several games of Bingo.

The family of Bud and Shirley Stauffer gathered at the Jeff Stauffer home near Silver Lake for their Christmas meal and gift exchange on Sunday, Dec. 28.

Floyd and June Schlodder were in Horton on Friday, Dec. 26, to visit with Allen and Donna Hallauer, who seem to be doing well.

In creation we see God's hand, and in redemption we see His heart.

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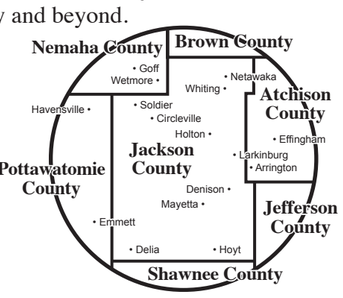

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Used Cars & Trucks

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2014 TRAVERSE 1LT, AWD, DEMO, 3.6L V6, AT, PW, PL, Htd. Cloth, Bkup Cam, Rmt. St., Hmlink., Fog, 3rd Row, 6,260 miles
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FOR-SALE: Big round bales 2014 brome/prairie hay, up to 400-bales. 785-535-4814, evenings.

Lawn & Garden

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

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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

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Employment

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

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Firewood

Oak, locust, hackberry, hedge, maple, mulberry, walnut, mixed wood. 785-969-9167/Holton.

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.

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

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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.
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Rental Property

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

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.

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Employment

Maintenance Mechanics Needed!

Banner Creek LLC. is looking for a few candidates with great mechanical aptitude to help us maintain our facility. Qualified candidates will have a high school diploma or equivalent and a background or training in industrial maintenance. These positions require the upkeep of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and automated equipment.

Positions are available on 2nd and 3rd shifts. Good communication and teamwork a must. Competitive pay and benefits including a pay for skills program, bonus program, 401(k) with company match, and a profit sharing plan.

Apply online at: jobs.johnsonville.com or in person at 619 E. 4th St., Holton, KS 66436.

We value the diversity of our workforce and we embrace the principles of Equal Opportunity Employment. Banner Creek values the service Veterans and their family members have given to our country. We support the hiring of returning service members and military spouses.

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.
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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.

CLERK / DATA COLLECTOR

The Jackson County Appraiser's office is accepting applications for clerk/data collector. Duties will include working with the public, computer data entry, phone interviews and property inspections. Position is full time, Monday through Friday with occasional travel for training. Basic math, computer skills and the ability to work with the public are required. A background in real estate, construction or advanced computer skills will be helpful. Benefits include paid leave, holidays and health insurance for the employee. Applications will be taken until January 16, 2015. Applications are available at the Jackson County Clerk's office, Holton. EOE

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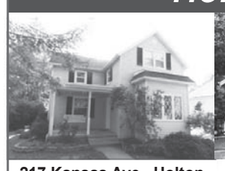
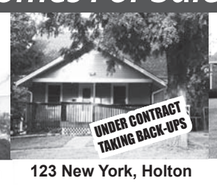
Homes For Sale!


217 Kansas Ave., Holton
$115,000 3BD/1BA
Charming 1 1/2 story, oversized yard partially fenced, 2 Car Garage.



123 New York, Holton
$79,900 3BD/1BA
Old World Details. Full Bsmt. Many Valuable Updates! Warranty/ Appliances incl!

711 W. 5th St., Holton
$137,000 3BD/2 1/2 BA
Well maintained home. Classy kitchen, huge yard!
Listed by Ryan Lehmkuhl.

1911 SE 23rd, Topeka
$69,900 3BD/1.5BA
Updates Top to Bottom incl. Master BR suite addition.

9718 T4 Rd., Hoyt
$52,500 1BD/1BA
On 3 AC m/l, outbuildings, treed property, fruit trees.

114 W. 5th, Holton
- Remodeled business location, kitchen and bath. Updated Electrical, Central H/AC, garage, bsmt. & more.

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NEW LISTING - 831 NEW JERSEY - 3 Bdr., 2 Bath, 2-Story Home. Home has newer FA Heat and metal roof. Has basement, porches and garage. Priced in the $70's. Call Terry.

235 DEFOREST, WHITING - Great 2 Bdr. Bungalow on large lot with partial bsmt., storage shed and porches. Some updates. Priced in $30's. Call Terry 364-7357.

BUILDING SITES:
Hoyt – 3 Lots. 90 x 125 each –$16,500.00 each
Hoyt – Large Corner Lot. Older Bldgs – $19,500.00
Hoyt – 3 Acre Site north of Hoyt – $16,500.00

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Joni White 785-364-7153

OPEN HOUSE

324 Morgan, Netawaka Saturday, Jan. 10 1 p.m.-2 p.m.
See with Margie.

PRICE REDUCED! Sellers willing to help with $2,000 of buyer's closing costs with reasonable offer. 4 BR, 1.5 bath, New 30 x 30 garage w/concrete. Many updates including hardwood floors.

PRICE REDUCED 4 BR - 3 BA on 2.8 AC m/l

Open flr. plan - wood ceilings, SS Appl. Full fin. walk-out bsmt. Call Charlene.

Westside 3 BR - 2 BA Ranch Att. Dble. Garage

Lg. family room & many updates. Beautiful yard. Call Margie.

NEW LISTING- Great Family Home In Picturesque Setting

3 BR, Acreage, Two Ponds, including watershed & docks. Call Joni.

5 AC - 3 BR - 2 BA on full bsmt. & att. garage

Great shop & Landscaped f/p - Call Beth.

2 BR w/Lg Kitchen & open LR & DR - updated bath

Fenced Bkyd & Deck Call Joni.

PRICE REDUCED $50's 3 BR - 2 BA mfg. home

JH Schools Great Flr Plan - Call Beth.

10 AC & Farm Home 3 BR - 2 Story

Nat. gas & RR Water JH Schools - Call Charlene.

PRICE REDUCED 3 BR - 1 1/2 BA Hdwd Flrs.

Lots of Character - Ceramic Tile Super Garage - Call Aaron.

80 AC & 4 BR - 3 BA Walk-out Bsmt. - Granite Counter Top

2 f/p - Lots of timber & winding drive - Call Aaron.

Employment

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SEEKING PART-TIME COORDINATOR

The Jackson County Farm Bureau Association
(Voice of Agriculture)

is seeking a part-time coordinator. Position is approximately 16-20 hours per week. Applicants must exhibit strong written and verbal communication skills, be self-directed, highly motivated, focused and use good time management skills. Experience with Word, Excel and Power Point preferred. Job duties include administrative assistant duties to the association board, coordinating events, bookkeeping, social media and website updates. Willing to train the right candidate. Submit detailed letter of interest and resume to the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association, P.O. Box 1005, Holton, KS 66436, or submit the letter of interest/resume via e-mail to: jacksonfb@kfb.org
Letter of interest/resumes accepted until January 19, 2015.

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

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Employment

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

Qualifications:

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- Prior agricultural transport driving experience preferred but will hire and train the right person
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Rental Property

SOUTHVIEW APARTMENTS of Holton
2-bedroom, 890 sq. ft.
Please call Donna (785) 364-5074.

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.

Automobiles

2006 Ford Taurus SE: 72,500-miles, AT/PW/PS, AM/FM/CD, AC. $4,000/OBO. 785-364-0490

Trucks

1998 Ford Ranger XLT, 184,000-miles, AT/PS, AM/FM/casette, AC. $1,000/OBO. 785-364-0490

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- Markers
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Delia council meets

Delia Mayor Don Trimble called the city council meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8. Present were Trimble, council members Donna Knehans, John Nitsch, Molly Robb and Zack Robb, City Attorney Scott Hesse and City Clerk Isabel Bogowith. Not present were council member Denise Meltz and Treasurer Nikki Dohrman.

Bogowith read the November minutes. Nitsch moved to approve the minutes. Molly Robb seconded and the motion passed.

Nitsch moved to pay the bills and accept the financial report as presented. Molly Robb seconded. The motion passed.

Council members looked over a report on Delia's yearly water loss.

Council members discussed the city of Delia's ordinance for unpaid bills. Council members voted to change the date late bills are due to 10 days following when the late notice is mailed. Council members discussed nearby towns' late payment policies.

Nitsch moved to appoint Zach Robb as hearing examiner for water bill issues. In the event Zach Robb is not available for a hearing, Mayor Trimble will stand in. Attorney Hesse will attend the first hearing to advise. Molly Robb seconded. The motion passed.

Bogowith presented Delia's new e-mail and password.

Molly Robb moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Nitsch seconded and the motion passed.

The next regular council meeting was to be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 5.

Mayor Don Trimble called the Delia City Council meeting to order at 7 p.m. on Nov. 3. Present were Trimble, council members Donna Knehans, Denise Meltz, John Nitsch, Molly Robb and Zack Robb, Treasurer Nikki Dohrman and City Clerk Isabel Bogowith. Not present was City Attorney Scott Hesse.

Bogowith read the October minutes. Knehans moved to approve the minutes. Meltz seconded.

Brian Ford, representing Topeka Engineering Firm, introduced himself to the council. Ford spoke to the council about how Topeka Engineering Firm could help the city of Delia replace water lines.

Rita Clary of KWRA introduced herself to the council. Clary spoke to the council about what part the city of Delia would play in replacing water lines. She explained grants and funding for replacing water lines. Ford and Clary answered council members' questions.

Visitor Linda Dohrman spoke to the council about enrolling Delia in the Kansas Pride Committee. Dohrman spoke of the responsibilities of a Pride Committee. Meltz moved to adopt ordinance 1-2014, making Delia part of the Pride Committee. Nitsch seconded.

Chief James House, representing Delia Fire, spoke to the council about getting power to the water tower. He explained to the council that Delia Fire's radio reception has improved, but there is still a possibility that Jackson County will use the tower to put a booster on.

Molly Robb moved to start a search grant. Zach Robb seconded.

Nikki Dohrman asked that the council consider reaching out to residents outside city limits.

Treasurer Dohrman presented the financial report. Nitsch moved to pay the bills and accept the financial report as presented. Knehans seconded.

Mayor Trimble informed the council that John Robb has offered to fill potholes in Delia, provided Delia supplies gravel. Meltz moved to buy two loads of gravel. Molly Robb seconded.

Mayor Trimble asked the council to approve the city of Delia purchasing a tool set. Nitsch moved to approve purchasing a tool set. Zach Robb seconded.

Molly Robb moved that the city of Delia purchase sand for the plow truck. Meltz seconded.

Molly Robb moved that the city of Delia credit Zack Robb's water account $192 for over-charged water bills. Meltz seconded.

Meltz made a report to council members on nearby towns' water rates.

