

Merry Christmas!



"Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger," Luke 2:10-12.

Harvesters adds distribution site at Hoyt City Park

By Ali Holcomb

Residents in the southern part of Jackson County who need extra help filling their pantries do not have to go far to find relief.

Harvesters, a Community Food Network based in Topeka, has designated the Hoyt City Park as a distribution site for its monthly food drive.

On Monday, Dec. 28, as well as the fourth Monday of every month, free food will be distributed at the park on a first-come, first-serve basis for families in need of emergency food assistance, according to Vicki Gilliland, local coordinator for the drive.

Gilliland said the first Harvesters distribution in Hoyt was held in November.

"We had 152 cars show up and served 582 people," Gilliland said. "It went pretty well."

The drive-through distribution only requires that participants fill out some simple paperwork to receive food items, Gilliland said. Residents can also pick up food for others in need if they have a signed proxy, she said.

The types of food distributed each month varies. Last month's distribution included potatoes, grapefruit, rice and other items.

"We really don't know what we get until the truck comes," she said. Participants are asked to enter the community park from the west drive on Kansas Highway 214.

"We want to wind the cars around the park," she said.

A representative from Harvesters reached out to the community several weeks ago to see if a monthly

drive could be coordinated. "There is very much a need in this community for food," she said. "We had people show up for the distribution last month before the volunteers were even there."

Volunteers are being sought to help Gilliland and others distribute the items. Volunteers are asked to show up at the park at 8 a.m.

"We had some student groups volunteer last month, and they were very helpful," she said.

To volunteer or to find out more information, call Gilliland at 785-986-6209.

The city of Hoyt is one of several distribution locations for Harvesters in northeast Kansas.

Other sites include:
 * The Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka (third Monday of the month). Food distribution is at 11 a.m.

* Countryside Park, which is the soccer fields in Holton at First Street and Pennsylvania Avenue (first Tuesday of the month). Sign-up begins at 7:30 a.m. Participants must sign-up by 9:30 a.m. and the food is distributed shortly after.

The Jackson County Food Pantry also receives boxes of food from Harvesters Community Food Network for seniors who qualify, based on age and income. The seniors can pick up these boxes once a month.

Harvesters' mission is to feed hungry people today and work to end hunger tomorrow. Harvesters is a regional food bank serving a 26-county area of northwestern Missouri and northeastern Kansas.

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City commission addresses dilapidated properties

By Brian Sanders

The owners of three "unsafe and dangerous" structures in Holton have been given a directive by the Holton City Commission: repair those structures or tear them down.

During the commission's regular monthly meeting on Monday, commissioners approved three resolutions involving dilapidated properties within the city, with the intent of getting the owners of those properties to take action. The owners of all three properties were requested to appear at public hearings in February to outline their plans of action — or explain the lack thereof.

All three structures "provide a general blight upon the neighborhood and surrounding properties, and the structure is considered dangerous per City Code," according to descriptions of each property provided to commissioners by Kevin McKee, assistant city manager and codes enforcement officer. Commissioners were also provided with photos of each property.

"I think it's good that we're doing this," Holton Mayor Robert Dieckmann said of the resolutions seeking action on properties owned

in the city by Virginia L. Purvis, Mary Lou Benander and John D. Zibell.

Commissioners agreed with Dieckmann's assessment, with both Erich Campbell and Tim Morris saying that the resolutions were "a step in the right direction" in cleaning up dilapidated properties in the city. Public notices on the resolutions appear inside this edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

The Purvis property, located in the 600 block of New York Avenue, is a garage with, according to the complaint against the property, a roof in dilapidated condition, some missing siding, dilapidated or missing windows, debris spread around the structure and overgrown vegetation, commissioners noted.

The second property, which lists Hoyt resident Benander as primary owner along with William and Lisa Simmons, is a residential structure located in the 700 block of New Jersey Avenue. The structure has had major fire damage, its roof has been removed and debris is spread around the yard, according to the complaint against the property.

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Preliminary hearing for Noriega scheduled for February

By Brian Sanders

A preliminary hearing for a Mayetta resident charged with first-degree murder and drug charges in the recent stabbing death of another Mayetta resident has been slated for late February in Jackson County District Court.

Wilson R. Noriega, 49, appeared in court Tuesday afternoon on hearings for two separate criminal cases, including one related to the Nov. 21 stabbing death of 49-year-old Leann M. Sanchez at a residence on

the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. A preliminary hearing on the two cases was set for 9 a.m. on Feb. 22 by District Court Judge Jeff Elder.

Noriega faces charges of murder in the first degree, possession of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia in the Nov. 21 incident. In the additional case, he faces charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia based on an incident that occurred in July.

Neither defense attorney J. Richard Lake of Holton nor Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller objected to trying the cases back to back. Miller said the preliminary hearing would require half a day of court time for calling of witnesses in the case related to the Nov. 21 incident, but "no more than 20 or 30 minutes" were required for the other case.

Noriega remains at the Jackson County Detention Center, where he was taken after the Nov. 21 incident.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said his officers and Potawatomi tribal police were called to his parents' home early that morning to find Sanchez stabbed to death, and Noriega was arrested on the spot.

Bond for Noriega, who was listed as a registered violent offender with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation offender database prior to the Nov. 21 incident, has been set at \$1 million. The incident remains under investigation by county and tribal law enforcement.

Large feline sighted in southern part of county

By Ali Holcomb

A large feline, possibly a mountain lion, has been sighted in the southern part of Jackson County.

Wade Schneider, chief of police for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department, reported Friday that a large feline was seen in the area of 142nd and O Roads on Thursday. The Jackson County game warden and the Kansas Department of Wildlife have been notified of the

animal. "The announcement is to make the public aware in that area, especially those with children, to be weary of the possibility," Schneider said in an online public posting. "Your safety is our number one concern. If you see any large felines in the area, bobcats or other, please contact the police department as soon as possible."

In the event that the feline is a

mountain lion, the public is advised to:

* Do not approach the animal. Immediately contact Potawatomi Tribal Dispatch at 785-966-3024.

* Do not intentionally hunt the animal.

* If the animal is posing an immediate threat to an individual or livestock, it is permissible to take action to prevent harm or property damage. Should the mountain lion die in

course of action, the carcass must be submitted to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism.

It has been reported that five mountain lion sightings have been confirmed in the state since August. KDWP reports that, although people often report seeing them, mountain lions are only occasionally confirmed in Kansas.

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Plans being made to move county road and bridge shop

By Ali Holcomb

Plans are moving forward on preparing the new home for the Jackson County's road and bridge shop.

In November, the Jackson County Commissioners finalized the purchase of the building and land located at 24569 U.S. Highway 75 currently owned by Forrester Truck Parks & Repair.

The building and seven acres of land were purchased at a cost of \$350,000. The commissioners also purchased equipment and oil tanks

from the business for an additional \$30,000.

The property is located one mile north of Holton Community Hospital.

During a recent commission meeting, the commissioners approved a motion to accept a \$700 bid to survey the building and property submitted by Tanking Survey of Circleville.

The other bid was \$3,400 submitted by Clark Land Surveying of Troy.

The commissioners also awarded

the bid for title insurance and closing work on the property to Kansas Secured Title of Holton. The company bid \$650 for a title insurance policy and a \$150 closing fee.

Other bids included \$920 for title insurance and \$180 for closing from White Law Office of Holton and \$799 for title insurance and \$295 from closing and settlements from Alpha Title of Holton.

During a weekly report from Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors,

Fritz reported that he has obtained the names of fencing companies that may be interested in bidding the installation of a fence around the perimeter of the new shop.

Commissioner Bill Elmer suggested installing a 20-foot gate at the northeast entrance of the property.

Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer asked whether the road and bridge department could install the fence in order to save on costs.

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Christmas dinner set

The entire community is invited to the annual Community Christmas Dinner this Friday at the EUM Family Life Center.

The dinner, which will feature hearty servings of turkey with all the trimmings, vegetables and desserts, will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Life Center, located at Third and Pennsylvania in Holton. It is open to everyone in the community, regardless of age, income, residence or religious affiliation.

Diners may eat at the Family Life Center or grab a take-home meal, it has been reported. Christmas dinner deliveries will also be available; please contact Freda Galer at 364-4160 by 10 a.m. Thursday to place an order.

Monetary donations are still being accepted to help cover costs of the Christmas dinner; contact Francis DeVader at 364-2507 for more information. Free-will donations will also be accepted at the Family Life Center.



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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Geyermo A. Barnes, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, found guilty.

Brooke A. Harris, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, transporting an open container, diversion.

Donald O. Lawson Jr., driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$208.

Norma L. Morones, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$228.

James A. Morris, reckless driving, \$1,028.

Charles E. Nelson Jr., no proof of insurance, \$408.

Benedict J. Parks, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, \$1,778.

Joshua D. Powell, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, refusal to submit to preliminary breath test, driving on left side of roadway, diversion.

Olivia S. Tinco, speeding, \$267.

Karen A. Tipton, speeding, \$249.

Kerry S. Wathen III, fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, diversion.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Clifton G. Cushinberry, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 26 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jason B. Carter, Pawhuska, Okla., unlawful possession of a controlled substance; sentenced to 13 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Steven M. O'Hara, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 11 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Alvin P. Horselooking Jr., Horton, aggravated battery, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; sentenced to 29 months imprisonment and fined \$1,750 plus interest and court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Levi I. Dudoit, Holton, burglary, aggravated battery; sentenced to 28 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 24 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Larry R. LaMee, Wetmore, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 17 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jason B. Carter, Pawhuska, Okla., aggravated failure to appear; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Christopher C. Fast, Topeka, possession of marijuana; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Albert C. Murata, Horton, domestic battery; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended after six months served; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Josie E. Masquat, Mayetta, disorderly conduct; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Marlene L. Baldwin, Horton, theft; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Albert C. Murata, Horton, domestic battery; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended after six months served; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Freddie J. Doss Jr., Pochontas, W.Va., possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Enrique D. Mancina, Soldier, domestic battery.

State of Kansas vs. Kenneth James-Percy Goudie, Holton, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal use of weapons.

State of Kansas vs. Devan J. Peters, Holton, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mae L. Randall, a minor child by and through her mother and best friend, Elyse I. Hawthorne vs. Lester J. Randall, sought determination of paternity plus custody and support judgment; dismissed.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Amy L. Schreiner, sought support judgment; dismissed.

