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Commission hears plan for counseling services at jail

By Ali Holcomb

Discussions between Jackson County Commissioners and David Elsbury, KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center CEO, continue regarding inmate mental health care.

At a recent county commission meeting, Elsbury discussed a plan for the mental health center to provide routine outpatient admission evaluations and counseling services to county inmates at the Jackson County Jail.

In a proposed contract for 2016, Elsbury said that KANZA could provide routine admission evaluation and counseling services at the jail on a regular, weekly basis for one day a week for three hours. The amount of time could be increased if agreeable by both parties.

Elsbury also said that, as part of a new contract, KANZA would deliver mental health services to the inmates identified as needing such services by the staff at the jail. The names of the inmates seeking mental health services would need to be submitted to KANZA employees 24 hours before they would be scheduled to

come to the jail for counseling and evaluations.

Elsbury said that KANZA staff are able to conduct 30 minute sessions with inmates for routine services. Admission evaluations, however, require at least an hour, he said. Routine mental health services are separate from emergency, crisis or screening services.

The block of time would be scheduled for the same day of the week and preferably in the afternoon for more dependable scheduling of the room to be used, Elsbury said.

KANZA will deliver services routinely by the same provider unless they are unavailable due to illness or leave time, he said. Routine mental health services would also be delivered face to face at the detention center as part of the proposed contract.

KANZA would also provide the jail staff with the professional qualifications of the providers delivering services and would also be in compliance with other training requirements, Elsbury said.

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John Haug of Haug Construction worked an excavator through the back of the property behind Beck-Bookman Library in Holton this morning, clearing the area of debris and trees to prepare for the eventual demolition of the home. The library's board of trustees recently purchased the home, which is located just north of the library, to serve as additional space for meetings and activities for children.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

2015 In Review: Last four months recalled

The Holton Recorder wraps up its review of the events of 2015 with a look back at what happened in the Holton and Jackson County area from September through December.

September

The first month of fall brought with it the return of Jackson County's small town festivals, the annual Jazz on the Square event with Grammy-winning Holton native Jim Seelye and the annual 9/11 remembrance on the Town Square. It also brought awareness that flu season is just around the corner, and Jackson County Health Nurse Angie Reith said that an "adequate supply" of flu shots was expected for this year.

Jennifer Godfrey and Jennifer Ingels, both of Holton, stepped up and volunteered to serve as the co-directors of this year's Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Bureau. "We just want people to know that the Christmas Bureau is back on again for this year," Godfrey said. Godfrey said that after reading the news stories in The Holton Recorder about no one taking leadership of this year's bureau, she decided to volunteer.

Jackson County Senior Services Director Cheryl Hamlin, who knows that the Jackson County Senior Center at Holton is more than just a meal site for area residents, is set to retire as the director of the county senior program at the end of November after serving in that role for 17 years. She has worked for the county for a total of 36 years, serving in the treasurer's department for 19 years. Amanda Spalding was hired on Sept. 2 to serve as the new director.

While construction continues at the new Holton Elementary School building, an encroaching deadline made another project the center of discussion at the USD 336 school board meeting this month. Renovations at the Holton High School auditorium have been a topic addressed by the board on and off for more than a year now. Serious discussion culminated this summer with HHS Principal Rod Wittmer bidding out the various phases of the project.

The Royal Valley school board is seeking community input on whether the district should develop and implement a policy that would allow students to be randomly tested for drugs. Board members agreed during their meeting this month that they want to hear the opinions of community members before taking any steps to develop a random drug testing policy.

A total of 29 military veterans from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars joined 19 Jackson Heights High School student guardians for the

school's sixth Honor Flight, the first trip made in three years and also the first to incorporate a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where veterans and students were able to witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center finalized the purchase of the Moser Building, the former Holton Community Hospital building, it was announced this month. The purchase of the building was finalized following several years of the board considering options to acquire a building that would provide a single site for the center's outpatient and community-based service operations in Jackson County.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church parishioners in Mayetta noted the church's centennial with a special mass and dinner presided by Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, it was reported. The church and its members have been an established part of the community for 100 years, and 120 families currently attend mass services each week.

October

Two motorists, including a Holton man, became the county's fourth and fifth traffic fatalities of the year over the first weekend of October. Phyllis S. Martin, 59, Berryton, was killed in a two-vehicle traffic accident occurring Oct. 2 on U.S. Highway 75 at 134th Road, shutting down northbound traffic on the highway for nearly five hours. On Oct. 3, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported that Edward H. Hollingdale, 58, Holton, was found dead after a traffic accident that reportedly occurred east of Netawaka.

A "Silver Alert" was issued for a rural Mayetta resident who has been missing for several days. Joan M. Rebar, 70, a resident of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, was reportedly last seen in the Meriden area on Sept. 25. Rebar was believed to have been driving from Meriden to the reservation, crossing northern Shawnee County and southern Shawnee County. It was noted that Rebar was driving a silver 2005 Chrysler Pacifica with a Kansas disabled tag.

Although rains received this spring in Jackson County pulled the area out of an ongoing drought, they also had a varying effect on the county's fall crops, with corn not doing as well as last year's record crop and soybeans starting to come in. Local experts noted that while many farmers reported that while many farmers reported "solid" corn yields this year, they were no match for last year's bumper crop.

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Hyten serves as county victim services coordinator

By Ali Holcomb

Through funding from a federal grant, a victim services coordinator has been hired for the county in order to offer free support services for victims of crimes.

Lisa Hyten (pictured), who was appointed to serve as that victim services coordinator, met with the Jackson County Commissioners recently to outline the services offered through the grant, as well as the goals of the position.



In October, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office was awarded a one-year \$85,636 Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant aimed to provide direct services to victims of crimes. The grant funding is a result of the Victims of Crime Act, passed in 1984 under President Ronald Reagan, which created the Victims of Crime Act fund.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said that the VOCA fund does not depend on taxpayer dollars and instead is derived from fines and penalties incurred by offenders at the federal level.

In Kansas, the Governor's Grant Program administers these funds to qualifying agencies.

"The Jackson County Sheriff's

Office is one of only a handful of law enforcement agencies receiving this type of grant funding in Kansas," Morse said.

Hyten, who has an office at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, told commissioners that the grant is "up and running" and outlined the paperwork and reporting that must be completed as part of the grant.

"There's paperwork that must be done daily, quarterly and monthly for the grant," Hyten said.

She said she has three goals for the newly created position.

"The first goal is to allow victims to have immediate access to services," she said. "Our goal is to serve 100 people by the end of the year, and we've already served 31

(which includes primary and secondary victims). So we're well on our way."

Hyten said her second goal is to provide ongoing support to victims throughout their cases in the court system.

"Right now we have a 94 percent participation rate by victims in the courts," she said.

The third goal is to make sure that, as a community, crimes are addressed as a team and that everyone is well trained and works with other departments for prevention.

"You have a great team that is already set up here that works well together," she said.

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Willcott renovating building for microbrewery

By Brian Sanders

Sean Willcott's fascination with brewing his own beer began nearly a decade ago when the Holton man received a Mr. Beer home-brewing kit for a Christmas present.

"I brewed a Canadian pilsner," Willcott said. "It was horrible."

But that experience inspired Willcott to try again, and over time, he says his homemade brews have gotten better. He's currently involved in renovation work on a building right next door to the old Rainbow Hall on Fourth Street just west of Holton's Town Square with the goal of opening his own "microbrewery" here before the end of 2016.

His plan is to join the "explosion" of small-scale breweries in the north-eastern Kansas area that produce different kinds of beers, such as Kansas City's Boulevard Brewing Company, Lawrence's Free State Brewery or Manhattan's Tallgrass Brewing Company.

"Here in the last five years or so, you've really seen an explosion of craft breweries here in the Midwest," Willcott said. "But we're about five to 10 years behind the east and west coasts — maybe 15 years. You go to San Diego, or North Carolina or New York — those areas have been in craft beer since the '80s."

Still, Willcott said his plan is to "have fun" with his microbrewery mission, which grew from that first batch of Canadian pilsner into a hobby that has seen him brewing several different types of beer, "all the way from a blonde ale right up to a barrel-aged stout."

"At the time I got started, the only thing I drank, beer-wise, would have either been free beer or Bud Light," he said. "So it was kind of a new step for me. I was really intrigued by the idea of making your own beer."

That intrigue grew when he received the tools to brew five-gallon batches of beer.

"I got hooked," he said. "I enjoyed making it. I was constantly modify-

ing my homebrew system to make beer, and I would modify it again to make it a little bit easier."

Willcott said he has brewed ales more than any other kind of beer, mainly because of "the ease of not having to lager it," he said, referring to the process of maturing the brew in cold-storage and with bottom-fermenting yeast. Most mass-produced American beers, such as Budweiser or Coors, are classified as pale lagers.

There are several different kinds of ale, and in recent years, the India Pale Ale, or IPA, has become one of Willcott's favorite brews, as it has with craft brew aficionados across the country. He also brews a wheat beer that his wife, Jennifer, "really, really likes."

His dream of opening a microbrewery in Holton moved closer to reality this past March, when the Holton City Commission approved a recommendation to update the city's zoning regulations to allow microbreweries in the city.

"That was a must," he said of the commission's action in March. "Without that, this would have been all for naught."

Some clean-up work on the building had been taking place for the past year, but the majority of construction and renovation work began on Oct. 1, when Willcott took over the building next door to Rainbow Hall from Ed and Kathy McKenzie of Holton.

Willcott noted that he hasn't put together a brew in "about six months," because he's been busy renovating the building in accordance with his

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Sean Willcott (shown at left in the photo at right, with daughter Natalie) is in the process of renovating an old building in the 200 block of West Fourth Street in Holton for the eventual opening of a microbrewery.

Photo by Brian Sanders



**TUESDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST:
CLOUDY/SUNNY MIX, HIGH OF 42**

Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Denise M. Diamond, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$228.

Daniel L. Hysten, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, found guilty.

Jewel A. Rawls Jr., purchase/consumption of alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverage by a minor, \$358.

Dustin D. Spencer, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$239.

