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Brandon Neely (at far left in the photo above), 2015 World Livestock Auctioneer Champion, brought his sale-calling skills to Holton Livestock Exchange on Tuesday for the 64th Anniversary Calf and Yearling Auction. Neely, a West Virginia native now hailing from Southside, Ala., was assisted on the podium by (from left to right) Dan Deters, Ellie Klepees (partially hidden) and Dan Harris, and in the ring by Steve Aeschliman (with flag) and Don Robison.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Christmas Bureau still needs donations

By Ali Holcomb

Donations and volunteers are still needed to help make this year's Jackson County Christmas Bureau a success.

A total of 150 applications from families, seniors and disabled citizens have been received for this year's Christmas Bureau, which has been set for 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, at Evangel United Methodist Church.

Jennifer Godfrey, one of the organizers for the event, said that a variety of donations are still being sought. Food items, including peanut butter and canned fruit, are needed, as well as new toys for children eight to 18.

"We need gifts for children ages 14 to 18," Godfrey said. "We can always take financial donations to fill in those gaps." For more than 30 years, the bureau has allowed income-eligible families to "shop" for Christmas gifts, essential items and food. The bureau also serves senior citizens and disabled residents in need.

Food and gift donations can be dropped off at one of the 18 boxes decorated with wrapping paper at businesses and organization around Holton, Godfrey said. All the boxes will be picked up on Tuesday.

Area church members have been assembling and donating bags full of essential items for the Christmas Bureau.

"We're pretty set with those," she said. "I think we'll have more than enough. We want to thank everyone for their support so far. We really appreciate it."

Volunteers are needed on Wednesday evening, Dec. 9, to transport gifts and the bags with the essential items to the church, Godfrey said.

"We need some big vans or enclosed pick-ups to transport donations after 5 p.m.," she said.

Members of the AmeriCorps team working in Jackson County will help set up the store on Wednesday and Thursday. Godfrey said volunteers

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DSB pledging financial assistance for fairgrounds

Denison State Bank of Holton is encouraging Jackson County Fair fans to put a few extra dollars into the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex's stocking this Christmas — and agreeing to match the donations of those extra dollars, up to \$100,000 through the end of the year, it was reported.

DSB officials, calling the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex "a tremendous asset to our area during summer 4-H fair time and all year long as a community event and activity location," has announced that any financial donations made toward

the Heritage Complex's development through Dec. 31 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000.

The Heritage Complex, the new site of the Jackson County Fair, is located two miles south of Holton and celebrated its first full year as the fair's home this year, it was reported. The complex is overseen by the Jackson County Fair Association, which is requesting that donations be made by the end of the year to take advantage of DSB's matching funds pledge.

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County addressing jail inmates' mental health

By Ali Holcomb

Responsibility for the mental health of inmates at the Jackson County Jail has fallen to the county, it has been reported, and officials and staff are looking for ways to improve those services to inmates here.

At Monday's Jackson County Commission meeting, David Elsbury, KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center Inc. CEO, outlined the types of services offered by KANZA to inmates at the county jail. Also present at the meeting were Jail Sergeant Steve Buck and Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

From Jan. 2 to Nov. 18, KANZA provided 36 mental health counseling sessions at the jail. Of those, 34 were face-to-face sessions and two were completed using televideo.

During that same time period, 12 admission evaluations were held,

with 11 conducted in person and one completed using televideo.

"KANZA does offer the inmate the option of having the admission evaluation appointment provided by televideo in order to do so faster," Elsbury said. "If the inmate declines the televideo delivery, the session is then scheduled face-to-face on a routine basis, typically within the next five to seven days."

A total of eight crisis screenings were held from January to Nov. 18, and all of those inmates were evaluated using televideo.

"The primary purpose of this crisis service is to assess and ensure the safety of the client and others and to emotionally and behaviorally stabilize," he said. "These purposes can be accomplished by televideo effectively."

Elsbury said that televideo is used

for crisis services in order to reduce travel for the providers, time loss for that travel and appointment cancellations that often occur due to crisis work. He said that KANZA had reduced clinical staff turnover since implementing televideo.

Elsbury said that inmates who receive mental health services from KANZA prior to being incarcerated can request to continue to receive services while in prison. KANZA staff do not evaluate or seek out patients in the jail, but only serve inmates that request services, it was reported.

"I can think of five or six inmates right now off the top of my head that should be receiving counseling," Jail Sergeant Buck said. "The jail has become a dumping ground for the mentally unstable. These people are not well, and there's no place to send them anymore so we have to find a

way to serve these people."

Buck said he is not in favor of televideo for crisis counseling, calling it a "poor alternative."

"Mental health is a growing need in a correctional facility, and I don't know what the alternative should be," he said.

In non-crisis situations, Buck said that a face-to-face appointment with a KANZA staff member can take between one to two weeks to occur.

"It's frustrating because my inmates are not getting what they need right away," Buck said.

Elsbury said that the wait for non-crisis mental health services for both inmates and the general public is the same.

"For members of the general public, it is going to take at least a week

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Chamber Hall of Fame tickets available

Tickets for the 11th-annual Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame dinner are now on sale at Holton's banking institutions, it has been reported.

This year's Chamber Hall of Fame honorees are Jan and the late Harold Hodge, Dorothy and the late

Joe Rogers, Paula Taylor and Dianna Wilson. They will be celebrated during the annual dinner, to be held Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center.

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Christmas Homes Tour to feature Copeland, Spohn residences

By Ali Holcomb

Five local homeowners are opening up their homes to the public next Saturday, Dec. 12, during a special Holton Christmas Homes Tour.

Held as a fund-raiser for the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the homes tour has been set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that Saturday.

The tour will include homes owned by Brian and Nicole Meerpohl, Kerwin and Carolyn McKee, Gerald and Cheryl Copeland, Pat and Doyle Spohn and Joy and Dale Clements.

This is the first of two articles detailing the decorated homes.

Pat and Doyle Spohn 802 Colorado Ave.

Nestled just off the intersection of Colorado Avenue and Eighth Street, Pat and Doyle Spohn's home is full of modern and eclectic Christmas decorations, with "pops" of color found throughout the home.

The Spohns have resided in Holton since 1993 and have lived in their current home since 2004. They've used silver and gold decoration to adorn their fireplace. A large tree in their dining room is filled with red ribbon and gold and red ornaments.

A ceramic Mr. and Mrs. Claus, painted by Pat in the 1970s, sits on the windowsill above the kitchen sink. A gold ornament with a pink ribbon hangs on a small white tree as a reminder of Pat's battle with breast cancer four years ago.

"I love decorating," Pat said. "This is fun for me. I've been working on this for a month."

The Spohns are no strangers to the

holiday homes tour, as the couple participated in the Holton Homes Tour in the 1990s when they owned a Victorian home on Iowa Avenue.

Besides the Christmas decorations, the Spohn's home is full of color and personality. Unique artwork is hung throughout the home, and the office includes African art and necklaces as a nod to Pat's trip to Africa in 2008.

An extra bedroom on the west side of the home is painted pink and is filled with a bedroom set Pat's mom won in the 1920s.

The couple enjoys antiques and sold them for a period of time. Pat has also worked as a hairdresser and also cared for her grandchildren when the kids were younger. Doyle has worked as a technician for TransCanada for 22 years. They have three kids, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

"We try to work around the kids' schedule each Christmas," Pat said.

Besides decorating for the holiday, Pat enjoys making Christmas candy, like peanut brittle.

The Spohns have always had a do-it-yourself attitude when it comes to their homes. Shortly after they married, Doyle bought a Reader's Digest book on home repair. He's learned everything from plumbing to electrical work to tiling. He uses his skills often in the homes they own.

"We re-decorate a lot," Pat said. "Being on the homes tour motivated me to do some deep cleaning. I love doing it, but it's a little stressful. I look forward to visiting with everyone who stops by."



In the photo at left, Cheryl (left) and Gerald Copeland of Holton have transformed a blacksmith shop into a beautiful rustic home for their family. The Copelands' home is one of five featured stops on this year's Holton Christmas Homes Tour. In the photo at right, homes tour participants Doyle (left) and Pat Spohn have owned their home on Colorado Avenue for 11 years and have filled it now with a variety of bright and modern decorations for the holidays. Homes tour participants can visit the Copeland and Spohn homes between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12.

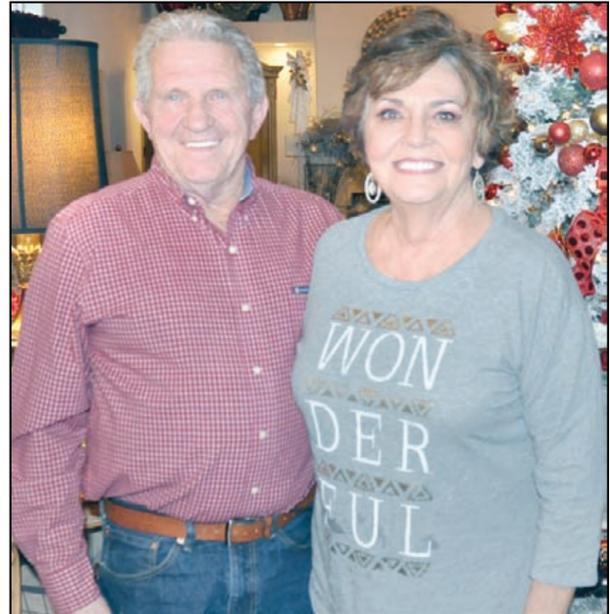
Photos by Ali Holcomb

Gerald and Cheryl Copeland 114 S. Iowa Ave.

With spare materials, sweat and lots of imagination, Gerald and Cheryl Copeland have transformed

a blacksmith shop and barn into a warm and rustic home — a perfect setting for the holidays.

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THURSDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST:
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Washburn Rural High School students Isabel Olivas (center) and Ashli Ahlf (second from left), representing the school's Air Force Junior ROTC program, presented the colors for the recent Jackson Heights veterans salute while pre-school students in Kay Smith's class looked on. Smith, shown at left in the above photo, led her class through the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the program. Photo by Brian Sanders

Nemaha County

The following reports were issued in recent days by the Nemaha County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests

■ Susan R. Willey, 43, Sabetha, was booked into Nemaha County Jail on Nov. 19 on a Nemaha County warrant on a charge of giving a worthless check. Willey was released later that day on \$310 cash bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 22.

■ Travis Winters was released Nov. 20 on \$10,000 OR bond with court set for 1 p.m. on Dec. 17.

■ Bradley R. Wessel, 35, Centralia, was arrested Nov. 21 by sheriff's officers on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Wessel was released later that day on \$1,000 cash bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 22.

■ Robert J. Hobbs, 39, Fairview, was arrested Nov. 21 by Sabetha police on charges of disorderly conduct, domestic battery and battery. Hobbs was released later that day on \$3,000 surety bond with court set for 4 p.m. on Dec. 10.

■ Tamie S. Newcomb, 55, Sabetha, was booked into Nemaha County Jail on Nov. 22 on a Shawnee County failure to appear warrant. Newcomb

was released later that day on \$100 cash bond with court set for 8:30 a.m. on Dec. 1.

■ Alexander C. Ashcraft, 23, Topeka, was arrested Nov. 22 by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Ashcraft was released later that day on \$2,500 surety bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 22.

■ Gregory V. Schmitz, 58, Axtell, was arrested Nov. 22 by sheriff's officers on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Schmitz was released later that day on \$1,000 surety bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 29.

■ Harvey G. Webster Jr., 23, Sabetha, was arrested Nov. 27 by Sabetha police on charges of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, battery on a law enforcement officer, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Webster was also arrested on two Nemaha County warrants, including a bench warrant for failure to appear with a \$1,000 cash bond, and a felony warrant on two charges of distribution of methamphetamine and two counts of unlawful use of a communication facility with a \$150,000 bond. Webster remains in custody.

■ Zebulon N. Nji, 48, Rosharon, Texas, was arrested Nov. 29 by the Kansas Highway Patrol on charges of driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked and driving with illegal registration. Nji was released later that day on \$500 surety bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 29.

■ Sheriff's officers took a Nov. 20 report of damage to a building at 896 U.S. Highway 36, Seneca, involving a semitrailer. The accident occurred on private property, sheriff's officers said.

■ Sometime between 2:30 a.m. and 5:45 a.m. on Nov. 23, an un-

known person removed the 7-UP vending machine from its location at 1719 Kansas Highway 9, Goff. The machine was later found in a ditch outside of town, with damages and loss estimated at \$2,180.

■ Sometime between 2 p.m. on Nov. 22 and 7:15 a.m. on Nov. 23, an unknown person removed a pay phone and pedestal from 405 First St. in Wetmore. Loss was estimated at approximately \$400.

■ Sometime between midnight and 7 a.m. on Nov. 23, an unknown person removed a Pepsi vending machine from 1189 96th Road, Seneca. The machine was later found approximately a mile away where it had been dumped, with damages and loss estimated at \$1,460.

Accidents

■ At about 12:05 a.m. on Nov. 21, Kyle T. Dishong, 25, Sabetha, was driving a 2011 Scion east on 184th Road just west of V Road when the Scion left the north side of the road, overcorrected and went out of control, then went into the south ditch and rolled. Dishong was taken to Sabetha Hospital by ambulance. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ Bradley R. Wessel, 35, Centralia, was driving a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado south on J Road at about

Fenceline

Choose the right heifer

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

I spent the better part of a week in Manhattan listening to the candidates for the KSU beef vet position. There are some really great prospects in our beef industry.

Hopefully, we can get someone hired and get back to business. With Dr. Larry Hollis' retirement, there has been a hole in our programs. For those of you that knew Dr. Hollis, you know full well that there may not be anyone to fill those boots, but here in Kansas, we are resourceful, and we'll grow one up!

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After the heifers are selected, you must follow proper nutrition to reach the goals of early puberty, early breeding and sufficient size at calving. A ration should be developed for adequate growth, but not for fattening. British breed heifers should gain about a pound a day from weaning to breeding; larger cattle should gain 1 to 1.5 pounds a day.