In the matter of the marriage of Ronald E. Henneberg and Anna M. Barnes, sought divorce; granted.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Jacqueline E. Coffelt, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families, and Kassidi E. Douglass, a minor child by and through Darion M. Harlin, mother and natural guardian, and Darion M. Harlin vs. Joshua R. Douglass, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Justin M. Moore, a minor child by and through Carla S. Brown, mother and natural guardian, and Carla S. Brown vs. Matthew R. McCall-Moore, seeking support judgment.

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Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of the paternity of

Marriage Licenses

Jason D. Jones, 45, Netawaka
Robyn S. Burns, 29, Netawaka

Police Calls

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

- 8:10 a.m. Dec. 3, 400 block of Colorado Avenue, gas smell.
- 11:07 a.m. Dec. 3, funeral escort.
- 12:36 p.m. Dec. 3, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 1:21 p.m. Dec. 3, funeral escort.
- 3:41 p.m. Dec. 3, 500 block of New York Avenue, assisted staff with a resident.
- 9:17 p.m. Dec. 3, 500 block of West Ninth Street, vandalism.
- 7:49 a.m. Dec. 4, 200 block of Kansas Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 11:05 a.m. Dec. 4, 100 block of West Fifth Street, non-injury accident.
- 3:59 p.m. Dec. 4, 400 block of New York Avenue, alarm.
- 4:51 p.m. Dec. 4, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, injury accident.
- 7:05 p.m. Dec. 4, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, property damage.
- 9:59 p.m. Dec. 4, 600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.
- 10:31 p.m. Dec. 4, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 2:14 p.m. Dec. 5, 1100 block of College Road, civil standby.
- 11:26 p.m. Dec. 5, 900 block of Iowa Avenue, citizen assist.
- 10:41 a.m. Dec. 6, Sixth Street at New Jersey Avenue, animal control.
- 7:54 p.m. Dec. 6, 100 block of Roselawn Drive, EMS assist.
- 11:20 p.m. Dec. 6, 600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, EMS assist.
- 10:46 a.m. Dec. 7, 600 block of Ohio Avenue, citizen assist.
- 10:56 a.m. Dec. 7, 300 block of West Fifth Street, welfare check.
- 7:41 p.m. Dec. 7, 600 block of Wisconsin Avenue, disturbance.
- 9:38 a.m. Dec. 8, 200 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 10:55 a.m. Dec. 8, 300 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.
- 8:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 200 block of Nebraska Avenue, civil standby.
- 10:33 p.m. Dec. 8, 800 block of West Third Street, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office.
- 3:03 a.m. Dec. 9, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 11:19 a.m. Dec. 9, funeral escort.
- 2:01 p.m. Dec. 9, 600 block of Dakota Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 2:22 p.m. Dec. 9, 300 block of West Fourth Street, citizen assist.
- 4:23 p.m. Dec. 9, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, criminal damage to property.
- 4:49 p.m. Dec. 9, U.S. Highway 75 at 262nd Road, assisted with traffic control.
- 8:02 p.m. Dec. 9, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 8:19 p.m. Dec. 9, 200 block of Vermont Avenue, welfare check.
- 9:04 a.m. Dec. 10, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, criminal damage to property.
- 12:50 p.m. Dec. 10, 400 block of New York Avenue, animal control.
- 3:56 p.m. Dec. 11, U.S. Highway 75 at Kansas Highway 16, non-injury accident.
- 6:11 p.m. Dec. 11, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, EMS assist.
- 2:54 p.m. Dec. 12, 100 block of Southern Heights, EMS assist.
- 8:55 p.m. Dec. 12, 300 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 9:14 p.m. Dec. 12, 200 block of Lincoln Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 3:14 a.m. Dec. 13, Holton Industrial Park, motorist assist.
- 3:30 a.m. Dec. 13, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and driving without a license.
- 8:52 p.m. Dec. 13, Fourth Street at New York Avenue, citizen assist.
- 10:04 p.m. Dec. 13, 100 block of Dakota Avenue, alarm.
- 11:26 a.m. Dec. 14, 500 block of New York Avenue, assisted staff with an unruly resident.
- 3:38 p.m. Dec. 14, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.
- 3:42 p.m. Dec. 14, 900 block of New York Avenue, hit-and-run accident.
- 4:50 p.m. Dec. 14, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, hit-and-run accident.
- 2:24 p.m. Dec. 15, 900 block of New York Avenue, EMS assist.
- 3:42 p.m. Dec. 15, 900 block of New York Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 8:30 p.m. Dec. 15, 1000 block of Vermont Avenue, alarm.
- 9:53 p.m. Dec. 16, Prairie Lake, area check.

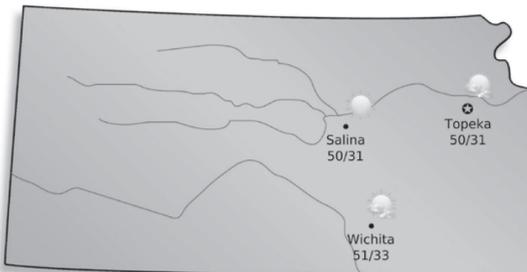
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Local 5-Day Forecast				
Thu 12/24	Fri 12/25	Sat 12/26	Sun 12/27	Mon 12/28
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Sprinkles or flurries possible early. Cloudy with partial sunshine expected late. High 48F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s.	Morning fog, then cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 20s.	Partly cloudy and windy. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the upper 20s.	Windy with a wintry mix of precipitation. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.
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County jobless rate falls in November

The unemployment rate fell in Jackson County during the month of November, echoing a trend seen across the state, according to the Kansas Department of Labor.

During the month, it was noted at 7,126 members of the county's 7,335-member labor force were employed, creating a 2.8 percent unemployment rate. That marked a slight drop from the 3 percent unemployment rate in the county for October and an even more pronounced drop from the 3.5 percent jobless rate last November.

The state's overall November seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was 4 percent, down from 4.1 percent in October and decreased from 4.2 percent in November 2014. In terms of seasonally non-adjusted figures, those totals were 3.5 percent in November, 3.7 percent in October and 3.9 percent in November 2014.

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 10,000 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 7,000, or 0.5 percent, since November 2014. Since last month, Kansas lost 2,800 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 2,600 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs since October 2015, or 0.2 percent.

"More than 10,000 people returned to the labor force in November, resulting in a record number of employed people in the state," said Lana Gordon, Kansas Secretary of Labor. "The unemployment rate fell to 4 percent, the lowest level in more than 14 years."

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 9,900 private sector jobs since last year, or 0.9 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,900, a 0.5 percent increase since November 2014. Since October, pri-

ivate sector jobs decreased by 2,000, or 0.2 percent. The state lost 1,100 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 0.1 percent.

Not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for other area counties included:

■ **Atchison County:** 5.1 percent in November, 5.7 percent in October and 5.1 percent in November 2014.

■ **Brown County:** 3.3 percent in November, 3.4 percent in October and 3.7 percent in November 2014.

■ **Doniphan County:** 3.5 percent in November, 3.7 percent in October and 3.6 percent in November 2014.

■ **Jefferson County:** 3.3 percent in November, 3.3 percent in October and 4.1 percent in November 2014.

■ **Marshall County:** 2.5 percent in November, 2.3 percent in October and 2.8 percent in November 2014.

■ **Nemaha County:** 2.1 percent in November, 2 percent in October and 2.4 percent in November 2014.

■ **Pottawatomie County:** 2.8 percent in November, 2.8 percent in October and 3.1 percent in November 2014.

■ **Shawnee County:** 3.6 percent in November, 3.7 percent in October and 4.1 percent in November 2014.

■ **Wabaunsee County:** 3.2 percent in November, 3.2 percent in October and 3.4 percent in November 2014.

In the city of Topeka, the unemployment rate was 3.9 percent for November, 4.1 percent in October and 4.5 percent in November 2014. The Topeka Metropolitan Service Area (MSA), consisting of Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties, posted unemployment rates of 3.5 percent in November, 3.7 percent in October and 4.1 percent in November of last year.

"Even with the over the month increase in claims, continued claims remain below pre-recession levels, a sign that Kansans looking for work are able to find it," said Emilie Doerksen, labor economist with the Kansas Department of Labor.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in November was 3.5 percent, down from 3.7 percent in October and down from 3.9 percent one year ago.

There were 13,344 initial claims for unemployment benefits in November, up from 8,652 in October and up from 12,003 in November 2014. There were 63,370 continued claims in November, up from 49,616 the previous month and down from 68,018 in November 2014.

MARKETS

STOCKS		
Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	34.40	+0.31
CenturyLink	25.18	+0.02
Lowe's	75.18	+0.29
Target	72.62	+0.91
Hershey	89.73	+0.55
Walmart	60.55	+1.00
Phillips 66	81.71	+1.09
US Bancorp	42.71	+0.12
Pfizer	32.50	+0.04
Deere & Co.	77.57	+1.86
United Parcel	98.03	+1.14
Apple	107.23	-0.10
Facebook	105.51	+0.74
Westar Energy	41.82	+0.51
Goodyear	32.29	+0.41

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015.

GRAIN		
Description	Price at Close	Change
Wheat	\$3.73	
Corn	\$3.48	
Milo	\$3.16	
Soybeans	\$8.43	

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 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	\$1.77	-\$0.145	-\$0.383
National Average	\$1.99	-\$0.084	-\$0.394
Holton Average	\$1.79		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015.

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MONDAYS
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TUESDAYS
Prime Time Tuesday!! \$2 off lunch and dinner buffets (55 & over). "Hot Seat Spin the Wheel" Drawings to win up to \$75 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour 2pm - 5pm, tickets 6pm-Midnight. If you land on yellow, you get \$10 more in Promo Cash and a free buffet.

WEDNESDAYS
Drawings to win \$100 CASH every 1/2 hour 1pm-4pm. "Spin the Wheel" Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour 5pm-Midnight.

FRIDAYS
Drawings every 1/2 hour 6pm-2am to win a Bundle Package, which consists of a 2-buffets, \$50 in Promo Cash, \$50 in Promo Cash for the month of February and an entry form for the 4-\$1,000 CASH Giveaways on Saturday, January 30th. Drawings will be every 1/2 hour 11pm-12:30am.