Civil

Dispositions
Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Leeanna Acker, sought judgment of \$1,400.21 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Limited Civil

Dispositions
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jeffrey Davis, sought judgment of \$2,323.75 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Thomas W. Bontrager, sought judgment of \$688.10 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Frank Mewhinney, sought judgment of \$697 plus interest and court costs; granted.

The Farmers State Bank vs. Sandra L. and Scott D. Allen, sought judgment of \$244.52 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Filed
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Dawn M. Pence

and Bryan Pence, seeking judgment of \$144.93 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Philip G. Flewelling and Misty D. Flewelling, seeking judgment of \$489.15 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Julie A. Smith and Walter R. Smith, seeking judgment of \$461.92 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. John L. Troxel Sr. and Deitra Troxel, seeking judgment of \$191.24 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Katherine Cain, seeking judgment of \$142.50 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jess Misenhelter, seeking judgment of \$392.63 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Amy Hewitt, seeking judgment of \$612.85 plus interest and court costs.

Pulmonary and Sleep Associates P.A. vs. Robert C. Ireland, seeking judgment of \$2,112.53 plus interest and court costs.

Educational Credit Union vs. Dorian J. French and Jenny L. Simpson, seeking judgment of \$781.02 plus interest and court costs.

Denison State Bank vs. Dylan T. McGinnis, seeking judgment of \$3,378.97 plus interest and court costs.

Denison State Bank vs. Morningstar S. Pelcher, seeking judgment

of \$310.01 plus interest and court costs.

Barclays Bank Delaware vs. Wendy L. Cook, seeking judgment of \$4,410.92 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Filed
Annetta Browning vs. Wendy Cook, seeking judgment of \$3,791.83 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal

Filed
State of Kansas vs. Kenneth J. Martin, Mayetta, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Kenneth J. Martin, Mayetta, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty.

State of Kansas vs. Eris S. Hopkins, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Jeremy L. Loader, Tecumseh, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Domestic

Filed
In the matter of the marriage of Amy C. Holthaus and Lance W. Holthaus, seeking divorce.

Kinsley Kaye Holthaus, by and through her next friend Ashley Holthaus vs. Dylan McClane, seeking determination of paternity plus custody and support judgment.

Meriden woman hurt in recent accident

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents, including one in which a Meriden woman was injured.

■ At 3:07 p.m. on Nov. 28, Laura Pollom, 31, Meriden, was traveling east on 114th Road near W.6 Road when she lost control of her vehicle on a curve. Pollom overcorrected her 1997 Jeep and the vehicle left the road and rolled onto its driver's side.

The vehicle sustained damage all along its left side that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene. Pollom was transported by Jackson County EMS to a Topeka hospital for treatment of injuries.

■ At 11:50 a.m. on Dec. 17, Kenneth Clark, 33, Holton, was traveling west on 198th Road near U.S. Highway 75 when the passenger in his vehicle became sick and he allegedly became distracted. Clark's vehicle left the road and struck a fence and post owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Clark's 1995 Chrysler sustained damage to its front bumper and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 2:54 a.m. on Dec. 20, Kim

Ross, 65, Holton, was traveling south on U.S. 75 near 266th Road when his 1998 Chevrolet struck a deer in the road. The Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 6:30 a.m. on Dec. 21, Jorge Esparza, 18, Omaha, Neb., was driving south on U.S. 75 near 192nd Lane when he allegedly fell asleep and his vehicle left the road. The vehicle then struck a power pole owned by Westar Energy and a mailbox owned by Jerry Searles of rural Holton.

The 2010 Nissan Esparza was driving sustained damage to its undercarriage, front bumper, rear bumper, wheels, hood and rear right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 1:11 a.m. on Dec. 22, Trevor Smith, 39, Muscotah, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 116 near V Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. The impact caused the vehicle to skid into a small culvert on the south side of the highway.

Smith's 2003 Dodge sustained damage to its front bumper and right side that was listed at more than \$1,000.

KHP has busy Christmas

The Kansas Highway Patrol has released preliminary data from its Christmas weekend holiday activity. The reporting period for the holiday weekend ran from 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24, through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 27, 2015.

During that timeframe, KHP did not work any fatal crashes. In 2014, one non-alcohol related death occurred on Kansas roads, and one death related to alcohol was reported.

Other reports include:
* Seven arrests related to driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, compared to 17 in 2014.

* A total of 550 speed citations were given, which is a decrease from the 642 given in 2014.

* A total of 479 speed warnings were given, compared to 641 given in 2014.

* Fifty-eight adult seatbelt citations and one teenage seatbelt citations were issued, which is less than the 70 adults citations and three teenage citations given the year before.

* Nine citations for improper child restraints were noted, which is down from 16 noted in 2014.

* A total of 731 motorists were assisted by KHP this Christmas, compared to 988 motorists last year.

KHP notes that the 2014 reporting period was one day longer than the 2015 reporting period. For 2014, data was collected from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014.

Pottawatomie Co. burglar arrested

A Wamego man was arrested on burglary charges on Christmas Eve, according to Pottawatomie County Sheriff Greg Riat.

Shortly after 11:50 p.m. that day, sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence on William Drive in Manhattan on a report of a vehicle burglary in progress. The owner of the vehicle reportedly discovered someone inside his vehicle, which was parked in front of his home.

The victim contacted the sheriff's office and then approached the suspect, and the suspect fled on foot from the area, it was reported.

Deputies conducted an extensive search of the area with assistance from the Riley County Police Department but law enforcement were unable to locate the suspect.

A deputy with the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office who had re-

sponded to the burglary was able to identify a vehicle in the area that appeared out of place.

With this information, a suspect was developed and the investigation led deputies to a residence at 211 Walnut St. in Wamego.

On Christmas Day, a search warrant was served at that home, which was occupied by David Graham Phillips, 26. Items recovered during the search were reported to be stolen, as well as drug paraphernalia, Riat said. Phillips was arrested on charges of burglary, attempted theft and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

It was also discovered during this investigation that a second burglary had occurred at a residence on North Dwight Drive in Manhattan.

Riat said that this vehicle burglary likely occurred also during Christmas Eve, or early Christmas morning,

Man arrested in Pott Co. attempted murder case

An 18-year-old man from Louisville was arrested on attempted murder charges after a drive-by shooting occurred in Pottawatomie County on Tuesday, Dec. 29, it was reported.

Pottawatomie County Sheriff Greg Riat reported that a shooting occurred on Mt. Zion Road in rural St. George about 4:30 p.m.

Riat reports that, at that time, Dakota Blake Fair was allegedly driving a blue 2001 Buick LeSabre when he allegedly fired a gun from the vehicle at a red 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Tyrel C. Britton, 23, Westmoreland.

Just before 5 p.m., the Pottawatomie County Sheriff Dispatch received a 911 call from a resident that a male was walking west of Lake Elbo Road on Mt. Zion Road and was bleeding. The resident also reported hearing a gunshot earlier, Riat said.

Sheriff deputies, as well as emergency medical and fire units responded to the area, and identified the victim as Britton. Riat said that

Britton allegedly identified Fair as the person who shot him and that a female passenger was in Fair's vehicle during the incident. Britton was then life flighted from the scene to a Topeka hospital for treatment of injuries.

That evening, sheriff's deputies searched the area west of Louisville and also received reports on the whereabouts of Fair. At about 6:45 p.m. the female passenger, who was identified as Melissa Umscheid, 21, Wamego, was taken into custody and taken to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office to be interviewed about the incident.

At about 8:30 p.m., Fair was taken into custody at his residence at 16575 Cannonball Rd. in Louisville, Riat said.

Fair was transported to the Pottawatomie County Jail and charged with attempted murder.

Umscheid was also arrested on charges of criminal solicitation.

Riat said that the victim and suspect are believed to have known each other. Anyone will additional information about this incident is asked to contact the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office at 785-457-3353. At this time, Riat said no other suspects are being sought.

Arrests noted

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

■ On Dec. 18, Sherri Lee, 27, Holton, was arrested on a charge of attempted domestic battery.

■ On Dec. 19, Thomas McGinn, 32, Topeka, was arrested on a warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 21, Ronald Wilson, 39, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 21, Daniel Lee Smith, 50, Richmond, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

■ On Dec. 21, Thomas Coan, 26, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 22, Adriane Dunn, 32, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 23, Lauren Davis, 38, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 24, Angela Hadrin, 40, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 30, Shyrica Richardson, 22, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while suspended.

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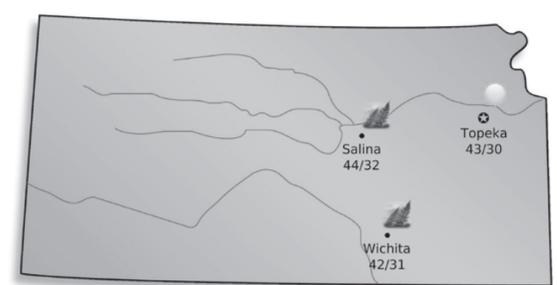
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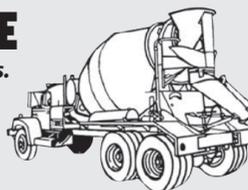
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MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin

5 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 3-9, 2011

Arcada Liquor in Holton, formerly known as Salts Retail Liquor Store, will be open for business on Jan. 3, it has been announced.

Chubbies Bar and Grill in Holton has opened its kitchen for business with the same recipes originally served for more than 30 years at Taste Freeze in Holton. Janice Tidwell and her daughter, Lindsey, opened Chubbies as a bar in mid-November, and right before Christmas, a full menu became available to patrons. Janice, who runs the kitchen, uses the same and true recipes of her parents, Gary and Mary Pruitt of Hoyt, used at the Taste Freeze until 1999.

Jeff Miller of Oldham's LLC in Holton donned a Santa Claus outfit and paid a Dec. 21 visit to the NEK-CAP Annie Laurie Johnson Child and Family Development Center in Holton with his "elves" in tow. Duffel bags filled with stocking caps, gloves, puzzles, books and toothbrushes were distributed to children in Head Start classes at the center.