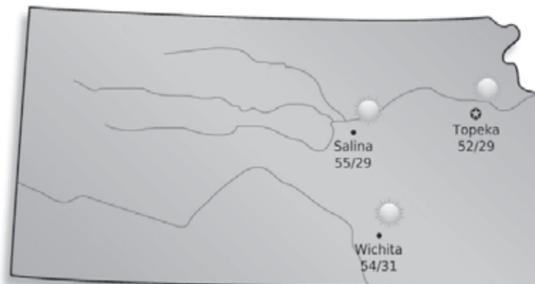
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Local 5-Day Forecast

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50/29 Sunny skies. High near 50F. Winds light and variable.	54/36 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	53/37 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	49/30 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 30s.	52/33 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.
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Hershey	85.59	-0.72
Walmart	58.97	+0.13
Phillips 66	92.65	+1.12
US Bancorp	44.30	+0.41
Pfizer	33.63	+0.86
Deere & Co.	79.49	-0.08
United Parcel	104.41	+1.40
Apple	117.34	-0.96
Facebook	107.12	+2.88
Westar Energy	43.51	+0.83
Goodyear	35.00	+0.12

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015.

GRAIN		
Description	Price at Close	Change
Wheat	\$3.72	
Corn	\$3.53	
Milo	\$3.23	
Soybeans	\$8.49	

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 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	\$1.85	-\$0.292 -\$0.753
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Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST ~ NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH!!! OVER \$10,000 IN CASH GIVEAWAY!!
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SUNDAYS & MONDAYS - TRIPLE POINTS 9AM - NOON! "Hot Seat Spin the Wheel" Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash, hourly 2pm-10pm. If you land on an even number and the date is an even number, your promo is doubled!!

TUESDAYS - "Hot Seat Drop the Puck" Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash, hourly 1pm-5pm, tickets 6pm-11pm.

WEDNESDAYS - "Hot Seat Spin the Wheel" Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash, hourly Noon-5pm, tickets 6pm-11pm. If you land on the middle star points, you get to spin again to win up to \$50 more in Promo Cash!

THURSDAYS - TRIPLE POINTS 9AM - NOON! "Hot Seat Spin the Wheel" Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash, hourly Noon-5pm, tickets 6pm-11pm. If you land on blue, you get 2 free buffets. If you land on yellow, you get an extra \$25 in Promo Cash! (Excludes Thursday, December 31st)

FRIDAYS - Lucky Snowflake Drawings, every 1/2 hour 6pm - 2am. The winner will draw one snowflake out of 20 snowflakes to win up to \$150 in Promo Cash - but WAIT - there will be 3 cash snowflakes included in the 20 snowflakes...So let's see if you can get the CASH Snowflake!! (Excludes Friday, December 25th)

SATURDAYS - Stocking Drawings!! You pick the winning stocking out of 5!! Drawings every 1/2 hour 11am-3pm, to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash. Drawings every 1/2 hour 5pm-2am, to win up to \$150 in Promo Cash. (Excludes Saturdays, December 5th & 19th)

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School Lunch Menus

Jackson Heights

Monday, Dec. 7: Breakfast – Sausage, egg, cheese, biscuit, fruit, milk and juice; Lunch – Chicken tetrazzini, tossed salad, French garlic bread, steamed carrots, mandarin oranges and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, fruit, yogurt, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken patty, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, wheat bread (9-12), grapes and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, peaches, juice and milk; Lunch – Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes, sausage links, juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger with bun, lettuce and tomato, tater tots, baby carrots, pineapple and mandarin oranges, teddy grahams and milk.

Friday, Dec. 11: Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, banana, juice and milk; Lunch – Sloppy joe with bun, baked beans, sweet potato fries, fresh veggies, pears and milk.

Holton

Monday, Dec. 7: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, string cheese, fresh orange, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Ham and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, broccoli florets, fresh apple, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit cocktail, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Pizza, tossed salad, cherry tomatoes, orange smiles, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy, banana, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Taco burger on a bun, tortilla chips (9-12), tomato salsa, leaf lettuce and sliced tomato, baked beans, fresh banana, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Breakfast – French toast with syrup, fresh grapes, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic breadstick with marinara, garden salad, fresh apple, chocolate chip cookie, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Friday, Dec. 11: Breakfast – Mini waffles with syrup, applesauce, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken patty, whole-wheat roll and honey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable blend, sliced pears, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.

Royal Valley

Monday, Dec. 7: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken wrap, lettuce and cheese cup, fresh carrots, rice crispy treat, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Breakfast – Bagel with cream cheese, fruit and milk; Lunch – Soft taco, refried beans, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Breakfast – Late start, no breakfast served; Lunch – Pizza, cooked carrots, salad, cookie (9-12), fruit and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert, fruit and milk.

Friday, Dec. 11: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken patty on a bun, french fries, baked beans, fruit and milk.

Prairie Hills

Monday, Dec. 7: Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Chicken patty on a whole-grain parmesan herb bun, dynamic duo fries, mighty mini trees and cauliflower power, strawberries and bananas and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 8: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, peaches, whole-grain roll and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Taco salad with salsa, refried beans, dreamy tropical fruit, sherbet cup and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Creamy classic mac and meatballs, seasoned green beans, carrot crunchies, apple smiles and milk.

Friday, Dec. 11: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Whole-grain cheese pizza, spinach garden salad, peas, sliced pears, whole-grain Snickerdoodle and milk.

Note: Menus subject to change.



Bob Powers (at left) of Holton, a Vietnam War veteran, was honored to see his likeness sketched into a collage created by Jackson Heights High School art students at the recent veterans' salute at the JHHS gym. Powers was one of several area veterans of the Korean and Vietnam wars and World War II who participated in the sixth JHHS Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. this past September; the photo collage was based on a picture taken by JHHS student Tayla Manuel while Powers was at the Vietnam War memorial. Photo by Brian Sanders

Family life doesn't occur in a vacuum

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Family life does not occur in a vacuum. Values, activities and lifestyles often reflect a history of personal and cultural experience. Some family experiences may soon be forgotten. Others, such as holiday activities, may be well remembered.



Focusing on their strengths can be a family's inheritance. Appreciation for each other and times together, shared coping and communication skills, or faith, also are legacies. They may be remembered and copied by future generations.

Having a good understanding of your family and your partner's family – knowing the customs and traditions that are part of their life and their hopes and beliefs – is essential in order to strengthen new or existing relationships. Family influence is ongoing. Cou-

ples generally remain connected to their extended families, so their lives can be influenced by family health issues, shared holidays and celebrations, family finance, a shared inheritance or division of assets.

Family support, which includes accountability as well as encouragement, also can play a key role in adult children's relationships, especially during their early years of marriage. While in-laws can become too involved, not allowing a couple room for self-reliance, they often are less involved than is needed.

Recent addition to your family?

Send your baby's name, birth date and place, weight and height, and names of parents, siblings and grandparents. A photo will be published for a fee. Bring news into the office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton; mail to *The Holton Recorder*, P.O. Box 311, Holton, KS 66436; fax the news to 364-3422; call 364-3141; or e-mail holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 3

*7 p.m. Jackson Heights kindergarten through sixth grade Christmas concert.

Friday, Dec. 4

*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

*Howliday House from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hutchins Building in Holton to benefit the Heart of Jackson Humane Society.

*Registration deadline for the Holton 3 Point Club's basketball tournament, scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12 at Holton High School. \$150 entry fee guarantees three games; teams will be made up of students in second through eighth grades. Call Andy Tanking at 364-7191 or Don Fate at 364-9090 for more information.

*5 p.m. Royal Valley After Prom Dinner.
*SHS Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Saturday, Dec. 5

*Howliday House from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hutchins Building in Holton to benefit the Heart of Jackson Humane Society. Pictures with Santa will be taken from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Soldier Christian Church live nativity, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Kansas Highway 62 in front of the church. Refreshments will be served inside the church.

Bureau...

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will be needed during the Christmas Bureau on that Friday to help with a variety of tasks.

"We need people to wrap gifts, carryout gifts and food boxes to cars and assemble the food boxes in the kitchen," she said. "We also need people to re-stock tables with gifts. We'll probably have to do some

*Jackson Heights High School Scholars Bowl at Washburn Quest.

*Jackson Heights High School Variety Show, 7 p.m.

*NEKMEA District Honor Band and Mini Convention at Blue Valley.

*8 a.m. RVMS PRO Breakfast with Santa.

Sunday, Dec. 6

*Attend the church of your choice.

*Mayetta Christian Church will be holding a special meeting for approval of the rewritten constitution and by-laws following the church service at 11:30 a.m.

*AA meeting in the basement of the Mayetta Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7

*The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name place on a meeting agenda.

*Holton City Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Holton City Hall.

*Delia City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Delia City Hall.

*Netawaka City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Netawaka City Hall.

*Soldier Senior Citizens will meet at noon at the Soldier City Hall. Soup will be provided; bring a side dish or

dessert. The Jackson Heights band will perform after lunch. Visitors are always welcome.

*The VFW Auxiliary Christmas party will be held at 6 p.m. at the Holton Vets Club. Meat will be furnished; bring a salad or dessert, as well as a \$5 to \$7 gift suitable for a man or woman for the exchange.

*Holton Business Women will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Trails Café. Reservations are requested upon contact by the program committee. Members are asked to bring canned food donations for the local food pantry.

*7 p.m. Wetmore Elementary School winter concert.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

*Soldier City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Soldier City Hall.

*7:30 p.m. Jackson Heights grades 7-12 Christmas concert.

*7 p.m. Holton kindergarten music program.

Wednesday, Dec. 9

*Holton Alateen, a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism, meets at 7 p.m. each Wednesday in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

*Wetmore City Council meets at 7 p.m. at city hall.

*9:30 a.m. Late start for all Royal Valley students.

*6 p.m. RVMS PRO meeting.

*6:15 p.m. RVHS Booster Club meeting.

*7 p.m. RVHS After Prom meeting.

*7 p.m. RVES winter music program.

*1 p.m. APS winter sports and group photos.

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The experimenting didn't work

The state of Kansas came out \$14.6 million ahead of lowered revenue estimates for November, the Kansas Department of Revenue reported Tuesday.

Gov. Sam Brownback's administration breathed a collective sigh of relief after the numbers were released, but the improved totals got an assist after state officials last month lowered revenue projections by \$159 million for the rest of the current fiscal year!

Tax collections exceeded those reduced estimates by \$8.1 million and the remaining revenue addition was made up through fund transfers, it was reported.

Both income tax and sales tax collections in the state were slightly more than estimated, 1.7 percent and 1.9 percent respectively.

After lowering the state revenue projections in early November, the Brownback administration instituted approximately \$124 million in transfers, sweeps and cuts, which left an ending balance of less than \$6 million.

State officials have been nervously awaiting the end-of-month revenue tally to determine if any further budget actions would be needed.

With public school funding one half of the state budget, education leaders have been worried that additional budget problems would mean

education cuts, according to a news release from the Kansas Association of School Boards.

Kansas has faced a dire budget situation since Brownback and his Republican allies slashed income taxes in 2012 and 2013, saying it would stimulate the economy. It didn't. The economy has struggled and during the last legislative session Brownback and GOP lawmakers increased the state sales and cigarette taxes to help balance the budget.

OPINION

When state tax income does not cover state government program expenses, then the state cannot provide all of its services. Good management ensures that that never happens. Poor management does not.

More state tax increases now are inevitable for 2016. It doesn't look good for the state that our governor is now considered the least popular governor in the 50 states. What's worse, however, is the fact that we Kansans, over the past several years, have allowed our politicians to experiment with our state government. The experimenting didn't work. We should have known better. It's time to take back our state.

David Powls



Deck the halls safely

For most people, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and good cheer. What few may consider is that the holiday season is a time when there is an increased risk of home fires and other injuries.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and Safe Kids Kansas are reminding parents and caregivers to take a few precautions when decorating for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and other winter festivities.

Christmas trees, candles and holiday decorations significantly contribute to the seasonal causes of home fires. Add to that the hectic nature of the holidays, when people are trying to accomplish multiple tasks at one time, and the chance for home fires grows even more.

Holiday celebrations often include cooking or baking. It's important to know that unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep your counter space nearby free from anything that can catch fire.

Turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen, even if it's for a short period of time. If you're simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking. Also, create a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried.

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA), two out of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.

Consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles, and will keep children safe from burns. If you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed.

If you decorate a tree, be sure to take these precautions:

- Never leave a lit Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets, and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.
- Decorative lighting should be labeled with the seal of an independent testing lab. If it's not labeled for outdoor use, don't use it outdoors.
- Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times or consider an artificial tree. Do not put the tree within three feet of a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent. LED lights burn cooler than incandescent lights and pose a lower risk of fire.

First Christmas was probably scary, too

By Glenn Mollette

Black Friday shoppers throughout America affirmed the hustle and madness of Christmas. Mall shopping was down by 10 percent but zaniest seemed to be up by at least 10 percent or more. Viral videos of mall fights and huge crowds did not entice hesitant shoppers to jump into the weekend fray of traffic jams and shopping craziness.



Most Americans did not break a stride last weekend when it came to pursuing routine shopping and travel activities. However, the news kept us on edge with high alerts about the ever lurking possibility of terrorism.

Ever since Sept. 11, 2001 Americans have rightly lived with paranoia of imminent danger. We are a bit scared about flying but we do it anyway. We have become a bit scared about concert and sports events but mostly we go anyway. We have become nervous about public crowds such as the Boston Marathon or a parade. We just don't know what might happen. Some idiot who has deemed his or her own life worthless may show up anywhere with the goal of killing anyone. It's just crazy and scary.

Radical Militant Muslims who utilize their own slick media resources do everything possible to continue this fear permeation of our society.

I don't want to give them anything but sadly they have been successful. They have succeeded in fear mongering. However, they have not succeeded in halting the American way of life nor the French way of life.

