



Holton High School junior Emma Wittmer (left) and senior Sonora Sheldon spent part of Tuesday morning placing stickers on packages of beer at Ron's IGA and other businesses in Holton as part of the "Sticker Shock" campaign. Wittmer, Sheldon and other volunteers placed the stickers to warn adults about the consequences of buying alcoholic beverages for anyone under 21.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Area JCYC members warn adults not to buy alcohol for minors

By Brian Sanders

Tuesday morning saw a group of area high school girls from Holton and Jackson Heights visiting two Holton liquor stores — but not to do business, of course.

Their visit to the liquor stores — and to local convenience and grocery stores that sell beer and cereal malt beverages — was to convince store managers to help them remind adults not to buy alcoholic beverages for people under 21 who plan to party on New Year's Eve — or at any other time.

"It's for any time of the year, really," said Debbie Harshaw of Holton while

working with the group of young volunteers on the eighth Project Sticker Shock, a collaboration between the Jackson County Communities That Care Coalition (JCCTCC) and the Jackson County Youth Coalition (JCYC) to remind adults of the consequences of putting such beverages in minors' hands.

Harshaw said the volunteers, representing all three Jackson County high schools, received more than 2,500 stickers alerting beer and liquor buyers to the consequences of buying for minors. In most cases, beverage sellers allowed the young people to place stickers directly onto packages

of beer without actually handling the packages, she noted.

Some store owners opted to place the stickers themselves, rather than allowing the young people to do it, and post signs at store entrances and cash registers. Regardless of how the stickers and signs were placed, or who placed them, Harshaw said she and coalition leaders were grateful for those businesses that participated in the campaign.

"I don't know if you can really measure how effective it is, since we only do it once a year," she said. "But it serves as a good reminder. It certainly doesn't hurt anything."

Alcohol has continued to be identified as the number one drug of choice among Jackson County youth, and according to local youth, one of the easiest substances to obtain. Local youth have reported that the most common means for minors to obtain alcohol is from an adult.

The campaign's aim, Harshaw noted, is to remind adults that they face a minimum fine of \$200 for furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors. Furthermore, adults who unlawfully host minors consuming alcoholic beverages face a fine of at least \$1,000. Furnishing and hosting are both misdemeanors, according to Kansas law.

Christmas Bureau serves 512 people

By Ali Holcomb

More than 500 people were served during the annual Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Bureau held earlier this month.

Co-directors Jennifer Godfrey and Jennifer Ingels reported that the annual event provided gifts, a box of food and a bag of essential items to a total of 512 people, including 67 senior or disabled adults and 236 children.

Last year, a total of 762 people was served.

"A total of 180 boxes of food was distributed and close to 200 essential bags were given out," Godfrey said. "The day went really fast. We had lots of compliments from volunteers on how smooth things went."

The Christmas Bureau allows income-eligible parents, seniors and disabled residents to "shop" for free presents and stocking stuffers among many items donated by the community. Free gift wrapping was also available that day by volunteers.

Residents filled out applications in November to participate in the Christmas Bureau and then were given a specific time slot between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. that Friday to pick out their gifts at Evangel United Methodist Church.

Throughout the event, a total of 25 bicycles were given away.

"A grandmother came through the bike line and said she was so grateful because her grandson's bike had been stolen the week before and that bike was the only way he gets to school," Ingels said.

Toys were also received from an area Toys for Tots drive, and the Heart of Jackson Humane Society provided cat and dog food and treats for the pets of bureau participants.

"I've heard nothing but good things about the event," Ingels said. "The AmeriCorps volunteers were real lifesavers. They helped us move things Wednesday, set up Thursday and were there all day Friday wrapping and loading gifts into vehicles."

Godfrey agreed. "They had such great attitudes and had lots of energy," Godfrey said.

Godfrey and Ingels said they were able to purchase additional food and gift items with donated funds before the event.

"We really needed additional gifts for children ages 11 to 18," Godfrey said. "They are just hard to buy for and next year we really want to focus on their needs."

More than 100 volunteers donated their time and resources to this year's Christmas Bureau, it was reported.

"We want to give a huge thank you to all of our volunteers and to everyone in the community who gave their time, money and gifts," Godfrey said. "We couldn't have done it without our volunteers."

Both Godfrey and Ingels said they have committed to serve as the coordinators for next year's event.

"That's our plan," Godfrey said. "We may change a few things, and we're going to try to raise funds for the event throughout the entire year."

County to stop senior meal service in Denison

By Ali Holcomb

After struggling to have at least 10 participants for lunch at the senior center in Denison for several months, the Jackson County Commissioners have agreed that the county will no longer rent the building and provide meals for seniors at that location.

Thursday, Dec. 31, is the last day that the county will transport senior meals to Denison, it was decided.

At the commissioners' meeting on Monday, Amanda Spalding, senior services director, reported that in recent weeks, no more than five or six Denison residents had requested a meal each day at the Denison center, located at 203 Central Ave.

"One day there was only one person eating there," Spalding said.

In November, the commissioners and Spalding discussed the low lunch attendance at the center. At that time, it was reported that just two to six residents were eating at the site daily. The Northeast Kansas Area Agency of Aging recommends that a meal site have at least 10 participants per meal to remain open, it was reported.

During that meeting in November, the commissioners agreed to give senior residents of Denison until the end of the year to improve attendance numbers at the center before making a final decision to close it.

"It's a great program," Spalding said. "I hate that we have to do this. It's sad that this doesn't work out."

The county currently rents the center facility at Denison each month during meal hours, which averages to about \$260 to \$265 a month in county expense, it was reported. The building is owned by the Denison Community Association.

An employee with county senior services packages and transports the meals from the Holton senior center to the Denison center Monday through Friday after a headcount is determined. By closing the Denison meal site, that employee's weekly hours will be reduced by six, it was reported.

Between the cost of gasoline and other costs to transport the meals and the cost of renting the building, the commissioners said more participation at Denison was needed to warrant the expenses.

"The Denison seniors are welcome to eat in Holton," said Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer.

Employees at the Jackson County Senior Center, located at 312 Pennsylvania Ave., in Holton prepare about 100 meals per day, Monday through Friday, and residents from all areas of the county are invited to eat there.

Holton and Denison are the only two towns in Jackson County that have had senior centers that serve residents Monday through Friday with county funds.

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Year in Review: May through August noted

Several events marked the middle third of 2015 as reported by *The Holton Recorder*. Following is the second of our three-part review of the year.

■ May

As more than 230 high school seniors in the Jackson County area prepared to graduate from high school, the county's school boards turned their attention toward summer maintenance projects. Meanwhile, Holton's board of education continued to explore the possible uses for Central Elementary School once students have moved into the new Holton Elementary School.

A rural Netawaka resident was arrested on felony drug charges after reportedly picking up a shipment believed to be containing marijuana at the Whiting post office, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim

Morse. Johnny Lee Williams was charged with felony possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, although whether he would face federal charges for receiving marijuana in the mail was questionable.

Plans for rebuilding roads at Holton's industrial park moved forward this month with the Holton City Commission discussing whether to connect a park road to nearby Holton Community Hospital. Commissioners also noted that the Kansas Department of Transportation is taking another look into adding a turn lane on U.S. Highway 75 at one of the industrial park's highway entrances, north of where KDOT granted HCH a similar turn lane years ago.

Holton's summer music options began to come together this month as the Jackson County Community Band announced its third season

and the Banner Creek Science Center and Observatory began to put together its second Rock-It! Festival fund-raiser at Banner Creek Reservoir.

A Topeka resident was sentenced on Friday to 775 months in prison for the December 2013 rape and attempted murder of a Holton woman. Jackson County District Court Judge Micheal Ireland confirmed the sentencing for 36-year-old Chase Rosario, found guilty of six charges stemming from the incident following a jury trial in late March and early April. The sentence, minus time already served in jail, means Rosario will spend more than 63 years in prison.

Royal Valley's school board reviewed a list of proposed budget cuts — including the elimination of the high school golf program — this month. Despite three board mem-

bers voting in favor of eliminating the golf program, the motion to eliminate the program did not pass since four votes — a majority of the quorum of the seven-member board — were required by state regulations to pass any motion or resolution.

Meadowlark Extension District has found a new home in Holton on the north side of the Square. The extension district board is seeking a lease purchase agreement to purchase a building on the north side of the Square that previously housed BNB Group Incorporated. Earlier this spring, the Jackson County Commission notified the extension district that it would not renew an agreement that allowed the district to occupy an office in the Court-house.

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Candidates continue to file for Kansas caucus

As deadlines for the Kansas presidential caucuses draw near, Kansas Republicans and Democrats are looking to expand the number of presidential candidates on their respective political parties' ballots for caucuses to be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

On the Republican side, the number of presidential candidates to file for the Kansas caucus expanded to seven in recent days with the registration of New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Others include the state's GOP caucus include real estate mogul Donald Trump, neurosurgeon Ben Carson, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Republican presidential candidates who have not yet filed for the Kan-

sas caucus include Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, former New York Gov. George Pataki, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum and former Virginia Gov. James Gilmore. The registration deadline for the Kansas Republican caucus is Wednesday, Jan. 20.

The registration deadline for the Kansas Democrat presidential caucus is Monday, Jan. 4, and so far, the only candidate to register is former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who filed on Dec. 10. Her two Democrat rivals, Vermont Sen.

Bernie Sanders and Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, have yet to file.

Kansas is one of 10 states that still voices who it will support in presidential elections via party-funded caucuses, while the remaining states use primary elections, which are paid for by state governments, to determine who they will support. Kansas state law technically mandates a presidential primary election every four years, but the Legislature has voted since 1992 to cancel the primary election, mainly to save money, it was reported.

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THURSDAY'S FORECAST

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College savings programs to change: Estes

Kansas State Treasurer Ron Estes recently announced positive changes to national 529 college savings plans, including the Kansas 529 Education Savings Program, thanks to the passage of House Resolution 529.

"As the landscape of higher education continues to change, it is important for college savings programs to have the opportunity to evolve and keep pace with these trends," Estes said. "The passage of the HR 529 legislation is a positive step in achieving this goal and introduces favorable changes for both plan holders and administrators of 529 plans."

The Savings Enhancement for Education in College Act, originally introduced by U.S. Representatives Lynn Jenkins (R-Kan.) and Ron Kind (D-Wisc.), includes three improvements to 529 plans:

- Computers are now a qualified expense. HR 529 makes computers, related equipment and services (like Internet access) qualified expenses. Under prior law, computers were only eligible if a school required

students to have one. However, with online college courses, e-textbooks and virtual classwork becoming the norm, computers have become essential for many students to fully participate in their college experience.

- Distribution aggregation requirements have been removed. HR 529 eliminated an outdated and unnecessary accounting rule that added costly paperwork requirements for 529 plan administrators, which only affected account owners using multiple investment options for the same beneficiary.
- Redeposit funds are now tax-free. Previously, refunds were treated like a nonqualified withdrawal subject to taxes and penalties on the earnings portion of withdrawal from a 529 account. HR 529 now allows families to reconstitute the refund to their 529 account within 60 days and

avoid those taxes and penalties.

Refunds occur from a variety of reasons including scholarships, financial aid or withdrawing from courses due to an illness. Regardless of the reason, this ensures refunds are not subject to penalty if re-deposited back into a 529 account in a timely manner.

"Making computers a qualified expense, simplifying the paperwork requirements and allowing refunds to be redeposited are common sense, inexpensive measures that will help families save for higher education costs," Estes said.

The Kansas 529 Education Savings Program, administered by the Kansas State Treasurer's Office, was created to help families save for higher education at any accredited college or university in the country (along with some foreign institutions). This includes traditional four-

year universities, community colleges and technical programs.

The Kansas program includes three plans: Learning Quest, available directly from American Century Investments; Learning Quest Advisor, sold through financial advisors; and the Schwab 529 College Savings Plan, available through Charles Schwab and Co., Inc. and managed by American Century Investment Management, Inc.

Collectively, all three Kansas plans assist the families of more than 190,000 students save for higher education.

Additional information about Learning Quest is available by calling 1-877-345-8837, ext. 2181, or by visiting www.LearningQuest.com. For information about the Schwab 529 College Savings Plan, please call Schwab at 1-888-903-3863 or go to www.Schwab.com/529

Thursday deadline set for seeking settlements in 'mobile cramming'

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt is reminding Verizon and Sprint customers in Kansas that they have until Thursday to seek refunds as part of two multi-state settlements reached in May, it was reported.

The national settlements, announced May 12, were reached between Verizon, Sprint and the attorneys general of Kansas and 49 other states and the District of Columbia, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the Federal Communi-

cations Commission.

They resolved allegations that Verizon and Sprint placed charges on consumers' mobile phone bills for third-party services that had not been authorized by the consumer, a practice known as "mobile cramming." These settlements follow similar settlements reached with AT&T and T-Mobile last year.