Council members signed in Delia's

First Baptist Church News

By Shirley M. Cameron

On Sunday, Jan. 4, those at Holton First Baptist Church were favored by a number played by Kaitlyn Little and Adam Amon; also written by them and beautifully done during the offertory.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Kim Muller and family in the death of her loved one, Bobby.

W.I.L.D. Ones resume meetings on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the EUM Church. The quarterly business meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Jan. 14.

Pastor Tim's sermon was titled "Oops, There's Been a Change in Plans." He opened with the scripture from Proverbs 3:5, 6 – "Trust in the Lord and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths."

When the angel Gabriel appeared to a young virgin who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, the angel shared the news that she would bare a son. The babe's name would be Jesus and He would be called the Son of the Most High. This would only be possible through the power of God, "for nothing is impossible with God," Luke 1:37.

How Mary and Joseph's plans were changed! Yet they submitted to the will of God and were obedient. When changes come our way, Pastor Tim encouraged us to not let our plans cause us to miss out on God's purpose. We must plan for interruptions which bring inconvenience and the impossible. We must celebrate each day as it comes along, asking God to direct us through changes in our lives. His plan is always best, even though we may not be able to see it.

We read in Jeremiah 29:10, 11 "'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'"

Read on to verses 12 and 13 to learn that we should pray to the Lord; you shall seek Him and find Him when you seek Him with all your heart.

2015 will undoubtedly bring about changes in our lives, but we must obey the scripture in Proverbs 3 and here in Jeremiah.

Ag Week ends on higher tone

By Matt Hines

The week ended on a sharply higher tone last Friday in the cattle pits supported by cash feedlot trade mostly done by midweek when the futures did not react at all.

Live sales were mostly $4 to $6 higher and dressed sales $7 to $8 higher. Cattle sold on the southern plains of Texas and Kansas for mostly $166, with a few marked as high as $167.

In the north, cattle started trading at $166 live in Nebraska then went to $167, $168, and finally finished up late Wednesday afternoon at $169. The dressed trade in Nebraska took place at mostly $2.65 to $2.66. Colorado sold their cattle for mostly $169 and Iowa sold their cattle for mostly $165 to $166 live and $2.65 to $2.66 dressed.

Feeders were even more impressive last week with the nearby January contract finishing limit higher Friday. Winter temperatures have set in for most areas and it looks like we won't get much above freezing here locally this week.

Snowfall in the north and down in Texas has accumulated as well. Barns should all be back open this week after closed the past couple weeks for the holidays.

For the week, Friday to Friday, February live cattle was up $3.20, January feeders were up $10.22, February lean hogs were down $.25, CME Feeder Index was up $14.28 and CME Lean Hog Index was down $.82. Boxed Beef, Choice was up $3.31 and Select was up $3.71.

Cattle slaughter from Friday estimated at 108,000 head, up 16,000 from last week but down 13,000 from last year. For the week, 452,000 head, up 61,000 from the week previous but down 73,000 from a year ago.

Early demand was reported very good, as most livestock sale barns are back open after being closed the past couple weeks. Oklahoma City reported $5 to $10 higher than their last sale in mid-December for feeder steers and calves but $3 to $4 for heifers.

Monday's Jan. 5 Livestock Futures Settlements:

- February Live Cattle +$.55 @ $166.22, April +$.87 @ 165.45.
- January Feeders +$1.72 @ $225.67, March +$1.92 @ $223.37.
- February Lean Hogs -$1.37 @ $79.92, April -$.70 @ $82.80.

Over in the grains, Friday was a lower to sharply lower day across the pits with soybeans leading the way and closed out a lower week. All grains fell hard to or below support levels but volume was still light, just slightly better than volume the week of Christmas. Export sales were not disappointing last week but the sharply higher dollar continues to pressure U.S. exports.

For the week, March corn was down $.19, January soybeans were down $.45, March Kansas City wheat was down $.27¼ and March Chicago wheat was down $.29½.

Over the weekend, news still remained fairly light. Early reports from Brazil soybean harvest indicate some record yields to start their new crop. China is rumored to be in the market for considerably more U.S. DDGs now through February. USDA announced Monday morning a sale of 223,000 MT of U.S. soybeans to China.

Export shipments reported Monday were in line with expectations for wheat and soybeans again but 7+ MBU short of expectations for corn at 21.2 MBU inspected for export. Year-to-date shipments are now only 5.3 MBU ahead of last year's pace. 51.7 MBU of soybeans were shipped for the week ending Jan. 1 with approximately 72 percent going to China. 12.96 MBU of U.S. wheat was shipped out with most of that total going to countries in Southeast Asia.

Monday's Jan. 5 Grain Futures Settlements:

- March Corn +$.10¼ @ $4.06, New Crop December +$.09½ @ $4.29.
- January Soybeans +$.37¼ @ $10.39¾, New Crop November +$.31¾ @ $10.25.
- March Kansas City Wheat +$.07¾ @ $6.24¾, July +$.07 @ $6.31¼.
- March Chicago Wheat +$.07¾ @ $5.89, July +$.07 @ $5.96.

March corn has support at $3.95 and now resistance at $4.07. January soybeans are now right back in the middles of the $10 to $10.60 range seen over the past month.

Wheat had a nice higher trend going but these spikes higher have been met with some massive sell offs. March Kansas City wheat retraced all the way back to the December low at $6.10. If that level does not hold, look for it to try to take out the $6 area. March Chicago wheat looks similar but held above the $5.72 December low last Friday with support at $5.70 and resistance near $6.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options.

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

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernritter

Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015 was a cold, snowy morning as Jack Bernritter and Melvin Wells shoveled snow off Buck's Grove Church steps. Charlotte Milroy welcomed the congregation into a warm church.

After Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles, Charlotte asked for announcements and led us in the call to worship and the opening prayer. Denny Ashcraft provided the recorded music and Donna Ashcraft acted as song leader as the congregation sang "There's A Song in the Air," "Go Tell It on the Mountain" and "We Three Kings."

Charlotte read scripture from Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12. Psalter reading was Psalms 72:1-70, 10-14.

Theresa Rieschick read an interesting article titled "NASA and the Bible." Gospel reading was taken from Matthew 2:1-12.

Charlotte's message was titled "Greatest Miracle." It was in Bethlehem, David's city, that the Jews expected God's Anointed One to come into the world. After the birth of Jesus, Magi came to visit. Magi were men who were skilled in medicine, natural science and philosophy. They interpreted dreams and were good and holy men who sought for truth.

Herod, the ruler of Palestine, heard about the birth of a child who had been born to be King of the Jews. He sent for Magi men to search for the child, as his desire was to murder the child, as he was afraid that this child was going to interfere with his life.

There are people like Herod who would destroy Jesus Christ because they see in Him the one who interferes with their lives. The man who desires to do what he likes has never had any use for Jesus Christ. A Christian is a man who has ceased to do what he likes and has dedicated his life to do as Christ likes.

Lord, we thank you for the greatest miracle and gift of all, Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick were offertory ushers. Worship service closed with singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Bible study, led by Donna, followed the worship service.

Club meets

By Marcus Pruett

The December meeting of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H Club was held Dec. 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Dean Klahr.

A project talk was given by Jerilyn Nelson. Jerilyn talked about different breeds of dogs and their uses.

The next project talk was given by Judd Nelson. Judd's talk was on drones.

A ceremony was held because the club earned the purple seal for the year.

Club members always have a soup supper to celebrate Christmas. They had chili and cinnamon rolls and other treats. It was very good.

As a Christmas donation to the community, each family brought $5 to be donated to the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

There were eight members present at the meeting. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 11. The meeting was adjourned.

Commodities to be distributed

Upcoming Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Commodities Distributions have been scheduled and are as follows (distributions are on a first-come/first-serve basis, and all institutions are equal opportunity providers):

- Atchison County: TEFAP Commodities for Atchison County residents will be distributed from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the Salvation Army (lower level), 926 Commercial St. in Atchison. Please bring your photo ID, proof of income and utility bill. If you are picking up for someone else, you must have a proxy form signed by both parties (you can pick up this form at the Salvation Army office). For more information, please contact Kim at 913-367-1207 or Kim_Bottorff@usc.salvationarmy.org
- North Brown County (Hiawatha): 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 1803 Oregon St., Hiawatha. For more information, please contact Karen at 785-742-7152 or karen.wilson@nekaaa.org
- South Brown County (Horton): 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Horton Senior Center, 116 W. Eighth St., Horton. For more information, please contact June at 785-486-2735 or fundjj@carsoncomm.com
- Doniphan County: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Pioneer Center (137½ West Walnut St. in Troy), Keenage Center (1009 Vernon Rd. in Wathena), Highland Center (102 N. Kirkwood St. in Highland), and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Leisure Hour Center (410 N. Ninth St. in Elwood). For more information, please contact Joi at 785-985-2380 or dpcoaging@rainbowtel.net
- Jackson County: TEFAP Commodities for Jackson County residents will be distributed at the JCMA New Hope Food Pantry, Fifth and Wisconsin Streets (basement of the First Christian Church), in Holton. The JCMA New Hope Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Jennifer Pappas at 785-362-7021 or jenilu2348@msn.com
- Jefferson County: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the JCSO office (410 Liberty St.) in Oskaloosa, and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at Sunset Haven Apartments (940 Frazier St.) in Valley Falls. For more information, please contact Lynn at 785-863-2637 or mlluck23@yahoo.com

TEFAP Income Guidelines (effective April 1, 2014):

Household size, maximum gross income:
1 – $1,265
2 – $1,705
3 – $2,144
4 – $2,584
5 – $3,024
6 – $3,464
7 – $3,904
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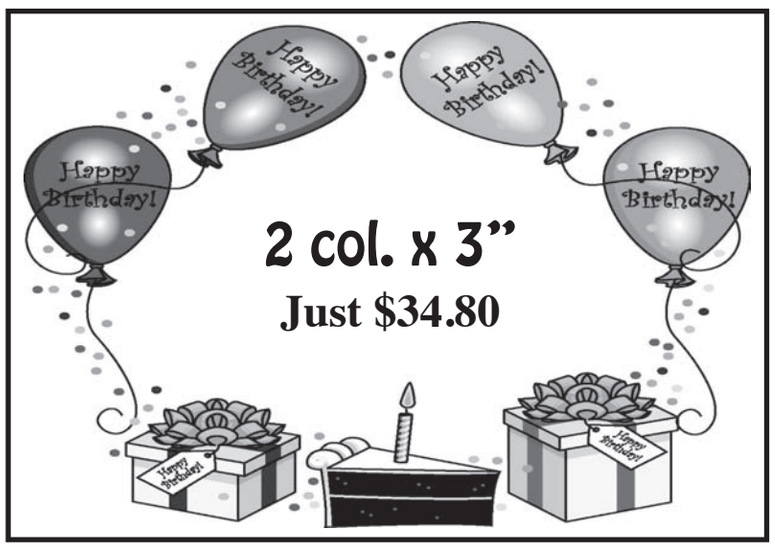

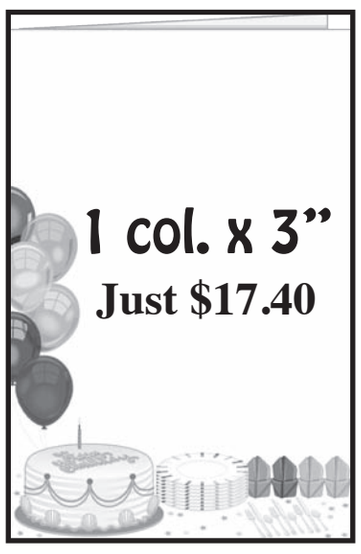

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Royal Valley High School student Autumn Lake (left) looks for her name among the boxes and boxes of Chromebook laptops being assigned to students at the school Tuesday with help from Luke Beatty (right), technology assistant. Each student at the school who returned a signed policy slip received a new Chromebook for school use this semester. *Photo by Ali Holcomb*

Chromebooks...