The American people will not stop flying or traveling the highways. Americans will go to the Macy's Thanksgiving parade. They will go to Times Square and they will attend the sporting events throughout our country. They will also go to the malls and shop on Black Friday. The only reason the store traffic was down was because more people are shopping online, which was up 10 percent last weekend.

The first Christmas was scary. Mary and Joseph were flat broke. They had tax to pay. They had a baby coming into the world. She turned up pregnant before they were married and nobody bought the Holy Ghost story. In the meantime King Herod who was scary in his own right ordered all the male babies under two years old to be murdered. He didn't want any competition from a baby who might take his place. We can hardly imagine all the emotions that this peasant family of Mary, Joseph and the baby experienced. Since then Christmas has presented challenges and some new anxieties for most of us.

We have growing fears in America. Terrorism, joblessness, taxes; life's uncertainties abound for all of us. The first family of Christmas didn't let the scary stuff stop them from experiencing the wonders of that first Bethlehem night. Life for them wasn't easy.

We have to keep moving and living strong in America. We have to deal with and overcome this scary stuff today as we rediscover and celebrate the joy and real meaning of Christmas in our hearts and lives.

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American syndicated columnist and author.

PLAINS FOLK: Visiting the South Island

By Tom Isern

Since the early 1990s, I have flown back and forth, to and from the South Island of New Zealand, investigating history and life in the great grasslands of that country.



This takes me mainly to the provinces of Canterbury and Otago. The Canterbury Plains are sub-humid grasslands east of the New Zealand Alps. Central Otago is a region of high, semiarid basins.

Returning to New Zealand this November, I realized it had been a few years since I have traveled these southern grasslands, and there were changes in the land.

These changes are matters of casual curiosity and personal interest, but they are more than that. What I bring home from an excursion such as this is the sense of possibility, a sense that opens the mind about affairs on my own North American plains.

After flying into Christchurch, picking up a car, and dining with old friends there, we set out on a drive south toward Dunedin. The familiar route took us through the plains of South Canterbury and North Otago, a crazy quilt of paddocks punctuated by braided rivers. Not so many sheep as there used to be - mammoth dairy operations instead, selling powdered milk on the Asian market

In general, prosperity is evident, although world commodity markets are lackluster at the moment. We people of the world's great grasslands are doing pretty well in the 21st century.

Making our way into the Central Otago high country, we enjoy the spectacular scenery while also appreciating the enterprise evident on the land. New Zealand is a country that has gone free market to compete in the global agricultural economy.

At the same time, the rural economy has diversified, with high-value crops and tourism spiking revenues.

Viticulture - grape-growing and wine-making - is an important part of this economic revival. Until about two decades ago, no one would have foreseen this. The country was considered unfit for high-value grape production. Demand for the product was lacking, as was expertise for its production.

And yet, here we are at Maori Point Winery, established on the sandy bank of the Clutha River by a couple of retired professors from the University of Otago. We sample its products, which are exemplary, and we talk about the ironies of the situation.

You see, this exact spot where we are sipping pinot noir was considered worse than worthless 20 years ago. For generations, the region of which it is a part was considered the "central desert" of New Zealand, eaten up by feral rabbits, blowing away in terrible sandstorms.

There are many reasons for the turnaround, but the essential ones were initiative and imagination.

Wherever we find a thriving winery, a niche product, a retail oasis, or any other rural success story, we find the same sort of people in the middle of it.

Oh, and there is something else about them. They love their home country. They don't just want to prosper; they want to prosper here.

There is a lesson for us plains folk in all this. In a globalized economy operating across mobile societies, the sense of place remains a palpable asset. This is our place.

Note: Tom Isern is a distinguished professor at North Dakota State University and director of the Center for Heritage Renewal there.

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AGRICULTURE WEEK: Cattle markets finish higher, grains lower

By Matt Hines

Cattle markets finished higher last Friday and lean hog futures pulled back a little bit as volume was thin for the holiday-shortened trading day, but all futures were able to post higher positive gains for the week.

Cash feedlot trade was very light for the week, with only a few thousand head traded in Nebraska and Kansas at \$195 dressed and \$127 live, which is steady with the week previous. Beef prices seemed to have turned the corner with steady to good volume last week at higher money.

For the week, Friday Nov. 20, to Friday Nov. 27, December live cattle were up \$2.12, January feeders were up \$2.37 and December lean hogs were up \$1.27. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$1.26 at \$204.40, Select was up \$4.55 at \$195.50 and Pork Carcass Cutout was down \$7.4 at \$72.40. CME Feeder Index was up \$2.29 at \$173.80 and Lean Hog Index was up \$5.25 at \$55.62.

Cattle slaughter from Friday were estimated at 98,000 head, down

10,000 from a week ago and down 7,000 from a year ago. For the week, the total was 462,000 head, down 109,000 from a week ago with one less day, and down 30,000 from a year ago. The year-to-date difference remained the same at 5.5 percent less than a year ago.

Hog slaughter from Friday was estimated at 433,000 head, down 4,000 from a week ago but up 26,000 from a year ago. For the week, the total was 2,129,000 head, down 258,000 from a week ago, but again with one less day, and up 142,000 from a year ago. The year-to-date difference remains the same, though, at 7.9 percent more than a year ago.

End-of-the-month positioning overruled the bullish winter weather to start this week. Most were looking for a positive day, with all major feeding areas experiencing either ice and freezing temperatures or rains and muddy lots over the past few days.

Instead last week's rally was wiped out as we hit month's end and traders took some profits or squared

up positions. Salebarns on Monday were reporting a lower undertone, but volumes were light in Oklahoma City, Okla., and Joplin, Mo., due to the winter weather.

Livestock Futures Settlements Monday, Nov. 30

- December live cattle down \$1.77 at \$130.05, February down \$1.50 at \$132.35.

- January feeders down \$3.27 at \$162.75, March down \$3.25 at \$160.42.

- December lean hogs down \$.30 at \$58.42, February down \$.87 at \$56.80.

Grains finished lower on Friday with wheat leading the charge down, volume very light, of course, from the holiday-shortened trading day. Export sales were at the low end of expectations for wheat, in line for soybeans and good for corn last week.

Wheat sales totaled 11.2 million bushels (MBU) in the old crop and 808,000 bushels in the new crop. Soybean sales totaled 43.1 MBU. The biggest buyers were China with

27.6 MBU, of which 18.8 MBU was switched from unknown destinations, and the Netherlands purchased 5.2 MBU with almost all switched from unknown destinations as well.

Corn sales were 80.2 MBU, a marketing year high, and 20.8 MBU new crop. Most of the business went to Mexico, as expected from previous reports, with about half of the old crop and almost all of the new crop.

For the week, Friday, Nov. 20, to Friday, Nov. 27, December corn was down \$.04, March was down \$.02½, January soybeans were up \$.15½, March was up \$.15, December KC wheat was down \$.07, New Crop July was down \$.03¼, December Chicago wheat was down \$.22¼ and July was down \$.04½.

Grain Futures Settlements Monday, Nov. 30

- December corn up \$.05¼ at \$3.65, March up \$.05, at \$3.72¼.

- January soybeans up \$.08 at \$8.81, March up \$.07¾ at \$8.83¼.

- December KC wheat up \$.07 at \$4.57, New Crop July up \$.07 at \$4.95¼.

- December Chicago wheat down \$.05¼ at \$4.60, New Crop July up \$.02¼ at \$4.92¼.

The Environmental Protection Agency on Monday issued a final rule designed to increase production of ethanol to be blended with gasoline through 2016. The agency said it will require more than 18 billion gallons of renewable fuels in 2016, 14.5 billion gallons of it being ethanol. The amount is less than was set in a 2007 renewable fuels law but is more than was proposed by the EPA in May.

The agency's initial proposal, released in May, fell short of levels mandated in a decade-old law by requiring refiners to use 17.4 billion gallons of renewable fuels next year, with about 14 billion of those coming from traditional corn-based ethanol. By contrast, Congress originally envisioned refiners blending 22.5 billion gallons of renewable fuels into the nation's gasoline supply in 2016.

Crop Progress and Conditions Monday, Nov. 30

U.S. grain sorghum harvest is now at 98 percent complete, compared to 94 percent last week, 91 percent last year and 97 percent on the five-year average. Kansas harvest is now at 97 percent compared to 95 percent last week, 94 percent last year and 98 percent on the five-year average.

Winter wheat emerged at 93 percent, compared to 90 percent last week, 94 percent last year and 93 percent on the five-year average. Winter wheat conditions improved another 2 percent from last week to now 55 percent good to excellent, and 9 percent remained poor to very poor, which has almost caught up to last year's 58 percent good to excellent and only 6 percent poor to very poor crop.

The Kansas wheat crop improved 1 percent to now 48 percent good to excellent while down another 1 percent to 10 percent poor to very poor.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Hines can be reached at (785) 289-0036. Matt and his family live west of Holton.

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OBITUARIES



Kranz

Sharity Rae Kranz, 30, Holton, died Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015, at her home.

She was born Nov. 1, 1985, in Horton, the daughter of Larry Lane and Tammy Dawn Strike Kranz. She graduated from Jackson Heights High School in 2004, earned her Certified Nursing Assistant and Certified Medication Aide certifications from Highland Community College and later received her Licensed Practical Nurse degree from Washburn University.

Ms. Kranz worked as a CNA and CMA for Penn Place and Glen Moore Meadows, both in Holton. She worked as a LPN for Shawnee County Women's Correctional Facility and VA Hospital, both in Topeka. She was currently employed with Shawnee County Women's Correctional Facility.

She married Cole Gerhardt. They divorced.

Survivors include two sons, Eric David Gerhardt and Logan Lane Glenn Atherly, both of the home; her parents, Larry and Tammy Kranz, Whiting; a brother, Lasten L. Kranz, Whiting; maternal grandmother, Sharon Lewis, Nisswa, Minn.; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Lyle Strike; her paternal grandparents, Lloyd and Hilda Kranz; and her fiance, Jeff G. Atherly, in 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Penwell-Gabel Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sharity Kranz Memorial Fund, to be designated at a later date and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. *Holton Recorder 12/2/15*

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the roadway. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ A 2011 Ford Focus driven by Neil T. Lemons, 26, Wetmore, was southbound on W Road at about 7:20 p.m. on Nov. 22 when it struck a deer in the road about half a mile north of 56th Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ Allen F. Baker, 32, Sabetha, was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado south on W Road at about 2:40 p.m. on Nov. 22 when the pickup struck a deer about 0.3 miles south of 96th Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

■ At about 7:20 a.m. on Nov. 23, Marcia G. Bauerle, 53, Sabetha, was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Impala north on W Road when the Impala struck a deer in the road about 0.2 miles north of 168th Road. Damage

Howerton

Danny L. Howerton, 45, Mayetta, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, at his home.

He was born May 6, 1970, in Topeka the son of Marion and Diane Kennedy Howerton. He graduated from Holton High School in 1989 and had lived in the Holton area since 1984.

Mr. Howerton worked at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department for 22 years, serving as dispatcher, deputy sheriff, patrol sergeant and undersheriff. He was deputy sheriff for Denison, Hoyt and Meriden. He was also an assistant wrestling coach in Holton for two years.

He married Robin Anderson. They divorced. He later married Amanda Olsen. They divorced. He married Samantha Wahquaboshkuk on Nov. 29, 2012, in Forsyth, Mo. She survives.

Other survivors include his father, Marion Howerton and wife Sandra, Mayetta; his mother, Diane Schwerdt, Garnett; two sons, Andrew Howerton, Overland Park, and Logan Howerton, Oak Harbor, Wash.; a daughter, Grace Howerton, Oak Harbor, Wash.; two brothers, Mark Howerton and Marion Howerton, both of Mayetta; three sisters, Misty Mathis, Holton, Rosetta Stauffer, Mayetta, and Crystal Itoe, Pittsburg; and his grandmother, Hazel Kennedy, Garnett.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. There will be no graveside service. Family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Danny Howerton Memorial Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. *Holton Recorder 12/2/15*

Rupnicki

Mamie Wahwassuck Rupnicki, 76, Mayetta, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, at the F.W. Huston Senior Care in Winchester.

She was born May 21, 1939, on the Potawatomi Reservation at Mayetta, the daughter of John and Josette Nahgonbe Wahwassuck. She received a master's degree in business from Baker University.

Mrs. Rupnicki and her husband had operated a ranch in Arizona until returning to the Potawatomi Reservation. She served as Chair of the Gaming Commission and later as Tribal Chairperson.

She married Joe Rupnicki in January 1956 in Topeka. He survives.

Other survivors include five children, Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick and wife LeAnne, Delia, Royetta Rodewald, Hoyt, John Rupnicki Sr., Mayetta, Rachel Wamego, Las Vegas, Nev., and Jesse Rupnicki, Soldier; four siblings, James Wahwassuck, Mayetta, Pete Wahwassuck, in Washington state, Merrill "Meatball" Wahwassuck, Mayetta, and Nancy Wahwassuck Conboy, Mayetta; 21 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings, Doc Wahwassuck, Twila "Charlie" Lee, Raphael "Bugger" Wahwassuck, Florence "Gumpy" Ross, Henry Wahwassuck and Jewette "Swede" Wahwassuck.

Drum services will be held Friday evening at the Dance Ground west of Mayetta. Burial will be held Saturday afternoon in the Dance Ground Cemetery. Mrs. Rupnicki will lie in state at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt, where family and friends will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. *Holton Recorder 12/2/15*



Martin

Leroy P. Martin, 83, Holton, formerly of Topeka, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton.

He was born Jan. 14, 1932, at St. Benedict, the son of John and Merwina Levings Martin. He graduated from Seneca Public High School in 1951.

Mr. Martin served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later was a heavy equipment operator for Martin Marietta in Topeka.

He was a member of Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka.