Under the terms of the settlements, Sprint and Verizon are required to provide \$50 million and \$70 million,

respectively, in refunds to consumers who were victims of cramming.

Consumers who are uncertain whether or not they are owed a refund can file a request with the mobile carrier to identify any third party charges they may have been unaware of. For information on how to do this or to file a claim, Kansas consumers should visit the attorney general's consumer protection Web site at www.InYourCornerKansas.org or call (800) 432-2310.

Schmidt seeks Supreme Court review of home health care law

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt asked the U.S. Supreme Court recently to review a lower court's decision that upheld new U.S. Department of Labor regulations that threaten the availability of home health care services in Kansas.

In a friend-of-the-court brief, Schmidt argued that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia wrongly upheld agency rules requiring overtime compensation for home health care workers and narrowing the services that can be provided by these workers overstepped the agency's legal authority. Schmidt was joined on the brief by 11 other state attorneys general.

"We believe the appeals court erred in upholding these rules and are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the case," Schmidt said. "These new rules are yet another example of a federal agency writing regulations in an area the Congress gave it no authority to regulate. The tragic result of these rules will be to limit the availability of much-needed services for Kansas seniors. This rule also amounts to another unfunded mandate on the states, which fund a significant number of home health care workers through their Medicaid programs."

The case is Home Health Care Association of America, et. al. v. Weil, Case No. 15-683. Schmidt was joined on the brief by the attorneys general of Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming. A copy of the brief is available at <http://1.usa.gov/1U5f3T1>.

Nemaha County

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

Arrests

- Derek L. Beerbower, 31, Sabetha, was arrested Dec. 19 by Sabetha police on two probation violation warrants from Morris County and Manhattan Municipal Court. Beerbower was released to the custody of Riley County police on Dec. 21.
- Raymond J. Serrano, 50, Bern, was arrested Dec. 22 by sheriff's officers on a Taney County, Mo. bench warrant on a felony charge of giving a worthless check. Serrano was released Dec. 25 on \$5,000 through Taney County, Mo., with court set for 9 a.m. on Jan. 11.
- Curt W. Cruse, 57, Fairview, was arrested Dec. 24 by sheriff's officers on a Nemaha County warrant on a charge of giving a worthless check. Cruse was released later that day on \$275 cash bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 26.

Incidents

- Sometime between Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, an unknown person took without permission a metal trailer ramp valued at \$100 from 305 Essie St. in Bern.
- Sometime between Dec. 5 and Dec. 20, an unknown person entered a structure at 6405 Madison St. in Corning without permission and removed an amplifier, 80 movies and samurai swords. Loss was listed at approximately \$1,465.
- Sometime between 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 and 4:45 a.m. on Dec. 16, an unknown person took a 1988 Ford pickup from 113 S. Ninth St. in Seneca without permission. The vehicle was reportedly involved in an injury accident on Kansas Highway 99 in Marshall County at approximately 4:45 a.m. and the suspect fled the scene.
- At about 1:20 p.m. on Dec. 11, Travis L. Hahn, 61, Wentzville, was driving a 2007 Ford south on Kansas Highway 63 just north of U.S. Highway 36 when the unloading chute on a feed wagon being pulled by a 2010 Ford driven north on K-63 by John

H. Hulsing, 47, Seneca, came loose and struck the bed of Hahn's vehicle. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

- A two-vehicle collision was reported at about 7:45 p.m. on Dec. 13 on U.S. 36 at milepost 232 just west of Seneca. At that time and location, it was reported, a Buick driven west on U.S. 36 by Todd E.L. Price Jr., 20, Centralia, crossed the center line and collided with an eastbound 2006 Ford driven by Alex J. Smith, 18, Axtell.
- Both drivers, along with two occupants in Price's vehicle — identified as Cassie Hollander, 18, and Carrie Mewhinney, 36, both of Centralia — were taken to an area hospital for medical treatment. Property damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.
- Lori L. Hynek, 30, Seneca, was driving a 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe south on W Road at about 7:20 p.m. on Dec. 14 when the Chevrolet struck a deer at an unlisted location. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.
- At about 6:20 p.m. on Dec. 15, Joel M. Winkler, 22, Corning was driving a 1997 Chevrolet pickup northbound on D Road when the pickup struck a deer about half a mile north of 72nd Road. Damage was estimated at less than \$1,000.
- A 1999 Ford F-250 pickup driven west on U.S. 36 by Michael S. Brownlee, 45, Sabetha, at about 4:15 p.m. on Dec. 17 was stopped in the westbound lane waiting to turn south on X Road when Madison R. Williams, driving a 2004 Toyota Camry west on U.S. 36, reportedly failed to stop and the Camry struck the rear of Brownlee's pickup. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.
- John E. Worden, 75, Vermillion, was driving a 1994 Buick Elantra west on Kansas Highway 9 at about 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 17 when the Buick struck a deer in the road just west of C Road. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.
- At about 7:35 a.m. on Dec. 18, Mollie E. Grove, 26, Sabetha was driving a 2002 Pontiac Bonneville east on 184th Road when her vehicle reportedly drifted off to the right

about half a mile east of W Road. Grove reportedly overcorrected, and the vehicle went off the north side of the road, hit a hedge post and overturned, with damage estimated at more than \$1,000. Grove was taken to Sabetha Community Hospital by ambulance for treatment of injuries.

- Joan E. Haverkamp, 55, Goff, was driving a 2006 Ford Freestyle east on 96th Road at about 6 p.m. on Dec. 22 when the Ford struck a deer in the road about 0.75 miles east of K-63. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.
- At about 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 22, Jax B. Scaramella, 55, Centralia, was driving a 1999 Nissan west on Walnut Street in Seneca when it collided with a 2010 Nissan driven north by Jamie S. Love, 32, Seneca. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

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32/16 A few clouds from time to time. High 32F. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph.	31/17 Sunny. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the upper teens.	41/19 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper teens.	35/16 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the mid teens.	34/23 Plenty of sun. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 20s.
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Walmart	61.58	+0.83
Phillips 66	82.76	+0.30
US Bancorp	43.52	+0.72
Pfizer	32.83	+0.41
Deere & Co.	77.65	+0.28
United Parcel	97.68	+0.68
Apple	108.74	+1.92
Facebook	107.26	+1.33
Westar Energy	43.06	+0.23
Goodyear	33.26	+0.53

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$3.76
Corn	\$3.44
Milo	\$3.12
Soybeans	\$8.26

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 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	\$1.74	-\$0.104	-\$0.265
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Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015.

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Holton High School Correspondents

FFA sale raises funds to cover fees

By Anika Beauchamp
HHS Correspondent

The Holton FFA program recently concluded a fund-raiser to sell fruits, meat and spices. Students took orders for the items in a time frame of three weeks in October.



"This year, there is a smaller group of students in the FFA program, so the program won't make as much money as in the past," FFA President Samantha Beauchamp, senior, said.

The money from the fund-raiser goes to paying FFA fees so that the

FFA students don't have to.

"I believe that if our freshmen get involved, then we will raise quite a bit of money," Beauchamp stated.

FFA members gain skills in working with people when selling items for the fund-raiser. They need to know the correct answers to people's questions. This shows that the members are familiar with the products they are selling.

"If you want to sell something, you have to ask people and not be afraid to ask someone to help support the program," Beauchamp said. "You have to have a very happy and bubbly personality. But you also have to be serious enough to know your information."

Beauchamp's favorite part about the fund-raiser is the interaction with community members and also earning prize money.

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"It helps raise funds so that I can go on trips with little to no cost," Beauchamp said.

Students sell to businesses, aunts and uncles, grandparents, employees at parent's work, family friends, work, school and community groups.

"I feel very accomplished and proud of myself. This year I sold 74 items, and I was pretty happy with myself," Beauchamp said.

The chapter has some incentives for salespeople. The salesperson with the highest overall total sales earns \$50. For another award, the names of the community members will be picked at random and whichever member sold to that community member will be rewarded with \$25 cash.



Participants in Tuesday's Sticker Shock activity were treated to lunch at Jhett's Pizza in Holton. Front row, from left: Sheri Dibbern, Faith Holaday, Tabor Barta, Maggie Pruitt, Logan Rethman and Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle. Back row: Amber Dibbern, Blake Harris, Mackenzie Moore, Lauryn Moore and Quinn Holaday. Not pictured: Emma Wittmer, Sonora Sheldon, Megan Mercer, Sydney Snyder, Hayley Thompson and Debbie Harshaw.

Photo by Brian Sanders

STAR Events promote FCCLA mission

By Megan Mercer
HHS Correspondent

STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) are competitive events in which members are recognized for proficiency and achievement in the FCCLA chapter and individual projects, leadership skills and career preparation.



Amy Oldehoeft, teacher at HHS and FCCLA sponsor, is in charge of

STAR events. These projects are optional to any student who is a member of FCCLA (Family Community Career Leaders of America). HHS students present these projects in front of students from other schools, sharing their ideas. Participants will have the opportunity to receive national recognition items including achievement medals, certificates and a press release for local media.

STAR event projects are to be done before the regional conference, but students can start them anytime they want to get them done.

"It is a very long process and takes lots of time management with your partner," said Lauryn Moore, freshman at HHS.

There are so many different options to consider when students are choosing which project they want to complete.

Moore is completing a STAR event project herself. The project she chose to do is "Life Event Planning."

"I chose this project because it sounded fun and went well with what I wanted to do," she said.

This project requires making a budget to plan a fake party. Moore has to provide all the food, drinks and invitations. She must then compare the prices and manage her money wisely among several different stores locally.

"STAR event projects have been a great springboard for service projects and student learning activities," Oldehoeft said. "They help students to learn teamwork and responsibility, and teach them how to work together, which will be needed for life in the future."

Constitution Club formed at HHS

By Tracer Fox
HHS Correspondent

At Holton High School, there is opportunity everywhere to join many clubs. One club in particular at the high school is the Constitution Club. Jackie McAsey, a social science teacher at Holton High School, is the leader of the Constitution Club.



"The purpose is to prepare for the Constitution Bee at Kansas State University and for all of the civics, world history, criminal justice and AP classes to compete for scholarships," McAsey said. "Anyone can sign up. The club meets once a month on the second Monday of the month."

Ian McAsey, junior, is a member of the Constitution Club and also the son of Jackie McAsey.

"I enjoy being in the club with my friends. I think we will do very well in our upcoming competitions," Ian said.

Ian McAsey said he enjoys contemporary politics.

"I am very interested in politics and self-government and that's why I joined the Constitution Club," he said.

During the meetings, members go over topics such as the Amendments, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Preamble and the important people who helped adapt, create and sign the Constitution. Everything that is needed to prepare for the upcoming Constitution Bee, they will go over in an effort to get ready for competition in the spring.

Ag Week Recap

Year in review 'not a rosy picture'

By Matt Hines

The year in review for 2015 for both livestock and grain futures is not a rosy picture at all, so here's to looking forward to 2016!

Risk management, hedging and margin protection were the key to a profitable year for many in agriculture this past year. Cattle prices peaked in December 2014, so for those who continue to hedge, a job well done, but don't pull those hedges now thinking the bottom has surely got to be in now.

Last week was a very positive week, but fundamentally beef prices are still too high in comparison to pork and poultry. The cash feedlot trade last week was very impressive with averages at \$124 live and \$2 dressed trade, compared to \$117 to \$118/\$1.83 to \$1.84 the week previous.

In summary, we have some major weather issues with the Southern Plains hit hard by snow and frigid temps, weights are coming down hard, funds are covering short positions in futures, packers are long on the board and the outlook for better beef business is on the horizon, all of which should be beneficial to the cash-fed cattle trade for the next couple weeks.

For the week, Friday, Dec. 18 to Thursday, Dec. 24, December Live Cattle were up \$10.95, February was up \$11.50, January Feeders were up \$14.72, March was up \$12.17. February Lean Hogs were up \$1.67 and April was up \$3.02. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$3.49 at \$197.63, Select was up \$3.12 at \$189.47 and Pork Carcass Cutout was down \$1.84 at \$69.66. CME Feeder Index was up \$7.13 at \$157.19.

Cattle slaughter from Thursday was estimated at 55,000 head, down 59,000 from the week previous. Weekly totals were at 395,000 through Thursday, compared to 452,000 the week previous and 273,000 a year ago.

Hog slaughter from Thursday was estimated at 212,000 head, down 227,000 from a week ago. Weekly totals through Thursday were at 1,516,000, down 242,000 from the week previous but up 461,000 from a year ago.

Cattle futures were mixed to mostly lower to start this week, while hogs continued a steady climb higher. Nasty winter weather in many feeding areas should have been enough to

continue last week's rally, but profit taking was the main feature, keeping any gains limited. Both live cattle and feeders have rallied back to their late November/early December levels, but both may find some strong technical resistance at these levels.

Livestock Futures Settlements Monday, Dec. 28

- December Live Cattle down \$.25 at \$130.85, February down \$.87 at \$136.15.