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In September, the USD 337 Board of Education approved a new technology initiative presented by school administrators and members of the district's "tech team." The goal of the tech plan is to have a one to two ratio per iPad for elementary students, a one to one ratio per Chromebook, other laptops and iPads at the middle school and a one to one ratio per Chromebook for high school students.

In the following months, 120 iPad tablets for the elementary school were purchased, as well as 140 Chromebooks for the middle school and 300 Chromebooks for the high school.

At the middle school, seventh- and eighth-grade students will begin to be assigned a Chromebook next week for use at the school, and the devices will be checked out and returned daily at the school. Students will not leave school grounds with them, it was reported.

Students in grades five and six will be provided Apple MacBooks (which the district already owns) to use during class, and those laptops will be returned at the end of each class period.

The district's "tech team" was formed in the past few years and is made up of staff members and administrators from all three RV schools. The team has meet regularly to discuss the technology needs of the district and was one of the driving forces behind the new technology initiative, Haefke and Holloman said.

"The tech team has such great ideas and includes some young staff members with a passion for technology in the classroom," Holloman said. "We also want to thank the board for graciously carrying out the new tech plan."

The new technology will allow for more and different opportunities to learn and teach in the district.

"Our teachers and students are excited to be a part of something new," Haefke said. "It's a new chapter."

Holton Commission...

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In other business on Monday, commissioners met with representatives of two engineering services — EBH and Associates of Great Bend and BG Consultants of Emporia — determined as finalists for the job of performing a study on the city's sanitary sewer collection system. Results of the study are intended to be used in upgrading the system, commissioners noted.

Jim Kohman, representing EBH, said he did not have a firm price on his firm's services for a study of Holton's sewer system, but noted that he wanted to "charge the city appropriately" for his work. Kohman also asked the commission whether they wanted EBH to perform GIS (geographic information system) mapping on the sewer system, noting that an additional cost may be involved.

However, BG representatives Bruce Boettcher and Sam Johnson said their firm could provide GIS mapping of the sewer system at no cost to the city and that they would look for ways to incorporate Holton city employees into the process to make it more cost-effective. Boettcher also estimated his firm would charge the city $20,000 a year for the first three years of the study if the firm is chosen.

A decision on which of the two engineering firms will perform the study is expected at the commission's Jan. 20 meeting.

Commissioners also:

■ Approved minutes from a special meeting held on Dec. 31.

■ Met with four new city employees including emergency dispatcher Justin Brennan, introduced by Police Chief Gale Gakle; power plant operator Ferdie Beecham, introduced by Electrical Production Superintendent Ira Harrison; street crewman Nathan Doyle, introduced by Street Superintendent Rex Cameron; and utility billing clerk Amber Baxter, introduced by City Clerk Teresa Riley.

■ Approved a temporary alcoholic liquor license for Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's Second Saturday event this coming Saturday. Chamber Director Carolyn McKee said the temporary license was sought because part of the event falls outside the 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. time frame approved for the monthly event.

■ Tabled action on requests from the Chamber and the Jackson County Historical Society for additional funds, possibly from what the city had been using to pay its dues to the now-defunct Holton Main Street organization (see related story).

■ Noted that the commission's next meeting would be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20 at City Hall due to the next regular meeting date — Monday, Jan. 19 —falling on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

■ Announced winners of the city's annual Christmas light decoration contest. First place and a $100 utility bill rebate went to Terry Shockey; second place and a $50 rebate went to Dean Tuley; and third place and a $25 rebate went to Angela Childs.

■ Approved annual designations for 2015, including Denison State Bank, The Farmers State Bank and Holton National Bank as official city depositories and *The Holton Recorder* as official newspaper for publications.

■ Heard comment from Commissioner Twila White that Jackson County Emergency Management Coordinator Pat Korte has invited city officials and department heads to a March 10 meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

■ Met in executive session for five minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel. No action resulted from the session.

■ Adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All commissioners were present, including Mayor Robert Dieckmann, White, Dan Brenner, Erich Campbell and Tim Morris.

Legislature...

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The lawmakers can be reached at their offices during the legislative session:

* Rep. Hutchins – According to the state website, the phone number for her office has yet to be determined. She can be reached by email at becky.hutchins@house.ks.gov. Her office is Room 176-W.

* Rep. Garber – Call 785 296-7665 or email randy.garber@house.ks.gov. His office is Room 166-W.

* Sen. Pyle – Call 785-296-7379 or email Dennis.Pyle@senate.ks.gov. His office is Room 234-E.

* Gov. Sam Brownback – Call 785-296-3232.

The Legislature usually adjourns in early May.

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Circumstances demanded the tribal council take action to restore confidence in the financial stability of the Kickapoo Tribe and its operations," the news release continued.

In addition to Randall, the Kickapoo Tribal Council consists of vice chairman Fred Thomas, treasurer Russell Bradley, secretary Sag-tuk Banks and members Tina Wahwasuck and Curtis Simon. The tribe has more than 1,600 members, it was reported.

Main Street Funds...

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Wilhelm was not present for Monday's meeting, and Commissioner Tim Morris said he would prefer to have both McKee and Wilhelm present so that the commission could "tie this whole thing up in one knot." Morris also stated that when certain groups and organizations that promote the city seek funding, the city should be able to help them if the funds are available, particularly in the case of the Chamber.

"I would like to see us up our allocation to them," Morris said.

McKee said that unlike most other non-profit groups that request city funding, the Chamber uses what it gets to help promote commerce, tourism — the Jackson County Tourism Council operates under the Chamber's auspices, she said — and economic development in Holton. That was not to undermine the Historical Society's benefit to the city, she added, noting that the society has also benefited from the Chamber's recently-initiated Second Saturday promotion.

The Chamber has an annual budget of "about $102,000," McKee told commissioners, and part of that will go to cover its involvement with certain programs that it has taken over from Main Street. Those include the Incentives Without Walls small business loan program and the annual Jazz on the Square event, it has been reported.

McKee also noted that the Chamber has been "solely supported by membership and fund-raising," although it gets funding from Jackson County for promotion of the county's businesses and industry. Morris added that county officials have "done a very good job of stepping up" to provide the Chamber with necessary funding.

Furthermore, commissioners noted that the Jackson County Commission recently voted to proceed with increasing the "guest tax" generated by hotels and other lodging establishments in the county from 3 percent to 5 percent to help fund promotion of county tourism. McKee said the Chamber does see some of that money — about $2,000 every three months — as it "filters through" the Tourism Council.

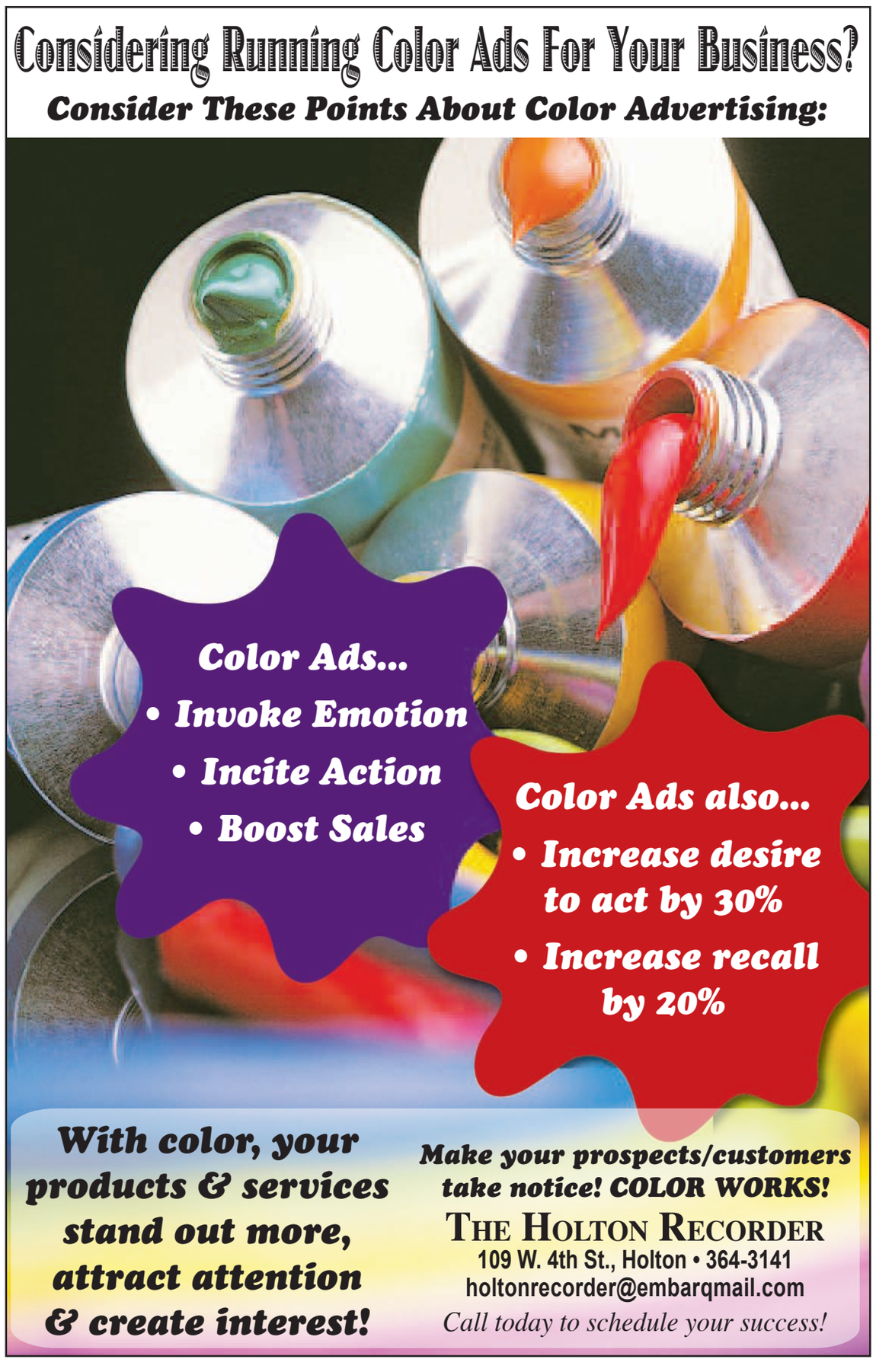
But as City Clerk Teresa Riley noted, funding for the Chamber and Main Street have come from the city's industrial fund, which is supported by a property tax levy that is separate from the city's general fund. That fund has about $144,000 actual cash on hand, Riley said, and Holton City Manager Bret Bauer said funds that had been earmarked for Main Street are still in the fund.