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Burglaries investigated in Pott Co.

Law enforcement officials in Pottawatomie County are seeking information regarding two residential burglaries that occurred in the county Monday.

On that day, Pottawatomie County Sheriff Greg Riat reports that deputies responded to a residential burglary just north of the intersection of Genn Road and Old Post Road in rural Wamego. The deputies discovered that the suspect or suspects in this incident forced entry into the home and removed Christmas presents and jewelry, it was reported.

The victims believed the crime occurred sometime between 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, and 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21. Damage to the residence and loss from theft may exceed \$1,000, it was reported.

Riat said that while sheriff detectives were working the incident on Genn Road, a second residential burglary call came in from a residence north of the intersection at Cannonball Road and Saltzer Road in rural Wamego.

Sheriff's officers responded to the second incident, and the victims reported they had arrived home and discovered some presents were stolen, as well as jewelry. Riat said the second victims believe their home had been burglarized between the hours of 7:50 a.m. and 4:55 p.m. on Monday. The loss from this burglary and theft may exceed \$1,000.

An area canvass was conducted for both burglaries. Riat said a vehicle of interest was developed and is described as a white regular cab pick-up, possibly a GMC or Chevrolet, with a flatbed instead of a pick-up bed. The pick-up is believed to be a late 90s or early 2000 model.

A white regular cab pick-up with a flatbed had reportedly been seen in the area of both homes that were burglarized.

The Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office is actively working these cases. Similarities between the cases suggest they may be connected, however, it is not certain at this time, Riat said. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office at (785) 457-3353. Callers may remain anonymous.



A mixed woodwinds ensemble made up of sixth-grade students from Jackson Heights Elementary School performed "Silent Night" at the school's recent Christmas concert. Front row, from left: Megan Meddock, Taihler Felps and Makayia Mock, clarinets, and Annie Allen, flute; back row, from left: Sadie Raborn and Kylee Dieckmann, saxophones.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Ministerial Alliance gets Christmas Bureau news

By Dennis Sadler

On Thursday, Dec. 17, Jeanie Combs of the 3 Rivers Agency gave a presentation about services it provides at the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance meeting. Their primary office is located in Wamego, with a secondary office on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation near Mayetta. They help the disabled with living, work, food and other related issues.

The "Share the Warmth" program, provided by the Salvation Army, was also discussed. They provide payments to help with propane and natural gas bills. These payments are given as a one-time payment per family or household each winter.

Jennifer Ingels provided a report regarding the Christmas Bureau. Except for a few glitches, it went pretty well. Toys For Tots and many individual donations helped out as well. They ran out of bicycles to hand out.

Each family/household received about \$100 worth of food and "essentials," e.g. shampoo, soap, etc. Gideon Bibles were also handed out to each participant. A sheet of paper with member churches was also provided, in case the family wished to find a church to attend.

JCMA is attempting to gather information about member churches for a website. This will include pictures as well as addresses, times of services and other activities available.

A brief discussion followed about "hardship" cases that JCMA helped families with gas/prescription drug bills. It was also suggested that the health department also pays for diapers and formula for babies through the WIC program.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 21, at Holton First Methodist Church.

Sticker Shock targets underage drinking

Once again, the Jackson County Communities That Care Coalition (JCCTCC) and the Jackson County Youth Coalition (JCYC) are teaming up prior to New Year's Eve to urge adults not to provide alcohol to minors for ringing in the new year, it was reported.

Local coalition members will implement "Project Sticker Shock," a coalition-led campaign to change adult attitudes about selling and providing alcohol to minors. This public awareness campaign, sponsored by JCCTCC and JCYC, will be taking place in stores in Jackson County.

Local youth and adults will be working with participating liquor, convenience and grocery stores to spread "Sticker Shock" waves across the county in an effort to reach adults who might buy alcohol for people under 21 who can't buy it legally themselves.

The sticker provides a strong reminder: Providing alcohol to minors is illegal, and consequences can be costly and life-changing.

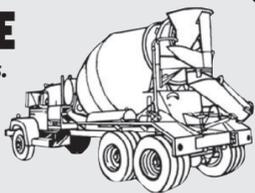
Studies have shown that alcohol has continued to be identified as the number one drug of choice among

Jackson County's younger population, and it remains, according to local youths, one of the easiest substances to obtain. Local youths also reported that the most common means for minors to obtain alcohol is from an adult.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ARVILLA M. BOLING, deceased.

Case No. 15 PR 39

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on 30th day of November, 2015, a Petition was filed in this court by Delbert L. Boling, Donald R. Boling and Delores A. Boling-Harris, heirs, designees and legatees, and co-executors named

in the Last Will and Testament of Arvilla M. Boling, deceased, dated February 2, 1993, requesting the Will filed with Petition, be admitted to probate and record; petitioners be appointed as co-executors, without bond, and that petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 7th day of January, 2016, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

All creditors 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.

/s/ Delbert L. Boling
Delbert L. Boling

/s/ Donald R. Boling
Donald R. Boling

/s/ Delores A. Boling-Harris
Delores A. Boling-Harris

Submitted and Approved:

/s/ J. Richard Lake
J. Richard Lake, #06661
Attorney at Law

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Bank of America, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Angela Blazic aka Angela Helen Blazic, Jane Doe, John Doe, Daniel Scott Blazic, and Unknown Spouse of Angela Blazic aka Angela Helen Blazic, et al.,

Defendants

Case No. 15CV87
Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were

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OPINION



Merry Christmas!

Like the wise men and shepherds following the bright star to Bethlehem some 2,000 years ago, people living in the world today still search for answers to the age-old questions:

Why are we here?

What is the meaning of our lives?

Are all things predetermined or is there free will?

Does God exist and does He hear our prayers?

Regardless of your faith, there is no denying that Christmas time is the most wonderful time of the year!

May the magic of Christmas 2015 along with its special yuletide music and scripture readings bring you peace, harmony and joy. *David Powls*

Don't make Christmas difficult or stressful

By Glenn Mollette

I received a call from an old friend this morning. I've known him now for more than 40 years.

When I was 20 years old, I lived four months with him and his family in Dayton, Ohio while I attended Wright State University.

The call was a simple, Merry Christmas call that caught us up on family and life in general.

The call began to wind up with Bill telling me about all the times that he thinks about me, and how much he loves our family. The sentiment is mutual I expressed and we were able to exchange warm Christmas greetings. The call made my day.

I brought my Army son home from the airport Sunday evening. After a long flight home, he relaxed in our family room as we caught up on small talk. Just the fact that he was in our home and was safe made my day.

A couple who works with us at our office came by our home last week bringing gifts. The gifts are beautiful but the effort they made to tell us how much they enjoy working with us and that they love their jobs still after seven years meant a lot.

We often make Christmas difficult. We stress ourselves out. We get into fiascos over gifts, travel, money and how to celebrate the holiday.

The first Christmas was about the birth of a baby. People around the world have tried to find all kinds of ways to celebrate his birth for more than 2,000 years. It's amazing how we sometimes mess up his birthday and the holiday.

This week try focusing on enjoying and loving people. It's often the simple conversations we have along the way that make our Christmas

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American syndicated columnist and author. He is the author of 11 books and read in all 50 states.



Indian Child Welfare Act in jeopardy

By Bill John Baker

Thirty-seven years ago, the federal government passed a law to keep Indian children safe. Today that promise, embodied in the Indian Child Welfare Act, is under assault.

America's multibillion-dollar adoption industry and its allies seek to undermine ICWA's enforcement by filing lawsuits they hope to take to the Supreme Court.

If successful, the lawsuits would deny tribes of their right -- and their duty -- to look after the welfare of their children.

As Indian people, we've always known that it's in our children's best interests to stay in their families' homes and to remain connected to their tribes.

In 1978, Congress recognized this fact and passed ICWA, which aims to "protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and families."

Congress passed ICWA because such protections were desperately needed. In the 1970s, state officials would frequently tear Indian children from their homes for reasons of cultural chauvinism and ignorance. Then, children were served up to

America's adoption industry.

ICWA hoped to stop this cultural genocide by creating a legal presumption that Indian children belong in their own homes or with other family or tribal members.

To guarantee this protection, ICWA gave tribes the ability to intervene in state courts on behalf of tribal children who had been removed from their homes.

Today, the ability of tribes to protect their children remains vital.

Consider the case of an adoption attorney in Oklahoma who was recently charged with 25 felony counts, including child trafficking. Sadly, those who make a living offering Indian children up for adoption often stoop to dubious tactics. Without ICWA, tribes would be helpless to protect those children.

Yet attacks on the law continue. Recently, the Goldwater Institute -- claiming to speak for all Indian children in foster care or up for adoption -- filed a lawsuit, hoping to have the Supreme Court declare ICWA unconstitutional.

This would strip Indian children of the law's valuable protections. The Court would have to decide that it knows the best interests of tribal children better than their tribes do. This would be breathtakingly arrogant and ignore the repeated failures of the United States to protect tribal children.

For example, ICWA requires proper notice to parents and tribes of adoption proceedings. This helps ensure all adoptions are fair and trans-

parent. Only those trying to force or illegally procure adoptions would be opposed to such minimum safeguards.

Casey Family Programs, the Child Welfare League of America and several other child welfare organizations, in response to Goldwater's legal challenge, said ICWA "applies the gold standard for child welfare decisions for all children, and unraveling its protections could cause significant harm for Indian children."

These organizations deal with both private adoptions and state foster-care cases. And they all agree that the "ICWA embodies the best practices in child welfare." We've known this for years.

History shows that only Indian people can be counted on to protect their children.

The adoption agencies seeking to overturn the ICWA claim that they know what is best for Indian children. But often, their interest lies in collecting adoptions fees quickly and with minimum fuss.

Tribal nations will defend the ICWA with everything they have. Fortunately, President Obama has been a staunch ally in honoring the federal government's promise to uphold the ICWA.

This country must not return to a time in which others decide what's best for tribal children.

Note: Bill John Baker of Tahlequah, Okla., is the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

As the end of the year is approaching, it saddens me. The proposed closing of the Denison Senior Citizens meal site.

I was employed there for many years. There are seniors there who depend on that meal and friendship each and every day. Without it, they will sit home alone, maybe going without a meal and becoming depressed. Nothing to look forward to.