- January Feeders down \$.82 at \$162.65, March down \$1.15 at \$158.97.

- February Lean Hogs up \$.82 at \$59.12, April up \$.97 at \$66.05.

Grains were under pressure to end the week and all of last week, although volumes were light. News was very thin and markets eased with no fresh bullish news coming in to get a jolt.

There are some concerns heading into this week with regards to trade with China, as it was revealed late last week that China and other Asian countries were dumping cheap steel into the U.S. for which the Department of Commerce will now apply a 256-percent import tariff that could spark a trade war.

For the week, Friday, Dec. 18 to Thursday, Dec. 24, March corn was down \$.10, December was down \$.08, January soybeans were down \$.17, November was down \$.174, March KC wheat was down \$.1434, July was down \$.15, March Chicago wheat was down \$.194 and July was down \$.164.

Export inspections were all in line with expectations for the week ending Dec. 24, yet still well behind last year's pace except for grain sorghum. Grain sorghum shipments totaled 6.6 million bushels (MBU) and still around 30 MBU ahead of last year at this time. Corn shipments totaled 22.5 MBU but were still just shy of 100 MBU behind last year.

Wheat shipments totaled 11.2 MBU with year-to-date getting a few million bushels closer now at 432 vs. 496.2 a year ago at this time. Soybean shipments to China were only 29 MBU of the 51.5 MBU weekly total, with year-to-date now 123 MBU behind last year's pace.

Overnight grains were mixed with soybeans leading the way lower and pressing lower throughout the day Monday. Brazil received some much

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OPINION

Independent, free press needed now more than ever

Some recent state news stories have been indicative of how a lot of the state's news went in 2015. Consider the handful of stories below.

Also, consider the role of newspaper reporting on government affairs.

If citizens are not informed of their government's ideas, plans and actions, there is no way for citizens to take part in their government - except to just follow orders. That's not how our democracy is supposed to work.

The importance of independent, comprehensive news coverage of local and state government has never been greater, as government officials continue to modify and change laws that affect us all.

*By July 2017, under state law, for example, all public universities in Kansas, community colleges and technical schools must drop a ban on concealed weapons unless all campus building entrances have been secured by metal detectors and security personnel.

School officials are hoping that the upcoming 2016 State Legislature will extend the exemption for this law for all colleges and universities but that may not happen. The only other way to prevent concealed weapons on campuses, it seems, would be to build electric fences around the perimeter and place security personnel at the campus entrances.

*The Topeka newspaper was surprised to learn recently that the Kansas Department for Children and Families planned to charge \$2,885 for copies of some 2,400 emails involved in an open records request that could help determine if the DCF had ever discriminated against lesbian couples who wanted to adopt children. The DCF said \$2,400 of the \$2,885 was to pay to have an attorney review the emails for them beforehand. The rest of the expense was for staff time and supplies to make the copies.

The Topeka paper complained that high records request fees, such as the DCF's, were unfair and could prevent some news organizations and citizens from getting access to public records, which by definition belong to the public.

*The Kansas League of Women Voters recently analyzed the state's list of suspended voters, expecting many to be the names of elderly and low-income citizens. Instead, they learned that 40 percent of the estimated 36,000 people on the suspended list were under the age of 30. Many of the people live in the college towns of Manhattan and Lawrence.

Since 2013, Kansas law has re-

quired residents to offer proof of citizenship - such as a birth certificate. A lot of the people on the suspended list started their voter registration paperwork, it was learned, but had never completed it. Now the League of Women Voters is launching an effort to educate young people on the voter registration process.

Instead of helping more people complete their voter registration forms, the Kansas Secretary of State was more concerned about a handful of people who voted in recent elections but weren't really qualified to vote.

*Kansas ranked 22nd overall out of the 50 states in the Tax Foundation's 2016 State Business Tax Climate Index, which ranks states on income, property, sales, corporate and unemployment insurance taxes. Kansas was chastised this year for raising its sales tax from 6.15 percent to 6.5 percent as part of efforts to balance its budget in 2015.

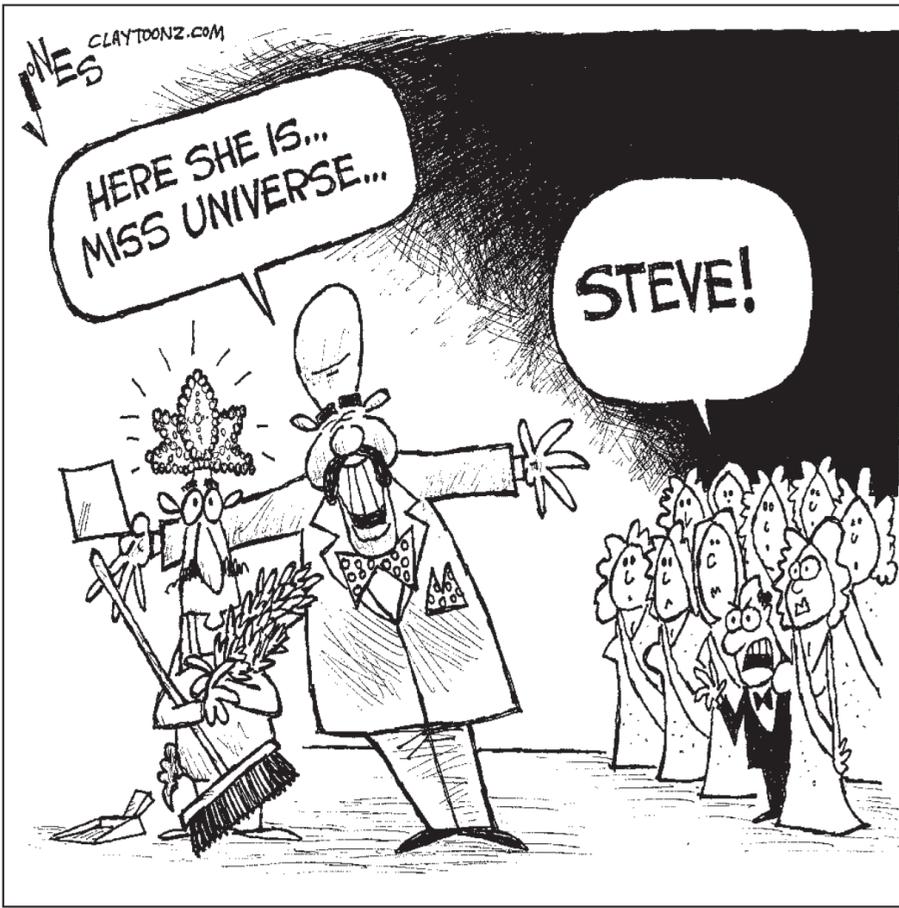
The Kansas state sales tax on food is expected to be a hot topic at the upcoming 2016 State Legislature. Food in Kansas is taxed at 6.5 percent by the state, along with the other local sales taxes, reportedly making food in Kansas among the highest taxed in the nation.

*The Kansas Supreme Court recently struck down a state law that had changed how chief judges were selected - setting up a possible showdown over state funding for the courts. The court ruled the State Legislature stripped the Supreme Court's authority when it passed House Bill 2338 in 2014. Under the law, chief judges were to be picked by the direct election of judges working in each district. Previously, the chief judges were selected by the Supreme Court.

The Kansas Legislature, in passing House Bill 2005 at the next session in 2015, further sought to flex its administrative muscle by proclaiming that it would eliminate state funding to the courts if provisions of the 2014 law were struck down by the Supreme Court. Well, that's exactly what has happened.

For now, the Kansas Supreme Court continues to be the only remaining branch of the state government that is protecting Kansans from "the political grab that is under way by politicians in Topeka," according to Ryan Wright, director of Kansans for Fair Courts.

Many people say the Governor and the Legislature have been upset with the Supreme Court ever since it ruled against the state regarding the issue of fair and adequate state funding for public schools. *David Powl*



PLAINS FOLK: Fleagle gang's demise

By Jim Hoy
The trials of Ralph Fleagle, George Abshire, and Howard "Heavy" Royston for the Lamar bank robbery and killings resulted in conviction.

Each man was sentenced to death by hanging at the Canon City State Penitentiary.

Ralph's contention that he had been promised a life sentence, not the death penalty, was lost on a quibble. Prosecutors did not ask for the death penalty, but, they said, they had no control over what a jury might decide, and the jury said, "Hang them!"

At any rate, all three died on the gallows. Ralph was hanged on July 10, 1930, Abshire and Royston on the same day a little over a week later. But Jake had so far evaded capture. He was reported to be in hiding all the way from Canada to Mexico. Some three months after his brother was executed, Jake Fleagle was traced to the Ozark region of northwest Arkansas and southwest Missouri. A contingent of some two dozen officers from four states converged on the area in mid-October.

On Oct. 14, Jake boarded a Missouri Pacific train in Branson, Mo.. Officers also boarded the car from both ends. When confronted with a demand for surrender, Jake pulled his gun and was immediately shot.

A day later he died from the wound in a Springfield hospital. When informed of Little Jake's death, Old

Jake is reported to have said, "Little Jake's dead. Well, it's better for all concerned."

Jake's mother and father were in Larned at that time, attending the trial of Fred Fleagle, who was accused of robbing the bank there some two years earlier.

On his deathbed, however, Jake Fleagle admitted to that robbery, thus causing the jury to acquit Fred. Fred and Walter both, though, were convicted of tax evasion for not paying taxes on robbery money sent to them for safe keeping by Ralph and Jake.

The Fleagle Gang's eight (at least) bank robberies ranged over three states.

In 1919 they robbed the Haines, Ore., bank of \$25,000, then hit it again in 1929 for \$2,060.

Kansas robberies included McPherson in 1922 (\$3,060), Ottawa in 1923 (\$195,000), Marysville in 1926 (\$741, interrupted in progress, which explains the small take), Kinsley in 1927 (\$20,000), and Larned in 1927 (\$100,000). The Lamar bank in 1928 was their biggest haul at \$219,000.

The Fleagles are certainly not the most famous, infamous, or notorious of the many outlaws who operated in the West. They don't compare with the Jameses or the Daltons or the Youngers or Billy the Kid of the 19th century, nor with their contemporaries Bonnie and Clyde, Ma Barker, or Pretty Boy Floyd.

Neither did they acquire that Robin Hood aura that some of these other outlaws did. But they did acquire a folksong, as most notorious criminals seem to do.

My co-columnist, Tom Isern, and I first heard of both the Fleagles and

the song back in the 1980s when we were giving a program of Kansas folksongs in Scott City.

Afterwards, someone asked if we knew the song about the Fleagle Gang. We didn't, but we began asking wherever we went. I picked up a version in Wallace (words, but no music), and Tom heard that a radio station in Lamar had played a recording of the song on the anniversary of the robbery.

We traced that airplay to the owner of the record in Campo, Colo., and I stopped by on my way (via a several hundred mile detour) to Denver. The man who owned the record also owned hundreds of others, and thousands of other artifacts and antiques from earlier days. In fact, he had moved an old schoolhouse into his backyard, then filled it (as well as his house) with his extensive hodge-podge collection.

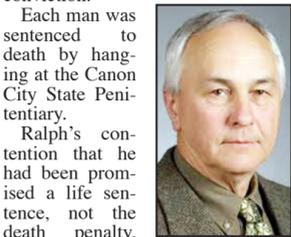
He played the song for me, and I taped it. "The Fate of the Fleagle Gang" was written and recorded by Bud Billings, one of the pseudonyms of the famous early-day hillbilly singer from Chetopa, Kan., Carson Robison.

Like all folk ballads, it glorified the "bandits so bold" even though the Fleagles lacked many (if, in fact, any) heroic virtues.

But in one way, Ralph Fleagle did fit the "good bad man" mold. The song says that he "walked without fear to the scaffold" and he may well have done so.

Ralph's last words are reported to have been: "This is sure going to teach me a lesson."

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



Everyone needs goals

By Glenn Mollette
We hear the same message a lot this time of year.

Put the past behind. Look to the future. Let bygones be bygones. Make a new commitment. Claim the new you in the New Year.

We determine to lose weight. We decide that we aren't going to do some things.

Or, we decide to start doing something. Life is filled with commitments, failures and re-commitments. It's okay. We all make commitments and then fail to follow through.

We diet for a day and then blow it the next. We join a gym and then never get around to working out. We aim to start a new endeavor, a new hobby or a new lifestyle. Sometimes we follow through. Sometimes we don't.

It's not the end of the world if you've broken a resolution. We are human beings filled with flaws and inadequacies. Actually about all of life is trying again and again and again.

A part of life is the fun of having a target. We all need to aim our lives in a meaningful direction.

Your goal may be starting a business, a new career, retirement, writing a book, writing a song, running for public office or just living healthy. Everybody's goals are different but it's healthy to have one or two.