Survivors include a brother, Charles Martin and wife Bev, Mayetta; three sisters, Betty Fuqua and husband Jack, Mayetta, Patricia Taylor, Wichita, and Anna Mae Whitesell and husband Gene, Osage City; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a twin brother, Leo Martin; a brother, James Martin; and two sisters, Charlotte Jones and Rosemary Passino.

Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta. Burial with military honors will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery at Nortonville. Mr. Martin will lie in state at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, where a rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Wednesday, followed by visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. *Holton Recorder 12/2/15*

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Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Don and Deloris Beam spent Thanksgiving Day with their son Gary and daughter-in-law Jill at Auburn.

Tye and Chelsea Shupe enjoyed having her parents, Greg and Debbie Rogers from Iowa, and her brother, Travis Rogers, and his girlfriend, Valerie Reyner, and Chelsea's nephew, Hunter Rogers, all of Denison, as their guests for Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis R. Hutchinson attended the Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Barbara's son, Doug, and Lisa Brown in Olathe. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meares of Olathe; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Spencer and Cole of Topeka; Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Alma; Pastor and Mrs. Luke C. Brown of Aliceville; Nathan Brown of Lenexa; Spencer Brown of Kansas City, Mo.; Lauren Brown from Kansas City, Mo.; and Zack Korte from Kansas City, Mo. There were 17 in attendance.

Everyone brought some food to contribute, and the turkey and dressing and ham was furnished by the hosts. Barbara and Dennis stayed overnight and returned home on Friday. They also celebrated Bill Meares' 80th birthday on Thanksgiving Day. He is Lisa Brown and Lori Spencer's father.

Bob and I spent Thanksgiving

Day at the home of his mom, Maxine Lewis of Holton. There were 45 family members gathered for the wonderful meal and afternoon of visiting.

They also enjoyed the company of two of the Topeka Roadrunners hockey players who are house guests of Merlin and Judy Arnold of Topeka.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson had lunch with Denise and Dennis Morarity of Hoyt, Shelby and Kylie Moore of Hoyt and Doug Hutchinson of Mission on Friday, Nov. 27. Everyone was concerned about the weather, but it turned out okay. They enjoyed the food and the company.

We have enjoyed having Virginia Stojakovic stay with us from Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Nov. 29. She and her family from Blackwell, Okla., got to be here for the family Thanksgiving and also for Maxine Lewis' 90th birthday celebration at the Circleville Christian Church on Saturday, Nov. 28. We were disappointed that the weather wasn't better on Saturday, but we still all enjoyed the day and were happy to see those who got out to attend.

We received word of the death of Stanley Larrison of Coweta, Okla. He died on Nov. 25. Stan graduated from Circleville High School with

the class of 1966 and returned most years for the annual alumni banquet. He is survived by his wife and family of Oklahoma and a sister, Charlotte Utz of Holton.

Public Notice

(First published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the Estate of Avis L. Beneda, deceased

Case No. 15 PR 37

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of November, 2015, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Janette I. Smitham, an heir and named Executrix under the Will of Avis L. Beneda, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Janette I. Smitham, Petitioner

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 11 are as follows:

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Tuesday, Dec. 8: Pork cutlet, baked sweet potato, green beans, cranberry jello salad and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: Beef stroganoff with noodles, spinach, strawberries, ice cream and hot roll and margarine.

Thursday, Dec. 10: Baked chicken breast, steamed rice, winter mix vegetables, pears, oatmeal cake and bread and margarine.

Friday, Dec. 11: Chili, cheese cubes, dill pickle, fresh orange, cinnamon roll and crackers and butter.

Hall of Fame...

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Social hour for the Hall of Fame event will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. by Boomers' Steakhouse, Grill and Catering. Presentation of Hall of Fame honors will begin at approximately 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at Denison State Bank, The Farmers State Bank and Holton National Bank, as well as at the Chamber office, located at 118 E. Fifth Street in The Gossip building. For more information, call the Chamber office at 364-3963.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*



Holton's Sarah Sweet (shown above, at left) works to get a shot in the post while teammate Quinn Holaday defends during a scrimmage at a recent practice. In the same setting, Sarah Bond (shown in photo at right, at left) fights for a rebound as the HHS players go at it in high energy practices that coach Jon Holliday said he has been pleased with leading up to the start of competition.

Photos by Kelly Brecknitch

Lady Wildcats' maturation could lead to improvement on the court this winter

In some ways, the past couple of seasons have been like a prolonged period of growing pains for the Holton girls basketball team. With several upperclassmen back to lead the team in 2015-2016, though, HHS coach Jon Holliday is hoping that pays off for a veteran group of Wildcats this winter.

"It's a group that kind of has that maturity," Holliday said. "They understand what they're going to have to do and how they're going to have to get there. I think a lot of that has to do with the maturity factor after being through it two or three times now and being the upperclassmen, having that put on their shoulders."

So far, that has shown through in practice as Holliday noted the players have picked up the pace and effort, improved at handling whatever the coaches throw at them and are just generally playing at a higher level.

Having four of five starters returning helps, as Ashlyn Weilert, Courtney Boswell, Mackenzie Moore and Hayley Thompson are all back and looking to help the team push forward after going 13-9, finishing third in the Big Seven and taking runner-up at sub-state in 2014-2015.

Those juniors and seniors have helped set the tone in the first few weeks and the rest of the team has followed suit. Right now, it's easy to keep up that enthusiasm, but Holliday noted the true test will be if the Wildcats can maintain that for the entire season.

"It's kind of like a New Year's resolution. You start over and you hope you can make some changes that last for awhile and stick and make yourselves a better basketball team and a better coach," Holliday said.

On top of that quartet of starters, the return of Shay Tanking after a stellar freshman campaign means the Wildcats will have their top five scoring options back this winter as well as a couple key reserves in seniors Quinn Holaday and Sarah Sweet.

There is talent in the younger classes that stepped up at the JV level last season, too, but Holliday noted he will have to wait and see what type of impact those players can make at the varsity level.

Building the right roster takes time, but the Wildcats have a solid core that will likely be highly motivated this winter after coming one win away from making it to the 4A-Division II state tournament a season ago.

"I left last year with a bad taste in my mouth as far as our sub-state final," Holliday said. "I think it was a game we should've and could've won. We left something on the table that could've made our season maybe a little more fulfilling."

Holton hasn't been short on fulfilling seasons recently, as the Wildcats have qualified for the state tournament in seven of the past nine seasons and are not that far removed from a string of eight straight league titles.

That is the standard each HHS squad tries to live up to and that won't change for this group as the team sets its sights high. Holliday noted the goal for the Wildcats is to always be state tournament bound in March, but the road to that point continues to get bumpier with an increasingly tough Big Seven League schedule.

"It can make you or break you and it can do both in the same week. Our Big Seven is as good top to bottom probably as it's ever been since I've been here," Holliday said. "You better play or you're going to get beat. I think that proved itself last

year through several of the games we had."

Right away, Holton will get pushed in the season-opener on the road against Sabetha, while the team will follow that up a few games later against a traditionally strong Topeka Hayden team that has moved down to 4A-DII this season.

Those two contests will be good measuring sticks for the Wildcats early in the season, according to Holliday, and the coach said if his team can compete with those squads then that would be a good sign for the rest of the season.

Overall, Holliday noted what his team has to do to compete is pretty simple. The Wildcats will continue to present a patented pressure defense, but Holliday noted he has focused more on shooting in the first few weeks than ever before.

"We have to shoot the ball better. We have to manufacture more points. We have to find a way to score," Holliday said. "We were not a good scoring team last year at all."

"We have some kids who shoot it very well, but we have to get them the ball in spots where they can shoot it well and they have to be willing to take those shots when they do get in those spots," Holliday said.

No player averaged more than eight points a game for Holton last season, but if players like Thompson can pick up production on the interior and the guards can score at a higher

rate from beyond the three-point line, Holliday believes the offense could be in business.

The Wildcats aren't looking at drastic changes, but rather increasing small amounts in a lot of areas to lead to more success this winter. The basic tenants of what Holton does will remain the same, as Holliday noted this group is once again team-oriented and dedicated to playing hard.

Fatigue may be an issue early as Holton tries to build some depth on its roster, but if the Wildcats keep pushing like they have been in practice then their coach expects them to deliver on a familiar prospect.

"I really believe this group's going to have an opportunity to play in a state tournament," Holliday said.

That path will start in Sabetha this coming Friday. Games will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Returning starters/letter winners:

Hayley Thompson, forward, sr.- 6.1 ppg, 6 rpg in 2014-2015

Courtney Boswell, guard, jr.- 7.7 ppg, 2.4 apg, 2.8 rpg, All-League in 2014-2015

Ashlyn Weilert, guard, jr.- 7 ppg, 2.2 spg in 2014-2015

Shay Tanking, guard, so.- 7.9 ppg, 2 rpg, 1.7 apg in 2014-2015

Mackenzie Moore, forward, sr.- 4.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg in 2014-2015

Quinn Holaday, forward, sr. Sarah Sweet, guard, sr.



HHS boys basketball coach Ryan Noel (shown above, at left) and player Wyatt Marriott (middle) look on as Brock Forrester (right) leaps up to grab a rebound while the team runs through some offensive sets at a recent practice.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

Holton boys basketball has roles to fill

Already faced with the tough task of having to replace its top two scorers from a season ago, the Holton boys basketball team is in even more of a bind early on in the 2015-2016 campaign due to some unforeseen injuries and a delayed start for the majority of the team.

"We have a lot of question marks that we were hoping to be able to answer early," HHS coach Ryan Noel said. "It's a good problem to have when your football team is playing for a state championship. However, it does kind of make things a little tougher on the basketball end."

Making things even more difficult are the injuries suffered by Will Wright (hand/wrist), Riley Strader (hip) and Mason Barta (shoulder) that take away some key contributors for the Wildcats at the onset of the new campaign. Barta will likely miss the entire season again, while Wright and Strader could be sidelined until late January.

While Noel noted several young players have dedicated a lot of time to honing their skills on the court since last season and the Wildcats got a lot of game experience over the summer, something that should help a team operating on just a few full practices before its first game, this group of athletes will still have to grow up quicker than expected.

"Some of the sophomores you saw maybe getting a little bit of time and experience and maybe progressing as the season gets going, now some of them are going to have to jump right into the fire and get going early," Noel said.

Luckily, those young players are a hard-working group, which their coach said is an encouraging sign. In addition, after all the injuries, there are still a few key components to take charge for the Wildcats.

Only one other starter returns besides Wright, junior Bryson Patch, and he will be even more of a key cog now after a breakout sophomore season.

Patch came on strong behind the scoring tandem of graduated seniors Trey Tanking and Garrett Beecher (both now playing collegiately at the NAIA level), averaging nine points per game and even finishing as the team's leading

scorer a few times late last season.

This year, Patch will be counted on as even more of a leader, as will some senior forwards returning with varsity experience, like Kaden Brandt and Brandt Rose. With junior Aaron Bain added in to that mix, it may make for a small group of veterans, but Noel said it is still a good group to have.

One thing this year's group will be lacking is size, which could be another setback, but Noel noted the team will be shifting focus this winter to help try and make up for that disadvantage.

"I think the identity of this team is really going to have to be hanging its hat on the defensive end. We're going to have to play fast and make this thing into more of a track meet with an up-tempo pace," Noel said.

With some athletic forwards and some hungry sophomores, like Mason Strader and AJ Haussler, that drive is there. It is up to the players, though, to determine what they can achieve and what standards they want to live up to this season, according to Noel.

The bar has been set high given the Wildcats' recent success on the hardwood. While the team didn't add any championship trophies last season, it did finish 15-7 overall and runner-up in both the Big Seven League and at sub-state.

Holton will have a lot of work to do to build on that in 2015-2016 and it will start with finding more scorers, Noel said, as the Wildcats return only about 10 points per game of offensive production.

Additionally, the current group of forwards are not blessed with the same height as last year's group, so how the team plays in the post could also be a key factor in the Wildcats' success this winter.

"We know we're going to be undersized in about every contest this year, so how we guard the post and how we rotate on the backside is going to be pretty important," Noel said.

The Wildcats could learn a lot about themselves right away, as the team will start the season against defending league champion Sabetha. While the team may

take its lumps in early match-ups like that one, it will also see where it needs work and that will help Holton's overall development, which could be crucial in the long run.

"It won't be a refined product come Dec. 4 by any means, but we want to get better daily and we want to be good at the end of the season. I think that's something that we can accomplish," Noel said.

Holton will start that process on the road on Sabetha this coming Friday. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

Returning starters/letter winners:

Bryson Patch, guard, jr.- 9 ppg, 2.8 rpg in 2014-2015

Will Wright, guard, sr.- 1.8 ppg in 2014-2015

Kaden Brandt, forward, sr.- 1.6 ppg in 2014-2015

Riley Strader, guard, jr. Aaron Bain, forward, jr.

2015-16 HOLTON HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

2015-16 Holton High School girls basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Perry-Lecompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	ACCHS	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Hayden	Holton	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Jeff West	Meriden	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Nemaha Central	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Royal Valley	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-23	Basehor Tourn.	Basehor	TBA
Jan. 29	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Perry-Lecompton	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	ACCHS	Effingham	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Riverside	Elwood	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Jeff West	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	Hiawatha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	Royal Valley	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 3-5	4A-DII Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Mar. 9-12	4A-DII State Tourn.	Emporia	TBA

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2015-16 HOLTON HS BOYS BASKETBALL

2015-16 Holton High School boys basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Perry-Lecompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	ACCHS	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 14	Hayden	Holton	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Riverside	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Jeff West	Meriden	4:30 p.m.
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Jan. 15	Royal Valley	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 18-23	Tonganoxie Tourn.	Tonganoxie	TBA
Jan. 29	Sabetha	Holton	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	Perry-Lecompton	Holton	4:30 p.m.
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Mar. 9-12	4A-DII State Tourn.	Emporia	TBA

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Cardinals set to take flight on the court

After finishing 16-9 and making a surprising run to the Class 1A-Division II state basketball tournament a season ago, a young Wetmore girls team looks to build on that in 2015-16.