When the center is opened and they don't show, then someone goes and checks on them. One time a regular did not show so I went to check on him and he was in his basement unable to get up and was down there overnight.

What is it going to hurt the county to at least deliver meals to the city hall? What is it going to cost the county? Maybe \$20 a day maximum? I do know there are several there who have no car and live alone. Don't they matter?

Denison was told they had to have 10 eating at the table, that it did not matter if they took it out. What is the difference if eating there or at home? They come and visit and go home and eat. But they get out of the house and get to visit.

Holton has seniors drive up to the back door and get to take their meal home and it counts for Holton. Yes, Holton has more people who eat in because the town is bigger. But seniors, everyone, are important. Not just the ones in Holton.

To my Denison family, I love you and wished there was something I could do. Please check on each other this winter and be safe. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Charlene Butcher
Rockaway Beach, Mo.*

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WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has filed with the City of Holton a statement in writing that the following structure is unsafe and dangerous, to wit:

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The owner, the owner's agent, any lien holder of record and any occupant may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

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Robert W. Dieckmann, Mayor

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/s/ Teresa Riley
Teresa Riley, City Clerk

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 24

*Buck's Grove Methodist Church of Soldier will host a traditional Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. The church is located 16 miles west of Holton on Kansas Highway 16.

Friday, Dec. 25

*Christmas Day.
*Community Christmas Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., EUM Family Life Center. Open to all. Call Freda Galer at 364-4160 by 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 to place a delivery order.

Sunday, Dec. 27

*Attend the church of your choice.

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

Monday, Dec. 28

*Jackson County Commission, 9 a.m., Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

*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.

Jackson Co. Senior Menu

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

Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made by 9:30 a.m. same day.

Reservations and cancellations may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.

Menus listed for the week of

Monday, Dec. 28 through Friday, Jan. 1 are as follows:

Monday, Dec. 28: Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, coconut pudding and bread stick and margarine.

Tuesday, Dec. 29: Beef stew, coleslaw, fruit cocktail cake and biscuit and margarine.

Wednesday, Dec. 30: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, winter mix vegetables, tropical fruit, cookie and bread and margarine.

Thursday, Dec. 31: Ham and beans, carrot salad, banana, ice cream and cornbread and margarine.

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



Second-grade students at Holton's Colorado Elementary School got a little on-stage coaching from vocal music teacher Sheri Bartel (at right) during their recent Christmas concert, held in the Holton High School auditorium.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold
Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Dec. 20. Gary Bell gave the welcome and opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, Max Lierz and

Paul and Sue Davault. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events and Paul Davault gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Tara Ladusch gave the reading and Lloyd Ladusch Jr. lit the Advent candle, the candle of love.

The congregation was honored to

have guest speaker Kevin Ingram. Kevin graduated from Manhattan Christian College in 1986 and is currently the president of MCC. He brought a wonderful Christmas message. He used text from Luke 1:46-51, 2:20-32 and 36-38, and John 1:14-17. He gave the congregation something to challenge its thought by saying not to go into this Christmas season focusing on what the world is coming to, but focus on the one who is coming to the world.

Jesus came to change the world for us. In Christ, grace will abound. Grace and truth come through Jesus Christ, and that's where freedom is found. That's what Christmas is all

about, so share that love, hope and mercy with those around you this Christmas.

Paul Davault used text from Mark 15:1-5 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Roger Rethman, Matt McCauley, John Ray and Jason Claycamp. Tara Lierz and Hannah Davault provided lovely Christmas songs with their clarinets as communion was served. The prayer for the offering was given by Gary Bell and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

On Dec. 24, the church will have a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service starting at 5:30 p.m. for all who would like to attend.

PBP Elder Center Menu

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Menus are subject to change. The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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

(785) 966-0040.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Dec. 28 through Friday, Jan. 1 are as follows:

Monday, Dec. 28: Chili and hot dog, green beans, fruit salad and yogurt cup.

Tuesday, Dec. 29: Pizza, corn, salad and granola bars.

Wednesday, Dec. 30: Sack lunch day.

Thursday, Dec. 31: Closed - New Year's Eve.

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

New Life Nazarene

By Janice Kneisley

What happens in this life is not simply by chance. There is a God in heaven who has a master plan." Pastor Kevin Kneisley, pastor of New Life Church of the Nazarene, said this past Sunday during the fourth week of Advent.

He preached that God has a plan and sometimes it fits together perfectly and other times you will not know how to connect the dots, much like the virgin Mary when she was told by an angel in Luke 1:26-38 that she was to conceive and give birth to a son whose name would be Jesus.

Luke 1:34-38: "How will this be?" Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

The Christmas story, Kneisley said, is truly the best example of God dipping down into the seeming randomness of life and reminding us that there

is a plan, a design. God, Kneisley said, is a consummate, eternal planner of all events. He planned the place of the birth of Jesus Christ, His parents and the timing of the plan of redemption.

Faith and waiting are two words Mary lived by. "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled."

I am convinced of this - perfect faith is not faith that moves God. Perfect faith is trusting God even when it seems like He is not moving. Perfect faith is what Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant."

Don't try to rush God, Kneisley told the church members, but rather recognize and rely on His wisdom in orchestrating the events in your world by His calendar. Instead of trying to fit God into your agenda, ask Him to reveal His plan to you. Then simply get on board with His plan, which will be fulfilled, according to His timetable. Be the Lord's servant, he concluded.

In children's church, children made Advent wreaths and learned the meaning of each candle.

In announcements, Pastor Kneisley announced Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

It was a nice, crisp day on the fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 20, 2015. Worship service at Buck's Grove Methodist Church began by Tyler Vance ringing the bell and Katie Vance lighting the altar candles.

Althea Fordham played the prelude and also for hymns, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" and "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem."

Pastor Charlotte asked for announcements followed by call to worship and the opening prayer.

Ed and Goldie Vance provided the Advent message and lighted the fourth candle.

Charlotte read scripture from Micah 5:2-5 and Hebrews 10:5-10.

The special was Theresa Rieschick reading "My Son." For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son, who so ever believeth, shall have eternal life...That's Love.

The Gospel scripture was Luke 1:39-45. Charlotte's message was

about Mary and her role in those days. Mary accepted God's call by an angel, Gabriel, who told her she was a chosen one by God and would have a son. His name would be Jesus. We are all chosen; it is up to us to choose the Lord's way or our way.

Charlotte offered communion with Donna Ashcraft's assistance.

The offertory ushers were Don Boling and Jack Bernitter. The closing hymn was "Come Oh Lord."

After worship service, the church was cleaned in anticipation of the Christmas Eve program at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Merry Christmas from The Holton Recorder!

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By Shirley M. Cameron

For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," is the song the angels sang to the shepherds watching over their sheep by night (Luke 2:11). Read the rest of Luke chapters 1 and 2. This is the reason we celebrate and rejoice.

On Sunday, Dec. 20, those at Holton First Baptist Church were blessed by the choir presenting "Light Out Of The Darkness" cantata. It was based on the word of God. Soloists were Jan Bissitt, Kelsey Tanking, Teresa Nelson, Ben Bauman and Brian Spalding. A medley was sung by Pastor Tim, Alecia and family, and also Melanie Woltje and her two daughters.

Pastor Tim had a short sermon and prayer afterwards. He used John 8:12, in which Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Believers are called to let their light

shine brightly. Have the things of this world come into our lives and caused our light to become dim?

Sunday evening was the children's program. What a blessing to see them present the Christmas message through their songs and dance! All those persons who worked with the children are to be commended on a job well done.

Christmas Eve service will begin at 7 p.m.

We wish our Christian brothers and sisters, *The Holton Recorder* staff and the readers of our local newspaper a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. For those who are bearing deep sorrow or trials, just turn to Jesus, who can meet all your needs, whatever they are.

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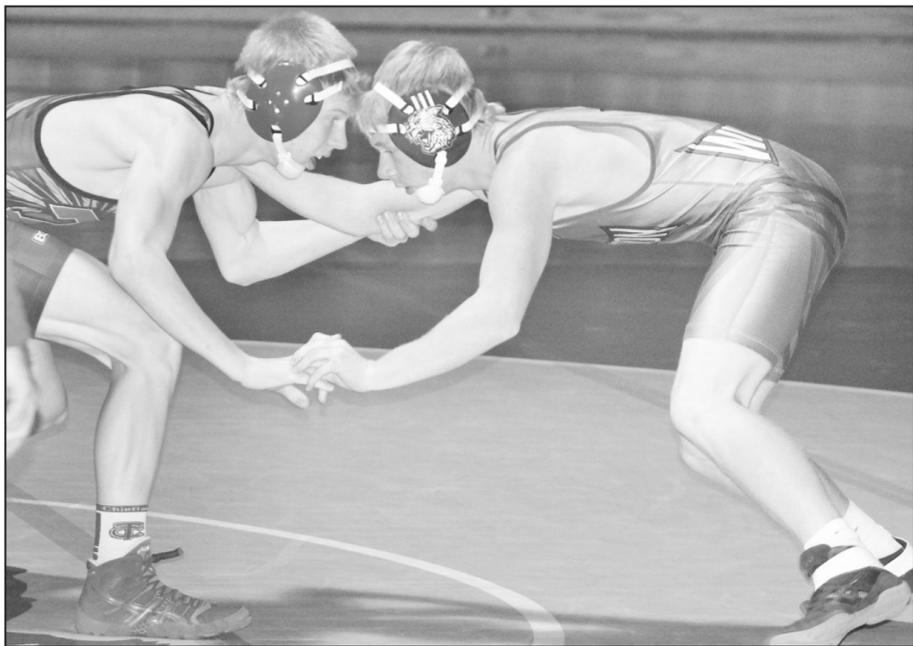
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Wildcat Lawson Henry (shown above, at right) grapples with an opponent from Tonganoxie during a dual earlier this season. Henry is one of several young wrestlers who keep coming along and helped HHS to a fifth-place finish at the dual tournament in Ottawa over the weekend.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Holton has strong showing in dual tournament at Ottawa

Holton closed out a busy first half of the wrestling season by heading to Ottawa for a dual tournament last Saturday and while the Wildcats had some tough match-ups, the team won three out of five duals to finish in fifth place.