We all need something to live for. Having a purpose increases our zest and passion for life. Having nothing to work toward leaves us a bit limp in our energy and sometimes hopeless and depressed.

After you read this article determine what it is you want to do and go for it.

Write down your goal and put it where you will see it often. Some days you'll get sick of seeing your goal. Other days you will be reminded that you are either doing great or maybe you need to pick up the pace a little in effort.

I hope you make your goal in 2016. Good luck.

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

LETTER: Nativity scene enjoyed

Dear editor,
I just wanted to thank you for printing the nativity scene and the words "Merry Christmas" (with Luke 2:10-12) on the cover of the Dec. 23 edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

It is refreshing to be reminded of the true reason for the season - Christ, Who came into this world to save us (Matthew 1:21).

I appreciate the fact that you did not shy away from printing that in *The Recorder*. I hope you had a very blessed Christmas!

Sarah Bryant Holton

LETTER: Genealogy search

Dear editor,
As a former Horton, Kan., kid, I am asking for help to locate the burial place of my great-grandfather James Williams.

He was born in England in 1827. He appears in the 1900 Census as living in Brown County, Kan., with his son Edmond, but after that the trail goes cold. Edmond is buried in the Netawaka cemetery, but no sign of James. My dad (James Otis Williams) and mother (Carrie Williams) are also at Netawaka.

Great-grandpa James assisted the Rev. Samuel Irvin at the old Sac and Fox Indian Mission near what is now Marysville. He worked a short time as a surveyor, but mostly farmed as far as I know. I have looked in every cemetery record I could find in northeast Kansas. Any tips or ideas to help me in my search would be greatly appreciated.

Warren Williams
2629 Bokovoy Lane,
Sand Springs, Okla. 74063

JENKINS: The year in review

This year, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, R-KS, has worked to strengthen America's national security and enhance the protection on our borders, it was reported.

"While there is much more work to be done, this year has represented a strong start as the House continues to push for a safer and more secure America," Jenkins said. "While the president continues to reiterate his failed tactics to combat radical Islamic terrorists, admitting the criticism against his strategy is legitimate, the House is working to put real plans into action," Jenkins said.

She said she is proud of the bills that she supported that will "help ensure the safety and security of Kansans and folks across the country." "In 2016," she said, "I will continue to build upon the great steps the House has done to protect Kansans while also looking at other areas to bolster our defenses."

Jenkins said President Obama has continued his efforts to transfer the dangerous terrorists from Guantanamo Bay to the United States, and potentially to Fort Leavenworth. This year, she said, she supported legislation prohibiting any transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees.

"This is something the president's own Attorney General, Loretta Lynch, says makes it illegal for President Obama to move the detainees," Jenkins said. She said she has led the charge to remind the president that "folks in Kansas don't want Guantanamo prisoners moved to Kansas."

In the wake of increasing terrorism around the world, Congress must do everything possible to keep Americans safe, Jenkins said. That's why, she said, she voted in support of legislation to pause the influx of Syrian and Iraqi refugees until the FBI and other agencies can assure us that each refugee does not possess any threat to the American people.

That is also why Jenkins said she voted to tighten the restrictions on the Visa Waiver program, so that no one is able to abuse the system for malicious reasons.

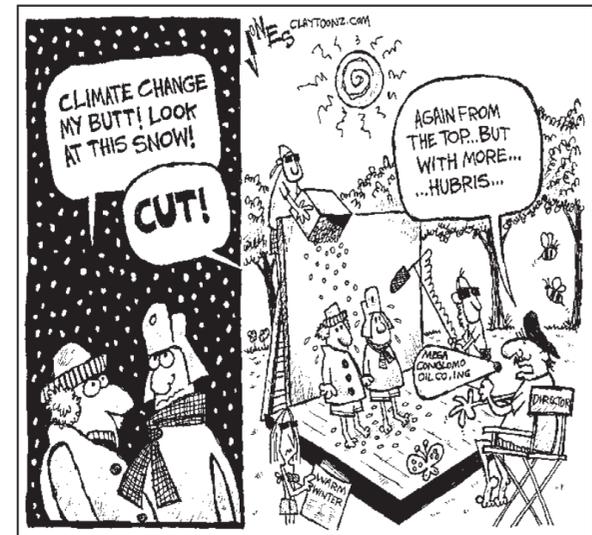
"When it comes to protecting Americans' lives, the government cannot afford to take risks, and the only option must be stringent procedures designed to ensure that every American can live safely," Jenkins said.

A strong America is a safe America, Jenkins said. This year, she voted to increase military spending, providing important resources for the country's national defense and improving pay for "the brave men and women fighting to keep this country safe."

America must be able to aggressively combat terrorism around the world, Jenkins said, and this increase of funding means our military has the capability and financing to effectively pursue that goal.

National security is entering a new age where what happens online is just as important as what happens offline, Jenkins said. Cybersecurity is crucial to protecting American lives. That's why she supported legislation to help enhance America's cybersecurity and protect our private information.

Jenkins also supported the National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act and the Protecting Cyber Networks Act, it was reported.



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OBITUARIES

Rice

Bradley Orville Rice, Patko Shuk, 56, Mayetta, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015.

He was born Feb. 20, 1959, at Holton, the son of Orville and Betty Mahkuk Rice.

Mr. Rice was a mechanic for the Potawatomi Tribal Road and Bridge Department.

He was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Native American Church.

He married Sandra Mitchell. She survives.

Other survivors include his parents, Orville and Betty Rice, Mayetta; a son, Hunter Rice, Albuquerque, N.M.; four stepdaughters, Maria Fairman and husband Jose, Topeka, Nikki Jackson and husband Robert and Saga Fairman and husband Josh, all of the Potawatomi Reservation, and Pam Knoxsah, Horton; a brother, Chris Rice, Nedrow, N.Y.; two sisters, Shirley Rice and Sylvia Johnson, both of Topeka; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, Kevin Rice.

Native American services will be held Wednesday evening at the Native American Church on the Potawatomi Reservation. Burial will be held Thursday morning in the Mahkuk Cemetery. Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton is in charge of arrangements. *Holton Recorder 12/30/15*

Metzger

Maxine E. Metzger, 88, Holton, died Monday, Dec. 28, 2015, at Holton Community Hospital.

She was born May 20, 1927, in Mayetta, the daughter of Theodore "Ted" and Irene Magers McClintock.

Mrs. Metzger and her husband owned and operated Metzger Hardware in North Topeka for many years before retiring.

She married Harry "Don" Metzger on Aug. 9, 1948, in Lawrence. He died Jan. 17, 2000. She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Theodore McClintock Jr., Joe McClintock and Gordon McClintock.

Survivors include a sister, Barbara Wrosch, Onaga; a sister-in-law, Marianne McClintock, Holton; and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6 in Mayetta Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Medicalodges Jackson County Activity Fund or Holton Community Hospital, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Auction Calendar

• Saturday, Jan. 2. Starting at 9:30 a.m. Hoffman consignment auction to be held two miles east of Effingham on U.S. Highway 159. For more information, contact Hoffman Auction Service at (913) 833-4125 or 370-0747.

• Thursday, Jan. 7. Starting at 6 p.m. Grassland auction (153 acres more or less, one mile of gravel off Kansas Highway 16). Denison Community Hall, 203 Central St., Denison. For more information, contact United Country Heart of America Real Estate and Auction at (785) 806-6921 or (785) 863-3322.

• Sunday, Jan. 10. Starting at 10 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Haug, Aurelia A. Heinen estate and Mrs. Hubert Lackey public auction. 1500 Community Dr., Seneca. For more information, contact Wilhelm Auction Service at (785) 336-3627, (785) 336-3501 or (785) 336-1622.

New Life Church of the Nazarene

By Janice Kneisley

This past Sunday, Pastor Kevin Kneisley asked those attending services at New Life Church of the Nazarene if they got everything they wanted for Christmas.

Kneisley said that we spend most of the month of December searching, searching for the perfect gift, a bargain, the ideal decorations and even the last parking spot closest to the store. But in all that searching, he said we are missing the real meaning of Christmas.

He cited the first Christmas where many people also missed it because they were too busy looking for other things, the Roman politicians, the business community of Bethlehem, even the innkeeper.

The only people, he said, that really "got" the first Christmas were the angels ("You'll find the baby... lying in a manger"), the shepherds ("Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened") and the wise men who asked, "Where is the one who has been born the King of Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."

"The greatest gift you will not find under the tree, but on the cross," Kneisley said.

The key to finding the true meaning of Christmas is finding a right relationship with God, he said, and that starts with finding forgiveness from your past.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11.

The word Savior is the signifi-

cance of Christmas, Pastor Kneisley said, because we all need a Savior, a Savior to forgive our sins and be our ticket into heaven.

Second, Kneisley preached that having the right relationship with God will help us find peace for the present. Peace, he said, is the absence of conflict, and by having Jesus Christ in our lives, He will help us to avoid hurts and habits that tend to mess up our lives.

"Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble." Psalm 119:165.

Last, by having the right relationship with God, we have hope for our eternal future, Kneisley said.

"The fact is we are all, each of us, going to die someday and head into eternity. If you know for certain that death is a part of life, doesn't it make sense to be prepared for it?" said Pastor Kneisley. "The gift is that Christ came to earth to help make us ready

for heaven. God's word says you can prepare for an eternal future by trusting Christ. He says 'I'll take care of your past regrets, your present problems, and your future fears.'"

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13NIV.

In announcements, Pastor Kneisley said the church will provide worship

services to the residents of Medicalodges for the month of January. At 5 p.m. on Jan. 23, there will be an un-decorate Christmas party at the church with a white elephant gift exchange and soup supper.

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Ag Week Recap...

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needed rains over the weekend, and this week's forecasts have improved providing some more chances on parched areas.

Some states have extended the planting window for producers, which could provide them the opportunity to now plant a crop into some decent moisture. Nearby March corn futures reached down for a new contract low on Monday, while both Kansas City and Chicago futures touched but did not break new contract lows.

Grain Futures Settlements Monday, Dec. 28
• March corn down \$.03½ at \$3.61, N/C December 2016 down \$.03¼ at \$3.85¾.

• January soybeans down \$.10¼ at \$8.65, N/C November 2016 down \$.10½ at \$8.79½.

• March KC wheat down \$.01½ at \$4.66, N/C July down \$.01¼ at \$4.86¾.

• March Chicago wheat down \$.01 at \$4.66½, N/C July down \$.01¾ at \$4.81.

We don't usually talk about U.S.

weather impacting grains much at this time of the year, but this time it may be. The winter storms of course here in the Plains have more impact on livestock, but spring-like systems have been pushing through the Midwest.

Flooding rains have caused many along the Mississippi and Illinois River to slow down or stop loading barges. The St. Louis gage was at 35 feet Monday morning, which is already above flood stage, and is forecasted to crest near 45 feet by Thursday. The record was set in the summer of 1993 at 49.5 feet.

Slowing down an already lethargic U.S. export program due to high waters could push prices into new contract lows and test longer term lows here to end 2015.

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Year in Review

Small numbers no setback for Jackson County track teams

Track, especially in high school, can often be a numbers game. It is for that very reason that 2015 was a unique season for the Jackson County high school teams.

While the 4A squads from Holton and Royal Valley were lacking slightly in team size compared to years past, 2A Jackson Heights had a robust roster that led the Cobras to send one of their largest groups of athletes in recent years to the state track meet in Wichita at the end of the season.

Yet, it was what Holton did with smaller numbers this past year that really stood out as the Wildcats had four female athletes qualify for state competition and all four left Wichita having claimed a state medal and helping the team to a top 10 finish overall.

"That's a great accomplishment when you get to that level, compete at that state meet and come away with medals," HHS coach Mark Middlemist said. "For our girls, it's a tremendous accomplishment for them and I couldn't be much prouder. We've talked before the last couple years about you want to save your best for the last couple meets and our girls really did that."

Two individuals ended up capturing multiple medals, as Kimmie Snapp earned a pair of bronzes in the 100m and 200m dash while competing with the fourth-place 4x100m team as well. That capped a special season for Snapp, who spent two years away from track after qualifying for state competition as a freshman, as she also ended her career as the school record-holder in all three events in which she medaled.

Holton's other multi-medalist was Holly Karn, who was part of the relay team and also finished fifth individually in the 100m hurdles.

What was most impressive though was not her place as much as her time, with Karn clocking her two best times of the season at the state meet to earn that fifth-place medal.

"Running her two best times of the year at the state meet, you can't ask for anything better than that," Middlemist said. "For her to do that, her confidence level is going to be really good going into next year. She just rose to the occasion. I thought she stepped up mentally and really did well and I'm really proud of her."

Ashlyn Weilert and Ashley Cook were the other two members of the girls 4x100m relay team, while Indie Allen was the only Holton boy to capture a state medal after finishing fourth in the triple jump.