During the Jackson Heights High School basketball games against Holton on Tuesday evening, Jan. 4, members of the Soldier Christian Church youth group held a sloppy joe fund-raiser to purchase a water well in Africa through the non-profit Active Water.

10 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 3-9, 2006

There's been a recent change of appearance at the former Cottage Market on the corner of Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue in Holton - it's shed its red metal exterior and will have a new appearance when it reopens later this spring as Boomers' Grill and Sports Bar, under the ownership of Pete and Gloria Stavropoulos.

Brenda Adkins of Holton has been announced as the new manager of Jackson County Rural Water District 3.

Pizza is a family affair for the owners of the new Buzzard's restaurant that opened on Monday, Jan. 9, on the corner of Fourth and New York streets in Holton. Jessica Watts and Luke Deeter will operate the restaurant, following the Buzzard's name and style of Watts' parents' business that opened in Lyndon 15 years ago.

Judy Ann Wilt has opened Leigh Ann Michelle's A Simpler Times Boutique on the west side of the Holton Square, it has been announced. The boutique sells a variety of "stuff that makes girls feel good," with goods such as nightgowns, pajamas, bedding and many other items that need not be confined to the bedroom.

25 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 3-9, 1991

As local community boosters envision a renewed and beautified downtown shopping area in Holton, they are starting from the ground up: a proposal for construction of new sidewalks around the Square was reviewed at a meeting of the Holton

Area Chamber of Commerce. George Gantz, local hotelier and chairman of the chamber's long-range planning committee, has proposed a self-funding program in which memorialized bricks purchased for \$35 could be used to build new sidewalks.

An expansion program at the Kansas State Bank in Holton is nearing completion. Most of the building's new exterior is finished, and interior work is expected to be completed in early February.

Holton football coach Mark Middlemist has been declared the official winner of the first-ever Holton Recorder college football bowl game prediction contest.

The Jackson Heights boys basketball team stunned previously unde-

feated Troy in a 53-52 score on Friday night, Jan. 4. The Cobras won the game on two clutch free throws by senior Dean Bowhay with two seconds remaining, it was reported.

50 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 3-9, 1966

Following approval by the congregation at its meeting last month, planning is proceeding for a new educational building for the Holton Presbyterian Church. The architect is preparing plans for a building 68½ feet long by 40 feet wide, which will be erected just north of the present church building. The new building will be two stories high and will have

classrooms and a pastor's study upstairs with a kitchen, classroom and fellowship hall on the first floor.

Two Holton construction firms engaged in highway work throughout the state of Kansas have won recognition for outstanding safety records during 1965. They are G.W. Baker, contractor, Old Highway 75, and Grundeman Construction Company, 415 E. Fourth St. Both went through the year with no lost-time accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eubanks have purchased the stock of Roy and Hazel Eubanks in the Eubanks Implement Co., Inc. in Holton and have become sole owners of the business. Under the new ownership, the business will be operated as the Eubanks Auto and Implement Company.

Public Notice

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CITY OF DENISON CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 5

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF DENISON, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-103 AND K.S.A. 14-201 RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE, TRANSITIONS TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, THE APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS, AND NOMINATION PETITIONS; AND, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT; AND REPEALING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DENISON, KANSAS:

Section 1: The City of Denison, Kansas by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution hereby elects to and does exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 14-13 and K.S.A. 14-201 that apply to this city, but are parts of enactments which do not apply uniformly to all cities.

Section 2: (a) The governing body shall consist of a mayor and five council members to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The mayor and council members shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Denison, Kansas.

(b) The governing body of the city may (but is not required) by ordinance, divide the city into wards and precincts, establish

the boundaries thereof, and number the same. No ordinance redefining wards and precincts shall become effective less than 30 days prior to the next regular city election.

Section 3: Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when the city officials elected in November 2017 general election take office. Those governing body positions with terms expiring in April 2019, shall expire on the second Monday of January 2020, when the city officials elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

Section 4: A general election of city officers take place on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 2017. Succeeding elections will be held every two years for all such governing body positions whose terms have expired. The council members shall have four year terms. The Mayor and city treasurer shall have a two year term.

Section 5: The mayor shall appoint, by and with the consent of the council, a municipal judge of the municipal court, city clerk, city attorney, and any other officers deemed necessary. Any officers appointed and confirmed shall hold an initial term of office of not to exceed one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Any officers who are re-appointed shall hold their offices for a term of one year and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The council shall by ordinance specify the duties and compensation of the office holders, and by ordinance may abolish any office created by the

council whenever deemed expedient.

Section 6: In accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, any person may become a candidate for city office elected at large by having had filed on their behalf, a nomination petition or a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by any fee required by law. The nomination petition must be signed by 10% of the qualified electors of the City of Denison.

Section 7: This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 8: This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final production unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c) (3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

Passed by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 21st day of December, 2015.

/s/ Bruce Sweany
Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Yvonne Hamer
City Clerk

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Good times and good food were shared at the annual Community Christmas Dinner, held on Christmas Day at the Evangelical United Methodist Church's Family Life Center. Submitted photo

Crops and Soils

Know your ag costs

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

Crops & Soils/Horticulture

I had the opportunity to read a very interesting article from Tina Barrett, executive director of Nebraska Farm Business, Inc. last week called "Five Resolutions for Farm Finances in 2016" (full text here: cropwatch.unl.edu/5-resolutions-farm-finances-2016 - it's worth 10 minutes of your time and she says it a lot better than I!).



It summarized nicely what KSU, UNL and many other land grant institutions and other agricultural economists are encouraging producers to think about as we look ahead to another production cycle. Most all agree that margins will be tighter in the future. For how long? It's anyone's guess!

What we do know is farm expenses will require a thorough evaluation moving forward. To that end, news columns through February will periodically share research information to help you make production decisions.

For example, the 2015 Kansas Field Research Report from KSU recently reported results from a study on late season nitrogen applications to soybeans showing that late season N applications did not statistically increase soybean yields at either Rossville (45 bushel/A yield) or Topeka (56 bushel/A yield). We'll try on a regular basis to share research like this to help you make economic decisions for your operation.

Let's hope this economic cycle isn't as gloomy as it sounds right now. If it is, try to use it as an opportunity to thoroughly evaluate all facets of your crop production enterprise.

Barrett states, "Those producers who are prepared to balance the tight rope of controlling ALL costs through these upcoming tough years

and are prepared to take advantage of opportunities to make money when they present themselves are the ones who will be in business in 10 years."

Now is the time to prepare to be in business a decade from now!
Soil Health Workshop - RSVP Reminder

Don't forget to get signed up for the Soil Health Meeting scheduled for Friday, Jan. 8 beginning at 9 a.m. (8:30 a.m. registration). RSVPs are due by Monday, Jan. 4 to the Nemaha County Conservation District Office at 785-336-2186, Extension 110. For a full flyer, check out the Crops & Soils link at www.meadowlark.k-state.edu. Hope you can attend!

Wildlife Benefits - To Christmas Trees!

Yep - you read the title correctly! There is life for Christmas trees after Christmas!

Trees can be used to benefit birds (and your landscape!) by propping it up in the corner of your deck or tying it to a deciduous tree in the landscape. Just spread some birdseed nearby or place next to a bird feeder. Birds will benefit from having escape cover nearby when hawks or cats threaten, and the dense boughs reduce the wind chill on a cold night. If you get some cardinals or blue jays attracted, you add color, too!

Fish habitat can be improved by sinking your Christmas tree in a pond where the branches provide substrate for water plants to grow, and cover for minnows and other forms of small aquatic life. Larger fish are drawn by the shade and the presence of prey, improving fishing! Simply tie the base to a cinder block with a short, stout rope, and toss it in (get permission first!).

Who knew what you used to leave to be hauled away could have such wildlife value!

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Kids' Coloring Activity

January

Frosty The Snowman

Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul
With a corncob pipe and a button nose
and two eyes made out of coal

Frosty the snowman is a fairy tale
they say
He was made of snow but the children
know how he came to life one day

There must have been some magic in
that old silk hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
he began to dance around

O Frosty the snowman
was alive as he could be
And the children say he could laugh
and play just the same as you and me

Thumpety thump thump
thumpety thump thump
Look at Frosty go
Thumpety thump thump
thumpety thump thump
Over the hills of snow

Frosty the snowman knew
the sun was hot that day
So he said "Let's run and
we'll have some fun
now before I melt away"

Down to the village
with a broomstick in his hand
Running here and there all
around the square saying
"Catch me if you can"

He led them down the streets of town
right to the traffic cop
And he only passed a moment when
he heard him holler "Stop!"

For Frosty the snow man
had to hurry on his way
But he waved goodbye saying
"Don't you cry, I'll be back again
some day"

Thumpety thump thump
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Look at Frosty go
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Over the hills of snow

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Some top news stories of 2015 listed

The top local news of the year here reflected investments in public education, health care and commerce, along with other notable events. The list below includes some of the top local stories covered by *The Holton Recorder*.

* The new Homestead Affordable Housing project brought 32 new senior residential units to Holton.

* Community Hospital of Onaga opened a new hospital facility. Through the Holton Family Health Center, Community Hospital of Onaga serves a portion of the Jackson County community.

* KANZA Mental Health purchased the old Moser Building in Holton and plans to bring all of its local mental health services under one roof after the building is renovated.

* Construction of the new Wal-Mart store in Holton started and plans call for a new store measuring

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at least twice the size as the current one.

* The new Wal-Mart store also caused plans to be made to extend Banner Road across U.S. Highway 75 to the west, at the south edge of Holton, where a new turn lane for Wal-Mart was built and a new traffic stop light will also be installed.

* Ground was broken for a new Family Practice Associates Clinic at Hoyt.

* The Holton High School football team showed much improvement and resilience over the 2015 season en route to qualifying for the Kansas Class 4A-Division II State Championship Football Game. Holcomb defeated Holton 21-0 for the state title on a cold, icy day at Salina, but nonetheless the 'Wildcats' football

title town reputation was continued.

* The Jackson Heights High School football team qualified for the Class 2A playoffs for the first time since 2002.