"We had a good run to Dodge City a year ago. We probably were a year ahead of where I thought we would be playing a sophomore and two freshmen in significant roles, but they did a nice job," coach Perry Smith said.

Whatever heartbreak may have been felt after giving up a late lead in the first round against eventual state champion Beloit-St. John's Tipton, it seems to have been channeled into the Cardinals' work this offseason as Smith said several players have been busy working to improve and come back stronger this winter.

Chief among those are the three returning starters, Gerae Haverkamp, Dakota McQueen and McKayla Henry. Both Haverkamp and McQueen earned All-League honors last season (with McQueen making

All-Class as well) and are working to become more complete players for their team.

McQueen was the leading scorer a year ago, pitching in 13.8 points per game, while Haverkamp added an average of 8.1 points and a team-high 3.5 steals per game. Smith noted Haverkamp also had a knack for making positive plays on both the offensive and defensive end for the Cardinals.

In addition to those upperclassmen, Henry returns for her sophomore season and the coach is expecting a big leap in production from a player who averaged 6.4 points and 6.4 rebounds a game last season.

Wetmore has some experienced bench players back as well with Jill Henry serving as a go-to sub a year ago. If she improves as a distributor, Smith noted she could be a solid complementary player in the backcourt.

Ryley Martin also returns this season and will switch positions (to forward) to take full advantage of her

athleticism, though Smith noted she will need to continue to get tougher to battle in the post.

Overall, how the posts play will be key for the Cardinals this season, according to Smith and while he wants his team to get out and pressure opponents in the full court, how Wetmore defends the half court will also be critical this winter.

While Wetmore will have to make up for the loss of two solid seniors, the team clearly will not be lacking for momentum. If they can follow up on last year's formula then the Cardinals will be in good shape again, though Smith noted competition in the Twin Valley League will not get any easier.

"The girls are looking forward to this season and in my 11 years in the league I really can't remember a more balanced league than what it should be this year. We could be a better team, but our record may not indicate that," Smith said.

Now, the Cardinals will start working their way back towards the

state tournament beginning with the season-opener at home against St. Joseph Christian (Mo.) this coming Friday. Games will start at 4 p.m.

For the Wetmore boys, there will be a lot of rebuilding to do this winter as only one starter returns from a team that went 5-17 in 2014-2015.

Dalton Boeckman is that lone experienced starter and he and forward Trey Craig are the top returning scorers after averaging 4.6 points a contest last season.

Players like Newt Smith, Alex Potter and Noah Klinger will be counted on to handle larger roles if the WHS boys want to generate some of their own momentum this season.

After some competitive games a season ago and an increase in their win total, the Cardinals will look to continue pushing forward in the 2015-2016 season, which will start at home against St. Joseph Christian (Mo.) this coming Friday at 4 p.m.

2015-16 WETMORE HS BOYS BASKETBALL

2015-16 Wetmore High School boys basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	St. Joe Christian	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Dec. 5	Lewiston (Neb.)	Lewiston	2 p.m.
Dec. 8	Troy	Troy	4 p.m.
Dec. 11	Centralia	Centralia	4:45 p.m.
Dec. 15	Frankfort	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Dec. 18	Washington County	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Jan. 5	Axtell	Axtell	4:45 p.m.
Jan. 8	Linn	Linn	4:45 p.m.
Jan. 12	Doniphan West	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Jan. 17-24	TVL Tournament	Frankfort	TBA
Jan. 29	Blue Valley	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 2	Linn	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 5	Hanover	Hanover	4:45 p.m.
Feb. 8	Burlingame	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	Doniphan West	Highland	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Valley Heights	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 19	Clifton-Clyde	Clyde	3:45 p.m.
Feb. 23	Onaga	Onaga	4:45 p.m.
Feb. 29-	1A-DII Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Mar. 5			
Mar. 9-12	1A-DII State Tourn.	Dodge City	TBA

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Big Seven to be gauntlet again for girls

Big Seven League basketball competition will get back in full swing this Friday and, once again, the teams look set to deliver some exciting basketball as all nine girls squads chase the league title.

With eight All-League players returning this season, the girls basketball season looks to be another grind and teams with championship aspirations are clearly going to have to earn it.

The road to the Big Seven title will go through defending champion Sabetha, which is an early favorite to repeat as the Blue Jays lost only two seniors to graduation from a team that also finished fourth at state in Class 3A last season.

Leading Sabetha is a tandem of All-League guards as Alexis McAfee and Taryn Schuette return for their senior seasons and they bring with them a wealth of experience and contributions (including a combined 23.3 points per game) to provide the foundation for this team.

With starter Mariah Huneke back at forward and a wealth of upperclassmen filling the bench, the Blue Jays could be a difficult team to knock off their perch atop the standings.

Holton and Royal Valley will try, as will a surging Hiawatha team that gets one of the most dominant post players in the league back this winter. That player is Emily Gartner (committed to DI Missouri State University), who is fresh off a season in which she averaged a double-double (21.4 points and 13.4 rebounds) and earned All-League honors for the third time in her high school career to go along with an All-State selection.

Gartner, a senior, will be at the forefront of the Red Hawks' offense again, but the team also returns three experienced guards in juniors Courtney Brockoff, Molly Kettler and Kendra Overdick.

After winning 10 of its final 12 games last season, Hiawatha, which lost no players to graduation, will look to build off that momentum and place itself squarely in the ring as a contender for the Big Seven title this winter.

Another team that is consistently at the top of the league standings is Nemaha Central, but the Thunder will have to do some soul-searching early this winter to find its identity as only one starter returns.

Rachael Baumgartner is that lone

starter and she pitched in 11.4 points and 6.5 rebounds a game last season, earning All-League recognition in the process.

While Baumgartner is a known commodity who can do a lot, some reserves and JV players from a season ago will need to fill in around her and contribute if Nemaha Central wants to be back in its normal position.

Outside of Sabetha, Perry-Lecompton is the only team that will return multiple All-League players, with Sam Mallonee (forward, sr.) and Lexia Jamison (guard, jr.) both back for the Kaws.

Those two return along with fellow starters Abbi Folks (guard, jr.) and Shelby Easum (forward, sr.) for another team that could have a lot of chemistry of losing zero players to graduation.

Perry is still young, with 13 freshmen on the roster, but if the volleyball season is any indication, then the Kaws will be a competitive bunch that could have a deciding factor in who emerges with the Big Seven championship trophy.

If there is a theme in the league this season, it is returning talent, as Jefferson West will also have

the majority of its team back after featuring only two seniors on the roster last winter.

The Tigers will have to make up for the loss of All-League and All-State forward Olivia Brees, but they do have another lengthy post to fill in with Mariah Murdie back for her sophomore season.

With experienced guards like Faith Becker and Taylor Metzger returning, Jeff West is in good position to build on a strong finish and state tournament appearance in 2014-2015.

Riverside also has only two seniors to replace going into this season and a trio of returning starters (guard Rayme Butts, guard Mackinze Gray and forward Sasha Perry) will look to push the Cyclones forward this winter.

- 2014-2015 standings
1. Sabetha: 14-2, 21-5
 2. Nemaha Central: 12-4, 17-6
 3. Holton: 11-5, 13-9
 4. Hiawatha: 10-6, 13-8
 5. ACCHS: 6-7, 14-8
 6. Jefferson West: 5-8, 11-12
 7. Royal Valley: 5-8, 8-12
 8. Perry-Lecompton: 3-13, 4-17
 9. Riverside: 0-16, 0-21

*League record listed first.

2015-16 WETMORE HS GIRLS BASKETBALL

2015-16 Wetmore High School girls basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	St. Joe Christian	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Dec. 5	Lewiston (Neb.)	Lewiston	2 p.m.
Dec. 8	Troy	Troy	4 p.m.
Dec. 11	Centralia	Centralia	4:45 p.m.
Dec. 15	Frankfort	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Dec. 18	Washington County	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Jan. 5	Axtell	Axtell	4:45 p.m.
Jan. 8	Linn	Linn	4:45 p.m.
Jan. 12	Doniphan West	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Jan. 17-24	TVL Tournament	Frankfort	TBA
Jan. 29	Blue Valley	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 2	Linn	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 5	Hanover	Hanover	4:45 p.m.
Feb. 8	Burlingame	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	Doniphan West	Highland	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Valley Heights	Wetmore	4 p.m.
Feb. 19	Clifton-Clyde	Clyde	3:45 p.m.
Feb. 23	Onaga	Onaga	4:45 p.m.
Feb. 29-	1A-DII Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Mar. 5			
Mar. 9-12	1A-DII State Tourn.	Dodge City	TBA

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New players to impact boys league chase

On the boys side, the Big Seven League could have a much different feel as several prominent players departed after graduating last spring.

A number of contenders now have to restock the cupboards to make a run this winter, including defending champion Sabetha, but the Blue Jays may be helped by the fact that they are the only league team to return more than one All-League player.

While Sabetha will have to find new starters at guard to replace an impressive bunch of seniors, All-League players Brock Frey (6' 4") and Calder Keehn (6' 4") will hold down the post as that group gets settled in early on this season. Seniors Alec Kirwan (6' 3") and Marcus Jackman (6' 7") coming off the bench will only make interior play that much more of a strength for the Blue Jays.

It may be a contrast compared to the experience the team has had in recent seasons, but the Blue Jays clearly have the basis for another successful season after finishing third at state in Class 3A in 2014-2015.

Looking to challenge them is a Royal Valley team that continues to creep up the standings under head coach Keith Pelton. The Panthers will be weak where Sabetha is strong, but the team does have a number of veteran guards back this winter.

Meanwhile, last year's league runner-up, Holton, will have a lot of scoring to replace as the Wildcats look to many new impact players this winter.

Perpetual contender Nemaha Central

will be in the same boat, with only one starter returning, Luke Holthaus, but he will be a solid presence to build around at forward after averaging 12 points and six rebounds a game last season in an All-League campaign.

Guard Tristan Allen returns with some varsity experience as well and his role on the football team may help him step into a leadership role on the basketball court this winter.

After that, the Thunder are thin on experience, but the team does have some height among its forwards and with a tradition of competitive, athletic teams, it's a safe bet that Nemaha will contend for a league title once again.

If there's one team that can challenge the size advantage of Sabetha, it's Jeff West, as the Tigers will have plenty of height and several letter winners returning in 2015-2016.

The Tigers have to replace the majority of last season's scoring, with Jacob Dickey (now playing for Washburn University), Grady Middendorf and Conner Mickens all graduating last spring.

Hunter Overstreet returns with starting experience at guard, but the success of the team this season could hinge on the progress of the post players, Chord Livingston (6' 5") and Nathaniel Schmidt (6' 7") are back after being featured in reserve roles last winter, while Isaiah Schmidt (6' 5") and Jacob Korb (6' 6") will look to break into the rotation and help push the Tigers to new heights in 2015-2016.

Another team that will have a strong

front court rotation is Riverside, as the Cyclones get some experience back there to help make up for the loss of six seniors.

One of those returning forwards is All-League selection Grant Shue (6' 5"), who came on strong last season with contributions of 14.3 points and 9.7 rebounds per game. Jadon and JaRon LaRue (both 6' 3") also bring back some varsity experience, with Jadon being a starter a season ago.

Levi Crespo is the only guard returning with starting experience, but the Cyclones have some pieces in place. If the team eliminates some inconsistencies that held it back last season, Riverside could be a team on the rise in 2015-2016.

Perry-Lecompton will be in a familiar position at the start of this season as the team will once again have to replace an experienced group of seniors, but with coach Jared Swafford in his second season at the helm, the Kaws will look to keep pushing forward.

Like so many Big Seven teams this winter, the Kaws could rely on their posts early as starters Mitchell Bond and Braden Johannung both return inside for Perry. Sophomore Spencer Roe, who stands 6' 4", will also be back for the Kaws after playing in all

21 varsity games as a freshman.

Aaron Chenhall is the only guard back with starting experience, but if he and reserve Nate Bays can transition their chemistry from the gridiron to the hardwood, it could work in the Kaws' favor as they look to keep progressing in 2015-2016.

In a similar position is Hiawatha, which has two starters returning this winter in guard Joseph Kunkel and forward Ethan Pierce.

Pierce is one of a number of tall post players on this roster, as the Red Hawks have three other forwards 6' 4" or taller who could make an impact on the court.

After several close losses a season ago, if this group can learn from that and reverse some of those outcomes, Hiawatha can have a hand in shaping the Big Seven title chase this winter.

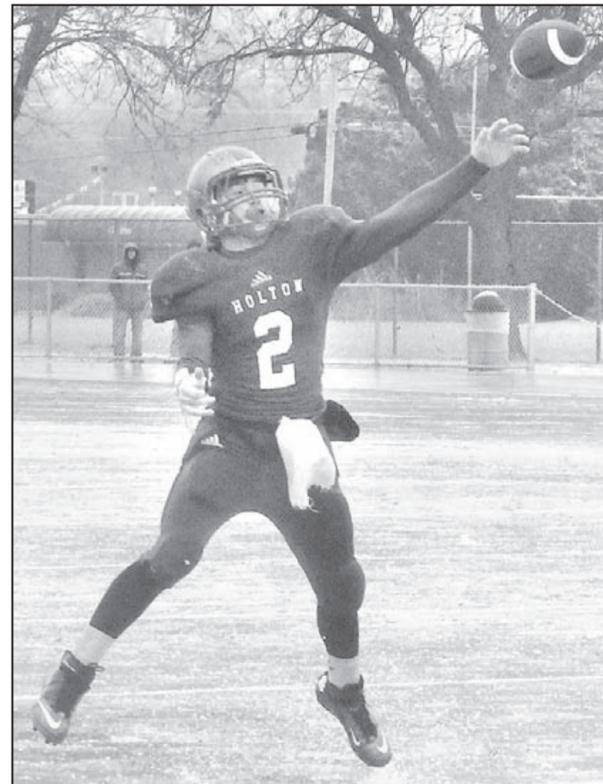
- 2014-2015 standings
1. Sabetha: 16-0, 24-2
 2. Holton: 13-3, 15-7
 3. Nemaha Central: 12-4, 17-6
 4. Royal Valley: 9-7, 13-8
 5. Jefferson West: 9-7, 9-12
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 7. Perry-Lecompton: 4-12, 7-14
 8. Hiawatha: 3-13, 5-16
 9. ACCHS: 0-16, 1-20

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Wildcat Mason Chanay (shown above, at right) defends an entry pass in the post to teammate Noah Woltje (left) during a scrimmage at a practice early on this season.