Commissioner Dan Brenner reminded McKee that the commission had been requested to give some of those funds to the Historical Society, adding that if it is possible, he would favor doing so.

"I think we need to help our community, and I know funds are limited, but I think we could kind of spread it around a little bit," Brenner said.

Commissioner Erich Campbell agreed, saying that both the Chamber and the Historical Society are "doing awesome." However, since Campbell said he serves as vice president of the Historical Society and as a non-voting member of the Chamber's board of directors, he would likely abstain from a vote to provide either with more funds.

"I don't want to burn any bridges if I know there's going to be a conflict of interest," he said.



B Community News

Baby News

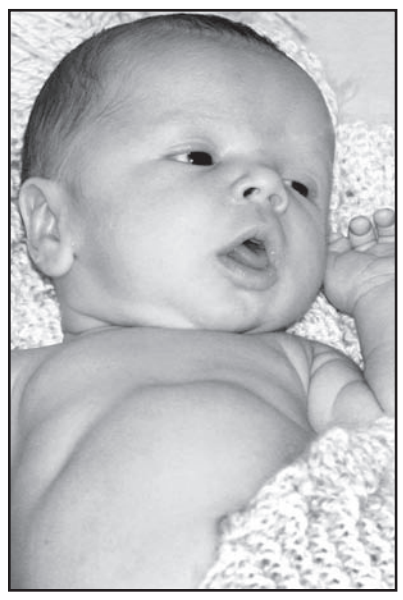
Amelia Jean Rostetter

Edward Rostetter II and Nichole Rostetter are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jean, born at 3:19 a.m. on Oct. 26, 2014 at Trippler Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by an older sister, Evelynn.

Maternal grandparents are Lori Ford of Holton, Mark Ford of Peralta, N.M. and Roger Kincaid of Oklahoma City, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Edward and Elizabeth Rostetter of Circleville.

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

Baby News



Grant Silas Lockard

Timothy and Kaela Lockard of Sedalia, Mo., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Grant Silas Lockard, on Nov. 16, 2014.

Grant weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Dru Welliever of Holton and Linda and Allen Nauman of Craig, Mo. Maternal great-grandparents are Bruce and Karen Welliever of Holton and June Haer of Savannah, Mo.

Paternal grandparents are Paul and Carol Lockard of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Card Shower

Joan Frazier

A reception celebrating Joan Frazier's 90th birthday will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, at Lowman United Methodist Church, 4000 S.W. Drury Lane in Topeka.

The reception is being hosted by her children, Bruce Andrews and his wife, Laurie; Christine Tuck and her husband, Lee; Coleen Tyler and her husband, Jim; and their families, which includes nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

No gifts, please.

News tip? Call 364-3141

School Menus

Jackson Heights Unified School District No. 335

Monday, Jan. 12: Breakfast – Western omelet, tater tots, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Macaroni and cheese, meatballs, seasoned peas, baby carrots, wheat bread (9-12), apple and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh broccoli, wheat bread (9-12), orange slices and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chili, crackers, cucumbers and green peppers, cinnamon roll, fresh grapes and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Oatmeal breakfast round, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Baked ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, wheat bread (5-12), peaches and milk.

Friday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, whole-grain Sun Chips, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, graham snack and milk.

Holton Unified School District No. 336

Monday, Jan. 12: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – Mini meatball sub, ranch potato wedges, tossed salad, fresh apple, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, sliced pears, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – Barbecue chicken, whole-wheat roll and jelly, baked beans, creamy coleslaw, apricot halves, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, sliced peaches, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – White chicken chili, cornbread muffin, cherry tomato, cucumber slices, fresh banana, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Sausage breakfast sandwich, mandarin oranges, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – Cheese pizza, broccoli florets, fresh baby carrots, orange wedges, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Friday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – French toast with syrup, applesauce, fruit juice choice and milk choice; Lunch – Biscuits and gravy, sausage patty (6-12), sugar snap peas, hash brown patty, applesauce, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.

Royal Valley Unified School District No. 337

Monday, Jan. 12: Breakfast – Pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch – Burrito with salsa, refried beans, cooked carrots, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – Cereal, fruit and milk; Lunch – Turkey and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Late start, no breakfast served; Lunch – Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, salad, corn, fruit and milk.

Friday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Barbecue beef on a bun, french fries, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.

Prairie Hills Unified School District No. 113

Monday, Jan. 12: Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Rockin' ranch beef wraps, sweet waffle fries, mighty mini trees, sliced pears and milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Barbecue roasted drumsticks, savory rice, peas, carrot crunchies, clementines and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Taco salad, refried beans, jicama, pineapple and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Chicken alfredo, lemon pepper steamed broccoli, celery sticks, grapes, whole-grain cinnamon breadstick and milk.

Friday, Jan. 16: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, spinach garden salad, seasoned green beans, apple smiles and milk.

Potawatomi Methodist ✎By Ilene Dick

By Ilene Dick

It was good to see the sunshine and be back to church on Sunday, Dec. 28.

Pastor Howard greeted the congregation at Potawatomi United Methodist Church and shared words of the Psalmist, followed by prayer.

It was announced that U.M.W. will meet at the Thoman home at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 6. Upper Room devotionals are on the entrance table for those who would like one.

Pastor Howard reported on his brother, Dale Sudduth, in Denver, Colo., who has cancer of the tongue and throat. He was doing better following chemo, but has had a relapse. Pastor Howard will be visiting Dale from Dec. 31 to Jan. 6.

Judy Thoman was acolyte, and also filled in as liturgist, reading from John 17:11. The Christmas prayer was prayed in unison.

Music was provided by Tina Pugh and Ann W. Hymns were "What Child Is This?" "There's a Song in the Air" and "Joy to the World."

Ann sang "Star of the East" and accompanied herself on guitar for the special.

Joe Redlightning served as offertory usher.

The sermon text was from Matthew 2:13-23, with the title "Is Christmas Over?" The scripture tells us that Herod was afraid that this newborn king would take his throne. He had misunderstood the reason for Christ's coming.

Many will say Christmas is over until next November. Perhaps it is over for stores and some businesses, but it is not over.

Herod sent his followers to search diligently for the boy child. Animals were scattered. Children were slaughtered. Mangers were overturned.

Jesus didn't want to take things away. He wanted to give them real joy. Don't fear Christ. Give Him your real life. The text ends the sentimental Christmas. Now the real one must begin. God is in the midst of our meetings, parties, marriages, finances and sufferings.

In Sunday's text, we find that Christmas is not over. Three times it says "get up," and it is emphasized all through the gospel.

God speaks resurrection, and God gets the final word in the text. God will also have the final word in your life.

Kenny Jordan of Topeka was set to bring the message on Jan. 4. Everyone was welcomed as we began the new year together.

Judy and Donnie Thoman entertained Jessie Thoman, Wendy and Brian Dorris, Shayne and Brian for Christmas. Jessie and her dog, Cooper, came on Christmas Eve and spent the night and Christmas night with them. Wendy and family joined them on Christmas Day to celebrate with them.

Judy Thoman attended the Christmas program at Mayetta Christian Church on Monday evening, Dec. 22. Her grandchildren, Shayne and Brian, participated in the program.

What a joy Loren and Martha Roush had on Christmas Day with guests Elza and Lisa Clark. Lisa, using a walker, was able to walk from their car to the house, up the steps and into the house. This is evident that with prayers, God's help and self determination, miracles do happen. We wish them a happy 2015 as Lisa continues improving each day.

Lily Hall was glad her daughter, Heather, and family had a safe and enjoyable trip to South Dakota to visit family. Lily also enjoyed Christmas with her sons, Joe and Terry.

Steve and Celia Bowser and family entertained all of the Bowser families on Christmas Eve. Cecil and Betty Bowser were among the guests for a nice celebration.

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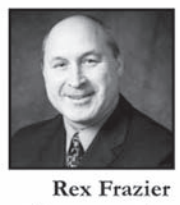

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10:15 a.m. Worship service
6:30 p.m. Youth group
6:30 p.m. Sunday evening worship
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible study

Larkinburg Christian Church
Rev. Mark Armstrong
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Church service

Mayetta Christian Church
Ernest Coleman - Pastor
Sunday: Fellowship & Waffles: 8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Prayer Circle: 9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m.
Worship service - 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Mayetta United Methodist
Rev. Howard Sudduth
Sunday: 9 a.m. Morning worship service
and Sunday school

Netawaka United Methodist
Rev. Caren Loper
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship

Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA
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Potawatomi Pentecostal Church
4.5 miles west on 134th Rd., Mayetta
Rev. Marcia Potts
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service

Pottawatomi United Methodist
Rev. Howard Sudduth
Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship

St. Dominic Catholic Church
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8 p.m. Bible Study

Wetmore United Methodist
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9:40 a.m. Worship service

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Gardener's Corner

Something old becomes new

By Sandra M. Siebert

One spring six or so years ago I planted a few spindly horseradish roots purchased from a catalog. They went into one end of a small raised bed at the front of the garden.

Then I pretty much ignored it.

A couple of years ago, I decided to dig some of the roots, but they got ignored in the refrigerator and developed mold. One little piece that somehow escaped molding was planted near one of the apple trees, and (again) ignored.

In spite of being ignored, the horseradish thrived.