* A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for the new concrete-surfaced road that runs through Holton's Industrial Park. City commissioners hope the new road will help attract new business/industry to fill the four lots that are vacant in the Industrial Park.

* The Jackson County Commissioners, late in the year, toured an existing facility just north of Holton as a possible new home for the county barn where county-owned vehicles are worked on and repaired and on the same day they decided to purchase it for the county.

* Construction of the new Holton Elementary School for grades Pre-K through 5 got started in 2015 and, by the end of the year, the new school started taking shape. *David Powls*



The legend of Hugh Glass...

By Tom Isern

Just beginning to play in American theaters: *The Revenant*, based on a novel by Michael Punke, directed by Alejandro Iritu, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. The real star, however, is a legend - the mountain man Hugh Glass.

I've always had a quarrel with the heroic term, "mountain man." Truth be told, many if not most of the exploits that made the scouts, hunters, and trappers of the 19th-century fur trade into American heroes took place not in the mountains, but on the plains. For writers of Western tales, "plainsman" just lacked the cachet of "mountain man."



Certainly the events that made Hugh Glass a legend, and that figure in the new movie, took place on the prairies, especially along the Grand, Moreau, Cheyenne, and Missouri rivers. Like Daniel Boone or Davy Crockett, Glass was a real person. We know somewhat less of his factual biography than we do of Boone or Crockett. None of the backstories commonly told are reliably sourced.

A summary of the Glass legend appears on a historical marker near Shadepill Reservoir, in South Dakota. It describes Glass as a "loner" who was employed as a hunter with the pioneering party of trappers backed by William Henry Ashley and led up the Cheyenne in 1823 by Major Andrew Henry.

A grizzly bear attacked Glass while he was hunting. "Horribly mauled, he could not be moved," the text explains. Two men left to watch over him until he died instead "took his gun and accoutrements and left him."

Instead of dying as expected, Glass crawled and hobbled his way back 200 miles or more to the Fort

Kiowa on the Missouri River, re-joining the Ashley organization. And from there, the makers of legend take over. One of the two men who left Glass, John Fitzgerald, acquires no virtues in the legend-making. The other, Jim Bridger, is commonly portrayed as a youth who is led astray, but redeems himself.

Glass himself, broken-boned and maggot-covered, emerges as the ultimate survivalist, the man who could not be killed, who endured torture and thwarted starvation by eating just about anything. Often tellers of the Glass legend emphasize his determination to take revenge on Fitzgerald and Bridger.

The two greatest legend-makers are the epic poet, John Neihardt, and the epic novelist, Frederick Manfred. Neihardt lived for a while with his mother in a sod house in western Kansas and felt the call to be an epic poet while a boy in Nebraska. He is best known for his mystic classic, *Black Elk Speaks*. He published his long poem, "The Song of Hugh Glass," in 1915 and in 1949 included it in his longer compilation, *A Cycle of the West*.

Manfred, all 6'9" of him, is historically identified with the Big Sioux River country of South Dakota. He wrote many books, among them a series known as the *Buckskin Tales* including *Lord Grizzly*. Manfred's recounting of the Glass story, Manfred, I think, of all the tellers of the story, knew the country best. In fact, he crawled key parts of it, physically, in order to understand what Glass went through.

Here are the two commonalities in the works of Neihardt and Manfred: both authors think of the American West as a land of heroes, and they both turn the Glass legend into a story not of vengeance but of redemption - of forgiveness and healing.

I have to wonder how the story will fare in the retelling on the big screen this year. Stay tuned.

NOTE: Tom Isern is a professor of history at North Dakota State University and co-author of the *Plains Folk* column.

Agriculture up to the task

By John Schlageck
Kansas Farm Bureau

The end of agriculture in America is near. American agriculture will soon lose its competitive edge.

The high costs of producing food in America, compared with the costs in other countries, are pushing American producers out of business as competitors around the world develop enough to serve the same markets. Overseas producers with lower input costs will increasingly be able to undersell American producers.



Critics of American agriculture contend that crop yields will not keep up with population growth. Some predict by the year 2050, arable American farmland will decrease by nearly 200 million acres.

They also say water will become scarcer for agriculture, forcing a shift of farming to regions where rainfall is plentiful. Marginal rainfall regions like the western half of Kansas, eastern Colorado and the panhandles of Oklahoma and Texas may be destined to revert back to grassland.

Should this happen, the United States will cease to be a food exporter. Our new diet will contain less meat and dairy products, more grains and beans and a sparser variety of vegetables.

Are these startling new revelations or are they predictions of those totally out of touch with the business of farming and ranching?

It is hard for farmers and ranchers to stomach such predictions especially at this point in history when American agriculture remains the envy of the world.

There is no doubt that agriculture, like the rest of the U.S. economy, will continue to face challenges. True, this country is already impacted by

higher input costs, dwindling avenues of trade and the constant wrath of Mother Nature.

In spite of these challenges, farmers and ranchers remain dedicated to staying on the land and continuing in their chosen vocation. They, better than anyone, understand the land they depend on for their livelihood is finite.

Care for this critical resource continues to improve. Today's farmers are increasing their organic matter in the soil. With the continuing practice of no-till and reduced tillage farming, farmers continue to build organic matter and improve the soil tilth. There is no reason to consider this practice will be discontinued.

New and improved crop varieties are continually coming down the pike. Production practices continue to evolve and improve.

As for the question of scarce water, this is always a major concern in farm and ranch country. Producers constantly chart rainfall amounts and monitor weather conditions. In Kansas, farmers are aware of changes in the Ogallala Aquifer.

They are tuned into water and the conservation of this vital resource. Some, especially in the western half of the state are concerned about the potential of long-term climate change. If such a phenomenon should occur, there is the possibility Kansas could become more arid - more like New Mexico, for example.

Barring a major shift in our climate, crops will continue to be planted in western Kansas. Production could be less than now, but this land will be farmed and farmed wisely.

Without question, today's crop of agricultural detractors raises some interesting possibilities. But American agriculture is up to the task. This country has the minds, machinery and dedication to continue producing for people around the globe.

NOTE: John Schlageck is a commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas.

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A special groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Family Practice Associates clinic being constructed in Hoyt. The 1,820 square-foot facility will be located just north of Denison State Bank. Carrie Saia, Holton Community Hospital chief executive officer, announced last fall that Rural Health Resources of Jackson County had purchased land near the bank to build a new clinic off Kansas Highway 214.

Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle welcomed a donation this month from a retired Jackson County Corrections officer from Holton for the purchase of three "body cameras" to be worn by on-duty police officers. Holton resident Wayne Altenburg, whose donation made the purchase of the three Vista body cameras possible, said it's important to "make the stories consistent" in incidents involving police and the public.

Dianna Wilson, Dorothy and the late Joe Rogers, Jan and the late Harold Hodge and Paula Birkbeck Taylor have been named the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's Hall of Fame inductees for 2016, it was announced this month. They will be honored during an induction ceremony and banquet to be held in February 2016.

A Butler County resident with Holton ties was named the new director of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, it was reported. Elise McLeod, a native Kansan who has dedicated 25 years to promoting Chase and Butler counties, will become the Chamber's new director effective Nov. 30, replacing outgoing director Carolyn McKee. McLeod is doing some "occasional work" in the Chamber's office, starting this month under McKee's guidance.

Ten Jackson County-area attorneys sought the Jackson County District Court Judge position vacated by the recent death of Judge Micheal Ireland, according to the Kansas Office of Judicial Administration. Of those 10, Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller, Onaga-based attorney Chris Etzel and Wabaunsee County Attorney Norbert Marek were named the three top finalists for the governor's recommendation.

The Jackson County Commission announced it was considering a new county shop where road and bridge department vehicles and equipment could be maintained better. Commissioners have been evaluating the current shop, located at 525 Lowell Ave. in Holton. The shop was originally constructed in 1927, with an addition built in the 1930s, but is considered too small for the county's needs.

An Ozarkie resident was charged with attempted first-degree murder after an alleged shooting incident in Holton, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse. Joshua Joseph Myers was identified as the alleged shooter in the incident, which reportedly occurred shortly before 5 p.m. on Oct. 23 near the intersection of Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, Morse said.

November

A team of 11 young adults arrived in Holton soon for two months of service assignments that were to benefit disabled and older Jackson County residents and others, according to Tom Bishop, president and CEO of Holton's Homestead Affordable Housing. AmeriCorps NCCC has announced that the team will be helping Homestead in completing a variety of service assignments to benefit Jackson County residents.

Royal Valley USD 337 decided not to move forward with development of a random student drug testing policy at this time. After discussion on the topic this month, Royal Valley Board of Education members voted 5-2 against having administrators begin drafting a policy that would allow the district to conduct random drug testing on students. Later in the month, drug dogs from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office could be seen conducting drug searches at the school.

Jackson County commissioners decided that the county will no longer provide senior meals at the Denison senior center unless the numbers increase by the end of the year. In recent weeks, senior services directors have reported that the number of meals served at the Denison center has dropped to between two and six meals served a day. It was recommended that a meal site have at least 10 participants to remain open.

Commissioners toured and then agreed to purchase a building to serve as the new home for the county shop.

The commission signed paperwork to purchase a large shop building and seven acres of land currently owned by Forrester Truck Parts & Repair of Holton at a cost of \$350,000. The building and land are located north of the city at the intersection of 246th Road and U.S. 75.

More than 500 students and staff from Holton's Colorado and Central elementary schools and other invited guests left their mark on the new Holton Elementary School by putting their signatures on the final steel beam to be put into place in the new school building. Representatives of Nabholz Construction, which is building the new school, were on hand for a "topping off" ceremony for the new school, set to open for the 2016-17 school year.

In light of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce having "taken a loss" on this year's Jazz on the Square event, new Chamber director Elise McLeod asked the Holton City Commission to consider some extra financial aid for 2016. Commissioners told McLeod she would have that consideration after she noted that with the Jazz on the Square event, she would like to keep supporting acts for Holton native Jim Seeley "local, meaning the Kansas City area."

A Mayetta resident was charged with first-degree murder and drug charges following the Nov. 21 stabbing death of a Mayetta woman on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse. Wilson R. Noriega was taken into custody on the charges. The murder charge against Noriega stems from the stabbing death of Leann M. Sanchez, Morse said.