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Holton quarterback Justin Rieschick (shown above) flings a ball downfield towards the end zone in the final seconds of the first half in the state title game.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

ACCCHS teams look to build this winter

For an Atchison County girls basketball team that finished 14-8 and fifth in the Big Seven League a season ago, making any headway this winter will take some more work.

The Lady Tigers lost all but one starter to graduation and have only three letter winners back in total for the 2015-2016 campaign.

At forward, ACCCHS has the most to work with as starter Jentry Scherer is back after leading the team in rebounding last season. Seniors Madison Martin and Lucy Kearney will look to pitch in as well as the Tigers are loaded with upperclassmen at the position.

While Atchison County is moving forward without All-League performer Rachel Newquist in the post, the bigger loss may be of All-League point guard Lillie Holtgrave.

The graduation of Holtgrave means Mallory Eckert will have to pick up the slack this season, but outside of her experience the backcourt could be very young with sophomore Karlie Parnell and freshmen Katie Beien and Jaycee Erzen likely to see some playing time at guard as well.

After taking fifth in the Big Seven and winning the JCN Invitational Tournament last winter, ACCCHS is heading in the right direction, but the team will likely have to gain its bearings quickly to keep that up with several first-time varsity players

looking to contribute this season.

The Lady Tigers will open the 2015-2016 campaign on the road against Perry-Lecompton this coming Friday at 4:30 p.m.

While the Atchison County girls may be expected to take a step back this winter, the boys have nowhere to go but up after finishing 1-20 overall last season.

The Tigers will be in better position this season, too, with three starters returning to the team, including guard Lane Bowen, who has two years of varsity experience under his belt.

Along with Bowen, ACCCHS will have a strong tandem back at forward as starters Trevor Smith and Ryder McAlexander both return in the post this winter.

Outside of that, Atchison County will remain young, but the team will look to learn from past mistakes and be more competitive this season, starting with a road game against Perry-Lecompton this coming Friday to start the season. Games will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Perry.

Wrestling season will also get under way for Atchison County this week, as defending state champion Hunter Ostertag (120 lbs. 3-2-1A) is back to lead the Tigers this winter. ACCCHS will open the season with its home dual tournament starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

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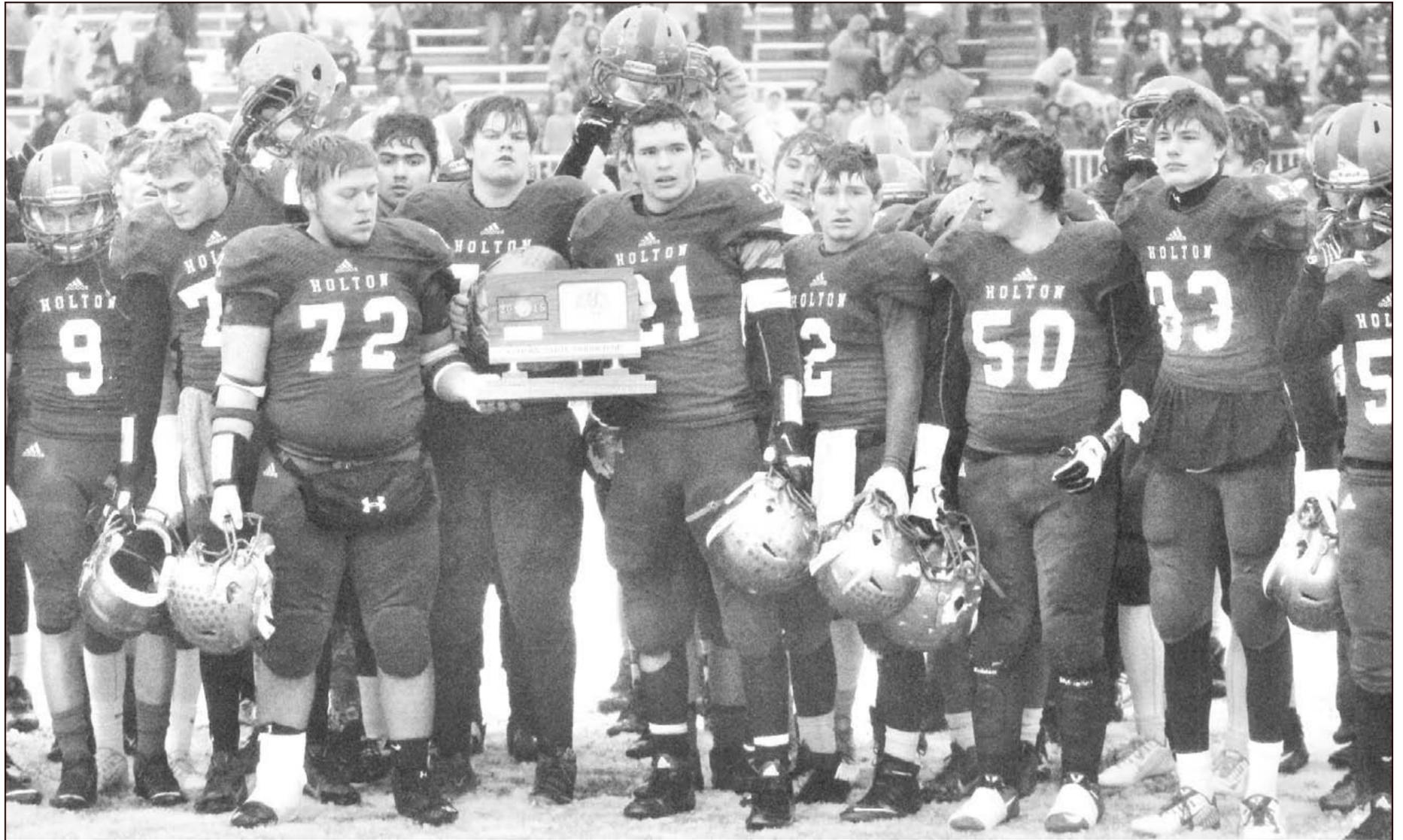
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Lucky Stars Club meets

By Blade Montgomery

The Lucky Stars 4-H Club met on Nov. 9, 2015. President Bridget Kucan led the meeting. The club seal ceremony for making goals for the 2014-15 4-H year was held. Roll call was, "Name your favorite Thanksgiving Day food." Many answered turkey, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and stuffing. A total of 30 members, three Cloverbuds and four leaders attended the meeting.

The club sang "Happy Birthday" to the November birthday members and "I Am A little Turkey," but changed it to say to eat beef instead. The song leaders were Asher and Lexie Larson, Elizabeth Schuster and Kyler and Bailey Kathrens.

Officer reports were given from treasurer Cole Kucan and reporter Blade Montgomery. The project report was given for the reading members to begin their reading of books with a reading challenge from leader Addie Larson. Heidi Kathrens was going to meet the bucket calf members after the meeting. Arts leader Amanda Schuster will hold a meeting at the new glass store if members are interested.

Club leader Megan Montgomery discussed record book information, the program agenda for the 4-H year and other important club details.

New business was to accept the club goals. Ahna Mellenbruch made a motion to accept the club goals, and the motion passed.

Vice-President Madeline Montgomery led the program. Asher Larson demonstrated how to make a candy corn fruit treat that looked good to eat. Elizabeth Schuster did a nice job talking about her heifer, Rose. Bailey Kathrens did a good first-year member talk about her bucket calf project. Lexie Larson made yummy apple turnovers for her demonstration. Kyler Kathrens shared his beef project and pictures with the group, and he did a good job.

Bridget then announced that the club will hold a Christmas ornament exchange at the December meeting. After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served by the Kathrens, Larson and Schuster families. The treats were very good.

For the November service project, the club made Snowman Soup bags for the veterans of Vintage Park. Also this month, a few of the members took their puppies and kittens to share with members at Glenn Moore Meadows.



McClain - Moppin

Kendra Leigh McClain and Troy Edward Moppin III were united in marriage at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at the Holton First Baptist Church. Pastor Tim O'Byrne officiated.

Parents of the bride are Ross and Connie McClain of Holton. Parents of the groom are Troy Jr. and Rose Moppin of Leavenworth.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father.

The bride's dress was ball gown style with sheer long sleeves and a sweetheart neckline and flowing train. It was adorned with floral designs, sequins, beads, sparkles and lace on the bodice and skirt. Buttons lined the back of the dress from the neck to the waist, as well as on the wrists of the sleeves.

The bride wore a string of pearls with dangling pearl earrings, as well as sparkling silver wedge shoes topped with faux diamond gems. The bride's father placed a sixpence in her left shoe, which was given to her by the groom's mother.

The bride's bouquet contained plum-colored orchids, cascading wisteria, purple roses and lilies and silver extensions. Her grandmother's pearls were entwined in the bouquet.

The groom's tuxedo consisted of a white shirt with black pants and a black jacket with a plum vest and silver tie.

The church sanctuary was decorated with silver fans and plum-colored flowers and tulle and sparkling silver extensions on the pews.

Two candelabras stood at the altar, each holding seven plum votive candles and dangling wisteria. Candle lighters were Katy Oxley and Calyssa McClain, second cousins of the bride. A lavender light shone in the sanctuary's baptismal window framed by plum mums.

The unity candle table contained two silver tapers set in silver heart-shaped holders, while a matching holder held the plum unity candle adorned with faux diamonds.

Matron of honor was Connie Pows of Holton, friend of the bride. Bridesmaid was Shelly Buser of Horton, cousin of the bride. They both wore mismatched plum-colored dresses with silver shoes and jewelry, and carried small bouquets consisting of plum lilies and silver accessories. They also wore matching silver combs in their hair.

Best man was Dewey Stilwell of Leavenworth, friend of the groom. Groomsman was Bob McClain of Wetmore, uncle of the bride. They each wore a white shirt, black pants and shoes, a silver vest and a plum tie with plum boutonnières.

Flower girl was Brynn Schmilke, friend of the bride, daughter of Ben

and Shannon Schmilke of Holton. She wore a silver dress with a lace bodice and skirt and a silver flower on the belt, as well as silver shoes and a silver headband with faux diamonds. She threw plum and silver rose petals from a white basket.

Ring bearer was Brayden Schmilke friend of the bride, son of Ben and Shannon Schmilke of Holton. He wore a white shirt, black pants and shoes and a plum tie with a small plum boutonnière. He carried two rings on a white pillow.

Ushers were Scott McClain of Manhattan and Bill McClain of Lyndon, cousins of the bride.

Organist was Jan Bissitt of Holton. Vocalists were Brian Spalding and Kelsey Tanking, both of Holton. They sang "All Of Me," "Cross My Heart" and "A Thousand Years."

A reception took place in the church fellowship hall following the ceremony. Long tables with plum tablecloths held jar centerpieces containing plum and silver gems with silver extensions.

A white lattice backdrop sat behind the bridal party table and included bell-shaped lights, plum and white tulle and dangling wisteria.

Bride and groom rubber ducks were on the bridal party table along with sprinkled plum and silver petals. A small candelabra holding five plum candles was in between the ducks while two plum tapers were in between the bride's and groom's attendants.

The square-shaped cake consisted of three tiers and a top piece. It had a white basket weave design and was decorated with plum calla lilies. Topping the cake were two cake toppers, one a silver diamond-studded "M" and the other a small bride and groom antique figurine that has been used on wedding cakes on the bride's maternal side since 1923. The bride is the fourth generation to use this topper.

Punch, mints and Sixlet candies were also served at the reception.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Holton High School. She received certification in business administrative technologies from Washburn Institute of Technology in 2008; an associate's degree in applied sciences from Allen County Community College and certification as a medical office specialist from Washburn Institute of Technology in 2009; and certification as a legal office professional from Washburn Institute of Technology in 2010. She is employed by The Holton Recorder.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Leavenworth High School. He is employed by the Kansas Department of Corrections.

The couple is making their home in Holton.

Baby News



Violet Joann Kennedy

Stella Kennedy is excited to announce the birth of her sister, Violet Joann Kennedy. Violet was born to proud parents Jacob and Nanci Kennedy at 11:11 p.m. on Oct. 13, 2015. She weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 21 1/4 inches long.

Violet's grandparents are Dennis and Joni White and Charles Kennedy, all of Holton. Great-grandparents are Keith and Connie Gilliland and Frances White, all of Holton.

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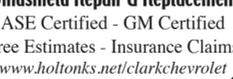
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County purchases additional equipment, items for county shop

By Ali Holcomb

In addition to purchasing Forrester Truck Parts & Repair of Holton to serve as the new county shop, the Jackson County Commissioners have now also purchased additional equipment, furniture and tools from the business, too.

Two weeks ago, the commissioners agreed to have the county purchase the business and the seven acres of land north of Holton at a cost of \$350,000 in order to house the shop for the road and bridge department.

Now, the commissioners have accepted an offer from Bob Forrester, the owner of the business, to buy selected large and small equipment, tools, parts, office furniture and other miscellaneous items at a cost of another \$23,000.

The items included bolt shelving and bolts, parts shelving, metal shelves, a squirrel cage fan, generator, chop saw, parts washer, used oil pan pump, welding torch, eight jacks (floor and bottle), three floor jacks (air), tables, vices, 10 ton Porta Power, four ton Porta Power, two cherry picker lifts, transmission jack, car wheel tote, snap on creeper, shop vac, two wheel dolly, three ladders and compressor.