My German ancestors probably twisted and turned in their graves when I failed to use the horseradish happily growing in my garden. It is (or at least was) a widely used condiment in Germany, and its ability to stimulate digestion would have helped their bellies take care of the oily fish and fatty meats it accompanied. Among various other benefits, horseradish promotes more complete digestion.

The German name for this pungent root is "meer rettich" or "sea radish." One source speculated that the English mispronounced this as "mare radish," which eventually became "horse radish."

My German ancestors are now pleased to know that I have indeed not only dug my horseradish this year, but actually managed to process and use it. And I love it.

When we stopped eating fish or meat regularly, I figured that we would have little use for our horseradish, which is probably why I didn't push myself to process it before now. However, this year I learned how to use horseradish to help prevent the usual colds and flu of the season and not only dug the roots, but grated some into a healthful concoction containing garlic and other assorted strong herbs in cider vinegar.

That used very little of the root, so I put the rest in a blender with a bit of water, adding cider vinegar after I had a smooth puree (2 to 3 tablespoons vinegar to each cup of prepared horseradish).

Prior to this, I thought of horseradish mainly as an ingredient in the cocktail sauce typically served with shrimp, unless I would put a dab on some roast beef.

However, horseradish perks up lots of dishes. Just last week I plopped horseradish into my bowl of cabbage soup, dabbed it on my roasted vegetables, put a dollop in the red bean chili, and spread it on my veggie burger.

The "heat" of horseradish differs from the heat of peppers. Whereas peppers will burn your tongue, and anything else that the juice comes into contact with, horseradish produces fumes that fill your sinuses and clear them out, and irritates them with overexposure.

As I opened the blender after processing my horseradish, I had to stand back to keep the fumes from burning my nasal passages and eyes. Still, by the end of my first round of processing, my nose was running profusely and tears flooded down my face. Ventilation is important.

During my second round of processing, the exhaust fan above our kitchen range ran on high. Still, I had to stand at arm's length when I opened the blender. In warmer weather, opening windows or processing outside would be a better solution.

Vinegar isn't necessary, unless you want to store your processed horseradish for a little while. Without the vinegar, the grated root turns dark and loses flavor. You can store the whole root in the refrigerator for several months. To avoid mold, store in a perforated plastic bag, or loosely wrap it in plastic, or just don't seal the plastic bag as I had done.

Storing and processing the root requires more instruction and effort than growing horseradish. To plant it, take a slender piece of root about six inches long. The end that goes down should be cut at an angle, so you know which end to point down. Then dig a hole and set the root piece at a 45-degree angle and cover. Or, if the soil is really friable, just poke the root piece in at a 45-degree angle. Make sure the top end is a couple of inches deep.

Water the newly planted root if it is really dry, otherwise, ignore the horseradish bed. You can give your planting one mid-season feeding a year, if you want, or water if it is really dry. But I have given my horseradish pretty much no attention, except to tidy it up when the leaves look ratty. Horseradish spreads, so give it plenty of room, or contain it in a large tub with plenty of drainage.

One Web site said that one plant should be enough for a family. But I don't think so. We will use up all of ours before it's time to dig again. Plant horseradish in the fall, when you would plant garlic (mid-October to mid-November), or in spring as early as you can dig.

Dig the roots for eating in fall (preferably after a frost) or spring. One garden writer said spring-dug roots are more pungent. My fall-dug roots are plenty pungent.

Horseradish has been in cultivation since at least 1500 BC, when the ancient Egyptians grew it in their gardens, so it is an old culinary vegetable. A member of the same plant family that contains cabbages and mustards, horseradish is susceptible to the same pests as cabbages. However, I have not found that they create problems. Horseradish is not particularly susceptible to disease.

Perennial, worry-free and full of vitamin C and supposed anti-bacterial properties, this long-time resident in my garden has earned new attention and respect from me.

When snow blanketed the county on Dec. 18, several Royal Valley wrestlers cleared several driveways in the Hoyt community since school was cancelled. After an hour and a half of wrestling practice, the boys cleared 15 driveways, according to Head Coach Jason Puderbaugh. Several residences offered the boys cookies, but the wrestlers politely turned them down knowing they had to make weight that Friday and Saturday for a meet. "We love getting out into the community, doing kind things to help people in ways that we are able, along with getting a little physical exercise in," Puderbaugh said. "I want our kids to understand the full meaning of being a Royal Valley wrestler and living by our team quote, which is 'Building character, producing champions for life.'" Wrestlers pictured include (front row, from left) Blake Garrison, Coach Puderbaugh, Puderbaugh's sons, Cael (age five) and Caden (age seven), (back row, from left) Dusty Gunter, Brandon Anderson, Jacob Box, Garrett Rodewald, Noah Hart, and Matthew Bailey. *Submitted photo*

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan. 16 are as follows:

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Tuesday, Jan. 13: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges and bread sticks and margarine.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Barbecue pork, parslied potatoes, chuckwagon corn, pineapple and bun and margarine.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Berry good chicken, baked potato, Japanese vegetables, lime jello with pears and bread and margarine.

Friday, Jan. 16: Baked tilapia, macaroni and cheese, country blend vegetables, apple and bread and margarine.

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Military News

Ewing graduates from Marine Corps boot camp

Private First Class Drake Ewing of Holton graduated from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Deport San Diego on Dec. 19, 2014.

PFC Ewing successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of the 80 recruits in Training Platoon 2149.

While in recruit training, PFC Ewing was chosen as platoon guide and graduated as the Platoon Honor Man. PFC Ewing will report to Camp Pendleton at Infantry Training Batallion where he will continue his next phase of training.

He is the son of Wendy Ewing and Jim Myers of Holton and Ron Ewing of Topeka. Grandparents are Wally and Julie Hawthorne, Jan Feldman and Dee Barrow, all of Holton, and Ron and Diane Ewing of Topeka.

White graduates from basic

Army Pfc. Jessup R. White has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., it was reported.

During the nine weeks of training, White studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches and field training exercises.

White is the son of Dezaree D. Harding of Holton and Raymond E. White of Topeka, and stepson of Paul M. Harding of Holton. He is a 2013 graduate of Holton High School.

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Kientz Corner ✎By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Dec. 23, 2014, a candlelight service was held at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Hailee Gower lighted the altar candles. Clifford and Alice Hurst and Brian and Gayle Smith lighted the Advent candles.

The congregation sang the fifth verse of the Advent song. The congregation sang "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus."

The Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho led the congregation in reading the scripture, Isaiah 9:2, 6-7. The praise choir sang "My Soul Magnifies the Lord." Those singing in the praise choir were Wendy Bach, Carrie Law, Kelly Neiman and Kevin Feleay. Greg Baldwin accompanied them on the piano.

The minister led the congregation in reading Luke 1:26-35, 38. The congregation sang "Angels We Have Heard On High." The minister led the congregation in reading Luke 2:8-16. The congregation sang "The First Noel."

The minister led the congregation in reading Matthew 2:7-11. The chancel choir sang "Christmas Gift." Those singing were Janet Baldwin, Kristy Beatty, Jenny Christman, Betty Domer, Linda Griffiths, Annie McDowell, Gayle Smith, Billie Winsor, Gary Domer, Ron Griffiths, Clifford Hurst, Brian Smith and John Wilson. They were directed by Greg Baldwin while Mary Smith accompanied them on the piano.

The Rev. Cho read the scripture Matthew 25:34-40. The sermon "Jesus' Wish List" was given by the Rev. Cho. People spend a lot of time and energy preparing for Christmas. We get great joy when we come to church to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Where is your gift for Jesus' birthday? Our gifts are our time, our talents and our money. We serve Jesus by serving those in need.

The bell choir played "Joy To The World." Those playing the bells were Kristy Beatty, Matt Christman, Betty Domer, Kyle Marakas, Danette Martin, Annie McDowell, Kelly Neiman, Anna Risinger, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine. They were directed by Greg Baldwin.

Kevin Feleay sang "O Holy Night." He was accompanied by Greg Baldwin at the organ.

The communion elements were served by the Rev. Cho, Janet Baldwin, Ron and Linda Griffiths, Shelly Lester and Dennis Pittman. Carrie Law sang "Mary, Did You Know." She was accompanied by Greg Baldwin at the piano. The ushers taking up the offering were John and Linda Reed, Gary Domer and Brian Smith. Keith and Linda Sowards were in charge of the sound system. Greg Baldwin was the organist for the service.

During the candle lighting of Passing the Peace of Christ for you, the congregation sang "Silent Night."

On Dec. 28, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice."

The announcements were: Lite Bite will be held at 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 14; on Jan. 11, there will be a soup lunch immediately after the second service, and then everyone may help remove all the Advent decorations; and on Jan. 18, the 2015 leadership training event will take place after the second service. Lunch will be provided.

The birthdays for Dec. 28 through Jan. 3: Jill Schreiner, Dec. 29; Emily Burd and Tara Schiffelbein, Dec. 30; Judy Glasgow, Dec. 31; Nick Nicolay, Jan. 2; and Michelle Caudill, Clifford Hurst and Gregg Williams, Jan. 3. The anniversary for the week was John and Linda Reed, Jan. 2.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He told them the story about "Horton (an elephant) Hatched an Egg." Horton was very faithful to his friend, the bird. God is 100 percent faithful to us. Let us keep our promises to God.

A joy was that Al and Joyce Mannell have a new great-grandson, Duncan, born Dec. 27.

The concerns were prayers for the Seaman High School band for safe travels to Texas to play in the Alamo Bowl at San Antonio, Texas; the family of Bill Adams; and the family of Bill Goff.

Kristy Beatty and Betty Domer sang "Silent Night" acapella. Daryl Jepson read the scripture Luke 2:21-24, 39-40.

The sermon "The End?" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. We seem to overeat and overspend at Christmas. After Christmas, the stores offer 70 percent discounts on Christmas items. We all like a cheaper price on items. Christmas continues 14 more days. The story of Jesus continues. God is with us, continues into the New Year.

The closing hymn was "Joy to the World." Those assisting with the service were Daryl Jepson, liturgist; Greg Baldwin, organist; Ella Caudill, acolyte; Matt Mannell, sound system; Betty Domer, song leader; and John and Linda Reed, Daryl Jepson and Gary Slimmer, usher team.

On Dec. 25, Dick and Beverly Newell hosted a family Christmas dinner in their home. Those attending were Brian, Jill, Logan and Dylan Dierking from Texas; Kenny, Yvonne and Audrel Etzel; Kylene Etzel; Mike and Chris Farmer; Sean Frost; Jessica Heinen; Rusty, Monica and Brent Newell; Ryan, Amanda, Madalyn and Maycie Newell; and Mackensie Swanson.