April Lemon is introducing northeast Kansans to the fine art of glass-blowing, as well as artwork by a variety of local artists, in her new shop in downtown Holton. Lemon recently opened More Than Lemons, a studio and gallery on the east side of the Holton Square at 424 Pennsylvania Ave. She provides a hands-on glass-blowing experience for individuals and groups of all ages and artistic backgrounds.

Burn permit holders in Jackson County - which currently includes more than 3,200 residents - will be required to apply for a new permit in person by Jan. 1. Pat Korte, director of emergency management for the county, said the new burn permits will be available at all fire department offices in the county starting Jan. 1 and will now expire Dec. 31 of every odd year.

Holton High School's Wildcat football team overcame a rough start to the 2015 fall season and earned another trip to the Class 4A-Division II state football championship in Salina. However, a combination of icy field conditions and the overpowering play of the Holcomb Longhorns led to Holton taking runner-up honors after getting shut out 21-0.

Denison State Bank of Holton is encouraging Jackson County Fair fans to put a few extra dollars into the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex's stocking this Christmas - and agreeing to match the donations of those extra dollars, up to \$100,000 through the end of the year. DSB officials called the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex "a tremendous asset to our area during summer 4-H fair time and all year long as a community event and activity location."

December

Wabaunsee County Attorney Norbert C. Marek Jr. was named the new Second District Court Judge for Jackson County. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback announced his appointment of Marek, a resident of Westmoreland, as the replacement for Judge Micheal A. Ireland, who died in late August. Marek was also city attorney for 11 communities and a municipal judge for several north central Kansas communities.

Also in December, Erich Campbell of Holton was appointed to serve as a magistrate judge for the Kansas Second Judicial District in Pottawatomie County. Campbell, a member of the Holton City Commission, said he would be resigning his position at the end of January. Commission positions held by Campbell and Dan Brenner are up for grabs in the April 2016 election, it was also noted.

Not long after the AmeriCorps team that's currently staying in Holton has left for its next work area, another team will be arriving to take its place. Tom Bishop, president and CEO of Holton's Homestead Affordable Housing, said this month that another team from AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian

Community Corps) will be arriving in Holton in early January for a three-month stay.

In recent years, a number of people from the Central American country of Guatemala have settled here. Holton ESL (English as a second language) program coordinator Michelle Evans notes the language of the 28 Guatemalan students settling in the Holton district is one of two different Mayan language dialects. That has prompted Evans to plan a special mission trip to that country in February to study the language and the culture there.

Dr. Lee Schnee and Dr. Vance Lassey have resigned from their positions at Holton Community Hospital, HCH CEO Carrie Saia confirmed. Dr. Schnee's last day at HCH is Jan. 2, and Dr. Lassey will work at the hospital until Feb. 16, it was reported. HCH administrators are seeking to replace those positions, and the hospital is in the process of notifying all of the doctors' patients. Both Dr. Schnee and Dr. Lassey have worked at the hospital since 2007.

A Topeka teen was ordered by a judge in Jackson County District Court to pay more than \$109 million to the family of a Holton boy who reportedly suffered permanent brain damage and other debilitating injuries as the result of an April 2014 incident. District Court Judge Janice D. Russell awarded a total civil judgment of \$109,974,689.98 against Koylen McKinney to the family of 2-year-old Romeo Whitebird, according to Topeka attorney Dan Lykins, who is representing Whitebird and his mother.

A Horton resident charged with sex-related crimes in Jackson County involving a 9-year-old girl will face sentencing in February after entering a plea deal made in Jackson County District Court. Dallas Bond entered a no contest plea to a felony charge of aggravated indecent liberties with a child after a hearing in which Kansas Second Judicial District Judge Jeff Elder granted a handful of state's motions regarding a trial that had been set to begin on Dec. 15.

Also in district court, a Sabetha resi-

dent convicted of sexual exploitation of a child will serve a 20-month prison sentence, less about a third of that time already spent in jail. Kansas Second District Chief Judge Gary Nafziger accepted a plea deal between Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller and defense attorney Christopher Etzel of Onaga that gave Daniel J. Thompson a full 20-month sentence with the Kansas Department of Corrections, less time already served.

Construction of the new Holton Elementary School for grades pre-K through 5 has reached the point that owner and construction contingency funds, held back intentionally to cover any foreseen geographic problems, can now be released to build the school the way it was originally designed. Also, parent surveys and meetings determined that there is enough interest to start up a new four-day community preschool program in the district once the new school is built.

Residents in the southern part of Jackson County who need extra help filling their pantries do not have to go far to find relief. Harvesters, a Community Food Network based in Topeka, has designated the Hoyt City Park as a distribution site for its monthly food drive. Food will be distributed there on the fourth Monday of every month, it was reported.

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.

After struggling to have at least 10 participants for lunch at the senior center in Denison for several months, the Jackson County Commission has agreed that the county will no longer rent the building and provide meals for seniors at that location. Dec. 31 was the last day that the county will transport senior meals to Denison.



Thompson

Rose Mary Thompson, 90, Pharr, Texas, died at her home Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, following an extended illness. She was a resident of Tropic Star Resort for 30 years.

She was born in Blue Grass, Iowa and prior to coming to Texas, she assisted her husband in his chiropractor office for 25 years.

She is survived by her two sons, Jim Thompson of Roseburg, Ore., and Harry A. Thompson III of Kennebunkport, Maine, and a sister, Anna Reynolds of Jasper, Ala. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry A. Thompson Jr.; her parents, Lawrence and Tessie Wilford; her sisters, Nellie Duffy, Margaret Strohbehn and Patricia Wilford; and brothers, Robert and Walter Wilford.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 2 at Tropic Star Resort Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wreaths Across America at www.wreathscrossamerica.org or Lottie Moon, a Baptist missionary organization at First Baptist Church-Pharr, 400 W. Ridge Rd., Pharr, TX 78577.

Online condolences may be sent to kredlerfuneralhome.com

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Wabaunsee

James Louis "Wasko Nebi" Wabaunsee, 45, Topeka, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at Select Specialty Hospital in Kansas City.

He was born Sept. 29, 1970, in Topeka, the son of Louis and Judith Hale Wabaunsee. He graduated from Seaman High School in 1989 and graduated from The University of Kansas School of Education in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in education. He received his master of physical therapy degree in 1995 at Mayo School of Health-Related Sciences in Rochester, Minn., and his doctorate in physical therapy at The University of Kansas School of Allied Health in 2010.

Mr. Wabaunsee worked for Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and was instrumental in forming vocational rehabilitation at Prairie Band Social Services. He also worked for St. Francis Rehabilitation and Holton Community Hospital Rehabilitation.

He was a member of the Drum Religion and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. He had served one term on the Potawatomi Tribal Council.

He married Natalie Jefferson on Aug. 26, 2005, in Topeka. She survives.

Other survivors include three daughters, Ishta, Madison and Amyah, all of the home; his parents, Louis and Judith Wabaunsee, Topeka; and a sister, Ursula Fish, Topeka.

Drum services were held Saturday at the Danceground Building west of Mayetta. Burial was held Sunday in the Matwe-Shobney Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the James Wabaunsee Memorials Fund, to be designated at a later date and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Holton Recorder 1/4/16

Obituary guidelines

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Broyles

John "Kenneth" Broyles, 86, of Delia, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2015 at Kelly House in Meriden.

He was born June 9, 1929, in Jackson County, the son of William Kenneth and Sarah Florence (Smiley) Broyles.

Kenneth graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1947. He was a life-long member of the Delia community as a farmer and stockman. Kenneth proudly served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953 during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Silver Lake United Methodist Church.

Kenneth married Ermyl M. Reeder on July 26, 1953, in Silver Lake. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include a daughter, Laura Anderson (Rick) of Meriden; a son-in-law, James Hunt of Garden Plains; and seven grandchildren, Jerrod, Jimmy and John Hunt and Chris, Matt, Daniel and Nathan Anderson. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Hunt, in 2012.

Graveside services were held Monday, Jan. 4 at the Walnut Hill Cemetery north of Silver Lake.

Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association or Grace Hospice, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Meggison

George E. Meggison, 92, Mayetta, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at Holton Community Hospital.

He was born Sept. 6, 1923, in Topeka, the son of Carroll L. and Clara I. Morand Meggison.

Mr. Meggison was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He served as a medic and a paratrooper in Australia, in the Philippines under Gen. Douglas MacArthur and in the occupation army in Sendia, Japan. He later was a truck driver and also managed the Clear Creek Oil Company in Hugoton. In his later years he worked at the Jackson County Landfill.

He married and divorced Phyllis Jean Hercules, Janetta Pierce and Dixie Riggles.

Survivors include a son, Steven Meggison, Mayetta; two daughters, Donna Meggison, Holton, and Melody Johnson, Huntsville, Ala.; a sister, Beverly Broughton, Topeka; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Harold Meggison, Ben Fickel and Homer Fickel; and two sisters, Nettie Proctor and Pearl Cowell.

Cremation is planned. Private inurnment will be held in Leavenworth National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Johnson Cancer Research Center at KSU or Disabled American Veterans, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Holton Recorder 1/4/16

Jenkins

Rita Jenkins, 85, Holton, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2015, at Holton Community Hospital.

She was born May 10, 1930, at Centralia, the daughter of Henry W. and Violet M. Houpt Jenkins. She graduated from Holton High School in 1948.

Miss Jenkins worked for Dr. Kendall in Holton for 22 years, then served as director of Jackson County Senior Citizens. She started the Senior Citizens Program in 1976 and retired Oct. 1, 1998.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and the Alpha Circle, serving as leader. She was the Memorial Committee chairperson and a trustee at the church. She also was a member of the Pilot Club of Holton and organized and started the first Brownie Troop in Holton.