Jackson Heights, meanwhile, qualified 14 individual athletes for state competition and while only one (Seth Holliday, 8th in the 2A boys 800m run) claimed a medal, coach Lyle Alley walked away from state competition knowing the future was bright for the Cobras.

With the exception of Holliday and Kaitlynn Little, the rest of the Cobra athletes were making their state debut and the majority of them will be returning in 2016 as well.

Add in the fact that Jackson Heights continues to dominate at the middle school level, with JHMS claiming two team titles (seventh-grade boys and girls) and two runners-up (eighth-grade boys and girls) at the league meet last spring a year after sweeping the NEKL titles, and it's easy to understand why the coaching staff is so optimistic.

Given the influx of young talent and the remodeling of the JHMS track facility, 2015 could be just the first step on the path back to

continued prominence for the Cobra track program.

Royal Valley only had three athletes competing at the state meet in Wichita, but the Panthers are in a similar situation as Heights with a very young team that will return most of its pieces in 2016, though two of the three state qualifiers (Eugene Masquat and Patrick Broxterman) were seniors.

While RV may not have had any state medalists this past spring, there were a few other area performances that stood out, starting with Atchison County's Maddison Bissell.

Bissell claimed two state medals for the ACCHS girls, taking fourth in the Class 3A 800m run, while also competing with the eighth-place 4x400m relay team, which also featured Kayla Vessar, Lillie Holtgrave and Beba Scholz.

A handful of area athletes also set some new state records, including Valley Heights' Elijah Smith, who broke the previous record in the 1A triple jump by more than a foot (48' 9 3/4"). Smith's other individual state titles in the long jump, 110m and 300m hurdles gave him nine total for his career, which tied another state record.

With a time of 43.3 seconds, the Hanover boys also set a new state record in the Class 1A 4x100m relay, while Clifton-Clyde's Kourtnei Hubert took the title in the 1A girls javelin with a record-setting throw of 141' 6".

Some of those state champions and record-setters will be moving on to bigger and better things in 2016, but some strong debuts last season means the area and county teams could be in good position for even more success in the future.



Holton native Forrestal Hickman (shown above) works on stamina for his blocking technique during a session at the HHS gym over the summer. Hickman trained hard and got his shot at the NFL over the summer. He is currently playing in the CFL with the Montreal Alouettes.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Year in Review

Former Wildcat carves out path to professional football

Many Holton High School football alumni had a busy fall, with several former Wildcats competing at a range of college levels (juco to DD), but one particular former HHS player happened to have an especially busy summer as Forrestal Hickman got a shot at making a National Football League roster.

A four-year starter and three-time All-Conference player, Hickman was generating next level interest from the beginning of his senior season at Missouri S&T. While he went undrafted in the spring, it wasn't long before he was offered a chance to take part in the Cincinnati Bengals' rookie minicamp.

That was a springboard for the 6' 6", 320-lb. offensive tackle, who went on to be participate in the San Diego Chargers' rookie minicamp and workout for the Green Bay Packers before signing on with the Chargers in mid-June right before the start of mandatory team minicamp.

According to Hickman's former HHS football coach, Brooks Barta, it was easy to see why San Diego was willing to take a chance on the undrafted rookie from Holton.

"He's pretty athletic for a guy that big and long. He's highly intelligent and that's always a bonus for that level as well," Barta said. "He's a good person. They're not going to have to worry about him getting in trouble or embarrassing a program or anything like that, so there's a lot of things right there."

Hickman, too, admitted that he

felt his academic background helped prepare him for this opportunity in the NFL.

"I'm a really hard worker and I learn really quickly. Being an engineering student and everything, I know how to buckle down and get through everything no matter what happens," Hickman said. "That's kind of shaped me. I just keep punching through."

In preparation for his shot at the NFL, Hickman took the second semester off starting in January and trained with former NFL strength and conditioning coach Russ Riederer in Holton as well as NFL veteran and former Kansas State (and Smith Center High School) linebacker Mark Simoneau at Simoneau Sports Performance in Kansas City.

A lot of the workouts focused on the physical side of the game, getting ready for agility and speed tests and preparing for the higher level of talent that Hickman didn't see all the time while playing at a smaller, Division II school.

Mentally, Riederer was trying to help prepare Hickman as well for the "business" of the NFL and the continual push to get better, as Hickman's rookie contract was not guaranteed and the Chargers would have to be cutting their roster from 90 to 53 players by the end of training camp.

Both Barta and Riederer were in agreement, though, that Hickman's age (22) was something that worked in his favor and was a big selling

point for the lineman.

"The thing that he probably has that a lot of guys don't have, especially at that position, is he's very young and has a lot of potential for growth," Barta said.

"To me, they finally figured that out that this kid is extremely young and he's got a huge upside," Riederer said.

In the end, Hickman's upside wasn't quite enough for the Chargers as he was cut before the final preseason game. His youth could serve him well, though, as he will likely get another shot in the NFL before all is said and done.

Currently, Hickman is playing football professionally as he signed on with the practice squad for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League this fall and has now been promoted to the active roster (though the CFL is currently in its offseason).

Since the end of his collegiate career, it has certainly been a wild ride for Hickman. Why he got this opportunity is pretty clear to him, but he noted all the help he got along the way helped put him on this path to playing football professionally.

"I've been blessed with size of course, so that helps," Hickman said, "and then I kind of have to thank my coaches through high school, middle school and college. I wouldn't be here without lots of those guys helping me out along the way."

Year in Review

Summer decisions, discussion spark return of WHS football

Following a decision by the USD 380 (Centralia/Frankfort) school board in May to end its cooperative football agreement starting in the 2016-2017 season, Wetmore High School and its patrons were left to ponder the future of football at the school over the summer.

That led to the Wetmore Football Committee making a presentation to the USD 113 school board in June petitioning for the reinstatement of the Cardinals' eight-man football program (with a team last fielded at WHS in 1987).

In the midst of the Kansas State High School Activities Association's two-year scheduling cycle, any push to re-start football at WHS immediately meant the Cardinals would be forced to play a mostly JV schedule in 2015, though WHS principal Janelle Boden noted she was already making calls to schools with open dates on their schedules during the midst of this proposal.

One of the biggest sticking points in the Wetmore Football Committee's presentation were the costs. While the committee proposed using fundraising to cover the purchase of uniforms and related equipment, expenses for officials

and transportation, the one request it made from the USD 113 school board was to cover coaches' salaries.

Combined, it was noted, the projected salaries for a head and assistant coach at WHS would cost the district \$6,391.81, which was less than what USD 113 paid in 2014-2015 for Wetmore to co-op with Centralia for football.

Fundraising efforts were already well under way in June, with Boden noting former classes were contacted about donating leftover funds, while letters asking for donations were being sent out to alumni and community events, like the "Redneck Games," were starting to be organized with the goal of helping fund a football program at Wetmore High School.

One of the questions at the center of the potential return of Cardinal football for the district was about student interest and the ability to maintain a football program. Boden noted it would take at least 12 students to field a proper team and, in the past five years, it was reported that WHS had an average of 8.2 students participating in football per season as part of the cooperative agreement with Centralia, though

Boden noted there's something to be said for having your own football team.

"I think it builds school pride and community pride having your own program and it certainly has grown interest here in the school with our boys. They are more interested in going out for a program here at our school," Boden said. "Not that it wasn't a good relationship with Centralia, because it was. We had a great relationship, but it's just something about doing it for your own school and your own home."

Locations for home games was also an issue discussed, with it being noted that the 11-man field in Sabetha could easily be modified for eight-man football. With most of the issues already being addressed by Boden, it seemed it was only a matter of time before Wetmore got its football team back.

The USD 113 school board approved the reinstatement of football at WHS in July and the Cardinals played a mixed schedule of mostly JV games this past fall with a total of 15 players suiting up for the Wetmore High School team in its first year of competition since 1987.

Year in Review

Coaching carousel turns mostly at JH

For the most part, high schools around Jackson County didn't see many coaching changes over the past year. However, one of the few changes that did occur was a major one as it signified the passing of the torch with Brad Alley (former RVHS cross country coach) returning to his alma mater, Jackson Heights, to take over for his father, Lyle Alley.

With the history of success the elder Alley has had at JHHS, it could've been a daunting role. In coaching cross country for 36 years at Jackson Heights, Lyle Alley took at least one Cobra runner to the state meet each year. His record as a track coach over that same span was also stellar, taking a distance runner to the state meet in all but one year.

Brad noted he already puts a lot of pressure on himself and has his own high standards, so he wasn't thinking about that history when he took this position at the start of the summer. That's not to say Lyle's presence wouldn't be felt, though, especially with the strong relationship between the two and the similar coaching paths they have taken.

"As I got into coaching as a young coach starting out, I obviously picked his brain about a lot of things, some in cross country and when I was the head basketball coach. I used him as a crutch a lot as a young coach," Brad said. "In my cross country program, you could see his influence in there. I didn't run my program exactly like his, but there were elements there that definitely had his influence, so I would say that he's had a big impact there."

Both noted there wasn't a lot of discussion between them about this potential opportunity, especially as happy as Brad said he was at Royal Valley, but the younger Alley also noted it felt good to be "home" and Lyle said his son's decision made his choice all that much easier.

"I think he's going to be a lifer. His kids are young and he wants them to go to Jackson Heights. It just means everything to me, to be back with him, to have him take over a program that I put my heart and soul into for all those years," Lyle said. "I'm passing the torch on to a new generation and I know that new generation is going to have the love and passion that I had."

The only other major coaching change, besides Keith Pelton stepping in to fill the position Alley vacated as Royal Valley's cross country coach, also happened to occur at Jackson Heights as Kaylee Mick took over as head volleyball coach going into the 2015 season.

It was a small transition for the Holton graduate as she worked as an assistant with the team the previous season, but still marked the first head coaching opportunity for Mick. She also served as an assistant coach with the Holton softball team in the spring.

Mick noted she had previous aspirations of getting into coaching, but those first experiences as an assistant solidified it and helped make up her decision to take over the volleyball program at Jackson Heights.

"With last year with all of them, it was really fun to watch them grow and see how much they had adapted and learned just in those three months and knowing what they're capable of," Mick said.

Jackson Heights finished Mick's first campaign as a head coach with a 13-24 overall record.



Wildcat Ashley Cook (shown above, at left) takes the baton from teammate Ashlyn Weilert (front right) after completing the first leg of the 4x100m relay during regional competition last spring. Cook and Weilert, along with teammates Kimmie Snapp and Holly Karn, were the only four female athletes to qualify for state competition for Holton. While they might have been small in numbers, they still managed an impressive showing at the state meet in Wichita.

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Holton FFA meets monthly

By Kevin DenBleyker
HHS Correspondent

Once every month, the Holton FFA crew holds a meeting. Holton FFA is a fairly large group with about 100 members. Some members, who take the programs seriously, are rewarded with very important leadership roles on the team. There are standards students must meet to become a leader.

"They interview for the position, have to be a member for at least a year, work their way from the bottom up and set a good example," Alex Bartel, Holton FFA advisor, said.

FFA members meet with other FFA members from different schools, conduct fund-raisers and compete on the local, regional and national levels. Much of the success of the program is due to the dedicated advisors and student leaders.

The Holton FFA chapter was first chartered in 1937 and has been going strong ever since.

Members do a lot of hands-on learning. For example, when students compete in land judging, they actually go to fields and see how to classify each field so they have a better understanding.

Bartel said he is very happy with the FFA membership.



The sixth, seventh and eighth-grade choirs at Holton Middle School together sang "When You Believe" from the "Prince of Egypt" during the school's recent choir concert. The song featured several soloists, including (from left) Seth Peterson, Cailin Parks, Paige Crouch and Kyler Rose.

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PBP Elder Center Menu

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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

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 4 through Friday, Jan. 8 are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 4: Barbecue chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans and dinner roll.

Tuesday, Jan. 5: Hamburg-er gravy, potatoes over toast,

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Tuesday, Jan. 5: Breakfast – Waffle stick with syrup, sausage link, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger with bun, lettuce and tomato, tater tots, fresh veggies, peach cobbler and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 6: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit, peaches and milk.
Thursday, Jan. 7: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Barbecue chicken drumstick, scalloped potatoes, garden salad, wheat bread (9-12), pineapple tidbits and milk.
Friday, Jan. 8: Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, banana, juice and milk; Lunch – Sloppy joe with bun, baked beans, Sun Chips, fresh veggies, pears and milk.