To start the tournament, HHS built up a good head of steam with lopsided wins over Osawatomi and Anderson County. After that, Holton ran into defending 4A state champion Baldwin and the top-ranked Bulldogs prevailed over the sixth-ranked Wildcats.

A loss to host Ottawa then locked Holton in to a fifth-place dual against Fort Scott, with HHS narrowly edging out its opponent by six team points.

The veteran Wildcats continued to lead the charge for the team, as Justin Pool and Tyler Price both went 4-1 in dual competition, while young wrestlers like Cael Jackson and Kaden Watkins also had breakthrough performances on Saturday and posted winning records at the tournament.

With the first half of the season in the books, Holton will now look to keep building over Christmas break and push itself once again after the hiatus, starting with a dual at eighth-ranked Basehor-Linwood on Thursday, Jan. 7. Matches will start at 6 p.m.

Ottawa Dual tournament

Team results:
Holton 57, Osawatomi 24
Baldwin 60, Anderson County 12
Ottawa 45, Holton 28
Holton 39, Fort Scott 33

Individual results:
vs. Osawatomi
(106): Jacob Hollman (Osaw.) had an open round.

(113): Coulter Bisel had an open round.
(120): James Clement (Osaw.) had an open round.

(126): Cael Jackson had an open round.
(132): Brendon Chrisjohn (Osaw.) won by fall over Lawson Henry.

(138): Justin Pool had an open round.
(145): Willie Bowman had an open round.

(152): Tyler Price won by decision, 4-0, over Cody Hazlett (Osaw.).
(160): Jameson Lutz had an open round.

(170): Kaden Watkins had an open round.

(182): Drew Morris had an open round.

(195): Cole Wallace (Osaw.) won by fall over Tyler Tannahill.

(200): Eugene Harris had an open round.

(205): Clay Baumgartner had an open round.

vs. Anderson County
(106): Both teams were open.

(113): Coulter Bisel had an open round.

(120): Zach Wilper (AC) had an open round.

(126): Cael Jackson won by decision, 11-7, over Blade Marmon (AC).

(132): Lawson Henry won by fall over Sebastin Weaver (AC).

(138): Justin Pool won by fall over Cole Denny (AC).

(145): Jayger Carson won by decision, 5-4, over Shiloh Sutton (AC).

(152): Tyler Price won by fall over Dalton Duke (AC).

(160): Jackson Martin won by fall over Matt McCullar (AC).

(170): Kyle Lamb (AC) won by fall over Jameson Lutz.

(182): Kaden Watkins won by fall over Isiah Levy (AC).

(195): Tyler Tannahill won by fall over Dominic Sutton (AC).

(200): Eugene Harris won by fall over Devin Brassfield (AC).

(205): Clay Baumgartner had an open round.

vs. Baldwin
(106): Benton Flory (Bald.) had an open round.

(113): Jakob Johanning (Bald.) had an open round.

(120): TJ Hopper (Bald.) had an open round.

(126): Levi Green (Bald.) won by tech fall, 16-1, over Cael Jackson.

(132): Lawson Henry won by fall over Griffin Wehrman (Bald.).

(138): Jayger Carson won by fall over Robert Hernandez (Bald.).

(145): Justin Pool won by major decision, 11-1, over Ethan Temple (Bald.).

(152): Scott Harman (Bald.) won by fall over Killian O'Connor.

(160): Owen Tuckfield (Bald.) won by decision, 3-1, over Tyler Price.

(170): Kaden Watkins won by fall over Dylan Voigts (Bald.).

(182): Joel Katzer (Bald.) had an open round.

(195): Justin Howard (Bald.) by

decision in sudden victory, 4-2, over Tyler Tannahill.

(220): Jake Katzer (Bald.) had an open round.

(285): Garrett Borth (Bald.) won by fall over Clay Baumgartner.

vs. Ottawa
(106): Both teams were open.

(113): Landon Randall (Ott.) had an open round.

(120): Ricky Norval (Ott.) had an open round.

(126): Jared Parenti (Ott.) won by fall over Cael Jackson.

(132): Lawson Henry own by major decision, 12-3, over Tony Wurtz (Ott.).

(138): Dalton Welsh (Ott.) won by decision, 3-2, over Jayger Carson.

(145): Justin Pool won by fall over Driestin Aho (Ott.).

(152): Tyler Price won by fall over Chandler Bloomer (Ott.).

(160): Jameson Lutz won by fall over Tucker Mace (Ott.).

(170): Jayden Creach (Ott.) won by fall over Kaden Watkins.

(182): Blaine Ray (Ott.) had an open round.

(195): Tyler Tannahill won by fall over Garrett Gross (Ott.).

(200): Brent Hornbuckle (Ott.) won by fall over Eugene Harris.

(285): Chandler Adamson (Ott.) won by fall over Clay Baumgartner.

vs. Fort Scott
(106): Tyler Gorman (FS) had an open round.

(113): Daevin Caldwell (FS) had an open round.

(120): Mannie Gonzales (FS) had an open round.

(126): Cael Jackson won by fall over Kyle Montojo (FS).

(132): Lawson Henry won by fall over Alex Gorman (FS).

(138): Derek Bollinger (FS) won by decision, 2-1, over Justin Pool.

(145): Zarek Fewell (FS) won by fall over Jayger Carson.

(152): Tyler Price won by fall over Chris Stell (FS).

(160): Jameson Lutz won by fall over Ryan Miller (FS).

(170): Kaden Watkins won by fall over Trevor Hazlip (FS).

(182): Jordan Crowder (FS) had an open round.

(195): Both teams were open.

(220): Tyler Tannahill won by decision, 11-9, over Anthony Stewart (FS).

(285): Clay Baumgartner had an open round.

RV wrestlers claim team title at Pleasant Ridge tournament

Going into Saturday's dual tournament in Easton, coach Jason Puderbaugh and the Royal Valley wrestling team had a clear goal. They wanted to walk away as undefeated tournament champions.

The Panthers proceeded to turn that dream into reality with relative ease, winning all five of their duals by a combined margin of 307-88 to capture the team title at Pleasant Ridge.

"I was pretty happy. Every wrestler went out there and got after it. We set the tempo in our matches and we wrestled aggressively," Puderbaugh said. "We were being the attackers. We were being the offensive aggressors on our feet and we were scoring off bottom."

Overall, Puderbaugh noted it was a dominating performance by his team. Nearly every Panther wrestler finished the day with a winning record and four individuals (Lance Bailey, Noah Hart, Jacob Box and Keesis Potts) were undefeated on Saturday.

While Potts, Hart and Box all had a number of open rounds, Bailey wrestled in all five matches and continued his impressive start to the season. He won four of those matches by pin and led RV in most statistical categories at the tournament.

Royal Valley's closest dual was a 54-27 victory over Jeff West, while Puderbaugh noted his team was also pushed by a Riverside team that may have been small in numbers, but featured some tough competitors.

Going in with a major numbers advantage might have been an unfamiliar position for the Panthers, but Puderbaugh noted it was a nice change of pace and meeting expectations will only help the team that much more.

"Overall, the tournament was a great confidence-builder for us," Puderbaugh said. "It was a great way to go into break, on top of things and on a positive note. Confidence is high. Things are just really coming together for our guys."

Some of that success stems from the Panthers being healthy and all the RVHS wrestlers making a commitment to the team and Puderbaugh noted the team is looking to keep up that commitment and the success going into 2016.

"Over the break, we've got a few goals," Puderbaugh said. "We want to stay humble. We don't want to let this win get us cocky or thinking that we're better than what we are."

"We want to stay hungry. We want to not be satisfied with where we're at and the success we've had. The first part of the season was enjoyable and now we're going to put that behind us and stay hungry for more success as we go into the second half of the season," Puderbaugh said.

Royal Valley will return to action and look to keep pushing forward as the team hosts Pleasant Ridge, Atchison and Perry-Leompton for some duals on Thursday, Jan. 7 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge Dual tournament

Team results:
Royal Valley 54, Jeff West 27
Royal Valley 69, Oskaloosa 6
Royal Valley 52, Pleasant Ridge 23

Royal Valley 54, Riverside 26
Royal Valley 78, B Team 6

Individual results:
vs. Jeff West

(106): Dalton Ware won by fall over Shane Kelly (JW).

(113): Austin Michaelis (JW) won by fall over Garrett Pruyser.

(120): Luke Holloman (JW) won by decision, 8-1, over Ethan Ashley.

(126): Lance Bailey won by fall over Cody Gibson (JW).

(132): Brett House had an open round.

(138): Caleb Burnworth won by fall over Caden Hansen (JW).

(145): Tyler Casto (JW) won by fall over Zack Lux.

(152): Noah Hart won by fall over Mason Heiden (JW).

(160): Nick Reeb (JW) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Chase Montgomery (JW) won by fall over Marshall Stewart.

(182): Jacob Box had an open round.

(195): Blake Garrison had an open round.

(200): Brian Shane had an open round.

(285): Keesis Potts had an open round.

vs. Oskaloosa
(106): Dalton Ware had an open round.

(113): Garrett Pruyser had an open round.

(120): Ethan Ashley had an open round.

(126): Lance Bailey had an open round.

(132): Brett House won by fall over Trevor Ricketts (Oskie.).

(138): Caleb Burnworth won by fall over Zack Thomas (Oskie.).

(145): Zack Lux had an open round.

(152): Noah Hart had an open round.

(160): Jared Miller (Oskie.) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Marshall Stewart had an open round.

(182): Jacob Box won by decision, 3-1, over Ben Harvey (Oskie.).

(195): Blake Garrison had an open round.

(200): Both teams are open.

(285): Brian Shane won by fall over Vincent Dick (Oskie.).

vs. Pleasant Ridge
(106): Trevor Rogeland (PR) won by decision, 12-7, over Dalton Ware.

(113): Garrett Pruyser had an open round.

(120): Devin Dorr (PR) won by tech fall, 15-0, over Ethan Ashley.

(126): Lance Bailey won by fall over Luke Oatney (PR).

(132): Brett House won by major decision, 17-5, over George Blue

(PR).

(138): Caleb Burnworth won by fall over Colt Ewert (PR).

(145): Zack Lux won by fall over Eli Schwinn (PR).

(152): Noah Hart won by fall over Seth Beying (PR).