On Dec. 26, Dick Newell celebrated his birthday with all his family at a supper. His daughter, Chris Farmer, made homemade chicken noodle soup for everyone to enjoy, along with ham sandwiches and cheese and crackers. Everyone also enjoyed birthday cake. Dick's birthday was Dec. 27.

Circleville

By Jeannie Arnold

Lori Burdick, Bailey and Afton and Bailey's friend, Aaron Gomez, were dinner guests at our house on Dec. 24 as we celebrated our Christmas. Aaron had to go to work so he opened his gifts early and the rest of us enjoyed the afternoon together and opened gifts a little later.

Bob and Jeannie Arnold, Merlin and Judy Arnold, Lori Burdick, Bailey and Afton, Kim Marten, Brady and Mitchell, and Kevin and Shelley Arnold, Colin and Aubrey were all guests of Maxine Lewis on Christmas Day. We all enjoyed various soups, sandwiches and goodies for lunch and had our gift exchange in the afternoon. It was a fun-filled family day as we gathered to celebrate Christmas.

On Christmas Day, Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson went to the home of Denise Moore and daughters, Shelby and Kylie and Dennis Morarity for a dinner and gift exchange. Also attending was Doug Hutchinson from Shawnee. On the way home, they stopped at the home of Don and Data Armstrong of Holton, Tim and Sandee Morris of Holton and Dave and Sara Anderson and Ian of rural Circleville, where daughters Melissa Anderson and friend Eric were home from Los Angeles, Calif., and Rae Ann and Justin were home from Milwaukee, Wis.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson hosted the annual "George T. and Edith Cole Morris family dinner" on Saturday, Dec. 27. They enjoyed soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts. There was lots of visiting and getting caught up on family happenings, besides enjoying the meal. Those attending were Pastor Luke C. Brown and wife, Kerri Lynne from Aliceville, Georgia Flood of Hesston, Robby Flood from Emporia, Ryan Flood from Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Morris from Holton, Stephanie Morris from Holton, Jordan Snepp from Topeka and friend Heath Robertson from Topeka, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Walker, Sadie Jo and Cole from Eudora, Spencer Brown from Topeka, Lauren Brown of Olathe, and friend Zack Korde from Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Bain, Reese and AJ from Overland Park and Marsha Morris from Topeka. It is always good when family gets together.

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Don and Renae Askren served as greeters at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Dec. 28. David Allen gave the opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz and Paul and Sue Davault. Announcements were given by Mike Cochren and prayer concerns and praises were given by David Allen.

Spencer Askren shared an update on what he has been doing in Arkansas this semester with his student mobility ministry and what it is like to follow Christ in college. Spencer is the grandson of Dale and Ilah Rose Askren and his ministry is partially supported by our church.

Dan Ditmars used text from 1 Corinthians 3:1-15 and Matthew 7:24-27 as he brought the morning message. He talked about the year 2014 being almost over and how it has gone so fast. He told about the things we have done as a church in this year and goals for the new year.

His message was about building on a foundation and how we need the right foundation, and that would be Jesus Christ. As individuals, we need to build on the right foundation. That is not a new concept. Dan asked us to think about what we have done this year that has eternal significance.

2015 brings a new opportunity for a new beginning to make sure we are standing on the right foundation and working together building each other up. If we build on anything but Christ, we have failed.

Paul Davault gave the communion meditation using text from John 3:1-6. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Harlan Barnett, Mike Cochren and Jeremy Kennedy. Amanda Mellenbruch provided the beautiful piano music as communion was served. David Allen gave the prayer for the offering and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 12 through Friday, Jan. 16 are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 12: Polish sausage, sauerkraut, potato salad and baked beans.

Tuesday, Jan. 13: Chicken stir-fry, fried rice, broccoli and pork egg roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 14: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad and garlic bread.

Thursday, Jan. 15: Birthday dinner, Indian tacos, rice and cake.

Friday, Jan. 16: Pizza, corn, tossed salad and fruit.

Public Notice

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CITY OF DELIA

KANSAS PRIDE PROGRAM
2015 Entry Government
Resolution

Resolution No. 2014-01

WHEREAS, local municipal government has a responsibility to develop the capacity to undertake a viable community development effort; and

WHEREAS, community development needs and problems can best be determined and solved through a cooperative effort between elected officials and those citizens they represent; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas PRIDE Program, co-administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce and K-State Research and Extension, has been reviewed and found to be a means to improve our community, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and council do herewith pledge their full support, endorsement, and cooperation in carrying out the requirements of the Kansas PRIDE Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the community of Delia, Kansas urges its citizens to join this effort and hereby declares this city to be an official entrant in the PRIDE Program for the year of 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9 DAY OF NOV. IN THE YEAR OF 2014.

Attest:

_____
City Council Representative

OR

/s/ Donald W. Trimble
Mayor

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Hoyt United Methodist

Hoyt United Methodist Church observed the four Sundays of Advent with special music by Patrick and Cynthia Murphy.

Christmas caroling to homebound members and friends was organized by Jerilyn Smith. A Christmas Eve service, "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," was held with readers John McCurdy, Delbert Boling, Clark Bingham, Brad Hamilton, Ron Rupport, Jeannette Thompson, Bob Thompson, Patrick Murphy and the Rev. Bev McCurdy. Holy Communion was observed at the service. A children's program was held Dec. 28.

On Sunday, Jan. 4, Rev. McCurdy was set to preach at 10 a.m. worship from Matthew 2:1-12, Epiphany Sunday, with a sermon titled "Pieces of Peace."

Hoyt UMC is supporting "Impact World Tour." A dessert/banquet is set for 7 p.m. at Penny's Cafe. Tickets are available from Cynthia Murphy. This is an outreach program to youth in Jackson County.

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KANZA Mental Health receives ownership of two of its buildings

KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center Inc. has received ownership of two of its buildings from Brown County, it was reported.

At a recent Brown County Commission meeting, David Elsbury, KANZA CEO, and Virginia Freese, KANZA director of business operations, witnessed the signing of legal documents transferring ownership of its buildings at 909 S. Second St. in Hiawatha and 2291 Linden Road in rural Hiawatha to the mental health center.

KANZA constructed its main office building in 1989 and took residence in 1990. KANZA remodeled and began services at the CS Building in 2004. Both of these projects were financially supported by Brown County, and KANZA officials have expressed appreciation for the county's support.

The agency paid off the debt for the main office in 2013 and the CS Building in 2014. KANZA now owns four buildings — these two buildings, the Outpatient Idaho Clinic at 713 Idaho St. in Holton and the Troy Office on the town square.

KANZA is a community mental health center licensed by the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services and serves Brown, Doniphan, Nemaha and Jackson counties. The center employs more than 60 persons and provides a wide range of behavioral health services in its offices and in the community, with a motto of "Offering Hope for a Better Tomorrow."

KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center CEO David Elsbury (second from right) recently witnessed the Brown County Commission's signature on legal documents transferring ownership of two of the mental health center's buildings in Hiawatha to the center. Shown with Elsbury are Brown County Commissioners Warren Ploeger (left), Keith Olsen (seated) and Steve Roberts.

Submitted photo

Elsbury thanked the Brown County Commission for its longstanding support for these buildings and for services the agency provides.

In addition to the buildings listed above, the Center operates out of sites in Sabetha at the Sabetha Community Hospital, at the Pioneer Building in Seneca, and also at the Moser Building (the former Holton Community Hospital building) in Holton at Fifth Street and Kansas Avenue.

FEBRUARY SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW PAYABLE

Holton First Baptist Church

By Shirley M. Cameron

On Sunday, Dec. 28 at Holton First Baptist Church, Richard Noblet shared about JCMA New Hope Center here in Jackson County as the mission of the month. Their goal is to provide spiritual support and supplement the nutritional requirements of those in need.

A special was sung by Gayle Moulden and Janet Gideon, which we enjoyed.

A reminder was given of the Bible study, which begins Tuesday, Jan. 6. The two meeting times are 9 a.m. at Cassie Tinney's home and 7 p.m. at the home of Jan Hodge. It's a Beth Moore study on the Old Testament of Daniel.

Pastor Tim began his sermon by telling the "Story of Misha," a six-year-old boy in a Russian orphanage. It was in 1994 after Russia invited people to come teach morals and other things from the Bible. A couple went to an orphanage and taught.

One day, the lesson included a project of making the manger to symbolize the place Jesus was born. Misha completed his; however, he had two babies in the manger.

When asked why two, Misha replied, "One is baby Jesus and the other one is me, because I'm keeping baby Jesus warm. I know Jesus will always be with me and that's all I can give Him, just keep Him warm."

It's not what we have in our life that is most important, but who we have in our life. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

It is not what you know, but who you know that matters. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 1 admonished the people of the Corinth Church to not be divided or cause strife but to be obedient to Christ and strive for unity, humility and love for each other.

Knowing Jesus should bring about changes in our actions and thoughts; seeking to honor and serve Him with all our heart, our strength, our soul and our mind. We soon find out it is impossible to do this in our own strength – it is through God's strength that we know courage, power and that our hearts can be changed. What matters most is knowing Jesus Christ – Romans 10:9, 10.

Circleville United Methodist Church

By Sue Wichman

Sunday, Jan. 4 was a bitterly cold winter morning as the congregation gathered at the Circleville United Methodist Church. Katharyn and Isaac Duryea lighted the altar candles to begin the celebration of Epiphany Sunday.

Hymns were "There's a Song in the Air," "Go Tell It On the Mountain" and "We Three Kings." Dawn Duryea served as song leader and Steve Duryea, projectionist, provided the recorded accompaniment.

Mary Jo Fernkopf read the scripture from Isaiah 60: 1-6 and Ephesians 3: 1-12.

Lay Speaker Joyce Immenschuh's children's message was about New Year's resolutions. She told the story of a man who resolved to lie, cheat, drink, swear and steal more in the New Year. She went on to explain what he meant. He would lie back and relax more and let God take care of it. He would cheat failure; not being afraid to try something new because he might fail. He would drink from the fountain of knowledge, learning from the resources around him. He would swear to do his best in all situations. He would steal a little time for God and take time every day to work on his relationship with God.

Joyce's sermon, "The Wise Men and the Star," was based on the Gospel lesson, Matthew 2:1-12. The wise men, we assume there were three, came to Bethlehem to worship the newborn king of the Jews. They brought expensive gifts – gold, a gift of wealth for royalty, frankincense, a gift of praise for one who lived and worked on this earth, and myrrh, a gift suited for one's burial. We do not know if the wise men knew the significance of their gifts. "In faith, they gave gifts to a baby. In faith, we give gifts to our risen Lord."

Verlin Wichman received the morning offering before the service closed with "God Be with You Till We Meet Again."