Survivors include a sister, Wanda Jenkins, Holton; a brother-in-law, Paul Moser, Holton; two nieces, Terri Moser Gallup and husband Andy, Owasso, Okla., and Barbara Shea, Holton; two nephews, Wayne Shea and wife Lisa, Ottawa, and Gregg Moser, Holton; and five great-nieces and nephews, Dustin Gallup, Caitlin Shea, Connor Shea, Claire Shea and Callie Shea. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Bill Jenkins; and two sisters, Jo Alice Shea and Ila Rose Moser.

Cremation is planned. There will be no services per Miss Jenkins' request.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jackson County Friends of Hospice, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Holton Recorder 1/4/16

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Year in Review

KC celebrates World Series title 30 years in the making

While numerous county athletes and teams accomplished some amazing feats in the past year, I think it's safe to say that the sports story that dominated 2015 for many Kansans (including those in Jackson County) was the Kansas City Royals' championship performance.

After breaking a 28-year playoff drought and making a World Series appearance in 2014 (coming one game short of a title), it was clear KC was a team on a mission this past season.

The Royals started hot, winning their first seven games, and didn't look back on the way to a historic championship season, which included the team's first AL Central title and first division title in 30 years. In fact, KC posted a losing overall record in just one month (September) of the seven-month season.

One of the top teams in baseball from start to finish in 2015 (with the best winning percentage in the AL at the midway point), the year wasn't free of controversy for the team. With the Royals having eight of the top nine vote-getters in early All-Star balloting, there was some outcry from other fan bases and questions raised about changing the system.

When all was said and done, though, four Royals ended up starting for the American League in the Midsummer Classic while a record seven total were selected to participate, with catcher Salvador Perez being the first Kansas City player to make back-to-back starts since Hall-of-Famer George Brett.

For all the brouhaha the voting caused, the KC players helped the AL lock up home field advantage in the World Series with a 6-3 win over the NL. Royals' center fielder Lorenzo Cain was directly responsible for one of those runs, connecting for an RBI double as part of a three-run fifth inning that helped secure the victory.

Kansas City didn't slow down after the All-Star break, either. In fact, the Royals seemed to continue to be fueled by an "us against the world" mentality. The team was out to prove 2014 was no fluke.

To help do that, team management

made a push before the trade deadline to bring in some key pieces to help in Kansas City's championship run. General manager Dayton Moore did it without selling the farm, too, giving up a handful of relievers to bring in do-it-all utility player Ben Zobrist and charismatic starting pitcher Johnny Cueto.

Both players made their presence felt in the stretch run, as did offseason acquisitions like Kendrys Morales, Alex Rios, Ryan Madson and Chris Young. The moves mirrored the change in tone of the players themselves, letting the rest of the MLB know the Royals were serious about sticking around as World Series contenders.

After a rough September, the Royals got some help from the Tampa Bay Rays in the last few regular season games at the start of October. The Rays took two of three in their final series against the Toronto Blue Jays to help Kansas City clinch home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

That proved to be more important than KC could know, as the mad dash postseason began anew for the team, starting with the revamped Houston Astros in the divisional series.

Many pundits compared the Astros to the 2014 Kansas City squad, considering Houston was also a group of young overachievers. The team then nearly managed the same feat, as Houston came within a game of knocking the "big dog" Royals out of the postseason.

With two innings to keep their season alive in game four of the ALDS, Kansas City found its spark and showed the same fire it had in the epic wild card game against Oakland the previous postseason.

Trailing 6-2 in the top of the eighth, KC exploded for five runs in the inning to take the lead and Eric Hosmer added a couple of insurance runs with a two-run homer in the final inning to secure a 9-6 victory and send the series back to Kansas City.

Cueto then kept the juices flowing for Kansas City with an ace level performance in game five. After giving up an early 2-0 lead, Cueto

retired 19 straight batters and the offense delivered with seven runs to send the Royals back to the ALCS.

It turned out the team hadn't used up all its (Esky) magic, either. Kansas City came back from a 3-0 deficit against AL Cy Young winner David Price of Toronto in game two of the ALCS to go up 2-0. The Blue Jays managed to take two of three in Toronto and send the series back to KC, but the Royals would not be denied their second straight World Series appearance.

Alcides Escobar then got the 2015 World Series off to a Royal start, hitting an inside-the-park home run on the very first pitch of game one. It was just a small part of Escobar's amazing 2015 postseason and one of many contributions the team got from its young stars, like Lorenzo Cain, Eric Hosmer, Mike Moustakas and Salvador Perez.

The postseason then came to a fitting end in game five, as Kansas City once again snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. Trailing 2-0 and not able to do anything against New York Mets' ace Matt Harvey through the first eight innings, the Royals hit hard in the ninth inning that Harvey basically begged his manager to let him pitch.

After a leadoff walk by Cain, Hosmer came through with an RBI double and Perez followed with an RBI groundout that sent the game to extra innings.

In the 12th inning, Perez got the team going with a leadoff single while Christian Colon drove in the go-ahead run. Escobar and Cain added a pair of RBI doubles for good measure to secure a 7-2 victory and the franchise's first World Series title since 1985.

More than 800,000 fans (more than the total population of Kansas City) then descended on the city to celebrate the championship with the team. With some abandoning their cars on the side of the interstate just to make it to the victory parade and rally, it was quite the sight to behold and just more evidence that 2015 truly was the year of the Royals.



Cobras Caleb Sullivan (shown above, second from left) and Wyatt Oiberding (back left) chase down an Olpe ball carrier on defense during playoff football in 2015. Jackson Heights had one of its most successful seasons in recent history this past fall.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Year in Review

Jackson County teams excel on the football field in 2015

For Jackson County high school football teams, 2015 proved to be a pretty special year. Holton, Jackson Heights and Royal Valley all finished the season with winning records for the first time in nine years and came close to looking at three separate playoff berths late in the season.

In the end, Royal Valley came up just short in its loaded district, while Holton and Jackson Heights both ended up making deep playoff runs.

Deep playoff runs have become synonymous with HHS football over the past two decades under head coach Brooks Barta, but this season was a little different for the Wildcats.

Unlike some other recent championship contenders, this Holton squad didn't steamroll its way to a state title game appearance. In fact, the team was looking at a rare 0-2 start after the first two weeks of competition.

Granted, those losses to perennial 3A contender Silver Lake and 5A quarterfinalist Maize South came by a combined eight points, but it was still an unfamiliar position for the Wildcats.

Then, the team's 48-game league winning streak came to an end at the hands of Big Seven rival Nemaha Central, giving Holton a losing record (2-3) halfway through the season.

It was after that loss to the Thunder, though, that Barta told his team he saw the potential for it to play in the state championship game. The HHS players seemed to heed their coach's words and play with the air of a championship team from that point on in the season.

While Holton missed the playoffs completely the last time it suffered three losses in the regular season, this group of Wildcats was a team on a mission in the final four games, starting with a 63-6 romp on the road against Atchison County.

After that, the Wildcats started district competition and while it looked like the road to a district title would be filled with plenty of obstacles, HHS handled them all and made it a smooth ride to the top spot. Holton seemed to find its identity in district play, outscoring its opponents 83-19 on the way to

earning a home game in the first round of the playoffs.

Defense again helped carry HHS to success in the playoffs, in wins over Osawatimie (35-12) and Frontenac (22-7), and led the team into a rematch at home with a Columbus squad that ended the Wildcats' season in 2014.

The rematch was not short on late drama once again as the teams traded scores until the very end. A fumble ended a promising Holton drive with just over three minutes left and the Wildcats down seven, but the defense made its biggest stop of the season on the next series.

With little time remaining in the game, the HHS offense covered a lot of ground quickly and Mason Barta punched it in for a score that put Holton within one point. The team's early adversity then seemed to pay off, as coach Brooks Barta elected to go for two and Spencer Baum converted with 31 seconds left to secure a 23-22 victory and a spot in the 4A-DII state title game for the Wildcats.

Icy field conditions may have added a level of difficulty in Holton's seventh championship game appearance, but both HHS and its final opponent, Holcomb, had to deal with a slick field on the final weekend of high school football this fall.

Despite another strong defensive performance, the HHS offense just couldn't keep pace with a Longhorn passing attack that made just enough plays in a 21-0 victory. It was Holcomb's first football state title in its first championship appearance.

Taking runner-up after the hurdles the Wildcats had to overcome was no small feat and Barta made sure to remind his team of that after the final game.

"All we ask our kids to do is to continue to improve and become a team. We played as a team. We got better in every phase of the game," Barta said. "There's nothing to be ashamed of or feel bad about. That's just the way the ball rolls sometimes."

While not getting quite as far, the JHHS football team had its own

impressive run in the Class 2-1A playoffs this fall. With a 24-6 victory over Valley Heights in the regular season finale, the Cobras wrapped up their first district title since 2002.

That win also allowed Jackson Heights to host its first playoff game since 2002 and the Cobras made the most of their home field advantage in a 24-14 win over JCN to open postseason competition.

Heights fell behind 14-8 early, but the team took a 16-14 lead into halftime and took control over the final two quarters, buckling down on defense and bringing the pressure to force two turnovers that helped the Cobras cement their win.

Following that game, JHHS drew the tall task of facing defending state champion Olpe on the road in the sectional round. While it was a one score game (13-6) going into the fourth quarter, the Cobras just could not convert on offense as their season ended in a 26-6 loss to the Eagles.

After an injury-riddled 2014 campaign, JHHS coach Caleb Wick credited his players, especially the seniors, for not losing faith and putting together a strong 2015 campaign on the gridiron.

"This senior class and really everybody has done so much for the program. I'm so proud of them, so proud of the community," Wick said. "Everybody was excited. Everybody was part of the journey. Everybody was wanting to go."

One game was all that separated Royal Valley from joining the other county teams in the playoffs, but despite a valiant comeback effort, a 35-21 loss to Jeff West kept the Panthers from playing on in November.