(160): Nic Bridges (PR) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Marshall Stewart had an open round.

(182): Jacob Box won by fall over Anthony Brigg (PR).

(195): Dustin Graham (PR) won by decision, 3-0, over Blake Garrison.

(200): Brian Shane had an open round.

(285): David Medley (PR) had an open round.

vs. Riverside
(106): Dalton Ware had an open round.

(113): Garrett Pruyser had an open round.

(120): Ethan Ashley had an open round.

(126): Lance Bailey won by fall over Logan Hogan (Riv.).

(132): Derrick Kam (Riv.) won by fall over Brett House.

(138): Scott Resler (Riv.) won by tech fall, 15-0, over Caleb Burnworth.

(145): Kinstin Juhl (Riv.) won by decision, 8-5, over Zack Lux.

(152): Noah Hart won by fall over Alston Moulden (Riv.).

(160): Dick Dawson (Riv.) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Jacob MacKnight (Riv.) won by fall over Marshall Stewart.

(182): Jacob Box won by fall over Scott Coates (Riv.).

(195): Blake Garrison won by fall over Donovan Duncan (Riv.).

(200): Brian Shane had an open round.

(285): Keesis Potts had an open round.

vs. B Team
(106): Dalton Ware won by fall over Taylor Munoz (B).

(113): Garrett Pruyser had an open round.

(120): Ethan Ashley had an open round.

(126): Lance Bailey won by fall over Colton Fox (B).

(132): Brett House had an open round.

(138): Caleb Burnworth had an open round.

(145): Zack Lux won by fall over John Carr (B).

(152): Noah Hart had an open round.

(160): Nathan Taylor (B) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Marshall Stewart had an open round.

(182): Jacob Box won by fall over Scott Coates (B).

(195): Blake Garrison had an open round.

(200): Brian Shane had an open round.

(285): Keesis Potts had an open round.

Area teams ready for break

While Wetmore and ACCHS got to end the first half of the basketball season in the comfort of their own gyms, neither the Cardinals nor the Tigers were able to gift themselves a win before Christmas break.

Last week, Wetmore hosted Frankfort and Washington County in Twin Valley League action and while the Lady Cardinals took a late lead over Frankfort, that was as close as the team would come to a win.

Frankfort escaped with a 52-46 victory last Tuesday, despite strong efforts from Wetmore's Dakota McQueen (17 points) and Jill Henry (13 points).

Against Washington County, ranked 10th in Class 2A, the WHS girls had a little more trouble and fell 75-50. The Cardinals (1-4) will look to regroup over the break now as the team will return to more tough TVL competition to start 2016 with a road trip to Axtell (#10 in 1A-DII) set for Tuesday, Jan. 5. Games will start at 4:45 p.m.

In the boys games, Wetmore also had a lead against Frankfort before letting it slip away in a 38-32 loss to the Wildcats. Dakota McKinney led WHS with 14 points, while Newt Smith and Trey Craig both added eight points for the Cardinals.

The WHS boys followed up that contest with an even bigger challenge, facing the third-ranked team in Class 2A, Washington County, to close out the first half of the season.

Offensively, the Cardinals just couldn't keep pace with the Tigers in a 58-25 loss and Wetmore (0-5) will now regroup over the break and look to collect its first win of the season when the team returns to action to face Axtell on the road, with games starting at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Atchison County, meanwhile, started last week with its toughest match-up, as the Tigers welcomed in the Blue Jays of Sabetha for a pair of Big Seven League games.

The ACCHS girls struggled to get going in a 49-25 loss, though Mallory Eckert chipped in eight points for the Tigers. Last Friday's contest saw a similar result play out, as Jeff West also got the upper hand early and maintained it on the way to a 48-18 victory over Atchison County.

With the break, Atchison County (0-5) will go back to work and look to claim its first win of the season when the team hosts Atchison for a non-league game on Tuesday, Jan. 5 to start competition in 2016.

Despite double digit scoring from Ryder McAlexander (12 points), Austin Coder (11 points) and Trevor Smith (10 points), the ACCHS boys were unable to take down Sabetha in their match-up with the Blue Jays, falling 62-39 last Tuesday.

Then, the Tigers had even more difficulties getting going against Jeff West to close out the first half, as the visitors managed to collect a 66-33 victory over Atchison County last Friday.

Competition for the first half of the season is now in the books and ACCHS (0-5) will try to come back stronger in 2016, though the team will open with a daunting challenge in a non-league contest against Atchison. The teams will square off on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

The Tiger wrestlers were off last week, closing out 2015 the prior weekend at the two-day Eudora Invitational tournament. Only one ACCHS wrestler walked away with a medal, as Hunter Ostertag led the

team with a third-place finish, but Atchison County will look to have some more success when the team returns to the mat in 2016.

Next up for the ACCHS wrestling team is tournament competition in Rossville on Saturday, Jan. 9, which will start at 9 a.m.

Eudora Invitational

Team results:
1. Rossville 287, 2. Maize South 221, 3. KC Schlagle 202.5, 4. Wellsville 200.5, 5. Louisburg 182, 6. Tonganoxie 170, 7. St. Thomas Aquinas 163.5, 8. Buhler 162.5, 9. Ottawa 159.5, 10. Fort Scott 158.5, 11. Spring Hill 155.5, 12. Lawrence 149, 13. St. Marys 134, 14. Lansing 133, 15. Holcomb 119.5, 16. De Soto 92.5, 17. KC Sunner 83.5, 18. Eudora 68, 19. ACCHS 56, 20. SM South 53, 21. KC Ward 12, 22. KC Piper 9, 23. St. James 7

Individual results:
ACCHS

(106): Austin Hager had a bye, lost two matches and did not place.

(120): Karl Scholz won one match, lost two matches and did not place.

(132): Hunter Ostertag had two byes, won six matches, lost one match and finished third.

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

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

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

(160): Dylan Birkinsha had a bye, lost four matches and did not place.

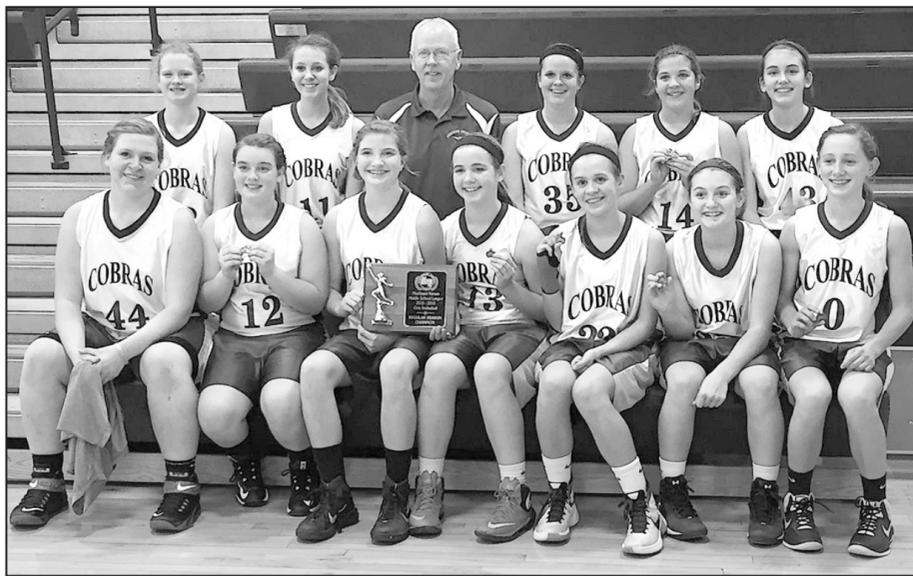
(170): Aaron Daniels had two byes, lost three matches and did not place.

(285): Ryan Hanshaw won one match, lost four matches and did not place.



The Royal Valley wrestling team (pictured above) displays its championship trophy after taking the team title at the Pleasant Ridge dual tournament this past weekend. Nearly every Panther wrestler finished with a winning record and the Panthers went 5-0 as a team in the championship performance.

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The Jackson Heights Middle School girls basketball team holds up the Northeast Kansas League championship trophy, which the young Cobras received for finishing the regular season undefeated in league play. Team members included (front row, left to right) Grace Roles, Southern Raborn, Kylie Dohl, Abby Brey, McKenzie Kennedy, Ashley Flowers, Jodi White, (back row, left to right) Kassidi Strathman, Carmelita Collinge, coach Mark Fenton, Bethany Kenworthy, Erin Curtis and Amaya Marlatt.

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League champions, runners-up mark highs of MS girls basketball season

While high school basketball in Jackson County was just heating up before the Christmas break, the middle school girls basketball season was winding down during that same time.

Like some of the county high school teams off to fast starts, though, several squads from Holton, Jackson Heights and Royal Valley middle schools put together similarly strong finishes to cap off the 2015 campaign.

Jackson Heights, for example, proved nearly untouchable this season. The "A" team went undefeated through the regular season to capture a Northeast Kansas League title and nearly matched that feat in the season-ending league tournament.

With 15 seconds to go, JHMS led JCN after trailing by 14 at halftime. A lot of that was due simply to improved intensity and modified pressure on defense, according to coach Mark Fenton, but the Chargers hit a last-second three (after the Cobras nearly forced a steal) to come away with a 34-31 victory and the tournament title.

The Cobras may not have gotten the championship sweep, but it didn't detract from an impressive season that saw the program lose a total of only five games at all three levels (A, B and C) of competition.

In fact, outside of the near comeback and two previous comebacks against JCN in the regular season, Fenton noted the teams really dominated their competition. From summer league play, Fenton said the young Cobras knew the challenge the Chargers posed and were driven to rise above that during the winter season.

"You could tell in their eyes they did not want to lose this year and they came out every game and really understood the fact that you had to prove a point in the first quarter and let them know who's in charge. They were great at that," Fenton said.

Outside of the JCN games, Heights usually won by 20 points or more this season and Fenton noted that success stemmed from an unselfish team attitude with all of the players pushing each other and exerting a great amount of effort, especially on defense, all season.

"Our man-to-man defense started good and just got better all season long. I thought our conditioning as the season went on got better and better, too," Fenton said.

With the success of the past two seasons, Fenton said he is excited to now see what these players can come together and achieve in high school competition. The JHMS "A" team finished the season 15-1 overall, the "B" team was 9-2 and the "C" team recorded a 7-2 record.