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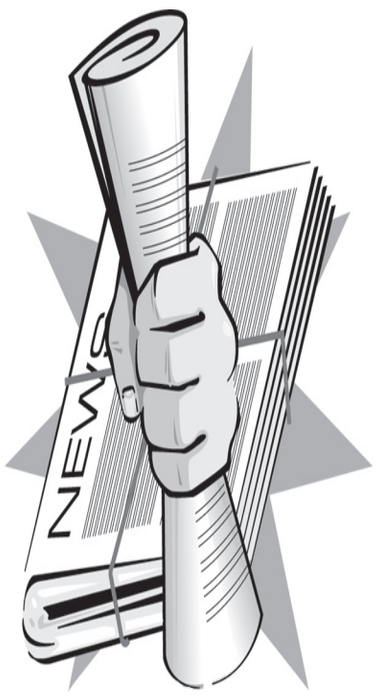

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Crops and Soils

It's lease-negotiating time

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

This the season to… negotiate leases! Maybe not something that makes you jolly, but not necessarily something that has to be difficult.

To be clear, there is no perfect lease rate. With the variables have to be considered when determining a fair and equitable lease, landlords and tenants should enter any re-negotiation phase with the goal of open conversation and honest discussion about some of those variables. Both parties need to be willing to share information about their role in the operation and the value that their role plays in the financial success of the arrangement. Conversations can be difficult, no doubt, but as long as both landlord and tenant are willing to take the opportunity to share their goals/wants/needs/etc… the agreement can – and should – become one that is mutually appreciated.

Information abounds on leases. None are perfect! I would suggest you start by reviewing your current agreement. If no written agreement is in place, strongly consider getting something down on paper. It just makes things clearer for everyone. Make notes about what needs to be included and updated. Check out sample agreements available either online our through your local extension office. Revise them to fit your situation.

Check out rental rate information and tools as well. The K-State Agricultural Economics Department has a very in-depth calculator you can use to evaluate arrangements on their website at www.agmanager.info (check out the Farm Management tab, then Land and Leasing). They also have specialist publications that can help you sort through the process. Kansas Agricultural Statistics data is also a great source of information.

One very important publication is entitled Kansas Farm Lease Law (c668), available online at the address above or from your local extension office. It outlines the law of leasing in Kansas, particularly as it applies to oral leases. If you are working on an agreement – new or old – it's a good one to take a look at.

Fair and equitable is what you are shooting for. Take some time early this year to make sure that your agreements are just that!

Ice Melt

Winter means snow and ice, and that means trying to keep walkways as clean as we can to allow for travel – and reduce the potential for injury!

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For best results, remove ice and snow by hand, and then apply in moderation. Moderation will also help reduce damage to concrete surfaces as well as the plants and grass growing along the treated surface.

Corn Production School
Registration Due Jan. 12

Registration is now open for the 2015 K-State Research and Extension Corn School scheduled for Friday, Jan 16. The event will be held at the Heritage Conference Center (710 S. Ninth Street) in Atchison.

Following coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m., introductions will be followed by K-State Ag Economist Dan O'Brien kicking off the program with a discussion of the 2015 corn markets – and profitability prospects thereof.

Next up will be K-State Weed Scientist Curtis Thompson. Thompson will discuss options for dealing with increasingly difficult weed control challenges in corn.

A presentation on the yield benefits of drought tolerant technology by Cropping Systems Specialist Ignacio Ciampitti will wrap up the morning.

Following a sponsored lunch by the Kansas Corn Commission and DuPont Pioneer, Dave Mengel, K-State soil fertility specialist, will discuss his research findings and how they might apply towards cost efficient corn fertilization practices for 2015. The meeting will adjourn by 2 p.m., but interested producers are invited to a tour of MGP following the last session.

Thanks to generous sponsorship, there is no cost to attend, but participants are asked to pre-register by Jan. 12. Online registration is available at K-State Corn Production Management Schools (bit.ly/KSCORNSchools) or by contacting a Meadowlark Extension District Office. E-mail registration (name/number attending/phone number – in case of inclement weather) can be done to dhallaue@ksu.edu. Hope to see you there!

Houseplants Losing Leaves

One day they look nice – the next day they don't! Why do houseplants have to be so fickle?!

They're not fickle, they're just responding to lower light levels as the days get shorter and light intensity declines. The result: growth stops and leaves are dropped when necessary.

To compensate, you can try adding supplemental lighting – or just wait until longer days and higher light levels allow the plants to recover. Just don't compensate by adding extra fertilizer or water!

Excess fertilizer may hurt more than it helps. Less light equals less growth equals less need for fertilizer. Adding more only leads to buildup in the soil that may burn roots. Reduce or eliminate fertilizer during the winter.

Excess water can drown roots, making winter watering critical. Only water when the soil is dry one half-inch deep in the pot (eventually you can learn to judge whether a plant needs water just by weight).

Still looking thin in the spring? Cut it back so it can put out new, thicker growth. You should also knock the plant out of the pot in the spring to check to see if its root bound. If it is, transfer it to a larger pot.

Fenceline

Calculating cattle benchmarks

By Jody G. Holthaus
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I guess you could say I've been "mentoring" a couple of young cattlemen. These brothers grew up in the country around cattle, but never raised them seriously. It has been quite the education for both of us!

Just this weekend, as I observed their newly acquired replacement heifers, I learned about "highway frontage cattle." I guess I knew that there were probably some cattle you just as soon no one see, but never really heard that phrase before!

We have been considering purchasing another bull this year. Keith called about a bull and talked to the "son" and got the pricing. The next day, I called and talked to the "dad." Somehow, the bulls went up $500 to $1,000. You have to wonder, was it because I was a woman? We decided that is one seed stock producer that we won't be doing business with.

Performance in the beef business is evaluated by reviewing the overall herd. Sometimes you think you're making progress by comparing your herd to a benchmark, which helps you decide if there are areas for improvement.

The North Dakota State University Extension Service and the North Dakota Beef Cattle Improvement Association calculate benchmarks annually from the CHAPS program (Cow Herd Appraisal of Performance Software). The Extension Service has been keeping records since 1963, and presents these five-year rolling benchmarks.

The typical CHAPS producer had roughly 94 percent of the exposed cows pregnant in and the fall and 93 percent of those calved in the spring. In the fall, roughly 91 percent of the cows exposed weaned a calf. During a typical calving season, 63 percent calved the first 21 days, 88 percent the first 42 days and the 96 percent within the first 63 days of the calving season. The cows were an average age of 5.6 years.

As they evaluate traits to measure cow performance, the trait "pounds weaned per cow exposed to the bull" is a trait that factors the management and genetics involved in the herd. For every cow exposed, typical CHAPS producers weaned almost 500 pounds.

Knowing these numbers allows for an appropriate herd modification through management or genetics. There are no absolute answers to what a particular producer should produce.

However, as you are approaching spring and replacing bulls, knowing how your herd stacks up can be helpful!

Have fun buying bulls!

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold

Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Jan. 4. Dale Askren gave the opening prayer.

Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz and Paul and Sue Davault. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events and David Allen gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Randy Wickham used text from Romans 4:1-25, Psalm 32:1-2 and Hebrews 11:32-40 as he gave the morning sermon titled "The Promised Grace Through Faith…" His message told how we are not justified by our good deeds or religious acts, but through our faith.

Salvation is by grace and not by human effort. Faith is not a one-time event; it is a way of living. We can know forgiveness only through faith in Jesus Christ. Put your trust in God and seek first His Kingdom in all that you do.

Paul Davault used text from 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Don Askren, Mike Cochren and Jason Claycamp. Carrie Lierz was at the piano and Tara Lierz played her clarinet as communion was served.

David Allen gave the prayer for the offering and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

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Netawaka United Methodist Church

By Mary E. Edwards

The Netawaka/Whiting UMC Christmas Eve service was held at Whiting with scripture readings, prayers and many Christmas carols, including "Silent Night" by candlelight. An offering was taken for Jackson County and South Brown County Food Pantries.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 28, Steve Banaka lighted the altar candles and the Advent candles once again for this year. The Christmas tree was also illuminated, as it was still Christmas.

Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. Joys and concerns were shared. Added to our prayer list of concerns were Pat Mead and Kellie Ray, both in the hospital. Both are former Netawaka residents. Prayers are also for the family of Shirley Hossford of Horton.

The Rev. Caren Loper led the call to worship and the reading of the Psalter, Psalm 148. Three songs were sung by the congregation, a carol jubilee. We read together "The Christmas Prayer" followed by silent reflection and meditation. Pastor Caren gave her prayer. We prayed the Lord's Prayer and sang the prayer response, "What Child Is This?" and "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly."

The scripture was Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:22-40. The message was "God's Favor." We are now in the midst of Christmas season. Advent (the waiting) is over. Christmas is not over. Candles are burning brightly; we celebrate Jesus.

Luke 2:22-40 is the story of Jesus' dedication to the Lord in the temple as required by Jewish law. His parents brought a sacrifice of two young pigeons or doves, and He was given His name and consecrated on His eighth day after birth.

Simeon was a righteous and devout man in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed that he would not die until he had seen the Christ. In the temple, Simeon knew that Jesus was the promised one of God, took Jesus in his arms and gave thanks to God. Jesus came for our salvation.

Anna was a prophetess who had lived at the temple most of her life. She, too, recognized Jesus as God's anointed agent and began to proclaim Him to everyone she saw.

Our waiting is over. Salvation has come through Jesus. He is our assurance of God's love. We celebrate!

The Holy family returned to Nazareth in Galilee. God's favor was on Jesus. He grew in stature and wisdom. God's favor is on us, too.

The departing hymn was "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

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JACKSON COUNTY

OFFICE OF THE JACKSON COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS

In compliance with K.S.A. 25-2018(b) notice is hereby given that if a primary election is necessary it will be held on March 3, 2015. The general election for school board members will be held April 7, 2015.

The filing deadline for school board members to appear on the 2015 School District ballot is 12:00 o'clock noon, Tuesday, January 27, 2015. Candidates shall file for the position at the Jackson County Clerk's Office.

The offices to be filled are:

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USD 335 - #2	Melinda Wareham
USD 335 - #3	Neal Keeler
USD 335 - #7	Konrad Coe
USD 336 - #1	Cindy Stavropoulos
USD 336 - #2	Denise Sweet
USD 336 - #3	Shelby Patch
USD 336 - #7 (At Large)	Steve Bowser
USD 337 - #1	Jim O'Toole
USD 337 - #2	Boone Smith
USD 337 - #3	Pat Tuck
USD 337 - #7	Rusty Douglas

Signed and sealed this 5th day of January, 2015.