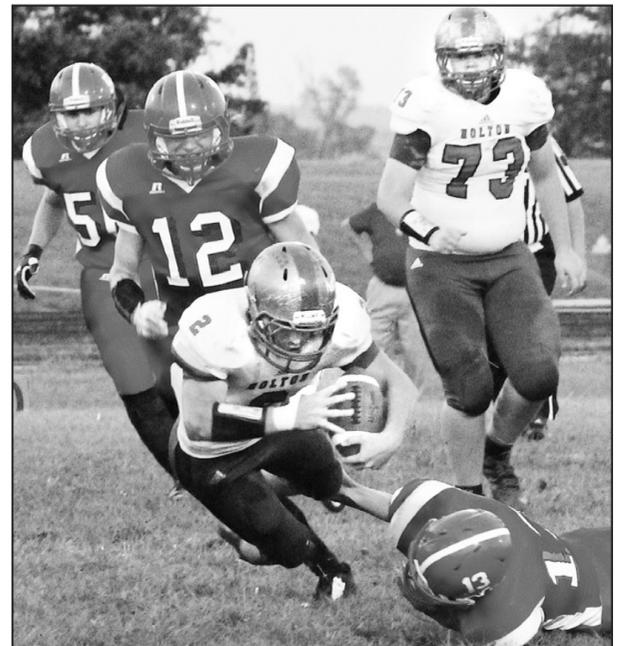
That loss ended an impressive six-game winning streak for RVHS, which featured a number of successful come-from-behind efforts. Royal Valley finished the season 6-3 overall and improved by four wins in head coach Jake Lott's second year.

Individually, Royal Valley was also recognized for its turnaround as back Derrick Barger and lineman Jarrett Roy were selected to the All-Class first team in 4A-DII.



Panther Noah Hart (shown above, at left) gets fully extended in order to haul in a catch during competition this past football season. Hart was a key cog helping Royal Valley achieve a successful 6-3 record in 2015.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch



Holton's Will Wright (shown in photo at left, at left) gets a block from teammate Justin Pool (right), while quarterback Justin Rieschick dives forward for a few extra yards in another game this season.

Photos by Kelly Breckunitch

Year in Review

Cross country runners go with the flow, find success in 2015

For Jackson County cross country, 2015 proved to be a season in flux. Holton was hit hard by the injury bug, while Royal Valley and Jackson Heights saw a number of young runners come to the forefront of their teams.

Changes started over the summer as the Kansas State High School Activities Association officially increased the distance of the high school varsity girls cross country race from 4K (2.5 miles) to 5K (3.1 miles).

The increase in race distance stemmed from a complaint that KSHSAA received by the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, it was reported. That sparked a discussion through the 2014-2015 school year among athletic directors and cross country coaches, with support for the change growing through the year.

It was a change that Royal Valley athletic director Jeff Gustin saw coming and predicted would be easy enough to implement, with most area meets adapting the length this past season for both varsity and JV races.

Competitively, it didn't seem to take county athletes too long to adjust as some dominant female runners emerged this fall and some male runners weren't far off pace.

Jackson Heights, with new head coach Brad Alley, ended up having the most collective success as the Cobras qualified two female runners for state competition, while the boys were just a few points short of qualifying as a team.

Freshman Faith Little had quite the debut for JHHS this fall as she finished outside of the top five in just one race this season, and that was at the 2A state meet in Wamego. There, Little claimed a state medal by finishing in 11th place to go along with an individual Northeast Kansas League title and numerous other honors accumulated over an impressive 2015 campaign.

Sophomore Hanna Davault, despite missing a few meets, was equally strong for the Cobras. She finished in the top 15 three straight times leading up to state competition, where Davault finished in the top half of the field. She also earned All-League honors this past fall with a sixth-place finish at the NEKL meet.

Royal Valley and first-year coach Keith Pelton may not have quite gotten to the same level as the Cobras, but the RVHS boys and girls were led by a strong trio of runners in the fall.

For the Lady Panthers, Katie Hanshaw, Kaytlyn Gooderl and Kiikto Thomas all turned in performances worthy of All-League honors this past fall and, outside of one meet, none of them finished lower than 20th in any race in 2015.

On the boys side, the team was led by Garret Hicks, Kwaki Spoonhunter and Darius Frisby, who also all earned All-League honors in the fall. While Hicks was the only one of those three to compete at the regional meet, the sophomore's performance signifies a bright future ahead for RVHS cross country.

Holton, meanwhile, will be looking to rebound in 2016 after the team was hampered by injuries this past fall. Being relatively young, though, means the Wildcats should have some upside in the future as well with returning runners.

Area runners also managed to have a strong fall as both the Wetmore boys and girls qualified for state competition in Class 1A. Aaron Achten was the lone medalist for WHS, taking fifth in the 1A boys race, but McKayla Henry also wrapped up a solid 2015 season by finishing 40th in the girls race. The boys finished sixth and the girls were ninth as a team.

The ACCHS girls also took a team to the state cross country meet in Class 3A, though the Tigers couldn't quite match their finish from the

previous season. Beba Scholz led the team as the lone medalist, taking 18th in the 3A girls race, while the team finished ninth overall.



Cobra runner Faith Little (shown above) competes at the state cross country meet this past fall, going on to medal in 11th place. Little was one of a number of talented young runners competing for the area schools in 2015, meaning the future for cross country in Jackson County should be bright.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch



Royal Valley's Grace Harvey (shown above, back right) attempts a kill in Big Seven action this past volleyball season against Holton. Both the Panthers and Wildcats had their ups and downs, but each finished in the top half of the final league standings (with Holton finishing runner-up), typifying the highly competitive year for Jackson County sports teams.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

Year in Review

Notable achievements reached for area athletes, teams, coaches

While the high school football season and the Royals may have been two of the more prominent stories of 2015, a number of other noteworthy achievements happened and some of the highlights are listed below.

The "year in review" feature might focus on what's gone on over the past 12 months, but it's also hard to overlook individuals when they're recognized for their body of work

over several years.

Such was the case for longtime Wetmore High School volleyball coach Thelma Strathman, who was inducted into the Highland Community College Athletic Hall of Fame this fall.

After graduating from Baileyville B&B High School in 1981, Strathman continued her athletic career as a Scottie, playing for both the women's volleyball and basketball teams.

Strathman played for the 1982-83 Highland volleyball team that went 21-13 and won the NJCAA Region VI Independent Volleyball Tournament, while she was also selected to the NJCAA Region VI Volleyball team and was twice named an NJCAA Academic All-American.

Following her two years at Highland, Strathman continued her volleyball career at Kansas State University before graduating with a bachelor's degree in education and, later, a master's degree in educational administration.

In her career as both a math teacher and volleyball coach at WHS, Strathman has been recognized as the Kansas Volleyball Association's IA program of the year, a Kansas Governor's Scholars Teacher of Influence Award recipient and a member of the Kansas Volleyball Coaches 400-win club.

Strathman was officially inducted into the Hall of Fame on Sept. 19 and was recognized, along with the 1982 volleyball team, at halftime of the HCC football team's contest against Ellsworth Community College on that same day.

Speaking of volleyball, the Jackson County high school teams had a pretty competitive year. While no squad made it to state like 2014, all three finished the season with double digit wins and in the upper half of the league standings.

Holton led the charge on the court, as the Lady Wildcats finished 24-13 overall and took runner-up in the Big Seven League. HHS also came one match away from qualifying for

state competition before falling to eventual 4A-DII champion Topeka Hayden.

Royal Valley (18-20) and Jackson Heights (13-24) were a little off that pace, but both teams fought hard through the fall and finished towards the middle of the standings in the Big Seven and Northeast Kansas League, respectively.

Another individual female athlete had a strong fall for Holton, as Quinn Holaday made her third straight appearance at the 4A state golf meet to cap her senior season.

One of the few veterans on a young Wildcat team, Holaday set a strong example for the other female golfers and the team progressed well and nearly joined their senior leader at the state meet.

Holaday represented HHS well and was just off medalist pace in state competition, finishing 48th out of 87 golfers, wrapping up an impressive high school career.

Finally, a big overarching change took place that stood out this year as well, with Royal Valley moving to Class 3A in all sports. The move took effect for all athletic teams with the exception of football in 2015 (that shift will occur in the fall of 2016).

It was an interesting change to note as the Panthers also came close to dropping down to 3A a few years ago when a new classification structure was being proposed to KSHSAA. That proposal centered on football and dropping the eight smallest schools (which included Royal Valley in 4A) down a class from 4A through 2A.

While that plan was ultimately passed over, leading to the division split in 4A, all of the Panthers teams are now back competing in Class 3A and, as is the case with all county teams, it will be interesting to see what the future holds in 2016.



Jackson Heights' Bailey Williams (shown above, back right) returns a serve as her teammates look on, ready to make the next move, during volleyball competition this past fall. The Cobras fought hard on the court, as did the other county teams, to finish in the middle of the final Northeast Kansas League standings.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

TUESDAY, JAN. 5: RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Nemaha Central – 4:30 p.m. @ Seneca; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Nemaha Central – 4:30 p.m. @ Seneca; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. Valley Falls – 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; JHHS Girls Basketball vs. Valley Falls – 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; HHS Boys Basketball vs. Jeff West – 4:30 p.m. @ Meriden; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Jeff West – 4:30 p.m. @ Meriden

THURSDAY, JAN. 7: RVHS Wrestling vs. P. Ridge/Atchison/Perry-Lecompton – 5:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; HHS Wrestling vs. Basehor-Linwood – 6 p.m. @ Basehor;

FRIDAY, JAN. 8: RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Sabetha – 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha – 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. McLouth – 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; JHHS Girls Basketball vs. McLouth – 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; HHS Boys Basketball vs. Nemaha Central – 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Nemaha Central – 4:30 p.m. @ Holton

SATURDAY, JAN. 9: RVHS Wrestling – Seaman Dual Tourn. – 9 a.m. @ Topeka; RVHS JV Wrestling – Seaman JV Tourn. – 9 a.m. @ Topeka; HHS Wrestling vs. Spring Hill – 6 p.m. @ Holton

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 Royal Valley senior Noah Hart is off to a strong start for the Panthers this wrestling season, as he currently boasts a 16-1 record at 152 lbs. In Royal Valley's last competition before break, Hart had a strong showing, going undefeated (5-0) to help RVHS claim the team title at the Pleasant Ridge Dual tournament. The senior leads the team with 96 points and is tied for the lead with 10 pins so far this season.
 Holton junior Ashlyn Weiert is filling up the stat sheet this winter for the HHS girls basketball team, as she has matched her torrid scoring pace with other contributions for the team. On top of averaging 9.4 points per game for the Wildcats, Weiert is chipping in 2.4 assists per game and 1.6 steals a game. Before the break, Weiert put forth one of her best overall efforts of the young season, finishing with 14 points, four steals and a team-high four assists in a 58-17 win over Riverside.
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Keeping cows warm

By Jody G. Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

Livestock-Natural Resources

It's winter time in Kansas. One thing for sure - it's never boring! These cold snaps are hard on our beef herds. The major effect of cold on nutrient requirement of cows is an increased need for energy.



cold when the cow is wet would be the difference between 59 degrees minus 4 degrees = 55 degrees. True energy requirements to maintain a wet cow in this weather would be 2 percent X 55 degrees or 110 percent increase in energy (which would mean in turn that 210 percent of normal energy intake is needed.) This amount of energy change is virtually impossible to accomplish with feedstuffs available on farms.