For the Holton eighth-grade girls basketball team, the season could have ended on a sour note. Before their final game recently, the dreams of a league title had just been dashed by eventual Big Seven champion Sabetha.

The Young Wildcats did not dwell on that, however, as the team had to battle Jeff West for the runner-up spot and the HMS squad lifted its collective head high to close out the season on a positive note.

"You always wonder how they're going to respond after a big loss like we had to Sabetha," HMS coach Brian Hickman said. "They played well (against Sabetha), but they came back. Then, we came out and jumped on Jeff West early and got up, I think, 13-2 or something."

It was perhaps the best offensive performance of the season for the Holton squad, according to Hickman, as the team was clicking on all cylinders early on the way to a 32-19 victory over the Tigers.

While Hickman noted this particular team was good at creating offense, he noted an early goal was to enhance the eighth-grade team's ability to run sets and they showed their progress in that area against Jeff West.

Defensively, the Wildcats were also strong in a balanced performance to wrap up the season. If the players keep pushing each other, something that Hickman said is a defining trait of this eighth-grade class, then they should continue to see success as they move on to the high school level.

"That's hard to instill in a group and this group has that. They get after it. They don't mind the physicality of it. They enjoy it and they buy into it," Hickman said.

Holton's eighth-grade "A" team finished the season 12-2 and runner-up in the Big Seven League, while the "B" team went 11-1.

Royal Valley also had a league runner-up, as the seventh-grade squad took second in the Big Seven this season. While coach Bill Higley noted the team hit a lull midway through the season, he said the players were challenged and pushed to pick it up in practice, which translated to a strong finish for the young Panthers.

"Our seventh-graders really responded well. The last several games down the stretch they came out with a purpose and ready to get after it right from the get-go," Higley said.

That was on display in a 30-14 victory over Jeff West to end the season, as the athleticism of a group that took the league title in volleyball this fall was on display in that game and throughout the basketball season.

While the seventh-grade team had athleticism and players in spades, the eighth-grade team was the exact opposite as the team finished the season with eight players and Higley admitted even some of those players were operating at less than 100 percent.

It may have been a burden for the eighth-grade team to deal with injuries and limited numbers and while that hindered the group's final record, Higley noted they still managed to accomplish some goals as the situation did foster some camaraderie amongst the team members.

"The biggest thing was they came together as a team and had a great time. They had so much more fun this year than I think they did last year. That was kind of a highlight for them," Higley said.

Royal Valley's eighth-grade team

ended up splitting with Jeff West in the final games, as the "A" team fell 35-19 and the "B" team won 12-2.

While the seventh-graders may have a higher ceiling, if both groups continue to push each other and work together then Higley said he believes they can make some good things happen in the future.

The eighth-grade "A" team finished 3-11 this season, while the seventh-grade "A" team was 10-4.

Holton's seventh-grade team may have struggled in stretches throughout the 2015 season, but coach John Deitrich also noted his team learned a lot along the way.

With the Wildcats' strong tradition, the coach noted his team likely got opponents' best shot in many instances and this group wasn't quite ready for that at times, though they still managed to come along in terms of skills throughout the season.

"I think when it came down to it, with the Xs and Os and stuff, I thought we got a little bit smarter with our basketball IQ," Deitrich said.

Through the winter, Deitrich noted the Wildcats developed some offensive depth and adapted on defense. The coach said he eventually sees double-digit wins in the future for this group, but the most important thing he hopes his players take away from the season is how overall athletic skills can help them in the sport and vice-versa.

"There's a lot to the game and I guess the lesson I wanted them to figure out was basketball doesn't have to be their thing for them to be a basketball player," Deitrich said.

The seventh-grade "A" team finished the season 7-7 overall.

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CITY OF HOLTON

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R012

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOLTON, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has filed with the City of Holton a statement in writing that the following structure is unsafe and dangerous, to wit:

Fire damaged house at: 719 New Jersey Ave, Holton, KS 66436

Legal Description: Lot 93 on New Jersey Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Owner: Mary Lou Benander 11621 P4 Road, Hoyt, KS 66440

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that a hearing will be held to determine if said structure is unsafe and dangerous, in need of repair or demolition, on the 16th day of February, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., before the governing body, City Hall, Holton, Kansas.

The owner, the owner's agent, any lien holder of record and any occupant may appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Holton, Kansas this 21st day of December, 2015.

/s/ Robert W. Dieckmann
Robert W. Dieckmann, Mayor

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/s/ Teresa Riley
Teresa Riley, City Clerk

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House at: 1003 Kansas Ave, Holton, KS 66436

Legal Description: Lots 41, 43, 45 & 47, Block F University Addition, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Owner: John D. Zibell 803 Wisconsin Avenue, Holton, KS 66436

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Current league standings for county teams

Big Seven League boys basketball standings		
Team	League	Overall
Royal Valley	4-0	5-0
Sabetha	4-0	5-0
Nemaha Central	4-0	4-1
Riverside	3-2	3-2
Holton	2-2	2-3
Jefferson West	2-3	2-3
Perry-Lecompton	1-4	1-4
Hiawatha	0-4	0-4
ACCCHS	0-5	0-5

*Standings as of Dec. 23, 2015

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NEKL boys basketball standings		
Team	League	Overall
Jackson Heights	4-0	4-0
Horton	3-1	3-1
Valley Falls	3-1	3-2
JCN	3-1	3-2
Maur Hill	2-2	2-2
Oskaloosa	2-3	2-3
Immaculata	1-3	1-3
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CHAMBER MIXER!

Wednesday, Jan. 27
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Please stay tuned for information
about our next **QUARTERLY Mixer**

Help to welcome our new director of the chamber, Elise McLeod and our new president, Jenn Shaw and vice president, Candi McCrory. In addition, we have two new board members, Eric Bjelland and Willie Segenhagen.

Our Chamber Mixer is the perfect place to meet business owners and entrepreneurs alike for the purpose of not only getting to know one another, but to exchange marketing strategies to increase business in our area.

The first three to arrive will win a unique door prize! At 6 p.m. we will introduce the new director, followed by a drawing for a fabulous prize. In addition they will be offering seasonal appetizers, and an assortment of adult and regular beverages.

HOMES TOUR WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

236 tickets were sold this year, which was an increase of 19% over last year. People not only came from the surrounding area, but also from Topeka, Atchison, and as far away as Iowa. A special thanks to all the property owners who opened their homes to help support the Chamber and the community.

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Keep your eyes to the sky for exciting things to come. Your Chamber Director, *Elise McLeod*

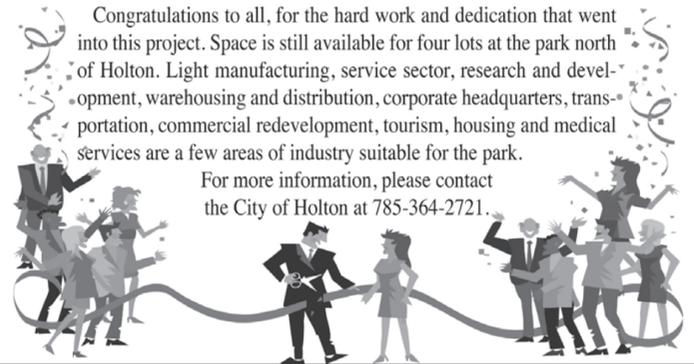
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County signs insurance contract with KCAMP

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners have entered the county into a one-year agreement with KCAMP for liability insurance at a premium cost of \$139,820.

The county previously received liability insurance through One Beacon, which was provided through Kellerman Insurance of Holton.

About two-thirds of counties in Kansas are insured through Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool, it was reported.

KCAMP is different than regular insurance. It is a member-owned, member-funded self-insured property and liability pool. It is not an insurance company. Members pay contributions (premiums) to the pool, and, in turn, these contributions are used to pay claims, provide risk management services and education to all the members and pay costs associated with the administration of the pool.

The idea behind pooling insur-

ance is that, when combined with the other 63 counties in KCAMP, Jackson County can obtain a lower rate on insurance if it becomes a member of the pool.

The commissioners reported that the county will not have to pay any deductibles for vehicle insurance or personal liability insurance through KCAMP.

KCAMP also offers risk management services, a variety of free training and "attorney assist."

The county has obtained insurance through KCAMP in the past. In October 2011, however, KCAMP dropped some coverage for Jackson County due to the larger number of lawsuits filed against the county at that time.

Due to the reduction of coverage from KCAMP, the commissioners switched to Kellerman Insurance at that time.

Now, it's four years later, and Jackson County is back with KCAMP.

County Commission Minutes...

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Elmer said they could but that time was a concern. The commissioners requested that fence bids be submitted in two weeks.

In other business, according to the minutes from Nov. 30, the commission:

- * Met with David Pate of RSP Trash Disposal to discuss the company providing trash services for the county at lower rates and the possibility of assisting in a buyout of the county's current trash service.

- * Heard a report from Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager. Robinson said he is concerned with the selling or trading in of the John Deere tractor currently used at Banner Creek Reservoir. The tractor was pur-

chased with noxious weed funds.

Robinson said he is also advertising a position that will be vacated by an employee retiring.

- * Received a letter from Holton Community Hospital Family Practice Associates about the possibility of installing a new sign on P Road directing traffic to Gilliland Lane, the name selected for the new road built as a back entrance to the hospital.

- * Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Painting work has been completed in the interior of the administrative offices. Additional work scheduled includes installing new flooring and window treatments.

Kennedy said he has started the

process of filling the vacant park host position for the south side of reservoir.

Kennedy said he was set to meet with Mike Riechle, Holton Parks and Recreation director, to discuss possible routes for a trail connecting the reservoir to the city of Holton.

The goal is to bring before the county and the city a proposed route, cost estimates for the county's section and city's section of the trail project and explore grant possibilities for the project.

- * Learned from Kennedy that a new logo and brochure are being developed for the reservoir.

- * Met with Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp to discuss passing a resolution that gives the

county access to all newly erected towers in the county.

- * Approved a motion to accept the low fuel bid of \$14,554.20 submitted by Haag Oil Company. The other bid was \$14,643.50 submitted by Knotty Pine Oil Company.

- * Discussed the funding request from the Jackson County Fair Association to purchase two mini splits in order to heat and cool the new heritage building.