Holton
Monday, Jan. 4: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, string cheese, fresh orange, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Pig in a blanket, potato wedges, broccoli and cheese, fresh apple slices, canned fruit choice and milk choice.
Tuesday, Jan. 5: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit cocktail, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken wrap, Spanish brown rice, romaine lettuce, tomato slice, sautéed zucchini, orange smiles, oatmeal cookie (9-12), canned fruit choice and milk choice.
Wednesday, Jan. 6: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy, banana, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti

with meat sauce, garlic bread, garden salad, green beans, banana, canned fruit choice and milk choice.
Thursday, Jan. 7: Breakfast – French toast with syrup, fresh grapes, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Taco salad, tortilla chips and tomato salsa, refried beans, papaya and pineapple salad, cinnamon puffs (6-12), canned fruit choice and milk choice.
Friday, Jan. 8: Breakfast – Mini waffles with syrup, applesauce, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, whole-wheat roll and honey (6-12), mashed potatoes, fresh baby carrots, fresh grapes, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Royal Valley
Monday, Jan. 4: No School – Staff work day.
Tuesday, Jan. 5: Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, fruit and milk; Lunch – Italian dunkers with marinara sauce, green beans, fresh broccoli, chocolate pudding (9-12), fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 6: Breakfast – Bagel with cream cheese, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chili, corn, celery, cinnamon roll, fruit and milk.
Thursday, Jan. 7: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk;

Lunch – Chicken strip salad, breadstick, pepper strips, carrots, fruit and milk.
Friday, Jan. 8: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

Wetmore
Monday, Jan. 4: Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Hamburger on a whole-grain bun, tater tots, baked beans, peaches and milk.
Tuesday, Jan. 5: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, rosy applesauce, whole-grain roll and milk.
Wednesday, Jan. 6: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Italian dunkers with marinara, spinach garden salad, corn, mandarin oranges and milk.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Cowboy cavatini, peas, mighty mini trees, banana and milk.
Friday, Jan. 8: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – French bread pizza, seasoned green beans, carrot crunchies, sliced pears, whole-grain rice krispie treat and milk.

Cooking in the classroom at HHS

By Emma Howes
 HHS Correspondent

Many freshmen are enjoying FACS teacher Amy Oldehoeft's class this year. Students have baked pancakes, biscuits, chocolate chip cookies and sugar cookies. By taking this cooking unit, they learn a little about cooking and won't have to rely as heavily on a packaged food that's not as good or as nutritious.

Many students would like the cooking unit to be longer, because they want to make more foods.

Personal preferences play a part as students learn how to cook. Some students would rather work alone in

the kitchen because some students try to take over the cooking and dictate too much to others. But working in groups makes the process of getting the food in the oven faster, enabling students to eat the food by the end of the class.

"I feel just a little rushed sometimes when our food comes out, because we have eat it and the bell is about to ring when we eat," freshman Jacee Barnes said.

She acknowledges that sometimes the food tastes better than other times, due to human error.

"There is always at least a little error," Barnes said. "If you make an error in the classroom while cook-

ing, Mrs. O will come over and try to help you see where you went wrong in your recipe."

Barnes said that one error she remembers making is when she and her partner made pancakes and undercooked them a little bit.

Freshman Megan Mercer said the live demonstrations of cooking help her in preparing new recipes.

"I like when Mrs. O demos the food for us so we know how it's supposed to look when it's done," Mercer said.

A majority of students enjoyed cooking and said they would be sad to go back to the bookwork when the unit is done.

HHS student reports on school construction

By Gabriella Katz
 HHS Correspondent

Since April of 2015, construction workers have been building the new elementary school, set to be finished on May 21, 2016. Students will be able to attend in August.

The new elementary school has been a much-discussed topic for many years, but finally the school board was able to set the plans in action. The new elementary school will be much larger than the old one, as it's going to have grades kindergarten through fifth.

Many citizens in Holton have

been worried about how much the school will raise taxes. State aid is covering 55 percent of costs, while 45 percent is coming from citizens' property taxes.

The elementary schools now are getting far too crowded and have a large class size, which might stunt the learning of students. With the new elementary school, class sizes will stay the same, but there will be more opportunities for smaller learning groups.

"There are more opportunities for learning and a better environment, including pull out rooms, space,

state of the art technology, climate control, outdoor classrooms and better air quality to name a few," Superintendent Dennis Stones said.

Ashton Kathrens, a parent, said, "I think Holton needed a new elementary school, and I think it's going to be good for the students."

Her son, Tucker Wilkerson, said, "I'm excited to go to the new elementary school."

The new school will have many more opportunities for learning, and many of the students are excited to attend next year.

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015.)

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

Case No. 15 PR 39

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/s/ Teresa Riley
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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 4 through Friday, Jan. 8 are as follows:

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Tuesday, Jan. 5: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tropical fruit, seven-layer bar and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, Jan. 6: Ham and beans, cauliflower and broccoli salad, strawberries and bananas, cornbread and margarine and ice cream.

Thursday, Jan. 7: Meat loaf, baked potato, cooked carrots, frozen cherry salad and hot roll and margarine.

Friday, Jan. 8: Salmon patties, scalloped potatoes, Japanese mix vegetables, banana cream pie and bread and margarine.

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Potential new programs at Banner discussed

By Ali Holcomb

As 2015 comes to a close, Banner Creek Reservoir Director John Kennedy is looking for new ways to bring people to the lake in the New Year.

At a recent Jackson County Commission meeting, Kennedy outlined a list of proposed new classes and special events he wants to offer at the reservoir in 2016.

Some of the classes include fly-fishing, boater safety, hunter education, archery and water ski/wake board lessons.

He's also interested in hosting a car show, an Arbor Day celebration, a mountain bike race, a kayak fishing tournament and a 5K run/walk.

Kennedy also stated he is looking into purchasing an ATV in order to maintain and spray trails and weeds. He stated the smallest ATV for adults costs about \$5,500, and the commissioners agreed that Kennedy could move forward with purchasing an ATV.

The commissioners also learned from Kennedy that he has finished painting the interior of the reservoir's office and he is currently working on the installation of new laminate floor at the office.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Dec. 15, the commission:

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

Bahret reported that all the rock for the rebuilding of 214th Road from Q to R.4 Roads is on site.

* Received an update from Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager, on several bridge projects.

Mick said that the Kansas Department of Transportation has requested funds for the county's portion of replacing the bridge at U and 195th Roads. The county is responsible for paying 20 percent (\$88,823.10) of the project.

Mick and the commissioners discussed bridge materials for a future project. Next year, the department is rebuilding a bridge and it can be rebuilt with an all-steel deck or a concrete deck. The steel deck was estimated to cost \$1,000 more than the concrete deck.

Mick said he is not in favor of the concrete deck because the concrete has to set for a month before any vehicles can use it. Also, the curing process can be difficult if the bridge were to be built in the summer heat.

The commissioners agreed to an all-steel deck and told Mick to proceed with his plans.

* Received a request for funding for the Holton Cub Scouts from Erich Campbell.

The commissioners approved a motion to donate \$500 to Holton Cub Scout Pack #3064.

* Met in executive session

with Fritz and Bahret to discuss a personnel matter for 40 minutes. No action was taken back in open session.

* Approved a motion to pay the county's 2016 membership dues to Kansas Association of Counties. The amount totaled \$3,020.95.

* Heard a weekly report from Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager. Robinson reported that there is a broken line on the backhoe at the landfill that it was expected be replaced that week.

* Noted that Chairwoman Janet Zwonitzer joined the meeting.

* Met with Chad Phillips, head custodian, to discuss potential renovations to the new meeting room on the first floor of the Courthouse. The room used to be occupied by the Meadowlark Extension District office.

Phillips suggested that the room be kept open for all departments to use throughout the year, for advanced and day-of voting and safety meetings.

* Opened bids for a fence to be installed around the perimeter of the new Jackson County road and

bridge shop north of Holton.

The commissioners accepted the bid of \$42,900 submitted by Kansas Fence of Wichita.

The other bid was \$60,975 submitted by Davis Fence Company of Topeka.

* Met in executive session with Bahret and Fritz for 30 minutes to discuss real estate. Commissioner Elmer left the meeting while in closed session and did not return for the rest of the day. No action was taken back in open session.

* Signed an agreement between Jackson County and Reece Construction Company for the replacement of the bridge at N and 304th Roads.

* Met in executive session with Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp to discuss employee salaries for 10 minutes. No action was taken back in open session.

* Signed a purchase order for a Jet Scan iFX 100 currency scanner for the treasurer's office. The scanner was purchased from Cummins Allison Corporation of Illinois at a cost of \$2,718.58.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.



Jackson Heights High School senior Logan Rethman (left) and Holton High School senior Hayley Thompson were among the young volunteers participating in Tuesday morning's "Sticker Shock" campaign, in which stickers were placed on packages of alcoholic beverages in an effort to deter adults from buying them for anyone under 21. Here, Rethman and Thompson placed stickers on packages of beer at Southside Liquor. Photo by Brian Sanders

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Getting engaged or married? Have an anniversary coming up? Let us hear about it! A published account of your special news will be a special keepsake for years to come. Call or come by; we have forms you can fill out, or bring in your own article. And don't forget the pictures! Bring your news item to The Holton Recorder office at 109 West Fourth Street in Holton; mail to The Holton Recorder, P.O. Box 311, Holton, Kansas, 66436; fax the news to 364-3422; call 364-3141; or e-mail the news to (please include name and telephone number) holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com

Vintage Park at Holton Announces January Resident Birthdays!

Jan. 6 – Edna Brock
Jan. 7 – Dennis Stauffer
Jan. 9 – Gene Dickinson
Jan. 23 – Vivian Pfister
Jan. 23 – Pat Hershey

January Staff Birthday!
Jan. 13 – Cara Evans

Happy Anniversary to the following Staff Members. Thanks for all you do!

Tim Kelly, LPN – 2 years
Michelle Ramage, RN – 1 year

Cards may be sent to:
410 Juniper Dr., Holton, KS 66436
785-364-5051

Vintage Park at Holton
An Assisted Living Community

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015.)

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 partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Mortgage Foreclosure has been filed in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas by Bank of America, N.A., praying for foreclosure of certain real property legally described as follows:

COMMENCE AT A POINT 80 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, MCKEAGE'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF

HOYT, THENCE NORTH 205 FEET, THENCE WEST 120 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 205 FEET, THENCE EAST 120 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. [LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY] ALSO DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 80 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER 9, MCKEAGE'S 1ST ADDITION, HOYT, KANSAS, THENCE 120 FEET WEST, THENCE 185 FEET NORTH, THENCE 120 FEET EAST, THENCE 185 FEET SOUTH TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS. TAX ID NO. 196-23-0-40-13-010.00-0 [THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BRACKETS HAS BEEN ADDED TO MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION.] Commonly known as 106 W 3rd St, Hoyt, KS 66440 ("the Property") MS170241

for a judgment against defendants and any other interested parties and, unless otherwise served by personal or mail service of summons, the time in which you have to plead to the Petition for Foreclosure in the District Court of Jackson County Kansas will expire on January 26, 2016. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC

By: Chad R. Doornink, #23536 cdoornink@msfirm.com 8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180 Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 339-9132 (913) 339-9045 (fax)

By: /s/ Tiffany T. Frazier Tiffany T. Frazier, #26544 tfrazier@msfirm.com Garrett M. Gasper, #25628 ggasper@msfirm.com Aaron M. Schuckman, #22251 aschuckman@msfirm.com 612 Spirit Dr. St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 (636) 537-0067 (fax)

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

Public Notice

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CITY OF HOLTON

RESOLUTION NO. 15-R011

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:

Garage/Shed at: 604 New York Ave, Holton, KS 66436

Legal Description: All of Lot No. 74 and the South 20 feet of Lot No. 76, New York Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Owner: Virginia L. Purvis 604 New York Ave, Holton, KS 66436

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

SEAL

/s/ Teresa Riley
Teresa Riley, City Clerk

WL10212

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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:

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

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<h3>Plumbing</h3> <p>Bell Plumbing, Inc. Plumbing & Water Conditioning 364-4434 Holton, Kansas</p>	<h3>TEMPERATURE Controlled Mini-Storage</h3> <p>For your valuables that are unable to resist heat & cold. Just S. of Holton on Old 75 Hwy. (Old Eagle's Hall) John McManigal (785) 969-6400</p>	<h3>Harshaw Accounting & Tax Service, LLC</h3> <p>Tax Prep & Planning: Personal - Business - Farm - Corporate - Leesa M. Harshaw MBA, PA, EA, ECS, ABA, ATP 111 S. Topeka, Holton, KS • (785) 364-2387 Fax: (785) 364-4688 lharshaw@holtonks.net Clergy - ElderCare - Retirement, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services.</p>

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HOLTON AMERICAN LEGION GUN SHOW: Saturday, Jan. 9, 9am-5pm/Sunday, Jan. 10, 9am-3pm. Hoyt Community Center, 214-Highway, Hoyt, \$5-admission. Call John, 785-364-2824.