Additional items purchased included a propane bottle, gauges and hoses, cabinets, four lockers, space heater, fan, load tester, seal drivers, homemade bearing drivers, R12 recycler, 134a recycler (air conditioner) and air tools.

In the office and break rooms, items purchased included the desk, supply cabinet, matching shelves, additional shelving, eight-foot table, futon, fan, vacuum, fax machine, printer and five-drawer file cabinet.

Other items were a coat rack, more shelving, an office chair, credenza, file cabinet, closet supply cabinet, more desks, two stationary chairs, kitchenette with small refrigerator, television, another fan, a metal rack and van trailer.

The commissioners also purchased for the county a two-year old oil burning furnace and three oil storage tanks at a cost of \$7,000.

Total county funds spent on the new shop now total \$380,000.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Nov.

16, the commission:

* Heard a weekly report from Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager.

The commissioners opened bids for the construction of the bridge at N and 304th Roads on the Jackson/Nemaha county line. Tom Bennett of BG Consultants and a representative from Ebert Construction of Wamego were also present. The engineer's estimate was \$220,000.

The bids included \$221,354 from Ebert Construction, with an alternate bridge bid item for \$203,187; and \$211,757 from Reece Construction of Scandia, with an alternative bridge bid item for \$189,595.

The commissioners questioned the practice of building alternate bridges. They stated they would be interested in the alternate bridge for the lower price if it still met the specifications that were originally drawn.

Bennett explained that it is normal for construction companies to submit alternate bridge bids based on material they have on hand or possibly heavier stringers that would reduce the amount of material needed. Bennett said he will contact Reece Construction to gather information about its alternate bridge and get back with the commissioners.

The commissioners contacted the Nemaha County Commission concerning the bridge and gave them the bids received. Nemaha County Commissioners are also interested in Reece Construction's alternate bid.

* Accepted the memorandum of understanding with Shawnee County for the bridge at 94th and R.2 Roads. Jackson County will be responsible for all maintenance and repairs of the chip-and-seal road on 94th Road commencing east of U.S. Highway 75 and proceeding east to old U.S. Highway 75.

Shawnee County will be responsible for state and federal maintenance and repairs and/or inspections of the bridge.

* Accepted a memorandum of understanding with Shawnee County for the bridge located between O and P Road on 94th Roads.

Jackson County will be responsible for all required state and federal maintenance and repairs and/or inspection of the bridge, and Shawnee County will

be responsible for all maintenance and repairs of the roadway surface commencing at O.4 Road on 94th Road and proceeding west.

* Learned from Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager, that work on the recycling center office and restroom is complete, and he invited the commissioners to view the work.

* Approved a motion to reappoint Isabel Bogowith to the Delia Rural #5 Fire Board for another three-year term to end in December 2018.

* Met with Brooke Smith, youth services director, to discuss personnel.

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

* Met with David Elsbury, CEO of KANZA, and Roger Coverdale, KANZA Foundation Board member, who gave the commissioners an update on KANZA from the most recent quarter.

Elsbury reported that KANZA has received a matching fund donation of up to \$10,000 to support the healthcare facilities. He said they are mailing their current donors, running some advertisements and will be speaking to the Rotary Club to gain support from the surrounding communities to help match funds.

Coverdale, a former county commissioner, stated that the Jackson County KANZA office has grown immensely and stated his concerns with the county not working with KANZA for the Community Development Block Grant that it seeks.

* Met with County Counselor Alex Morrissey to discuss contacting surrounding title insurance companies to bid for title insurance for the purchase of the new county shop. Morrissey said she would give the businesses two weeks to submit a bid.

* Met in executive session with Morrissey for five minutes to discuss a matter of client/attorney privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

* Signed a memorandum of understanding with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the maintenance of the bridge at G and 205th Roads. The tribe is planning to replace this bridge.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Corn row spacing demonstration plot results

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

Numerous universities and seed companies have collected data over the years on narrow row corn production — with mixed results. More work is needed — and is under way — in Kansas, to see where and how narrow rows fit. What does current research say?



If you start to look at most research data, some would say Interstate 90 and north. Others, north of 43 degrees N. Latitude (northern Nebraska). University of Minnesota data shows a 9 percent advantage to narrow rows, so something must happen as you progress north! For them, their shorter growing season requires planting an earlier-maturing hybrid with fewer leaves and a reduced window of

time from emergence to silking. That smaller window means less leaf area to intercept sunlight, giving an advantage to narrow rows. Other studies agree.

Narrow rows may have an advantage as well when we see a later planting window. In late-planting environments, if we see situations when water is not a limiting factor, but length of the growing season is, some advantage could occur since early light interception is needed to maximize solar radiation capture, increase nutrient demand, and for biomass conversion into yields. At that point, narrow rows maximize capture of sunlight giving them the advantage.

For us? It may depend on your yield environment, meaning more testing is going to be required over a longer period of varying yielding years to make sure we've got good information on which to make a decision.

Winterizing Strawberry Plants

When fall turns quickly to winter, strawberry plants can suffer. While they can be a very cold tolerant crop, they need time to adjust! If not, cold damage can be severe.

If drastic temperatures drops are forecast (sudden drops below 20 degrees F without hardening can damage — 15 degrees F can kill), consider mulching during the cold snap, then uncovering to allow for natural hardening after the cold snap has passed.

At this time of year, you're probably just as well off to go ahead and get them mulched unless you warm temperatures are again forecast. Mulching helps protect strawberries from low temperatures as well as the heaving damage that can occur when freeze/thaw occurrences heave plants out of the ground. Heaving plants expose roots, causing plants to die from lack of water.

Wheat straw is the preferred mulch. Spread straw evenly over plants to a three-inch depth. This will help with winter protection plus provide late spring frost protection as it delays bloom. Remove mulch gradually — just enough so leaves can be seen — as plants begin new growth in spring. Leaving some mulch in place keeps the berries off the ground and conserves moisture.

Freezing baked goods for the holidays

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Food & Nutrition, FNP

To help save time and stress during the holidays, prepare baked goods early and freeze them. Most baked goods freeze well and can still be stars on your holiday table. This includes cookies, yeast and quick breads and cakes. Here are some tips:

* Bake the product as usual. Cool completely! This helps prevent condensation inside the wrapping and development of ice crystals.

* Use moisture-vapor resistant packaging. This includes freezer-safe plastic containers or bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and rigid containers.

* Separate layers of cookies with wax paper or parchment paper.

* If a cake or bread is to be frosted, freeze the product only and frost after it is thawed.

* Make pie crusts ahead of time and freeze. Freezing whole prepared pies can cause the filling to soak into the crust.

* Thaw all baked goods in the freezer packaging. They can be thawed at room temperature. Remove from the freezer the night before the holiday meal.

Resist Temptation: Don't Taste the Cookie Dough!
Holiday baking and food preparation that involves raw eggs requires special care. Prevent food poisoning caused by eggs by safe handling, refrigeration and cooking.

Raw eggs in holiday recipes require special care. High temperatures required to cook cakes, cookies and candy containing raw eggs are sufficient to kill bacteria. However, the raw eggs in cookie dough may present a hazard, especially to

children, the elderly and those with certain health problems — uncooked cookie dough is not safe to eat.

* Buy eggs only sold from a refrigerator or refrigerated case.

* Open the carton and make sure that the eggs are clean and the shells are not cracked.

* Refrigerate promptly.

* Store eggs in their original carton and use them within three weeks for best quality.

* Place the carton in the coldest part of the refrigerator — not in the door, where temperatures may fluctuate when opened and closed.

Before preparing any food, remember that cleanliness is key! Wash hands, utensils, equipment and work surfaces with hot, soapy water before and after they come in contact with eggs and egg-containing foods.

Tasting cookie or cake batter can be tempting, but remember that bacteria could be lurking in those uncooked eggs, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

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HMS KAY Club members attend regional conference

Eight members of the Holton Middle School KAY Club attended the Area 1 KAY Regional Conference on Nov. 2 at St. James Academy in Lenexa.

The club received the Gold Award, recognizing their student leadership and service to their school, community, nation and world for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) is a character-building, leadership-training program directed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This nationally-acclaimed organization provides students an opportunity to learn to assume their citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities through well-organized programs. These programs emphasize four areas of service: school, community, nation and world.

The theme for the 2015 Regional Conference was "Hooked on Service!" This conference affords opportunities for student leaders and sponsors from neighboring clubs to share successes and challenges, as well as exchange ideas.

Sessions in leadership training and organizational skills are also



Members of the Holton Middle School KAY Club that recently attended the Area I KAY Conference in Lenexa included (front row, from left) Taylor Moore, Amariah Allen, Savanna Booth (board president), Cailin Parks, (back row, from left) Kale Purcell, Paige Crouch, Hannah Ent and Olivia Mulenga (board vice president).

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offered. These conferences inspire delegates to return to their clubs to challenge their local members.

HMS KAY members who attended the conference were Olivia

Mulenga, Paige Crouch, Savanna Booth, Hannah Ent, Kale Purcell, Cailin Parks, Amariah Allen and Taylor Moore. Their sponsor is Erika Allen.

Holton's Allen selected as area KAY sponsor, RV's Holte named president

Erika Allen, KAY sponsor at Holton Middle School, has been selected to serve a two-year term as the Area 1 KAY sponsor, and Taylor Holte, a junior at Royal Valley High School, has been selected to serve as Area 1 KAY president.

Both Allen and Holte's selections took place at the Nov. 2 regional conference hosted by the St. James Academy KAY Club in Lenexa.

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The KAY program is available to any KSHSAA member school students. The local organization is under

the direction of the school principal who, in turn, appoints a sponsor(s) to lead and guide the club program.

Allen has served as a KAY sponsor for eight years. This former KAY member was selected for her dedication and years of experience with the KAY program.

Allen will serve on a state advisory committee as a representative of the Area 1 KAY Clubs, which are located in northeast Kansas. This committee, along with the KSHSAA staff, plans and makes recommendations for the improvement of the KAY program.

"We are honored to have Erika Allen serve as a KAY Area Sponsor," said Cheryl Gleason, KSHSAA assistant executive director and KAY state director. "Her strong background in the KAY program, her experience in attending KAY conferences and the numerous awards the Holton Middle School KAY Club has received during her years as sponsor will be of great value to this committee and the KAY program state-wide."

Holte has served her Royal Valley High School KAY Club as the secretary and president. Selected for her dedication and years of experience with the KAY program, she will serve the KAY Clubs of northeast Kansas.

Among Holte's duties will be to attend a training meeting in Topeka, write up to three newsletters for the clubs she serves, attend KAY Leadership Camp, July 25-29, 2016, and help conduct the 2016 Area 1 KAY Regional Conference.

"We are honored to have Taylor Holte serve as a KAY area president," Gleason said. "Her strong background in the KAY program, her proven leadership and enthusiasm for serving others will serve as a valuable motivator for the KAY Clubs of northeastern Kansas."

The KSHSAA proudly offers the KAY program to Kansas students, through its member schools, as a means to "make a world of difference" for current and future generations.



Sterrett - Anderson

Tom and Sarah Sterrett of Paxico are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Sterrett, to David Anderson, son of Melody Anderson of Wamego and the late Fletcher Anderson.

The bride-to-be graduated from Wamego High School in 2009 and attended Emporia State University for a few semesters before returning to Wamego. She is currently employed at Kaw Valley State Bank in Wamego.

Melissa is the granddaughter of Joann Williams of Lawrence and the late Max Williams and the late Bill and Dorothy Sterrett of Eskridge.

The future groom graduated from St. Marys High School in 2000. He attended Highland Community College, then Bethany College before returning to Wamego. He was then in the U.S. Air Force from 2007 to 2012. He is currently employed at E & R Machine in Wamego.

David is the grandson of the late Jean and George Gibson of Holton, the late Shirley Anderson of Topeka and the late Nels Anderson of Atlanta, Ga.

The two plan to wed on May 21, 2016, in the Wamego City Park with a reception to follow in Newbury.

Herbers attends expo



Charlene Herbers (shown in photo above), realtor at Pagel Inc. Realty and Auction, attended the 2015 National Association of Realtors (NAR) Conference and Expo, held Nov. 13-16 in San Diego, Calif. The event featured more than 400 exhibitors, offering a vast networking opportunity, educational opportunities and new technologies, tools and methods for realtors from all over the world, it was reported.

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Bookends: News from Beck-Bookman

Winter hours will start on Dec. 1 at Beck-Bookman Library in Holton. Beginning on Tuesday and running through end of January, the library will open at 9:30 a.m. and close at 6:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. Saturday hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Books and More Boutique opened Friday, Nov. 27, with donated items on sale for the Christmas season. The boutique will be open during regular library hours. Proceeds from the boutique will benefit the library building fund.

Patrons and library staff eagerly await demolition of the house to the north of the library. The excavators plan to have the house down before Christmas. The library board is beginning the planning stages of committees for the addition.

The library was host to the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of Oct. 7-11 for USD #336. Students and teachers toured the book fair and brought back their parents and grandparents to purchase books in the afternoon and evening. The group sold more than \$4,000 to benefit the school libraries.

Library staff visited local preschoolers at Central Elementary School, NEK-CAP Headstart and Jackson Heights Elementary School to read "Is Your Mama A Llama" by Deborah Guarino for Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week Nov. 16-21.

Gail Schmitz, Dylan Calhoon and Candee Jacobs visited classrooms to share the story, sing and make llama crafts with the children. Parents As Teacher Educator Barb Schul also did a morning and evening storytime at the library using the llama theme with stories, songs and crafts.

November Artist of the Month from Jackson County Arts was Marilyn Spiker, who displayed two quilts and a painting.

The next library board meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21, at the library.

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Thank You!

The family of Gene Williams would like to thank our families, friends and the Holton community for the acts of generosity, compassion and kindness through this difficult time. He was certainly honored in the manner he was worthy. Gene was an amazing man that loved his family and community. God's continued blessings to you all.