The commissioners agreed to allocate \$5,000 in economic development funds to the fair association for the units.

- * Signed a payroll change notice for Megan Shea, a new dispatcher hired by the county.

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

City Commission...

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Commissioners heard a comment from Holton resident Willy Wilson that this particular property would likely be kept intact despite the fire damage so that Holton firefighters could use it for practice. However, Campbell said that was unlikely due to EPA regulations on fire-damaged structures, and McKee added that liability issues would prevent its use by firefighters for practice as well.

The third property, located in the 1000 block of Kansas Avenue, lists John and Sarah Zibell as the primary owners. The complaint against the property stated that its foundation is in dilapidated condition, the basement has no door and is not secure, its front door is held shut with rope, debris is spread around the yard, the porch floor has been removed and never replaced and there is no water or sewer service to the property.

After hearing brief descriptions on each property from Holton City Manager Bret Bauer, along with notice that public hearings on all three properties would be held during the commission's Feb. 16 meeting, commissioners approved each resolution unanimously. Following the public hearings, Bauer said, commissioners may take action on each property, whether such action involves the property owner or not.

Each property owner will have the opportunity to address the commission at that time with plans for repair or demolition of their properties in "a reasonable amount of time," Bauer said. He also reminded commissioners that if the owner of a property does not pay for repair or demolition, the city can order demolition of the property and attach the cost of demolition to the owner's property tax bill.

In other business on Monday, Bauer updated commissioners on a series of power outages and "blinks" that occurred over the weekend in the Holton area, due mainly to a damaged insulator somewhere between Westar Energy's Circleville substation and Holton. The outages culminated early Sunday morning with a blackout over the area, and Holton's city generators ran for "just under an hour" while Westar repaired the insulator.

The "blinks" on Saturday might have been indicated by "a loose connection to an insulator," Bauer said, and high winds early Sunday "finished it off." Westar personnel could not find the problem on Saturday afternoon, but had trouble finding it until the insulator blew out, he added.

Wilson asked commissioners about the "blinks," noting that such instances have the potential to "fry" the circuit boards of modern electronic appliances, such as refrigerators and televisions. If that happens, and the city's power distribution system could possibly be proven at fault, commissioners noted the owners of those "fried" appliances could file a claim against the city.

Commissioners also:

- * Approved minutes from their Dec. 7 meeting, as well as budget appropriations made since that meeting.

- * Approved the final plat of Elk View Addition, a six-lot subdivision located east of P Road on West Sixth Street. BFD Inc. is developing

the subdivision, which covers about 6.5 acres of land.

- * Approved annual renewals of cereal malt beverage licenses for Your Place or Mine Catering, Off the Square Grill, Ron's IGA, Holton Country Mart, K&N Pizza Hut, Haag Oil Company-Holton 66, both Casey's General Store locations in Holton, Walmart, Trails Café and Catering and 7-Eleven.

- * Approved renewal of a retail liquor sales license for Arcada Liquor.

- * Scheduled the commission's year-end meeting for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

- * Were reminded by Bauer that their second meetings of the month for January and February were moved to Tuesdays due to the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday observance in January and Presidents Day in February. The commission regularly meets on the first and third Mondays of every month.

- * Were informed by Campbell that he would resign his commission position at the end of January to accept the Kansas Second Judicial District magistrate judge's position in Pottawatomie County.

- * Heard a comment from Commissioner Dan Brenner reflecting on the commission's actions of the past year, stating that he was "proud of our accomplishments" and grateful to the citizens of Holton "for trusting in us."

- * Heard a request from Dieckmann to hold a "pre-evaluation" meeting with Bauer in the future to discuss the city manager's job performance.

- * Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters with Bauer, McKee and City Clerk Teresa Riley present. No action resulted from the session.

- * Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss land acquisition with Bauer, McKee and Riley present. No action resulted from the session.

- * Adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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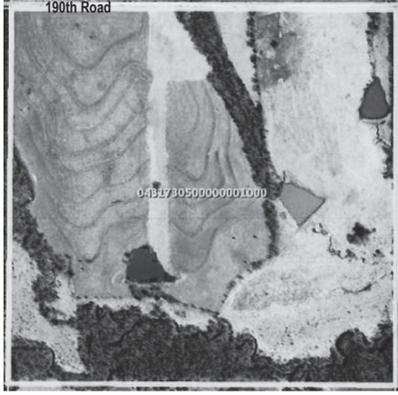
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM D. LLOYD, JR. deceased.

Case No. 15 PR 11

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Rex Roy Lloyd and William D. Lloyd, III, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executors of the Estate of William D. Lloyd, Jr., deceased, requesting that petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration

of the estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the petitioners be finally discharged as the executors of the Estate of William D. Lloyd, Jr., deceased, and the petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before the 21st day of January, 2016, at 9:00 o'clock, a.m., in the District Court in Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

/s/ Rex Roy Lloyd
Rex Roy Lloyd

/s/ William D. Lloyd, III
William D. Lloyd, III

Submitted and Approved:

/s/ J. Richard Lake
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Feline...

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The first confirmed mountain lion in Kansas in modern times was shot and killed in 2007 in Barber County in south-central Kansas. Thirteen more have been verified since then, for a total of 14 confirmed sightings. The latest confirmation occurred in October 2015 near Dodge City when a mountain lion was found dead in a shed.

Prior to 2007, the last mountain lion documented in Kansas was killed in 1904 in Ellis County.

Biologists believe that most of the verified sightings are of transient young males coming from established populations in nearby states. It is not uncommon for young males to travel great distances looking for home ranges, it was reported.

So far, the animals appear to be passing through Kansas, rather than staying and establishing home ranges. KDWPT has no evidence of a breeding population in the state.

Domestic cats and bobcats are frequently mistaken for mountain lions. Coyotes and dogs are also sometimes mistaken for mountain lions. KDWPT investigates sightings when evidence exists such as tracks, a cached kill, droppings, fur, a photograph or video.

Most verified mountain lions have been documented with photographs taken by remote, motion-triggered cameras commonly used by hunters to monitor game activity along trails and around feeders.

Kansas does not have a hunting season for mountain lions, and they may not be killed without reason. Landowners are permitted to destroy wildlife, including mountain lions, found in or near buildings on their premises or when destroying property. However, reasonable efforts must be made to alleviate the problem before resorting to killing the animal. Landowners may not possess such animals lawfully.

Harvesters...

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Harvesters provides food and related household products to more than 620 not-for-profit agencies including emergency food pantries, community kitchens, homeless shelters, children's homes and others.

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Turning Lane

A construction crew from King's Construction of Oskaloosa on Friday directed and spread cement into what will be a right-turn lane from southbound U.S. Highway 75 in Holton to the Banner Road extension west of the highway where a new Walmart is currently being built. Brian King of King's Construction, which also recently completed the Banner Road extension, said work on the turn lane began earlier that week and was expected to be completed before the end of the year. The company will also be involved in the placement of a traffic signal at the intersection of U.S. 75 and Banner Road, it was reported.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Mayetta United Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer

Church services on the fourth Sunday of Advent at Mayetta Methodist Church began with Sharon Gabriel playing the prelude and Pastor Howard saying a prayer. Cody and Cory Smith were the acolytes and Cody Smith rang the bell.

Prayer concerns were given for Irene White, who broke her pelvis this week; Stan White with an abscessed tooth; Esther Hall; and Jonathan's mother, who lost a friend in a car accident this week. Good news was that Cody Smith finished in the top four of the school spelling bee.

Call to worship was taken from Psalms 96. Hymns used were "Silent Night," "The First Noel" and "Away in the Manger." Karen Burns read the Living Word of God from Isaiah 12:2. Randy Rickel and Liz Smith gave the Advent reading and lit the Advent Angel's Candle. Shirley Stauffer was the birthday person.

The children's message was titled "Right Before Your Eyes" and Pastor Howard's sermon "The Shout of the Mother to Be." Randy Rickel and Todd Stauffer were the offertory ushers.

Shirley Stauffer joined other family members and attended the pre-school Christmas program at Countryside United Methodist Church on Thursday morning. Dante, the son of Adam and Laura Stauffer, was in the program.

Prayer concerns were expressed for the family of Stan Hartwich, whose brother, David, died this week.

On Dec. 19, Karen Burns attended a birthday party at the Hoyt Baptist Church. The celebration was for the one-year birthday for Blaine Ribelin.

On Tuesday, Beverly and Dick Newell hosted the 48er group for their Christmas party. It is always enjoyable to be with friends for a delicious meal and gift exchange. Those attending besides the hosts were Richard and Rosalie Lassiter, Ted and Elaine Hubach, Diana Keith and Floyd and June Schlotter.

On Thursday, Floyd and June Schlotter went to Gene and Brenda Hallauer's home in Manhattan for dinner and visiting. Also there for dinner were Virgil and Anna Jo Hallauer. Gene and Brenda have a beautiful home and many Christmas decorations throughout their home.

Bud and Shirley Stauffer joined other family members at Jhett's Pizza on Thursday night. They were celebrating Adam Stauffer's birthday.

On Sunday, Bud and Shirley Stauffer attended a presentation of "The Nutcracker" at TPAC. Granddaughters Aidan and Brenna McDonald-Stauffer played the part of mice in the beautiful ballet.

Feds hike interest rate

The Federal Reserve hiked interest rates for the first time in nearly a decade on Wednesday, Dec. 16, it was reported, signaling faith that the U.S. economy had largely overcome the wounds of the 2007-2009 financial crisis.

The U.S. central bank's policy-setting committee raised the range of its benchmark interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point to between 0.25 percent and 0.50 percent, ending a lengthy debate about whether the economy was strong enough to withstand higher borrowing costs.

"With the economy performing well and expected to continue to do so, the committee judges that a modest increase in the federal funds rate is appropriate," Fed Chair Janet Yellen said in a press conference after the rate decision was announced. "The economic recovery has clearly come a long way."

The Fed's policy statement noted the "considerable improvement" in the U.S. labor market, where the unemployment rate has fallen to 5 percent, and said policymakers are "reasonably confident" inflation will rise over the medium term to the Fed's 2 percent objective.

The central bank made clear the rate hike was a tentative beginning to a "gradual" tightening cycle, and that in deciding its next move it would put a premium on monitoring inflation, which remains mired below target.

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