In addition, this amount of energy change in the diet of cows accustomed to a high roughage diet must be made very gradually to avoid severe digestive disorders. Therefore, the more common-sense approach is a smaller increase in energy requirements during wet cold weather and extending the increase into more pleasant weather to help regain energy lost during the storm.

For cows with a dry winter hair coat, the lower critical temperature is considered to be 32 degrees F. In general, researchers have used the rule of thumb that cows' energy requirements increase 1 percent for each degree the wind chill is below the 32 degree lower critical temperature.

So if your cow's critical temperature is 32 degrees F, and the expected wind-chill that the weatherman reports is 4 degrees, then 32 - 4 = 28 degrees, and energy adjustment is 1 percent for each degree of cold or 28 percent. Feed your cows 128 percent of their daily energy amount. Instead of 16 pounds of good quality hay, then feed 20.5 pounds of hay during a cold weather snap.

Research has indicated that energy requirements for maintenance of beef cows with a wet hair coat is much greater. Cows that are exposed to falling precipitation and have the wet hair coats are considered to have reached the lower critical temperature at 59 degrees F.

In addition, the requirements change twice as much for each degree change in wind-chill factor. In other words, the energy requirement actually increases 2 percent for each degree below 59 degrees F.

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RV students donate meals to families

Royal Valley High School FCCLA and FFA members joined together and adopted families for Christmas. Members prepared frozen entrees for five members of the school family that have major medical issues. The students took 15 recipes provided by students and staff and then quadrupled them.

A list of ingredients to make the entrees was organized, and it was sent out to all the staff at Royal Valley. Within the day, all the ingredients had been donated for the project. Several clubs in the school, as well as individuals, donated money.

Students in the nutrition and wellness class and the ag leadership class, as well as FCCLA members, prepared the meals and portioned them in pans or storage containers for families of four and single meals.

When completed, there were more than 150 containers of food to be divided up and delivered to five families in the school. In addition, there were enough cash donations that each family received \$35 gift cards to an area grocery store.

Some of meals included lasagna, beef and chicken enchiladas, chili, barbecue meatballs, chili, bierocks, taco soup, rosemary chicken and chicken noodle soup.

In the photo above at left, Royal Valley students (from left) Breanna Hainline, Jewel Cadue and Morgan Boell assembled one of several recipes made and donated to five families in the district. At left, students Janelle Marney (left) and Jenna Thurman (right) are shown working on a recipe.

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Crossword Answers

Schmidt: Arizona scam firm ordered to refund customers

An Arizona company has been ordered to refund consumers who request reimbursement and pay \$10,000 in penalties and fees for deceiving Kansans into purchasing household products under the guise that the company's proceeds went to support a charitable purpose, Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt (pictured) said Wednesday.

American Handicapped and Disadvantaged Workers Inc. of Phoenix and its president and CEO, Adli Najib Dasuqi of Waterford, Mich., admitted to calling Kansas consumers and attempt-



ing to sell them various household goods, including light bulbs, trash bags, kitchen scissors and cleaning products.

The telemarketers falsely exaggerated the nature of the business, misleading consumers to believe the company was a charity or had a charitable purpose. The prices the company charged for these products grossly exceeded the market price for similar products.

Under terms of a consent judgment approved by Shawnee County District Court, the company also agreed to refund Kansas consumers who request refunds and will not collect on any monies still owed by Kansas consumers.

Any Kansan who may have done business with the company should file a complaint with the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division online at www.InY-CornerKansas.org or by calling (800) 432-2310.

Schmidt also advised consumers who wish to support a charity to do their homework before giving.

"Make decisions about what charities to support on your own schedule instead of responding to a telephone solicitor," Schmidt said. "If you do get a call that sounds like something you are interested in supporting, ask the caller to mail you information in writing so you can check out the charity before giving. Never be pressured into making a contribution over the phone."

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ing to sell them various household goods, including light bulbs, trash bags, kitchen scissors and cleaning products.

The telemarketers falsely exaggerated the nature of the business, misleading consumers to believe the company was a charity or had a charitable purpose. The prices the company charged for these products grossly exceeded the market price for similar products.

Under terms of a consent judgment approved by Shawnee County District Court, the company also agreed to refund Kansas consumers who request refunds and will not collect on any monies still owed by Kansas consumers.

Any Kansan who may have done business with the company should file a complaint with the attorney general's Consumer Protection Division online at www.InY-CornerKansas.org or by calling (800) 432-2310.

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The hourly rates for the services will be \$50 per hour, which is consistent with the current and the proposed 2016 contract with KANZA.

Elsbury requested a single point of contact at the jail for effective communication regarding inmates and appointments.

The commissioners requested that Elsbury give the proposal to Sheriff Tim Morse to review. No action was taken on the proposed contract.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Dec. 21, the commission:

- * Met in executive session with Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick for 20 minutes to discuss real estate acquisition. No action was taken back in open session.
- * Heard a weekly report from Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret. Fritz asked if they could fill an open mechanic position, and the commissioners said they did not want the county to advertise the position at this time.

- * Met in executive session with Fritz and Bahret for 10 minutes to discuss real estate acquisition. No action was taken back in open session.
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- * Discussed whether the Fritz and Bahret had considered purchasing a skid loader after the first of the year. Banner Creek Reservoir Director John Kennedy would like one for maintenance work at the reservoir. If the road and bridge department purchased a new one, Kennedy said he would take the old one.
- * Met with Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp to discuss special use permits for erecting a tower in the county. Claycamp said that the zoning board could place a condition on the permit that would allow the county access to any new towers.

- * Signed a purchase order for a Polaris 450 ATV from Heritage Tractor at a cost of \$5,500. The ATV will be used at Banner Creek Reservoir. The reservoir's current ATV will be traded in to purchase the machine, and the trade-in value was unavailable during the meeting.
- * Met with Cindy Hower from Kellerman Insurance. The commissioners signed cancellation forms to dissolve the current liability insurance policy with OneBeacon.
- * Met in executive session with County Counselor Alex Morrissey and Mick for 35 minutes to discuss a matter of attorney/client privilege. No action was taken back in open session.
- * Met with Bahret to discuss installing a tube at 214th and Q.3 Roads.
- * Unanimously approved a motion to reappoint Melissa Morse to the KANZA Governing Board.
- * Adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Hyten...

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Hyten also outlined for commissioners the five main service areas of her position as victim services coordinator – information/referral, crime victim compensation, personal advocacy, criminal justice assistance and emotional support. All these services are free.

"I talk to the victims about the criminal justice system – how it works and their involvement and rights," she said.

She said she also informs victims that they are sometimes entitled to financial benefits from the state for things such as medical bills, funeral expenses and the clean up associated with a crime scene.

"I will also physically go to court with them or take them to the prosecutor," she said. "Part of my job is keeping victims informed of the status of the trial they are involved in."

By working out of the sheriff's office, Hyten said she is available to emotionally support victims at the scene of a crime.

"Since October, I've served a variety of victims associated with different crimes," she said.

Besides primary victims, Hyten said she also serves secondary victims, such as parents.

"Generally, I'm working with the parents almost as equally as I'm working with a child," she said. "There's a lot of guilt parents face when their child is a victim of a crime."

Hyten is available to help support victims of a variety of crimes, including adult physical violence, child sexual assault, domestic violence, survivors of homicide, child pornography, missing person, kidnapping, stalking and teen dating violence.

Hyten previously worked as a rural advocate at Holton's YWCA Center for Safety Empowerment. She has more than 15 years of experience providing direct services to individuals and families. She has extensive experience working with victims of crime at both the local and state level.

Hyten was the recipient of the Kansas Attorney General's Outstanding Community Based Advocate of the Year Award in 2013.

Hyten told commissioners she will provide them with quarterly reports of her work through the grant.

"I am so glad we have you," said Commission Chairman Janet Zwonitzer.

Willcott...

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microbrewery plans. Eventually, he intends to put a three-story, vertical brewing system in the building with fermentation tanks also in the building's basement.

"Structurally, we're there," Willcott said of renovation work on the building, reportedly built in the 1920s for military use but later occupied by an auto garage. He added that the building has not been in active use since the late 1980s or early 1990s, and its most recent tenants, he and daughter Natalie joked, were "pigeons."

With the placement of a new roof on the building, the next step is re-

modeling the inside to have a second floor, along with updated electrical and plumbing work. The front of the building will be updated with new masonry work this coming spring, Willcott said.

"We'll have new garage doors and a whole new façade," he added, "but I'm planning to keep the original brick."

Once the brewery is open, Willcott plans to brew and market five beers, plus a sixth that will vary from season to season. He doesn't plan to open a "taproom," where customers can come in and sample his brews on-site, mainly because of state and local laws that presently prevent him

from doing so.

Willcott does, however, plan to sell his craft beer creations at area liquor stores and restaurants through distributors, also in accordance with Kansas laws, although he says he'd like to have a storefront operation at some point in the future. He also expressed hope that one day, local laws will change to enable him to open a taproom.

For now, though, Willcott's plan is "just having fun."

"If we can keep the doors open and enjoy doing what we do, then that's what we want to do," he said. "I have a day job, so it's not like I need another one!"

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