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KHP releases report on Thanksgiving incidents

Kansas Highway Patrol personnel assisted 1,234 motorists over the Thanksgiving holiday reporting period, it was announced.

The KHP released preliminary data from its Thanksgiving weekend activity. The reporting period for the holiday weekend ran from 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25, through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29.

During that time, KHP worked four fatal crashes, which killed five people. None of these crashes were due to the driver being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The following incidents were also attended to by KHP this year compared to 2014:

- * Four non-alcohol related fatal crashes, compared to two in 2014.
- * Five non-alcohol related fatalities, compared to two in 2014.
- * Zero DUI related fatal crashes or fatalities, compared to zero in 2014.
- * Fourteen DUI arrests, compared to 24 in 2014.
- * A total of 472 speed citations were given, compared to 1,090 in 2014.
- * A total of 257 speed warnings were given, compared to 875 the previous year.
- * A total of 52 adult seatbelt citations were issued, compared to 189 in 2014.
- * Five teen seatbelt citations were issued, which is the same issued last year.
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Holton vs. Holcomb

Wildcat Tyler Price (shown above, at left) and the rest of the defensive line fire off the ball in action at the state championship game last Saturday. The defense continued to put up a strong effort, but HHS came up a little short and finished the season 9-4 overall.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Information on rural St. Marys burglary sought

The Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office is seeking information about a residential burglary that occurred in rural St. Marys on Nov. 27.

Pottawatomie Sheriff Greg Riat said that the sheriff's office was notified that day of a burglary in the area southwest of Diamond Road and Kansas Highway 63.

The victim reported that an unknown suspect or suspects entered

the residence, as well as two trailers that were parked at this location. Stolen from the residence and trailers were meat from a freezer, power tools, a Dewalt 10-inch table saw, sheet rock tools and other miscellaneous tools.

The items stolen were valued at more than \$8,000.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office at 785-457-3353.

Why we don't want Guantanamo in our backyard

By Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins & Leavenworth Mayor Lisa Weakley

There is a reason that people across the country stand firmly in opposition to the President Barack Obama's proposal to shut down the detention camp at Guantanamo Bay and transfer dangerous detainees to American soil.

It isn't safe. The 107 detainees at Guantanamo Bay are there because their own countries refuse to take them back, believing the detainees are too dangerous.

We understand the President has campaign promises he'd like to keep. However, as he considers issuing an executive order closing the facility and transferring the terrorists to places in the United States, we ask that he hear us out. As elected officials representing Leavenworth - one potential destination for the detainees - he needs to understand the devastating impact his actions could have on communities like ours.

In 2008, Leavenworth initially became aware of the possibility of a transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees. That's when a grassroots, bipartisan effort began against such an idea.

Since that time, the city commission, along with federal and state representatives, have worked steadfastly to educate why Leavenworth is not a suitable location. Most people can't even believe this is being considered, to put detainees in a small, rural setting.

Before he possibly chooses the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, the President needs to understand that moving these terrorists to our community will jeopardize our families, schools and downtown businesses. Several folks have already said that they

will leave our community should the President choose Fort Leavenworth. These are the world's most dangerous terrorists.

Fort Leavenworth is known as the home of the U.S. military's only maximum-security facility. What a lot of people don't realize is that Fort Leavenworth is a campus-like setting with a mission to serve as the Intellectual Center of the Army. Here, we host the best and brightest international military leaders to train and exchange ideas with the U.S. military's rising leaders. The Combined Arms Center also uses lessons learned from the collective military community to write doctrine, a tool that ensures our military can adapt to modern warfare.

But should this transfer move forward, many of our Middle Eastern allies who send officers to train at Fort Leavenworth would likely stop the practice. Ask anyone in the U.S.

military leadership and they will tell you Fort Leavenworth is an invaluable resource, allowing us to gain knowledge from outside sources and build strategic partnerships with our allies, which is integral in keeping us safe. Is the President willing to endanger crucial military training practices and strategic partnerships with our allies to make good on a misguided campaign promise?

The President worries that GITMO is a motivation for further terrorism, but wouldn't simply shifting the detainees to the mainland make their next location the same thing? It could cause folks to leave Leavenworth, weaken our community, and devastate on our local economy. We ask that the President begin listening to the American people and drop his misguided plans of possibly transferring Guantanamo Bay detainees to Fort Leavenworth or any other American facility.

Santa letters due Wednesday

To help Santa with his Christmas checklist, *The Holton Recorder* will publish letters to Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Due to the large amount of letters we receive each year, please limit letters to no more than 150 words.

Letters may be sent to *The Holton Recorder*, P.O. Box 311, Holton, KS, 66436; brought to the office at 109 W. Fourth St. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or they

can be e-mailed to holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com.

Letters can also be dropped off in the mail slot by *The Recorder's* front door after business hours.

Please include the child's name, age and hometown with each letter and submit them no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9. If their signature is illegible, please print their name to reduce confusion. Thank you.

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White to play softball at Sioux Falls

The ranks of athletes with local ties playing collegiately continues to grow as Louisburg's Miranda White recently committed to play softball for Division II University of Sioux Falls starting in 2017.

White is the daughter of Jason and Kimberly White. Kimberly is a graduate of Royal Valley High School and her parents, Gary and Mary Lou Koch, live in Hoyt.

Through her high school career, Miranda White has put her versatility on display with the ability to play all three outfield positions on the LHS softball team and offensively she has hit .703 through three seasons

and tallied eight home runs. She has come through against some top talent as well, facing off against pitchers committed to Division I schools like Michigan and UCLA.

At her recent signing, both of her parents were on hand along with her high school coaches and siblings, brother Macyn and sister Jaleigh.



Miranda White of Louisburg (seated, front row) High School is pictured signing a letter of intent to play softball for the University of Sioux Falls. Her parents, Jason and Kim, are seated with her in the front row. Other family members pictured include (back row, from left) her sister, Jaleigh; her grandfather, Gary Koch; her brother, Macyn; and her grandmother, Mary Lou Koch.

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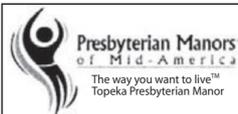
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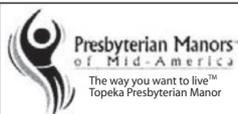
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2. Community Well-Being

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3. Local Decision-Making

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4. Keeping Dollars in the Local Economy

5. Job and Wages

Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers-which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.

6. Competition

A marketplace of locally owned small businesses is the best way to ensure innovation and low prices over the long-term.

7. Product Diversity

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

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Local stores in town centers require comparatively little infrastructure and make more efficient use of public services relative to big box stores and strip shopping malls.

10. Environmental Sustainability

Local stores help to sustain vibrant, compact, walkable town centers-which in turn are essential to reducing sprawl, automobile use, habitat loss, and air and water pollution.

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Christmas 2015 is just around the corner. *The Holton Recorder* plans to publish its holiday photo section called "Christmas Cuties" in the Wednesday, Dec. 16 edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

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You may also email this information to us at holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com. Please put "Christmas Cuties" in the subject line. The Deadline for Christmas Cuties is Monday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m.

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Scrap dealers required to register with Kansas AG

By Brian Sanders

Four years ago, Kansas state legislators passed a law requiring individuals and businesses that deal in scrap metal to be registered, and Holton and Jackson County government officials followed suit by approving resolutions requiring such individuals and businesses to register with their local governing bodies.

On Monday, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt said that scrap metal dealers may now begin registering instead with the state as required by law.

The Kansas Legislature in June approved the new state law that requires every "scrap metal dealer" to obtain a registration certificate from the Kansas Attorney General's office, rather than city or county governments, to legally purchase scrap metal in the state. It was reported that the purpose of the new law, as well as the previously-approved law, is to reduce the theft of scrap metals in the state.

The new law also poses other changes to the law approved by state legislators in 2011, including reducing the length of the registration from 10 years to one and increasing the amount of the registration fee. A spokesperson for the attorney general's office said that registrations granted after the 2011 law was enacted are "null and void" as of July 1 of this year, when the new law went into effect.

Locally, the Jackson County Commission acted on the passage of the 2011 law by approving a January 2012 resolution requiring scrap metal dealers within the county to register for "regulated" scrap metal purposes. The Holton City Commission followed suit in February of that year, it was reported.

Regulated scrap metal as defined in the Holton city ordinance included "copper, titanium, tungsten, stainless

steel and nickel in any form," as well as "non-ferrous" metals, such as aluminum and tin, apart from "food or beverage containers." It was reported that one such registered scrap metal business was located in Holton, in addition to five in Jackson County's unincorporated areas.

Scrap metal dealership registrations were set at \$200 in the ordinance, with an annual renewal fee of \$50 for each year of the 10-year registration period. On the Jackson County side, the registration fee was \$200 plus \$25 per year for renewal.

The new law, which preempts the responsibility of municipalities from regulating scrap metal dealers, sets an annual registration fee of at least \$500 but no more than \$1,500, "as prescribed by the attorney general for each particular place of business for which a registration is desired."

The attorney general's office also determines whether individuals or businesses can have their registrations renewed, at a fee of no more than \$1,500 per year, according to state law.

The application form for scrap metal dealers is now available on the attorney general's Web site — www.ag.ks.gov — under the "Licensing Programs" tab. A public directory of dealers is expected to be available at that same Web site by July of next year, it was reported.

Scrap metal dealers are encouraged to register soon, according to the attorney general's office. A grace period established by the new law expires at the end of 2015, and in January, dealers who have failed to register may be subject to fines.

Scrap metal dealers or consumers who have additional questions about the program may call the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at (800) 432-2310, it was reported.



Holton running back Spencer Baum (shown in top photo, middle) follows the block of teammate Josh Bjelland (right) during a run in the second half of last Saturday's 4A-DII state championship game against Holcomb in Salina. A dedicated group of fans (shown in the photo above) made the trek west to watch the Wildcats play and finish as state runner-up for the fourth time in program history. Photos by Kelly Breckunitch

Mental Health...

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to 10 days to get seen for a routine appointment," Elsbury said.

In crisis situations — when a person is suicidal or excessively psychotic — Elsbury said special considerations are taken to see patients within 24 hours, either face-to-face or by tele-video.

Buck said he wants more consistent care at the jail.

"We need someone constant — someone I can see every week," Buck said. "I need someone that I know will be there at a certain time that I can talk to about inmates."

Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer asked Elsbury if KANZA had considered hiring an additional person to manage mental health services at the four jails in the counties that KANZA serves.

Elsbury said he would consider it, but did not think it could be a full-time position.

A total of \$67,000 is allocated in county funds to KANZA each year.

"Part of those funds are used for overhead," Elsbury said. "Part of those funds are used to support the sliding fee scale for patients who

don't have Medicaid or health insurance. Another part is used to make crisis services available."

Currently, the jail receives separate physical health care services through a company called Advanced Correctional Healthcare of Illinois. The provider staffs a part-time nurse at the jail and personnel have access to doctors 24 hours a day, seven days a week to discuss the health of inmates.

In recent weeks, upon request, Morse presented a bid from Advanced Correctional Healthcare for three mental health staffing options to hire a QMHP (Qualified Mental Health Professional) for one year.

The bids were:

- * Three hours weekly (in person) at a cost of \$7,709.12.

- * Four hours every other week (in person) at a cost of \$5,177.74.

- * Five hours every other week (in person) at a cost of \$6,443.43.

No actions were taken on those bids.

According to jail records, as of Tuesday, there are 93 inmates at the jail. Of those, 63 were arrested by law enforcement agencies in Jackson County.

Christmas Homes Tour...

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Previously used a woodworking studio for Gerald, the Copelands began dreaming of renovating the space as a home about five years ago.

Re-purposing materials from barns and homes throughout the county, the Copelands have customized the space and have been living in the home for more than a year.

The wooden beams in the open living area are highlighted with Christmas lights. Stockings have been hung by the fireplace with care, and two Christmas trees are ready for homes tour visitors.

The larger of the two trees is decorated with traditional gold ribbon and red, gold and green ornaments, and the other is filled with the family's favorite ornaments collected through the years.

A wooden village, carved by Gerald — a professional sculpture and carpenter — sits on the coffee table. A

wreath and a hand-painted snowman picture add to the charm of the décor.

"We've had a blast creating this home," Gerald said.

The home features heated cement flooring that's been stained, double front doors and shutters instead of curtains or blinds.

Most of the furniture, including the coffee table and bed frame in the master bedroom, were created by Gerald. A desk from a lawyer's office was turned into a vanity in the master bathroom and wooden doors from a house torn down in Holton line a wall in the master bedroom.

A small stained glass window, from a former church in Holton, was inset into one of the walls in the home, and the laundry room also includes an etched-glass window with a deer-motif that was formerly used in the house Gerald grew up in.

A floor register found during construction is on display above the

kitchen stove.

"We've been collecting materials for a while, and people always think of us when they're tearing something down," Gerald said.

The couple kept the original limestone wall exposed inside, and it runs along the west portion of the house.

Gerald and Cheryl are both Holton High School graduates. They have three children and one grandchild. Cheryl works at Medicalodges Jackson County.

"We both really love it around here, and we wouldn't live anywhere else," Gerald said.

Tickets for the homes tour are \$20 and can be purchased at Denison State Bank, Holton National Bank, The Farmers State Bank and online at www.exploreholton.com

Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information about the homes tour, call the Chamber of Commerce at 364-3963.

DSB Donation...

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Aaron Allen, president of the Fair Association's board of directors, said the board appreciates DSB's offer and is "thankful for them affording us the opportunity" to raise more than \$200,000 for the Heritage Complex this month.

"We appreciate everyone's support to this point and ask for your

continued donations so that we may take full advantage of this opportunity to expand upon our facilities for our community and 4-H," Allen said.

The bank's holding company, Denison Bancshares Inc., made a \$100,000 donation to the Heritage Complex in 2012, it was reported. Bank president Mike Day said the

current matching opportunity furthers the bank's dedication to the economic growth of local communities.

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