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

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

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2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 2LT, AWD, 2.4L 4-cyl., PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Rmt. St., Backup Cam., Htd. Cloth, 19k miles

2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX 1LT, FWD, 2.4L 4-cyl., PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Cloth, Remote St., Backup Cam., 27k miles

2012 FORD EDGE SEL AWD 3.5L V6, AWD, PW, PL, Cruise, PS, Cloth, One Owner, 39k miles

2012 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE LT AWD, 3.6L V6, PW, PL, Bkup Sensor, Cruise, Cloth, 8-Passenger, CD, 70k miles

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2011 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3/4 ton, Ext. Cab, LT, 6.0L V8, Gas, 4WD, Grille Grd., Side Steps, Spray-In Liner, Gooseneck Hitch, One Owner, 37k miles

2005 CHEVROLET COLORADO Ext. Cab LS, 3.5L 5-cyl., 4WD, PW, PL, CD, Cloth, Grille Grd., Tool Box, One Owner

CARS
 2015 BUICK ENCORE CONVENIENCE 1.4L 4 cyl., FWD, PW, PL, Cruise, CD, Blind Zone Alrt., Bkup Cam, Fog Lts., Rmt. St., Bluetooth, Cloth, 25k miles

2013 BUICK REGAL GS 2.0L, 4 cyl., Turbo, 6-sp. Manual, PW, PS, PL, HmLink, Keyless Start, PRICE REDUCED

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Hay

JHHS FFA HAY AUCTION: Tuesday, Jan.12. For more information, call 785-364-2195 or 785-364-2604.

Wanted

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

Business Opportunities

AVOID BEING TAKEN! Before investing in classified ads on work-at-home opportunities, "Too Good To Be True" business opportunities, or advance fee loans, The Holton Recorder urges readers to visit the consumer protection website at www.InYourCornerKansas.org or call 1-800-432-2310.

Employment

MIXED VETERINARY PRACTICE seeks veterinary assistant. Ideal candidate would have customer care and large/small animal experience. Job responsibilities include making appointments, animal restraint, cleaning, etc. Must be hard-working, friendly, and able to work independently. Hours include Monday-Friday, one Saturday/month. Apply in person at Banner Creek Animal Hospital.

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UHL-FURNITURE: Nice large Pride mobility electric chair, \$500; bunk bed, \$200; roll-away bed, \$100; loft bed, \$150; electric lift chair, \$200; hide-a-bed couch, \$200; tables, chairs, couches, dressers, beds, handicap equipment. 785-969-9167.

Appliances

UHL-APPLIANCES: Kenmore frost-free refrigerator, \$200; Whirlpool washer, \$150; chest freezer, 10-cu.ft., \$150; Maytag glass-door dryer, \$250; Frigidaire n.gas range, \$200; Maytag electric range, \$150; built-in dishwasher, \$100; double-SS sink w/faucets, \$40. 785-969-9167/Holton.

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24 lb. case – \$72
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 Call Judy Olson at 785-364-7559
 That's in Circleville!

Firewood

FOR SALE: FFA 4'X8' steel wood rack, \$100; new barrel stove, \$100; cherry, oak, ash, locust, hackberry, walnut, mulberry, hedge. 785-969-9167/Holton.

Rental Property

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2-BEDROOM HOME in Holton: Stove/refrigerator, detached garage. \$565/rent, \$565/deposit. 785-969-2747

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Employment

Job Announcement
GAMING COMMISSIONER
 Gaming Commissioner, Full Time (Non-Exempt) position, Benefits Included.

The Gaming Commissioner regulates gaming operations in accordance with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, Tribal/State Gaming Compact, as well as the Tribal Gaming Ordinance and other applicable laws. Other duties include processing paperwork, licensing gaming/casino employees and non-gaming vendors, enforcement of procedures and assurance of confidentiality of records with the Gaming Commission as required by law. This position is a two (2) year appointed position and requires a High School diploma or GED certificate and three (3) or more years of experience working for Indian gaming preferred.

Application Procedure:
 Submit a standard Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri application for employment and/or resume to the Tribal Council Secretary, 305 North Main Street, Reserve, Kansas 66434, Phone: 785-742-0053 ext. 24, Fax: 785-742-7146 and/or e-mail gbahr@sacandfoxcasino.com

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Potawatomi Methodist

By Ilene Dick
The cold wind and storm watches on Sunday, Dec. 27, helped us realize that winter is coming in full force. We hope everyone had safe travels and a good Christmas.
Pastor Howard opened the service at Potawatomi United Methodist Church and welcomed the guests.
It was a joy to have Pastor Howard's friends, Romie Scoles, Anna Estrella and Tom and Dorothy Ziegler in attendance. Anna Estrella is from Ecuador and was noticing the difference in temperature. The Zieglers were formerly from South Dakota.
Martha Roush had the joy of hearing from her daughter, Susan Nelson, now living in Arizona, which is much warmer than Nebraska where she had been living.
Prayer concerns were raised for Pam and Leon Daugherty, who are taking turns with the bad colds going around; and for Ann W. with return of health problems. Kolby Roush attended the Kansas City Chiefs game on Sunday, and hopefully survived the cold wind.
Laura Schreiber lit the candles.

Hymns for the service were "Joy To The World," "Away In A Manger" and "We Three Kings." Ilene Dick provided the music on piano.
The Christmas prayer was prayed in unison.
For the special, a CD by the Statler Brothers singing "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" was shared.
Jim Shenk was the offertory usher. The sermon text was from Matthew 2:13-23.
The excitement of the event is past. The news is out. God's only Son came to dwell among us. Powerful people like Herod, the first one, wanted to destroy Him. He was a threat to Herod's position. Many still look at Him as a threat.
God moves in His quiet, powerful way. Nothing could erase Jesus from humanity. Christ is the Prince of Peace among men.
Divine guidance only comes to prepared hearts. The peace of God begins in each individual. Jesus offers a gift, not a law to obey.
All of Judy and Donnie Thoman's family was together on Christmas Day for the noon meal and gift exchange.

change.
On Monday evening, Dec. 21, Judy Thoman attended the Christmas program at the Mayetta Christian Church to watch her grandchildren, Shayne and Brian Dorris.
Jim and Marjean Shenk went to Mike and Jan Shenk's home on Christmas Eve, and then attended candlelight service at Meriden U.M. Church with all of Mike and Jan's family.
On Christmas Day, Jim and Marjean Shenk had breakfast and lunch at the home of Jeff and Tami Shenk and McKenzie.
Ronald and I went to Topeka on Dec. 24 and took James Dick and Aimee Voss to lunch at McFarland's Restaurant. After lunch, we had a visit and gift exchange before returning home.
On Christmas Day, Joy Uthoff and Loren Litteer of Baldwin City spent the day with Ronald and me. We enjoyed a shared dinner, gift exchange and a good visit.
We wish all of our readers a Happy New Year full of joy and peace.

Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter
The Christmas Eve program, with a full church, was a great success at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church. The retelling of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ was evident in the songs and readings.
A cold windy day greeted the worshippers on Dec. 27 at the church. Noah Hefty rang the bell, and Faith Hefty lighted the altar candles. Sandy Hefty played the prelude.
John Hefty asked for announcements and led the congregation in the call to worship and opening prayer. John read scripture from Colossians 3:12-17 and the 148th Psalm was recited.
The hymns sung were "Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" "What Child Is This," "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" and "O Little Town Of Bethlehem."
John's children's message was how we treat each other does matter to God.
For a special, Ed Vance read a true story, "The Tablecloth."
The gospel reading was from Luke 2:41-52. The sermon "Love Your Enemies" was a continuation of the children's message. What is the greatest commandment? Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," Matthew 22:37.
God expects us to treat other people like we would like to be treated. He wants us to love our enemies as well as our neighbors. But how do we love someone who has not treated us well? God will punish those that do us injustice. He disciplines those that He loves. What we do on earth matters to God.
Don Boling and Jack Bernitter were offertory ushers, and the worship service closed by singing "Let There Be Peace On Earth."
Benediction: Let the word of Christ dwell in you and the peace of Christ will rule in your heart.

December/January Schedule

December 28:
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January 9: Swim Lessons

January 11:
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Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold
Jay and Carol Buehler served as greeters at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Dec. 27. Gary Bell gave the opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren and Max Lierz. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events, and Max Lierz gave the prayer for concerns and praises.
Blair Wagner used text from Ephesians chapter 5 and other scriptures as he brought the morning sermon message. He started out by comparing how our life in this world is like being on cruise control but what we really need is to stop and reflect on God's word. We need to respect Christ's authority and allow Him to lead us.
God's word says that we have a short amount of time with greater things to come. The time we spend together is valuable and with the New Year, we could all make a recommitment of serving Christ better.
Dale Askren gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Roger Rethman, Mike Cochren, Harlan Barnett and Jason Claycamp. Tara Lierz provided lovely clarinet music as communion was served. The prayer for the offering was given by Gary Bell, and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

Circleville Community

By Jeannie Arnold
Rosanna Wilson took her grandson, Tyrell Childs, and some of his friends to Seneca to see the Star Wars movie on Sunday, Dec. 20. The following evening, Keith and Rosanna took their grandsons, Quinton and Dillon Childs, to the same movie.
On Thursday, Dec. 24, Keith and Rosanna Wilson attended a "gender reveal" party in the home of Dr. Robert and Rhonda Braun of Wakarusa for Bryce and Shayla Maes, who are expecting their first child in May. Balloons and cupcakes revealed that it is a boy! This will be the first great-grandchild for the Wilsons.
Keith and Rosanna Wilson spent Christmas evening with her parents, Duane and Marge Hundley, of Holton. Their children, Krista Childs and Matt Wilson, and some of their other families also attended.
Lori Burdick, Bailey and Afton spent Christmas Eve at our home, where we enjoyed a nice evening meal together and opened our Christmas gifts.
Kenny Wykert spent Christmas Day at the home of Larry and Julie Wykert and family of Topeka. Gerald Wykert, Larry's dad, also joined them for the day.
Bob and I enjoyed Christmas Day at the home of his mother, Maxine Lewis, of Holton, with a soup and sandwich lunch and the interesting event of our gift exchange. Others

attending were Merlin and Judy Arnold, Kim and Chris Marten, Brady and Mitchell, Lori Burdick, Bailey and Afton, Shelley and Kevin Crowson, Colin and Aubrey and Ronnie Arnold, Dusty and Tara.
Don and Deloris Beam had their children, grandchildren, Deloris' brother and sister-in-law, Don and Evie VanDonge, and Deloris' daughter-in-law's father, Roger Toelkes, at their home for Christmas Day dinner. They had about 40 in attendance and 15 who were unable to be with them, due to other commitments. They all had a wonderful day.
Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson spent Christmas Day at the home of Dennis and Denise Moriarty, Shelby and Kylie Moore of Hoyt and Doug Hutchinson of Mission. They had a delicious meal and then a gift exchange. They stopped at the home of Tim and Sandee Morris of Holton and enjoyed seeing their three daughters and families.
Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson went to the Golden Corral in Topeka on Sunday, Dec. 27, for a Christmas celebration with Pastor and Mrs. Luke C. Brown of Aliceville, Aaron and Megan Duree and Benjamin from Burlington, Colo., and Tyler Duree of Topeka. Marsha Morris also stopped by to see everyone before the Durees returned to Colorado on Monday. They are afraid of the storms coming this way.

Public Notice

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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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 31
*The JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 362-7021.
*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Use the south door.
*New Year's Eve.

Friday, Jan. 1
*New Year's Day.
*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

Saturday, Jan. 2
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Sunday, Jan. 3
*Attend the church of your choice.
*AA meeting in the basement of the Mayetta Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 4
*The Jackson County Board of

County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name place on a meeting agenda.
*Holton City Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Holton City Hall.
*Delia City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Delia City Hall.
*Netawaka City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Netawaka City Hall.
*The Soldier Senior Citizens will meet at noon at Soldier City Hall for a regular potluck lunch. Visitors are always welcome.
*School resumes for Holton, Jackson Heights and Prairie Hills students.
*4 p.m. Jackson Heights and Holton Varsity/Junior Varsity Scholars Bowl at Holton.
*No school for Royal Valley students (staff work day).

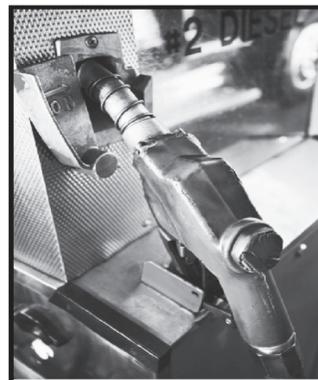
Tuesday, Jan. 5
*Hoyt City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Hoyt City Hall.
*Harvesters Food Distribution is held the first Tuesday of the

month from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Holton Veteran's Club and Holton 4-H Building. For more information, contact Janice Schweigan at 785-986-6653.
*HMS boys basketball pictures.
*School resumes for all Royal Valley students.

Wednesday, Jan. 6
*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.
*Mayetta City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Mayetta City Hall.
*Circleville City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Circleville City Hall.
*Effingham City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Effingham City Hall.
*FFA-CDE Topeka Farm Show.
*3:40 p.m. RVMS cheer pictures.
*6:15 p.m. RVHS Booster Club meeting.
*7 p.m. RVHS After Prom meeting.