/s/ Kathy Mick

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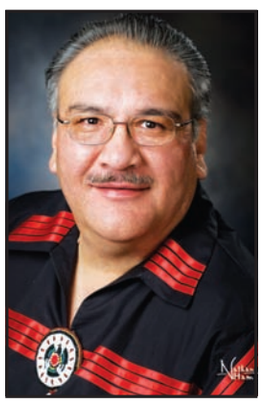

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4-H Club News

Members of the Denison Builders 4-H Club recently visited the Vintage Park Holton assisted living facility to entertain residents with Christmas carols. *Submitted photo*

Denison Builders discuss caroling, club goals, bylaws

By Bobbi Horr

The Denison Builders 4-H Club's monthly meeting was held on Dec. 1, 2014. The roll call question was, "What is your favorite holiday song?"

The club decided to go caroling on Dec. 20. New business was that club members needed to decide club goals and bylaws by January.

Club members listened to a project talk on wrestling. For recreation, members played musical chairs.

The next meeting was scheduled for Jan. 5, 2015.

Hoyt Livewires hold sign-up for yearly committees

By Mary Broxterman

December's meeting of the Hoyt Livewires 4-H Club was called to order by saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was "What do you want for Christmas?" answered by 26 members.

It was the day to sign up for yearly committees such as the Easter egg committee.

Project talks were given by Elizabeth Roach and Kassidy Dahl. The meeting was adjourned by saying the 4-H pledge.

After the meeting, club members made Christmas cookie plates for the senior citizens around Hoyt.

Denison Bible Church

By Esther Hall

It was a crispy morning at Denison Bible Church on Dec. 28, but at least the sun was shining. All those gloomy days we had sure can make a person feel gloomy, too.

Special music, "I Wonder as I Wander," was sung by Sarah P. The poinsettias that decorated our sanctuary during the Christmas season were in memory of Nadine Will, Joe and Beverly White, Paul and Ida Kropp, Harlan Phillips, Richard Knaak and Malcolm Hall.

Youth Under Construction (YUC) members Kaelah N. and Shelby P. collected the offerings Sunday morning. The next YUC meeting was scheduled for 2 p.m. on Jan. 3.

Pastor Tom's message, "The Christ of My Christmases!" was based on Romans 15:13-17. Are you worn out from Christmas or are you revived? Now that Christmas is over, are you "running on fumes" or is your heart full and ready for a renewal in Jesus Christ? Was Christ at the center of your Christmas or were you just concentrating on what you were buying and for whom? Keeping Christ in the center of your life will keep you full.

As born again Christians, we know that Jesus is the most important part of our celebration of Christmas. We want Jesus to be in every aspect of our lives, including Christmas. We recognize that if it was not for Him there would be no Christmas to celebrate. However, there are too many people who remain culturally centered and Christ plays very little, if any, part in their Christmases.

Christmas is always a special time. When our nests are full and we still have children at home, or we have graduated to grandchildren, that's the time to impress upon them the real meaning of Christmas. That doesn't mean we can't buy gifts for them; it just means that our focus is more on Christ than on the gifts we're giving them and we're making sure they know the difference.

There is a better Christmas coming. One that is guaranteed to all born again believers. We should be like the little kids who are waiting for and excited about Christmas. We should be anticipating Jesus' return and be constantly on watch for Him. When we are in Heaven, there will be gifts to open, awards to be received and we are guaranteed to spend eternity with Jesus Christ. We will meet the Master Himself! What better Christmas can there possibly be?

Blessings to you and yours in 2015.

What a pretty day it turned out to be despite the little bit of snow we had last night and the chilly temperatures outside on Sunday, Jan. 4. We missed several of our Denison Bible Church family members due to the cold.

The men's breakfast was rescheduled for Jan. 10. Youth Under Construction will meet next at 2 p.m. Jan. 17. Ryan P. and Leif H. collected the morning's offerings.

Sunday was "Lord's Supper Sunday." As believers, there is no excuse for not being ready for the Lord's Supper. It is a time for us to get serious about our faith. We should examine our lives; backwards, forward and inward and then ask ourselves, "Am I ready to be of service to the Master, Jesus Christ?" It is an obligation and should be considered a privilege to service Him.

We only take a piece of the "bread" that represents Christ. The cup represents the blood that Jesus shed for everyone, saved or not, as He was beaten and hung on the cross taking all our sins upon Himself. We are only a "piece" of a bigger picture but it takes all of us, together, to complete the whole picture.

Pastor Tom's message was titled "Sweeter as the Years Go By!?" based on Psalm 92:10-15. Is your church "sweet or sour" for Christ?

Age happens to all of us, but what does it do to us? As we grow older we should be growing wiser and becoming more "seasoned" in our faith. We may be older and the things we use to be able to do are now harder to do if we can even do them at all. We shouldn't dwell on the things we can't do but rejoice in the things we can do.

Continuously working at our faith makes us "sensational saints" rather than like the senseless man who doesn't know or understand how wonderful and great the Lord is. We should bring everything into obedience to Christ.

Most often our thoughts get us into trouble. To think we are worth nothing is to call God a liar. We are His masterpieces! We need to quit worrying about and looking for that "fountain of youth" and accept where we're at physically in life. We can still bear spiritual fruit.

We should ask the Lord to open our eyes so that we can see, or understand, what it is that he wants us to know. Our spiritual sight will come into focus as we grow in faith so that we can see farther down the road to see what's in store for us.

We have ears to hear but we don't hear. We don't listen for the Lord's voice. But He listens and hears everything we say to Him. He listens to us even when we don't say the words out loud. He listens to our hearts. His heart's desire is to hear from us so that we can hear him. We should always speak tastefully. God doesn't want to hear the filth we spew, the lies we tell, the hurtful gossip we share or any other hateful words that fall out of our mouths. We should use our mouths to always bring glory to God.

In Acts 12:7, Peter was in prison and was chained between two soldiers who were guarding him. An angel appeared and struck Peter on the side to wake him. He told Peter to "get up" and the chains fell off Peter's wrists so that he could follow the angel out of the prison. Sometimes God nudges us but we're too busy with our everyday lives to notice or we just ignore them. There are people, even believers, who are past feeling – their consciousness has worn off so they don't feel or recognize God's nudges. We should always be conscious for any nudges that God may give us.

In our faith there may be a time when we feel the need for a change in location but there will never be a change in occupation. We should always be occupied with Christ. We should be full-time Christians and ask ourselves, "Am I useful to the Master or am I useless to Him?"

Do you desire to be useful to the Master? If you desire to have a successful year in 2015, ask the Lord how you can be more useful to Him and then listen to what He has to tell you.

Food, Nutrition and Finance

Get important papers organized

January is National Soup Month; create your own concoction

By Cindy Williams
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Food, Nutrition & Finance

Before you visit with an attorney, accountant, financial adviser or other professional who may help you plan for your legal future, you should organize your important papers. With organized papers, you and your loved ones will be able to find documents or identify records that need to be replaced.

Everyone has important papers, such as banking information, rental agreement or mortgage papers, vehicle loan documents or vehicle title, birth certificates and insurance policies. While some papers are needed for a short time, others, such as records related to military service or divorce papers, should be kept for a lifetime.

A systematic plan for keeping track of important records can save hours of anxious searching, can preserve family peace and harmony, and make it easier to cope in emergency situations.

To get organized, start with the most recent papers. For instance, if you received a bank statement this week and you currently don't have a file for storing bank information, make a file that identifies the name of the bank or credit union. Adding the account number to the file can be helpful if you have multiple accounts. In the folder place your most recent statement, and then add others chronologically.

You'll need a place to store your files. Many people do not have the luxury of a separate room to serve as a home office, so determine a location that works for you. Make sure you have a flat workspace such as a table or desk, good lighting and a comfortable chair. The work area should include access to a telephone, a wastebasket and something to store your papers in. A shredder is a good addition as well, so that you can dispose of papers that have private information on them.

You'll need some office supplies including pencils, pens, paper, envelopes, stamps and file folders. As you open bills or deal with important papers, it's best to file the paper immediately to prevent time wasted from handling the same piece of paper multiple times. If that isn't possible, it's a good idea to have a box, basket or envelope for mail you don't have time to open or papers you have gathered but not sorted yet. Plan a system that will work for you and try not to get mired in indecision.

What Papers To Keep and Where to Keep Them

Important records may be kept in three locations: the wallet or purse, home files, and a home safe or safety deposit box.

What's in your wallet? Take a moment to write down from memory the items you carry in your wallet. Most people carry way too much information in their wallet. This can be a problem if the wallet is lost or stolen. Your wallet should contain:

- Personal identification
- Driver's license
- Credit cards (carry only one or two)
- Health insurance card
- Blood type and special medical information
- Organ donor card
- Name and phone number of physician
- Auto Insurance Card (or this can be kept in the vehicle)

Most of your important records will be kept in a home file, while very important records, such as passports, abstracts and deeds for real estate, vehicle titles, household inventory (for insurance purposes), original social security cards, should be kept in a safety deposit box.

Call your local extension office for the handout "Organize Your Important Papers" that details records to carry with you, records kept at home and permanent records that should be kept in a safety deposit box.

January is National Soup Month

January is designated as National Soup Month. Soup is an easy meal that can incorporate many healthy ingredients. Create your own version with this simple plan.

1. Heat fat in a large soup pot – 2 tablespoons oil, butter or margarine.
2. Add 2-3 cups vegetables and cook until crisp-tender. Choose one or more chopped fresh, canned, or frozen vegetables: celery, green pepper, green beans, carrots, onion, peas, corn, zucchini, squash, mushrooms, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, etc.
3. Next add a protein – 1 pound uncooked beef, chicken, ham, sausage or 1 (16 oz.) can beans (pinto, kidney, black, white, chick peas, hominy, etc.)
4. Then add 3-4 cups starch–diced potatoes, egg noodles, macaroni, pasta, uncooked rice.
5. Add broth – 2 can chicken, beef, and/or vegetable broth; 4 cups water and chicken, beef, or vegetable bouillon; 1 can crushed or diced tomatoes and 3 cups water; 4 cups milk and chicken bouillon or any combination of above to make 1 quart. Make it healthier by selecting no-added salt versions.
6. Season with 1-2 teaspoons any dried herbs or minced garlic (save any fresh herbs for the last 5 minutes.)
7. Partially cover pot and simmer until meat is cooked and starch and vegetables are tender (20-30 minutes).
8. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Simmer another 5 minutes. Serve.

Leftover soup makes a quick and easy lunch. Divide large amounts into small, shallow containers and store in the refrigerator for three to four days or freeze and use within two to three months. Leave half-inch space for expansion. What a great way to warm up on a cold winter day!

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