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Year In Review...

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Doris Hill Winters, a 1940 graduate of Holton High School, was named HHS Alumna of the Year during activities held over Memorial Day weekend as hundreds of alumni returned to their old alma mater for the annual Glory Days celebration and related events. And two recent HHS graduates — Karl Wilhelm and Dean Klahr — were named to state FFA offices for the next year, the first time in Holton's history that two from HHS were so honored.

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church marked its 100th anniversary of existence on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation this month. Laura Thackery, one of the organizers of the celebration and a member of the church for 28 years, said Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann would conduct a special mass at the church.

June

After a wetter-than-normal May that saw Jackson County lifted out of an ongoing drought situation, the county received more rain in recent days that caused flooding of area roads and properties, as well as the declaration of a local disaster emergency by the Jackson County Commission. Rain contributed to the closing of nearly three dozen roads and intersections in the county.

Members of Bravo Company got together for the first time at a graveside remembrance for their fallen brother, SP4 Danny Petersen, since they were together in Vietnam, according to Petersen's company commander, Fred Drew, who organized a weekend gathering of the company. The gathering was a time, Drew said, to remember Petersen's sacrifice and to honor his family, as well as the families of the men who served.

With construction of the new livestock barn and arena building at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex south of Holton complete, the new fairgrounds are ready to host this year's Jackson County 4-H Fair. The annual event announced its schedule this month.

The Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education voted to fulfill one of its long-term goals this month, approving a proposal that would enable construction of a new six-lane track. Board members accepted a proposal from Wichita's United Sports Systems to tear out the old JHHS track and put down a new six-lane asphalt track with a half-inch rubberized surface at a likely cost of \$420,000.

Holton Community Hospital is no longer under the management of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, according to Carrie Saia, HCH CEO. This spring, HCH refinanced revenue bonds that were used to construct the hospital, and the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth is no longer the guarantor of those bonds. In addition, Saia, who has served as HCH's CEO as a St. Francis employee, has now been hired outright by HCH.

Forging his path as an undrafted free agent, former HHS football player Forrestal Hickman has now signed a contract with the NFL's San Diego Chargers. Hickman tried out at rookie mini-camps for both San Diego and the Cincinnati Bengals earlier this summer, as well as having a workout with the Green Bay Packers, and it was seemingly only a matter of time before the former Wildcat officially made an NFL roster.

Doctors Don and Amy Sunday, both licensed veterinarians, are the new owners and operators of Heartland Veterinary Health Center, L.L.C. in Holton. Amy, a Netawaka native, worked with Dr. Tim Parks at the clinic for two years before the opportunity arose for the young couple to purchase the business. The Sundays took ownership of the clinic on June 1.

The governing board for Kanza Mental Health and Guidance Center voted to purchase part of the Moser Building Complex in Holton (the old hospital building located at the corner of Fifth Street and Kansas Avenue) for an estimated price of \$330,000, it was reported. Kanza's request to have Jackson County as the sponsor for a \$740,000 Community Development Block Grant to remodel that part of the building, however, has not yet gained favor with the county commission.

Jackson County's assessed valuation has increased by \$4.764 million, according to the estimated assessed valuations certified earlier this month for counties, cities and school districts. The assessed value of all real estate, state assessed utilities, personal property, oil and gas in the county has been set at \$104,006,032, up from last year's \$99,241,720. The increase is good news for county commissioners as they prepare to determine the county's operating budget for 2016.

Area residents mourned the death of a Holton barber whose presence on the south side of Holton's Town Square spanned more than half a century. Bob Morgan, known as "Barber Bob" to all who knew him, died June 27 at a Topeka hospital at the age of 71. Morgan had worked as a barber in the same shop in Holton since February 1963 — more than 52 years, it was reported.

July

The Jackson County Commission is considering whether to lease a

portion of Banner Creek Reservoir to the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks for special hunting opportunities. The special hunts on private lands program is a part of the department's hunter recruitment and retention program, Pass It On. The commission rejected the program later in the month, however.

As Holton Municipal Swimming Pool lifeguards work with younger swimmers on helping them improve their water skills, the City of Holton works to keep the pool afloat while seeking the cause of a water leak at the historic pool. City commissioners learned that replacement of a water valve at the pool — originally identified as the possible cause of a water leak that is reportedly causing the pool to lose up to 10,000 gallons of water a day — did not fix the problem.

Burn permit holders in Jackson County will be required to obtain a new permit before the end of the year, according to a resolution approved by the Jackson County Commission this month. The new permits will now expire every two years, and the fines for burning without a permit, or during a time when burning is banned, have increased to no less than \$500.

The Jackson County Fair was held in full for the first time this year at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex south of Holton — that is, except for the fair parade, which was still held in Holton. Longtime 4-H supporters Gerald "Corky" Albright and wife Jeri were named grand marshals of the parade.

Significant rainfall in May and June has been the biggest challenge farmers and garden enthusiasts have faced in northeast Kansas as they harvest their crops and put up hay this summer, according to David Hallauer, Meadowlark District Extension agent. "Everyone is doing their best to get in their fields between storms," Hallauer said, noting bad quality on winter wheat due to the storms and an average brome harvest.

The Holton City Commission approved a \$910,810.20 bid from Kansas Heavy Construction of Topeka for removal of existing streets and construction of new concrete streets at the Holton Industrial Park. The construction company was one of three that submitted bids for the industrial park road project, and Bruce Rinkes of Holton's King and Associates Engineering said all bids were well below the engineer estimate of \$975,000.

As construction on the new Holton Elementary School continues and the 2015-16 school year approaches for students at Colorado Elementary School, pick-up and drop-off routes are changing for students and parents as the 500 block of Colorado Avenue, in front of the school's main entrance, is now closed. A cul-de-sac will be built to accommodate parents who prefer to drop their children off and pick them up at the main entrance.

The Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Bureau is without leadership and may not be held this year unless someone steps up to help, it was reported. Evangel United Methodist Church's serving team had coordinated the Christmas Bureau, but in December, organizers announced they were stepping away from their leadership roles and seeking one or two people to spearhead the event in 2015. Since then, no one has agreed to lead the event.

August

Bettis Asphalt and Construction submitted a bid of \$1,987,385 for the Banner Road extension west across U.S. Highway 75 into property where a parking lot for the new Walmart is expected to be built in the near future. However, city leaders were not sure that the Kansas Department of Transportation — which is providing funds for the Banner extension — would accept Bettis' bid, since it was the only one received. KDOT later rejected the bid.

The need for expansion at Beck-Bookman Library in Holton, both for additional meeting space and more room for its children's area, has prompted the library's board of trustees to purchase the house and lot located immediately north of the library. The board voted to buy the house and lot north of the library so that those two aspects of the library's service to the community can be expanded. Trustees are also seeking public input on the matter.

Four Head Start Centers in northeast Kansas are set to close, representatives from NEK-CAP, Inc. announced. A total of 59 students will be affected by the closings. The Head Start Program at the NEK-CAP facility in Holton will continue to operate, it was reported. Centers in Sabetha, Oskaloosa, Wamego and Troy are being closed for several reasons, according to a press release issued by the Northeast Kansas Community Action Program.

A Holton man died as the result of an accident east of Circleville, according to a report from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Tim Morse said Gary M. Swindale, 21, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred at about 11:50 p.m. Aug. 8 on 254th Road about two and a half miles east of Circleville. Swindale became the county's second traffic fatality of

the year.

The county's third traffic fatality occurred when a 23-year-old St. Marys man died as the result of a one-vehicle accident on Aug. 19 on the Potawatomi reservation, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol. KHP reported that Artak Nicholas McCarthy lost control of his vehicle for unknown reasons. McCarthy's 1993 Honda left the road to the south, striking some trees, and he was pronounced dead at the scene, according to KHP.

A Jackson County resident who had been at large after leading law enforcement on an Aug. 1 manhunt has been captured in northeastern Oklahoma, according to Sheriff Morse. Danny Ross Adams, 25, of Denison, was picked up by law enforcement in Pryor, Okla., after the Jackson County Sheriff's Office received information that Adams may have been headed to Oklahoma, Morse said.

The Jackson County Commission has approved a new one-year contract with Jackson County EMS for ambulance services. The new contract represents a \$65,000 increase over the previous one and will begin Jan. 1, 2016, after it was reviewed by County Counselor Alex Morrissey. Jackson County EMS will receive \$252,000 total in county funding next year to provide ambulance services in the county.

On Aug. 30, officials from Onaga-based Community HealthCare System will cut the ribbon on the newly-expanded Community Hospital Onaga, a facility that CHCS Director Eric Bjelland says is "really exciting." Nearly 60 years after the existing Community Hospital Onaga opened its doors, the new hospital building marks the start of a new era for residents of the communities served by CHCS.

At the end of the month, Jennifer Shaw announced that she would be stepping down as the director of the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Emergency Food Pantry after serving in that role for four years. Alecia O'Byrne has agreed to serve as the new director of the pantry, which operates out of the Holton First Christian Church basement.

The Jackson County Commission is proposing the same mill levy for the county's 2016 budget, but more taxes will be collected since the county's assessed valuation has increased from last year. The county commission is proposing a 73.764 mill levy for the next fiscal year, which is the same levy used in 2015. In 2014, the county levied 72.869 mills, and in 2013, the county's mill levy was set at 71.028 mills.

Jackson County District Court Judge Micheal Ireland was remembered as a "very efficient" judge and an exemplary human being following his death on Aug. 29 at a Topeka hospital after suffering a cardiac arrest a few days earlier at the Jackson County Courthouse. Ireland, a Holton native who had served as district court judge since 2006, also served for several years as the Jackson County Attorney.

Six of the 32 senior housing units currently under construction as part of the Prairie View Senior Residences complex at the south end of Holton are expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of October, according to Homestead Affordable Housing president and CEO Tom Bishop. Anyone interested in leasing any of the units in the new senior housing complex, located near the intersection of First Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, should contact Bishop soon.

Let us know!

Let us help you get the word out about club activities — bring your news item to *The Holton Recorder* office at 109 West Fourth Street in Holton; mail to *The Holton Recorder*, P.O. Box 311, Holton, Kansas, 66436; fax the news to 364-3422; call 364-3141; or e-mail (please include your name and telephone number) holtonrecorder@embarq-mail.com

Kansas Caucus...

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In the caucus system, voting is conducted at local party meetings and is done by raising hands or breaking up into groups, whereas primary elections involve secret ballots. In Kansas, only members registered with each political party can participate in their parties' respective caucuses, while the Democrat caucus allows those not registered with the party to do so at the caucus.

As for the candidates themselves, Republican candidates must pay a filing fee of \$15,000 to register for the Kansas caucus, while the filing fee for Democrat candidates is \$4,500.

Both parties will hold caucuses on Saturday, March 5. Democrats will host "local unit conventions,"

Senior Meals...

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The Denison Senior Center opened in 1979 with a dedication ceremony that featured then Gov. John Carlin. The center was established with a grant from CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training and Administration) program, which was a state program.

After the grant ended in 1983, the county commissioners agreed to fund the senior meal program, it was reported.

The meals at the Jackson County Senior Center are free to anyone who is 60 or older, but a \$1 to \$3 donation per meal is suggested. Reservations must also be made by calling (785) 364-3571. The meals at the center are part of the Title III-C Nutrition program, and a dietitian approves the menu.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. at the Holton center each day, but people show up earlier to participate in a variety of social activities, such as card games, puzzles or pool. An exercise class is also offered a few days a week and people also spend time painting and making crafts and jewelry.

The Jackson County Senior Center will be closed on New Year's Day.

or first-tier caucuses, to elect delegates to Congressional district caucuses by presidential preference, it was reported.

Thirty-seven delegates will be chosen to attend and vote at the Democratic National Convention, set for July in Philadelphia, Pa. Four of the delegates will be pledged party leaders and elected officials; the remaining 33 will include 22 district delegates chosen based on caucus votes in the state's four congressional districts and 11 to be chosen based on the statewide caucus vote.

On the Republican side, 40 delegates to the Republican National Convention, set for July in Cleveland, Ohio, will be chosen based on voting results in the March caucus. Each of the state's congressional districts will be assigned three national delegates; the rest will include 25 statewide delegates and three party

delegates, including the national committeeman, the national committeewoman, and the chair of the Kansas Republican Party.

In Kansas, the Republican presidential candidate chosen in the past two caucuses — Mike Huckabee in 2008 and Rick Santorum in 2012 — did not go on to win the party's national presidential nomination, won by John McCain in 2008 and Mitt Romney in 2012. On the Democrat side, Barack Obama received Kansans' support in 2008 over Clinton and was supported for re-election in 2012.

The caucus system was reportedly the original way in which political parties chose candidates. However, people began to feel that the secret ballot was a fairer, more democratic system, and so states began to move to the primary election system in the early years of the 20th century, it was reported.

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